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Police say cartels give OK to hit targets in US

EL PASO (AP) - Warring Mexican drug cartels have given their hit men permission to cross into the United States to kill their targets, according to warnings received by U.S. authorities.

Police and federal agents told The Associated Press about the warnings Monday, and officials along the border are beefing up security.

"We received credible information that drug cartels in Mexico have given permission to hit targets on the U.S. side of the border," El Paso police spokesman Officer Chris Mears said. "One of the first things we did was to notify all officers in our department of the situation."

NATION

Fay's remnants soak drought-parched South

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) -The remnants of Tropical Storm Fay spread over a wide swath of the South on Monday, bringing heavy rain and wind from Georgia to Louisiana that many hoped would



Tech's custodians do more than clean up after students

> By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

Custodians at Texas Tech have seen it all — including some messes they remember as too revolting to put into words.

Despite who made the mess or what went missing, Jerry Vera, the custodial supervisor in the Student Union Building, said custodians are "the first to be blamed

While they may catch some flack at the university, Tech's custodians also are receiving signs of appreciation from administrators, mostly through pay increases, better benefits, improved working conditions and new programs that may help Red Raider custodians further their educa-

After nine years in the custodial business, Vera said working as a custodian at the SUB is not as challenging as working at a hospital or other larger educational institution, but it keeps the custodians, who work about 40 hours per week, busy.

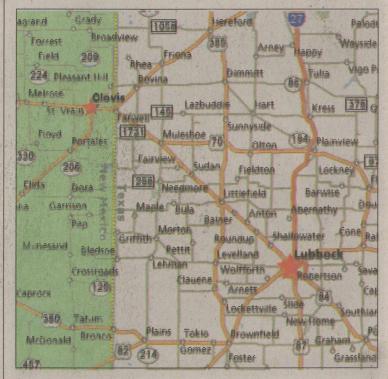
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By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Seven of eight inmates are at large

after escaping Sunday from a Clovis, N.M. detention center.

Clovis is approximately 100 miles northwest of Lubbock.

The Clovis Police Department captured one inmate, according to a news release from the sheriff's office, but the other seven are still at-large, and the office did not release any speculation as to where the fugitives may be heading.

A spokesperson for the Lubbock Police Department said officers are warned and given information when inmates escape from a nearby facility, but do not have special procedures when to apprehend fugitives.

The men were discovered missing at 9:45 p.m. Sunday from the Curry County Adult Detention Center, when Clovis Police Department officers noticed two people in orange jumpsuits worn by jail inmates PRISON BREAK continued on page 3

help land parched for months by drought conditions.

Floridians, meanwhile, continued to mop up floodwaters created by the storm that stuck around for a week and made a historic four landfalls, dumping more than 30 inches of rain along the central Atlantic coast. Republican Gov. Charlie Crist, dressed in blue jeans and a golf shirt, helped an elderly woman out of a boat that had taken her from her inundated home.

WORLD

Iragi leader insists on deadline for troop pullout

BAGHDAD (AP) — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki dug in his heels Monday on the future of the U.S. military in Iraq, insisting that all foreign soldiers leave the country by a specific date in 2011 and rejecting legal immunity for American troops.

Despite the tough words, al-Maliki's aides insisted a compromise could be found on the two main stumbling blocks to an accord governing the U.S. military presence in Iraq after a United Nations mandate expires at the end of the year.



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JIMMY JASPER HAS been a custodian at the Student Union **Building since March.**

PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreado

University, City of Lubbock involved in contract dispute

By ADAM YOUNG **News Editor**

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multimil- Lubbock. lion-dollar contract. GILBREATH

chaeological work tied to 10 city vider — which projects and related tasks, said includes Tech Lubbock Deputy City Manager Tom Adams.

Councilman Jim Gilbreath of going to dig District 6 said city and university something officials must meet to resolve and more than a consider the continuation of work post hole."

defined in a contract that expired in December 2006. The original city officials are 2001, outlined archaeological work determining if \$900,000 is a reason- the city. at several city excavation cites to able cost for the work required. be completed by faculty at the Tech Museum, Adams said.

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Gilbreath

Adams said

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— "if you're a city and you're

A proposed contract will in- part of the 2001 contract, Adams >>>adam.young@ttu.edu

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matter.

RON PHILLIPS CHIEF OF STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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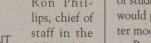
> The city already has paid Tech there is not an adversarial situation about \$1.4 million for work done as in this matter," he said.

Gilbreath said the date for the

a disputed Yellow House Canyon Lake in north and the original contract expired. If the city agrees to the new terms of the

contract, Adams said it will cost the city just less than \$900,000 to finish. Despite questions in agreeing

to the cost of the work, Ron Phillips, chief of



President at Tech, said

Students' return boosts university's billion-dollar impact in Lubbock



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Tore KENNETH "ALDEN" GRAY, a sophmore biology major from Midland, buys books from the Red and Black Bookstore Monday afternoon.

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech researcher shows just how deep the town and gown relationship goes.

While most local retailers do well during the summer when students leave town, the thought of thousands field of work which produces more of students immigrating to Lubbock jobs and boosts the economy to the would put any store owner in a bet- estimated \$297.5 million. ter mood.

Tech's Rawls College of Business resurgence. Administration, conducted a study estimating that the economic benefits of Tech's faculty, staff and students generate a total of \$1.15 billion and help sustain about 13,300 jobs per year in Lubbock County.

Just from shopping, Tech's approximately 28,000 students are es-

timated to pump \$297.5 million each year in the Lubbock economy.

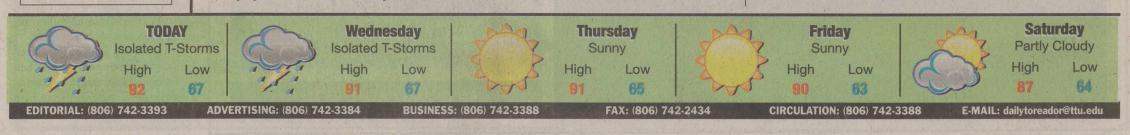
Ewing said while Tech students A recent study conducted by a are not spending \$297.5 million of their own money on the economy, the purchases students make close to their homes and around campus cause store owners to purchase, produce and offer more services in every

But businesses are not the only Bradley Ewing, a professor at ones that benefit from the annual

> With the increase in business around the Tech campus, many businesses are hiring for jobs that were left vacant over the summer.

"Most students leave for the summer," Ken Wiley, the general man-

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"I can comfortably say that

WHO ARE THEY?



Victor Sotelo is 26 years old and has pending charges for aggravated assault. He is 5'3" and 135 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes.

Larry McClendon is 19 years old and has pending charges for murder and aggravated robbery. He is 6'1" and 152 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes.

Javier Zapata is 19 years old and has pending charges for aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, shooting at a motor vehicle and abuse of a child. He is 5'4" and 165 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes.

Edward Salas is 21 years old and was convicted of murder and had a pending transfer to the New Mexico Department of Corrections.

Raynaldo Enriquez is 19 years old and has multiple pending aggravated burglary, robbery and assault charges. He is 5'10" and 210 lbs. with brown hair and brown eyes.

ENRIQUE: Michael England is 29 years old and has pending charges for tampering with evidence and felon in possession of a firearm. He is 5'7" and 130 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes.



Louis Chavez is 18 years old, 5'2" and 177 lbs. He has black hair and brown eyes. The charges against Chavez were not disclosed.

Prison break ← CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

running near the jail, Matt Murray, Curry County Sheriff, said in a news conference according to the Associated Press.

We have a feeling that they have split up and went different ways from finding some of the jumpsuits throughout the city. **MATT MURRAY** CURRY COUNTY SHERIFF

The inmates apparently used handmade instruments to cut a hole in the roof near a skylight, he said.

They gained access to the roof area by climbing pipes in a narrow space behind the wall of a shower unit, Murray told The Associated Press.

"We have a feeling that they have split up and went different ways from finding some of the jumpsuits throughout the city," he said.

According to the AP, a different inmate escaped in 2006 by slipping out a door and was not noticed for two days, but was captured later. Another escape occurred July 15 when a female inmate hid behind a food cart and reached the street. She was caught after being hit by a passing vehicle while trying to cross the street.

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Kennedy rallies Dems for Obama as convention opens

DENVER (AP) — Ailing and aging, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy summoned fellow Democrats to rally behind Barack Obama's pioneering quest for the White House Monday night, providing a poignant opening to a party convention in search of unity for the fall campaign.

"The work begins anew, the hope rises again and the dream lives on," Kennedy said in a strong voice, reprising the final line of a memorable 1980 speech that brought a different convention to its feet. The senator has been undergoing treatment for a malignant brain tumor.

Convention planners hoped a prime time address by Obama's wife, Michelle, would begin the work of casting the Illinois senator as a leader with classic American values.

Among them, she said in prepared remarks: "that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say you're going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them, and even if you don't agree with them."

The convention opened as polls underscored the closeness of the race with Republican John McCain, and there was no underestimating the challenges as Obama bids to become the nation's first black president.

He faces lingering divisions from a fierce battle with Hillary Rodham Clinton for the nomination, tough ads by McCain and his Republican allies, and a reminder that racism, too, could play a role.

"There are people who are not

going to vote for him because he's and all efforts to weaken or underblack," said James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters union. "And we've got to hope that we can educate people to put aside their racism and to put their own interests No. 1." He spoke in an Associated Press interview.

The convention's opening gavel fell with Obama and Clinton still struggling to work out the choreography for the formal roll call of the states that will make him the party nominee.

'There is no doubt in anyone's mind that this is Barack Obama's convention," the former first lady told reporters. And yet, she said, some of her delegates "feel an obligation to the people who sent them here" and would vote for her.

Kennedy's speech was an implicit appeal to her delegates - and the 18 million voters who supported her in the primaries - to swing behind Obama.

He said the country can meet its challenges with Obama. "Yes we can, yes we will," he said, echoing the presidential candidate's own signature refrain.

In one of their first orders of business, delegates ratified a party platform tailored to Obama's specifications. It backs "complete redeployment within 16 months from Iraq," as well as health care for all, a new economic stimulus package and higher taxes on families earning over \$250,000 a year.

"The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any

mine that right," it said.

As the delegates took their seats in the Pepsi Center, Obama campaigned in Iowa, the first in a string of swing states he is visiting en route to Colorado. He arranged to watch his wife's speech on television later from Kansas City, then speak briefly to the convention via a huge TV screen.

Obama delivers his acceptance speech on Thursday at a football stadium, before a crowd likely to total 75,000 or more. Then he and Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, his vice presidential running mate, depart for the fall campaign.

If the opening night's convention program had a feel-good quality, not so the intensifying campaign outside the hall.

Obama struggled to quash a television commercial financed by an independent Republican group that linked him to a 1960s-era radical - before it could damage his candidacy as the infamous Swift Boat ads helped sink John Kerry four years ago.

