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# (INBRIEF)

## STATE

## Bus companies accused of transporting drugs

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say smuggling drugs, not carrying passengers was the main focus for five commercial bus companies that were traveling between Mexico and the United States.

A five-year investigation has led to the indictment of 18 people who have been accused of taking part in a scheme to transport cocaine and marijuana in secret compartments aboard buses that ferried passengers between the two countries.

Officials said Wednesday the owners and managers of five bus companies operated their businesses as fronts for transporting drugs from Mexico to various cities in the United States. Several other individuals were hired by the owners and managers of these companies as bus drivers and loaders and delivered the drugs, officials said.

## NATION

## Virtual fence deemed insufficient

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The government is scrapping a \$20 million prototype of its highly touted "virtual fence" on the Arizona-Mexico border because the system is failing to adequately alert border patrol agents to illegal crossings, officials said.

The move comes just two months after Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced his approval of the fence built by The Boeing Co.

# WORLD

## Suicide bombings kill 13, wound 24

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A spate of suicide bombings and other attacks on security forces in southern Afghanistan Wednesday left 13 people dead and 24 others wounded, officials said.

In Kandahar province, a suicide bomber blew himself up next to a vehicle carrying intelligence agents in the border town of Spin Boldak.

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# US calls on al-Sadr to stop attacks in Iraq

By KIM GAMEL ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A top American general urged radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Wednesday to rein in his fighters as a U.S. soldier was killed during a gunbattle in a militia stronghold in Baghdad.

Two bombings also struck the northern city of Mosul within 30 minutes, killing four people and

al-Qaida in Iraq is regrouping.

The U.S. soldier died from a bullet wound in a clash in New Baghdad, a stronghold of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia in an eastern section of the capital, according to Lt. Col. Steve Stover, a military spokesman.

A rocket also slammed into a closed school as teenagers were playing soccer outside, killing two youths and wounding three amid

wounding 12 amid concerns that sporadic fighting in the sprawling Sadr City district, a predominantly Shiite area of Baghdad that is home to 2.5 million people.

Fighting that began a month ago in response to an Iraqi government crackdown on militia violence has put a severe strain on a cease-fire called in late August by al-Sadr. The anti-U.S. cleric threatened this weekend to unleash his militia in "open war" if the operations

Despite heightened rhetoric by al-Sadr and his followers, U.S. commanders have been careful not to directly link the cleric to the fighting, instead blaming Iranianbacked Shiite fighters who have

broken with his movement. "We do not attribute what we've seen to JAM," said the No. 2 U.S. commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, using the Iraqi acronym for the Mahdi Army.

But he suggested al-Sadr could recent fighting.

"We certainly hope that Sadr will choose the road of peace and responsibility," Austin, who commands day-to-day operations in Iraq, told reporters.

Fierce fighting also broke out overnight in Husseiniyah, another area dominated by Shiite militias on the northeastern outskirts of Baghdad as well as in Sadr City, the area that has been the focus of



BUTT SKETCH ARTIST Gloria Jones draws the backside of students for free Wednesday morning at the Student Union Building.



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

GLORIA JONES, PROFESSIONAL butt sketch artist, practices her art as part of a Tech Activities Board event Wednesday in the Student I look good," said Whitney Flynt, a junior Union Building.

# Butt sketcher comes to Tech

By MATT MCGOWAN STAFF WRITER

everal dozen Texas Tech students had their butts handed to them Wednesday afternoon, and many found it flattering.

Some students intended to put their butts on Facebook, others planned to frame their butt and put it on the wall.

As another spring event organized by the Tech Activities Board, a butt-sketch artist, Gloria Jones, spent three hours drawing charcoal sketches of students' backsides in the Student Union Building.

Jones, an artist who works for the Dallasbased World Butt Sketch Tour, sketched butt portraits while students posed, both alone and in groups. Jones signed her name at the bottom of each sketch.

"If this is really what I look like from behind,

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# LSU considers Whitmore for chancellor job

By MICHELLE CASADY

Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore is back in the race for a job at another university. This time, it's Louisiana State University looking Whitmore's way to fill the position of chancellor.

While the position of chancellor may sound like a promotion, the chancellors at LSU operate similarly to the way the president does at Tech.

"Our system president runs the enterprise (or system). Our individual institutions (Health Sciences Center, academic campuses) are run by chancellors," said Charles Zewe, LSU system vice president for communication and external affairs.

On Monday, Whitmore, along with Janie Fouke from the University of Florida, was selected by the LSU search committee to undergo a background check, according to a news release.

"Dr. Whitmore's extensive academic administrative experience as Texas Tech President ...

makes him an attractive candidate to possibly lead LSU," Zewe said. The background check is

only the first step in the lengthy process of chancellor selection Zewe said.

"Overall, this is the beginning of a process that has a way to go. Dr. Whitmore's background clearly attracted the attention of our search committee. Noth-

ing more should be read into the background checks at this

LSU System President John V. Lombardi hopes to have a new chancellor selected by August.

"That, however, is a tentative target," Zewe said.

The process works like this: The committee will recommend

three candidates to Lombardi. He then will submit his choice to the LSU Board of Supervisors, similar to a Board of Regents, In February, Whitmore announced his resignation from the

position of Tech president, effective when a new president is

found or in 2009. Whitmore still has a contract with the university that will allow him to return to the position of a full-time tenured faculty member on campus. According to a news release, LSU's total enrollment is 52,414 last fall and 49,239 this spring. However, on the main campus,

the enrollment is approximately 29,000, which is comparable to Tech's enrollment.

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# You've been booted: Tech parking policies explained

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Though he would rather have people learn from their mistakes than collect money from citations, the director of University Parking Services said one-quarter of the department's \$4 million budget comes from citations.

But Eric Crouch, the director, said the number of citations is below-average for a school of Texas Tech's size.

"I really don't want your citation money. I'd really rather you keep that money and do something productive with it," Crouch said. "So, what we do now is when you reach six citations in a semester, we'll boot your vehicle."

According to the traffic and parking rules, six citations would constitute being towed and having the parking permit revoked, but he said the department places boots on vehicles so they can speak with the owner of the vehicle to see if there is a specific reason why the person has accumulated so many citations and if there is a way to fix it.

The only way to have a boot removed is to speak with a supervisor or manager, Crouch said, and the first boot someone receives is considered an "educational boot," with no charge to the owner of the vehicle to have it removed.

The department issued 60,000 citations, applied 1,113 boots to vehicles and towed 682 vehicles in the 2006-07 fiscal year. The citations issued by Parking Services range anywhere from \$10 to \$200, and many of the possible infractions listed are offenses which may authorize the department to impound a vehicle.

Administrators before Crouch allowed students to collect an unlimited number of citations without an alternative — which sometimes totaled 50 to 60 per semester — instead of utilizing a boot or towing services, Crouch said. But he said he does not think that is practical to teach students about life outside of college.

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PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreadon

A TRUCK SITS in the parking lot of the Student Wellness Center on Tuesday afternoon with a ticket under the windshield wiper, a warning sticker on the window of the driver's side and boot on the front left wheel.

# Freecycle offers alternative to trash cans, thrift shops

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Freecycle is an online group whose members offer free items they no longer want and can ask for anything they may be in

Melanie Clevenger, a Freecycle moderator, said the group is a doesn't have a life with somebody great resource for students.

According to the national Freecycle network Web site. www.freecycle.org, the group is "globally local," and each city has volunteer moderators and a unique e-mail group. Anyone living in that city is then welcome to post items to be given away or to seek items which they might be able to use.

According to the Freecycle network, whether it is an old door, a pile of dirt or a computer, it probably is being given away on one of the local groups already up and running.

According to the local group's Web site, www.groups.yahoo. com/group/lubbockfreecycle, there have been 269 new posts since April 16. Examples of recent posts include everything from giving away a foot bath to

someone asking for a couch and

"Freecycle is about keeping things out of the landfill that don't need to be in the landfill," Clevenger said. "When you post an item, you are offering a gift. Just because it doesn't have a life left with you doesn't mean it else. If it is something that obviously needs to go to the landfill, we encourage that."

According to the national Freecycle network, its communities harnesses the power of the Internet to connect local individuals looking to give something away with those who would like to acquire it. The guiding principle is that everything be free, with no strings attached. It is a sort of grand cyber-curbside.

"It's not about getting as much free stuff as you can," Clevenger said, "it is about cleaning up your clutter, but letting somebody else benefit. And it's a community."

Peggy Bradford, a resident of Spur, is part of the Freecycle

"It's fantastic," Bradford said. "I think it's doing a really good service for the public. I have given things away like children's clothes. I'm a foster parent, so I have these things accumulated. I've picked up baby items, a weedeater that only needed minor work and a dorm-sized refrigerator. Nearly everything you want, somebody has it."

According to national Web site, Freecycle now has almost 5 million members in more than 80 countries and boasts that it keeps more than 300 tons a day out of landfills. The local group has almost 3,000 members.

"I love it," Clevenger said. "I have never been a recycler, but this has changed my whole way of thinking. And to be honest, in the beginning, I was helping a friend. I've given away a lot of old clothes of my daughter's. You just post it and tell people to 'come and get it if you want it."

Clevenger said people often get many answers to their offers to give something away. The person is then free to give the items to anyone they want.

"You aren't obligated to give it to someone who is rich or poor," Clevenger said, "or who has one kid or 15 kids.'

