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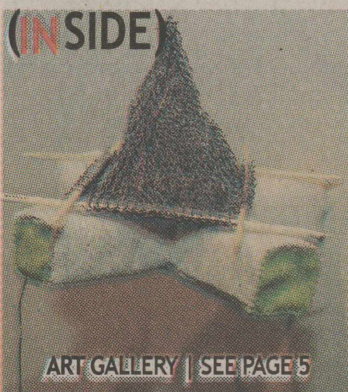
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DNA samples taken from polygamists' kids

SAN ANGELO (AP) Using cotton swabs and cameras, lab technicians began taking DNA samples Monday from hundreds of children and mothers — many in long, pioneer-style dresses — in hopes of sorting out the tangled family relationships within the West Texas polygamist sect.

A judge ordered last week that the genetic material be taken to help determine which children belong to which parents.

NATION

Supreme Court rejects appeals for 3 inmates

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors moved quickly Monday to set new execution dates for three death-row inmates, hours after the Supreme Court lifted a reprieve it granted last fall so it could consider the constitutionality of lethal injection.

The court blocked the executions of Thomas Arthur of Alabama, Earl Wesley Berry of Mississippi and Carlton Turner of Texas last fall while it considered a challenge to Kentucky's lethal injection procedures.

WORLD

At least 20 Haitians drown near the Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Haitians fleeing their impoverished homeland met tragedy when their boat went down off the Bahamas, killing at least 20 people and leaving only three known survivors, including an alleged migrant smuggler, authorities said Monday.

Survivors said the boat was carrying 24 people when it capsized Saturday night, according to U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Luis Diaz in Miami. Just before dawn Sunday, fishermen heard screams.

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Iraqi leader calls for Arab support

By **ROBERT H. REID**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister appealed Monday for support from his Arab neighbors, urging them to open embassies and forgive Iraqi debts as his government tries to crack down on Shiite militias in a crucial power struggle.

But the government plea came as militia leaders warned more violence could await.

Followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, leader of the biggest militia,

said they could widen the battles with the government — even asking supporters for blood donations to aid fighters injured during weeks of urban clashes.

With tension rising, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki flew to Kuwait for a meeting Tuesday of Iraq's neighbors to discuss ways they can help Iraq's Shiite-led government as it confronts both Shiite militias and Sunni extremists including al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Maliki said he will be looking for tangible support, including relief from Iraq's \$67 billion foreign debt

— most of it owed to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

"There are countries that support the political process and are opening embassies here. We need the others to open embassies here, too," al-Maliki told reporters.

The direct appeal to Arab heavyweights highlights the regional dilemma posed by Iraq.

Sunni Arabs have a strong stake in keeping Iraq — which is majority Shiite — firmly in the Arab orbit as a buffer against expanding influence

by Iran, the largest Shiite nation. But Arab neighbors are still leery of al-Maliki's government and the deep Iranian ties of its main backers.

Al-Maliki is hoping that the ongoing crackdown against Shiite militants will allay their fears of Iranian leanings and a bias against his own Sunni population — which long held a privileged position under Saddam Hussein.

But he also pointed the finger at "some nations" he claimed were supporting extremist groups and "inciting strife through the media" — an

apparent reference to Arab satellite TV stations based in the Gulf which the leadership here considers hostile to the government.

"I am a bewildered by the position of these nations," al-Maliki added, without specifically naming a country. "Do they want to support Iraq? Iraq has emerged from a crisis and needs to be supported."

U.S. officials have accused Iran — which will attend the Kuwait conference — of supporting Shiite extremists in Iraq, an allegation the Iraqis deny.

The road less-traveled

Local musician releases second album of poetry

By **MATT MCGOWAN**
STAFF WRITER

Always wearing his trusty black beanie, local musician Andy Eppler embodies a new breed of West Texas artists. Beneath his beanie lies a mind teeming with unrestricted creativity as it sizzles through the processes of independent art — writing, performing, publishing and producing.

And most of this, the 23-year-old said, he does solely on his laptop computer.

After the success of "There is No Underground," his first album — which he released

in 2007 and of which he said he sold more than 500 copies, not including sales on his Web site and iTunes — Eppler wanted to do something different, something experimental and something uncommon.

In a manner true to Lubbock's Bohemian subculture, he hung up his guitar, picked up his pen and created his second album.

Other than a handful of background guitar strums and subtle voice effects, Eppler's words stand alone throughout his yet-unreleased second album, "Dark Places." The album consists of eight poems, two grim short stories and a startlingly unabashed self-awareness.

"If I knew a local artist that was already

doing music, I'd like to hear if they had something completely different going on, and, being an independent artist, I can put out anything I want," he said. "I decided to exercise that."

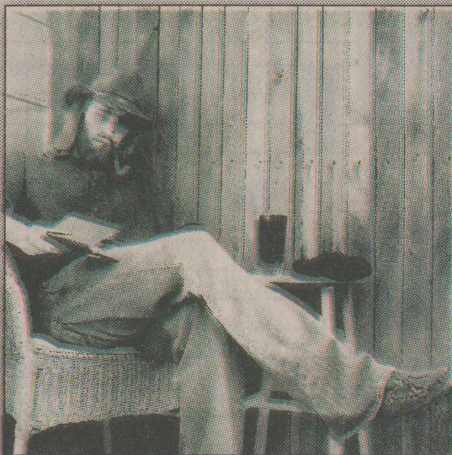
Also, Eppler said he wanted to have a "departure" from music for his second album, which he plans to release on the Internet sometime during the next two months. While writing and compiling the poetry and prose for the album, he drew from personal experience.

"Like anything I do, there's prob-

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COURTESY OF ANDY EPPLER
EPPLER'S FIRST ALBUM, *There is No Underground*



COURTESY OF ANDY EPPLER
EPPLER'S SECOND ALBUM, *Dark Places*



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
ANDY EPPLER PERFORMS at Jazz Restaurant and Bar Saturday night.

Retail gas hits record \$3.50 a gallon as oil marches higher

By **ADAM SCHRECK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Rising gasoline prices tightened the squeeze on drivers Monday, jumping for the first time to an average \$3.50 a gallon at filling stations across the country with no sign of relief.

Crude oil set a record for the sixth day in a row — this time closing above \$117 a barrel — after an attack on a Japanese oil tanker in the Middle East rattled investors.

"It's killing us," said Jean Beuns, a New York cab driver who estimated he now makes \$125 to \$150 less per month than in the fall because of costlier gas. "And it was so quick. Every day you see the price go up 5, 6, 10 cents more."

Diesel prices at the pump also struck a record high of \$4.20 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. That's sure to add to truckers' costs and drive up the price of food, clothing and other goods shipped by truck.

"You and I are going to pay more," said Bob Costello, chief economist of American Trucking Associations. "Exactly how much... I can't tell you, but it's got to show up."

Gasoline and diesel prices are expected to keep climbing as they trace the path of crude. Oil prices are charging ahead along with a host of commodities that are enticing speculators seeking hedges against a weakening dollar.

Light, sweet crude for May delivery rose to a record \$117.76 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange before settling at \$117.48, up 79 cents from Friday's close.

Gas jumped more than a nickel over the weekend and is up 23 percent from a year ago. Drivers in New Jersey are paying the least, while drivers in California pay the most, \$3.86 a gallon for regular unleaded.

The Energy Department predicted earlier this month that monthly average gasoline price will peak at more than \$3.60 per gallon in June and could even reach \$4.

Tech School of Law opens new facility, hosts Texas Supreme Court cases

By **JON VANDERLAAN**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech School of Law will open the Mark and Becky Lanier Professional Development Center with a bang, hosting two Texas Supreme Court cases beginning at 10 a.m. today.

The new facility consists of two state-of-the-art courtrooms, as well as a 300-seat auditorium classroom.

Calvin Lewis, the associate dean for student affairs and an associate professor of law at the Tech law school, said the school has tried to use classrooms as a substitute for courtrooms in the past, but believes they are not as functional and cannot replace the courtroom experience.

"A large part of teaching law students is to teach them trial advocacy as well as what we call appellate advocacy, which is handling cases on appeal," Lewis said. "To do that and do it well, they actually have to practice, which means having the space for them to practice in."

Because there are 700 students in the law school, Lewis said the two new courtrooms greatly increase the school's ability to allow more students to learn in the court environment.

Though the school receives close to 10 times as many applications as it can accommodate, Lewis said, this is not an attempt to increase the size of classes.

"This is not so much about recruitment as it is about taking care of students when they get here," he said, "and that's in part what bringing the Supreme Court here is about."