He also shipped a new commercial that used humor to depict McCain as an extension of the Bush administration, the latest in a series of negative advertisements by both sides.

"Really can't explain the price of gas, or what has happened to the middle class," the announcer sings to the tune of Sam Cooke's "Wonderful World." With McCain and Bush appearing together on the screen, the announcer says, "Do we really want four more years of the same old tune?"

Border fence design blasted as causing flooding

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Flooding caused by a border security fence in southwestern Arizona shows the structure is being built too quickly and without regard for the environ-

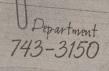
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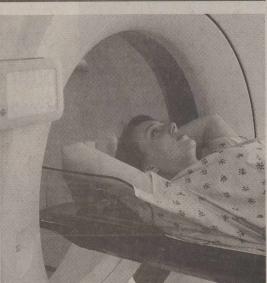
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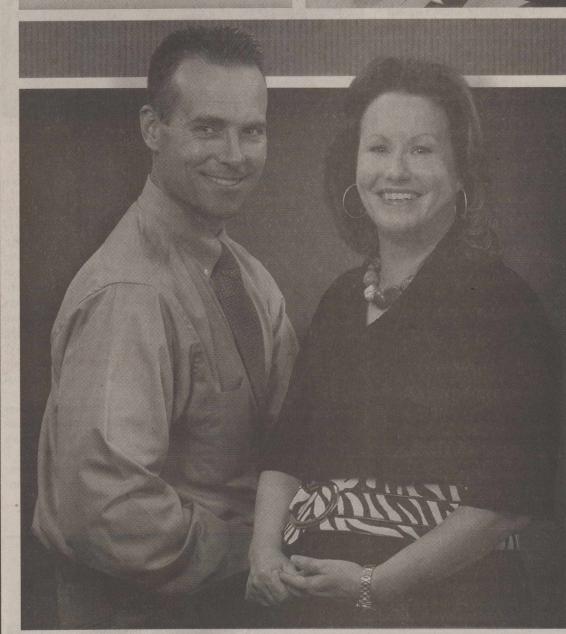






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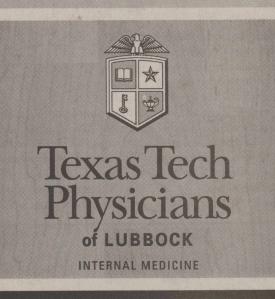
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ment, critics say.

Debris and water backed up at the fence during a storm July 12, leading to flooding at the port of entry at Lukeville and Sonoyta, Mexico, and at the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.

"One of the reasons for it was the debris that accumulated on the fence itself," said Lee Baiza, superintendent of the monument, a lush desert tract overseen by the National Park Service.

Environmental groups have criticized how the Army Corps of Engineers and federal contractors have designed and built a range of fencing and vehicle barriers along the Arizona-Mexico border.

In particular, they've denounced Homeland Defense Secretary Michael Chertoff's waiver of environmental laws to hasten construction of the 670 miles of fences and other barriers planned by year's end along the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

Much of the pedestrian fencing on the Arizona border consists of 10-foot-wide and 15-foot-tall steelmesh panels, some featuring wide horizontal grates at the bottom to let water and sediment flow through.

"While the Bush administration may claim it's taking environmental impacts of the border wall into consideration, building wire mesh fences across washes prone to debrisladen floods is fundamentally flawed," Robin Silver, a spokesman for the Center for Biological Diversity, said in a statement.

Defenders of Wildlife spokesman Matt Clark said what happened at Organ Pipe validates the warnings voiced to Homeland Security before construction started.

"It doesn't take an expert hydrologist to anticipate the potential for these walls to become like dams," Clark said.

He noted that in flash floods, water and debris accumulate very rapidly and the flow can change directions quickly, create gullies and cause even more erosion.

Chertoff has invoked his waiver authority three times in Arizona, but federal officials maintain he has ordered Customs and Border Protection and Border Patrol officials to adhere to environmental requirements.

NEWS

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Evidence suggests lightning struck campus

Texas Tech police suspect lightning was the cause of damage to the bonfire pit in Urbanovsky Park.

A campus groundskeeper reported evidence of damage to the bonfire pit in the park to the Tech Police Department at 8:05 a.m. Aug. 18.

Sgt. Gordon Hoffman, police department deputy chief, said two officers investigated the report and discovered pieces of concrete scattered on the ground.

The report initially stated students may have scaled the wall on the east side of the pit and used a hammer to knock down the piece of concrete. However, the officers found burn marks on the concrete and rebar that appeared through the middle of the object.

Hoffman also said some of the pieces of concrete were found as far as 50 yards away from the initial resting point of the object.

Thunderstorms with significant rainfall were reported in Lubbock the evening of Aug. 17 and morning of the 18, according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

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Pakistan's post-Musharraf ruling coalition splits

— The ruling coalition that just a week ago drove U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf from the presidency broke apart Monday, throwing Pakistan into political turmoil just as it faces an increasingly difficult fight against Islamic militants.

The collapse of the fragile alliance threw more power to Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated ex-leader Benazir Bhutto and a corruption-tainted former polo player who now becomes the front-runner to replace Musharraf.

Fulfilling a threat he made last week, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif pulled his party out of the coalition after a dispute with Zardari over whether to restore the chief justice of the Supreme Court, Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudry, who was ousted by Musharraf.

There was concern within Bhutto's party, the Pakistan People's Party, that such a restoration would lead to the prosecution of Musharraf — and perhaps even Zardari — and that a fight would weaken the government's ability to fight militants.

Sharif's withdrawal will cost Zardari and the PPP their majority in

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) parliament. But Zardari is expected to rally support from allies and form a new government with the help of small parties.

> And if he does that and wins the presidency Sept. 6 in a vote by lawmakers, as he is on course to do, Zardari would add to his powers and be in a position to create a more stable government. Sharif told reporters he would play a "constructive" role in the opposition but has already pledged to run a retired judge against Zardari next month.

The government needs a strengthened hand to tackle the growing Taliban militancy in Pakistan and end the instability that has plagued the country for the past year. The test will come when the new government takes on the militants and at the same time tries to find a solution to rising food and fuel prices that are slowing economic growth.

Zardari's party moved almost immediately to calm U.S. fears that Pakistan's new civilian rulers are paying too little attention to Islamic militants, banning the Pakistani Taliban group that claims to be behind a string of suicide bombings.

Iraqis show video of teen girl in suicide vest

BAGHDAD (AP) — In video Bajilan, head of the provincial footage released by Iraqi police, a teenage girl with an explosives vest tightly strapped to her body is seen handcuffed to a metal grid, her head repeatedly falling forward as several policemen huddle around her.

After several minutes, the officers lift her flowered robe, remove the white vest hidden underneath and then take her for questioning, videotaping her in the presence of reporters. They prod her to confess to plans to stage a suicide attack, but she denies the allegation.

The arrest of the girl, who gave her first name as Rania, heightened concern about a rise in suicide bombings by women in Iraq. The number of female bombers has more than tripled, from eight in 2007 to 29 this year, according to U.S. military officials.

That compares with a total of four in 2005 and 2006, according to the military. On Aug. 14, a woman suicide bomber struck a group of Shiite pilgrims south of Baghdad, killing at least 17 people and wounding dozens of others.

Police in Baqouba, where the girl was caught Sunday, said she told them she was fitted with the explosives by female relatives of her husband, whom she married five months ago. One police official alleged that some in the girl's family had links to the al-Qaida in Iraq terror network.

In displaying the dazed teenager — who says she was born in 1993, which would make her 14 or 15 — police wanted to deal another blow to the terror network's brutal reputation, officials said.

Police wanted to "show the desperate level al-Qaida has reached, with members of one family driving each other to death," said Ibrahim

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core staff."

council in the Diyala province, of which Bagouba is the capital. In publicizing the details of the

case, police may also be trying to demonstrate they're effective in fighting the insurgents and to turn more Iraqis against the militants, said John Pike, a defense analyst and director of GlobalSecurity.org.

U.S. and Iraqi forces have strug-

gled for years to

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Diyala. The

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66 No, no, they put it on me and told me to take it off at home. They did not tell me to explode myself. "RANIA"

IRAQI TEENAGE GIRL

a wall behind her. A police officer is later heard saying she apparently had been drugged.

For several minutes, officers surround her, speaking among themselves. One opens the robe in the front, and shouts out to his colleagues, apparently to confirm he spotted a vest.

One officer pulls out what appears to be a wire before remov-

ing the vest, and she is left standing in a sleeveless, ankle-long orange undergar-

ment. Police later said the vest was packed with 33 pounds of explosives. A police photo showed it had six compartments, including two stuffed with what

looked like tubes and four holding packages covered in cling-wrap.

The next scene shows the girl in an office, wrapped in a black cloak, her dyed brown hair disheveled, as she is questioned by several officers. The journalists invited to attend are not shown.

Her exchange with the policemen offered a rare glimpse at a teenager allegedly recruited by insurgents in what the U.S. military has warned is a growing trend. However, it was not clear to what extent her answers were given out of fear and influenced by the presence of reporters.

She insisted at first she did not know the women who gave her the vest.

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we simply do not fill them until summer for a little breather. You transportation around campus make the fall term and we maintain need to be busy when school is in up approximately 40 to 50 percent of michael.graham@ttu.edu

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of the year," said Clinton Williams, a a key role in us being able to be as via e-mail. "Since a large portion local high school students. When senior mechanical engineering major

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"I swear to Allah that I do not know them. They were strangers," she is heard saying. However, when pressed whether she knew the woman who put the vest on her, she replied: "Yes."

Police asked if she intended to blow herself up. "No, no, they put it on me and told me to take it off at home," she said. "They did not tell me to explode myself.'

Reporters attended part of another interrogation session Monday, in which the girl told police that the explosives were strapped to her by female relatives of her husband. She told police that her husband was unaware she was given the explosives.

Contradicting her previous testimony, she said she was shown the vest's two detonators and told to press the second button if the first one failed to set off the bomb.

Rania's mother was also interrogated and told police she was unaware of the alleged plot, adding that her husband was missing.

Earlier Monday, an Iraqi police officer said the girl's family was known for supporting al-Qaida in Iraq and that her father had carried out a suicide bombing.

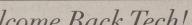
The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information, also said a relative is suspected of having recruited her.

The officer said that on Sunday, the girl led police back to where she was given the explosives and that they found a second bomb belt in an empty apartment.

U.S. commanders believe al-Qaida in Iraq is increasingly seeking to exploit women unable to deal with the grief of losing husbands, children and others to the violence.

bikes and bike products sold at William's store during the early stages of the school year, he said.

"The student population plays successful as we are," Williams said. "A lot of the stuff we sell to students usually purchase allows us to carry Tech freshmen seeking quick more for the people who will buy higher-end products."



Tech students are in town," Yocum said. "The percentage of business [we ager of Double T Bookstores, said dol is very high between Tech and

demand students bring.

of our workforce are student em- Tech is in session, you have a difployees, the positions come open ference of 10,000 students instead as part of natural attrition and of 30,000 students, so we take the our stores on our regular full-time session, so we take advantage of the downtime."