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# Theta member gives voice to abused children

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

April is child abuse awareness month, and Kappa Alpha Theta member Melanie Smith is pouring her time and energy into the needs of abused and neglected children by volunteering at Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA of the South Plains. Smith is one of many volunteers serving as advocates for children while also attending Texas Tech.

At a national level, Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy is CASA, an organization that provides volunteers to serve as independent voices in court for abused and neglected children. Last year, CASA served 919 children in the South Plains area, according to ĆASA training material. This would not have been possible had it not been for 332 volunteers, like Smith, all of who donated 4,862 hours to find abused and neglected children safe and permanent homes.

Smith, a senior accounting and Spanish major from Waco, said upon graduating in May, she is moving to Dallas to begin a career that has nothing to do with being an advocate for children, however, she calls her experience at CASA as "humbling and eve-opening.

"It has let me see a whole different side of the world," she said.

The foster care system is extensive, making the job of a CASA volunteer

are removed from their homes, judges have 12 months to place them in a safe and permanent home, according to the training material. Therefore, volunteers for CASA make a onevear commitment, following cases from beginning to end.

Volunteers serving as advocates undergo extensive training to prepare for taking on a case, including attending court hearings and meetings, reading and completing book work and watching training videos.

All of the training was worth it to Smith, who said she feels good knowing what she is doing is making a difference in the lives of others.

After training, volunteers are assigned cases, and work to provide judges with background details about children in the foster care system, allowing the court to make a sound decision about the future of the children, according to the material.

After the CASA volunteer gets to know the children on a more personal level, he or she will make a recommendation to the court on what is best for the child. Whether the recommendation is to send the child back home with their parents or to place them in an adoption program, the suggestion has been made on the basis of the needs of the child.

Children in the foster care system are appointed attorneys, but oftentimes a child falls through the

all embracing. From the time children cracks when the attorney has been appointed to many cases, according to CASA material. When a CASA volunteer is appointed to a case, however, the child has a voice in court.

> Rose Carkeet, the development director of CASA, said the foster care system is a last resort for children. The Lubbock region, per capita in Texas, has the largest number of children living in foster care in 2007, a statistic CASA is making an effort

Carkeet said she sees real potential in student volunteers because of their flexible schedules. She sees Smith, as well as other volunteers, becoming a positive influence for children in foster care who may not have consistent adult mentorship.

"Melanie has been great," she said. "We couldn't ask for a better

For Smith, she said being an advocate has been an emotional but rewarding experience.

"You make a connection," she said. "It's a very different experience" to see adoption and foster care from the child's side of it."

Though foster care statistics and the epidemic of child abuse can be disheartening to organizations like CASA, Smith said she encourages other students to get involved.

"You don't think you can make a difference, but you really can,"

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# Fraud costs military health program \$100 million-plus

military's health insurance program has 9.2 million current and former service been swindled out of more than \$100 members and dependents worldwide. The million over the past decade in the Philippines, where doctors, hospitals and clinics the Philippines in 1992 and withdrew its have conspired with American veterans active-duty forces, but thousands of retirto submit bogus claims, according to ees remained. Some saw an opportunity prosecutors and court records.

Seventeen people have been contract to process many of the claims. It has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

At the center of the case is Tricare,

United States closed its military bases in ecutions in the late 1990s. to pry easy cash from Tricare.

Health care providers in the Philipvicted so far — including at least a dozen pines filed claims for medical services fraud schemes are starting to emerge in U.S. military retirees — in a little-noticed never delivered, inflated claims by as investigation that has been handled by much as 2,000 percent and shared kickfederal prosecutors out of Wisconsin be- backs with retirees who played along, cause a Madison company holds the concourt records reviewed by The Associated

> "There just seemed to be so many possibilities for abuse of the system, and and have been blocked by Congress.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The U.S. a Pentagon-run program that insures there were so few controls in terms of monitoring," said former U.S. Attorney Peg Lautenschlager, who oversaw pros-

> Pentagon auditors say Tricare moved slowly to uncover and stop the fraud. And a February audit warned that the program is still vulnerable to rip-offs because of lax controls and that similar Latin America.

> News of the scope of the fraud comes as the Pentagon seeks to raise fees for Tricare's beneficiaries — fourfold, in some cases. The proposed increases have outraged groups representing servicemen

# Clinton's donations surge after Pennsylvania victory

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hill- broad base of coalition that I put gestions that he's not tough enough to tory into a fundraising bonanza

One day after Clinton's comshe and Obama looked ahead to contests on May 6 in Indiana and North Carolina and offered sharply contrasting assessments of the race

"The big win that I had, the

Wednesday in the Democratic sylvania victory showed she was more it," he said. presidential race. Rival Barack electable than her rival. "And in fact Obama, his delegate lead intact, that's what I've done, in big states, a modest dent in Obama's overall said, "We just keep on plugging in swing states," since the campaign delegate lead, and she has virtually began, she told CBS.

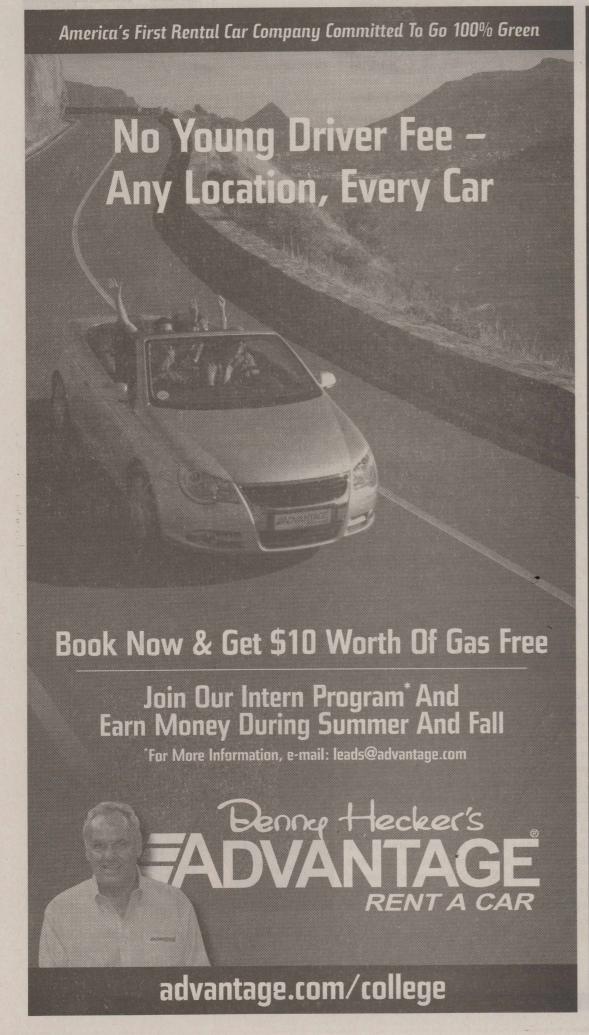
Obama disputed that, saying he fortable win in Pennsylvania, had defeated Clinton in primaries or caucuses in several general election battleground states and would "have a much better chance of winning" them is better able to defeat Republican in the fall. He mentioned Virginia, Colorado, Wisconsin and Iowa.

He also countered Clinton's sug- candidacy as a result.

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ary Rodham Clinton parlayed her together, is exactly what we're going shoulder the presidency. "You know, campaign-saving primary vic- to need to have in the fall," the former I've always believed that if you're first lady said, arguing that her Penn- tough, you don't have to talk about

With her win, Clinton made only no prospect of overtaking him before the primary season ends on June 3. Instead, she hopes to convince party leaders who will attend the national convention as superdelegates that she John McCain in November, and persuade them to swing behind her





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"That's doing a disservice to our students, I think, because the same kind of behavior in a community somewhere results in a lot harsher penalties," he said. "That's part of the educational effort — is to help folks understand you're parking and going to school and living within a community, and your actions affect other people."

Currently, the greatest number of citations students are receiving per semester is around 15 or 16, he said.

Andrew Canham, the associate director of Student Judicial Programs, said his department's interaction with University Parking Services is three-fold: parking regulations are included in the student code of conduct, the department helps enforce certain violations that are referred to them and the department has the power to revoke a driver's parking permit and right to drive on campus.

"If I had to guess the most frequent interactions we have, it's probably when we ask a student not to drive and park on campus," Canham said. "Everything else would just be examples that could occur and do occur on occasion."

He said the department does not revoke permits regularly, but it is something they do on a consistent basis.

"If a student is found responsible for a DWI or DUIM, we're probably going to do that," Can-

Even though they have the ability to revoke a parking permit, he said the department normally does not get referred on cases of students having too many citations. One of the only other reasons why they would be referred other than a DWI or DUIM case is if a student attempted to remove a parking boot and damaged it.

Ron Seacrist, chief of the Tech Police Department, said the police department also does not get involved in parking issues unless it involves a damaged boot or a confrontation with a parking staff member.

Seacrist said he has not had any problems at Tech with parking boot damage or theft, but as an officer at other universities in the past, he has had students arrested for such violations.

Crouch said he primarily wants to keep spaces available for those who pay to park.

"The number I want to draw down is the number of people who get a lot of citations. Those are the ones that concern me the most," Crouch said, "because those are the ones who are repeatedly and habitually denying somebody else a place to park."

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# Facebook introduces new instant messaging application

By CORI POPE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Facebook introduced a new instant messaging application Sunday for the social network's 69 million users.