He said giving students an in-court experience is something there is no substitute for because they are able to observe the workings of the highest court in the state and hear real cases.

"It's very exciting to have the highest court in your state come and share their

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PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
THE MARK AND Becky Lanier Professional Development Center is a new addition to the School of Law.

4 Tech graduate programs ranked in annual Top 100

By GLENYS BOLLS
COPY EDITOR

In the annual rankings released in its April issue, "U.S. News & World Report" listed four Texas Tech graduate programs in the Top 100 of their respective disciplines.

Three graduate programs from the College of Engineering and one from the Department of Psychology made this year's list after the magazine reviewed more than 12,000 graduate programs around the country, according to a university news release.

"It shows the quality of our program," said Lloyd Heinze, chairman of the Department of Petroleum Engineering. "I think it will make it more attractive to students. I think it will cause more students to apply, and we only have a limited number of spots, so that allows us the pleasure of picking the best candidates."

From the College of Engineering, the Department of Petroleum Engineering was ranked 10th in the Petroleum category, the Department of Industrial Engineering was ranked 30th in the Industrial/Manufacturing category and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering was ranked 65th in the Electrical/Electronic/Communications category, according to the release.

Heinze said he believes recent world events have played a role in the level of recognition the petroleum engineering field is receiving.

"Sometimes the magazine does not list petroleum because it's a small discipline," Heinze said. "Sometimes we're so small that we get ignored. But that makes us very appreciative when we are recognized. Currently, the energy prices are up and the world is worried about the price of energy, so I



think that has a lot to do with us being recognized."

Vittal Rao, chairman of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, said he anticipates the College of Engineering using the rankings in its recruitment efforts, both for students and faculty members.

"These rankings will be an indication of the quality of a program, so a lot of prospective students look at these," Rao said. "Also, people looking for jobs like to go to places that are ranked."

From the Department of Psychology, the doctoral program in clinical psychology was ranked in the top tier of the nation's clinical

psychology programs, coming in at No. 92 out of the Top 100 programs in the country, according to the release.

"This improves our visibility and helps in recruiting for both grad students and faculty members," said David Rudd, chairman of the Department of Psychology. "There are more than 400 psychology programs in the country, so this puts us in the top quartile, nationally. These kinds of rankings are what students look at when they're choosing a program.

Things like this can make a difference between someone applying and not applying to your program. This helps the quality of the department."

The psychology department has moved up 22 positions in the rankings during the past five years, according to the release.

"It's primarily a function of our faculty," Rudd said. "We have a lot of publications and grant work; we have a very productive department. These are things other faculty become aware of nationally, and that's one of the things the rankings are based on."

According to the release, the rankings were calculated based on a weighted average that came from 10 indicators, including student selectivity, research activity, faculty resources and assessments by peers and recruiters.

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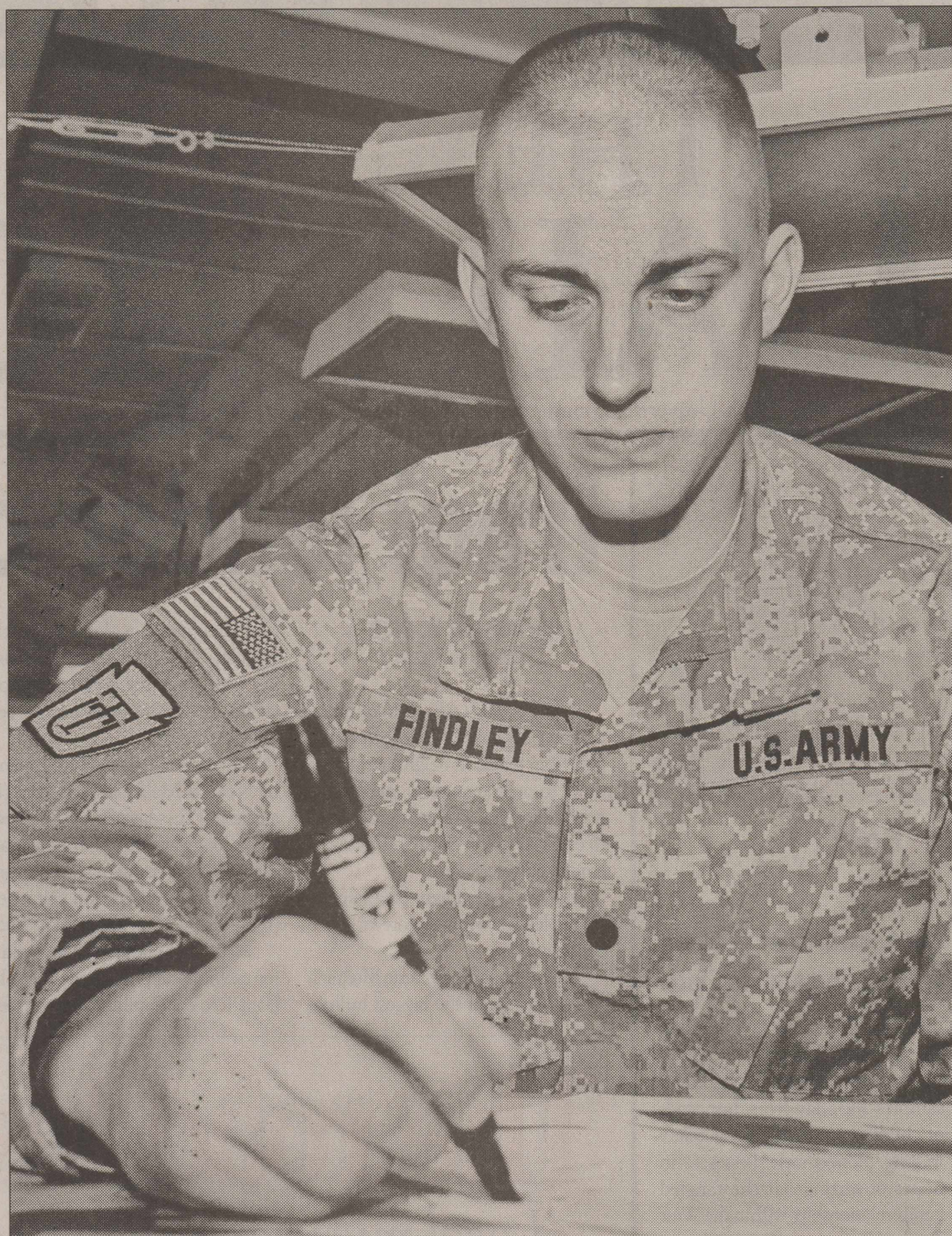


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JONATHAN FINDLEY, A sophomore landscape architecture major from Lubbock, works on shading an assessment overlay as part of a final project in a Landscape Architecture Site Analysis class.

School of Law

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wisdom, thoughts, experience and judicial and legal knowledge with our students," Lewis said. "Huge educational benefit for them."

Justice Phil Johnson, a Tech School of Law alumnus, said he always hears good things about the Tech law school and its

graduates from different parts of the state.

"Well, I think everything you can do to enhance the experience out there is going to be beneficial," Johnson said. "The law school has a great reputation for turning out lawyers that are ready to go to work and well trained."

Johnson said he visited a high school Monday to speak with students and also hopes to meet some law school students to talk in a relaxed setting.

"That's part of why the court goes out and sits places outside Austin," Johnson said. "We want people to see the court, we want people to see us, see how the court functions. We want to take it out to people who don't get a chance to come down here and see it."

The ribbon cutting for the new facility will begin at noon, and the cases as well as the ribbon cutting are open to the public.

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Bush defends free-trade agreement with Mexico, Canada

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—President Bush and Mexican President Felipe Calderon strongly defended free trade across North America on Monday, fending off anti-trade remarks that Democrats running for the White House are using to lure working class voters.

Opening a two-day summit with Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Bush hailed the benefits of cross-border trade despite a rising protectionist sentiment on Capitol Hill. The president

said that when he and Calderon were growing up, the border was poor, but today it's prospering.

"Our trade has tripled, and our economies have grown," said Bush, who decided to host the summit in New Orleans to showcase its rebirth following Hurricane Katrina. "This has been a very positive aspect for both our countries."

Calderon was more specific, saying the North American Free Trade Agreement is misunderstood. Launched in 1994, the accord eliminated trade bar-

riers among the United States, Mexico and Canada.

"I stress this issue because recently NAFTA has come under criticism," the Mexican president said. "And I do not believe that people are realizing how many benefits NAFTA has brought, both to the United States and to Mexico."