Bookstores also experience a large ited for sustaining about 2,054 increase in foot traffic as students gear

suicide vests, and Iraqi policemen hesitate to pat them down at checkpoints because of cultural taboos. The circumstances of the girl's arrest remained unclear. U.S. officials said she turned herself in

after being hooked to the explosives against her will. Local police said she was caught by a police patrol after arousing suspicion while walking in downtown Baqouba.

stepped up efforts to recruit and

train policewomen to search women

at checkpoints and entrances to

The video begins with Rania standing in a street, both hands cuffed to a metal grid attached to

'We feel a big impact whenever

Many Iraqi women wear long robes, ideal for covering bulky

Texas students pack bags while teachers pack heat

HARROLD (AP) — Along with normal first-day jitters and excite- ers were trained to educate my ment, students in this tiny district children — not carry a gun. Even started school Monday wondering police officers need years of trainwhich teachers might be toting ing in hostage situations," said firearms.

"It was kind of awkward knowing that some teachers were carrying red-brick Harrold school. "I don't guns," said Adam Lira, 17, a senior. "I don't feel like they should be, 'cause we already have locked doors and cameras. But I didn't feel threatened by it."

Several parents said they had no idea that employees of the K-12 school were allowed to carry concealed guns on campus until recent publicity about the school board's policy, approved quietly last fall. They said they were upset that the rural community near the Oklahoma border had not been able to give input.

While some parents said they felt their children were safer, others opposed the plan, which appears to be the first of its kind

"As far as I'm concerned, teach-Traci McKay, whose three children are among the 110 students in the want my child looking over her shoulder wondering who's carry-

ing a gun." But Harrold Superintendent David Thweatt said the board approved the policy in an October open meeting that had been publicized.

jobs in Lubbock, according to the up for the fall semester. report.

Tech students alone are cred-

vived the summer through sum- every student that we serve. mer school students and local citizens who know of their reputations. But with thousands of new and returning residents from textbooks, school supplies, Tech spirit clothing, furniture, food from supermarkets and restaurant services has increased during the last few weeks.

Dario Yocum, manager of One Guy from Italy's, said during the summer months, One Guy's hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., but during the fall and spring semesters the restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to midnight to accommodate the increased

"Students are the lifeblood of our Businesses near campus sur- business," Wiley said. "We appreciate

Wiley said bookstores have two peak selling periods during the year, but the beginning of the fall semester is just a little more profitable than their hometowns, demand for the beginning of the spring rush for textbooks because some students will transfer or drop out of Tech.

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All musicians get the blues Young evangelicals

uffled drums and bass can be heard from Ldown the street. Inside, four people, including a goateed guy nod to the rhythm while serving steaming barbecue from behind the counter. Across the tiny restaurant, an open mic jam is heating up. The music is edgy and soulful. Raw blues bleeds from every player. It's the first time the band has played at this particular barbecue joint, and the tip jar stays sadly empty nearly all evening.

Some people scoff at musi-Americans today, blinded by a "Top



performers are given congratulations only if they can summon crowds of thousands. Consumerism discourages the modern musician into believing he can never become as successful as his idols.

The blues, however, is all about cians like these. They might call knowing you can't get anywhere with someone a "wannabe" if they play your music. All modern motivations music at restaurants after working for playing instruments are thrown a day job to pay the bills. Many out in favor of raw, emotion-driven lyrics and a steady, soothing beat that to the blues scene. Music that sounds 40" culture, would think of record- anyone can turn to. Most blues play- different than what plays on the radio English major from Murphy. E-mail ing artists as real musicians. Live ers are forced to have another job; always faces resistance from the culture him at schipp.schipper@ttu.edu.

spent most of his life without receiv- famous doesn't mean that it writes or ing significant financial support from performs better music than an undishis music.

Sadly, times are getting worse for the blues players of America. Venues are scarce in most cities, and overall interest in the music genre has withered in favor of flashy new guitar players. What the American Mayer is that they took directly from the old blues tradition of B.B. King and Buddy Guy, and then glittered it up shiny enough for the desensitized American public to notice it.

But these problems are not unique beautiful.

even the legendary Muddy Waters we live in. Just because a band is worldcovered band or the college student playing acoustic guitar at the local coffee shop. Our culture's obsession with brand names has bled into band names, and plenty of folks don't see past a band's over-publicized lead singer.

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This exhortation goes out to the masses don't realize about players disgruntled musicians, to all the broke like Stevie Ray Vaughan and John college students trying to scrape a living and get their music heard. Don't give up. We need people to sing the songs that their hearts are filled with. The world has enough fake stuff in it. Be real in your music, and don't be afraid to let yourself create something

Schipper is a sophomore

destined for Obama

STAFF EDITORIAL VANDERBILT HUSTLER (VANDERBILT)

Nollowing Rick Warren's ✓ highly-touted Saddleback Forum, the question of overture: Can Barack Obama fruitfully court the evangelical vote?

ment, poverty--more vigorously. In different brand to the table. fact, evangelical support for John McCain as compared to George W. Bush in 2004 has dipped 13 percent. Your smile is a thin disguise, young evangelicals.

trying hard.

with Saddleback, his campaign year. rolled out "Believers for Barack"-which may sound like a folk revival to the Republicans, and by proxy concert, but is actually an online the government, to address poveffort to lure in a young, Christian erty and the environment -- that voting bloc, uniting Obama's favorite opiates: religion and infatuation with Barack Obama.

for Barack" combines the clarification of "Fight the Smears" with the brilliant community-building that Obama himself will siphon of myObama. While the online off much of the overall evangeliexpertise remains elusive for the cal vote, and will instead merely GOP, the faith and politics ter- lay groundwork for a more sorain is clearly not unfamiliar on cially conservative Democrat. But the Right.

gelical campaign fun, take Shirley final breakdown of the remnants Ward, president of the Tennessee of the Reagan Coalition. Perhaps,

changes the heart." Clearly, a topical, nuanced approach to the vital issues of the day.

Ward charmingly demonstrates where the evangelical path can lead: a conflated, broad sense of the week sounds like a Victorian religion and government that encourages, to borrow a word from Obama, "distractions." Surely, this A recent Washington Post concoction of Christian exceptionpiece, "GOP Loyalty Not a Given alism and politics could only find a for Young Evangelicals," noted home under Obama's bus. Perhaps, how young evangelicals have be- though, Ward's comments are just gun shooting the GOP down on a brand of political mingling, tied Saturday nights, as the Democrats inexorably to a generation of social address various issues -- the environ- issues, and our generation brings a

Marvel at the words of Stephen Merritt, a notable young evangelical interviewed for the Post piece: "When you look at the political party that has tra-Between general fear and ditionally championed poverty, loathing of McCain among so- social justice and care for the cial conservatives and Obama's least of these, it's not been the little trifecta of sermon-like stump Republican Party." Thrill at the speeches, faith-based initiative other sexy issue discussed: global pandering, and the muddling of warming -- a popular issue with his pro-choice views, no one cause all evangelicals, 54 percent of for evangelical deterioration ex- whom said they would be more ists. But, damn, Obama sure is likely to support candidates who worked to curb global warming This past weekend, to coincide in an Ellison Research poll last

The message is clear: look first simply isn't conservatism. These core concerns, however, fit well amongst Obama's increased Largely a hybrid of online ef- welfare, windfall profit taxes for forts by the campaign, "Believers oil, and mandated community service.

Nevertheless, it is unlikely Obama's young, evangelical sup-For the daily dosage of evan- porters may be a harbinger of the Federation of Republican Women, Barack, as Foreigner once told us, who recently clarified that, "Chris- "[they've] been waiting for a girl

University presidents aim to dodge alcohol liability

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drinking has become a part students higher standards. L of life for many college students. More than 44 percent of college students show symptoms of alcohol abuse or dependence, according to a study performed by Harvard School of Public Health.

In July, more than 100 univerword meaning "not intoxicated." Members of the Initiative include presidents from Duke University, university presidents. Dartmouth College and Johns Hopkins University.

drinking age."

The effort paid off. Since the story broke, there has been a frenzy creases when alcohol is involved and of talk in the media and public. It that class attendance and academic the initiative. seems we are ready to have this performance drop when students debate, but the problem is that the consume more alcohol, as shown by unlikely to have the salutary benefits students.

of higher education institutions who t's safe to say that binge vironments for students and teaching

No one is disputing the injuries and risks involved with underage drinking and binge drinking. The studies all indicated that lowering the drinking age wouldn't solve the alcohol abuse going on among stu-College Alcohol Study conducted by sity presidents around the nation the Harvard School of Public Health, launched the Amethyst Initiative, show that lowering the drinking age "amethyst" coming from the Greek will increase the risks and injuries associated with drinking, which leads some to question the intent of these that if you do something illegal long

The presidents behind the initiative know that more than 599,000 Michael Young agreed that under-The Initiative's official state- students at four-year universities age drinking is a serious problem ment calls for "an informed and suffer injuries related to excessive around the country, but said about dispassionate public debate over drinking every year, according to the the presidents behind the initiative: the effects of the 21-year-old Higher Education Center for Alco- "I don't question their motives. I hol and Other Drug Prevention.

They know that sexual assault in- of the students in mind."

Knowing all of this, the presidents are supposed to be providing safe en- must be giving up the fight against underage drinking. If it is time to have the debate about lowering the drinking age, then we should have it. But the call for the debate is coming from the leaders who are supposed to be holding students to a high standard. Instead, they are only lowering the standard and ridding themselves alcohol. Instead of just lowering the dents. Many studies, including the of the liability for the illegal actions drinking age, there needs to be a going on under their watch.

> These presidents may say they have the students' best interests in mind, but research shows otherwise. Their actions are teaching students enough, it will become legal.

University of Utah President believe they have the best interests for their students' illegal actions?

However, Young disagrees

call for the debate came from leaders the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey. they desire. The illicit factor of illegal drinking is only a small part of the problem. The larger problem is that it is unregulated," he said.

The presidents in the initiative should encourage campuses to increase security around areas they know to be hot spots of alcohol use. More needs to be done to inform students of the risks involved with graduated system to full, legal drinking. Much like a driver's license permit, teens would be allowed to drink alcohol in regulated amounts, only with parents in public restaurants, thereby teaching them how to drink responsibly so when they get to college, alcohol isn't the forbidden fruit that it is now.

The solution is to teach personal responsibility. What lessons are we learning from the presidents who want to avoid being responsible The presidents behind the Initiative need to look for alternative

solutions rather than giving up the "Lowering the drinking age is responsibility they have to their tianity is the only religion that like you."

Concealed handgun carrying should be enough for American student gun owners

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considering legislation that campus gun ban. would allow people to carry concealed guns on campus-a ever, sturight that people on Utah's dents and college and university campuses teach already have. None of the states ers from were successful.

