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## (IN BRIEF)

### STATE

#### 31 of 53 girls at FLDS ranch pregnant or had baby

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — More than half the teen girls taken from a polygamist compound in west Texas have children or are pregnant, state officials said Monday. A total of 53 girls between the ages of 14 and 17 are in state custody after a raid 3½ weeks ago at the Yearning For Zion Ranch in Eldorado. Of those girls, 31 either have children or are pregnant, said Child Protective Services spokesman Darrell Azar. Two of those are pregnant now, he said; it was unclear whether either of those two already have children.

### NATION

#### 1 dead, 100 injured in possible tornadoes

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Authorities say one person has died and at least 200 injured as severe storms cut through central and southeastern Virginia. Suffolk city spokeswoman Dana Woodson says the death occurred when two apparent tornadoes passed through the city Monday afternoon. Bob Spieldenner from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management says at least 200 others were injured in Suffolk. Spieldenner says at least 18 others were injured in Colonial Heights.

### WORLD

#### Blast during Gaza fight kills mother, 4 children

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An explosion shattered a tiny Gaza Strip house as Israeli troops battled militants Monday, killing a Palestinian woman and four of her children in new bloodshed that threatened efforts to arrange a truce between the warring sides. Palestinians said the house was hit by an Israeli tank shell; Israel said explosives being carried by militants blew up and brought down the two-room structure.

### DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## 4 soldiers killed; militants shell Green Zone

By SLOBODAN LEKIC  
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BAGHDAD (AP) — Bombardments by suspected militants killed four U.S. soldiers Monday as troops tried to push Shiite fighters farther from the U.S.-protected Green Zone and out of range of their rockets and mortars. At least 44 American soldiers have been killed in Iraq in April, making it the deadliest month for U.S. forces since September. The U.S. military said three

soldiers were killed in eastern Baghdad by indirect fire, a reference to mortars or rockets. The statement did not give an exact location for the attack, but the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City has been the scene of intense fighting recently with Shiite militiamen. A fourth U.S. soldier was killed by a shell in western Baghdad, the military said. A showdown between the Iraqi government and the Mahdi Army — led by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr — has increasingly drawn U.S. forces into the battles. American

commanders are particularly focused on trying to curb a rise in mortar and rocket attacks on the Green Zone. At least three more salvos hit the Green Zone in central Baghdad, but there were no reports of injuries. In Sadr City — the stronghold of the Mahdi Army militia — U.S. soldiers battled deeper into the district a day after fierce clashes that killed at least 38 suspected militants, the military said. U.S. soldiers killed seven more extremists Monday after coming under small-arms fire in Sadr City, the military said. Four of the suspects were

killed in an airstrike and three others by an Abrams tank crew, according to a statement. On Monday, 30 Iraqi lawmakers from various political parties urged Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to end the monthlong confrontation, saying innocent civilians and children were the main victims of the fighting. "Yes, you can do it if you remember your own children," said a joint statement read by Mustafa al-Heeti, a Sunni member of parliament. "Your people (are) are demanding of you to intervene and solve the crisis peacefully."

Their appeal came after U.S. forces, backed by Abrams tanks and Bradley armored personnel carriers, fired on insurgents positions in Sadr City. The military said 38 militants were killed. Iraqi health officials said 58 people, including five children and eight women, were injured. The fighting erupted after militants took advantage of a sandstorm to unleash a barrage of 107 mm rockets and 82 mm mortar shells at the Green Zone, which includes the U.S. and British embassies and some key Iraqi government offices.

# GRAND GRADUATION

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Elleta Nolte has given birth to nine children and written a book about her former home, Ransom Canyon. Now the 89-year-old is working on a new goal: graduating from Texas Tech, 17 years after originally enrolling. What's more, she's graduating at the same time as her 25-year-old granddaughter, Rebecca Nolte. Elleta Nolte, a senior general studies major from Lubbock, said by attending Tech, she merely followed what has been a family tradition. "Six of our nine children graduated from Tech," she said. "After our sixth one graduated, I enrolled as a freshman in 1991 at the age of 72. I took 43 hours and then dropped out in 1993 to finish a book I was writing. I re-enrolled in 1998 at age 80." Elleta Nolte said she enrolled originally because of a new opportunity Tech offered at the time. "I wanted to go to college," she said, "and Tech came out with what they called Senior Academy, where you could enroll without taking any tests."

Rebecca Nolte, a senior creative writing major from Pampa, said she is proud of her grandmother's achievements. "I'm so excited for her," she said. "I'm more excited that she's graduating than I am excited that I'm graduating. We've worked it so that we're getting to sit together at graduation. I just feel really lucky because not everybody gets to do this." Because she is in outreach studies and takes all her courses online, Elleta Nolte said she never had classes with Rebecca Nolte, who takes live courses. Despite the differences in their educations, the two always have helped one another. "I feel honored to graduate with her," Elleta Nolte said. "She and I have encouraged each other to finish. We've not been sure we could finish together." Rebecca Nolte said graduation day will be more meaningful than she can put into words. "I feel like it will

be akin to my wedding day," she said. "I tell everyone now that my grandmother's graduating. I'm just so proud. I feel like a parent bragging on a kid." Elleta Nolte said age is no reason to avoid going to college. "Who originated the idea that mainly the young should attend college?" she asked. "Youth has no real advantage to learning, for we oldsters have experience and insight they lack. We can relate a new concept to a fact we already know. As our age goes up, so can our confidence and our capacity for concentration. And many of us have tolerance, objectivity and are more open-minded than the very young." Despite being decades older than most of her classmates, Elleta Nolte said she never felt out of place. "I was accepted in college as just another student; I never felt any difference," she said. "I began a conversation with the others



PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador  
17 YEARS AFTER enrolling at Tech, Elleta Nolte will graduate with her granddaughter Rebecca Nolte.

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## University officials analyze the importance of GPAs

By JON VANDERLAAN  
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Grade point averages are one of the most widely used indicators of the success within a university or of individual students — but some Texas Tech faculty members see it as only a small portion of what should be used to measure success. Marjean Purinton, an assistant academic dean in the Honors College, said while GPAs give an indication of how a student is performing, all grading measurements are only partial. "There are just some things we can't measure," Purinton said. "How do you measure learning about yourself? How do you measure learning about the human condition?" The Honors College has the highest GPA of all colleges at Tech, with a 3.66, but Purinton attributes that in part to the higher expectations placed on the students in the college as well as the selection process. Purinton said the faculty members in the Honors College try to maintain academic rigor without "blasting" GPA. "Well, I think students are driven by GPA," Purinton said. "We work really hard to try to help students understand that it's not the grade on the paper, but what you learn and what you

can do that's important." She said she hopes students leave the university feeling competent and confident. GPA is only one measurement of success, Purinton said, and if that is the only thing a future employer looks at, then it is an incomplete profile. "I think our society has gone nuts on GPA and SAT and GRE and those kinds of quantitative measurements," Purinton said, "which are only partial, and in some ways, flawed." In fall 2007, the GPA of the Honors College was the highest of any college on the university, according to information provided by Institutional Research and Information Management. On the other end of the spectrum, the College of Engineering had a 2.71 GPA for fall 2007. Jeff Woldstad, the senior associate dean for the College of Engineering, said the reason the GPAs in the college were much lower is because the difficulty of courses the students are required to take. Woldstad said engineering students must take calculus, chemistry, physics and all upper-level math and science courses early in

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## Colombian trade agreement could impact local economy

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EDITOR

While the rest of the nation may be experiencing an economic slow down, Lubbock and surrounding counties soon may be getting more bang for their buck. President George W. Bush is trying to push a U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement through Congress. As it stands now, Colombian imports into the United States enter the country duty free, which means there are no tariffs on them, whereas U.S. exports to Colombia face average tariffs of 14 percent, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Web site. "Colombia enjoys nearly free access to our marketplace, while our access to theirs remains limited," according to the Web site. "This trade agreement will fix this imbalance by building a mutually beneficial, reciprocal trade partnership." Local officials believe if the deal goes through, the positive results will be seen immediately. "Absolutely. Absolutely it will have an effect on Lubbock," said Norma Ritz Johnson, vice president of legislative affairs for the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. "All the

way around, the trade promotion levels the playing field." The trade promotion does not have only local supporters. The Latin America Trade Coalition is made up of more than 700 U.S. businesses that have banded together in support of the promotion. Some of the more prominent businesses on the list include Abercrombie & Fitch, Coca-Cola, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Fox News Corporation, General Electric, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., IBM, Hewlett-Packard Company, Hormel Foods Corporation, Kraft Foods, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Verizon Communications. If the agreement passes through Congress, the change to a duty-free two-way relationship will happen gradually. "Immediately, half of those imports will go duty free," Ritz Johnson said. "What it would do is provide a permanent duty-free relationship between the U.S. and Colombia with textile and agricultural exports." Lubbock-area businesses have closer ties to Colombia than one might think. The American Cotton Growers Denim Mill in Littlefield is not only the largest pro-

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## GPA

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their college career.

"I think if you looked at the grade point average for those courses," Woldstad said, "you'd see anyone who took those courses is really going to have a lower grade point average than the average."

He said the college does not attempt to boost GPA in particular, but they try to make students more successful.

One of the things the college is successful with, Woldstad said, is the quality of engineers they produce.

"If you compare Texas Tech to other schools in Texas, our engineers are very high in demand," Woldstad said. "They compare very well with the University of Texas and Texas A&M."

Many employers choose to come

to Tech because of the quality of the engineering students, he said, and the work ethic of the students at Tech is one of the things the college is known for.

Sean Duggan, the director of University Student Housing, said students who live on campus are more successful because of easy access to academic tools.

"It's just that community of learners — I just think makes it inevitable that students living on campus are going to be more successful than those living off," Duggan said.

The GPA for students living on campus is 3.081, and the GPA for students living off campus is 2.769, according to information provided by Institutional Research and Information Management.