He said the far-reaching trade deal has led to the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs on both sides of the border, has offered more choices to consumers and has raised the quality of products.

Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton, rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination, both have threatened to pull the U.S. out of NAFTA if elected as a means to pressure Canada and Mexico to negotiate more protections for workers and the environment. Bush calls the idea isolationist and reckless.

Clinton, D-N.Y., has made opposition to new trade deals a centerpiece of her campaign and has vowed to at least re-negotiate NAFTA, which has been blamed for moving blue collar jobs to Mexico and elsewhere. Obama, D-Ill., has chided Clinton about NAFTA, saying it was passed while her husband, former President Clinton, was in office.

Recently in Pittsburgh, Clinton told manufacturers and union workers that her husband made mistakes related to NAFTA that she plans to fix. She said she would correct problems that have led to job losses, or would tell Canada and Mexico the United States is pulling out of the agreement.

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Investigation determines cause of apartment fire at Waterside Village

By **MATT MCGOWAN**
STAFF WRITER

After an investigation of Sunday's three-alarm fire at the Waterside Village apartment complex on 70th Street, the Lubbock Fire Marshal concluded the blaze began after a child's improper use of a microwave.

More than 45 Lubbock firefighters responded to the fire at approximately 7 p.m. Sunday. By 8 p.m., they had the fire under control.

There were no injuries. An investigation later determined the cause of the fire to be a child who put a cup of dehydrated noodles in a microwave without first adding water, said Lubbock Fire Department Chief Rhea Cooper on Monday.

The child's mother retrieved the flaming cup of noodles and placed it on the back porch, he said. After turning her back briefly, she turned around to find that the flames already had begun to spread to the building's structure.

"It was kind of unusual," Cooper said. "All the things about it were unusual. He didn't even know to put water in the cup of noodles before you heat it up, and so he just plugged it in there and heated it for two minutes or four minutes or whatever. He just fried those noodles. Like a burned bag of popcorn or something, it gets extremely hot."

The fire burned through three apartment units and resulted in

water and smoke damage to several more of the building's 16 apartments, Cooper said Sunday.

Kurtis Parker, a Lubbock resident whose apartment was damaged by the fire, said he returned home from an afternoon soccer game to find emergency personnel at his apartment.

"Things were going great," he said Sunday. "Our team pulled out a win today. That was the highlight of the day."

Without renter's insurance, Parker said he feared damage to his apartment and possessions. He considered purchasing renter's insurance one week before the blaze.

While Parker waited for personnel to deem his apartment safe Sunday, he said he feared for the safety of his dog, iguana and fish, all of which were in the apartment during the fire.

Firefighters later found the dog unharmed in the apartment and returned it to Parker.

"Half of (my possessions are) gone, but, like I said (Sunday), it's just some materialistic stuff. It's all always replaceable," he said Monday. "There was a lot of smoke damage. We don't know if

any of the clothes are salvageable or not. We'll find out after we wash them."

Parker said all of his pets survived the fire, and he moved into a different apartment Monday within the same complex.

"I have several friends here in town, and they've been very generous and very helpful and very supportive," he said. "I had lots of friends and connections here in town, so they helped me out through this minor incident."

For those residents who found themselves homeless Sunday evening, nine volunteers from the South Plains chapter of the Red Cross arrived at the scene of the fire to offer assistance, said Bill Curnow, disaster chairman for the chapter.

Eight individuals utilized Red Cross aid after the fire Sunday evening, he said Monday, including a student at South Plains College who "lost everything." After the blaze, fewer people needed assistance than the organization anticipated.

"We did place several people in local hotels for three nights," Curnow said. "We also offered clothing assistance. Each as-

sistance that we do, we've got standardized things that we do, but the different things that we offer depends on the unique needs of that person."

Like Parker, Curnow said most people found shelter and assistance through local friendships.

Sunday's fire was particularly severe, Cooper said Sunday, and there have been very few apartment-complex fires recently in Lubbock.

"This was the greatest potential for disaster that we have seen in several years here at the chapter," Parker said Monday. "Fourteen units could have been affected by this severely, and so the potential was there for this to be one of the worst ones in a long time."

As a non-government, non-profit organization, Curnow said the Red Cross would not have been able to assist any of those who were affected by the fire without donations from the region's residents.

Curnow said Sunday evening's fire reminded him of a phrase he heard during a conversation last week.

"It's 'Give and forget; receive and remember,'" he said. "We're not going to remember the names and the faces of the people we helped. In a year or so, we're just not going to remember them, but you had better believe that they are going to remember (Sunday) night and that the Red Cross was there to help them out."

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PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador
A Lubbock county firefighter climbs off his truck after helping to put out the fire in one of the apartments of the Waterside Village apartment complex Sunday evening.



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador
A Lubbock county firetruck parks outside the Waterside Village apartment complex office Sunday evening after responding to a call for a three alarm fire in one of the apartments.

More convicted felons allowed to enlist in Army, Marines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under pressure to meet combat needs, the Army and Marine Corps brought in significantly more recruits with felony convictions last year than in 2006, including some with manslaughter and sex crime convictions.

Data released by a congressional committee shows the number of soldiers admitted to the Army with felony records jumped from 249 in 2006 to 511 in 2007. And the number of Marines with felonies rose from 208 to 350.

Those numbers represent a frac-

tion of the more than 180,000 recruits brought in by the active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007. But they highlight a trend that has raised concerns both within the military and on Capitol Hill.

The bulk of the crimes involved were burglaries, other thefts, and drug offenses, but nine involved sex crimes and six involved manslaughter or vehicular homicide convictions. Several dozen Army and Marine recruits had aggravated assault or robbery convictions, including incidents involving weapons.

Both the Army and Marine Corps have been struggling to increase their numbers as part of a broader effort to meet the combat needs of a military fighting wars on two fronts. As a result, the number of recruits needing waivers for crimes or other bad conduct has grown in recent years, as well as those needing medical or aptitude waivers.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, who released the data, noted

that there may be valid reasons for granting the waivers and giving individuals a second chance.

But he added, "Concerns have been raised that the significant increase in the recruitment of persons with criminal records is a result of the strain put on the military by the Iraq war and may be undermining military readiness."

The services use a waiver process to let in recruits with felony convictions, and many of the crimes were committed when the service members were juveniles.

Truck collides with post, overturns near campus

By **ADAM YOUNG**
NEWS EDITOR

A truck flipped over after colliding with a wooden post Monday near the intersection of 19th Street and University Avenue.

Officer Brad Hopper with the Lubbock Police Department said an elderly man was driving a white 1999 GMC truck west in the east-bound lane of 19th Street, when he turned south in the south-bound lane of University Avenue, colliding with the support wire of an electric line and a wooden post on the west side of the street.

The post, which was not in use, was uprooted from the ground

and thrown several yards into the lawn of a residential complex near the truck.

Hopper did not disclose the condition of the driver, but said no other vehicles were involved in the accident.

Inspectors from Lubbock Power and Light responded to the scene, Hopper said, but determined no serious damage was done to the power line or supporting wire, and the company does not plan to pursue damages from the driver.

The truck, which received extensive damage in the front and had its roof nearly peeled off, was towed away by a wrecker service.

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A Lubbock police officer heads back to his patrol car after wrecker service finishes loading a vehicle that wrecked Monday afternoon at 19th and University.

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Crazy diamonds shine on in West Texas

Stay with me here. It was April 12, 2002, and a much anticipated night was upon us. I was in a crowd of thousands in Austin, being addressed by Lance Armstrong, who strangely was thanking a smoky and flashback-prone crowd for contributing to the cause of cancer research.

We had just heard the band Cake and eagerly were anticipating the Stone Temple Pilots taking the stage. To our amazement, something strange began to unfold. We started to hear Pink Floyd ... at the hands of the Stone Temple Pilots.

But no matter, they infused the iconic music with a rock-star grandeur that brings tears to the hardest eyes. Shine on you Crazy Diamond, Part One. The undisputed best Pink Floyd song to hear live. The crowd was full of cognoscenti.

A hum began to turn into a whisper;

Michael Randell



a whisper into a chant; a chant into a yell. Fists in air, we were unstoppable. We sang like no one was watching, with child-like enthusiasm, bathing in the unlimited possibility of music at the hands of gods.

So here I am. Austin to Lubbock, where the rolling hills turn into mounds. Where trees turn to shrubs and where you shed your collective identity like a snake sheds its skin, and pull the mold out of the jello and let it spill all over the floor.