The desire to protect one- across the self at school has become an United States ever-growing issue, primarily are demanding attacks of targeted schools be- guns on campus. tween 1974 and 2000. All 65

gun-free zones.

a law allowing people permits ran rampant on campus until the and reinstate the original ban. ccording to the Bra- to carry concealed weapons on issue ultimately died at the Sendy Campaign to Pre- campus. The law was adopted ate in March. And that's exactly open is someone wanting to take vent Gun Violence, in 2004, and in September 2006 where it should stay-dead. Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Utah's Supreme Court overruled Michigan and Virginia are all the University of Utah's former on is all that

Now, more than

schools

because of the 28 attacks at this same right to bear arms. to protect schools in the United States There's even a national organi- yourself and since May 2000. Although it's zation called Students for Con- fellow classmates from a targeted "It's the not a new trend, a 2002 study cealed Carry on Campus that has attack. It might be a pain and not biggest conducted by the Secret Service more than 30,000 members and as comfortable to conceal your concern for and Department of Education focuses on changing laws to allow weapon, but it is effective and a police offiexamined evidence from 37 citizens to carry concealed hand efficient.

of these shootings occurred at versity isn't whether or not you pus and quit trying to push the sys- of Safety report zero firearm in- concealed guns.

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Utahns should be thankful they

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can carry, but the ability to carry tem. It could very easily backfire cidences on campus in 2005 and Utah is the only state that has openly versus concealed. Debates and inspire gun opponents to try 2006. Perhaps criminals with guns They don't want to see them, don't want to work in these areas especially at school. They want "The problem with carrying because they understand there's to believe they are in a perfectly a possibility their victims could safe bubble and think guns are be packing.

> lowed to conceal carry are much to change their minds. Trying said more stringent than open carry. to force acceptance by openly Ser-To receive a concealed weapons carrying will not change their geant permit you must be 21, have a opinions. It will only create a Arb Nordgren valid driver's license, be finger- hostile environment and inprinted, have an extensive FBI crease their efforts to eliminate of cambackground check conducted by pus the Bureau of Criminal Identification and pass a written and nobody is the wiser. People who shooting range test.

The major issue at the Uni- are allowed to have guns on cam- from the University's Department proven their worthiness to carry about. Let's just allow open

Most people don't like guns. for bad guys and violent movies. The requirements of being al- It's wasted energy to attempt guns on campus.

When you conceal carry, are anti-gun don't have to get The BCI reports that nervous, and permit holders only about 2 percent of still have their weapons with permits are revoked them on campus. Gun owners each year. This helps should have appreciation for all guarantee that people they enjoy, not muddle the syswho obtain and keep tem with unnecessary demands. CWPs are mostly law- Concealed carry is a perfect abiding citizens who, unlike scenario and something many open carry individuals, have other states can only dream carry to rest in peace.

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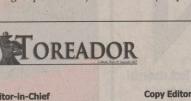
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Tech power supply deemed safe despite neighborhood vandalism, power outage

BY ADAM YOUNG STAFF WRITER

Power officials are not too when concerned with the safety of the Texas Tech power supply after vandalism was blamed for an outage affecting between 800 and 1,500 power customers Sunday afternoon in the North Overton neighborhood.

Power crews responding to the outage, which lasted more than an hour, suspect somebody threw a piece of wire or other object large enough to make contact said stuwith power lines near Second d e n t Street and Boston Avenue, causing the object to burn, said Chris Sims, public information officer with Lubbock Power and Light.

"When it hits that voltage, it usually disintegrates," he said. "Every once and a while, our crews will look around and try to see if conditions are just right."

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Public Information Officer with LP&L

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they see any evidence - some-The outage affected only a adding to its safety. thing we can file a police report portion of customers supplied by a sub-station

> ...but when you're dealing with highvoltage electricity, usually it just burns to a crisp. **CHRIS SIMS**

er lines power grid is integrally connected with city's grid in four locations,

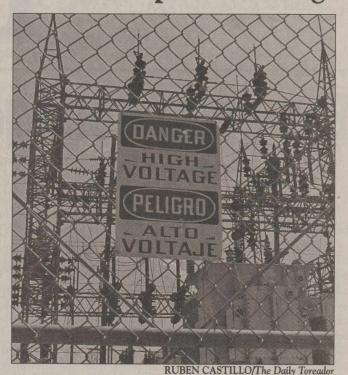
"Even if we lost Brandon Station [the sub-station near the Physical Plant], no one failure is going to totally bring us down," Chowning said. "It would be pretty hard for something to take out the Tech campus without taking out the city."

If a power outage were to affect the entire city and campus, Chowning said it is possible for the university to be supplied solely by the gas turbine power plant near the Physical Plant.

However, it would take four to six hours for the plant to become fully operational.

Concerning safety from vandalism, Sims said the sub-station and power plant at Tech are protected by gates, a nearly 30-foot wall and are located near the Tech Police Department.

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LP&L substation located at the intersection of Erskine and Detroit.

Opposition gets surprise win in Zimbabwe assembly

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - Zimbabwe's main opposition party won the top job in parliament Monday, scoring a surprise victory that could give President Robert Mugabe's foes leverage in power-sharing talks.

It is the first time since Zimbabwe gained independence in 1980 that the speaker's post has not been held by an ally of the autocratic Mugabe.

The election of Lovemore Moyo of the Movement for Democratic Change on a 110-98 vote brought cheers, with opposition legislators breaking into a song declaring "ZANU-PF is finished!" The result indicated some members of the ruling ZANU-PF may have voted for Moyo in the secret ballot.

Mugabe's party had held a parliamentary majority since independence, but it emerged from March elections with 99 seats in the 210-seat legislature, just behind the 100 held by the Movement for Democratic Change. A splinter opposition party has 10 seats and an independent one.

ZANU-PF had been expected to retain the speakership in a body

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enues, one of 20 sub-stations in the city.

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LP&L maintains a sub-station and a generator on campus near the Physical Plant, which supplies Tech

with power.

But Doug

Chowning,

managing di-

rector of the

Physical Plant,

said Tech's

that long had been a rubber-stamp for Mugabe's policies, but it surprised many people by not putting up a candidate.

"The figures were against us," said ruling party legislator Walter Mzemdi. He said ZANU-PF lawmakers were instructed to vote for Paul Themba-Nyathi, a leader of the splinter opposition faction, but the total for Moyo showed some backed him.

Moyo promised to "work toward a professional parliament that will represent the true wishes of the people of Zimbabwe."

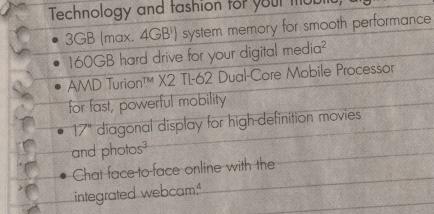
If the opposition continues to win support from the splinter faction, it would have the simple majority needed to cripple Mugabe by blocking funds for government ministries and projects.

Without that support, however, the assembly could mire in deadlock. That could be a boost to Mugabe, who retains power to dissolve parliament and rule through emergency regulations imposed by presidential decree.

Political observers agree the opposition cannot summon the two-thirds vote needed to impeach Mugabe, forcing the two sides to continue efforts to figure out a way to work together.

Simandla Zondi, an analyst at South Africa's Institute for Global Dialogue, said Moyo's victory marks "the beginning of powersharing not by consensus but by issue of the electoral weight" of the opposition party.





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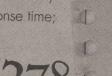
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Experts: College students, pets don't always mix

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

best for college students.

While pet adoption may seem back on the streets. like a good idea at first, students adopting that adorable mutt or bigwhen students adopt or buy pets, treated fairly. local experts and pet owners have some insight to provide them.

for anyone interested in adopting gibility as outlined on the shelter's dential housing areas to ban or owning a pet, said Denise Pat- adoption application. terson, Lubbock Animal Services's adoption coordinator.

Today's

About seven years ago, Pat- house or mobile home. terson said, college students were

Students have become bet- and deposit fee. may want to take a step back before ter pet owners over the past few years, Patterson said, and adoption cant amount of damage to eyed feline, because pet ownership coordinators have become stricter carpets and furniture," Ybarra can quickly get out of hand. If and toward adopters to ensure pets are said. "The apartments (now)

All applicants interested in stay nicer." adopting from the shelter must Responsibility is a requirement meet specific requirements for eli-

years old, provide photo identi- for both landlords and resi-Adopting cats and dogs to col- fication and pay for pet deposits dents, especially when a pet lege students makes Patterson "a required by landlords or property little bit apprehensive," she said. managers of a rented apartment,

Xavier Ybarra, general manager not properly caring for animals and of University Pointe apartments, Furry friends aren't always the many of the pets adopted came back said pets are no longer allowed for to the shelter because they were put new residents, but returning residents may keep their current pet

> "Pets have caused a signifiwill have the potential to

The apartment complex is one of many recent resiresidents from owning pets, Adopters must be at least 18 Ybarra said. It is expensive causes serious damage.

> Interested adopters who go to the shelter must have landlord approval and provide his or her contact information before their application can be approved.

Patterson said she urges interested adopters to come to the shelter and interact with the prospective pet several times to ensure it is a good match before purchasing it.

Once a pet is purchased, Patterson said, the responsibility falls solely on the owner.

"They have to have a commitment to the animal," she said.

Shyenne McAnally, a senior advertising major from Lubbock, said she enjoys the company and protection her 1-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, Molly, brings her.

The pure bred, 65-pound dog is hyper

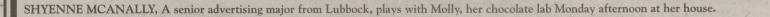
McAnally's 6-foot fence, which she are consistently out of the house ance of owning a big dog. Many students are not

and occasionally jumps over owners, McAnally said. If owners said is a disadvantage and annoy- and not tending to their pet, they shouldn't have one.

Along with loving and caring responsible for a pet, Patterson said, owners p e t need to be prepared and willing to pay for medical expenses and basic necessities for their pets.

> "People need to feed them when they need to be fed," McAnally said, "and love them when they need to be loved."

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

Student Counseling Center

Tucker Max movie shooting in Louisiana

By JULIE GUTIERREZ THE DAILY REVEILLE (LSU)

'more women than is safe or reasonable."

His days of belligerent drunkenness, constant indulgence and film adaptation of Max's best-selling is ahead of schedule, under budget one-night stands are done, but live book of the same title. in infamy on his Web site and in his best-selling book.

Now 32 years old, the self-pro-

claimed "asshole" is working on bringing his irresponsible but often still insists his tales are true. But the hilarious adventures to the big screen movie will be fictional to carry a Tucker Max has had sex with in his first movie. The movie is filming in Shreveport.

Unlike the book, a series of Max's the creative control he desires. stories, the movie will follow one plot line.

The plot: a friend's bachelor party that went wrong.

In the movie, Max (played by Matt Czuchry) attempts to repair the situation so he can win back his friend and his wedding invite.

