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Texas agency tightens procedures

AUSTIN (AP) — Because of a federal appeals court ruling, child welfare workers will be required to obtain court orders in most cases before removing allegedly abused children from their homes, officials said.

The ruling last month by a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will also bar welfare officials from automatically removing all children from the home if one child is alleged to be abused. While unrelated, the ruling came amid scrutiny of the state's removal of hundreds of children this spring from a polygamous sect.

NATION

New Orleans watches another storm brewing

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - On the eve of Hurricane Katrina's third anniversary, a nervous New Orleans watched Wednesday as another storm threatened to test everything the city has rebuilt, and officials made plans to evacuate people, pets and hospitals in an attempt to avoice a Katrina-style chaos.

Forecasters warned that Gustav could grow into a dangerous Category 3 hurricane in the next several days and hit somewhere along a swath of the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle to Texas — with New Orleans smack in the middle.

WORLD

Western nations warn Russia to 'change course'

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) -Western leaders warned Russia on Wednesday to "change course," hoping to keep a conflict that already threatens a key nuclear pact and could even raise U.S. chicken prices from blossoming into a new Cold War.

Moscow said it was NATO expansion and Western support for Georgia that was causing the new East-West divisions, and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin lashed out at the United States for using military ships to deliver humanitarian

aid to Georgia. Meanwhile, Georgia slashed its embassy staff in Moscow to protest Russia's recognition of the two separatist enclaves that were the flashpoint for the five-day war between the two nations earlier this month.

DEATH TOLL



U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Poor e-mail etiquette frustrates professors



By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

Plz dont write ur e-mails like dis. It may present an unprofessional self-portrait to professors, coworkers or employers, which could lead to difficulties maneuvering around the classroom environment or the profes-

"You don't want to only take two seconds to e-mail [a professor] about your grade," said Jaime Resendiz, a

finance and electrical engineering major from Petersburg. "If you take the time to write a proper e-mail, it shows you care and you're taking time to discuss something important."

The 19-year-old internal vice president of the Tech Marketing Association said he bought a self-help book about writing better e-mails and letters over the summer to improve his communication skills.

His best advice to students is to avoid online chat lingo.

"You shouldn't write an e-mail the same as you would write a text (mes-

Resendiz said. "It makes you sound more educated and valid.' Resendiz said he avoids abbrevia-

sage). You don't want to abbreviate."

tions altogether in his text messages and e-mails. He also punctuates his sentences correctly and uses good grammar, because he said it is one of the best ways to practice professional communication and to avoid slipping up in an e-mail to a professor

or employer.

Jay Killough, associate director for University Career Services, said it is important for students to develop good e-mail etiquette in college because it will create a professional image when students transition to a professional job.

"Bad habits could potentially develop if students are used to sending the short text-style e-mails to their

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Herd makes \$15M endowment to Department of Petroleum Engineering

By MICHELLE CASADY EDITOR

In 1957, Bob Herd was writing checks to Texas Tech for tuition. More than half a century later, he's still writing checks to the university, only now they come in the form of \$15 million endowments to the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

What had originally been planned as an anonymous donation ending up being a public donation — with Hance's suggestions — in the presence of Chancellor Kent Hance, President Guy Bailey and members of the Board of

"I told Bill, 'I wanna have a press conference," Hance said, "and he said, 'well, I'm not sure' and I said, 'we want people to know and this encourages other people to do the

Herd's biggest concern about making it a public donation was the obligation of making a speech. After opening remarks from Hance, Herd took the po-

dium for no more than two minutes.

"I don't think I've been this nervous in Lubbock, Texas, since I had to take a final exam," he said.

After his brief speech at the podium, Herd's wife, Pat, commented on his lack of enthusiasm for making public

"He might not give speeches, but he sure does lecture," she said to laughter and applause.

Pamela Eibeck, dean of the College of Engineering, said this endowment will be mainly used to attract and retain faculty in the department.

"There is so much demand to hire people that faculty can get two to three times as much money getting a job with Exxon Mobile or ConocoPhillips," she said. The donation made by Herd will allow the department

to offer more money to faculty in hopes of keeping qualified professors in the classroom. Eibeck said there currently are two open faculty positions of the eight available within the department.

"We would like to still grow after filling those spots," she said. "This will help make an immediate difference within



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR Kent Hance introduces Bob L. Herd, who donated fifteen million dollars to the Department of Petroleum Engineering, at a ceremony held in his honor Wednesday morning at the Merket Alumni Center.

View a related video at www.dailytoreador.com the department." Herd's donation is not only unique because of the

amount of money being given, but also because it is for a specific department rather than for a college in general.

"You very rarely see named departments," Bailey said. "But this is a transformative gift. This is that little bit extra to take us from being one of the best in the nation to the best in the nation."

Bailey said he believes the strength of a university can be judged by the support of its alumni. In this case, Tech appears to be heading in the right direction and Bailey said it isn't uncommon, when such a donation is made, to see a domino effect where other alumni will come forward and pledge support.

