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Judge rules in favor of animal sacrifice ban

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal judge on Monday ruled against a Santeria priest who challenged an animal slaughter ban on the grounds it interfered with his right to perform religious sacrifices in his Euless home.

Jose Merced said he may appeal the ruling.

"I'm a little surprised about it," he said, adding that Euless, a Fort Worth suburb, had not received any complaints about the practice before May 2006.

NATION

Boeing says it will protest tanker award

WASHINGTON (AP) - Boeing Co. says it will formally protest a \$35 billion Air Force tanker award it lost.

European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co. and Northrop Grumman Corp. won the high-stakes dealto replace 179 air-to-air refueling tankers. The award is the first of three major Air Force contracts to replace its entire fleet of nearly 600 aging tankers over the next 30 years.

Chicago-hased Boeing says file its protest on Tuesday with the Government Accountability Office.

WORLD

5 US soldiers killed in bombing in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber killed five U.S. soldiers as they chatted with shop owners while on a foot patrol in central Baghdad on Monday, the deadliest attack on American forces in the heavily fortified capital in more than eight months.

The bombing, just four days after nearly simultaneous blasts killed scores of people in a vibrant Shiite commercial district, again showed the insurgents' ability to strike inside a capital secured by hundreds of security checkpoints, U.S.-funded neighborhood watch groups and hundreds of miles of blast walls that surround buildings and cordon off districts.

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NY governor linked to prostitution ring

By AMY WESTFELDT ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Eliot Spitzer, the crusading politician who built his career on rooting out corruption, apologized Monday after he was accused of involvement in a for his resignation.

His stoic wife at his side, Spitzer told reporters at a hastily called my family."

"I have disappointed and failed to ment official said. live up to the standard I expected of

Spitzer's involvement in the ring was caught on a federal wiretap as part of an investigation opened in recent. rate on the scandal, which drew calls ment official who spoke to The Associarrested last week. ated Press on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing inquiry.

The New York Democrat, identinews conference: "I have acted in a fied in legal papers as "Client 9," met

myself," he said. "I must now dedicate court papers as the Emperors Club VIP, some time to regain the trust of my arranged connections between wealthy men and more than 50 prostitutes in The New York Times' Web site. New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Miami, London and Paris, lawmakers gathered around televiprosecutors said. Four people allegedly prostitution ring. He did not elabomonths, according to a law enforce- connected to the high-end ring were

rates depending on whether the prosway that violates my obligations to last month with at least one woman in titutes were rated with one diamond,

The prostitution ring, identified in prostitutes cost \$5,500 an hour, prosecutors said.

Spitzer spoke hours later. Stunned sions at the state Capitol in Albany to watch, and a media mob gathered outside the office of Lt. Gov. David The club's Web site displays pho- Paterson, who would become govtographs of scantily clad women with ernor if Spitzer was to resign. It took their faces hidden. It also shows hourly opponents only minutes to call for his

a Washington hotel, the law enforce- the lowest ranking, or seven diamonds, was likely involved with a prostitution governments.

the highest. The most highly ranked ring and his refusal to deny it leads to one inescapable conclusion: He has disgraced his office and the entire state The scandal was first reported on of New York," said Assembly Republican leader James Tedisco. "He should resign his office immediately."

Spitzer, 48, built his political reputation on rooting out corruption, including several headline-making battles with Wall Street while serving as attorney general. He stormed into the governor's office in 2006 with a historic share of the vote, vowing to continue his no-nonsense approach "Today's news that Eliot Spitzer to fixing one of the nation's worst

University officials anticipate record admission in fall

By MATT MCGOWAN STAFF WRITER

fter a promising spike in February's enrollment applications for the fall semester, administrators at Texas Tech's Office of Admissions believe next semester could bring a healthy influx of new Red Raiders that may put the university on schedule to achieve its goal of 40,000 students by 2020.

Although the university will accept applications from prospective students until May 1, said Robert Shindell, associate vice president of Tech's Office of Admissions, this year's early enrollment numbers dwarf

Last year, he said, approximately 13,800 new freshmen students applied to Tech. So far this year, more than 14,200 students have applied, and two months remain before the window of application closes. Essentially, this year already saw a 15 percent increase in applications.

According to statistics from Tech's Department of Institutional Re- us from the student search and Information Management, 13,976 high school seniors applied to the university for fall 2007, a 1.2 percent increase from the 13,809 who applied semester of 2006. year's

numbers, Shindell said, indicate a 15 percent spike from last year, far greater than any year-to-year increase seen by the institution in more than a decade.

'That's huge," he said. "Public schools are seeing decreases in their candidate pools. Well, for example, just for Texas Tech, the largest yearto-year increase over the last — since 2000 — has been 2.2 percent, and we're at 15 percent."

Although the rising application figures at first may seem contrary to Thursday's student-organization budget for the fall — the budget that accommodated for a decrease in fall enrollment, as determined by the Student Government Association's Budget and Finance Committee - student representatives merely wanted to err on the side of caution, said Mason Moses, president of the association.

The committee, he said, expects a sizable portion of the student body to graduate this year, which will reduce the size of Tech's student body.

"We were worried we wouldn't get the budget allotted to service fee," Moses said. "We just wanted safe and not risk allocating an organization \$7,000, and then, come the fall, getting \$4,000.' We ADMISSIONS continued on page 2



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador APPLICATIONS TO TECH this year already has increased 15 percent compared to last year. This 15 percent increase will help the university

reach Chancellor Kent Hance's goal of increasing enrollment to 40,000 by 2020.

Tech tests sirens; system considered for Lubbock

By ADAM YOUNG **News Editor**

Texas Tech's tornado sirens are scheduled to be tested at 11 a.m. today as some in the city prepare to discuss the future of sirens in Lubbock.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, Tech Police Department deputy chief, said campus sirens will be tested for one minute as part of a required

The university uses warning sirens, Hoffman said, because they are "existing equipment that we have available to us, and it's one of the best means that we know of to notify people."

However, Kathleen Finley, emergency management assistant with the City of Lubbock, said though the city does have emergency management procedures in place to warn citizens of severe weather, these plans do not involve warning sirens.

Finley said she believes tornado sirens generally are not as effective as other methods of communications, including NOAA weather radios and the media.

The city estimates sirens would cost approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 each, she said, with approximately the same amount needed to maintain one every year. She said based on the city's population and land area, approximately 150 sirens would be required.

But Kevin Starbuck, emergency management coordinator for Amarillo, said the city of Amarillo has a system of 85 sirens in and around the city to warn citizens of numerous hazards, including evacuation for wildfire, warning of a hazardous material release, as

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Dems joining McCain on opposing earmarks puts Republicans on spot

By ANDREW TAYLOR ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday joined Republican presidential candidate John McCain and a small band of GOP senators in making a run this week against the billions of dollars in home-state pet projects Congress funds each year.

the Democratic nomination, was the first to declare through the merit of the project," Obama said in a statement. "We a spokesman Monday that he would support a one-year can no longer accept an earmarks process that has become moratorium on so-called earmarks when it comes up for a vote so complicated to navigate that a municipality or non-profit later this week. Clinton followed shortly afterward through a group has to hire high-priced D.C. lobbyists to do it." spokesman.

leaders suddenly found themselves on the spot after stalwartly before, but his new status has longtime rivals in his own party defending lawmakers' practice of steering federal dollars to rethinking their positions. their home states.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi had signaled privately to ate Majority Leader Harry Reid and other Democrats in a at this point should say, 'It's time for us to take a time out."

Obama joined with other lawmakers last year to obtain worked with others to win \$342 million in pet projects for New York and Pelosi obtained \$94 million for California.

"We can no longer accept a process that doles out ear-Obama, locked in a head-to-head battle with Clinton for marks based on a member of Congress' seniority, rather than

McCain, the Republican presidential nominee-in-wait-The poobahs of pork in both parties as well as their Senate ing, has fought — and lost — many battles over earmarks campaign schedule to cast a rare vote.

fellow Democrats that she supports an election-year break quandary. Reid issued a statement early Monday reiterating his from earmarks as she follows the lead of House GOP leader support for Congress' right to direct money back home for roads and other projects.