Duggan said living on campus not only has a GPA advantage for students, but also there is a new and different learning environment for

incoming freshmen that allows them to be immersed in the Tech environment and culture.

"It just helps students realize that not every person on this planet is exactly like them," Duggan said.

The department also is creating new programs to ensure student success on campus, Duggan said.

Freshmen Interest Groups, or groups of 20 students living on the same floor and enrolled in two classes with each

semester, and there also will be a

new business learning community in the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Halls.

"We continue to try and improve and increase our learning communities," Duggan said.

Bill Marcy, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, said there is not much fluctuation in the GPA of students from year to year.

However, GPA consistently rises from the fall semester to the spring semester, which Marcy

said is because the students who do not make it to the spring semester may not be prepared.

"I would think it's probably because of the winnowing out that takes place during the fall of each year," Marcy said. "I think the student body in the spring has already survived a semester and they're going to do a little better."

But he said a better GPA does not necessarily make a university better than if it had a lesser GPA.

"I don't think it's a factor in looking at the success of the university," Marcy said. "It may tell you how well prepared your students are, and that may be an issue in terms of wanting to attract more academically well-prepared students."

DaNay Phelps, the senior administrator of University Academic Advising, said the main point of GPAs is that GPA is a factor in determining whether or not students graduate,

are accepted into graduate school or graduate with honors.

She said the university keeps a close eye on students who are on probation or are suspended, trying to find patterns in those students.

"That should certainly be something that would draw administrators' attention and say, 'What's going on here, people?'" Phelps said. "Let's talk about what's happening here, and is there something we need to do differently to support the students so that they can be successful?"

In recent years, she said, because of several programs started by the university, including a supplemental instruction program, more students are able to graduate in four years or less with a four-year degree plan.

Students also are registering for more hours, taking more hours and earning credits for those hours in greater numbers, Phelps said.

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## Colombia

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ducer of denim in the U.S., but it also does a majority of its business with Colombian textile mills.

"Colombia is important to us because a lot of American apparel companies use sewing and cutting operations in Colombia," said John Johnson, communications director with the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association. "A significant percentage of our denim production goes to Colombia."

Johnson said the denim mill currently operates under the Andean Trade Preference Act, which allows American produced denim manufactured in Colombia to re-enter the U.S. duty free.

"We need the Colombia FTA to replace that before it expires on Dec. 31," he said.

This also is a concern for the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance.

"If we don't get this free-trade agreement going, American companies are going to be paying a penalty," said Warren Warner, director of the foreign trade zone for LEDA.

Johnson said if the trade agree-

ment does not go through, the effects could be detrimental to the Littlefield economy.

"We employ 650 people in Littlefield," he said. "That denim mill is very important to the community."

The trade agreement could affect more than the 650 direct employees of the mill, Johnson said, as this has the potential to affect more than 2,000 jobs in the economy. Also, if the mill were to run at full production year-round, enough cotton would be processed to make 28 million pairs of jeans.

"Every U.S. textile job supports three other jobs in the economy," he said. "When you do the math, we're talking about having an impact on up to 2,000 people if we lose our business with Colombia."

Johnson expressed concern that if the free-trade agreement does not take the place of the Andean Trade Preference Act, business could be hurt seriously for the mill.

"If we don't get the Colombian FTA, it's going to make business much harder — to say the least," he said.

Several officials agree Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi most likely will block any action on the bill until after the November elections.

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## Clinton highlights Obama's objection to gas tax holiday

GRAHAM, N.C. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton criticized Barack Obama on Monday for opposing proposals to suspend federal gas taxes this summer, a plan she and Republican John McCain have endorsed. Obama didn't take the bait. He ignored Clinton and focused on McCain.

"My opponent, Senator Obama, opposes giving consumers a break from the gas tax," Clinton said at a firehouse. "I understand the American people need some relief," she added, implying that

Obama doesn't get it.

Obama has said motorists would not benefit significantly from suspending the gas tax.

"This is his solution to the problems of the energy crisis and your gas bills," Obama told several thousand at a noisy rally in Wilmington. "Keep in mind that the federal gas tax is about 5 percent of your gas bill. If it lasts for three months, you're going to save about \$25 or \$30, or a half a tank of gas."

The idea to suspend the 18.4 cent federal gas tax and 24.4 cent diesel

tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day was first proposed by McCain, the likely Republican presidential nominee, as a way to lessen the pain at the pump for consumers this summer.

Clinton said she would make up the lost revenue by imposing a "wind-fall profits tax" on oil companies.

"If we suspended it and made up the lost revenues, that's the best of both worlds," she said.

Clinton also picked up a prized endorsement. North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley, one of the superdel-

egates who are likely to choose the party's presidential nominee, was expected to announce his support for the former first lady on Tuesday. Clinton campaign chairman Terry McAuliffe told supporters about the endorsement Monday at a fundraiser in Charlotte.

Both Democrats canvassed the state Monday, pushing supporters to go to the polls early here and in Indiana before both states hold primaries on May 6. Obama is favored in North Carolina while the two are competing closely in Indiana.

## Some slept, some stood before deadly derailment in China

ZIBO, China (AP) — Some passengers were sleeping, but others were standing in the aisle waiting to get off when their high-speed train derailed, toppling into a ditch "like a roller coaster" and slamming into another train. At least 70 people died and more than 400 were injured.

China reacted swiftly to its

worst train accident in a decade, sending top officials and soldiers to Zibo, the site of Monday's pre-dawn crash in eastern China's Shandong province, and sacking two railway officials.

Authorities were quoted as saying that human error was to blame. The official Xinhua News Agency also said one of the trains was traveling too fast.

The crash occurred when a train headed from Beijing to the coastal city of Qingdao — site of the sailing competition during the Olympics in August — derailed and hit a second passenger train just before dawn. Nine of the first train's carriages were knocked into a dirt ditch, Railway Ministry spokesman Wang Yongping said in a statement.

News photos showed rescuers pulling passengers from a rail car sitting on its side. Survivors bundled in white bed sheets from the sleeper cars stood or sat near the wreckage. The death toll could rise, with 70 people hospitalized in critical condition, according to Xinhua.

Security was tight on the outskirts of Zibo with roads to the crash site sealed by police and other nearby roads lined with paramilitary and police vehicles.

A total of 420 people were hurt, Xinhua said. No foreigners were among the dead. Injured survivors included four French nationals, a coach from China's national sailing team and a 3-year-old boy.

The injured were scattered at hospitals throughout the region, and patient wards were quiet by Monday night. Ten people were forced to sleep in the hallway of the packed orthopedic surgery floor at Zibo Central Hospital, including a chubby teenage boy whose mother had rushed in from Beijing.

The woman, who was resting on a narrow cot next to her son's hospital bed, said she did not know details about the accident.

"My son just fell asleep, please don't wake him," she whispered, stroking his hand and refusing to answer any questions.

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# Credit cards pose dangers, benefits

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College students across the United States are familiar with credit card debt, and with the cost of higher education increasing, debt of any kind is not foreign to Texas Tech students, either.

However, much different from student loans taken out to cover expenses such as tuition, textbooks or housing, a growing number of students are using credit for luxury items.

Regardless of what credit is used to buy, Sergio Garcia, a coordinator for Red to Black at Tech, said he has seen many students using credit without credit card knowledge.

"Credit card companies are not always open about the details of the card," Garcia said. "Grace period, interest, potential fees, credit limit, just acknowledging the fact that you have to pay these things back—some people don't know that."

Merril Currier, branch manager of the Tech Federal Credit Union and recent Tech graduate, said she agrees credit cards are usually the best way to build credit. However, she sees many students struggling with credit because of a lack of education.

"Some finance or business majors know about how credit cards work, but others, even some adults, aren't," he said.

Garcia admits some students who

come into Red to Black for financial advice do not understand the basics of credit. However, he believes Tech students, overall, are well educated about money, though he suggests becoming more educated before applying for a credit card.

Looking back at his finances, Currier said he agrees he may have made some unnecessary purchases.

Garcia said that for a lot of people attending college, their first credit card comes from special promotion to students.

As a student teller at the Tech Federal Credit Union, Mindy Thomas said she applied for a credit card to receive a free T-shirt.

Currier said he recalls credit card companies offering students gifts in exchange for applying for credit while he was attending Tech. However, he never obtained a credit card this way.

Even though some students receive credit cards before leaving home for school, many students acquire cards through special promotions set up by banks or credit card companies. To a certain degree, Garcia said, credit card companies prey on college students.

"Honestly, they're an easy target," he said. "They are financially uneducated, and being that it's usually their first time away from home, they have no reason not to."

Banks and credit card companies encourage students to apply for credit

cards through special promotions that offer applicants free meals, T-shirts or other items. Marketing to students by offering incentives up front gives credit card companies a chance to grant credit to students who may not hesitate to charge without considering interest or additional fees.

Matt Ducatt, managing director of Student Union and Activities, said credit card companies are not given permission for grounds use at the university. However, credit card companies still manage to place promotional flyers on vehicles parked on campus, encouraging students to apply for credit cards.

When credit card companies operate in this manner, Garcia said he believes students do not take into account other issues surrounding credit.

"The big draw is not the credit card, but the freebies that come with it," he said. "They just see it as signing their name down on the list."

Tech FCU offers credit cards to Tech students without special gimmicks or promotions. Students applying for a credit card at Tech's FCU are encouraged to have a source of income, or have their parents co-sign on the account with them, according to information provided by the credit union. Doing so allows students to use a card with 11 percent interest, compared to the 18 or 19 percent Currier said he remembers having as a student

on his Bank of America card. Credit cards are a form of revolving debt, where the balance each month varies based on shopping activity from the previous month. Unlike installment debt, which has fixed payments, revolving debt will differ depending on what is charged from month to month.

Currier said revolving debt is a dangerous kind of debt, especially for students who have maxed out their credit cards. He believes it is easier for individuals to budget a set payment each month than to pay back money they have already spent.