Hance and Herd have a history that has spanned 25 years. Back when Hance was running for U.S. Senate, he

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Tech, Harvard work to stop spread of HIV

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Researchers may have gotten one step closer to finding a solution to the HIV epidemic.

A group of Texas Tech and Harvard researchers have found a way to halt the spread of HIV through a new process called ribonucleic acid interference, or RNAi.

"RNA interference is a new gene silencing mechanism," said Premlata Shankar, who conducted the research while she was at Harvard University, but now works at Tech's Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

'It has generated a lot of interest because it's highly specific," she said. "It allows you to target individual genes."

Using mice that were infected with HIV, researchers were able to use RNAi to inhibit the expression of three genes in T cells, Shankar said. Inhibiting the expression of the genes protected the cells from HIV and prevented the virus from transferring to other cells.

This innovative process ultimately may supplement or replace the rigorous drug regimens that HIV patients are currently on, she said. Also, this potentially could reduce the side effects of typical drug treatments.

RNAi is the process of introducing a double-stranded RNA into a cell, which suppresses the expression of a gene, according to the MedicineNet Web site. The discovery of this process was awarded a Nobel Prize in 2006.

Even though HIV only infects humans, a team of scientists were able replicate the human immune system in the tested mice, Shankar said. This is the very first time researchers mirrored the disease in an animal model.

"There have been mice who have been made to be so immunodeficient that you can inject them with human stem cells and they actually take them and develop a human immune system," she said.

In addition to halting the spread of new cases of HIV in mice, the RNAi process was also able to ward off infections from preexisting cases of the virus, Shankar said.

"We took cells from HIV infected individuals — so they were already established infections — and injected them into the mice," she said, "and we still saw protection."

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Democrats give Barack Obama historic presidential nod

By DAVID ESPO ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

Former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton asked delegates to the party convention to make their verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory." And they did, with a roar.

Competing chants of "Obama" and "Yes we can" surged up from the convention floor as the outcome of a carefully scripted roll call of the states was announced.

Obama was across town in his hotel suite as the party handed him its top prize — a ticket into the general election campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain. He was expected to briefly visit the Pepsi Center later in the evening to thank the delegates.

The polls showed a close race ahead, and Obama was hoping the party would leave its convention united despite the hard feelings

remaining from a bruising primary

Former President Bill Clinton

did his part, delivered a strong pitch for the man who outmaneuvered his wife for the nomination. "Everything I've learned in eight years as president and the work I've done since, in America and across the globe, has convinced me that Barack Obama is the man for this job," he said, to loud cheers.

Michelle Obama, watching from her seat in the balcony, stood and applauded as the former president praised her man.

The convention ends Thursday

with Obama's acceptance speech, an event expected to draw a crowd of 75,000 at a nearby football stadium where an elaborate backdrop was under construction.

Obama's nomination was the main event of an evening that also included the installation of his choice of Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden as vice presidential running mate. Biden had the marquee time spot for his acceptance speech late Wednesday.

Hillary Clinton's call for Obama to be approved by acclamation - midway through the traditional roll call of the states — was the culmination of a painstaking agreement worked out between the two camps to present a unified front after their long and often-bitter fight for the

Inside the convention hall, the outcome of the roll call of the states was never in doubt, only its

"No matter where we stood at the beginning of this campaign, Democrats stand together today," declared Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, a former Clinton supporter who delivered a nominating speech for Obama.



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Parasitic illness cases reported higher than expected in Lubbock

By JON VANDERLAAN

of cryptosporidiosis, a digestive illness, from the normal eight cases in a 30-day period to 11 cases from Aug. 1 to Aug. 22.

Nine of the cases of the illness affected children from the ages catch the illness through inges-1 to 9-years-old, according to a tion in public pools, those infect- nurse for the city, said young Lubbock press release.

Eight of the 11 cases in Lubbock were due to out-of-town the public water system, Robin- the main concern when it comes recreational water exposure, and all were laboratory confirmed.

10 days after a person is infected away from public pools. with the parasite.

have been much larger outbreaks any other reason should seek be shed for up to two weeks.

In the early 1990s, he said, people in the city.

When the parasite that causes the illness enters someone's for students to avoid catching or system, it is shed through his or her fecal matter. Others can then stantly keep hands washed. ed not washing their hands, and people, old people and those - much less likely - through with weak immune systems are son said.

Robinson said the parasite is The primary symptom of the resistant to chlorinated pools, ness can be traced to recreational illness is watery diarrhea, and meaning people who are diagsymptoms generally begin two to nosed with the illness should stay are another area where the illness

Although people with strong Matthew Robinson, an assis- immune systems do not im- aged to see a doctor because if tant professor in the infectious mediately need to seek medical they have the illness as they still disease division of the School attention unless their symptoms can spread it to people in contact of Medicine at the Texas Tech persist, those with diseases such with them. Health Sciences Center, said as HIV, taking medication for an these numbers are higher than autoimmune disease or a person's stool, he said, and even normal for Lubbock, but there with a weak immune system for after symptoms stop, it can still

the illness contaminated the on the Tech campus — such as people will not have symp-The city of Lubbock saw an Milwaukee municipal water sys- the pool or a food location — it increase in the number of cases tem and affected around 400,000 would be important to find the source of the parasite.