McCain is among only six members of the Senate who don't almost \$100 million worth of earmarks for Illinois. Clinton ask for pet projects. Obama does, though his requests are generally modest when compared to more senior senators like Illinois colleague Dick Durbin, a fellow Democrat.

South Carolina Republican Jim DeMint, a first-term McCain ally in the fight against pork, is the main sponsor of a one-year ban on earmarks, the term lawmakers use for the pet projects they slip into must-pass legislation.

A vote is coming this week as the Senate debates its annual budget plan. McCain is expected to give a floor speech to rally Republicans behind the idea and to make time in his busy

"The jig's up on earmarks," DeMint said Monday. "McCain not only supports the moratorium but he's going to veto any bill The moves by Clinton and Obama have also put Senthat comes to him with earmarks in it. And so, any Republican

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By MAGGIE KIELY

MARCH 11, 2008

Lubbock City Councilwoman Phyllis Iones of District 4 announced Monday she will not run for re-election in May.

After serving her term as councilwoman, Jones said she is ready to make a reappearance in the private

"I dedicated four years of my life in this form of public service, and I just had to look at 'is it feasible to do another four years or did I need to move on to something else?" she said. "I've entered into a partnership business and would

Cactus Courtyard. The center will be available to the public to rent out to host events such as private receptions, parties, corporate service... I need to events and concerts. The center most likely will open in the next few months, she

said. While Jones said she is ready

to move on, there are a few aspects p.m. Tom Keisling and Paul Beane of the job she will miss.

most working with all of the said Linda Hart, assistant to the city citizens and the city employees," secretary. she said.

She will be leaving the office with May 10. a feeling of success, Jones said.



"I'm proud of the progress we have made in the financial statereally like to concentrate efforts ments, reorganization of the arts and hotel/motel money," she said. Jones said the new business is "I think it's being used much more an outdoor event center called effectively to improve quality of

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move on...

PHYLLIS JONES

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life for the com-

munity." Jones said she feels honored to have had a chance to serve Lubbock residents, and she looks forward to pursuing her volunteer work.

Though Lubbockites had until 5 p.m. Monday to sign up at City Hall to run for a city office, as of 4:15

were the two candidates running "I think I'm going to miss for City Council person District 4,

City elections are scheduled for

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City Councilwoman Career center provides resources to students with 'major problems'



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Web site, www.careercenter.ttu.

edu, the survey compares students

responses to the responses of people

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counselor, and the inventory has

major, but later in their college

career they decide they made

the wrong choice. Killough said

students have two choices in this

situation; stick with their original

"It's really an individual, case-

Jobs are available to students

who choose to peruse a different

career path than their specific

degrees, especially in non-licensed

selves," he said, "not how they

"It's how students market them-

Kara Stringer, a junior public

relations major from San Antonio,

said she decided to change her

Killough said the test must be

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in different occupations.

had a positive feedback.

major or change majors.

by-case scenario," he said.

fields, Killough said.

market their degree."



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major after a year and a half.

"I really thought special educa-



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Sclegel said she realized this

tion was what I wanted to do," she her major, but it would put her a said. "In high school, I had a moment I knew I wanted to teach." "Since I'm a transfer student, if But Stringer said after getting involved with the Tech Activities

was not the career for her. "With the things I did with TAB, I knew I couldn't do special education for the rest of my life,"

Board, she determined education

While Stringer said she was able to change her major before it was too late, other students are not

always so lucky. Danica Sclegel, a junior human development and family studies major from Manvel, said she wishes she could change her major from HDFS to restaurant, hotel and

institutional management. "I started out because I wanted to be a child-life specialist and work in a hospital," she said, "but I realized I'd be overworked and underpaid."

semester she wanted to change year behind her planned gradua-

I would have been here sooner, I would have realized sooner that's what I wanted to do," she said, "and I wouldn't be behind." Instead of changing her major,

she said she is going to try and get a job that makes her happy and then attend graduate school to get her master's in business.

"For the time being," Sclegel said, "I'm going to find a job that's sufficient enough, until I graduate from grad school."

Her advice to younger students who are not happy with their majors is to go ahead and change it, she said.

"Even though it may take you an extra year," Sclegel said, "that extra year is worth it - knowing you're going to be happy.'

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By TAYLOR WHITE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Some students have no idea what they what to major in upon entering college, while others are certain. Then there's the group of students who thought they knew but are not sure after all.

The Career Center at Texas Tech has advice to help students answer the ultimate questions about their majors and future careers.

Jay Killough, associate director of the Career Center, said while students believe they must choose a major when starting college, it is important for them to find something that interests them.

"They feel pressure when they are freshmen," he said, "but students don't have to decide right

The Strong Interest Inventory is a useful tool for students to compare their interests with possible careers,

Admissions

money than we had.'

According to the Career Center

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didn't want to risk allocating more

to the increase, Shindell said.

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from within Texas, particularly

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Houston and San Antonio. department's labor, but because the worked as a unified entity that is more Several factors contributed than the sum of its parts.

For starters, the university people, may come as a surprise.

Repardless of Tech's recent place the university failed to prove its ability to assess competency standards last December, Shindell predicted Tech's goal to have 40,000 students track," or "ahead of schedule."

versity's status before sending their pipeline." children to Tech.

"I'm fielding anywhere from 5 to said, also are on the rise. 20 phone calls per week," Shindell

said. "It kind of tapered off in the last didate pool will not equate to a dete-In reality, he said, Tech's growth month or so, but when it first came rioration of acceptance standards, nor will not come as a fruit of any single out, I was getting 20 or 25 phone calls a week. I would spend as much entire university got "fired up" and time on the phone with them as was needed, but once I was done walking admission rate to make it a little

of a deal."

This year's spike in applications, graduation rates, enrollment depends on more than application numbers

and admission percentages. by 2020 most likely will be "right on Program, students are getting out director of the center's programs. of here in four years instead of five, Initially, however, the probation six, seven years," he said, "That's yield in terms of the visitors that visit caused a considerable amount of good news, but that just means we and the visitors that actually enroll," concerned parents to call Shindell, need to recruit more in the fresh- he said. "We're pretty confident he said, and inquire about the uni- man pipeline and in the transfer that, once we get them here or once

Also, he said, an increasing can- matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu

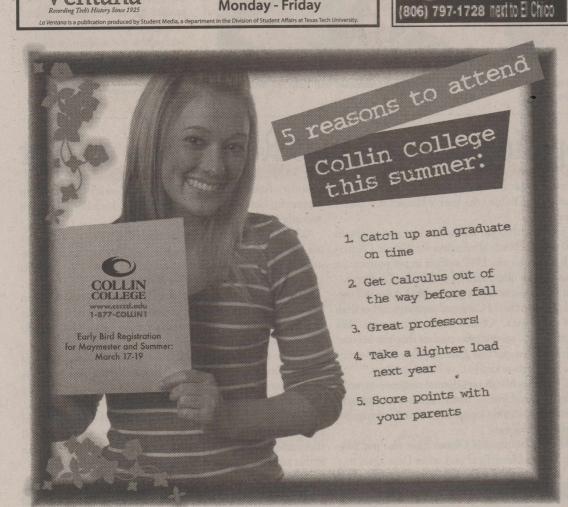
will it decrease Tech's educational

'We've actually reduced the them through the process, they were more competitive, but the standard The application surge, to some like, 'Wow, this really isn't that big has not been lowered, no," he said. "I just need to say this for edification purposes: As we grow the university, recruiters to bolster enrollment ment on accreditation probation, alone, Shindell noted, does not guar we will not grow the university in which the Southern Association of antee record-breaking enrollment. sacrifice of the quality of education in large cities such as Dallas, Colleges and Schools instated after Considering an expected rise in or in the quality of the entrance standards."

The momentum of this year's application process has kept Tech's vis-"With the Graduate on Time itor's center busy, said Julian Olivas,

"We know that we have a high they're admitted ... they'll hopefully Transfer applications, Shindell enroll. If you will, we could easily close on that sale."

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said Monday they plan to hold hear- of trace amounts of pharmaceuticals Works Committee, and Sen. Frank ings in response to an Associated in the drinking water supplies of at Lautenberg, chairman of the Transleast 41 million Americans.

> Also, U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz, national task force to investigate the issue would likely be held in April. and make recommendations to Congress on any legislative actions needed.