Students who apply for credit to receive a free gift should be aware that applying for cards could still affect credit history negatively, even if the card is canceled before use. Students' credit history will follow them through adulthood and could lead to trouble purchasing a home or car, sometimes even being hired after graduation. As adults, individuals who have been delinquent with payments may face difficulty being approved for loans, or higher interest rates than someone with good credit history.

Being irresponsible with credit has far-reaching repercussions. Other than the fact that credit delinquency affects credit scores, students also should be aware of the growing problem of identity theft.

"If you have a lot of credit cards attached to your name, you're more likely to be a victim of identity theft," Garcia said, adding that the risk is even higher for students who frequently move, inevitably leaving

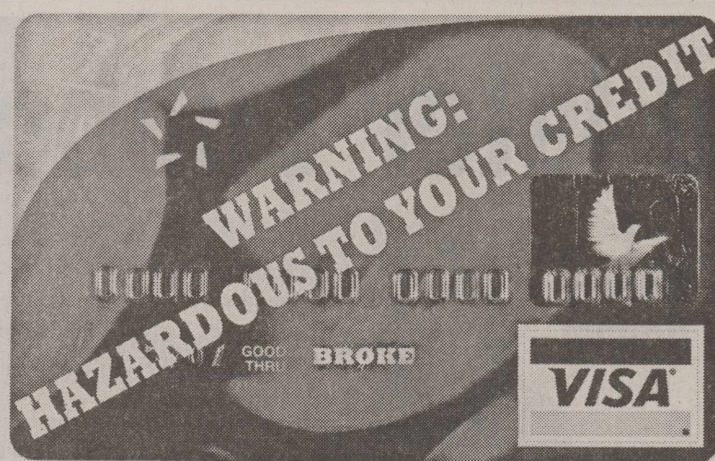


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mail behind that contains personal information.

There are a large number of students who feel that having a credit card is important to the process of establishing credit. However, there are other ways to establish credit.

"If you are mature and able to handle the responsibility of using credit, it's a good idea..." Garcia said. "If not, you should learn and understand the way credit works first."

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## Wildfire burns close to houses near LA; 1,000 people flee

SIERRA MADRE, Calif. (AP) — Crews overcame a threatening flare-up during the night and worked Monday to halt a wildfire northeast of Los Angeles that has sent 1,000 people fleeing their homes.

Water-dropping aircraft were back in the air Monday to complement ground crews as more than 580 firefighters attacked the blaze above homes in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Calmer wind and rising humidity were

expected to help, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Ed Gililland.

The blaze had charred 490 acres Monday, authorities said. Containment had fallen from 30 percent to 23 percent because the burst of wind during the night pushed flames past some containment lines and within yards of several houses. Firefighters watered down embers that drifted onto a few roofs.

Temperatures rose into the mid-80s before noon Monday.

"It's a hot day and these are

steep slopes," said Sierra Madre fire information spokeswoman Barbara Croonquist. "And the fact that it's so near the city makes it hard."

All Sierra Madre schools canceled Monday classes, and at least 1,000 people had evacuated their homes in the foothills. Authorities said no homes had burned since the fire began Saturday.

"This is pretty serious. Some of these areas have not burned in over 40 years," city spokeswoman Elisa Weaver said.

The blaze had been creeping northwest into the Angeles National Forest, Battalion Chief Tim Davis of the Forest Service said Sunday.

"It's very steep, inaccessible terrain, and it's very heavy brush," Davis said at a news conference. "Very difficult and arduous labor for these crews. You can't get bulldozers into the majority of where these fingers of fire run."

Two firefighters were treated for minor injuries, authorities said.

The blaze stranded 50 wedding party guests at a ranger station from Saturday until they were airlifted out by helicopter Sunday afternoon, Weaver said.

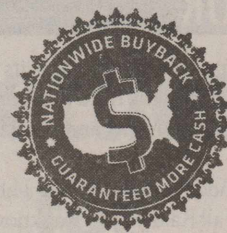
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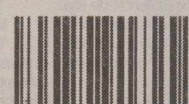
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## See you later Lubbock, Spain awaits me

Eight weeks after legendary quarterback Brett Favre announced his retirement from the Green Bay Packers, I too must leave my position with *The Daily Toreador*.

There may not be a weeping press conference for me to fully express how sad this realization makes me feel, but I've never been much for the public speaking or just expressing emotion in person, period.

Writing has always been the one avenue I could bare my soul best, or as one of my mother's best friends put it, where I "throw up on paper." In this, I hope I have provided a simple peek into an average Tech student's point of view, or sometimes lack thereof. I hope my writings were, if nothing else, entertaining to some.

My time with *The DT* and my position as first a columnist, then an editor and then a double editor, is what any other person might proclaim as a brilliant stroke of luck.

While it is true the circumstances that led to me working with *The DT* could best be described with words

**Britney Drumm**



such as "chance" or "serendipity," I have lived by the belief since I was a child that luck doesn't exist. Or in stealing an Obi-Wan Kenobi line, "In my experience, there's no such thing as luck."

I was working at my apartment as a leasing agent when I ran into my friend Trent Barnes, who was just moving into the same complex. I asked him how working as a photographer was going and also jokingly told him he should put in a word for me if there was a writing position open.

Days later, Trey Caliva called. I must say, I am first most indebted to Trey — or perhaps second, after dear Trent — who hired me without even a writing sample, on the advice

— or mention rather — of a close friend of mine. Another co-worker later would say he had a great sense of people and I suppose I could say that's true, without trying to sound pretentious.

I remember picking up the first paper of the fall semester to read his column so I could get an idea of what kind of bar was being set before me, and I am continually thankful for his role in the childhood of my columnist days.

The next person I am indebted to is my former co-worker — and current Joshua Lyman/Capt. Malcolm Reynolds wannabe — who was the first to ask me if I had a job, and upon hearing that I did, if I would be interested in having a second one.

I'm also indebted to Miss Alvin, who surely must have been apprehensive about hiring me with so little experience, mid-semester. For her to be so patient with me the first couple months and ultimately, in becoming one of my close friends, I am eternally grateful.

Like any job I have had, the greatest thing about it has been the people, who ultimately become like a family of sorts. We are most assuredly a group that would have no association with one another without our shared love for this paper, and I am thankful for each and every one of them.

I would list them all, saying how much they mean to me, but then I might ACTUALLY start crying ... and I really can't lose my rough exterior persona or street-cred. It also would turn this column into a 1,500 word sap-fest, of which I am aware nobody would want to be associated with — or read.

I have had four jobs prior to this one — kids camp counselor, community adviser, waitress, and as aforementioned, leasing agent — but working here was finally the first job where I was doing something that utilized my one marginally good skill and true joy in life — writing. I have other talents — most athletics, picking up small objects with my toes, being fluent in sarcasm, quoting Eddie

lizzard incessantly, Pictionary — but writing is the skill that ultimately has shaped what I want to do for the rest of my life, and my job here at *The DT* has further helped me confirm this, dare I say, dream.

Though technically I'm not graduating until December 2008, I will be studying abroad in Sevilla, Spain, for my final semester and truly the only thing that has made me apprehensive about going during that time was my love for this paper and its staff — aside from the fact that I'm probably going to be missing the best Tech football season ever ... damn it.

I hope the Opinions section will continue to grow in diversity and complexity. My one goal, from my very green beginnings, has been to be balanced in the ideological point-of-views represented in the section. Some believe this has not been achieved, purposefully, and I would encourage those students who disagree to become more involved with the paper in the coming semester. Write columns or letters

to the editor. Be proactive in your complaints — and for God's sake, try to throw in a compliment every once in a while.

As is also true in our whimsically fallacious political system, change does not happen by bitching and moaning with your friends. Write, live, love ... blah, blah, blah.

I wouldn't know how to end this final column without sounding depressingly girly or by using some Star Wars quote as a way of avoiding said girly-isms. I feel sort of shell shocked about the fact that I won't be living in Lubbock any longer. The idea of finally receiving the toils of my labors, in the form of a mere piece of paper, makes me want to throw up.

Fair thee well Lubbock. I really hope you improve in the next 30 years — so when I bring my children here I won't have to explain why Tech was always out of your league.

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## A columnist's farewell column, call to action

I've never had to write a farewell article, speech or give my final thoughts on anything to a large majority until this semester, in this corner of the Opinions page, which has been kind enough to let my ramblings of consciousness stream out onto paper.

The idea in itself is daunting. You are left bare to your own devices to convey to people who have had, at least from my perspective, a feigned interest in what is said here.

Maybe I am not giving myself credit, or maybe I should let the online comments page speak for what my writings amount to. I believe my personal favorite was something along the lines of, "David Ward has no true comprehension of the English language."

While there has been a fair share of compliments drenched in disdain for my beliefs, opinions and crude jokes, there have been just as many, if not more, compliments from readers saying they have enjoyed this haphazard collection of thoughts.

For that, I thank each and every one of you who has spared a nice word for my writing.

I also thank the critics of my work. Your peppered complaints about what I have said and done here has made me a better writer and increased my desire to pester and irritate people who have irrational beliefs and causes that they fight for.

Throughout my column's existence, there has been plenty of fodder provided by our national and international collective, ripe for parody and playful jabbing.

The most important thing that I have learned while observing the media and news and society as a whole is that sex always will be funny and always will breed controversy.

Maybe we should grow up and embrace the fact that the human body is just that and really focus our attention on other, more viable nuggets of information to wrap our lives around.

But, as long as there are cameras, videos, YouTube, blogs and Perez Hiltons, sex will continue to highlight evening newscasts and front page headlines.

So grow up.

Sadly, I no longer will be around to comment on the upcoming presidential race and how this will pan out.

Howard Dean, the Democratic Na-

**David Ward**



tional Committee chairman, has said this must end by June, but if the media and voters have their way, it looks like John McCain has a very solid chance of wrapping this race up, and that is devastating to me. These are my opinions, not facts.