The Facebook Web site announced users soon will see a chat bar at the bottom of the browser. The bar displays a list of online friends who can have one-on-one conversations in real-time, instead of using the Wall or Inbox currently featured

Tom Johnson, a Texas Tech professor in the College of Mass Communications who uses Facebook, said the application helps Facebook grow as a social network site.

"It's like using a cell phone with text messaging, back and forth," Johnson said. "It's a very logical tool for the site."

Jenn Scheid, a junior interior design major from Katy, who uses Facebook, said she of students' time will be spent saved between log-in sessions or, >> cori.pope@www.edu

"I think people will be on Facebook all day when this application comes out," Scheid said. "Facebook is already time-

It's like using a cell phone with text messaging, back and forth. It's a very logical tool.

> - TOM JOHNSON TECH MASS COMM **PROFESSOR**

consuming for me; I don't need another reason to stay on."

For users whose privacy is a main concern, conversations through Facebook are one-onone and only between friends on believes with the installation of Facebook, according to the Web the new application, even more site. The message history can be

if wished, cleared immediately. Johnson said he is surprised to see what people post on message boards and Facebook, and he believes being smart is key to

keeping private issues private. "A Facebook profile is used to let people know about you, so there should be no expectations of privacy," Johnson said.

Facebook's Web site compares the new application to America Online's instant messenger, but Facebook suggests that it connects people on a deeper level with more opportunities to communicate.

Emily Thompson, a junior education major from Leander, said she believes since the America Online instant messenger existed before this new application, people will continue to use it.

"I don't think people stay on Facebook long enough to have an entire conversation," Thompson

Facebook started the application Sunday and slowly will incorporate it onto different networks in upcoming weeks.

# Sketch

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communications studies major from Rockwall, as she unrolled - excuse me, butt."

Despite her initial hesitation, Flynt said she liked her butt sketch. each other's backs," she said. She intends to frame the "master-Mother's Day.

Others posed in pairs or in naturally. groups, like San Antonio natives Tabitha Abraham and her boyfriend, Austin de la Cruz.

him," said Abraham, a fresh- tended the University of North man psychology major, "and she made my butt look really good. There's nothing to worry about. and stuff."

"We're going to hang it up," who gets it, first."

Abraham told de la Cruz he

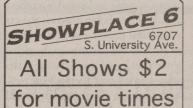
birthday is today. than 90 minutes, Tyler King, a senior music education major from San Antonio, had his butt sketched standing next to a friend. The two picked a pose familiar to

"I really wanted that butt sketch," he said. "Most of the time, we'll be walking, and I won't be paying attention. He'll push me into (expletive) when I'm not

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paying attention."

After digitally scanning the sketch of his off-balance butt, King said he intends to make a copy of the sketch to give to his friend.

her butt sketch. "Look at that ass popular pose is the Captain Morgan's pose with one leg up.

"It's cute when people get on

With 13 years of butt-sketch piece" and give it to her mother for experience, Jones said drawing people from behind comes to her

> "It's pretty easy," she said, "and it's a lot easier than faces."

Jones said she has been draw-"First of all, it looks just like ing "all her life," and even at-Texas before becoming a butt

The company does butt sketch-She doesn't draw imperfections es at all sorts of events, she said. Although the agency only has been drawing at college campuses for said de la Cruz, a freshman biology less than four years, universities sketching butts, Jones said, was major, "but we have to figure out have overtaken corporate events as the most common bookings.

Her butt-sketch agency, Jones could have the sketch because his said, has been in business for you've got to do. more than 20 years. It all started After waiting in line for more "by accident." The founding butt the place" to sketch, including

sketcher initially was an engineer Mexico and the Caribbean. who would sketch buildings in downtown Dallas.

As he sketched the buildings, she said, parades would come Recently, Jones said, the most through — people would walk by. draw," Jones said, but she has drawn reached out the door. people from behind.

"He would do human renderings just like this to pass the time," Jones said. "People would come up and say, 'Hey, can I buy it?' That's how it started."

Today, approximately six artists work with Jones at her butt-sketch agency, she said.

Although most sketches only take two-and-a-half minutes, Jones said it takes longer when people stand in complicated poses that require more detail.

'We've got to think ahead," she said. "You've got to fit everything together like a puzzle.'

The longest time she ever spent eight hours at a corporate event.

"It's not that bad," she said. "You just get in a flow and do what

Jones said she has been "all over

she said she rarely draws in her

He would pass the time by drawing well since she was very young. "It's just one of God's gifts.'

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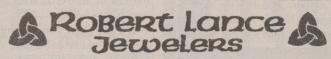
Dragisic said the event brought in a When she gets home from work, larger crowd than she expected.

Flynt, an employee of the SUB information desk, said the line "Nobody even knows I can was long all day. At times, it even

> "I think we will do this again," Dragisic said. "It turned out really

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# Free speech in 'Fitna' film

March 27, Dutch MP Geert Wilders released his film "Fitna" — Arabic for "Strife" — which called attention to the violent nature of Islam and its holy texts, including the Quran. This film received some 4 million page views in English and Dutch within hours of its release.

In a demonstration in Amsterdam this fatwa. Central Square, before anyone even this obfuscation.

Race is a set of un-chosen biologi- under constant security. cal characteristics having no bearing on the formation of one's character. By contrast, religion, like politics, is a set of chosen beliefs with real-world criticizing the teachings of Islam. consequences. Thus religion, unlike In response, Muslims again staged race, is a legitimate subject of moral violent protests in which more than

Islam, like all religions, demands faith of its adherents. Faith requires immune to this violence and supthe complete submission of one's pression of free speech. Borders reason to the dictates of a deity and its announced the decision not to carry alleged spokesman. Indeed, the very name Islam translates to "submission." Given this fact, it is not surprising that the specific teaching of this religion seeks the violation of the rights the TV show "South Park," which reof both Muslims and "Infidels."

Wilder's film, which consists en-

His purpose is to bring attention to a very real threat of violence and intimidation on the part of an anti-life ideology against the citizens of the West.

texts and video clips of speeches made by prominent Islamic clerics, clearly demonstrated that the basic teachings of Islam are in conflict with the protection of rights, including the response to the film. right of freedom of speech. This fact is particular and the West in general.

history of vigorous and violent sup- hurtful criticism of a religious minorpression of is the right to free speech. ity for its own sake. His purpose is to then dictator of Iran, issued a fatwa of violence and intimidation on the decreeing that "apostate" and British part of an anti-life ideology against citizen Salmon Rushdie be executed the citizens of the West. To quote for writing "The Satanic Verses," a \$1 million reward for the murder of of debates, we can never allow them Rushdie and all those associated with to set the agenda.' the book's publication.

malia, Bangladesh, Sudan, Malaysia, the West. Indonesia and Qatar followed violent protests in Muslim countries. As recently as 2005, Iran's spiritual leader, from Las Vegas. E-mail him at Ayatollah Ali Khamenei reaffirmed jason.hoskin@ttu.edu.



Dutch movie director Theo Van had seen the film, protesters accused Gogh produced a short film, entitled Wilders of "racism," thus calling "Submission," which was written by into question the moral propriety of Dutch MP Ayaan Hirsi Ali. In recriticizing an individual or group on sponse, Mohammed Bouyeri brutally the basis of religion. Such criticism murdered Van Gogh in Amsterdam in creates a package deal that conflates 2004. On his nearly decapitated body, one's "race" with one's "religion" and a knife implanted in his torso attached condemns both as bigotry. This has a five-page letter justifying his actions the effect of skirting any real discus- in the name of Islam and threatened, sion of radical Islam. Let us untangle among others, Ayaan Hirsi Ali and Geert Wilders. To this day, Ali lives.

In September 2005, Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten published 12 cartoons depicting Mohammed and 100 people were killed.

The United States has not been an April-May 2006 issue of "Free Inquiry" magazine because it featured the cartoons, citing safety concerns for their employees and patrons. Even peatedly has lampooned the religious beliefs of its viewers, under pressure from Comedy Central, chose not to depict the Prophet Mohammed, again because of safety concerns for

Feb. 12, 2008, Danish police arrested three men suspected of planning to assassinate Kurt Westergaard, the cartoonist who drew the most inflammatory "Bomb Turban" cartoon. Westergaard, like Ali and Wilders, now is under constant security.

The release of "Fitna" promises to yield many of these same results seen with past criticisms of Islam. LiveLeak. com, which hosted the film in the beginning, removed the film for a time after receiving threats. A threat made against the West from Osama bin Laden appeared on a Jihadist Web tirely of specific quotes from Islamic site. Iran, along with 26 other Muslim nations, has called for the Dutch government to ban the film. Rioters in Afghanistan chant "Death to Denmark" and "Death to The Netherlands" in

When one examines the full confirmed by calls for violence within context of these attempts of violent Muslim nations against Wilders in suppression of freedom of speech on the part of Islamists, it becomes clear Among the rights Islam has a that Wilder's film is not a mindless and In 1989, the Avatollah Khomeini, bring attention to a very real threat Wilder, "We can never allow people which criticized the Islamic Prophet [to] ... use violence instead of argu-Mohammed. In the fatwa, he offered ments, people who use knives instead

Indeed we should not. Instead The banning of the book in we should support Wilder's fight for Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, So- the preservation of free speech in

■ Hoskin is a graduate student

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Disney Party Stopper

# A Republican Obama?

Surely not; say it isn't so. Can there really be a conservative voice that agitates Democrats with verbosity as much as Senator Barack Obama does Republicans? Very simply put: yes. For each point there is a counterpoint, therefore for each left-wing assertion, there is a powerful, practical right-wing solution.

governmental authority precedes Republican and Democratic division. How much power a governing body should assume is a matter that has concerned and divided this should assert its authority and potential. control with abandon. They want overtaxing scheme.

the people who determine who country, but for the world. and how to worship. And when

represents the people's individual political beliefs. Since when did Why are we so heedless as to throw able rights. away their hard-bought freedoms when did liberty cease to be an allowance of the government and turn into a legislative dictate?