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(AP) Two veteran U.S. senators Press investigation into the presence the Senate Environment and Public portation, Safety, Infrastructure Security and Water Quality Subcom-D-Pa., has asked the EPA to establish a mittee, said the oversight hearings

> Boxer, D-Calif., said she was "alarmed at the news" that phar-Sen. Barbara Boxer, who heads maceuticals are turning up in the nation's drinking water, while Lautenberg, a New Jersey Democrat who said he was "deeply concerned" by the AP findings, both represent states where pharmaceuticals had been detected in drinking water supplies, but not disclosed to the public.



Obama ridicules idea of

VP spot on Clinton ticket

— Democrat Barack Obama ridiculed the idea of being Hillary Rodham Clinton's running mate Monday, saying voters must choose between the two for the top spot on the fall ticket.

The Illinois senator used his first public appearance of the week to knock down the notion that he he has won more states, votes and delegates than Clinton so far.

"I don't know how somebody who is in second place is offering the vice presidency to the person who is first place," Obama said, drawing cheers and a long standing Columbus, Miss.

Saying he wanted to be "absolutely clear," he added: "I don't want anybody here thinking that somehow, 'Well, you know, maybe I can get both.' Don't think that way. You have to make a choice in this election."

"I am not running for vice presimight accept the party's vice president," Obama said. "I am running dential nomination. He noted that for president of the United States of America.'

> Obama aides said Clinton's recent hints that she might welcome him as her vice presidential candidate appeared meant to diminish him and to attract undecided voters in the remaining primary states by

COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) ovation from about 1,700 people in suggesting they can have a "dream

Obama had never suggested he might accept a second spot on the ticket. But until Monday he had not ridiculed the notion so directly, even if he did not completely rule it out in Shermanesque terms.

He told the audience that it made no sense for Clinton to suggest he is not ready to be president and then hint that she might hand him the job that could make him president at a moment's notice.

"If I'm not ready, how is it that you think I should be such a great vice president?" he said, as the crowd laughed and cheered

Republicans mount effort to highlight Democratic divisions on immigration

House Republicans are trying alienate their base, including His- to grant some of the estimated 12 to force action on a Demo- panic voters, or being painted as million illegal immigrants already soft on border security in conserva- here a path to legal status, which

> immigration debate could call attention to Republicans' divisions of the GOP base.

McCain, R-Ariz., played a prom- legally.

conservatives deride as "amnesty." The plan is fraught with political He now says he would consider such volatile issue into an election-risks for both parties. A full-blown a plan only after the borders have been fortified.

House Republicans are eyeing a at a time when their expected bill by Rep. Heath Shuler, D-N.C., presidential nominee, Sen. John that would do just that, as well McCain, is fighting to gain the trust as mandate that employers verify that their workers are in the U.S.

immigration measure that could inent role in failed legislative efforts

a.m., and when they hear the sirens, they for the sirens to make sure they provide adequate coverage and to make sure the He said university officials will be sirens are operating properly.



WASHINGTON (AP) cratic-written immigration enforcement measure, the latest tive-leaning districts. GOP attempt to elevate the

Republican leaders hope that by pushing the bill — endorsed by 48 centrist Democrats and 94 Republicans — they can drive Democrats into a politically painful choice: Backing a tough

ous that the weather is bad," he said, "and, City Council promoting the city's adop- according to a university news release. Hoffman said weather conditions know what it sounds like." sometimes can render the sirens less

The wind direction has a lot to do Starbuck said indoor warning systems jority of people she talked to were not with how the sound carries," he said. "If a likelihood that some of the sirens may Cyrek said Lubbock Mayor David not be heard on the far southwest corner

> Despite the possibility of the sirens being affected by wind, Hoffman said he believes they reliably can reach most of

"You can't have sirens on every block," Finley said Lubbock's plan involves least paid attention to this thus far," she said, he said, "but, in the past few years that I've coverage.

Another reason the university tests its case at the Lubbock City Council the sirens, Hoffman said, is to ensure people on campus know how the sirens Though the city of Lubbock does not sound in case of an emergency.

'Some people are accustomed to it, ter, the Chemistry building, Drane Hall media, then we're hoping that people will and the Industrial Engineering building, see in the paper that it's going to be at 11

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"That provides us pretty adequate coverage in the city limits, and we do cover can be more effective in warning indiaware Lubbock did not have operational it's a strong southwest wind, then there's

some in the counties," Starbuck said. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2000, Amarillo covers approximately

90 square miles while Lubbock covers

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Sirens

Amarillo.

Starbuck said while several elements factor into the cost of installing sirens, including the cost of the sirens, control to warn you." systems and radio or telephone line sys-

replacing components quickly can add to the cost, Starbuck said, Amarillo's costs are considerably less than \$30,000.

having any familiarity with what they're personnel at outdoor events. looking at, it's a little bit hard to say."

systems are essential to notify the public, enough," she said. Starbuck said some precautionary acts are the responsibility of individuals.

at some point, you need to be indoors, and that's where it's still important to have things like a NOAA weather radio or a proximately 250 signatures from adult effective.

MELISSA HUGHES, A graduate student from Lubbock studying food science and microbiology, counts

salmonella bacterial colonies inside the Brashears Lab located in the Experimental Sciences building.

PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

While the drive has collected ap-

Lubbock residents, Cyrek said the ma-

force, compiled of members of the Lub-

bock weather media and the national

weather service, to address severe weather

"It seems hopeful that the mayor has at

The student chapter plans to present

meeting March 27, Cyrek said.

tion of warning sirens.

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viduals and families than outdoor warning tornado sirens. systems such as sirens.

"Outdoor warning sirens are simply Miller created a Severe Weather Task- of the campus." designed to be heard outdoors," he said, so if you're not outside, or if you're in your house or watching TV or asleep in the middle of the night, they're not designed issues, including tornado sirens.

tems, he gave a rough estimate of \$25,000 the use of elements — including NOAA "but we're hoping to gather more signatures done the test, we've gotten 100 percent each to install the most recent sirens in weather radios, local media and first and more information to present." responders — to help spread the word to Though testing, maintenance and those isolated from communication.

But Candace Cyrek, president of the Tech student chapter of the American Meteorological Society and a graduate have operational tornado sirens, Tech "That certainly doesn't mesh with the student from Lubbock, said she believes currently has sirens located on top of the and some people are not," he said, "but cost that we have with our system," he said the city's plan leaves out cases of dead Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Cen- if we have pretty good coverage on our of Lubbock's \$30,000 estimation, "but not batteries in radios and lack of responsible

"I think it would be a step in the right Though he believes a city's warning direction, but I don't think it would be

The student chapter, Candace said, started a signature drive and is collecting "More often than not, it's pretty obvi-information to present to the Lubbock

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A genesis of conservative proliferation

alleviated, at least. Texas gave Clarification and credence to the GOP nominee to be, John Mc-

In the fashion that has become typical of the last several weeks, McCain dominated the popular vote and easily won the state, out-jousting Huckabee state of Arkansas, then may he have by 20 percent. Speaking of that subterrestrial-dwelling gnome, it should be noted the one and only "HuckChuck" conceded the election at the final and utmost last-possible second.

of the Republican party, because that maligned nature of modern Republican should have been fulfilled weeks ago. politics. But all should not be negative; I ought to congratulate Huckabee on learning well from the Clintons in being able to wrangle and manipulate higher political status through populist and personal

In that regard, he succeeded quite

Derek

the best of luck.

Segwaying proudly into what I really want to say, I'll start with a phrase currently being spread by Newt Gingrich, Huckabee failed miserably, if his exile." He is, of course, alluding to a only refuse those opinions, but be able efforts were to concede for the benefit perspective describing the inept and to refute them.

The spotlighted representatives of the party - McCain, Huckabee and Paul — all have failed to find status parallel with that of the conservatism that succeeded and boosted this country concede, do not comply, do not acquifor the past century.

well. If his goal is to go on to a senator- have been Republican since 1900, but generation. I urge us all to ascend above moments of glory and success when it ship, or be re-elected governor in the the ideals that defined success for this the media and American populace to holds true to three key elements.

nation are also the founding elements capture those conservative values and

We all have been barraged increasingly in the past decade about the ironies - beautiful, arrogant, introimportant issues conservatives stand spective, diabolifor that others degrade as backwards cal, perceptive iroor outdated. The media has ushered nies. While three in new ways to spread harassments of months ago I was as conservative ideals among the people vehemently against

I urge you, though, when others sible, today I find demean the foundation in which we myself supporting which is that "Conservatives [are] in so adamantly believe, you should not him for president.