Despite cynicism from fans, Max for my fans, but for everyone else out full-length plot.

Max, a producer and co-writer "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell," of the film, said production is goslated for a spring 2009 release, is the ing better than expected. The film and — most importantly — getting

Max said he got the artistic freedom he wanted when he paired up with Darko Entertainment, a new production company from the minds at the indie cult-hit "Donnie Darko."

there who hasn't heard of me, but should be a fan."

PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

One possible hurdle for "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell" may be the Motion Picture Association of America. Max's past endeavors are not exactly family entertainment, and though aiming for an R rating, he said the first entry will probably be slapped with an NC-17 rating.

Max said he should have little problem editing down to a an R rating and ensures the movie will not end up sugar-coated.

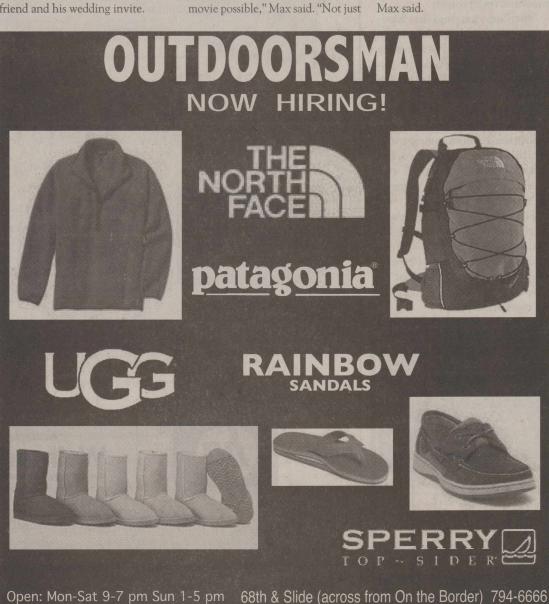
"I would not put my name on "My goal is to make the best a movie that was watered down,"



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Students create Brobama.org to try to make election 'brocessible'

By MATTHEW RITGER THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUT COLLEGE)

An image of Barack Obama grinning beneath a backwards hat and a pair of Wayfarers greets visitors to Brobama.org, a new Web site devoted to clarifying what the presidential candidate means to "the common bro."

Brobama.org is the brainchild of Dartmouth College fraternity brethren and rising seniors Lee Cooper and Scott Henning. The pair were inspired to launch the site this summer, while working at political internships in Washington D.C. Cooper is a member of The Dartmouth staff.

"We had heard people use 'Brobama' around Dartmouth and elsewhere," Cooper said. "So one day on the Metro home from work we decided it would be funny to expand upon the 'Brobama' concept in a more substantive way."

translating important political news into "bro" colloquialisms.

Take the recent scandal over The New Yorker's ill-received Obama cover-art, for example. Brobama.org summed up the entire commotion in 42 words, under the headline "Dudes need to chill."

"We thought we might be able to better translate campaign coverage and political news for people our age who might not otherwise be interested," Henning said.

Obama himself was a graduate of set. Columbia University and Harvard Law School.

During his presidential campaign, Obama's opponents have raised doubts about his ability to appeal to the white male voters of middle America.

The image of Obama daintily too daintily – sipping his beer at a campaign event in a bar caused a stir in the media this spring, while

The site is essentially a sieve, the Republican campaign continues concern, though the issues someto seize any opportunity to paint times seem glossed over a little too Obama as prissy and out of touch heavily.

> with the American public.

Brobama. org depicts Obama not only, as in touch, but also in the language of "broters," or voters of the college-age

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Snappy and sincere, the web site sum-

marizes each new campaign issue by breaking the politics down into brolitics: "News," "Context" and "What this means for the com-

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Cooper, who was himself a candidate for president of the student body at Dartmouth this past spring, is currently working at a D.C. think tank, the Hudson Institute.

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for his district's congresswoman on Capitol Hill. Both Henning and Cooper are brothers in Alpha Delta An update on Obama's fraternity. "Launching the site took quite

a bit of time," Cooper said. "But now that it's running more or less smoothly we spend about an hour per day on the site and entries, plus the time required to keep up with election news."

Currently the site is updated every two or three days.

'We're limited right now just nor McCain because we're working," Henning said. "Hopefully updates will become more frequent."

The creators of Brobama.org hope that their site can fill the need for political media that is both appealing and informative for college students, or bros and bro-ettes, the terms they prefer to use.

The current perception, according to Henning, is that col-

Henning is currently interning lege students have either rallied blindly to Obama's cause without any real understanding of the issues, or are disinterested. Brobama.org hopes to change both of these problems.

Politics need to be more brocessible," the site proclaims, hoping to tapped political leverage of sites like Facebook.com and YouTube.com to draw more college students into the

No Brogramming Skills," about the recent revelation that John McCain considers himself computer "illiterate," the bros behind Brobama.org come to the heart of the issue.

the McCain campaign means for their target audience, they write: "Computers aren't just for nerds these days. They can help a good bro communicate better."

CUSTODIANS' PAY

Median hourly rates for a "janitor or cleaner (but not maid or housekeeping cleaner)" in the U.S. in August 2008:

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> By city: Chicago — \$10.18 Indianapolis — \$10.00 Seattle - \$12.08 New York -\$16.00 Atlanta - \$9.50 St. Louis - \$8.56 Detroit - \$10.29

By state: California — \$10.08 Pennsylvania — \$10.03 New York - \$10.50 Michigan — \$10.10 Florida — \$9.81 Illinois --- \$10.24 Ohio — \$9.92

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people walk into the SUB every day, Vera said, which makes it one of the busiest places on campus.

Speaking from his past experiences as a custodian, Vera said many students do not appreciate the efforts and laborious work that custodians do daily.

Student fees pay for the majority of the SUB and its employees' pay, he said, which may contribute to the lack of consideration and upkeep by students.

'They work hard, especially here in the mornings," Vera said. "I mean it's eight hours of nonstop work for them. Sometimes, somebody should just say thank you."

As lead custodian at the SUB, Jimmy Jasper said he thinks students do appreciate custodians and many tell him thank you.

"It makes the day go by faster," he said, "when people say they appreciate what you do." Students can help custodians

keep Tech presentable, Vera

away any visible trash and wiping of creating a GED program for up spills.

The miniscule attention span

of the common bro is clearly a top

"If only their parents knew what they're doing here," Vera said, laughing, "then they'd get president of student affairs, on to them."

clean up messes, Vera said. They also serve as guides and answer students' questions.

Their duties, he said, is to better serve students and make them organize the GED program, feel comfortable while they are said Alice White, relationship away from home.

some argue, is another demanding area of work for on-campus custodians.

Ramona Hyatt, floor technician for four residence halls at Tech - Wall, Gates, Hulen and Clement — said she enjoys the should do what it does best: recent changes made within her teach. area of work.

New equipment has been purchased for the custodians working in the residence halls, including an auto-scrubber that diminishes the own good." need to mop, quieter vacuums, and to the new equipment. Tech's cus- worth making. todians also received a salary raise >>> bridget.destefano@ttu.edu and full-time benefits for full-time

custodians who want to achieve a high school level degree.

Michael Shonrock, vice said custodians are some of the Custodians do more than just best customer service employees on campus who deserve an opportunity to get high school and college educations.

The first steps in order to creator for the Office of Admis-Residence hall maintenance, sions, are to partner with other organizations with the same goal in mind and then recruit workers who are interested in getting their GED.

> White said that Tech is an educational institution that

Many custodians working in residence halls are interested in taking classes to get their GED,

Rising food prices leave students' wallets starved

By ASHER FUSCO UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN (U. KANSAS)

Lost among laptops, textbooks and pens is a back-to-school necessity that has become more expensive recently - food.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food costs are rising because of stronger global demand, weather problems in some regions and the increased use of some foods to create biofuels. Because of the rising cost of food commodities, grocery stores and KU Dining facilities have raised prices since last school year.

"Any sort of food establishment, whether it's fast food or fine dining, is feeling the impact," said KU Dining Services Marketing Manager Shant

Thomas said students could expect slightly higher food prices at oncampus locations such as the Kansas Union and Wescoe Underground. He said KU Dining Services only raised prices enough to offset its own rising expenditures.

According to the USDA, the cost of dining out is about 4 percent higher than it was one year ago.

The meal plans offered by KU Dining have increased by an average of almost 10 percent since last year, but Thomas said the rise in meal plan pricing was not triggered by food prices. He said a reorganization of the University's meal plans based on customer comments may have led to the increase.

Grocery stores have not escaped increased food costs. According to the USDA, purchasing foods at the supermarket became nearly 6 percent more expensive in the past year.

"Food price inflation is running the highest it's been in 20 years and a lot of people aren't used to it," said USDA economist Ephraim Leibtag. "It's not ridiculous, but it's noticeable."

which Hyatt said is "for their Thomas It is an investment both less potent chemicals. In addition Shonrock and White agree is

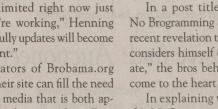
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of telling the students they are

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exhibits designer, said he was told

by the chancellor's office Monday to

take the banner down. Steinbrink

said the museum has given tours to

grade school students before and

often consulted teachers about any content they might want removed

He said the museum has posted

signs in the past to warn people

about potentially offensive content,

but this was the first time adminis-

up flowers out there," Steinbrink

said. "But we discussed it before

putting it up and decided it was

tasteful enough and not majorly

it would not have been a problem

if it were displayed inside the mu-

seum, but protesters outside said

from Chicago studying perfor-

mance, said it should not matter

if the exhibit is outside or inside.

Aspiring artists should not have to fight censorship anywhere, she

the piece furthers its message.

Wood said the choice to cover

"The whole show is about per-

secution and women being forced

into roles, so I find it ironic it is

being censored for that very rea-

son," Wood said. "This is a univer-

sity campus, not a preschool. This

Nico Wood, a graduate student

that was not the point.

Steinbrink also said he thought

"We knew we weren't putting

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Nathaniel Steinbrink, museum

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Feisty puppy scares off 3 bears in NJ back yard

WYCKOFF, N.J. (AP) — If only Goldilocks had a to see what the commotion was about and came running cockapoo.

A 15-pound cocker spaniel-poodle mix named Pawlee scared off a mother bear and her two cubs Sunday morning after they strayed into his owners' back yard.

Whether his bark was worse than his bite, Pawlee's tactic worked just fine. These three bears got the hint and took off.

"We had just let him out for the morning and he ran into the yard and started barking his head off," owner Fran Osiason said

Osiason said her 9-year-old son, Jacob, went outside

back in to report there were bears in the yard.

She was worried that the mother would come after Pawlee to protect her cubs, but the pugnacious pup, just 8 months old, had other plans.

His barking drove the two cubs up a tree, and they eventually climbed down and hopped over a fence with their mother and retreated into the woods.

Osiason said she, her son, husband Andrew and daughter Eden, 6, have had Pawlee since he was about 8 weeks old. She marveled at his fearlessness.