If I could leave you with anything, it would be to not get wrapped up in the bullshit hype bombarding Americans with how race, sex and religious affiliation must determine who the candidate is.

You, reader, are the sole person involved in how you vote. Not your pastor, not your tampon/condom brand, not the music you listen to. Your convictions, ideals and hopes for the future of this country — which is on the brink.

You must realize that, right? We are on the brink of disaster or greatness. Once again, these are my opinions, which you may disagree with or support, but don't support your causes on the weight of another's words.

This is your chance to indulge in knowledge. It surrounds your every moment while you pursue your degree and hopes for that picket fence. Don't waste this. Don't undersell yourself or the abilities of Texas Tech to send you wherever you want to go. I did and almost missed several fantastic opportunities that have been afforded to me, because of my time here at Tech.

So while I leave here with my same convictions and aspirations, many of you are set to graduate as well. I wish you the best and hope you can retain some moralistic outlook through the rest of your travels.

As many of you will stay and further your experiences in Lubbock, I will say this enjoy yourselves. Indulge, meet new people and travel outside your comforted safe zone. There is a vast and expanding world for you, and Lubbock can serve, as it has for me, as a great springboard into reality.

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## 'Dear George': a personal memoir from a fanboy

George — can I call you George? I think I will call you George — I am writing you because I am an avid reader of your comments on *The Daily Toreador's* Web site. I must say, this has never been by choice, because I am the former online editor of *The DT*. My responsibilities, as you can imagine, are everything related to the Web site — that includes reading every comment on the site and making sure they do not violate our terms of service.

I am writing you, George, because, since today is my last day, I want to know what is going through your head. First off, you write an insane amount of words in your comments, often many times longer than the story is. Secondly, you are the typical forum flamer, which means all of your comments are targeted at pissing people off and have no real point. As far as I can tell, they are pretty much all based

**Simon Ponder**



on the same topic: Lubbock sucks because of the Christians who run this town.

And referring to Lubbock as the Giant Backside of Texas? Clearly you have not been back to Lubbock since the 1970s, because you probably would not recognize the town. Yes, Lubbock has city leaders that may seem bizarre at times, however in my lifetime I have lived in several different cities, and the problem you're talking about is persistent everywhere. I spend a lot of time reading your comments, and I wonder how someone could become so bitter. What went wrong in your childhood here that makes you so butt hurt whenever someone mentions this town?

I often have wondered what you do for a living and what the hell you do in your free time. You post constantly on the college newspaper's Web site. I could have sworn you originally signed your posts as an associate civil engineer, but one

of your recent posts claims you're a regional sales manager for some fortune 200 company. I only can assume advancement in your career would go a lot faster if you spent less time at *The DT's* Web site and more time actually doing your job.

To help ween you off of this unhealthy addiction to a college newspaper's Web site, let me make a few suggestions. For starters, expand your music collection. Per-

sonally, I am a fan of such greats as CSS, MC Chris and Del the Funky Homosapien. Perhaps you could also take up a hobby to occupy your time. I recommend underwater basket weaving, reading Texas A&M's paper *The Battalion* — hell if you

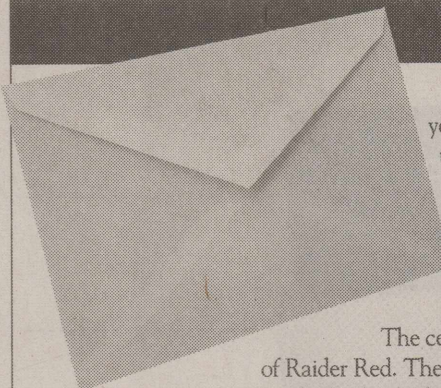
think Lubbock is bad, just you wait — or simply start a stamp collection.

Since this is my final paper — because I already have accepted a job at a professional newspaper working on multimedia projects in their online department — I must leave you with the words of the goonmaster, general Rich "Lowtax" Kyanka:

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*"I am writing you, George, because, since today is my last day, I want to know what is going through your head."*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



When I found out that my girlfriend — now fiancée — was chosen to represent our school as its mascot two years ago, I was ecstatic. I was so proud of her and her accomplishment as being just the third female to ever have the honor of being Raider Red. This past weekend, there was a ceremony to honor her and her Saddle Tramp counterpart, Chance McKee, called "Passing of the Guns."

It is just the second year this ceremony has taken place, and it is a wonderful tradition that I hope goes on. Before "Passing of the Guns" was started, the identities and hard work of all Raider Reds was known to only a select few. Wanting to publicly recognize the students that give so much to the university anonymously, the Raider Red Committee introduced "Passing of the Guns" to honor these devoted and spirited students.

The ceremony is attended by family, friends, the High Riders and the Saddle Tramps, all of whom know the identity of Raider Red. The last party invited to attend is the medium through which the students of Texas Tech would get to learn the identity of Raider Red, which is a major goal of the ceremony. That last party invited was the press. When I got to school on the Monday after the "Passing of the Guns" ceremony, I expected to see an article in *The Daily Toreador* covering "Passing of the Guns."

I had very much enjoyed reading the article about "Transfer of the Reigns" that had appeared on the front page of *The DT* just one week prior. "Transfer of the Reigns" is the ceremony that honors the current and upcoming Masked Rider. The goal and spirit of "Passing of the Guns" and "Transfer of the Reigns" is virtually identical. After searching on the front page for the article about "Passing of the Guns," I began my confused and increasingly frustrated search through the pages of *The DT*, hoping to find the much-anticipated article.

On my second go through of the paper, I finally found the poor excuse for media coverage that was published concerning "Passing of the Guns": it was a small picture entitled "Raiders Revealed" on page seven, next to a picture of two students dressed like pigs and above a picture of a cow that had defecated on a certain spot as part of a game. To the immediate right of "Raiders Revealed" was an article entitled, "Jerry Springer talks politics, berates own show."

I was furious to find that *The DT* valued my fiancée's dedication and hard work enough to give her an alliterating title to her picture and place her in a mix of singing pigs, pooping cows and an article about the host of trash TV.

According to the 2008 Student Media Strategic Plan, the vision statement *The DT* states, "Student Media will be a leader in advancing the Texas Tech college experience through: serving as the designated public forum for the Texas Tech University System..." and goes on to state that "Student Media is committed to the values of ... service as the designated public forum for the Texas Tech University System ... cooperation and communication ... community service and innovation ... pursuit of excellence; public accountability..."

I hope that in the future, these goals and ideals are not lost to stories that may be more popular or easier to cover and that the students of Tech are not cheated by not being able to recognize peers around them that are truly interesting and fascinating but would never know it because of poor and lazy press coverage.

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## Graduate

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as they did me. Always, I was in awe that I was a college student. I never took it for granted."

Rebecca Nolte said she probably feels more out of place in college than her grandmother does.

"I feel old graduating at 25 (years old)," she said. "At my age, most people are in grad school or working. Then I look at my grandmother. She's 89, and she's still doing it. That's really impressive to me."

The road to graduation has not been an easy one, Elleta Nolte said, but she has always known her family supported her decision.

"There have been a lot of difficult moments," she said. "My husband Quenton died last March, and that was really difficult for me because we'd been married 63 years. But my family, including my husband, has been highly supportive of my efforts."

After her husband's death, Elleta Nolte considered dropping out of school, Rebecca Nolte said.

"I really have appreciated her going to school, especially after my grandfather's death," Rebecca Nolte

said. "He definitely would've wanted her to finish. He would've said, 'You came this far, damn it. Don't stop now.' He wouldn't want her to quit for him."

Despite her struggles, Elleta Nolte said going to college has been a blessing in her life.

"I feel rich with all the information I've stored in my brain, along with the thoughts and emotions I've gained," she said. "No, college studies are not easy; they're downright challenging, but that's good, too, to have to struggle along new and interesting roads; it increases our initiative and hones our skills."

Elleta Nolte said the future will find her doing much of what she did during her college years.

"As for what I will do when I



PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador  
TECH SENIORS REBECCA Nolte and Elleta Nolte, granddaughter and grandmother, will graduate together at the end of this semester.

finish these last two courses and graduate," she said, "I could be facetious and say that I'll catch up with the ironing or file all my e-mails or such. But in reality, I'll continue writing ... and learning."

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## Summer music festivals worth long-distance trip

By CHRISTOPHER CHEWNING  
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Summer = No school + music festivals. Free rights for sure but where to go? Here is a list of all that is summer and music and good (within road trip distance of course).

All Points West. Jersey City, N.J. (Aug. 8-10) — A music festival with a view of the Manhattan skyline and less than 2,000 feet from the Statue of Liberty sounds good. Radiohead for two nights in a row sounds even better.

Who's playing? The aforementioned Radiohead, Jack Johnson, The Roots, Rogue Wave, Animal Collective, Andrew Bird, Cat Power, Metric.

Cost? \$89-\$258

Austin City Limits. Austin, Texas. (Aug. 26-28) — Summer may have to extend itself into the first week of fall. The best show to watch on Saturday night also scores a great music festival in the middle of America's best city for the collegiate - post-collegiate age group.

Who's playing? Once stars Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova, Beck, Conor Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band, Iron and Wine, Foo Fighters, Gnarl Barkley.

Cost? \$170

Bonnaroo. Manchester, TN. (June 12-15) — Music, comedy, cinema and art are all represented here in the biggest festival the summer has to offer. Music ranges from metal to blues and emo to jam bands but presently

Who's playing? Metallica, Widespread Panic, O.A.R., Death Cab for Cutie, Sigur Ros, Robert Plant and Alison Krauss featuring T Bone Burnett. Comedians Chris Rock and David Cross will also be performing.

Cost? \$209.50 - \$244.50

Lollapalooza. Chicago. (Aug. 1-3) — The biggest of the biggest are represented here so if you're in Chicago, and you want something more than Pitchfork's indie cred then this is your place to be.