> Popular opinion demands that we ing with McCain, concede to gay marriage. It demands but I far prefer an that we allow abortion to be legal. It de- anti-socialist ticket mands that we draw back our troops to to one that would partition "peace" in the Middle East.

I appeal to you, however: Do not tional rights in favor esce to the belligerent wearing down of dominance. Obviously not all of the presidents our morals by an alien and out-of-tune

of the conservative wing of the Repubideals that will determine our nation's out of state and religious affairs and we should concede or allow such politics

This election deals constantly in rather than the bureaucracy.

ushered in new McCain as was posways to spread harassments of I have many dis-

conservative ideals

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Our nation has found its highest spectrum. None.

recognizes the sovereignty of the people to change our view. We have a chance

Second, that a laissez-faire and

capitalist economy works best when money is in the The media has of tax cuts. and our freedoms

among the people Compiling these ideals melds of this nation.

tative of those ideals in the public

First, that the government stays the sake of a few votes does not mean this November to relinquish the old guard of liberalism of its pride and a new movement of Democratic populism of its momentum.

People already are opening their hands of consum- eyes. They are recognizing that rationale ers, hence the idea and substance supersede florid oratories. After being ignited into a frenzy, the Finally, that we nation wants answers to what each defend our borders candidate actually will do in office.

If logic and good will indeed prevail, from terroristic then I only can assume this will mean threats, both forour country does not choose a candidate eign and domestic. who would weaken us on our soil and

Don't abandon the electoral process the origins of con- because you are exhausted with party servatism. Do not politics; instead choose the right because be mistaken; we the wrong can only derogate what we have no represen- hold dear.

■ Coulson is a junior history ma-But just because the candidates have jor from Waxahachie. E-mail him abandoned their initial foundation for at derek.coulson@ttu.edu.

Laundry, the constant struggle

By CATIE PIKE TECHNICIAN (N.C. STATE)

- Laundry. It has been the bane of my washing and drying horizons. ing my mom do them. This might my existence since I left home for Because the exchange rate meant . occur by complimenting her washing college, and it's something we all one pound sterling equaled two skills, pointing out that my clothes have in common. Well, sort of, as U.S. dollars, I found creative ways are never as clean as when she does I realize our ways of going about it to pinch pennies. might differ a bit.

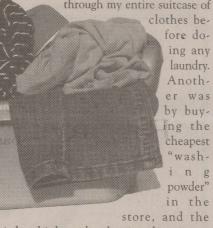
You see, when I lived in the dorms my freshman and sophomore years, I had it pretty sweet. My mom paid for a service where cleaners picked up my dirty clothes every other Monday, returning

This little bit of laundry magic

free up. It was great.

Last fall I spent the semester in (U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. Wales, and this really expanded obtaining clean clothes is by hav-

One of these was by going



them by Wednesday washed, dried, third was by cleaning them in my party's bed. folded and sitting on my doorstep in bathtub rather than spending the coins to do them in a machine.

was brought to me by Wolf Laundry method, however, as my flatmates left to wear before I wash. So if you and White Star Cleaners for \$20 got a bit perturbed at the drying see me on campus in fleece pants every other week, and the expense jeans and t-shirts draped over every printed with ducks, or my high was well worth the payoff. I went available surface. It did make the school prom dress, please note that to class in clean — not Febreze-en- flat smell pleasant, but my clothes I have not gone crazy, it is simply hanced — clothes, and I didn't have were so stiff when they finally dried laundry day.

to waste time waiting for a washer to that they practically crackled when I walked.

By far my favorite method of

This logic follows the same logic through my entire suitcase of as how food always tastes way betclothes be- ter when she makes it, or how my fore do- car always magically gets better gas ing any mileage when my dad fills up the laundry. tank. I call it parental magic, but you can call it voodoo. Whichever er was you prefer.

This semester I am living offing the campus for the first time in a two bedroom, three roommate townhouse. Often, there are clothes other i n g than my own inhabiting the washer powder" and/or dryer. If they are dry, I place in the them in a basket. If there is no basstore, and the ket, I place them on the responsible

I am as likely a guilty subject as any for this offense, but I do wait I would not recommend this until I have practically only pajamas



"Psst. . . Doc! Tramp stamp!"

Oral sex new diet plan to keep virginity

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Kan. — The act of sticking objects tics, 90.1 percent in one's mouth is one many people of men and 88.3 enjoy. Throughout life, we might percent of women have tasted grass or dirt and maybe have engaged in even tried a worm or a couple of heterosexual oral ants. Then our mama's voice echoes sex. The issue across the backyard, "Get that out of arising in today's your mouth, you don't know where society is that it it's been!" Needless to say, oral sex is nothing become the diet

new, and could serve as some people's plan to keep one's adult answer to the urge to put for- "true virginity." eign objects in their mouths.

I would bet you could look at any seems to be: "Are time period and see that couples were you sexually acexperimenting with sticking this and tive? "Oh! No, I'm and Mark Antony playing swallow jobs. Oh! Well you're looking fine STIs. In the case of herpes, a tradiscrete safer? When looking at the wide va-

Guinevere's round table.

seems oral sex has The conversation

that into their mouths and Cleopatra on the sex-light diet. I only give blow most-common orally transmitted

the scepter or Arthur sampling there with your herpes!"

Basically, oral sex is sex. We don't According to a 2002 study by the call it "oral not sex," and like other (U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, National Center for Health Statis- sexual practices, it has inherent risks Many sexually

> The issue arising in today's society is that it seems oral sex has become the diet plan to keep one's 'true virginity.'

tions that you get your mouth and

gion, and along oral sex. with gonorthea, throat. They rep-

transmitted infec-

tional swab for a sore throat will not riety of condoms, it is quite obvious come in a variety of flavors. reveal that a virus is an issue.

This is why it is important to be in your nether re- open with your doctor about your gions can also rear sexual practices. Chlamydia, HPV their ugly heads in and syphilis also can be shared through oral sex.

Though studies have been rela-Herpes hits tively inconclusive, it is still genermost anywhere ally believed that one has a small in the mouth re- chance of contracting HIV through

Finally, if you practice rimming can get in your (anal-oral contact) there is risk of many parasites being transferred, resent the two along with hepatitis A.

Is there a way to make oral sex

that your vagina or anus are not able to taste the flavored ones. Condom companies make flavored condoms for oral-penile contact.

hand. It is important to remember used not to bite or even let your teeth snag the "popsicle" as a hole in the condom kind of defeats the purpose.

Less common are barriers made for oral-vaginal and oral-anal contact. However, dental dams and small risky. latex sheets are available. The basic your mouth and your partner's orifice- emotionally before engaging in any either a vagina or anus. These also

However, a few potential issues are price and size. There is a solution by cutting down a condom (or latex glove) you can make a larger Think of it as reminiscent of a hot and cheaper dental dam. Also, nonsummer day with a cherry popsicle at microwavable plastic wrap can be

In the end, oral sex, though fun, can be dangerous. Remember that just because someone's genitals look healthy doesn't mean they are, and any sexual activity is inherently

Also, remember that you need idea is to place the barrier between to be ready both physically and sexual activity.

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'Celluloid Closet' documentary highlights stories between lines

By JORDAN EICHER STAFF WRITER

Deep in the heart of the "Bible Belt," discussion that emphasizes the diversity of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgenderexperiences, is seen as a rarity by some. However, Monday night, the continuation of a documentary series tackled just that, with the viewing of "The Celluloid Closet."

"The Celluloid Closet" provides funny and insightful anecdotes on the issue of homosexuality in Hollywood,

both on and off the screen. With commentary from players of the silver screen as well-known as Tom Hanks, Whoopi Goldberg, Tony Curtis, Susan Sarandon, Harvey Fierstein and Gore Vidal, the documentary shows both the tragedy and triumph, as it takes a closer look into the unique subtext throughout the history of cinema.