The division between sides runs deep. The duty rests on us to discern between the opposition and We should first consider the most leadership. basic principles which comprise ourbase, and from these values, choose Coulson is a junior history mathe ideas and actions worthy to build upon this foundation.



Starting with that basis of principles and ideas; then forging with The basic political discussion of those ideological values, words and thoughts can elevate above their papered silence to become a greater reality. With passion, energy and honesty, we can ascertain our own destiny. Traversing this path proves nation since its inception. Many a tumultuous but rewarding journey liberals believe the government to discovering our own purpose and

The ideological battle fought now everything from health care to is nothing new. Many have taken up immigration to be subsidized and this cause, including former leaders allotted in an overbearing and like Washington, Roosevelt and Reagan. What's new is us. The values and On the other hand, there is principles of individual liberty are now the conservative belief that the ours to defend, and we must claim that power of rule lies inherently with right with pride and determination. It the people. It is the belief that the is dependant upon us to admit with revival of an economy originates humility that there is a greater power with the ingenuity of the people infinitely more capable than us at and not the levying of taxes. It is work, and by confessing this, we claim the people who determine how a transcendent joy which ultimately to spend their own money. It is is the foundation for not only our

These politicians represent only threatened by foreign antagonists, the deeper values that drive us. it is the volunteer military of the Personal differences don't delve far people who defend American enough into what is truly relevant. Despite our divisions, there is one The American nation soon defining factor that always has united will choose a new president, and our country. That aspect is that to it will look to the leader who best overcome adversity — to overcome trouble — we unite in a symphony of faith. We recognize that we are Americans decide to turn their one nation under God. We recognize backs on the founding fathers by re- that we are endowed by our creator, jecting the formative Bill of Rights? not our government, with unalien-

As a "force for righteousness," in exchange for the constrictive these United States have the capaedicts of opposing socialists? Since bility to ascend to something greater. The transient leaders will be gone, but America will remain standing as long as God sees fit to bless our efforts. What we now must decide is whether we will embrace the suppression of personal freedoms by governmental claim our independence, refusing dominance or claim the allowance to let others determine our path. of God-given liberty by conservative

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# STRIVE FOR HONOR Discussion on Ethics

Part Two — Ethical Path

# **'SERVICE LEARNING'**

Initially, Colleen wants to ask Trevor if he really slipped and fell or did he get in a fight with classmates; (a) or perhaps even ask him if an adult at his house hurt him. Colleen Meaney remembers Trevor mentioning in practice one day that his mother's boyfriend had yelled at Trevor and football team.

the situation. She is contemplating talk to his mother. if she should quietly asking Trevor's Colleen remembers her professor spending enormous amount of class time discussing about the issues of confidentiality. There are concerns that the students needed to be made aware of when working class to the real world.

As Colleen continues to reflect, she deliberates on the thought that she might be letting her original preconceived ideas about low-income black families affect her thoughts. Are the ideas influencing her to Would she be just as concerned cern regarding Trevor's injuries. about Trevor's bruised eye, scratch on his face and inability to participate in practice if he came from a middle-class Caucasian family?

Colleen thinks about the options throughout practice. Through critical reflection, she finally decides at any more questions about the injuries. She also decides not to question Alex about what he thought might irene.arellano@ttu.edu.



almost didn't let him play on the flag have happened to Trevor. Colleen also comes to the conclusion that is not the Colleen begins to reflect about imperative to drive Trevor home and

Instead, Colleen decides it would best friend Alex if he knew how be best to talk to her professor the Trevor got hurt. In addition, Colleen next day before class about the incithinks she might drive Trevor home dent. Colleen's professor has worked after practice and ask his mother with this elementary school for years what happened to Trevor. However, and knows the teachers, administrators and parents. Also, when her professor visits their practice, all the kids as well as the teachers seem to know and like her.

The next day prior to class, Colleen talks to her professor and explains with children. The service-learning how concerned she is about Trevor's component has enabled Colleen to injuries. She discusses how she did apply theories of learning and teach- not want to make pre-conceived ing strategies being discussed in her judgments. She cares for Trevor and wants the best for him. Colleen also explained that she believes that this incident needs additional attention. Colleen's professor assures her that making her aware of the situation is the right thing to do. Her professor will contact the school counselor and think the worst in this situation? inform the counselor of Colleen's con-

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Also assissting in this ethical dilemma series was Irene Arellano, the end of practice not to ask Trevor a unit coordinator in the Teaching **Learning and Technology Center.** 

# Dog shouldn't be starved

STAFF EDITORIAL DAILY TARGUM (RUTGERS)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. - Nobody said art wasn't supposed to be controversial, but where does one draw the line between the avant-garde and base exploitation? Costa Rican born artist Guillermo "Habacuc" Vargas is helping us make the distinction between the artistic and the sadistic that much clearer. Vargas, who gained notoriety for a Nicaraguan exhibit in August of 2007 for tying a stray dog to a wall in an art gallery and starving it to death, believed his exhibition was a tribute to a Nicaraguan burglar who was killed in Costa Rica by two guard dogs.

When questioned about the exanimal is the focus of attention where it's in the street starving to death." He also explained that the dog had an ailment that caused it not to eat, stressing that it would have starved to death in the streets had it not been subjected to this cruel exhibition. But perhaps more disturbing is the fact that Vargas has been asked to repeat his exhibition at the Visual Arts Biennial of Central America in 2008.

Artists have been pushing the "message."

boundaries of censorship since the dawn of organized government, and it has recently become chic to advocate for complete artistic freedom of expression. However, freedom, to paraphrase President Bush, does not come without responsibility. In this vein, it seems ludicrous that such a blatant act of animal cruelty should be hailed as artistic — even more atrocious that the artist responsible should be asked to repeat this evil deed. Even if the argument could be made that the subject matter carries a potent political message, is it not the job of an artist to portray that message in a way that is aesthetically pleasing? No one would object had Vargas simply painted the image of the dying dog, or possibly portrayed it artificially on video.

Not to get caught up in wild projechibit, Vargas told reporters, "I won't say tions, but what's next? If murdering an the dog died. The importance to me is animal in public is classified as art these the hypocrisy of the people where an days, how long before someone abducts a homeless person and starves them people come to see art but not when to death to call attention to the global poverty epidemic? But, to be fair to the artist, who arguably deserves some measure of freedom of expression, we would invite him to consider the following compromise: don't impose your creative sentiments on others who are helpless to resist, but put your money where your mouth is. Try starving yourself in the name of art for a few days and see if you still feel as strongly about your supposed

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# **ODDBALL DAILY**

# 'Beautiful bulldog' excels at sleeping

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Buddy is a sleeping beauty: Reddish brown, he's usually asleep on his back, snoring loudly with his large tongue lolling

He was wide-awake Monday, though, when he was crowned winner of a "Beautiful Bulldog" contest.

"He doesn't have a good stamina to him ... he's been laying around all winter," said George DuBois from Ankeny, Iowa, who owns Buddy with his wife, Cindy. "Just in the last 10, 15 days we've done some walking. We've been getting in shape for this."

The DuBois' 3-year-old dog was among 50 bulldogs from mostly Midwestern states who came to compete. The beauty contest honors Drake University's mascot and one of the events leading up to the Drake Relays, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious track and field competitions.

"I'm so excited. I didn't think he had what it took to get it," said Cindy DuBois. "His mom is back home and she won't know what to think when he comes home with all this good stuff."

Buddy competed unadorned, unlike many of his rivals. They dressed up as fairy princesses, rock stars, cheerleaders, bumblebees and even Snow White and Mr. T.

Bella Star of Elmwood, Ill., had her nails painted red and wore a Hawaiian lei, pink bikini top and a grass skirt. The skirt slipped off as she strutted down the "dogwalk" before the judges.

"We felt this best represented her personality," said owner Amanda Price. "She's very fun-loving, high-spirited."

Buddy panted heavily as he sat on his throne, getting used to his new crown and cape as photographers snapped his picture. On Saturday, he'll ride in a golf cart at Drake Stadium before about 18,000 spectators.

"I don't think he really wants attention all that much ... he wants to be with people," said George DuBois. "He's just a rascal."

# Woman finds alligator in kitchen

OLDSMAR, Fla. (AP) — Some people get jittery about mice in the kitchen. Authorities say 69-year-old central Florida woman found an 8-foot long alligator prowling in her kitchen late Monday night.

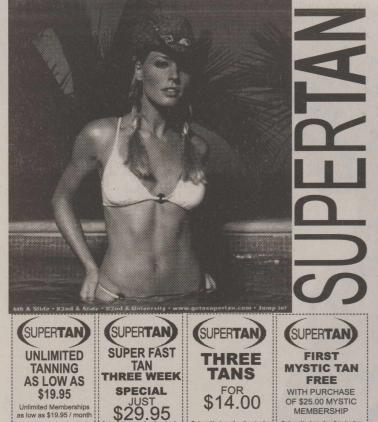
Sandra Frosti says the gator must have pushed through the back porch screen door and then went inside through an open sliding glass door at her home in Oldsmar, just north of Tampa. It then apparently strolled through the living room, down a hall and into the kitchen.