"He's a little fur ball," she said.

Explosive find: Auctioneers find C-4 in suitcase

MAYFLOWER, Ark. (AP) — Auctioneers preparing for a backyard estate sale Saturday morning made an explosive discovery among the china and other items up for bid — a suitcase full of military-grade explosives.

The rusted, padlocked suitcase sat alongside a porcelain coffee service set, decorative enamel-finished eggs and a vintage gas-powered model of the 1965 Chaparral "II race car prototype.

Auctioneers got the suitcase open just before the sale on Saturday and found three blocks of military-grade C-4 plastic explosive, two tubes of a similar plastic explosive, a blasting cap and some dynamite.

Workers quickly called 911. The Conway Fire Department's bomb squad put the aging explosives inside a special container and drove them out to an isolated spot to destroy them, district chief Jon McMahon told the Log Cabin Democrat newspaper. The auction went on as planned.

Faulkner County sheriff's office Maj. Andy Shock said the explosives had deteriorated over time and likely were at least 15 years old. Shock said that age put the C-4 at the outer limits of its shelf life, meaning the explosives were unstable and even more dangerous.

The items at the estate sale belonged to a U.S. Navy veteran who recently died, Shock said. Deputies continued to investigate the incident, but charges weren't likely as the presumed owner of the explosives is dead, he said.

But just in case there was any doubt, Faulkner County Sheriff Karl Byrd made sure to stress that owning dynamite or plastic explosives without permission is "definitely illegal."

Beauty contest being organized for nuns in Italy

ROME (AP) — An Italian priest and theologian about their life and vocation as well as a photograph. It said Sunday he is organizing an online beauty pageant "for nuns to give them more visibility within the Catholic "Church and to fight the stereotype that they are all old and dour.

The "Miss Sister 2008" contest will start in September on a blog run by the Rev. Antonio Rungi and will give nuns from around the world a chance to showcase their work and their image.

"Nuns are a bit excluded, they are a bit marginalized in ecclesiastical life," Rungi told The Associated Press after Italian media carried reports of the idea. "This will be an occasion to make their contribution more visible.'

Rungi, a theologian and schoolteacher from the Naples area, said that visitors to his site will have a month to "vote for the nun they consider a model."

Nuns will fill out a profile including information

Amtrak train runs out of fuel, stranded 2 hours

late.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It was the little engine that before another engine came along to push it the last couldn't — because it was thirsty for fuel.

A quick train trip down the coast turned into a long haul for more than 80 Amtrak passengers when their train from Los Angeles to San Diego ran out of fuel

will be up to them to choose whether to pose with the traditional veil or with their heads uncovered.

"We are not going to parade nuns in bathing suits," Rungi said by telephone from his town of Mondragone. "But being ugly is not a requirement for becoming a nun. External beauty is gift from God, and we mustn't hide it."

Rungi said the idea was first suggested to him by nuns with whom he regularly prays and works. He hopes there will be dozens of submissions once the Web site is started.

The contest drew criticism from the association of Catholic teachers.

"It's an initiative that belittles the role of nuns who have dedicated themselves to God," the group's president, Alberto Giannino, told Italy's ANSA news agency on Sunday.

Southern Illinois U. student artist compromises by covering up work

By JEFF ENGELHARDT DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

A day after ordering a graduate student's artwork be taken down, Southern Illinois University interim Chancellor Sam Goldman agreed Tuesday the work could be displayed if a cloth covered a photo of partially exposed buttocks.

The compromise did not placate the roughly 20 people who gathered outside University Museum to protest the removal of a banner publicizing Tracey Weiersmueller's "Feminality: A Portrait Series of Unruly Women."

The banner depicted women in a police lineup in costumes and poses that Weiersmueller said defy gender norms. One of the 27 subjects partially exposed her buttocks, which Goldman said could have negative effects on the public.

"I am not an art policeman, and I do not believe in any form of censoring, but the concern had to do with context," Goldman said. "We have families, children and all kinds of people walking on campus, so the question was, is it appropriate for them?"

The banner hung in front of the museum, which is located in Faner Hall, for five days before Goldman ordered its removal.

He said his office received complaints about the banner but would not say how many or from whom. Weiersmueller said he told her the complaints came from parents who were concerned after their children saw the banner.

She said she initially considered using a black halo on the buttocks to make a statement about cen-

Woman sues U. Florida fraternity, 2 students over sex tape

and UF anthropology junior Benja-

in his room in the fraternity house,

brother, UF accounting senior Kyle

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By KATIE SANDERS INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

A woman filed a \$15,000 law-Fraternity and two UF students, one of whom she had sex with in the fraternity house while the other secretly videotaped the act.

B. Kraft, 21, to videotape while hid-The 20-year-old woman claims ing under a blanket on another bed invasion of privacy, outrage and without the woman's knowledge, fraud among other allegations in according to the lawsuit.

sorship in media. Even with the on exhibit in main gallery for the senior show," Stevens said. "Instead cloth, the intent of her work comes through, she said.

"The two most important goals for me are to have the work shown and have an open dialogue about it," Weiersmueller said. "It was a compromise, but it was worth it for the sake of the image to be

We knew we weren't putting up flowers... but we discussed it ... tasteful enough ...

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

viewed."

Goldman said Weiersmueller volunteered to cover the offending area when she met with him Tuesday morning.

While the final compromise satisfied both the artist and administrator, one official from another university said she would have handled it differently.

Joan Stevens, dean of students at Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, said the college's student handbook contains a detailed section on art censorship. The college encourages all students to express their art freely, she said.

"There was a nude body piece shouldn't be an issue."

5, 2006, incident when the woman Office spokesman, said a judge found Farias and Kraft guilty of misdemeanmin Farias, 21, had consensual sex or voyeurism in May 2007.

They served 10 days in jail, did 50 suit against UF's Delta Tau Delta according to a Gainesville Police hours of community service, spent a year on probation and paid \$1,266 in Farias arranged for his fraternity fines, Mann said.

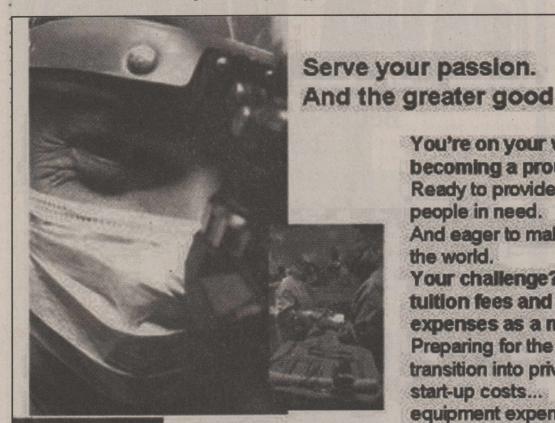
> The woman was not a SFC or UF student, according to school officials

In the lawsuit, the woman blames the fraternity for failing to supervise Kraft videotaped the woman and control its members as well as nenaked for more than 20 minutes glecting to bestow a "general duty of The lawsuit stems from a Nov. before she spotted the camera lens care" toward the fraternity's guests. Delta Tau Delta President Thomas Cockriel said Farias and Kraft have The woman then wrestled with been suspended from the fraternity

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Sunday night.

about two hours on the northern edge of San Diego happened, Cole said.





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the lawsuit, which was filed July 29 in Palm Beach County.

protruding from the blanket, the lawsuit states.

Kraft to take the videotape, and she since spring 2007. reported the incident to Gainesville Police.

Cockriel deferred questions to Jim Russell, executive vice president of Spencer Mann, State Attorney's the fraternity's national chapter.

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Tech women's soccer shows signs of improvement to start off season

By STEVEN RYAN STAFF WRITER

Accomplishing many feats for the first time helped the Texas Tech women's soccer team step in the right direction to start the season.

The Red Raiders' first clinched their win with a 4-0 victory against Lamar Friday at John Walker Soccer Complex. The Red Raiders gained a 2-0 lead at halftime for the first time under second-year Tech coach Tom Stone and did not allow a single shot on goal for the entire 90 minutes. They also scored the most goals in a game since 2006 against Prairie View A&M.

Tech forward Zhaleh Rezaie, who led the team in goals and points last season, said the defense was a major reason for the convincing victory and a good start to the season.

"I think the defense wins games and it starts with them," Rezaie said. by team captain Shannon Sims. "If they do their job, it goes through their job done."

the Red Raiders' second goal of the season was scored by Tech defender many first-half goals (last season)," Sarabeth Clopton off a corner kick he said. "We scored two last year.



KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH'S SHANNON Sims scored one goal in the Red Raiders' 4-0 win over Lamar Friday at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

Although the players may have the entire team and everyone gets not realized the 2-0 halftime lead was a first, Stone said it was some-Towards the end of the first half, thing he noticed all last season.

So it was good to score two in the first game to equal our season total from last year."

With a comfortable lead going into the half, Stone was able to get his freshman some valuable experience. At one point in the second half Stone had seven freshman on the field at the same time.

"We made a decision even prior to the game that we were going to get them in," Stone said. "We could not afford to wait until Colorado to test them."

The freshmen responded by continuing to control ball possession and not allow any shots by Lamar.

For highly-touted redshirt freshman Taylor Lytle, playing meant a little moré.

Lytle was supposed to be a key player for last year's team before a serious knee injury forced her to medically redshirt.

"I can't remember the last time I played a game. It probably was a year and a half ago," Lytle said.

Tech's next game is against "I knew that we had not scored Colorado at 7 p.m. Friday at John Walker Soccer Complex. »>steven.ryan@ttu.edu

Cross country has high hopes heading into 2008

ence to the team.

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

ing veterans, the Texas Tech cross he really progressed great last year. I be obstacles to face. country team has no reservations in think he will be good leader." aiming high.

The Red Raiders have had twoconsecutive appearances at nationals and with the bulk of its runners runners in the state and transfer returning, Tech aims to build off last student Nathan Mills will add experiseason's success.

"We were led with our super-stud Sally Kipyego who won all those in the Big 12, the highest finish in in Cloudcroft, N.M. meets for the second time in a row," Tech coach Jon Murray said. "She is back for her final year, so it is always great to have a leader like that. We have Asia Diaz, who is going to be a senior this next year. She has done really well for us all four years. Gladys Kipsang, she was all-region last year. Chep Boit, who was in our top five last year, is back."

The women's team may have lost key runner Irene Kimaiyo, but alongside Diaz, Boit, Kipsang and Kipyego come new additions Lillian Badarue and Brintney Green.

Badarue, a transfer from South Plains College, finished second at the junior college nationals and is expected to do well, Murray said. Green, a freshman from Houston -Spring, finished in the Top 5 of the 5A Texas state cross country meet.

The Tech women finished second at Big 12 Conference meets, fifth at the NCAA Mountain Regional, and qualified for nationals for the second time in Tech history.

Asia Diaz said with almost everyone coming back, the Red Raiders should be competitive, but the lack of depth should force the team to produce even more.