Who's playing? Radiohead, Rage Against the Machine, Wilco, Kanye West, Nine Inch Nails, The Black Keys, Bloc Party, Broken Social Scene.

Cost? \$190.

Pitchfork. Chicago. (July 18-20) — Forget all the 1.2 album reviews and nose in the air pretentiousness, Pitchfork does a festival right. The festival will cap at 18,000 people in Union Park's 30,000 person capacity and will have ample time to catch all the performers you want.

That means if you are claustrophobic this is definitely the festival for you.

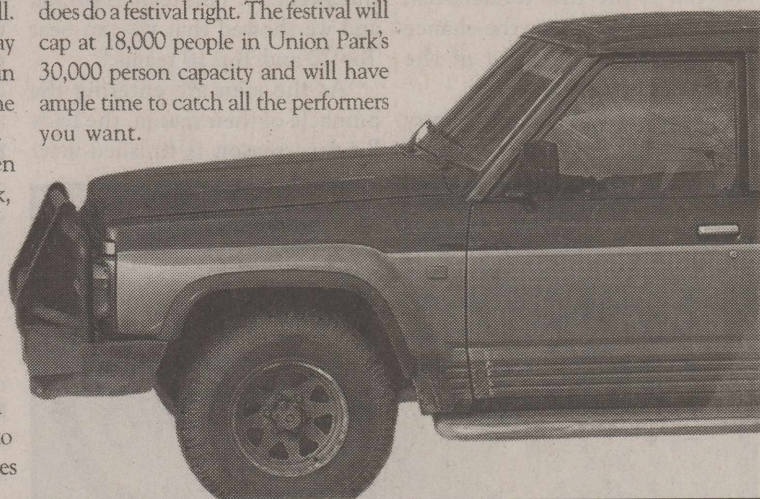
Who's playing? Public Enemy will be performing "It Takes A Nation To Hold Us Back," Spoon, Dinosaur Jr., The Dodos, Vampire Weekend.

Cost? \$30/day or \$65/3 day pass.

Virgin Mobile. Baltimore, Md. (Aug. 9-10) — There should be at least somebody into both music and race horses right? Well if so then watching a music festival at the home of the Preakness may be a dream come true. Weirdly, mimes and graffiti artists are expected to be present but sadly no horses.

Who's playing? Foo Fighters, Jack Johnson, Kanye West, Nine Inch Nails, Stone Temple Pilots.

Cost? TBD, expected between \$97.50-175.



## Prince, Roger Waters help make Coachella a success in year 9

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — By the end of Coachella, over 100 bands had fanned out across five stages, more than 150,000 people had sweltered through the desert heat and at least as many bottles of water had been guzzled.

But there was one who rose above all others.

Prince, in his Saturday evening headlining performance, firmly established himself in Coachella lore among famous concerts from years past, including the Pixies and Rage Against the Machine. Prince, for certain, didn't plan to share the mantle.

"From now on, this is Prince's house!" he declared at the end of his set, which went well beyond midnight.

Few seemed inclined to argue after Prince put on a funky, rollicking show that featured passionate performances of classics like "Let's Go Crazy" and "Purple Rain," as well as unexpected and creative covers of

Radiohead ("Creep") and the Beatles ("Come Together").

But it was also hard to forget Rogers Waters' performance as the headliner Sunday. In contrast to Prince's celebratory concert, Waters presented the festival's biggest political statement — literally.

At the conclusion of Waters' first set, a giant inflatable pig was led

above the crowd from strings to the ground. It was painted with graffiti on one side with the words "Don't be led to the slaughter" and a cartoon of Uncle Sam wielding two bloody cleavers. The other side read "Fear builds walls."

The underside of the pig simply read "Obama" with a checked ballot box alongside.

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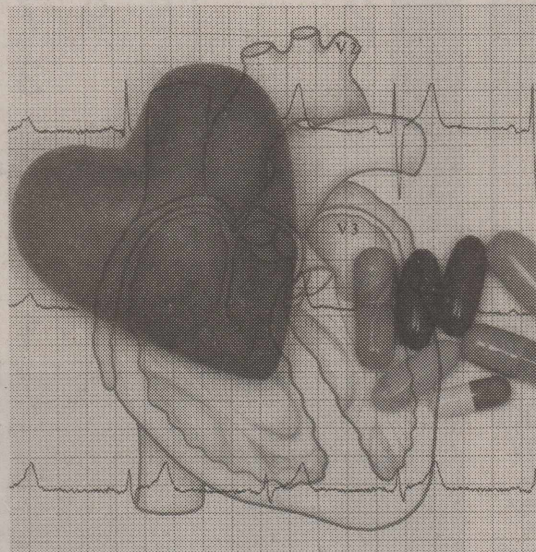
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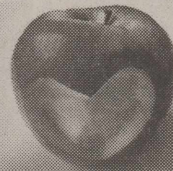
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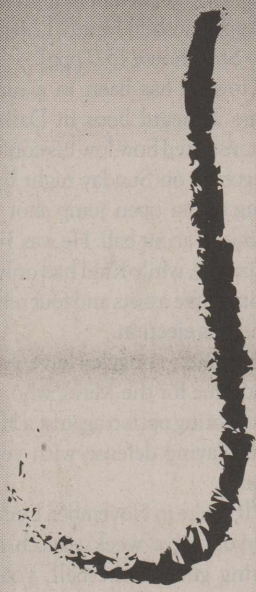


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# Men's and women's tennis team end season on different paths

By KEVIN CULLEN  
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While the Texas Tech men's tennis team will look to win on the road in the NCAA Tournament, the women's tennis team will look to win next season.

The Red Raiders could not secure home court advantage heading into the NCAA Tournament, with a 4-3 loss to No. 25 Texas A&M in the opening round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

With a 4-1 win over Oklahoma followed by a 4-0 loss to No. 3 Baylor in the Big 12 Tournament, the 12-11 Lady Raiders will prepare for the offseason instead of the postseason.

Although Tech lost the match, Tech men's coach Tim Siegel said he was pleased with his team's effort against A&M and performance in certain spots.

"We played well, we played hard," he said. "We played very well in the doubles. Bojan (Szumanski) played exceptionally well to win at No. 1 after losing badly to the same player just a few weeks earlier."

With the defeat, the Tech men lost the opportunity to host the NCAA. If the Red Raiders had won, they would have the chance to host the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The top 16 teams in the country are rewarded with home matches

to start the tournament. Tech sits at No. 17 in the country in the final rankings.

The selections for the NCAA Tournament will be made at 1 p.m. today on ESPNNews.

The Red Raiders have to play the waiting game to find out where they will be sent for the first round, while Siegel said any possibility will be difficult.

"Now, at this point, we are going to be sent to one of three teams, I believe: Michigan, Illinois or Pepperdine," he said. "Obviously, all those teams are very strong."

Pepperdine, Illinois and Michigan are the No. 13, No. 15 and No. 16 teams in the country, respectively. Florida State, another possibility, is No. 14 in the nation. Siegel said he does not believe his team will be sent to Tallahassee.

The Red Raiders still are motivated to perform in the NCAA tournament, as Szumanski said the team is viewing the loss of the opportunity to host as a challenge.

"We definitely have a lot of motivation," he said. "We actually all feel that, even though we are not hosting, we have a big chance to win the first round and make it to the Sweet 16. This team is strong, and we showed that we can beat Top 20 and Top 10 teams."

As the men are entering the pinnacle of their season, the Lady Raiders' season is finished after

the team was swept by Baylor in the second round of the Big 12 Tournament.

Tech women's coach Cari Groce said she is proud of her team and the way they performed throughout the year.

"We certainly went out there and our players played," Groce said. "They just went out and fought extremely hard and had a lot of great spirit. I was really, really pleased with the way it ended."

The Lady Raiders are still a program looking to find an identity, but Groce said she views this season as a positive.

"We have a vast majority of our team coming back," she said. "They know that we ended the year playing and carrying ourselves as a team and going out and fighting the way that we want them to play and fight. They get that now. They understand that."

Each year, teams in every sport have to deal with new, incoming players and hope the new combinations will work.

The Lady Raiders are no exception to this rule.

"When you add some new players who, tennis-wise, are even stronger on the court and then they come in and learn our mentality of the returning players," Groce said, "I think it shows a very, very good future."

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TEXAS TECH'S BOJAN Szumanski will lead the Red Raiders into the NCAA Tournament in hopes to make a run to a national championship.

# Hornets primed to end Mavericks' season

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jan-nero Pargo's reaction to Jason Kidd's flagrant foul summed up the growth of the Hornets' confidence as they took a 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series with the Dallas Mavericks.

"We didn't want him to get sus-

ended," Pargo said after practice Monday. "We want them to be at full strength and have their best team out there on the floor, so that way, if we get the win, it won't be tainted at all."

Letting go of the ball just in time to brace his fall, Pargo narrowly avoided

a face-plant on the hardwood after Kidd hooked his hand around the back of Pargo's neck and yanked the Hornets guard to the floor to prevent a transition layup.

Kidd was ejected with 7:16 remaining in the Hornets' 97-84 Game 4 victory in Dallas on Sunday night, but the NBA decided Monday that Kidd wouldn't be suspended for Game 5 in New Orleans on Tuesday night.

If the Hornets' three double-digit victories in this series are any guide, it may not make a difference.

New Orleans won the first two games at home because of brilliant performances by Chris Paul, who had more than 30 points and at least 10 assists in each of those games.

Paul looked downright human during two games in Dallas, but that didn't prevent the Hornets from getting a split on the road.

David West picked up the slack with 24 points Sunday night and perimeter sharpshooter Peja Stojakovic added 19. New Orleans reserves played ferocious defense and attacked on offense as well, with Pargo and

rookie Julian Wright each scoring 11 points.

"We've gotten them out of rhythm on the offensive end because of our defense... and that's going to continue because we understand how important it is for us to play defense to win this series," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "We have a lot of confidence that we can win this series. Obviously right now, being up 3-1, we've put ourselves in a pretty good position to make sure that happens."