Tracia Earl, an instructor in the School of Art and one of the promoters of the film series, said she felt the turnout was able to tie real strings to the presentation.

"It's interesting, because I didn't really know who would be coming to this thing, so I chose the documentary route because they tend to be more 'real-life' and people connect with that," she said. "And that's just the point, to make a

Those willing to comment on the documentary and its revelations affecting their own perspectives said they've seen Hollywood's negative stereotypical portrayal of the gay and lesbian community, and although they believe that visibility is a positive thing for the most

part, it's films like these that can make so much (of the true gay and lesbian lifethem reconsider.

"In 'The Bird Cage' for instance, the main characters are such stereotypes, I don't know if that's better or not," said Jennifer Coulter of Lubbock.

"(Mainstream Hollywood) may be afraid of what they get and in turn not make any money, but then again, they might be afraid of what they get if they did make money," said Jay Davis, a grad student from Louisiana in the counselor education program.

"I think they fact that they exclude

styles) to such a degree, well, someone should grow some balls.'

With movies like "The Hunger," "Fried Green Tomatoes," "Philadelphia," "Cabaret," "The Color Purple," "The Boys in the Band" and "Personal Best" under the microscope, "The Celluloid Closet" read between the lines of many films that either had been forced in to subtleness by censorship on filmmakers or profiled by society. Earl said she believes this series will help unravel some of those issue for a region that might

otherwise go unaware.

"Queer documentary films serve an important community function by affirming our live, making us visible and enabling us to learn the stories and histories of other queer people in the United States and around the world," she said. "At the same time, films of this kind also help to inform people who don't identify as queer to become more aware of sexual and gender diversity and reduce prejudice and dangerous ignorance.

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Elementary children get a glimpse at college life, facilities

By ASHLIE WAGGANER STAFF WRITER

Some of the classes from Midland's Henderson Elementary School visited Texas Tech Friday for campus tours to encourage the consideration of a future promote the perks of college life. college career.

Geta Mitchell, assistant principal at Henderson Elementary in Midland, said the Midland Independent the elementary students to the idea of college. Since Lubbock is within a recreational facility.' few driving hours from Midland, Tech first-hand.

"The district has gone into really pushing college for our students," Mitchell said. "We want to get them excited and let them know the op- excitement. portunities they have."

the children to see the Tech campus excited.' first-hand will encourage them to include college in their future.

fans," Mitchell said. "Some of them for the children. didn't even think about college. By just showing them around campus, they by making them get their guns up and

They were amazed that you could pick look up to college students." whatever food you wanted."

Along with campus tours, the children were given a tour of the Robert H.

"The main goal with the tour," said Jayson Anderson, center manager at the Recreation Center, "was to get them excited about going to college School District is trying to expose and the extra things that go with it - such as football games and the

Anderson said when he told the gives the children a great opportunity children about the different venues to see and experience a college campus the Student Recreation Center has to offer, including the rock wall being 54 feet tall — one foot higher than the rock wall at Texas A&M University - they became overpowered with

"We let the first-graders go onto Mitchell said many children never the indoor soccer court without any have been exposed to a college camballs," Anderson said. "They just went pus, and she hopes the opportunity for crazy running around. They were so

Anderson said the Student Recreation Center, along with the univer-"Some of them are Texas Tech sity, makes the idea of college exciting

"We made them all get pumped upget so excited. It's the little things you yell 'Wreck 'em Tech,'" Anderson said.

don't think about, like the cafeteria. "They get really excited, because the included as a student, they got even really look up to college students and

Nichole Wagganer, a Rec Center all saying how cool it was." employee and a freshman psychology

"They kept asking questions," Wagganer said, "about how much -When they found out everything is college ever. You can tell the children

more excited, and you could hear them feel privileged when you give them the

Wagganer said she answered quesmajor from Allen, said the children tions and encouraged the elementary attend Tech.

"During the tour," Wagganer said, a college career in their future. homework you have when you are in "one boy told me he plans to come college and about Rec memberships. to Tech because this is the greatest

time of day and really just talk to them about being in college.'

Wagganer said she thinks after the Ewalt Student Recreation Center to really were curious about all angles children to engage in their studies so tour of Tech campus and the Student they could have the opportunity to Recreation Center, the elementary students are more inclined to pursue

"It is a great opportunity for them," Wagganer said. "They are realizing how important college is and that they can have the opportunity to come to Tech or any other college. I think coming to the campus really gave them the hope they need for a dream they once thought was impossible."

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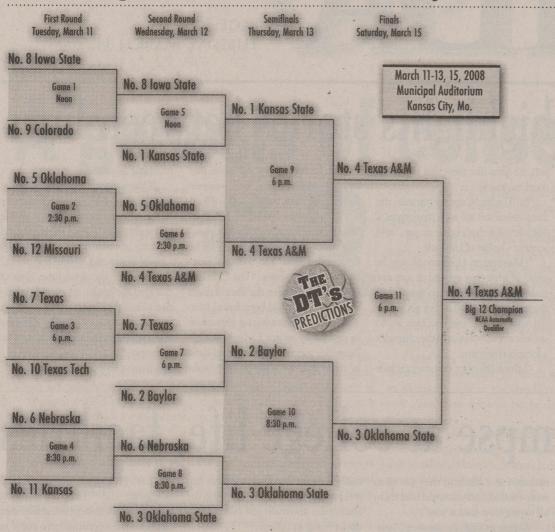
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The DT's Big 12 Women's Basketball Tourney Predictions



Texas A&M looks like team to beat heading into Big 12 Tournament

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

sure to pack some extra clothes and lucky round bye when they beat the Sooners ties prior to leaving for Kansas City, Mo., in the final regular season game, sending the site of the 2008 Phillips 66 Big 12 OU to a fifth-round seed. Women's Basketball Championship.

ship game on Saturday.

But, with the way Texas A&M has may not matter much.

and have been on a consistent basis the last, what, five games?" Tech coach Kristy good about their chances."

Big 12 Conference play) has won 10 of sometimes that's our worst match up. at 6 p.m. today in Kansas City. its last 11 games, and the Aggies' last We'd probably match up better against four victories came at Texas, at No. 18 Kansas State." Oklahoma State, against No. 9 Baylor and against No. 13 OU

All of this without a legitimate backtestament to his team's defense and ability A&M in the semifinals Thursday. to get a bucket when it matters most.

to gel than it did last year's team," Blair marking A&M as a sure bet to win the said. "Last year's team gelled, and then tournament would be unfair to every we didn't get it done in the tournament. other team in the conference, including In one way, I'd rather be hot going the bottom seeds.

into the tournament and playing with

The Aggies squeezed in the tourna-Texas A&M coach Gary Blair made ment with a fourth seed, solidifying a first-

OU's shot at redemption is not far The lucky ties, he said, will help fend away, considering that No. 12 seed off some of the toughest teams in the na- Missouri is OU's first-round opponent, tion in hopes of reaching the champion- and A&M awaits the winner between one gets to go to the NCAA Tourna-

Blair said despite how well his team "They're playing their best basketball defending AP National Player of the Year Courtney Paris and the Sooners.

"I consider our chances as good as Curry said. "So I think they probably feel anybody in the tournament — not better, not worse," he said, "because more than No. 11 Texas A&M (23-7, 11-5 in likely, we got to play Oklahoma, and

ner between Iowa State and Colorado will play No. 1 Kansas State, with the winner to-the-basket player, which Blair said is a of that game moving on to play OU or

With the Big 12 representing the "It's taken this team a little bit longer toughest RPI in the nation, Blair said

Blair said any team needing a conference championship to reach the NCAA Tournament is a dangerous one, such as Curry's No. 10 seeded Lady Raiders.

"You've got Texas Tech and everybody else playing for that same chance," he said. "Purdue just won the Big 10 Tournament against Illinois, two teams that wouldn't have been in the NCAA. Now one gets to go to the WNIT and

Curry said her Lady Raiders realize played the last several weeks, Blair's ties is playing, he knows that the road to this is their last shot to reach the big the championship game goes through dance, and everything needs to come together as quick as possible to make

"A sense of urgency, a sense of purpose — without question — has to be at a high level to accomplish that," said Curry, whose team plays No. 7 seed Texas However, since the inception of the

Big 12 in the 1996-97 school year, no This is a possibility, because the winterm lower than a six seed has reached the championship game. But, Blair said every team in the Big 12 has a common goal: win the Big 12 championship.