A trapper with Animal Capture of Florida removed the alligator, which was cut by a plate that was knocked to the ground during the chaos. But no one inside the house was injured.

# Panel blocks anti-droopy pants bill

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A state Senate panel rejected a bill on Tuesday that would make it a crime to wear one's pants too low, even as Cajun-country towns around Louisiana have been banning saggy pants

Sen. Derrick Shepherd's bill would have made it illegal to wear, in public, clothing that "intentionally exposes undergarments or intentionally exposes any portion of the pubic hair, cleft of the buttocks or genitals." Violators would have faced a fine of up to \$175 and eight days of community service.



# Foster care could be wrenching for Texas sect children

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CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE

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lives. Most were raised on garden- ranch. grown vegetables and twice-daily long dresses and buttoned-up shirts Coliseum and will be placed in 16 swagger, and are there because they from another century. They are temporary faciliunfailingly polite.

The 437 children taken from — some as far the polygamist compound in West away as Houston, Texas are being scattered to group 500 miles off homes and boys' and girls' ranches until individual across the state, plunged into a custody hearings culture radically different from the can be held. community where they and their families shunned the outside world ings could result as a hostile, contaminating influing a number of ence on their godly way of life.

The state Children's Protective children could be Services agency said it chose foster placed in permahomes where the youngsters can nent foster care; be kept apart from other children some parents who

"We recognize it's critical that may win custody; these children not be exposed to some youngsters mainstream culture too quickly may be allowed or other things that would hinder to return to the their success," agency spokeswoman ranch in Eldora-Shari Tulliam said. "We just want do; and some may

The children were swept up

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Many that believes in marrying off underage They must pray twice a day. They tend care facilities have been briefed on the sentially home-schooled all their of physical and sexual abuse at the are exceedingly polite, always saying she said.

The youngsters are being moved

ties around Texas

Those hearpossibilities: Some have left the sect

neglect. We're not trying to change and will be allowed to choose their behave." own fates.

in a raid earlier this month on compound must wear pioneer-style the Yearning for Zion Ranch run dress and keep their hair pinned up by the Fundamentalist Church of in braids, reflecting their standards of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, modesty. For the same reason, they a renegade Mormon splinter group have little knowledge of pop culture.

"please" and "thank you."

have used drugs attorney Gary Banks said. or committed other crimes.

Experts and the sect chil- ranch.

and are suddenly them. thrust into mainstream culture. There's going to be problems," said Susan Hays, who represents a toddler in the custody case. "They are a throwback

to the 19th cento protect them from abuse and turn 18 before the case is complete tury in how they dress and how they

> Ken Driggs, an Atlanta lawyer Children raised on the FLDS has long studied and written about the FLDS, said that if kept away from children may begin to emulate those around them.

Tulliam said the temporary foster because of their differences.

of the children have seen little or girls to older men. State child-welfare vegetable gardens and raise dairy cows, children's needs. "We're not going to no television. They have been es- authorities said there was evidence and must eat fresh food. And they have them in tank tops and shorts,"

Authorities will try to obtain the In contrast, many other children youngsters' traditional clothing from prayers with family. They frolic in out of the crowded San Angelo in foster care have a certain worldly their parents, and also arrange for visits from some of the adults, state

> In addition, CPS has sent instructions to the foster homes to feed the youngsters fresh fruits and vegetables, lawyers say foster chicken, rice and other foods that may care will change have been grown on the 1,700-acre

"They don't eat a lot of processed "These chil- food and we're not going to encourage dren who have that," Tulliam said, but noted that if lived in a very the children want to eat processed insular culture or junk food, no one is going to stop

Those who cling to the old traditions may pose another problem for the state — they might run away. Driggs said polygamists' children have fled foster homes before because "they want to go home, and they want to go to people and circumstances they're

The children have been educated in a schoolhouse, using a home-school curriculum, on the compound, and may actually be ahead of public-school students their ages, lawyers said.

Hays and Tulliam said the children will continue to be home-schooled their parents' culture long enough, the - by the temporary foster-care providers instead of being thrown into big schools, where they could be bullied



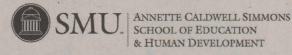


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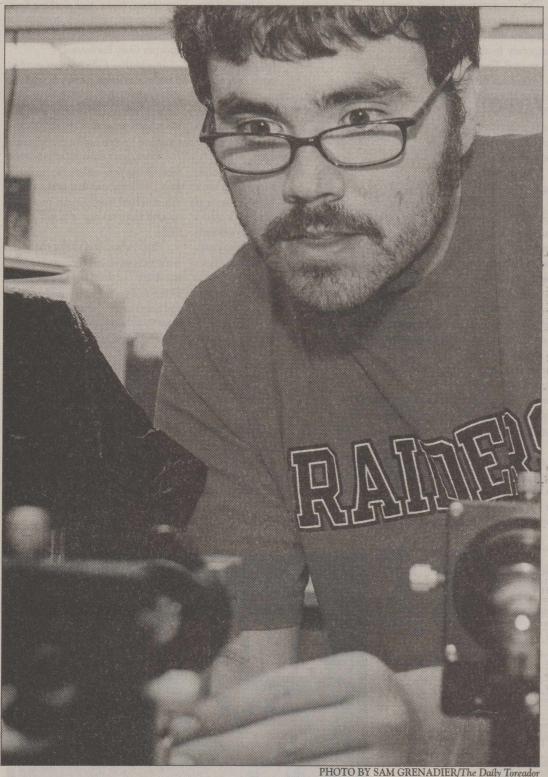


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SEAN BURROWS, A graduate student from Littleton, Mass., aligns a laser Wednesday afternoon in a spectroscopy lab in the Chemistry building. Spectroscopy is the study of the interaction between light and matter.

# ASME gives Tech, Lubbock good name

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

Students may have attended their award-winning tailgates, seen them running in Relay for Life or building new animal shelters at the Haven.

The Texas Tech chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers has striven to build a respectable reputation and spread its main concern: to promote the in-depth coverage of mechanical engineering technology and its interpretation to the general public.

Three years ago, the society need for leadership and commitment, along with members.

ASME Internal Vice President Richard Borge, a senior mechanical engineering major from Plano, reflected on his three years of membership.

"I joined ASME to have a lot of freedom and improve the recognition of our department and school,"

Since 2005, Borge said he has seen an increase in members and officers.

"We have about 25 officers now and over 150 members," Borge said. "I'd say 1 in every 5 engineering students is involved in ASME."

The organization actively is recruiting members through presentations to freshmen engineering classes, networking at job fairs and by offering incentives to attend meetings — such as a \$500 scholarship for textbooks each semester and company networking beyond job fairs.

Members can receive a plethora of benefits ranging from member rates for short courses, publications was led by only one officer, and it and out-of-state conferences to an remained very small. There was a ASME group insurance program and car rental discounts.

> Because ASME is a national organization — led by members in professional and collegiate levels — its members strongly are encouraged to participate in community-service activities. College-level chapters compete to earn the most points for their contributions, which are based on the number of individuals and their time spent volunteering. Tech's ASME chapter won an award this year for exceeding its maximum

number of points.

"We really went above and beyond, this year," Borge said.

ASME participated in a variety of events, including donating food to the South Plains Food Bank, raffling off an Xbox that raised \$1,785 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and building set pieces for the Lubbock State School formal.

One of ASME's biggest events is hosting the Mechanical Engineering Showcase Banquet. The sold-out banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Bank Room of the United Spirit Arena.

The event is a showcase of the mechanical engineering department and recent achievements that will recognize the donors of ASME and those who have given to the department.

Chancellor Kent Hance, the keynote speaker, will address his goal of expanding Tech's population, especially within the College of Engineering. Also, he will speak about the topics of what it means to be a Tech grad and what a company will expect from the individual.

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# Bear from movies turns on handler in Calif., killing him

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — When friends Linda Carter and Cherrie Giles booked a three-day retreat in a remote cabin in the San Bernardino training center nearby.