It would be easy to concede that Lubbock isn't as fun or fulfilling as the

homes where we once pledged our allegiance, but that wouldn't be very West Texas. With change comes opportunity, and somewhere on that flat, long road to graduation, you either have to take the easy road of considering your situation as temporary and insignificant, or travel that dimly lit, uncertain path of adaptation to uncommon circumstances and new experiences.

Change often is forced upon us, and the flat and unforgiving landscape of West Texas is a cold reminder that we need to wipe our slates clean and create something unique from the ground up.

As the hills fade away and the faint signals of faraway radio stations crackle over the radio, people from far and wide involve themselves in our experience. New cultures find their place in our disposition and ideas from a diverse set of educators coalesce into our identity. We've bought the ticket, and now it's

time to take the ride.

We are unique in our quest and make no mistake: we are alone in the most beautiful way. Like the warrior

“Stirring in restless anticipation, we prepare ourselves for the grandest stage of them all, in front of the merciless crowd of ‘the real world.’”

Agathocles of Syracuse, who burned his ships upon landing in Africa, we must succeed or die. We don't compete with

our peers, but with the world.

Stirring in restless anticipation, we prepare ourselves for the grandest stage of them all, in front of the merciless crowd of “the real world.”

The landscape is stripped of its ornaments like we are stripped of our protective, immature selves. It is up to us to make something happen, to change the status quo. There is something strangely West Texas about this.

There is a popular adage that “college is where you find yourself,” and it is almost completely inapplicable to us. We must forge our identity, and become who we are, not who we want to be.

For most of us, there will be no identity to subscribe to here. During the years to come, we will write the soundtracks of our own lives. We will play to the drum of purpose and ambition for something larger than ourselves, and fill the shoes of the largest footprints.

With the right kind of eyes, someone can look into the West Texas horizon and see two things: limitless possibility or endless hope. A life of recalibration and determination, or a life of dreams that go by like tumbleweeds.

Sure, the audience never will chant the lyrics to your song. This will be an a capella act with many people watching from the sidelines. If done right, your song will be one worth remembering.

The audience will whisper, will chant, will scream with fists in air: “Come on you stranger, you martyr, you legend — and shine!” Yes, there are many things we would like to do in this lifetime. Nothing truly worth it will be had easily.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I love college football. When I was 13, my father took me to see the Georgia Bulldogs play. Later, in the late '90s, I was in grad school at the University of Florida, and I went to every home game the year the Gators won the National Championship and Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman.

Once, I even painted my face orange and blue. I've grown up, and I still love college football, and I even wrote a Pindaric sestina last year about Michael Crabtree, despite the fact that these elite “scholar/athletes” get special treatment above the rest of the common students.

Of course, not every one of them is a Reggie Bush. Yet, are they special enough that Texas Tech University should wink at a \$200,000 loss after the Red Raiders Gator Bowl trip? Texas Tech deputy athletic director Bobby Gleason puts a spin on the deficit, calling it “this advertising dollar.”

What exactly are we advertising? A botched economics department? I know it's not a popular stance to take, criticizing anything football in Texas, but I didn't choose popularity when I decided I'd be a poet.

Like it or not — and some do seem to like it — we're all affected negatively by the waste perpetrated by the football program on this past year's Gator Bowl, and we ought to hold Mike Leach's staff and certain administrators accountable for this negligence. Is this just the cost of doing business? What kind of business model is this? Apparently, Texas Tech sent 750 Red Raiders to Jacksonville to watch or play in the game.

I know. Is that all? No wonder the stands were so empty. Yes, we're the red and the black, but why not find a way to end up in the black? To travel light? Maybe even by bus, to a closer bowl? I guess I live in a different world.

At poetry readings, we're always troubled when it comes to the reception afterwards: United brand soft drinks or real Cokes? Generic chips or Tostitos? I'm certainly not doubting Leach's genius for the game.

I love his nutty ways: doing the weather, talking smack to the refs, acting like he reads lots of books on pirates. But next time, maybe send only 300 people to the game and they all eat sack lunches like the rest of us, then athletics could give a \$200,000 endowment for scholarships to the English department. Or even to economics.

Maybe that wouldn't generate much press, but it might generate an education.

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First, I let me say that I do not agree with, nor am I associated with, The Young Conservatives Chapter at Texas Tech. They should have found a classier way of expressing their views on illegal immigration. I understand the reasoning behind it because illegal immigration is choking this country to death.

I also understand why those immigrants come to this country, to live out their own American dream, but they could do it legally, like all the rest of the American citizens have done and are still doing.

That same reason is why Canadian people come to America, because the Canadian “public” system of health care is well terminally cancerous to the really ill or pregnant patient that actually need care because the tax-paid insurance companies won't cover those expenses, Mr. Borshuk.

So let's talk about the shameful displays of freedom of speech, Mr. Borshuk. You don't like the YCT for expressing their views, but you write for a paper that disgustingly displays the “Death Toll” of American Military in Iraq. Then, when that paper is questioned on that “Death Toll,” it tucks its tail and hides behind the First Amendment.

Never displaying how many Iraqi lives were saved from mass graves or chemical genocide, how many schools and hospitals were built, or how many free elections were successfully conducted for the Iraqi people by the American Service men and women.

Those same servicemen and women, back in 1776, gave all of us the freedom of speech and many other freedoms, which, oh by the way, Iraqis never had till now. Write something about that shameful display, Mr. Borshuk, rather than about some misguided Republicans trying to making a point.

So let me make my freedom of speech movie analogy and paraphrase: Freedom of speech is like the piece of paper that Matt Damon slaps on a Waffle House-like window to prove to a Harvard smartass that Matt is the better man and got the coveted lady's phone number but, the lady in this argument is what the American people think.

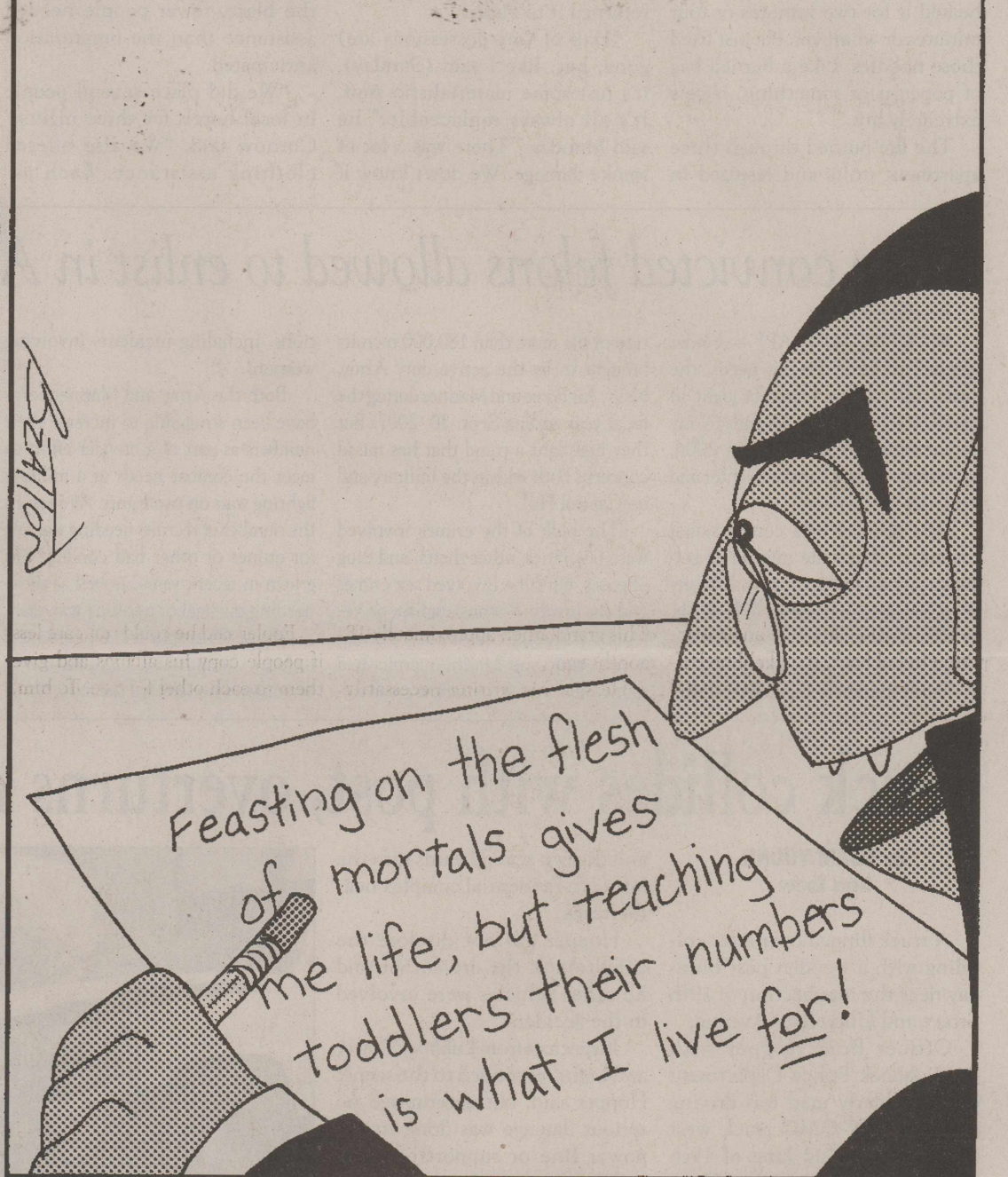
So Mr. Borshuk, do you like apples?
“I got the ‘lady's’ number!”