"You've got to be optimistic," he said. "We know we're going to the NCAA Tournament, so we're playing on house money, but you know you're playing for a conference championship. That means rings; any time you start talking about rings, that gets the kids' interests right there.'

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First round of Big 12 Tourney pits Tech against UT for the second time this week

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

For the Lady Raiders to reach motivation, not only that, the NCAA Tournament, they but preparation, we would need to win the rest of their games, have prepared for them for and for coach Kristy Curry, that 10 days now. It's great as far means becoming a team full of (as scouting). We know amnesiacs.

"We have to have short-term memory, and, to a certain degree, lost nine straight games on memory loss and realize what's hap- the road and three straight, pened has happened," Curry said while UT has won its last of her team, which has lost three three games, including straight games and nine straight a victory against OU in on the road. "It's all in how you Norman, Okla. handle it."

However, Tech forward Domi- Big 12 Conference Newnic Seals said the 70-55 loss to comer of the Year Friday, Texas Wednesday in Austin was a had 12 points and six relittle harder to forget, mainly be- bounds in the last meeting, cause she said the celebration from but said she noticed how Texas was a little too much.

"We were like, 'All right, you all won, but we still gotta play you (again), so don't just take it to the the ball at the high post head," said Seals, whose team beat and holding it," she said. UT 70-58 Jan. 20 in Lubbock. "I room, we didn't have our heads down, we just were angry. We were gonna retaliate."

get its chance in the first round p.m. today in Kansas City, Mo., at semifinals. Municipal Auditorium.

fresh in her players' minds.

sophomore guard Brittainey Raven, in each half, Curry said.

"I think that's probably the perfect scenario for us," she said. "If we needed any what we need to do."

The Lady Raiders have

Seals, who was named she can take advantage of Texas this time around.

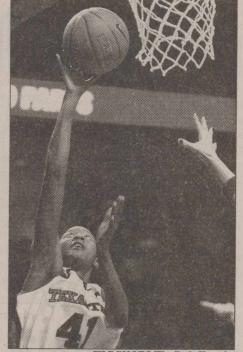
"Instead of me catching "They give me space where

I can get to the foul line even.'

If Tech wins, it will face No. 2 like, 'We gonna go back out and we Baylor at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the into this Big 12 Tournament, anybody of the 2008 Phillips 66 Big 12 11 Kansas will face No. 3 Oklahoma of close games when we were capable Women's Basketball Championship State at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday for a of beating those teams." against No. 7 Texas (19-11) at 6 chance to meet Tech or Baylor in the

Curry said playing Texas twice play Baylor again; if that happens, so ship game, but Curry said things can in one week gives Tech a chance we're excited," Curry said. "There is change as quickly as the Lubbock to correct the mistakes that are still not a person on that sheet of paper we weather. have not had a chance to win, so you These are mistakes like allowing got to feel good about that."

who scored 35 points total against No. 1 Kansas State will wait for the about ourselves," Curry said. "It's a Tech in two games this season, to winner of the first round match up new opportunity, it's a new day, it's dribble-penetrate with her right between No. 8 Iowa State and No. 9 just like it's a change of season, to a hand, or getting off to better starts Colorado, while No. 4 Texas A&M certain degree.' most likely will play No. 5 OU, bariel.ybarra@ttu.edu



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreado TEXAS TECH'S DOMINIC Seals and the Lady Raiders will face off against Texas at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

think a lot of people in the locker I can drive, and I think if I drive more, who gets No. 12 Missouri in the first round.

"I think we have a new slate going second round for a chance to reach the can win," Tech guard Jordan Mur-No. 10 seed Tech (16-14) will semifinals at 8:30 p.m. Thursday. The phree said. "The Big 12 has been up winner of No. 6 Nebraska and No. and down this year, and we've lost a lot

> In the history of the Big 12 Tournament, no team seeded lower than "I would love the opportunity to sixth ever has reached the champion-

> "We have absolutely not one single thing to lose — the chance to go in In the other half of the bracket, and play free and loose and feel good

Cowboys want to take care of their own guys before free agents

approach to free agency this year. take care of our own guys now." They want all the key players who New York Giants twice.

keep their guys.

Bowl left tackle Flozell Adams contract. The Cowboys put the franchise tag on safety Ken Hamlin, essentially locking him up for a year, and they made tender offers to restricted free agents Marion Barber and Chris Canty.

"Our deal is we feel like we've got a good, young team," team vice president Stephen Jones said

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ARLINGTON (AP) — The Monday. "We just feel like we're at a the Titans drafted him in 2005. Dallas Cowboys are clear on their point in our franchise that we need to

the formal signing of Zach Thomas Titans. In other words, they want to from Miami. But the Cowboys were The biggest task was completed classifying the addition of the Texan from signing former Chicago Bears last month when four-time Pro as more of a luxury than a necessity nose tackle Tank Johnson last seafor a team that led the NFC at 13-3 signed a six-year, \$43.8 million before losing to the Giants in the playoffs.

There's more of a need in the secondary, which was already thin before Jacques Reeves, a backup pressed into starting duty because Texans as free agency opened.

According to reports, the Cowabout bringing in troubled Tennessee

Stephen Jones and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Monday they Dallas' only activity in the week- couldn't comment on the defensive beat the Super Bowl champion plus since free agency started was back because he's still with the

"Pacman" Jones is also suspended, already well-stocked at linebacker, but that didn't stop the Cowboys

Johnson, also arrested multiple times, had a quiet half-season in Dallas after commissioner Roger Goodell lifted his suspension. His addition gave the Cowboys the flexibility to trade nose tackle Jason Ferguson of injuries, signed with the Houston to Miami to clear room under the salary cap.

After their draft-day trade with boys have had internal discussions Cleveland last year, the Cowboys have two first-round picks in April's cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, draft. They added a sixth-round pick who has been arrested six times since in the Ferguson trade.







Talley curse continues for Kansas City Royals Houston ace Roy Oswalt

Curses that plague baseball teams and drag them through championship droughts are not new to baseball.

The Boston Red Sox dramatically broke the 86-year "Curse of the Bambino" by winning the World Series in 2004. The "curse" stemmed from Boston trading, no, selling its best player, infinite drought.

The longest running active "curse" is the Chicago Cubs' "Curse of the Billy 2003 playoffs.

about my curse, the curse that my is to the game. birth created. In 1985, the Kansas City Royals won the World Series and were



Babe Ruth, to the Yankees; Ruth then August of 1986 season, my life on this won 26 championships for the Yankees earth began, and my naming resulted in the midst of Boston's seemingly in something that no one ever could have expected. My father was, and still is, a devoted baseball fan. He is the one of baseball's few true fans, left. He's a Goat." It has something to do with some traditionalist who values the National old man and his goat. However, Steve League with pitchers who bat and bunt, Bartman proved the curse existed in the understands the importance of speed Many would argue that they have been few Royals fans left, let it be known But you probably have not heard what a disgrace the designated hitter major sports in the last two decades.

led by the great George Brett. During lowed him grace from being a member there is someone born in 1987, the brett.tallev@ttu.edu.

George Brett; the initials because they Nolan Ryan. spell b-a-t, a word synonymous with

not won another World Series. In fact, my lifetime. the Royals have not even made an ap-

To any Royals fans, an apology is

of an American League team. After year after my favorite team, the Astros, all, it was essentially out of his control squandered a fantastic opportunity to where he played in those days before reach their first Fall Classic, named free agency. And it was because of this Scott or Ryan. They undoubtedly are true baseball player that my name was named in honor of either the great chosen. Brett Andrew Talley. The first Mike Scott, whose poster hangs on the name, obviously, for its connection to wall in my room, or the all-time great

In fact, my cousin, Scott, was born in 1987 and named after Mike Scott, The curse lies in the fact that, since making my uncle responsible for the my ceremonial naming, the Royals have absence of an Astros' championship in

So, for whatever pain caused to pearance in the playoffs since their last Royals' fans over the past 20 years, World Series title and my conception. and for any pain still being felt by the and defense, and, above all, realizes the worst franchise in any of the four that Houston fans feel your pain along with you.