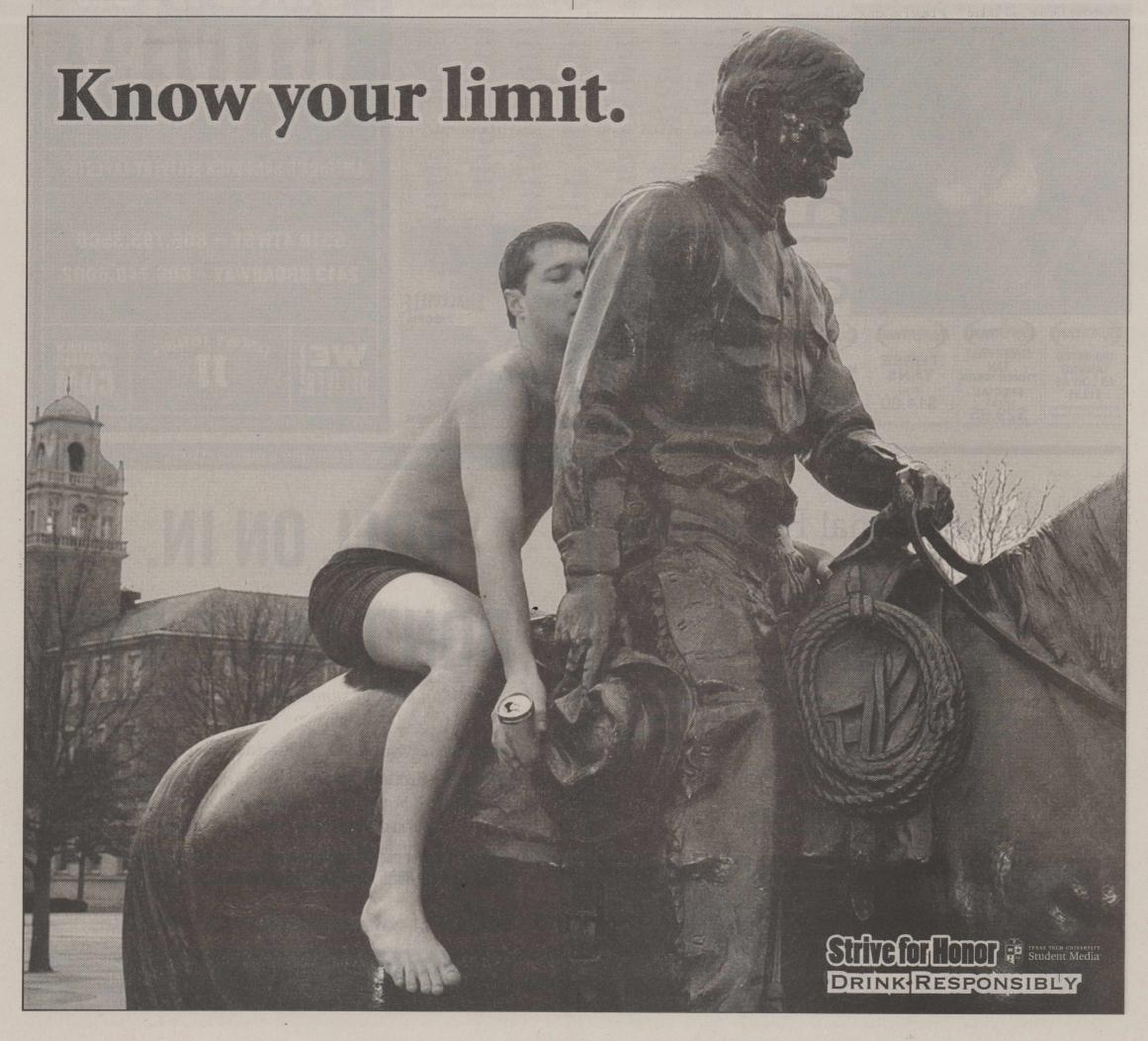
The women fell asleep to the roars the first night, but on Tuesday neighbors tried to make sense of

they were startled by different sound — an urgent yell. About 30 minutes later, sirens wailed as paramedics rushed to an animal trainer who Mountains, the proprietor told them had been bitten on the neck by not to be startled by the roar of lions a 700-pound, 7½-foot-tall grizzly and bears from the exotic-animal bear. Stephan Miller, 39, died at the scene.

On Wednesday, friends and

the attack, which from all accounts involved a well-trained and gentle bear and an experienced animal

"We heard a man yell; it was like he was yelling for help," Giles said of the attack. "We knew something was going on, but we didn't know what it was. Our dogs were going crazy."



# Digital campaigns attract young voters

By KATELYN POLANTZ THE PITT NEWS (U. PITTSBURGH)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — It's time to tune in to the next episodes of "The Apprentice," "Survivor," "The Real World," "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and ... the Pennsylvania primary?

Democratic presidential candidates Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama are the bitter enemy housemates, locked in what seems like a fight to the death — or at least until August — in this long-running reality TV show. Republican de facto candidate Sen. John McCain is lying low until the finale, gearing up to face his rival once their race is sorted out.

But there's one character in the mix whose innocence has been overrated and whose rising star power might give the final answer in the presidential election: the young voter.

As much as this election cycle is a TV saga of its own, it's the viewers tuning in on the Internet who are turning its wheels. The Obama campaign, in particular, has capitalized on the strong tie between technology and youth.

"Young people aren't in front of the TV at noon, 6 and 11. Instead, the sound bites, bloopers, blunders are all online," said Khari Mosley, 32, the national field director of the non-partisan League of Young Voters. The league works to engage young people, particularly those from minority groups who haven't come out to vote in the past.

"Young people can follow the news cycle in the same way as before, but now it's a different medium

By CHARLY EDSITTY

THE LARIAT (BAYLOR U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas -

Dining Services are serving up a

new campaign, but don't expect a

off Earth Week Monday and partici-

pated in a "tray-less" day, which is

a part of their pledge to make more

from using a tray to carry their food

in order to help curb excess food

waste and decrease the amount of

garnered mixed emotions from

both students and staff dining in

Memorial. Some didn't mind the

change and others thought it was

It's harder to carry things when

you don't have a tray," associate

professor of economics Charles

that this action would make much

gains to Aramark, with a (smaller)

water bill and less food waste, are

North said he wasn't even sure

"It's not obvious to me that the

"It was definitely inconvenient.

Going tray-less during lunch

Students were asked to refrain

Memorial Dining Hall kicked

tray to come with that.

earth-friendly choices.

water used to wash them.

an annoyance.

North said.

difference.

No trays for lunch crowd at Baylor

but the same info," said Mosley.

Video clips "Obama Speech: A More Perfect Union," which shows Obama's speech from Philadelphia last month on race in America, and "CBS exposes Hillary Clinton Bosnia trip," a segment from CBS News, rank at Nos. 4 and 16, respectively, for most viewed this month on the video-sharing website YouTube.

Since Black Eyed Peas member Will.i.am released the music video version of Obama's "Yes We Can" speech in February after the New Hampshire primary, the clip on YouTube has almost 13 million hits from its four top postings.

Taking advantage of the tech trend, the Obama campaign which is noted for capitalizing on the candidate's rhetoric of hope and inspiring unprecedented support from a young demographic - lured away one of Generation Y's Internet gurus.

Chris Hughes, who co-founded online hub Facebook with his Harvard roommates Mark Zuckerberg and Dustin Moskovitz, left the social-networking hotspot in February 2007 to work for Barack Obama's campaign as the online technology coordinator.

"Video has been one of our most valuable tools in the campaign," he said. Not only does the Obama campaign pride itself on a strong Web presence, the site has branched into a social networking site of its own, my.barackobama. com. There, users generate their own content on "how to vote, where to vote and how to get your friends involved," Hughes said.

worth it for the students, faculty

and staff that dine here," North

said. "It reminds me of hotels who

ask you to reuse your towel in order

to save the earth when the profit

line is a bigger motivator than sav-

Eagle Pass senior Judy Flores said

"It feels more like when I'm eat-

ing at home. I think it creates more

of an atmosphere of hominess," said

Flores. "I like how Baylor is trying

to incorporate being more green

and doing little things that may

not seem like a lot, but when you

add it all together it makes a big

for dining services, said in an e-mail

interview that going tray-less will

reduce the thousands of gallons of

water used to wash the 1.4 million

there are approximately 140

pounds of food wasted in our

residential dining locations.

Everyone is welcome to an all-

you-care-to-eat meal, but en-

couraging students to go tray-less

will reduce the tendency to fill

up a tray, thus reducing waste,"

"During peak dining hours,

Katie Tripp, marketing manager

ing the earth."

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trays per semester.

she enjoyed the change.

# **GOT FAJITAS?**



MARC BALDERAS, A junior civil engineering major from Lubbock with SHPE, supports Breed Love and the 'Feed Me' campaign by donating for fajitas outside the Computer Science building Wednesday afternoon.

# Ying Yang concert cut short by college officials

**By KASI KANGARLOO** THE FLAT HAT (COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY)

Va. — Last Saturday, the Ying Yang Twins concert at the Lake Matoaka amphitheater was rescheduled to end at 10 p.m. instead of 11 p.m., after a decision made by Williamsburg City officials and College of at 10 p.m. William and Mary officials.

According to Jeanna Occhiogrosso '08, University Center Activities Board Music chair, the first late Friday, which included Conword of the decision to reschedule was passed onto UCAB at 11 a.m. Saturday morning by Mark Constantine, director of Student Activities.

The reason for the sudden rescheduling was the city's noise curfew of 10 p.m., though the College has been allowed extensions stantine said. "This isn't the first

UCAB was forced to rescind on issues with the city." contractual obligations made to Down and the Ying Yang Twins, allotted performance times. The some performers. performance also had to start 10

that was largely out of our hands," Occhiogrosso said.