Although the Hornets were seeded second in the Western Conference and the Mavericks seventh, Dallas came in with the more impressive postseason resume.

This is the Mavs' eighth straight season in the playoffs, including a trip to the finals only two seasons ago. When Dallas earned the top seed in the West last season and lost to Golden State in the first round of the playoffs, it was considered a stunner.

The Mavs were expected to play like a team looking for redemption against a young New Orleans squad with relatively little postseason experience and led by a playoff rookie in Paul.

If experience means anything in this series, now is the time for Dallas to prove it. Otherwise, the Mavs may be in for a roster shakeup, if not the firing of coach Avery Johnson, following a second straight first-round playoff exit.

"We've got to show some heart, compete until the end, never give up," Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki said.

Nowitzki has been Dallas' best player in this series, averaging 28 points per game. Jason Terry (16.6 ppg) also has been solid, but Dallas hasn't gotten enough help from Kidd (7.2 ppg), Josh Howard (12.8 ppg) or Jerry Stackhouse (5.0 ppg).

Howard has been in a rut since Game 2, heard boos in Dallas and demonstrated how low his confidence has gotten on Sunday night by hesitating on an open jump shot before tossing up an air ball. He was 3-for-16 in Game 4, while Kidd had only three points, three assists and four rebounds before his ejection.

Howard's struggles have come at a bad time for the Mavs, who need a third scoring option against a Hornets team playing defense with youthful vigor.

"If you're in November, December, and you hit a week stretch of not playing good basketball, you have 40 games to get it turned around," Johnson lamented when asked about Howard's play. "Now you have one game because its single elimination right now."

The Hornets expect an added boost from a home crowd looking to witness the first time an NBA team representing New Orleans has ever won a playoff series.

The Jazz never even made the playoffs while they resided in the Big Easy. The Hornets made the postseason in each of their first two seasons here, but lost in the first round both times.

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# Tech softball splits doubleheader with New Mexico

By **BEN MAKI**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raiders tried to create their own luck by wearing all red.

Entering the day, the Texas Tech softball team was 6-1 when donning the all-scarlet uniforms, but the Red Raiders failed to produce a run in the team's 1-0 loss in the second game of the doubleheader against New Mexico after beating the Lobos 4-3 in Game 1 Monday at Rocky Johnson Field.

Tech starting pitcher Alex Watkins (1-5) pitched herself in and out of jams in the first, third and fourth innings, but gave up a solo home run to Lindsey Ecles in the top of the sixth. Her run proved to be the only scoring either team could muster in the game.

"We thought we could get away with a low fastball," Watkins said of the pitch Ecles hit for a home run. "We got her to swing at some high pitches and we thought we could sneak it by her. She surprised us all, and I guess we all know what she did with it. It ended up being the only

outcome of the game."

Madelyn Machac (5-4) started for the Lobos (23-20), going five innings and giving up no runs on seven hits and two walks.

There were several innings when Tech (21-34) had runners in scoring position, but never managed to bring one across.

Tech coach Teresa Wilson said this game has "no bearing" on the team's outlook for Big 12 Conference play or the goal for a .500 winning percentage, because the team is 13 games under .500 with two games remaining before the conference tournament.

"We had plenty of opportunities and got some good innings for our pitchers and just had some opportunities and didn't have some balls drop," Wilson said. "If I had to choose a time to have a little luck on our side, it would definitely be the Big 12 games."

One of those opportunities came in the bottom of the seventh inning with Leah Legler on second base and no outs. Tech outfielder Montana Patin, who had four hits during the

two games, popped the ball up behind the second baseman, but the fielder recovered, making a snow cone grab and doubled up Legler at second.

"We came out and we were a little flat today, but it's something all teams go through," Patin said. "We're going to take this and we're gonna practice this week and get ready for Ok. State because that's when it really matters. This is a non-conference game. Yeah, we did struggle, but some good things did happen today."

In the first game, Tech fell behind 1-0 early, but that did not last long. Megan Shupp tied the game with a home run to left in the bottom of the second inning.

The Red Raiders added a run in the third before New Mexico's Katie Gilmore answered by sending her own big fly over the left field fence to tie the game.

Patin knocked in the final two runs for Tech, including the game-winning run on her first career triple to the right-center. She went 1-for-2 with a sacrifice fly and three RBIs in the game.

Sarah Losleben (4-3) earned

the win, throwing five innings in relief of starter Tye Coats. Losleben gave up two runs — one earned — on two hits and two walks while striking out a season-high seven batters.

"Sarah Losleben threw very well the first game when she came in and had a good mix of her breaking pitches — off-speed pitches," Wilson said. "(She) had good location and I was really pleased with the way she threw in a relief appearance last week against Iowa State, so hopefully this will be a good thing for her."

UNM starter Kelly Ninemire (15-13) threw a complete game, giving up four runs on seven hits and two walks along with two strike outs.

Tech is scheduled to play Oklahoma State at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rocky Johnson Field.

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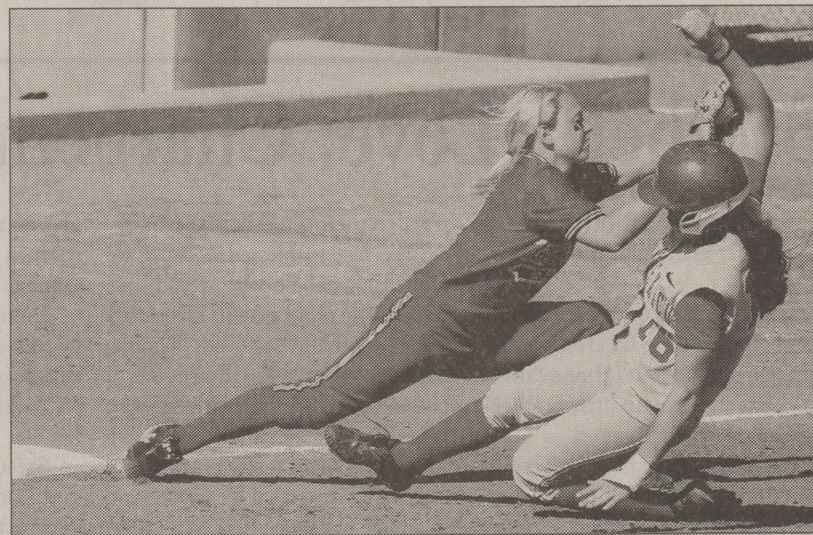


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TEXAS TECH INFILDER Jennifer Bowers tags out New Mexico catcher Erin Brandow at third base Monday afternoon at Rocky Johnson Field.

# Amendola signs free-agent deal with Cowboys, others still looking for a chance

By **ADAM COLEMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Many Texas Tech and Dallas Cowboys fans may have an extra reason to watch their team on Sundays this fall.

In the aftermath of the NFL Draft, former Tech receiver Danny Amendola signed a free-agent deal with the Dallas Cowboys after not being chosen last in the draft Sunday.

"I kept getting calls around the fifth and sixth round about how I get some opportunities to go play as a free agent somewhere," Amendola said. "I wasn't too much worried about not signing a deal, but as the picks started winding down, the last part of it was kind of nerve-wrecking. I feel like I made a good decision with Dallas, and I'm ready to get down there."

Amendola is coming off a senior season that was his best as a Red Raider with 103 receptions for 1,177 yards and five touchdowns. His performance in 2007 was second only to Michael Crabtree.

Amendola now has the chance many young football players dream of in Texas.

The former Tech receiver now has a chance with a team he has watched his whole life, as he heads to the Cowboys' rookie minicamp for Thursday. There he will finish the necessary paperwork and hit the field with the other Cowboys rookie free agents and draftees.

"This is something that I've been

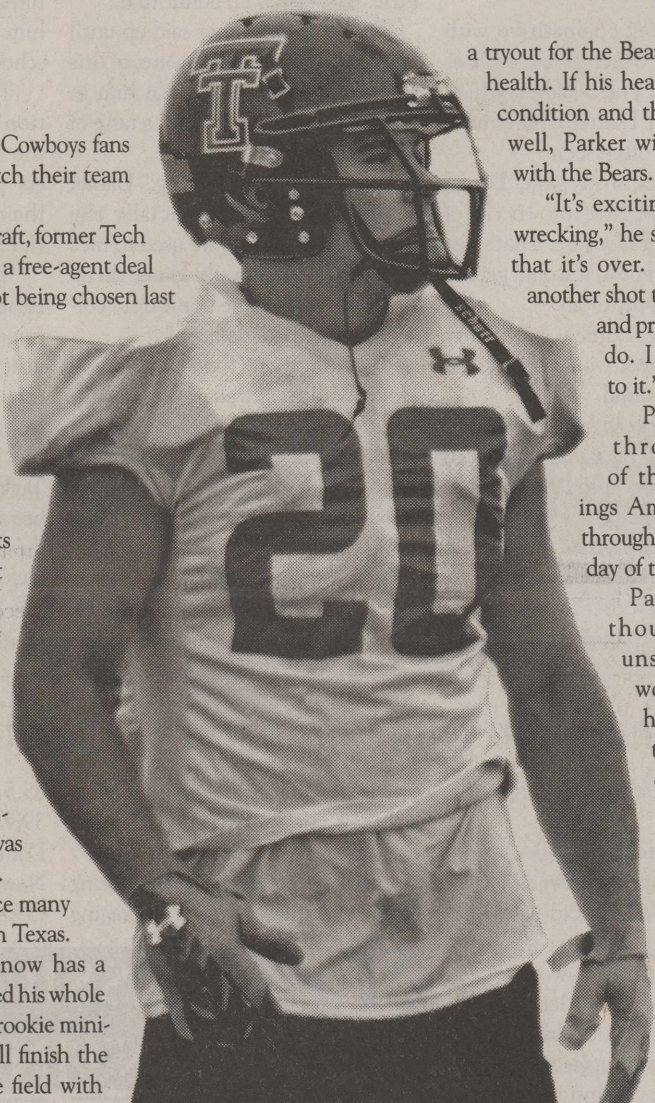


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FORMER TEXAS TECH receiver Danny Amendola signed a free-agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

a tryout for the Bears to assess his health. If his health is in good condition and the tryout goes well, Parker will sign a deal with the Bears.