"As far as a team, everybody can improve," she said. "We don't have Irene, so we don't have lot of depth, We are going to have to make sure we are closer together when we finish."

The Tech men lost Edwin Sang , but with the younger duo of Gilbert Limo and Silas Kemboi and a handful of new recruits and transfers, the Red Raiders are looking at a progressive season.

Sang's best finish last season was third place in the Jackrabbit Open on Sept. 14 with a time 23:39.4 seconds

be Silas Kemboi and Gilbert Limo. regionals. Both of them had really good track

Murray said he is looking for a seasons. Of course Gilbert got in the better finish for the Tech men and With new recruits and return- national meet in the steeplechase, so women, but he understands there will

"We are in a very difficult region," Cory Higgins has really devel- Murray said. "We are in the Mountain oped, Murray said. He said Zach Region, which historically has been Dawson is one of the top 1600 meter the toughest region in the country. If you can do well in our regional meet, you'll do well at nationals."

The Red Raiders' season starts The Tech men placed eighth with the Cloudcroft Tri Meet Friday school history, while qualifying for >> kayla.parham@ttu.edu

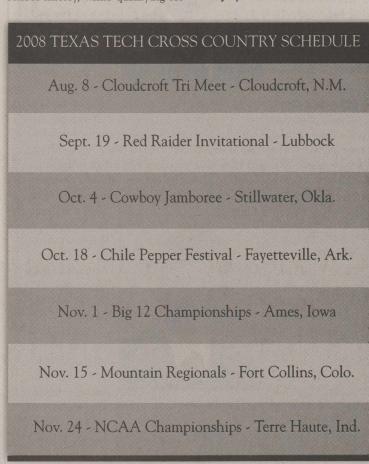






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"We lost our top guy last year," Murray said. "Our top two guys would

TEXAS TECH'S TAYLOR Lytle had an assist in her first game after being redshirted in 2007.

Mavericks sign veteran George to new deal

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas draft picks and \$3 million. Mavericks have re-signed forward player blocked a trade to the New deal. Jersey Nets.

before signing with the Mavericks for the Mavericks after the trade. in 2006.

NBA championship rings in each of icks last season. his first three seasons for the Lakers and blocked a deal earlier this year to 5.8 points and 3.3 rebounds a game be traded to the New Jersey Nets in during his NBA career. exchange for point guard Jason Kidd and other players in a multiplayer uniform has been a goal of ours all deal

point guard Devin Harris, center "His experience and ability to run the DeSagana Diop, swingman Maurice floor and play and defend multiple Ager, forward Trenton Hassell and positions will be a great asset for us retired forward Keith Van Horn to this season." New Jersey along with two first-round

The Nets traded Kidd, forward Devean George to an unspecified deal Malik Allen and guard Antoine nearly six months after the veteran Wright to Dallas in the eight-player

Kidd, who earned a gold medal at George played his first seven the 2008 Beijing Olympics, averaged seasons for the Los Angeles Lakers 9.9 points and 9.5 assists in 29 games

George averaged 3.7 points and The nine-year veteran earned 2.6 rebounds a game for the Maver-

The 6-foot-8 forward has averaged

"Getting Devean back in a Mavs summer," Mavericks head coach The Mavericks ended up trading Rick Carlisle said in a statement.



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BY ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

Graham Harrell doesn't keep leads by example. his nose in the record book, but his name is all over it. "I really couldn't tell you how most is Jake because he's kind

many touchdowns I need to break the touchdown record," said Harrell, who has thrown for 10,682 yards and 89. touchdowns in his career. "I know it's reachable. It's still pretty high. I think records will come, just with getting better everyday and

executing. If we do those kinds of things, that's where the numbers for the Outland Trophy, which come from. The goal is to win recognizes the best lineman in games.

phy winner and Ennis-native needs 43 touchdown passes in 2008 to break former Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan's record of 131.

He will get that opportunity as an offensive captain for the second year in row. Along-

Vasquez, safety Darcel McBath and much as we throw the ball, they defensive end Jake Ratliff.

With coaches unable to vote, Texas Tech football players turned team with 73 total tackles last in their selections, and the cap- season, earning him All-Big tains were announced before the 12 honorable mention as the start of Sunday's football practice, leader on a passing defense that according to a press release.

"Your teammates look up to you enough to vote you captain, that's little more confidence and a something to be proud of, I think," Ratliff said. "As big a season as we self," McBath said. "I feel that think we're gonna have this year, they voted me captain, I need especially being voted captain this to set an example. I need to be year, it makes you feel good."

"Louis is a big part of the offense," Harrell said. "Obviously the offensive line is

very important, side him are seniors, guard Louis especially in this system. As got to protect."

McBath was third on the ranked 12th in the nation.

"It definitely gives you a little more swagger about yourthe guy that can lead them in Harrell said some people may practice and in the games."

Texas Tech football Tech volleyball tunes up before start of 2008 season

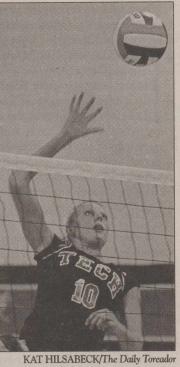
BY KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

The team that plays together stays together.

hopes that theory holds true as it need to improve before starting the completed its final tuneup before the beginning of the regular season.

The Red Raiders played an intrasquad scrimmage Aug. 22 to prepare for the many obstacles ahead.

"We played a lot of games," Tech coach Nancy Todd said. "It was probto really just keep going, continuous volleyball. We usually stop and to get out there and do that. (It was uniforms. It's a big feeling to get out to see more of. there and do that."



Friday's intrasquad match.

14 kills in the five-set match followed if we can get our defense down." closely by Hayley Ball and Amanda Dowdy with 12 each.

The scrimmage gave the players The Texas Tech volleyball team and coaches an idea of what they regular season Friday.

"I think it just gives us a look at what we need to work on before we actually start playing other teams," Hood said. "It's hard to just keep playing each other but it's the only way we can prepare right now. I think we ably only our second or third time did a fairly good job. We have a lot we can improve on."

One aspect of play that can always change some things up. It was great be improved is communication, which is something outside hitter the) first time they've worn their Michelle Flores said she would like

"What I want to see is just to talk more," Flores said. "Be aggressive all the time. Be aggressive and go for everything and everything will work if we play together."

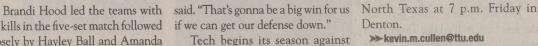
Tech's newcomers also had a chance to fit in with their new team.

The development of Tech's transfers and freshmen should play an essential role in the team's success this season, which Hood said is different than last year.

"All of our new girls are in there," Hood said. "They are ready to play. I think last year we had a lot of nerves in our freshmen and this year they don't really have a lot of nerves. They are ready to step up and help us out."

Along with helping the Red Raiders identify their weaknesses, the scrimmage also pointed out some strengths the team can build on as it goes forward.

"Our defense looked a lot better BRANDI HOOD HAD 14 kills in today than it has at practice," Hood



Denton.

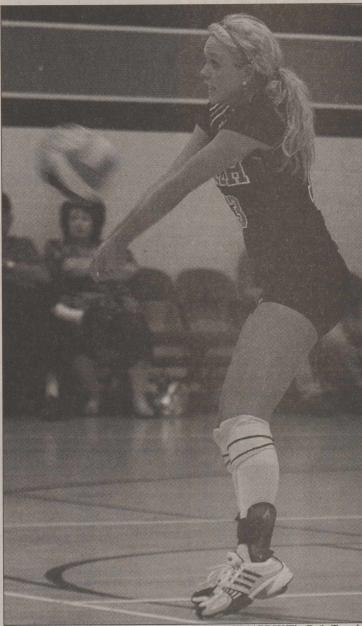


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BROOKE SMITH, A freshman from Lubbock, returns a serve during the Intrasquad Scrimmage match at the United Spirit Arena on Friday night.

Twins bring back Guardado to help bullpen in Rangers trade

SEATTLE (AP) — Everyday Ed- disabled list. die is back in Minnesota.

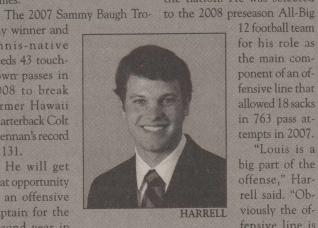
Monday in a trade with the Texas the Angels. Rangers for a minor league pitcher. The 37-year-old Guardado was 3-3 for later Monday, before their game Rangers purchased the contract of Class-A club in Clinton, Iowa. Hamwith a 3.65 ERA in 49 1-3 innings at Seattle. for Texas, which recently made him its closer after an injury to C.J. iels said he wouldn't have made the Wilson Opponents are batting .220 against the left-hander this season. Guardado has 187 career saves, waivers. 116 with Minnesota, where he played from 1993-03 and earned his the situation of the organization and nickname for the number of innings appreciated the opportunity to go he logged. He'll help in the eighth back to the Twins," Daniels said in said, declining to speculate on the inning, a problem for the Twins this a conference call. "Certainly only season after setup man Pat Neshek hurt his elbow and landed on the

The Twins planned a roster move

Minnesota blew a 3-2 lead in the trading veterans," he added. "We'd handle it." Eddie Guardado was acquired eighth and lost 5-3 on Sunday to probably be on the other side of it, looking to add."

we wouldn't be in a position to be up and perform in that role and

Minnesota sent 21-year-old righthander Mark Hamburger to the To take Guardado's place, the Rangers, who will assign him to their burger, a Mounds View (Minn.) High School grad, was signed by the Twins to join the team and be available in after a local tryout camp. He was the Appalachian League's Closer of the Year for rookie-level Elizabethton. Texas also recalled outfielder homa and designated outfielder Jason "It sounds like Frankie's going Ellison for assignment. Cruz, who spent parts of the past two seasons with the Rangers but hasn't played in the majors this year, hit .342 with 37 season. "Let's see how the next five home runs and 99 RBIs in 103 games



the nation. He was selected for his role as the main component of an offensive line that allowed 18 sacks in 763 pass attempts in 2007.

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move if the Rangers were still in the playoff race. Minnesota claimed Guardado when he was placed on

"He was very complimentary of positive feelings on both sides.

left-hander Bill White from Triple-Texas general manager Jon Dan- A Oklahoma. White was expected the bullpen for Monday's game at Kansas City.

> Right-hander Frank Francisco was expected to move into the ninth- Nelson Cruz from Triple-A Oklainning role.

to get the first shot at it," Daniels competition for the closer job next "If we were three games out, weeks go. I'd like to see Frankie step for Oklahoma.

Newman possibly ready for season opener, but Cowboys lose 2 more to injury

Newman participated in practice with foot, and receiver Isaiah Stanback the Dallas Cowboys for the first time in couldn't lift his arms very high because four weeks Monday, an indication that of a separated left shoulder. Both were receivers in one-on-one situations. the Pro Bowl cornerback could be ready to play in the season opener.