How you like them apples?

God Bless America

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The Count writes his personal mission statement.

I, frankly, am tired of reading articles bashing the Young Conservatives of Texas. As a member, I feel that all of the articles written, including the latest by Professor Michael Borshuk, are entirely uninformed and hypocritical.

First and foremost, the event hosted almost a month ago was not a “racial vendetta.” There are illegal immigrants in this country of every race and nationality. Secondly, the event was not solely based on this large issue. More recently, two pieces of legislation have passed through Congress allowing college students illegally in this country to pay in-state tuition costs.

This allows these students lower tuition costs than those who hail from any other U.S. state. That is what the protest was concerning. As far as the general allegations presented by the articles, YCT is a multi-racial group, both on campus and as a state whole.

Conservative is not synonymous with racist, nor does it automatically mean “white.” As far as the “hundreds of students who have been offended by this debacle,” I believe that the complaint submitted to administration was the responsibility of two students. And lastly, I apologize if Dr. Borshuk has to be submitted to any more sub-par, “boorish” demonstrations of free speech.

If he anticipates being offended by utilization of free speech that he encounters, I suggest he steer clear of the SUB Free Speech Zone. Although I have never met the professor or taken one of his courses, may I propose that he may be the exact type of teacher that we are trying to raise awareness about with the Professor Watch List.

And if continues to believe that the only allowed type of free speech should be those topics that he approves of, I suggest Mr. Borshuk run for president and try to get that fixed. Oh wait, he can't ... he's Canadian.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Forgetting Sarah Marshall' proves worthwhile

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Hilarity ensues in the newest Jason Segal cinematic endeavor, however the "best comedic film of the decade," as Richard Roper claims, it is not. The movie succeeds in carrying the Judd Apatow torch, combining romantic appeal with raunchy comedy.

We open with the laid back, slightly pathetic couch potato Peter Bretter (Segal) being dumped by longtime girlfriend Sarah Marshall (Kristin Bell), while completely in the nude — according to Segal, a semi-autobiographical scenario. Marshall provided some of the cleverest moments in the movie here with satirical quips at the crime television genre, of which she was a rising star. The scenes, I suspect, are

cringe-worthy for David Caruso of "CSI Miami," unless he can laugh at his own career choices as Bell does in this film, where a direct reference is made to her performance in the Japanese remake, box office flop "Pulse."

Unfortunately for the pair, Bretter retreats to Hawaii to forget Marshall, only to discover her vacationing with her new boyfriend Aldous Snow (Russell Brand) at the same resort. Mila Kunis, known to many as Jackie Burkhart of "That '70s Show" and Meg Griffin of "Family Guy," was a ray of sunshine as the flawed but passionate Rachel Jansen, an employee of the resort that sets the scene. Genre collaborative favorites Jonah Hill ("Superbad") and Paul Rudd ("Knocked Up") make appearances as an Aldous Snow-obsessed aspiring musician and a burnt-out

surf instructor, respectively.

Group interaction of the four main characters provided some of the best scenes, complemented by slightly odd cameos that help Bretter and Marshall gain much needed perspective on the pitfalls of their relationship. An unexpected mutual understanding, even appreciation, burgeons between Snow and Bretter, and both characters developed sufficiently to embrace their weaknesses and love them anyway.

About the time the characters finally figured out who they were supposed to end up with, I'd predicted the straightforward ending from the get-go and "wrap it up" signs started flashing in my head. Fortunately, I didn't give up altogether, as one of the biggest laughs of the movie is held to the end. Segal draws from his self-proclaimed identification with

the classic "Dracula" and love for puppets, culminating in Bretter performing a "Gothic Neil Diamond" rendition of a musical inspired by the Bram Stoker literary classic.

Overall, the movie was thoroughly enjoyable and certainly targeted to an audience with a collegiate mentality, but the film is likely to achieve a wider fan base than "Superbad" simply because it is slightly more mature. If it hadn't been for the dwindling energy during some of Bretter's grieving and again toward the end when the audience had figured it all out, it may have indeed been one of the best comedies of the decade. However, as with the characters, the flaws are forgivable and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" won't soon be forgotten.

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Art school hosts exhibition of grad student Jimena Marín

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The Studio Gallery of the School of Art is hosting an exhibition of Texas Tech graduate student Jimena Marín, which runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Monday through Saturday in the Art building.

The painting and drawing student is one of a few students to display her art in the MFA thesis exhibition.

According to a press release, "as a child growing up in Puebla, Mexico, Marín learned that by engaging in repetitive tasks, she was able to travel mentally to a place that was different from her reality."

Marín's artwork has been described as a sample of what the hands and body are doing during the mental journey.

She builds and paints structures that connect with her ideas and tell a story.

"I create visual metaphors and, by repeating shapes with a rhythm, I get a material evidence of my thoughts and learning processes," Marín said.

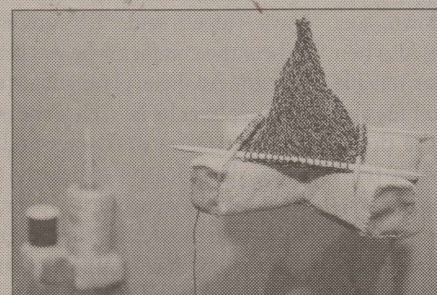
Art professor Terri Morrow described Marín's work as "poetic and extremely thoughtful."

Morrow has walked through Marín's current exhibition of mixed media and is very impressed by the aesthetics the graduate student has used.

"Jimena really gets in and thinks about stuff when she creates art," Morrow said.

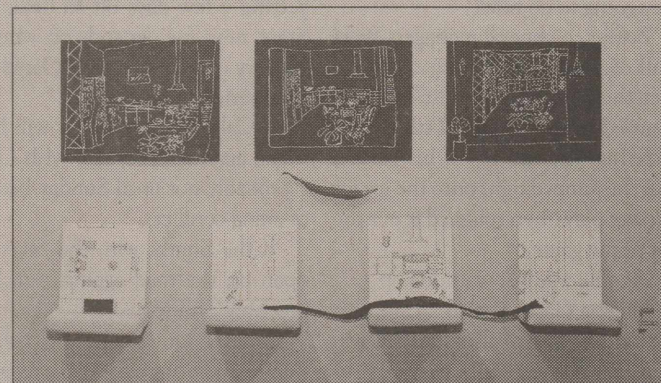
A reception with Marín will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in the Art building. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

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EXHIBITIONS OF JIMENA Marín's work is held in the School of Art Studio Gallery.



Eppler

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ably a piece of me in there," he said. "That's the great thing about art. All people of art are like that. Without meaning to, you write about something that, later on, you find significant."

Growing up in Lubbock may have played a role in his choice to become a musician, Eppler said, though it is hard to say for sure. Undoubtedly, life in Lubbock drives people to play music, even if they are not embraced by the city at first, such as was the case of Buddy Holly.

"Lubbock is so musically — if you're an artist or if you have an artistic temperament — everybody plays the guitar so they apply it to music," he said. "If you're an artistic person in Lubbock, the likelihood of you becoming a writer is substantially lower than of you becoming a musician, just because that's considered... the go-to mode of rebellion."

Talent, alone, does not guarantee success for a musician, Eppler said. He spends a great deal of time performing. During what little free time he does have, Eppler works diligently to promote himself. "Drive" is a key component in the success of a musician.

Since he was 16 years old, he said he has performed his music at coffee shops and eventually bars, where he had to "sneak into his own shows" because he was not yet 21 years old.

Now, years later, Eppler earns enough money with his music to support himself. He said he wanted to

experiment more with his creativity and release a recording of his other passion: writing. During the album's seventh track, "Paper and Pen," Eppler defines himself as "the point between paper and pen."