"It's exciting; it's nerve-wrecking," he said. "Just glad that it's over. I actually get another shot to go out there and prove what I can do. I look forward to it."

Parker went through many of the same feelings Amendola went through on the second day of the draft.

Parker said although he was unsure of what would happen, he knew some team would call to give him a chance.

"Earlier in the week, we knew we were going to

get some type of opportunity," he said. "Had a lot of teams calling and seeing where I was at in the draft and stuff like that. We're just glad that something came through."

Tech's former kicker Alex Trlica did not have as much success, as he has yet to receive any calls from a NFL team and still is waiting.

Trlica said most of the blame for no calls could be put on the success rate for kickers in the NFL.

"The odds of getting in is pretty small because none of the teams carry backups," he said. "The chances of me getting in and actually filling in a position and staying with a team, I know are not that great."

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waiting for my whole life," he said. "Playing for NFL football has been a life long dream, and I'm truly blessed to have this lifetime opportunity. Growing up in Houston and being in Texas, and being around football my whole life, watching the Cowboys of course, America's team. I'm excited to get the opportunity; it's almost surreal now, it's kind of unbelievable."

Amendola said being a free agent instead of a draftee may mean he has a bigger hill to climb.

"Being a free agent guy, it seems like I got to prove more, just because I'm not getting paid all this money, and I wasn't a high priority for them," he said. "I got to get down there and make the best of my opportunity and try to get a name out for myself."

This year, Tech had no players selected in the NFL Draft, but other former Tech players are in talks with teams.

Defensive back Chris Parker is close to a deal with the Chicago Bears. Parker will head to camp for

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## Brotherly Love: Charbonnet brothers relish playing football for Tech

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech senior safety Daniel Charbonnet used to flood his parents with text messages and phone calls to check the status of his little brother's high school football games.

Nowadays, checking on his brother, freshman cornerback Taylor Charbonnet, will not be so hard.

With Taylor Charbonnet no longer a redshirt, the pair has played together for the first time in their respective careers through recent spring practices.

"Not many people get to experience that and go to college with their brother, and be on the same team," Daniel Charbonnet said. "(We are) definitely blessed."

The age difference never allowed the pair to play on the same team in high school, so their mom, Sheila Charbonnet said it is an enjoyment

to watch their careers coexist.

"We feel so blessed because we know a lot of people who would love to have one child play in Division I college football," she said. "Having four boys, we've been through lots of football and have lots of friends who have kids playing football. So to have two on the same team, playing at a school like this, it's a lot of fun, and it's a huge blessing."

Taylor Charbonnet probably never would have committed to Tech if it weren't for his brother, who transferred from Duke in 2005, indirectly persuading his younger brother to attend the university.

Of course, Daniel Charbonnet still has the big brother mentality, so he said he tries to help out as much as possible on the field, dropping in some words of wisdom from time to time.

"He knows that I'm just doing it to try to help him out," Daniel said. "Not to criticize him, just trying to

give him some help because I've been through it and I've made a lot of the dumb mistakes."

Daniel Charbonnet, who is expected to receive a lot of snaps this season, finished 2007-08 with 31 tackles, one sack and a forced fumble.

Safeties coach Carlos Mainord said Daniel Charbonnet should see playing time this year because of the experience and work ethic he brings to the secondary.

"He's progressed well," Mainord said. "He's been here long enough that he really knows the system. He's a smart guy, and he really knows coverages, he studies receivers. He's just gotten better ever since he's been here, and it showed this spring."

Taylor Charbonnet is fighting for playing time opposite starting cornerback Jamar Wall, and most likely will not see a whole lot of action this season. However, more playing time could be in his future.

"I feel like I've gotten better every day," Taylor Charbonnet said. "It's just been trying to take advantage of every opportunity I get, and try to learn the scheme and the defense and everything, so I can just do it naturally."

Now they are side by side working together to build the Tech secondary, the comparisons can be drawn with ease.

Their personalities take to the field, and for Daniel Charbonnet, the difference is quite apparent.

"I would say he's competitive but I was always the more competitive one," he said. "He was always more laid back. He probably had more raw talent than me, so I probably needed to be more competitive in everything. I'm a little tenser, more high-strung."

Like most safeties, Taylor Charbonnet said his brother is the more aggressive hitter, while he would rather chop the legs out from a ball carrier.

"He's more of a mix between a

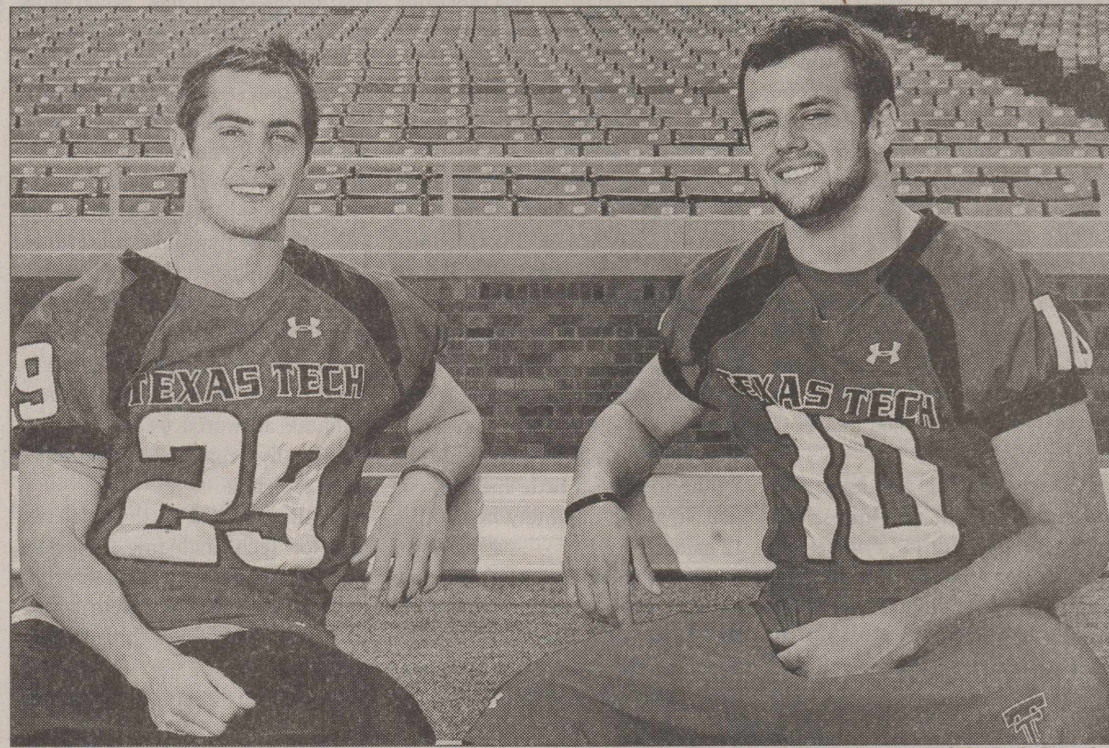


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TEXAS TECH BROTHERS Taylor and Daniel Charbonnet look to make an impact in the secondary for the 2008-09 football season.

corner and a safety," Taylor Charbonnet said. "Everyone always says I'm a true corner. He's kind of a hybrid corner, and I can just play corner. That's about it."

The two stay competitive with each other in other areas, such as ping-pong and video games, which has resulted in Daniel Charbonnet showing a side often seen.

"Video games, oh my gosh," Daniel Charbonnet said. "I've thrown a lot of controllers, that's for sure. That's just the competitiveness, it would get me in trouble with my mom."

In pingpong, Daniel Charbonnet said a scorekeeper would have been nice to have around.

"We'd try to keep track of who had the most wins," he said, "but one of us was wrong, because I think I did, and he thinks he did."

Daniel Charbonnet remembers the times he continuously could beat his little brother in a race, but those days are long gone, now that

Taylor Charbonnet runs a 4.4 in the 40-yard dash.

"He's a little faster than me," Daniel Charbonnet said. "Not a lot, but a little. He's faster, I'll admit that."

Daniel Charbonnet said up until late in high school, none of his younger brothers could beat him in anything, but once they got a taste of winning, they wanted more.

"It was really frustrating," Daniel Charbonnet said. "Especially the speed thing, because we used to race all the time and I would smoke them. Then one day I came home from college, and he had me beat."

With brothers Todd Walker and Grant Walker, as well as Brent Nickerson and Trent Nickerson on the team, Daniel Charbonnet said they all joke about an unofficial brothers club.

Although Grant Walker graduated already, receiver Todd Walker said the special club was something he enjoyed being a part of.

"It's always good to play with your brother, because it makes practice a lot more fun, the games more fun, traveling more fun," he said. "It's definitely going to be a change without him here. I played with him in high school, played with him in college."

There also is a history and tradition of football that runs through the Charbonnet family. The brothers' grandfather played at LSU, and their uncle played at Northeastern (La.) State.

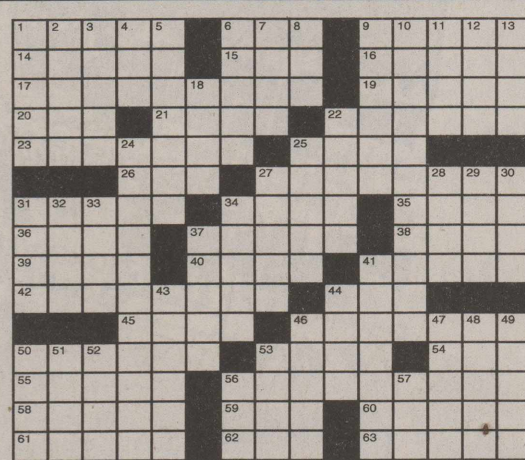
Taylor Charbonnet said his grandfather taught him and his brothers the game of football whenever they would visit his house in Louisiana, where they would watch old videos of men in leather helmets.