According to Constantine, (U-WIRE) WILLIAMSBURG, the sudden timing of the decision putting pressure on the College to such a request is made. were under the impression that the concert had been scheduled to end

city officials and College officials and Assistant to the President Michael Fox. They reached a decision to end the concert at 10 p.m. in accordance with the city's noise

"There was discussion before [this concert] about loudness," Contime we've had noise-ordinance

According to Constantine, the both Thao with the Get Down Stay amphitheater's outdoor location has been an issue for many residents the two musical groups performing because of the potential noise level Saturday, by cutting down their and the explicit lyrical content of

Occhiogrosso said that UCAB minutes earlier, at 7:50 p.m. instead has received letters from residents expressing protest over the explicit "It made UCAB look kind of lyrics of the Ying Yang Twins, spe-

sloppy, ... when it was a situation cifically because of the amphithe- between the College and the rapater's open atmosphere and close proximity to residents.

was due to a miscommunication end the concert at 10 p.m.," Oc-City Council member Paul Freil-

ing '83 said the council has had The discovery of the conflict no formal or informal discussion was followed by a meeting between regarding the outdoor location of the amphitheater.

about the performances," he said.

pers' management a week before the concert. The artists have a "The City Council had been prearranged show in the event that 'If we were at William and Mary

between Williamsburg City Police chiogrosso said. Constantine stated Hall, not outdoors, we would have and College officials. City police that "there wasn't so much pressure most assuredly done the [explicit] show," Constantine said.

Constantine added that the College made the decision to end the show early in consideration of city residents.

'We're growing with [the am-"I haven't heard a single com- phitheater]; we've got to work stantine, City Manager Jack Tuttle plaint from any single resident between the College and the city," Constantine said. "We have to Explicit portions of the Ying make sure that we're advocating for Yang Twins' show were edited out students, but that we're also in tune after an agreement was reached with town-gown relations."



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# Women's tennis prepares for Oklahoma in Big 12 Tournament

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's tentoday.

homa (11-11, 4-7) in the opening round of the Big 12 Tournament

Tech enters the tournament as 7-3 overall in conference. the No. 9 seed; Oklahoma is the

The Red Raiders finished the season losers of four-straight.

The Sooners beat Tech 5-2 in to the match.

"If we had a match that we different spots. would like to play over, one of those matches would be against OU," she to the No. 2 spot for the first time >> kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

portunity, and we are gonna take full presented troubles for van der Drift, advantage of it."

Doubles play has been a bright after going 15-7 last season. nis team has a shot at redemption spot for the Red Raiders as they have won their last three doubles points, The Red Raiders (11-11, 4-7 in bringing the total to 12 on the sea-Big 12 Conference play) face Oklason, The last time Tech played Oklason, The last time Tech played Oklason homa, it took the doubles point.

at 10 a.m. today in College Station Samantha van der Drift rose to No. and you compare our roster to some at the George P. Mitchell Tennis 41 in the nation after finishing con- of the other teams in the Big 12, we ference play 6-3 in the No. 1 spot, don't have — a lot of (our) players

> The Red Raiders, however, recently have struggled in singles beating or competing very hard with play, winning just two of their last some of those players." 24 singles matches.

their last meeting April 13, which lineup this time around as Durham her team confidence heading into Tech coach Cari Groce said is a will play in the No. 1 singles spot for the Big 12 Tournament. reason her team is looking forward the first time this season. Durham is 19-10 on the year, playing from four team is fighting right now," she

The move bumps van der Drift of anybody.

said. "We've been granted that op- this season, as well. This season as she posted a 7-14 singles record

> Groce said she is pleased with her team's effort, regardless of the final outcome of matches.

"I think we're fighting," she said. "I think that they're working as hard The duo of Janet Durham and as they can. If you look at our roster are players that weren't recruited by some of the top schools. Yet they are

The team will not back down The Sooners will face a different from anyone, which Groce said gives

"I'm very proud of the way this



said. "We are not gonna take it off TEXAS TECH JUNIOR Samantha Van Der Drift returns a serve from Texas A&M's Elze Potgieter earlier this season at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Red Raiders look to make a run in the Big 12 Tournament today.

# Dirk, Mavs figure things can't get worse against Hornets

has it all figured out.

climbing out of an 0-2 hole against the Mavericks have to do is get on the 32 points and 17 assists. court Friday night in front of their home fans.

means getting more physical on both Scott said. ends of the court.

play better defense and hit a few more open shots.

needing to contain Chris Paul, needing to find ways to turn Jason Kidd other doomsday scenarios. into the playmaker he's supposed to be and needing a reliable second option crossroads. on offense.

ketball-related issues, Nowitzki repeatedly returned Wednesday to the notion that being back in Dallas \_ last season, wasting a 67-win regular where the Hornets haven't won since season, and halfway toward getting and avoid a first-round matchup with January 1998 \_ will cure all that ails swept in the first round this year.

shots and actually get some stops \_ we opponents."

should be all right.' Dallas led by the opener by 12 at time guys reached reporters. halftime, but it's been all New Orleans

The Hornets wound up taking home where we are loved, away from

DALLAS (AP) \_ Dirk Nowitzki Game 1 by 12, then doubled the mar- all of that voodoo down there in New gin in Game 2. The real eye-popping Orleans." Then he echoed Nowitzki's To snap out of their funk, and start numbers have been put up by Paul, who went from 35 points and 10 assists cheered by their fans and about a New Orleans Hornets, all the Dallas in the first playoff game of his career to Game 3 win changing everything.

OK, he acknowledged, they also the best six quarters we've had all strange that a team filled with finalsneed to "play in attack mode," which season long," Hornets coach Byron tested veterans would have to learn

Nowitzki is right about how much And it would be great if they could of a different one win could make. Being down 2-1, but coming off a win, is a world apart from being down 3-0 Turning to specifics, he mentioned and hearing talk build about blowing up the team, firing the coach and all

Since being up 2-0 to the Miami But despite all those pesky, bas- Heat in the 2006 NBA finals, Dallas has lost 10 of its last 12 playoff games. The skid includes a first-round sweep

"The guys are not happy with the that game. "We've got to believe that," he way they've played," coach Avery said. "I think if we win on Friday, Johnson said. "They came in this then everything will already look a lot morning and I saw some angry looks, better. Right now, it doesn't look that but I hope we take that disappointgood. But if we do all the things we ment and controlled anger into pracdid at home all year long \_ that's play tice tomorrow and iron out a couple by winning Friday and Sunday, then together, push the ball, make some of things and then take it out on our returning home to get ready for the

The anger seemed to subside by the

Perpetually upbeat Jason Terry came out smiling "because we are back

themes about the comfort of being

Kidd talked about "taking a page "The last six quarters on both from them in understanding to keep ends of the court have probably been attacking." The logic is fine, but it's about playoff poise from a group of postseason novices.

> "You can always play with passion and have fun with it," Kidd said. "We just need to relax, we're at home, and use that to our advantage."

The last time the Hornets played in Dallas was the season finale. They were The Mavs are at that kind of a pulling way in the second half until Kidd and Terry fueled a 32-8 surge.

Although New Orleans was locked into the No. 2 seed, the Hornets went all out to beat the Mavs to keep open the chance of drawing Denver in the first round. Dallas went all out to win the Lakers. Nowitzki even said so after

New Orleans players had some fun using those quotes as bulletinboard material coming into the series. Now they can have even more fun second round.

Paul insists the Hornets aren't thinking about a sweep. They just want to keep doing all those things on Nowitzki's list of frustrations.

"The best part about it is we won two games, but at the same time it means absolutely nothing," Paul said. "It's the first team to four."

# Jones thrilled with how things stack up for Cowboys in draft

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jerry

which means lavish trade bait. key player from the NFC's top- in the postseason since 1996.) seeded team last season.

potentially franchise-altering decisions in the first round, seven minutes in the second round.

"If there is anything I can do, it's make a quick decision," Jones said, smiling wide and winking. "I left out several other (decision-making) aspects, but I can make a quick one."

Wheeling and dealing built the fortune Jones used to buy the Cowboys and he's kept at it in the NFL. Sure, the former oil wildcatter has hit plenty of dry holes on draft day, but he keeps coming back for more.

Consider how he snagged this year's bonus first-rounder.

Dallas had the No. 22 pick last year and Brady Quinn was land take him in exchange for the Browns' top pick in '08, figuring the Browns would struggle with a rookie quarterback and he'd have a single-digit pick

Alas, Dallas wound up right expensive picks in the top 10. Jones is soooo in his element at \_ back at No. 22. The Cowboys also have No. 28, their own selection, as He has two first-round picks, a reward for going 13-3 last season. ever liked it better." (There's no punishment for losing His depth chart is already their first playoff game, only the

And, perhaps best of all, the thrilled to have two picks in the cause the dollars were doable with clock will be ticking faster than bottom-third of the first round, those kinds of picks there at that ever \_ just 10 minutes to make calling them a better value than the particular time.

"I do like our spot," Jones said. "I don't think of a time that I've

"We had three No. 1s going in loaded, returning nearly every ongoing shame of not having won in '91," Jones said. "That was good stuff in those times. I'd like to put Ever the optimist, Jones is that one right with (this one) be-

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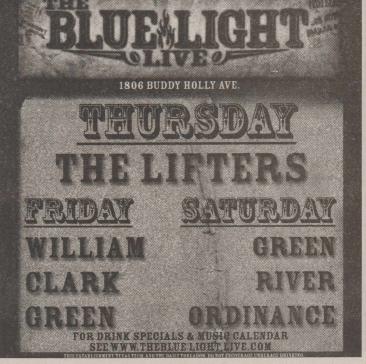


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# Tech track heads for Drake Relays, Oklahoma Invitational

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track team will visit a place today where it wants to end up, come June.

The Red Raiders begin this week's task at the Drake Relays today through Friday in Des Moines, Iowa. They also travel to the Oklahoma Invitational Friday in Norman, Okla. The Drake Relays are being conducted at the same place the NCAA Championships will be June 11.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said just because the Drake Relays are where the national championships happen later this season, there will be more competition that

PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador usually does not TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Cast looks to continue gaining NCAA regional marks heading into the Drake Relays.

said. "That's national ships

> think you're going to see people at that meet this year that haven't been coming. They want to get on the national track, throws areas and jumps. I think it's going to be one of competitive Drake Relays ever. It's mostly because of nationals being there."