Too much of today's music holds little artistic expression, he said. Most musicians of his generation write formulaic lyrics and produce albums infused with artificial effects. Such music offers little in the way of musical progress.

"If you're going to make art," he said, "you might as well make it legitimate."

For instance, the album's first short story, "The Abernathys," explores the emotional desperation that accompanies a loved one's death. Eppler said he wrote it not long after his wedding and the death of his grandfather, approximately 18 months ago.

He said his writing necessarily does not mirror his life directly, but it does mirror his thoughts and his identity.

Growing up as the son of a local preacher — a trait he finds remarkably common among Lubbock's musicians — he said he has had his struggles with his own spirituality and wanted to delve into those struggles through the album's second short story.

As the album's 11-minute final track, "The Surgeons of Shadow" is a graphic account of sacrifice and suffering, good and evil.

Through the album's poetry, Eppler said he also gives listeners a glimpse into how he feels about certain issues, ranging anywhere from

the unsightly curtains in his living-room to his apathy toward politics.

During the album's second poem, "Political Man," he gives a sarcastic and somewhat-scathing critique of politicians.

"You fascinate me political man, how your miraculous mind in all its infinite capacity could hold so much truth and reason," Eppler's voice reads. "By what treachery and foolishness has it come to be that the world has not recognized you for the fountain of wisdom that you are?"

The motivation behind "Dark Places" was not money, he said. He created the album to merely expand his horizons. Because he does not intend to sell the second album as much as he sold the first, he will not offer it in a hard copy. He will, however, sell it on iTunes.

Eppler said he could not care less if people copy his albums and give them to each other for free. To him, a free exchange of his music promotes his live performances.

"If I didn't sell any more CDs of ("There is No Underground"), and everyone just burned it, that would be totally fine with me," he said. "For me, it's a free commercial."

Jessica Eppler, Andy's wife and a Sweetwater native whom he met while attending South Plains College, said she encouraged his decision to produce the spoken-word album, "Dark Places."

"He has always written short stories and poetry and stuff, so I thought it was pretty cool," she said. "He just does his thing, and usually it turns out pretty cool."

For a third album, Andy Eppler

said he will record a live album during a series of planned performances in Austin.

Also, Andy Eppler said he will soon try to publish a graphic novel that he has been working on. The graphic novel's premise is "Andy Eppler versus the pop-music machine."

Agreeing that the graphic novel is another radical shift in his creative energies, he said it will just be another form of expression.

"He's obviously very different," Jessica Eppler said. "I think he's just a creative person, and he just channels it out in a lot of different ways."

Regardless of his medium of expression, Andy Eppler has one goal when he writes, sings, plays or designs.

"To me," he said, "if you're not affecting anybody at the end of the day, what are you doing?"

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'Harold & Kumar' delivers few scattered laughs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The poster for "Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay" is the best thing about the movie, depicting the brainy potheads in orange prison jumpsuits staring in disbelief from behind a wire-mesh fence.

That one still image captures all the inherent humor of two wily-as-Bugs-Bunny guys who are about to bust out of the U.S. military's main board-

ing house for terrorism suspects.

Actually seeing them in motion is mostly an anticlimactic affair as the sequel follows the fitfully funny, fitfully too-stupid-to-live pattern of 2004's "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle."

That first movie fizzled in its theatrical release but found an audience on DVD, leading to Chapter 2 in the adventures of best buds Harold (John Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn).

The movie picks up exactly where the first one ended, with the two washing away (and in more disgusting fashion, otherwise expunging) the effects of their successful munchie run for burgers.

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Softball begins 6-game homestand with doubleheader against UTA

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

After snapping an eight-game road losing streak with a sweep of Baylor Sunday in Waco, the Texas Tech softball team returns home looking to continue its stellar play in Lubbock.

The Red Raiders will face the UTA in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field, where they have won eight consecutive games.

Tech (17-32, 5-9 in Big 12 Conference play) swept Baylor in Waco for the first time since 1998, handing the Lady Bears their first sweep in a conference series at home since 2003. Tech now has five wins in Big 12 play, which is the most under coach Teresa Wilson and had not been accomplished since 2001.

Under Wilson, the Red Raiders' conference wins have increased from three in 2005 to four in the past two

seasons. With its last two Big 12 series at home, Tech has a chance to put the most conference wins up since Bobby Reeves led Tech to 10 in 2001.

The Red Raiders could be preparing for a late-season charge similar to last year, when they went 6-2 during the last eight games en route to the Big 12 Championship game.

UTA (20-19) was four games under .500 before the it won eight-straight games, but the Mavericks have dropped three consecutive games and are in jeopardy of falling back under .500.

Offensively, senior shortstop Amanda Swofford paces UTA with a .336 average, 25 RBIs and 10 home runs, while Samantha Chumchal is hitting .333. Brittany Washington and Rebecca Collom have combined for 17 home runs and 33 RBIs, adding a balanced attack to a lineup that has done well in the Southland Conference.

In the circle, sophomore Cara Hulme (11-5, 2.03 ERA) has pitched 113.2 innings this season, only giving up 38 walks with 133 strikeouts. UTA's other main starting pitcher, senior Laura Jones (5-10, 1.61 ERA), has conducted a strong performance this season, but whenever she steps in the circle, her team leaves the bats at home.

Tech pitchers Tye Coats (6-12, 4.03 ERA) and Ashly Jacobs (8-13, 2.27 ERA) picked up the wins at Baylor, and will most likely see action against UTA. However, in Tech's last outing at Rocky Johnson Field, junior Alex Watkins pitched a one-hitter for her first career shutout in a win against UTSA, so she could see some time as well.

UTA will be the fourth Southland Conference opponent Tech has faced at home this season.

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Tech baseball prepares for midweek series with New Mexico State

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Fresh off breaking its longest losing streak since 1987, the Texas Tech baseball team is gearing up for a midweek series with New Mexico State.

After losing eight-straight games, the Red Raiders (18-23) beat Kansas State 19-4 Sunday and will look to keep the offense going when they host the Aggies (18-23) at 6:05 p.m. today at Dan Law Field and then travel to Roswell, N.M., Wednesday to complete the series at 6 p.m. at Coca-Cola Field.

In the first game, Tech is scheduled to put Russ Fornea (3-3, 6.28 ERA) on the mound. In his last appearance, he came out of the bullpen April 15 at UNLV, throwing 2.2 innings giving up four runs — two earned — on four hits while striking out two. His last start came on April 9, where he pitched 2.2 innings, and gave up six runs on six hits and four walks.

Dillon Smith (1-2) is scheduled to get the start for NMSU.

The Red Raiders' 19-run explosion Sunday is the second most in one game all season, the most coming in Tech's 21-8 win

over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi March 18. Infielders Willie Rueda and Joey Kenworthy continue to be the most consistent offensive presences for Tech as Rueda has an on-base percentage of .449 and has 20 stolen bases in 22 attempts, and Kenworthy has reached base safely in 34 of 41 games this season.

Roger Kieschnick might be breaking out of his slump that began around the beginning of the Big 12 Conference season as he had seven RBIs and his first home run in conference since March 16 against Texas A&M.

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Robidas' toughness just what the Stars needed

DALLAS (AP) — Sergei Zubov was already out with an injury. Then Philippe Boucher went down, too. So the Dallas Stars cringed when Stephane Robidas, another reliable defenseman, took a puck off his face and rushed straight to the dressing room during Game 5 of their first-round playoff series against the Anaheim Ducks.

The Stars already had three rookie defensemen suited up. What were they going to do now?

Before co-general managers Brett Hull and Les Armstrong could go over their contingency list, Robidas returned to the bench. With cotton stuffed up the nostrils of his broken nose, he jumped right onto the ice for a power play, then toughed it out the rest of the game.

And he was just warming up.

Playing Game 6 with a cage protecting his face, all Robidas did was score his first career playoff goal to tie it at 1, then set up what proved to be the game-winning goal 52 seconds later. Dallas won 4-1 Sunday night, sending the Stars into the second round for the first time since 2003, eliminating the defending Stanley Cup champions and earning Robidas the appreciation of his teammates — and even his foes.

"He's a warrior," captain Brenden Morrow said.

"He's one of those heart-and-soul players who don't come along very often," goaltender Marty Turco said.

The Ducks paid their tributes during the post-series handshake.

"I was last in line and Robi was right in front of me," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said. "It's interesting to hear the comments he was getting from the Anaheim players about what kind of player he is. ... He's one of the best teammates you'll ever find. He will go through a wall to help the team win. ... We all recognize it in our room, but to hear those Anaheim players say that to him, that's gratifying to me."