You see, Brett was a player who due for what the name Brett has done
Talley is a junior marketing played with a grit and passion that al. to you. But take heart, somewhere out major from Odessa. E-mail him at

Hicks terminates talks with Dubai group interested in Liverpool

50 percent stake.

invested in the club, they would Group, and Hicks' son, Mack. want it to be managed by committee," Hicks said in a statement.

the sensitivity of the situation.

Hicks, who also owns baseball's supporters," Hicks said. "Accord- Hicks said.

MANCHESTER, England (AP) Texas Rangers and the NHL's Dallas ingly, I have decided to exercise my with Dubai International Capital, force him out of Anfield. DIC in- to veto any sale of any portion of which has been negotiating to buy sisted on being given an influential Kop and the club to DIC. most of co-owner George Gillett's role at Anfield when negotiators met

"Based on my 13 years of suc- Gillett. cessful experience as an owner of company is looking at weaknesses in Liverpool Football Club over the regard to the ownership of Kop and with a 2-0 lead from the first leg. Hicks' power of veto over Gillett's past year, it is clear to me that such a the club aimed at achieving an apability to sell. The person spoke of committee approach would not be in propriate ownership, financial and concentrate on my side scoring condition of anonymity because of the best interest of Kop, of the club organizational structure for Kop goals to beat Inter Milan," Benitez

Kop Football, named after the Group. Monday with Casey Shilts, the chief section at Anfield favored by the

"I and my colleagues and repreor of the club's loyal and passionate and the club over the long term," said. "We are thinking only about

Hicks has been looking into buy-— Liverpool co-owner Tom Hicks Stars, has been trying to ensure DIC right under the Kop Football (Hold- ing Gillett's stake by raising private said Monday he had ended talks wouldn't use its financial muscle to ings) Limited partnership agreement equity through investment banker JP Morgan Chase & Co., possibly by selling equity in the Hicks Sports

Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez "DIC made it clear that if they operating officer at Hicks Sports most fervent fans, is the holding is confident players won't be discompany headed by Hicks and tracted by the turmoil. Liverpool tries to become the fourth English team to reach the quarterfinals of the DIC made no official comment, professional sports teams, and based sentatives will continue to explore Champions League when it plays at but a person close to the bid said the in particular on the situation at a number of other options with Internazionale of Milan on Tuesday

> "My reaction to this news is to the game."

solid in win over Toronto

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — two games from now. behind him.

Matched up with fellow ace threw well." Roy Halladay, Oswalt allowed

Houston's rotation is a quesin the mix. Backe is coming off laday. elbow surgery, and Williams' first

have the track record but have the first two." stuff to do this," Oswalt said. "We also have a veteran guy in Woody. He's done great. He had one bad year and everyone's counting him he'd be catching Halladay. out. I don't think it should be staff to get it done."

Felipe Paulino, another pitcher with Roy.' who could factor in the rotation, went back to Houston on Monday afternoon to see a doctor about discomfort in his upper-right arm.

after 70. He finished with three be fine. strikeouts and said he felt good and could have gone longer. He scoreless inning for the win. has three more starts this spring up to 90 in the next one and 100 ronto.

Roy Oswalt thinks the Houston "Roy looked sharp," Astros man-Astros' rotation will be just fine ager Cecil Cooper said. "It was probably his best outing this spring. He

The Blue Jays got four innings three runs and six hits in four and five strikeouts from Halladay. innings of Houston's 4-3 victory He allowed three runs and six hits, Monday over the Toronto Blue including a homer to Lance Berk-

Halladay thought his perfortion mark after Oswalt, with mance was OK, but he was happy Woody Williams, Wandy Ro- to get acquainted with new catcher driguez, Brandon Backe, Chris Rod Barajas. Monday was the first Sampson and Shawn Chacon time Barajas had caught for Hal-

"We just did some different season in Houston was one to things and some of them didn't forget with a 5.27 ERA and 8-15 work," Halladay said. "It's kind of a learning experience. The last two "We have some guys that don't innings were a lot better than the

Barajas said he was so excited he was "like a little kid" when he learned a couple of days ago that

"Every time you change teams that. We've got a good enough you've got to learn," he said. "This was the first step in getting familiar

Berkman's home run to center field off Halladay came in the first inning and was his first of the spring. Berkman also hit his first triple He's allowed four hits and five off Halladay in the third. Berkruns in two outings this spring. man tweaked his leg running on a The Astros hoped to get Os- double in the eighth, but Cooper walt up to 75 pitches, but he left said it wasn't serious and he should

Stephen Randolph pitched a

Hector Luna, Adam Lind and and hopes to get his pitch count Barajas each had an RBI for To-

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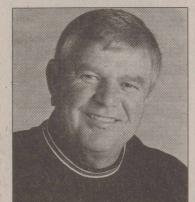
Spike Dykes to be inducted in Texas Sports Hall of Fame

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

Former Texas Tech football coach Spike Dykes will etch his place in Texas sports history forever.

Dykes will be inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame at 7 p.m. today in Waco at Baylor University's Ferrell Center.

"I'm flattered, to say the least," Dykes said in reaction to joining the Hall of Fame. "When you get into any Hall of Fame or any kind of honor when you're a coach, there's a lot of people responsible that's not by you. This is a shared honor with a lot of people. First, you gotta give a lot of was down a lot."



DYKES

Dykes' first game as a the Red Raiders coach was in the 1986 Independence Bowl, where he lost 20-17 to Mississippi. In his first two full credit to your family because I sure seasons, the Red Raiders could not

return to a bowl, but in Dykes' last 1996, respectively. seven seasons he took Tech to five bowls. In all of these seven seasons, the Red Raiders were bowl eligible. Dykes also retired as the winningest coach in school history with an 82-67-1 record.

the first Big 12 Coach of the Year Central in San Angelo. in 1996:

as Byron Hanspard, Byron "Bam" Morris, Sammy Morris, James Gray, Zach Thomas and Montae Reagor. Hanspard and Morris both won the Doak Walker Award, in 1993 and of 2007 include Michael Irvin, Mike of Texas.

Americans under Dykes, with Thomas earning the honor twice.

Dykes' career is not limited to the school teams in his career. He has He led the Red Raiders to a con- coached football for 41 years, with 17 ference title in 1994, his only title as of those years being with high school Tech's coach. He also earned three teams. Some of the high schools Southwest Conference Coach of the he coached at include Alice High Year honors on his way to becoming School in Alice and San Angelo

Dykes will join the ranks of some He coached Tech players such of the most recognizable names in sports such as David Robinson, Troy Aikman, Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Warren Moon and Sammy Baugh.

Modano, Ray Childress and Mia There were nine first team All- Hamm, who recently was added.

Dykes said he is excited to receive the honor alongside great athletes.

"Mia Hamm — my gosh — how college ranks, as he also coach high many goals has she made," he said. "She is the soccer person of the world, female soccer person of the world anyway. There some great people going in there. I'm really proud to be mentioned in the same breath. People that I've known and watched. Michael Irvin — that bunch is really something."

in Texas, as he is a 1959 alumnus of not just saying this, but every place Stephen F. Austin. He was an assist hat has the student body like they tant at Tech from 1984-86. He also do at Tech, (I'm) always appreciative His fellow inductees in the Class was an assistant at the University of that."

Dykes said even through the tough seasons, his time at Tech was special because of the players and the Tech fans.

"The first game we ever played was Florida State at Florida State, and I enjoyed that," he said. "Last game we played was Oklahoma at Jones Stadium, I enjoyed that. We had some hard knocks, and we had some bad times, but boy, we had a lot of fun and a lot good times. Those kids, they really won a lot of big games. I was always proud of them. Proud of Dykes has spent much of his life their ability to want to compete. I'm

adam.coleman@ttu.edu

Beasley, Augustin unanimous picks for AP All-Big 12 team

- Michael Beasley, Kansas State's Press All-Big 12 basketball team for career.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) from every Big 12'state are Baylor's Texas. The Jayhawks turned out to be Curtis Jerrells, Oklahoma freshman as balanced in balloting as they have record-smashing super freshman, and Blake Griffin, and Nebraska center playmaking sophomore point guard Aleks Maric, the lone senior and only D.J. Augustin of Texas are unanimous the sixth player in the Big 12 era with different leading rebounders. first-team choices on The Associated 1,500 points and 900 rebounds in his

Also selected to the first team by team was Kansas, which shared the Big team votes: starters Darrell Arthur,

been on the court, where they have had seven different high-scorers and seven

All but two voters wrote Kansas players onto their first team. Kansas Noticeably absent from the first had four starters who received firsta panel of 19 media representatives 12 regular season championship with Mario Chalmers, Darnell Jackson and Brandon Rush. As a result, the Jayhawks wound up syphoning votes away from one another in a way that left their coach feeling more flattered than snubbed.