The Drake Relays have a wide range of schools

In the men's 110M petition-wise."

"Drake is going to have some hurdle event, Tech's Shawon Har-Kentucky and Big 12 Conference performances. foe Nebraska.

and Tennessee, among others.

Cast won the javelin event at better mark." the McDonnell Invitational last weekend with a throw of 210 feet, not only has the title as a con-5 inches.

will be to become accustomed to the team. the best Drake Relays, most a place they hope to visit again, after today's Drake Relays.

held there this year, a lot of good throwers are going to be there this weekend just to become familiar scheduled to represent with the place," Cast said. "I think it's going to be a great meet, com-

Tech's javelin thrower Mike hasn't been that well there," Cast will face competitors from Cast said. "It varies from, I guess, everything. Hopefully I can get a

The Oklahoma Invitational ference meet, but also is a good Cast said many athletes' goals opportunity for some athletes on

Kittley said he hopes the Oklahoma Invitational will provide an "Since nationals are going to be opportunity for some of his athletes their skills before Big 12 Championships arrive.

kids to Oklahoma," he said. "I think it'll be warm there. Hope-

The weather in Des Moines fully you'll get to see more kids that fabulous people there," Kittley ris and Jansen Hyde are scheduled could be a factor, as it is unknown are kind of marginal, those fourthalso where to run against athletes from schools what type of weather the Red Raid-through eighth-place kids at the such as Wisconsin, Arizona State, ers will see and if it will affect their conference meet. They're going to have another chance to prove "As far as the weather goes, themselves and get a little more in fit shape to go to Big 12."

The women's discus throwers Florida, Mississippi, Minnesota week to week. Fronts come in and have been working steadily on polishing and improving this week in effort to prepare for the competition that lies ahead.

> Patience Knight said technique is one of the most important aspects of improving, heading into this weekend's meets.

"We'll probably have OK competition this weekend," she said. "I think the biggest thing is for us to continue to polish or improve to train and to get in some good practice and to fix some things technically. This is kind of a fix-it 'We're taking the rest of the meet to help us to get ready for the bigger competition."

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# Titans agree to trade Pacman to Cowboys

nessee Titans finally washed their Cowboys," Dalrymple said. hands of suspended cornerback him to the Dallas Cowboys.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dal- Dalrymple said. rymple confirmed the teams had an agreement, but no terms had involved a fourth-round draft been filed with the NFL office, pick this weekend which already had closed for the and another in 2009

The Titans also confirmed the son. The Titans would pay deal, adding that terms had to be back that selection in finalized. The team had no further 2009 if Jones is not reincomment beyond a two-sentence stated for this season.

e-mail. specifics of the trade.

we have agreed in principle with contract upon any trade. the Tennessee Titans on a trade

He declined to say who or Adam "Pacman" Jones on Wednes- what the Cowboys might give up day, agreeing in principle to trade in the trade. Specifics likely will and Cowboys struggled to agree on four career interceptions came in be announced Thursday or Friday, compensation for someone who 2006 as he helped the Titans to

ESPN.com reported the deal

if Jones plays this sea-

Dalrymple declined to discuss mediately return messages from to tell him the league wouldn't The Associated Press, also had consider reinstatement him until "What I can confirm is that vowed to rework the cornerback's prior to the opening of training The latest reclamation project was

Tennessee gave Iones permis-

IRVING (AP) - The Ten- that will bring Adam Jones to the sion to talk to other teams weeks player drafted in 2005, sixth ago, and the cornerback had been overall out of West Virginia, and barred from working out on their he easily was Tennessee's best property in February. The Titans defender in 2005 and 2006. His

> hadn't played since December an 8-8 record. 2006 but has been in the news

rests since being touchdowns.

Jones' agents, who did not im- lanta strip club prompted the NFL camps in July.

· He also led the NFL in puntrepeatedly for his off-field return average in 2006 with conduct and six ar- 12.9 yards per return and three

The Cowboys are interested Jones was suspended in Jones, baggage and all, for in April 2007 for that his skills at cornerback and as a off-field conduct, and a dynamic kick returner. Both posi-January visit to an At- tions are among the team's biggest weaknesses.

Also, the club has had success straightening out troubled players. Tank Johnson, who signed during He was the first defensive the 2007 season while he was still suspended.

# UT's Augustin, Abrams declare for NBA draft

Augustin is declaring for the NBA draft, and Texas teammate A.J. Abrams is headed with him.

The Longhorns lost their All-America point guard Wednesday committal in his announcement. when Augustin announced he first-round pick.

"I have dreamed of playing in back for my senior year." the NBA since I was a little boy, dream," Augustin said.

points and 5.8 assists as a sophomore, has not hired an agent. That leaves him the option of changing his mind before the June 26 draft, though there is no

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — D.J. indication that he would do so.

Abrams, a junior, also declared himself eligible Wednesday for the draft. But the 5-foot-11 guard, who has also not hired an agent, was less

"Right now, I have the opportuwould skip his final two seasons nity to test the waters to see where I at Texas and enter the NBA draft, stand," Abrams said. "If I'm comfortwhere he is widely considered a able with where I feel I'll be drafted, I'll stay in the draft. If not, I'll be

Texas was likely to garner serious and I am ready to start living this consideration as a preseason No. 1 next year had both Augustin and Augustin, who averaged 19.2 Abrams returned, thereby leaving the Longhorns starting lineup intact. Now, the Longhorns are faced with replacing their backcourt and top two scorers.

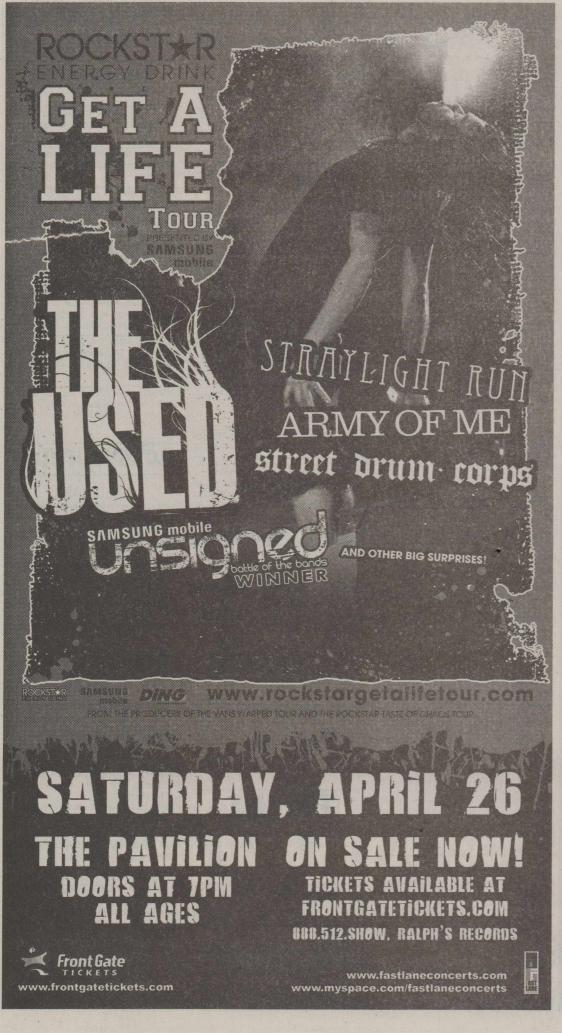
> The Longhorns won a schoolrecord 31 games, a share of the Big 12 regular season championship and advanced to the NCAA regional finals before losing to Memphis.

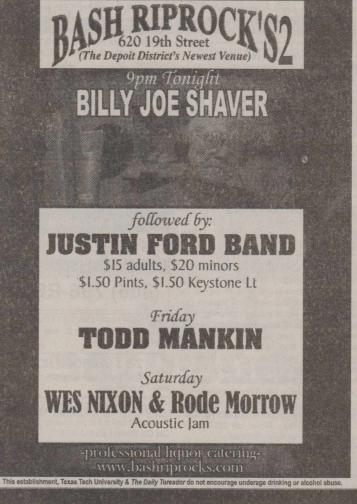
> Augustin won the Bob Cousy Award as college basketball's top point guard. Abrams averaged 16.5 points a game and led Texas in 3pointers with 118 last season.

Augustin joins an impressive lineup of former Longhorns who departed early for the NBA in recent years: T.J. Ford, Daniel Gibson, LaMarcus Aldridge, P.J. Tucker and Kevin Durant all have bolted since 2003, depleting the program of its most talented players.

"We are so thankful for the opportunity to have been around an individual like D.J. for the last two years," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "As good as he is on the basketball court, D.J. is an even better person off the court."

Overshadowed by Durant as a freshman, Augustin evolved not only from a great passer but to a solid scorer as well during his sophomore season. But where Durant was the No. 2 pick overall last year, Augustin's status draft status is not quite as clear.





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\$500 **WEEKLY IN** CASH PRIZES!

GRAND PRIZE: \$1500 CASH &

A TRIP TO THE PLAYBOY MANSION!

CONCERT SPECIAL:

\$2.75 COORS LIGHT & \$3.25 CROWN ROYAL

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