Robidas, Boucher and Zubov are getting a few days off to heal. The Stars' next foe depends on whether Calgary or San Jose wins Game 7 of their series Tuesday night.

If Calgary wins, Dallas will be at home against Colorado, with Game 1 probably not until Sunday because of arena conflicts.

If the Sharks win, the Stars will open on the road against San Jose, probably Thursday.

Tippett said Boucher (hip) and Zubov (sports hernia) will be re-evaluated Tuesday.

As for Robidas, the only question is whether he'll keep the cage.

Tippett said Robidas epitomizes what the Stars are all about: Not the biggest, strongest or most talented, but always giving his all and, quite often, that's good enough.

Robidas was first on the team in blocked shots and second in hits this season. He set a career high in goals with a modest nine, tied his career high in assists with 17 and, obviously, set his career high in points. So he's certainly a valuable guy to have around.

"He's a much better player than he gets credit for," said veteran Stu Barnes, who scored the game-winning off Robidas' perfect feed in front of the crease. "He's a good skater; he's smart out there."

Whether it was good skating, good smarts or good fortune, Robidas was in the right place when Mike Modano's smash went wide of Anaheim goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere, banging off the end boards and caroming back out. He turned it into the tying goal and his first in 25 career playoff games.

"I was just going for a rebound," Robidas said. "It hit the boards, came right on my blade. I wanted to shoot it on net; Giguere was out of place. I wasn't really aiming at any spot in particular. I was lucky that it went in."

There was no luck on his next shift. It was pure skill that sent him barreling past his defender on the side boards. Then he cruised toward Giguere. When the goalie committed to stopping Robidas, he shoveled the puck to Barnes, who'd just lost his man.

"All I had to do was put it in," Barnes said.

Now that Dallas has gotten over its first-round hump, the next challenge is winning a second-round series. The Stars haven't done that since 2000, when they were reigning champs and made it all the way back to the Cup finals.

The health of their defensive corps could be pivotal. But Dallas also has to feel good about how youngsters Nicklas Grossman, Matt Niskanen and Mark Fistric played. Grossman and Niskanen played all six games, while Fistric got into the last three after Boucher went out.

"The whole group has stayed committed and doing everything we are capable of," Turco said. "We are moving on and that's the fun part, to give ourselves a chance to keep winning."



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S FIRST baseman Jason Seefeld tags home plate in the game against Kansas State Sunday afternoon to help them beat the Wildcats 19-4.

Tech starting pitcher Ramos out for season

Texas Tech starting pitcher A.J. Ramos has suffered a tear in his ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

According to a press release, he will require surgery and will be out for the rest of the season, and if his rehab goes as planned, he should be back in time for the beginning of the 2009 season.

"A.J. is a very tough kid and top notch competitor," said Tech Asso-

ciate Head Coach Dan Spencer in a press release. "He has been pitching hurt all season long and didn't want any of us (to) know because he desperately wanted to help our club. He will get through this surgery, and I have no doubt that he will be back at full force when we start up again next year."

He has struggled this year to find the strike zone as he has walked 40 batters in 45 innings

pitched. He was 1-4 with an ERA of 7.40 this season. In 2007, he went 8-5 with a 4.70 ERA where he walked just 35 batters in 85 innings pitched.

According to the release, the rotation had not been set yet but will be determined by the middle of the week. Ramos had pitched on Fridays and Saturdays this season.

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SPORTS

Tennis teams falter in final weekend of Big 12 play

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The weekend brought disappointment for Tech men's and women's tennis teams.

Neither team was able to capitalize on important matches to close their seasons.

The No. 73 Lady Raiders (11-11, 4-7 in Big 12 Conference play) lost to No. 32 Texas A&M (15-7, 9-2) 6-1 Friday at the McLeod Tennis Center and then lost to No. 21 Texas (16-5, 10-1) 6-1 Sunday in Austin at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

In both matches, Tech's sole point came from winning doubles, which the Lady Raiders have won 12 times this season.

The struggles in singles continued however, as the team went winless for the weekend.

"It's always disappointing when you have all this momentum when you win the doubles point," said Tech senior Janet Durham, who played her final match at home against A&M. "We always come out fighting hard, and we never just give anybody anything. You have to give credit when credit is due to the other team. They came out and they fired against us in singles and we fought back as hard as we could, we just couldn't pull it out."

Against A&M, there was noticeable hostility among the players that seemed to extend to the coaches as they argued throughout the match about calls and whether or not the officials should be removed.

"I think we beat them in doubles and shocked them," Tech coach Cari Groce said. "Their coaches immediately started making waves and talking about trying to pull officials out of chairs. If you don't pull this official out of this chair and that, then we're going to protest this match." I thought that

was a little premature on the Aggies' end, but then again, they're Aggies."

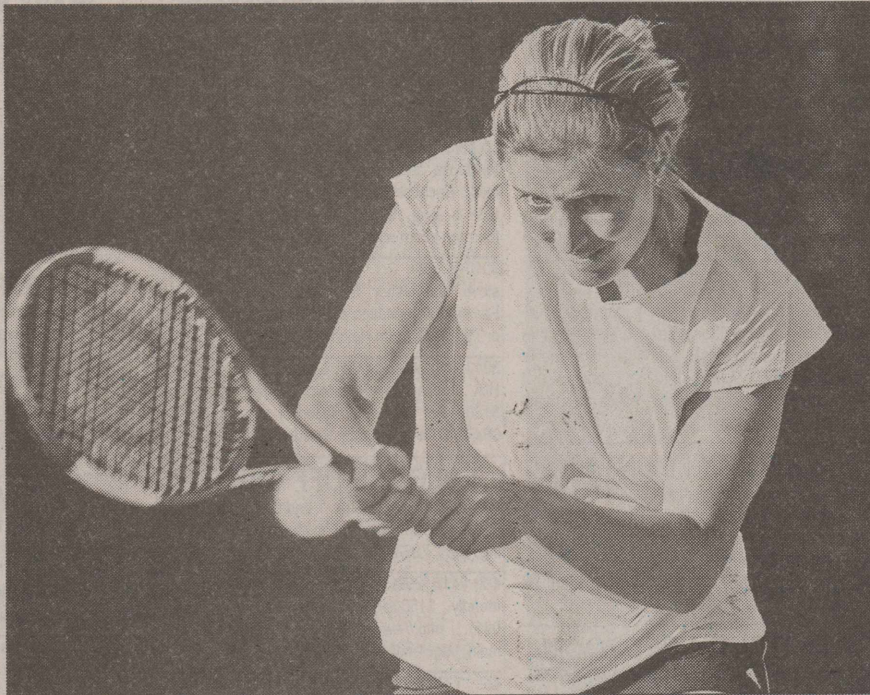
The fiery match prompted an unnamed person to write a letter to Groce complaining about conduct in the match.

"We are still gonna keep pressing forward," Groce said. "They didn't leave us a return address to be able to write them back and say that we are gonna continue chasing y'all until we pass you. Don't be anonymous. Come on in and sit down and have a coke with us and tell us how you feel face to face."

The Lady Raiders will attempt to redeem themselves in the Big 12 Tournament when they face Oklahoma Thursday in College Station.

The No. 16 Tech men (19-4, 4-2) entered the match at No. 13 Baylor (19-8, 5-1) with a chance to win the Big 12 regular season championship for the first time in school history.

"We had an opportunity to win the conference, but we lost to a very good team," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "Baylor is a Top 10-level team. We played well in most spots."



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
SENIOR JANET DURHAM hits the ball across the court back to Texas A&M's Christi Lilies. This was Durham's last match in her college career.

"...I thought that was a little premature on the Aggies' end, but then again, they're Aggies."

— CARI GROCE
TEXAS TECH
TENNIS COACH

Winning the doubles point has proved to be a big advantage for the Red Raiders this year as they have not lost a match in which they won the doubles point.

Saturday though, Tech fell behind early when it was unable to win the doubles point. Siegel said his players battled throughout the match, but were unable to stave off the Bears' powerful lineup.

"They just played too good in the doubles, the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles," he said. "I thought they were extremely good at No. 1 and

No. 2 singles. At No. 3 through No. 6, we had chances to win all four matches. Unfortunately, we just got two of them."

Lenoir Rams and Michael Breler accounted for the two points Tech earned from the No. 3 and No. 6 spots, respectively.

Breler ends the regular season undefeated in Big 12 singles play at 6-0 and an overall record of 19-1.