"Coaches are always disappointed when their players don't receive the recognition we feel they deserve," said Bill Self. "But I also think it's a compliment when you have four players from the same team who split votes like that."

Only one other school, Kansas State with Beasley and Bill Walker, had as many as two players receive first-team votes.

Arthur, Chalmers and Rush ended up on the second team, joined by Oklahoma State guard Byron Eaton and Texas' A.J. Abrams. Making up the third team were Walker and Jackson, Colorado's Richard Roby, Texas' Damion James and Baylor's Kevin Rogers.

The 6-foot-10 Beasley is having perhaps the greatest year in more than a century of Kansas State basketball and goes into the postseason as a top candidate for national player of the year honors. He's the nation's leading rebounder with more than 12.5 a game and third-leading scorer, putting in 26.5 points a game with an unstoppable array of shots and moves that often makes him look like a grown-up among children.

At last count, Beasley had set 27 Kansas State records and 12 conference records while breaking the NCAA freshman mark with 26 double-dou-

Tech track adds 4 NCAA provisional marks

By BRAD DUFF STAFF WRITER

With one week until the NCAA Indoor Championships, coach Wes Kittley has pulled out all the stops.

best facilities for their events."

The Red Raider indoor track and field teams achieved four NCAA-provisional marks and a school record in the last weekend

According to a press release, second week in a row. The team Nationals. originally planned to compete at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., but because of weather conditions, they were relocated to Fayetteville, Ark. On Friday, the team of Edwin Schulz said it didn't ruin her season. >> john.b.duff@ttu.edu

Sang, Zach Plinario, Silas Kemboi seconds.

Tech track and field also had

teams competing at Iowa State and the long jump earning a mark of Washington. In Ames, Iowa, Bill "They call these the last-chance Lawhorn, Gil Roberts, Shawon Harqualifying meets," Kittley said. ris and Lamont Adams ran a season chance to make Nationals. "We tried to put our kids in the best in the 4X400 relay, finishing 10 times in the nation.

The Red Raiders had three athletes earn NCAA-provisional marks of qualifying for the national in Washington. Kelley Schulz polevaulted a season best of 13 feet,

> "I nicked it," Schulz said. "Just nicked it with my quad going over, and it just fell off."

Although she missed her mark,

"It was close, but not quite," and Gilbert Limo ran an NCAA- Schulz said, "It's a little disappointprovisional time of 9 minutes 45.62 ing, but I can't complain when I have my best jump ever indoors."

Anthony Flemons competed in

Kittley said Flemons has a fighting

"I'm really anxious to see it," Kitin 3:06.93. They finished second to tley said. "Anthony is ninth in the Texas A&M but own one of the Top triple jump, 16th in the long jump, so I feel you have an advantage if you're in another event. They're pretty (much) going to take you."

The Friday and Saturday meets were the last chance for schools to 1 inch while Brian Porter cleared earn NCAA-provisional marks. In the distance medley relay team 17' for the men. Schulz needed to the 2008 indoor season, the Red set a new school record for the vault 13'7" to guarantee a spot in Raiders have collected a total of 36 provisional marks.

Tech will travel to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships Friday and Saturday.

AP All-Big 12 team

Michael Beasley, Kansas St., Fresh, 6-10, 235, Washington, D.C. D.J. Augustin, Texas, Soph, 6-0, 180, New Orleans, La. Curtis Jerrells, Baylor, Jr., 6-1, 205, Austin, Texas. Blake Griffin, Oklahoma, Fresh, 6-10, 239, Oklahoma City. Aleks Maric, Nebraska, Sr., 6-11, 275, Sydney, Australia.

SECOND TEAM

Darrell Arthur, Kansas, Soph, 6-9, 230, Dallas, Texas. Mario Chalmers, Kansas, Jr., 6-1, 195, Anchorage, Alaska. Brandon Rush, Kansas, Jr., 6-6, 210, Kansas City, Mo. A.J. Abrams, Texas, Jr., 5-11, 155, Round Rock, Texas. Byron Eaton, Oklahoma St., Jr., 5-11, 215, Dallas, Texas

THIRD TEAM

Bill Walker, Kansas St., Freshman, 6-6, 220, Huntington, W. Va. Damion James, Texas, Soph, 6-7, 230, Nacogdoches, Texas. Richard Roby, Colorado, Sr., 6-6, 200, San Bernardino, Calif. Kevin Rogers, Baylor, Jr., 6-9, 240, Dallas, Texas. Darnell Jackson, Kansas, St., 6-8, 250, Oklahoma City.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Sherron Collins, Kansas; Martin Zeno, Texas Tech; Marcus Hall, Colo rado; DeMarre Carroll, Missouri; Joseph Jones, Texas A&M.



Angel Fire	54"	14"	Santa Fe	112"	25"
Red River	74"	8"	Sipapu	66"	12"
Ski Apache	12"	4"	Taos	111"	10"
COLORADO	Base	New		Base	New
A-Basin	62"	1"	Loveland	76"	1"
Aspen	88"	4"	Durango	84"	-
Beaver Creek	70"	4"	Steamboat	84"	6"
Breckenridge	73"	1"	Telluride	90"	1"
Copper Mtn.	70"	2"	Vail	60"	*
Crested Butte	84"		Winter Park	78"	1"
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Aggies, Hogs renewing football rivalry at Cowboys Stadium

A&M and Arkansas are renewing the country. their rivalry and their ties to the

to the construction site Monday schedule. to announce a 10-year contract with rollover clauses that could keep the neutral site game going at least 30 years.

"We hope it lasts for a long, long time," said Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long, barely two months after replacing Frank

The Aggies and Razorbacks played every year when they were Southwest Conference rivals, and every other season they would face SMU in Dallas, home to a strong alumni base for both schools and one of the

The first break in those bonds came in 1991, when Arkansas left but has been dormant for 17 Conference, losing to Texas A&M years will be revived at the Dallas 13-3 in College Station on the way Cowboys' new stadium when it out. Five years later, the SWC broke opens in 2009. The schools came up, removing SMU from the Aggies'

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will be re-established on Oct. 3, 2009, in the \$1 billion palace being built by Cowboys owner and Arkansas alum Jerry Jones.

tremely important for us ... is to be able to come every year to Dal- ship team.

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas most fertile recruiting grounds in las and play in the best football stadium in the United States."

The Cotton Bowl, which is also moving to the new Cowboys A series that dates to 1903 the SWC for the Southeastern dium from the east Dallas facility that bears its name, never had to worry about a sellout when Arkansas was invited. And Razorback fans were famous for turning the SWC basketball tournament into a series of Arkansas home games at Dallas' Reunion Arena.

"I remember those fans as very passionate, very loyal, much like Aggie fans," said Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman, an Aggie assistant during the SWC days. "This stadium will be filled with maroon and cardinal red, and it'll be hard to distinguish Aggies from Razorbacks except for the 12th man towel and the hog hats."

The stadium will have a listed capacity of about 80,000, with ticket allotments split evenly between the schools. The contract should guarantee each school \$4 million to \$5 million annually, Long said.

While Cowboys officials often mentioned 100,000 as the stadium's capacity in their winning bid for the For both programs, the bonds 2011 Super Bowl, most extra seats would be temporary bleachers in the end zones. For the Arkansas-A&M series and his team's games, Jones envisions the end zones as "One of the things that's ex- plazas where fans can gather.

"We want this to be home to get back into Texas in recruiting," A&M, we want it to be home to said Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino, Arkansas and be able to accomwhose new school leads the A&M plish that in a big way with the series 38-24-3. "This will certainly enthusiasm of those plazas at the help us to be able to go into young ends," said Jones, a co-captain on men's houses and tell them they'll Arkansas' 1964 national champion-