While Newman returned to pracother players because of injuries. Guard Kyle Kosier needed crutches training camp in California.

to get around the team's facility because

hurt Friday night in a 23-22 preseason victory over Houston.

tice, the Cowboys were without two Bowl season, sustained a groin injury July 28, less than a week into the team's

Coach Wade Phillips said Newman

IRVING, Texas (AP) -Terence of the large cast on his sprained right "didn't have any trouble" during the at left guard for the Cowboys since two-hour workout Monday, but that coming from Detroit as a free agent,

> Newman, coming off his first Pro opener Sept. 7 at Cleveland. But Phillips said Newman likely won't play Thursday night in the preseason finale from Weber State, was in Kosier's spot against Minnesota.

> > with him and make sure he's ready to go in the regular season," Phillips said. make sure he's 100 percent."

This is the second year in a row Newman got hurt in the preseason. us one way or another, or keep us on He missed the last three preseason whoever we thought it should be in the games and the first two games of the first place," Phillips said. regular season last year because of a slight tear in the tissue in the base of the final two games of the regular season his right foot.

the cornerback didn't have to cover any sprained his right foot blocking in the fourth quarter of Friday night's game. Without any setbacks, Newman is After missing only one game the past expected to play in the regular-season six seasons, Kosier is expected to be out four to six weeks.

Pat McQuistan, a third-year player with the first-team line during the 20 "I'd say we still have to be careful minutes of practice open to the media Monday. Phillips said McQuistan, Joe Berger and Cory Proctor all will get "We've waited a good while, we've been some time at left guard Thursday night, real cautious with it. We're going to and their play will determine who replaces Kosier in the opener.

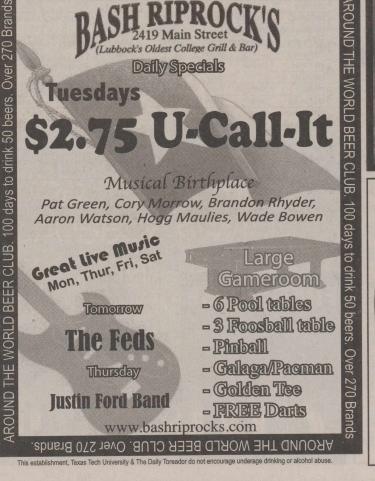
"The tape of the game will sway

Before center Andre Gurode missed last year, the Cowboys had started the Kosier, who started all 32 games same offensive linemen in every game: Flozell Adams, Kosier, Gurode, Leonard Davis and Marc Colombo. Adams, Gurode and Davis were all Pro Bowl selections.

"Whoever they put in there, they're going to manage," Kosier said. "They'll be all right. They're playing around three Pro Bowlers, so they'll be all right."

Stanback separated his shoulder when he got hit at the end of a 32-yard kickoff return and fumbled to open the second half against the Texans. He also had a 44-yard return in the game.

With Stanback and fellow receiver/ returner Miles Austin (sprained right knee) both expected to miss the start of the regular season, Phillips is now considering using rookie running back Felix Jones or Adam "Pacman" Jones to return kickoffs.



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Olympic champs Nadal, Dementieva win at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Olympic champions Rafael Nadal and Elena Dementieva showed their mettle at the U.S. Open, overcoming early challenges to win Monday in the start of what's expected to be a wideopen tournament.

Former champs Lindsay Davenport and Svetlana Kuznetsova also opened with straight-sets victories. Many of the stars like to hurry through the first round — it takes seven wins for the title, and any rest is welcome.

Playing for the first time as the world No. 1, Nadal swatted his very first shot wide against No. 136 Bjorn Phau. The Wimbledon and French Open champ was two points from dropping the first set when he surged and, despite needing to bandage a nasty blister, won 7-6 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Nadal got much more of a test from the German qualifier than many anticipated, and shook his head near the end of a match that lasted nearly 3 hours.

Dementieva looked like gold while taking the final four games to defeat Akgul Amanmuradova 6-4, 7-5. The fifth-seeded Russian was glad to win quickly and give her mind and body a break.

"It's very hard not to think about the Olympic Games," Dementieva said. "Very difficult to refocus. I mean, all my thinking is there in Beijing."

James Blake and Jelena Jankovic led the lineup of Monday night matches.

Roger Federer, bidding for his fifth straight U.S. Open title, was scheduled to begin Tuesday, as were No. 1 Ana Ivanovic and the Williams sisters.

The final Grand Slam event of the season figured to be a scramble on both sides.

Nadal seems like the natural favorite, yet has never gone beyond the quarterfinals in five previous tries at Flushing Meadows. The 22-year-old Spanish dynamo took

Phau, whose spirited play made him a crowd favorite.

Fans at Arthur Ashe Stadium, often quiet during early daytime sessions, cheered when Phau dived for a shot, rolled over on his back and chased a return.

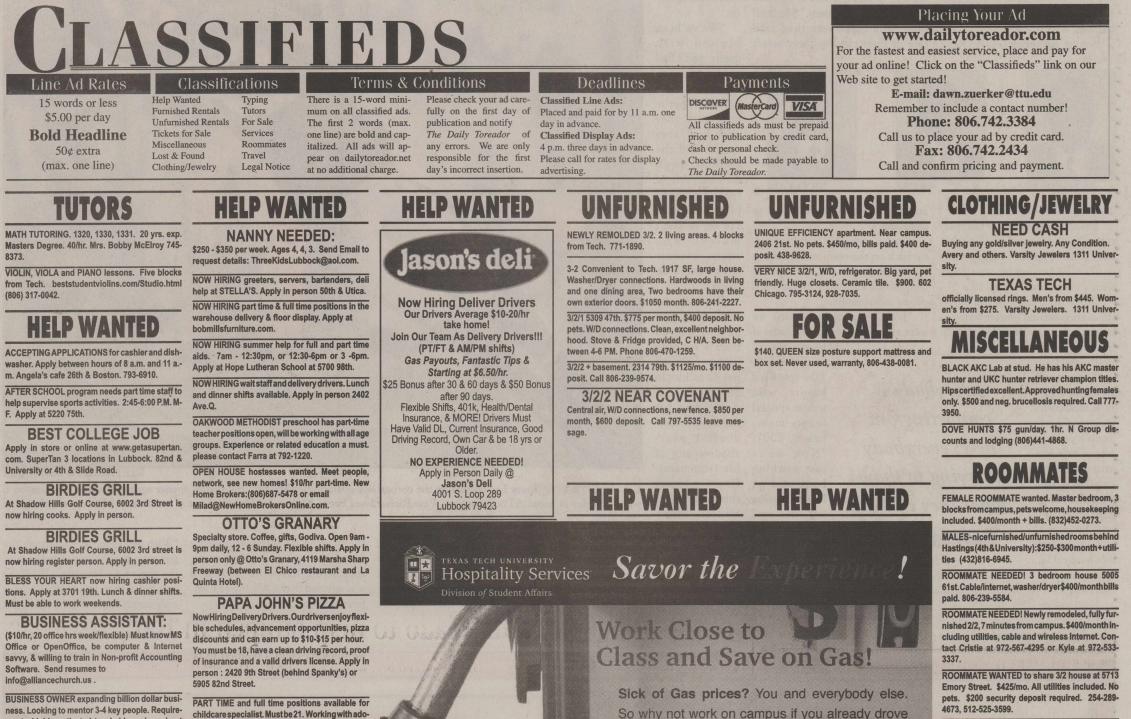
The women's draw is even more tricky, now that 2007 champion Justine Henin has retired and Maria Sharapova is out with an injured shoulder.

Six different women have won a while to find his rhythm against the U.S. Open in the last seven

years, and Dementieva is seeking her first major championship. To her, the Olympic singles title counts.

"The biggest goal for the year was Beijing," she said. "In Russia, if you stop anyone in the street and ask what is a Grand Slam, I don't think many people can tell you. But everyone knows the Olympic Games. There is nothing bigger."

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The cornerbacks on the Texas for granted.

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hears that loud and clear. Since the beginning of fall prac-

tices, Reed occupied the position left vacant by former two-year starter Chris Parker, but he went down with a leg injury on Aug. 19.

While Reed caught a bad break, the corners behind him are trying to make the best of the situation until were all working hard no matter if he can get back

on the field. The sever-

ity of the injury is unknown because of Tech's policy to not release any specific information surrounding. player injuries, but Reed is wearing an orthopedic boot on his right ankle. Nickerson

and LaRon Moore have received out until next Saturday. reps with the first team, but Marcus

Bunton, De'Shon Sanders, Taylor Ruffin McNeill Charbonnet and Pete Richardson said even though are still in the rotation.

Tech cornerbacks coach Brian earn the starting Tech football team take nothing Mitchell said anyone can step up, job, it really may it's just a matter of who makes the not be that im-"Nothing is guaranteed," said most plays when his name gets portant considering how often the

"They just need to keep workdefense plans to ing day in and day out at practice substitute play-You take everyday like it's your and in the weight room," Mitchell ers. said, "and make sure they take

Senior cornerback L.A. Reed care of their class so there aren't blessed with

MOORI NICKERSON

any distractions when they get to gametime."

matter who Moore, arguably the fastest cornerback on the team, said whether starts, because Reed is playing or not, the depth at they rotate so the position continues to push each much." player individually.

"It's all the same, because we senior of the

Everybody is competing out here; everybody is trying to show what they can do. **MARCUS BUNTON** SENIOR RUNNING BACK

the battle.

just working just gonna see what they can do," Bunton said. who fights it "Just to get out on the field. Since I've been here, competition is the Tech defensive coordinator corner position. We a real close-

"Everybody is competing out ings between any of us, but we all for a lot of action coming his way, guy who hasn't been out there in hard. We're here; everybody is trying to show go out there and try to compete and considering that junior Jamar Wall the game for a long time. With the try to be like we're that number one was selected to the All-Big 12 Con- accolades that Jamar Wall has, it guy. Everyone just tries to prepare ference second team in 2007. like he's the starter."

"(Other teams) are gonna test corner spot." Nickerson said whoever wins that right side," Nickerson said. »daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

knit group. There are no hard feel- the starting job needs to prepare "With any defense, you attack the only makes sense to go at that right

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L.A. REED'S LEG injury has opened up the cornerback position heading into the season opener against Eastern Washington 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. Pete Richardson, Brent Nickerson, Marcus Bunton and LaRon Moore are included in

He said his was a special teams mem- experience level ber in 2007. doesn't over-"Now we're shadow any of just working his teammates. hard, and we However, he said have a rotation the relationship

with me and between them is Brent Nicker- one of the best

Bunton, the group, moved he was there," from a running said the 5-9, back in 2005 and

someone will

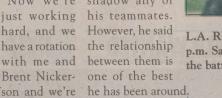
"We've been

depth, and I feel comfortable with all those guys," he said. "They're good guys, they work hard, they understand the game and they'll do fine. All of

them are gonna play in a game.

For us, it won't

200-pound has 42 tackles in Moore, who 38 games.





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