The loss ended the Red Raiders' season in the No. 2 spot in the Big 12, which means Tech's first match in the conference tournament will be against No. 23 A&M at 3 p.m. Friday in College Station.

"We know have a very tough match," Siegel said. "But we believe that if we win this match, we'll be one of the Top 16 teams. So, we would be able to host (the first round of the NCAA Tournament) if we win this match. We believe we control our own destiny as far as that is concerned."

Baylor and Texas end the season tied for the Big 12 regular season title.

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Buchholz, Ortiz lead Bosox to 4th straight win, beat Texas

BOSTON (AP)—Clay Buchholz pitched six shutout innings, David Ortiz drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and the Boston Red Sox completed a four-game sweep of the Texas Rangers with an 8-3 win Monday.

Julio Lugo went 4-for-4 with a walk and an RBI as the Red Sox scored at least five runs for the ninth straight game. They finished with 12 hits and 11 walks.

The annual game on Patriots Day — a holiday commemorating Paul Revere's ride and the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775 — began at 11:06 a.m. It takes place on the same day as the Boston Marathon. Runners passed by Fenway Park starting in the third inning and kept going for hours — just like the Red Sox offense.

And they did it without two of their leading hitters. Manny Ramirez, who was ejected for arguing a third strike in the second inning Sunday, is batting .338 and got the day off. Lefty hitter Sean Casey, with a .349 average, rested against lefty Kason Gabbard.

Boston rallied late to win its previous two games but didn't need a comeback this time as it scored five runs in a wild fourth inning and three in the fifth, all off Dustin Nippert (1-2).

Buchholz (1-1) allowed five

hits and two walks with six strikeouts, one in each of his innings, as Boston won for the ninth time in 10 games. Texas is 2-9 in its last 11.

Gabbard left the game with a stiff back after throwing two shutout innings. Nippert came in and got out of a first-and-third jam in the third, then gave up five runs on five hits in the fourth.

J.D. Drew led off with a walk, took second on a balk and third on a bunt single by Jed Lowrie. Lugo followed with an RBI single. Then Kevin Cash hit a soft line out to second baseman Ian Kinsler. Lugo strayed off first but Kinsler threw wildly trying to double him up, allowing Lowrie to score.

Jacoby Ellsbury singled and Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run double. Ortiz hit what looked like a routine fly out to left fielder Milton Bradley. But Bradley lost a battle with the early-afternoon sun and the ball dropped behind him as Pedroia scored the fifth run.

There was nothing odd about Boston's next three runs in the fifth.

Lugo led off with a double, took third on Cash's single and scored on Ellsbury's single. Then Ortiz hit the ball off the left-field wall for a two-run double and an 8-0 lead.

Texas scored two runs in the seventh on two RBI doubles — by Gerald Laird off David Aardsma and by Josh Hamilton off Javier Lopez.

Spurs' Ginobili wins sixth man award

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili — good enough to be a starter on about any team — won the NBA's sixth man award given to the league's best reserve on Monday.

Ginobili led the Spurs in scoring, averaging a career-high 19.5 points to go with 4.8 rebounds and 4.5 assists. Ginobili came off the bench in 51 of the 74 games he played this season.

"I really don't care about coming from the bench if that

helps the team to win a championship," Ginobili said.

The Spurs have a 1-0 lead over the Phoenix Suns in their best-of-seven first-round playoff series. Suns guard Leandro Barbosa won the award last year and Ginobili came in second.

"He's one of the better players in the NBA, who just happens to come off the bench," said Spurs starting guard Michael Finley. "Any other team in the league, he'd probably be starting, but for him to come off the bench and put his ego aside it just shows what kind of team we have, and more importantly what kind of player and All-Star he is."

Ginobili got 123 of 124 first-place votes for 615 points. Barbosa came in second with 283 points and the Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry was third with 44.

"It was no race. Just like, when (is it) going to happen," said Spurs point guard Tony Parker. "He was our best player all year long."

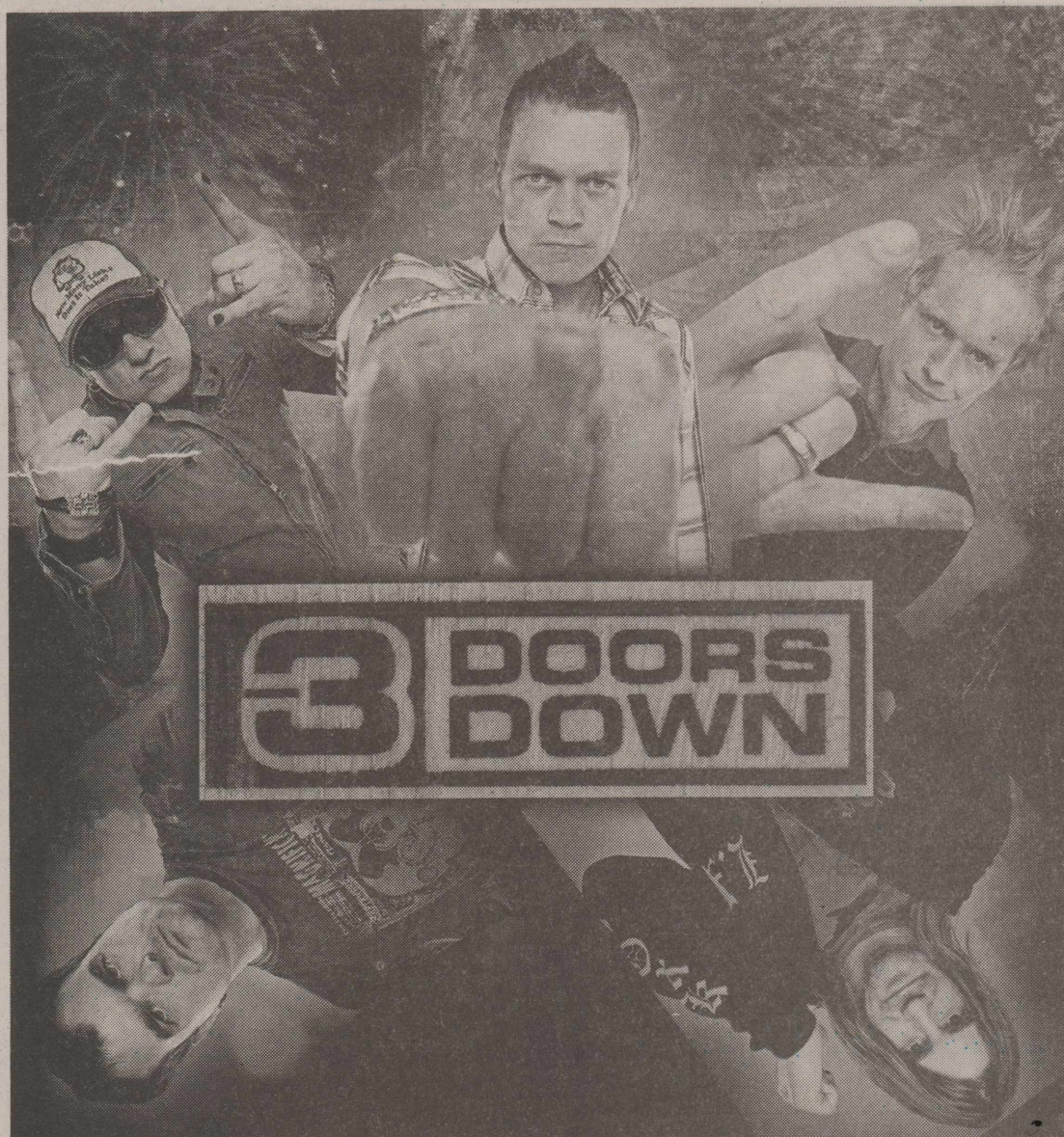
The 6-foot-6 guard who gives the team a boost of energy off the bench. He was drafted by the Spurs in 1999 in the second round with the 57th overall pick. The Argentinian has been with the team for three of its four title runs.

"That is what I'm going to remember when I retire, the rings I have," Ginobili said. "Not the fact I played 28 minutes or 33 or my name being called in the starting lineup. That's not going to make the difference in 10 to 15 years."

Ginobili enters the game, usually about midway through the first quarter, to huge roars from the crowd when the Spurs announcer yells "Here comes Manu!"

"I just consider myself a player, a team player," Ginobili said. "So this year he (Spurs coach Gregg Popovich) thought it was more important for me to come from the bench, so I just try to do it the best way I can."

Popovich gave all the credit to Ginobili, who is the first Spurs player to win the award.



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