"I wish he was here to see us," Taylor Charbonnet said. "He would be real proud. He would always come down to our games in high school and stuff. It's an honor to play in college like he did."

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## Houston Rockets face elimination game in first round against Utah Jazz

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets were loose and laughing on Monday, wrapping up another practice with the same free throw contest they've played since training camp.

If the Rockets were stressed about facing elimination in Game 5 against Utah on Tuesday night, they were hiding it.

"Practice was competitive and guys were going after it," forward Shane Battier said. "If you didn't follow our team the whole year, you'd think this was the first week of the season and optimism is still high."

Their outlook doesn't change their dire situation.

Only eight teams in NBA history have rallied from a 3-1 deficit to win a series. The Rockets did it in 1995 against Phoenix, but that was when they had Hakeem Olajuwon.

This Houston team lost All-Star center Yao Ming to a foot injury in late February and has struggled offensively in all four games against the Jazz.

Tracy McGrady has averaged 23 points in the series, but only three points in the fourth quarter, when Utah's defense has keyed on stopping him. McGrady has lamented that no

one is picking up the scoring slack and he's got the statistics to back him up.

The Rockets are the lowest scoring team in the playoffs so far, averaging

85.5 points. Houston is also shooting 39.9 percent from the field and only Dallas — down 3-1 in its series with New Orleans — is shooting worse (39.4 percent).

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EL CHICO now hiring wait staff for lunch and evening cashiers 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or 5:00p.m.-10:30 p.m. Apply in person, 4301 Marsha Sharp (Brownfield Highway). Next to Otto's and La Quinta.

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JIMMY JOHN'S Gourmet Sandwiches is looking for delivery drivers, sandwich makers, and managers. We are hiring for both our 4th Street location and our Broadway location. Come by 5510 4th Street or 2413 Broadway and fill out an application today!

LARGE RECYCLING CORPORATION needs full time office help and scale help. Full benefit package. Bilingual a plus. \$8 - \$10/hr. Fax resume to 806-746-5026.

## LIFEGUARDS

and Swim instructors needed for morning and evening shifts. Come by 3101 35th St. or call WYCA 792-2723 for details.

LITTLE GUYS MOVERS seeking full/part time employees. 4713 W. Loop 289. 780-8000.

LOCAL TURF grass farm needs a dependable person for help in harvesting and mowing grass. Flexible hours. Call Ron at 786-2698.

## LOOKING FOR A FUN JOB

working with kids? YWCA after school counselor and summer day camp positions. M-F. PT/FT. Apply now at 35th & Flint.

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to sale and promote Tech sponsored coffee! Email interests to [bellatourgroup@gmail.com](mailto:bellatourgroup@gmail.com)

MCDUGAL PROPERTIES is hiring a Leasing Specialist for one of our apartment communities. This individual must be outgoing and have great customer service skills. Apply in person at 7008 Salem Avenue.

## HELP WANTED

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Needed to staff clubs in Depot district. Late-night, early-morning @ \$10.00 per/hr. Must be physically fit. Contact Ares Staffing (806) 241-8071.

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NOW HIRING summer help for full and part time aids. 7am - 12:30pm, or 12:30-6pm or 3 - 6pm. Apply at Hope Lutheran School at 5700 98th.

## NOW HIRING

two part time data entry clerks. Apply in person at Plains Presort Services, 1419 Crickets Ave.

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OFFICE ASSISTANT (part time) for busy office. Training provided. Applicant needs to be happy, energetic with good people skills. Light clerical & organizational skills needed. Flexible schedule. Must be dependable. Apply at 4211 34th 806-799-4033. 806-795-2011.

OFFICE POSITION available for full/part time. Duties include customer service, phones, data entry & filing. Email resume to [jsipat@ntis-online.net](mailto:jsipat@ntis-online.net) or come by 601 Slaton Highway. 748-7827.

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Specialty store. Coffee, gifts, Godiva. Open 9am - 9pm daily, 12 - 6 Sunday. Flexible shifts. Apply in person only @ Otto's Granary, 4119 Marsha Sharp Freeway (between El Chico restaurant and La Quinta Hotel).

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141st and Slide (3/4 mile past 130th on Slide). Now hiring all positions. Flexible hours. Apply in person.

## STUDENT REC CENTER - MAIN OFFICE

12 - 6PM Shifts available for Summer Semester and Fall Semester. Responsibilities include answering phones; provide customer service at counter; filing; and computer skills. Come by Room 202, Student Recreation Center to complete an application.

STUDENT WANTED to answer phone for local company every other weekend and part-time evening hours during week. Flexible schedule, will coordinate your school schedule with our work schedule. \$7/hr. No selling required. Must live in Lubbock year-round. 765-0188 or 745-7077.

## SUMMER CAMP HEROES NEEDED

Be a girl's hero! Work at Camp Rio Blanco! We are seeking energetic and highly motivated young women to serve as role models for our campers. Positions available are: Craft Coordinator, Waterfront Director, Lifeguards, Counselors and Kitchen Assistants. Staff needed June 8th - July 27th. Camp Rio Blanco is located just 45 minutes east of Lubbock, TX. We will work with summer school schedules. Benefits include salary, room and board, free laundry, time off and build your resume all while making a difference in a girl's life. If you are interested in this exciting, challenging and rewarding summer opportunity, apply online at [www.girlscoutscaprock.com](http://www.girlscoutscaprock.com) or contact Summer Lit-lejohn at [litllejohn@girlscoutscaprock.com](mailto:litllejohn@girlscoutscaprock.com). 806-745-2855 or 800-530-4957.

SUMMER NURSERY Workers needed for St. Luke's UMC; Sunday mornings & other hours during the week. To apply contact [slattimore@stlukelubbock.org](mailto:slattimore@stlukelubbock.org)

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### 3/2/2. NEED ROOMMATE

54th & Boston, 2 miles from Tech. Cable, wireless internet, W/D, \$350 + bills. Call Chris 817-343-0266.

## FURNISHED

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FURNISHED 2 bedroom apartment @ University Courtyard: "Need a room mate?" Beginning May 1st. \$475 mo. No deposit. Call 866.205.9690. Can leave a message.

FURNISHED GUEST house across from Clement Hall 3007 19th Street. 795-6928.

## HALF OFF FIRST MONTH

and \$100.00 off second months rent to whoever takes over my sublease in a girls 3 bed/3 bath apartment at University Courtyards, \$469/mo. No deposit. All bills paid. Fully furnished. 30" flat screen TV in apartment. Pets allowed! Lease begins in August 2008. (512)914-7806 or Chandra.York@ttu.edu.

## SUMMER SUB-LEASE

2 rooms, same unit available at Raider's Pass. \$390/mo./room. Bills included. Available early May. 432-559-0920.

## SUMMER SUBLEASE

Bedroom with private bath. Furnished Apartment. 4 bedroom, \$470/mo. All bills paid. University Pointe. Available May-August. May RENT FREE Call Iris at 210-705-1152.

## SUMMER SUBLEASE

Bedroom w/ private bath. Fully furnished. \$455/mo. all bills paid. University Trails. Close to campus. Available May 1st. Call Adam at 817-991-7692.

## SUMMER SUBLEASE

Bedroom with private bath. \$400/month. All bills paid. University Trails. Available May. Call Paige at 432-213-5286.

## SUMMER SUBLEASE

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## UNFURNISHED

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## 2 BLOCKS FROM TECH!

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2/1 AVAILABLE July 1st. 3010 47th. Hardwood floors. Central heat & air. Security system. Washer/Dryer. Lawn maintained. No pets. \$750/mo. Call Mindi 786-8088.

2/1 HOUSE with fireplace, W/D connections, big back yard with dog run. See Ann or BJ at 795-2011. Available June 2nd. 543-6764.

2/1. CONVENIENT to Tech, W/D connections, central h/a, \$650 mo. \$325 deposit. 806-241-2227.

2/1/1, \$620, 2619 39th. Visit [www.allubbockhomes.com](http://www.allubbockhomes.com) to view this property and many others.

212 29TH. 2/1 close to Tech. \$650/mo, \$500 deposit. (806) 252-8668.

2204 29TH. 3/2 hardwood, washer/dryer connections, alarm. \$975. 787-8564 or 535-1905.

2205 26TH. 2/1. Hardwood floors, Washer/dryer hookups. Central H/A. \$600/month + bills. 787-6564 or 535-1905.

2305 B. 18th Street, small efficiency, appliances, no pets, small back yard, June 5, \$300. John Nelson Realtors, 794-7471.

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## UNFURNISHED

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3/1 2522 24th. Tech Terrace, renovated, pet friendly. \$1050/900. June 1st. Joe 806-441-0611. [http://www.merlinspetshop.com/index.php?main\\_page=index&Path=99](http://www.merlinspetshop.com/index.php?main_page=index&Path=99).

3/1, 3 blocks from Tech. W/D connections, dishwasher, central h/a. 806-241-2227.

## 3/2 + SUN ROOM

Hardwood floors, central heat/air, W/D hookups. Big rooms and back yard. 2412 30th. \$900/\$500. 792-4173.

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3/2, REFRIGERATOR, W/D, ceramic tile, big backyard. 602 Chicago. \$960, \$600 deposit. 928-7035, 795-3124.

3/2/1, \$975, 3107 29th. Visit [www.allubbockhomes.com](http://www.allubbockhomes.com) to view this property and many others.

## 3/2/2 HOUSE FOR RENT.

2 years old, 2325 77th St. \$950/mo. Call Shawn 239-6409.

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