> However, he said the best way spreading the illness is to con-

Judy Davis, a public health to "crypto." She said most cases of the ill-

water exposure, though day cares can spread widely.

Davis said people are encour-

The parasite is shed through a

He said if cases were reported go for up to 30 days, and some

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POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS Watery diarrhea

Dehydration

Stomach cramps or pain

Nausea

Vomiting

Fever

Weight loss

Some people will not have symptoms.

Factory had tension between union, immigrants

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — Union bosses in this region of rural Mississippi have long grumbled that the largest factories here hire illegal immigrants, and that the immigrants were starting to get more overtime and supervisory positions.

and immigrant workers, along with a tipoff at an electrical manufacturing plant, boiled over this week into the biggest workplace immigration raid in the nation's

When the first of the 595 agents received a tip from a union the union.

Friction between the union suspected illegal immigrants was taken into custody Monday, some fellow workers broke into applause. A spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the investiga-

In interviews with The Associated Press, both union members and immigrants spoke of a simmering tension. At least one immigrant said scare tactics were tion started three years ago after used to pressure people to join

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Then come up with the best idea for creating a new name for "TechSIS Web for Students." The TTU System is conducting a contest for all currently enrolled TTU and TTUHSC students to participate in by creating a new name for "TechSIS Web for Students."

Names will be narrowed down to the top five contestants. Students will then vote on what they think would be the best name.

The winner will receive a \$50 Valero gasoline gift card and an iPod.

For contest information and online submission forms visit www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/namingcontest or submit this form to TTU Office of the Registrar, West Hall room 112, MS 5015.

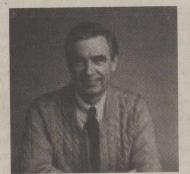
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"Won't you be my neighbor?"



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Tips for the "Neighborhood":

Maintain your lawn

Abide by the local housing ordinances

Do not block or allow your guests to block your neighbors' driveway

Make sure your landlord allows pets before you get one

Keep the noise at what Mr. Rogers would consider a reasonable level

When having a party or gathering, inform your neighbors ahead of time, pick up any trash afterwards

Never serve alcohol to minors

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ran into Herd in Tyler, Texas. Herd

made some donations to Hance's liked Herd's demeanor.

"I knew he was a Texas Tech guy, and I went by to see him and enough funds to provide a good got to know him, and we became education," she said. "But it good friends and we've been does not have enough funds friends ever since," Hance said.

friends both throughout Hance's alumni." stint as chairman of the railroad

commission and now more leisurely through golfing tournaments.

While Herd might not be big on public speaking, Eibeck said, she believes the impact his endowment will have on Tech's pecause and he said he immediately troleum engineering department will be felt for years to come.

"A public university has to provide a great education Since then they have remained without the help of donors and

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Even though there has been a lot progress made on the research, it will be at least five to 10 years before there will be clinical trial said Priti Kumar, a researcher at Harvard Medical School. Researchers will run experiments on >> matthew.t.cobb@ttu.edu

larger animals before they can start working on a dosage for humans.

"This is one of the first experiments of its kind and it's no way close to therapy," she said. "We will be moving up to bigger primates before we even consider humans."

The study is posted in the Aug. 7 issue of the online journal "Cell."

Combat flares in 3rd area of Pakistan border belt

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops drove off a Taliban attack on a fort and pounded another band of militants holed up in a health center, officials said Wednesday as fighting spread to a third area of the tribal belt along hideouts in recent months. the Afghan border.

As many as 49 insurgents were reported killed.

The violence came a week after the threat of impeachment forced longtime U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf to resign as president, triggering a scramble for power that resulted in the collapse of Pakistan's governing coalition.

The party led by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto until her assassination last December is now in a position to dominate the ment's claim. government and it is toughening its stance against Islamic extremists in Wana, the main town in South at a time when they are becoming increasingly bold.

sponsibility for a wave of suicide and the streets deserted. bombings, including one outside the country's biggest weapons complex last week that killed at least 67 people, almost all of them

operations into Afghanistan and a violence.

possible hideaway for Osama bin

On Wednesday, fighting spread to South Waziristan, a tribal region that has seen a stream of suspected U.S. missile attacks on al-Qaida

The military said 75 to 100 militants assaulted the Tiarza Fort around midnight Tuesday, but troops guarding the post and a checkpoint on a nearby bridge "responded effectively and repulsed the attack."

Its statement said 11 militants were killed and up to 20 wounded, but made no mention of any casualties among the troops. Spokesmen for insurgent groups could not be contacted to discuss the govern-

Aminullah Wazir, a shopkeeper Waziristan, said authorities imposed a curfew in the area Wednes-The Taliban have claimed re- day. He said shops were shuttered

"We heard shelling and gunfire almost all night," Wazir told The Associated Press by telephone.

The fiercest battles in Pakistan's restive northwest have been in Security forces have been wag- Swat and Bajur, where officials ing offensives against militants for say hundreds of militants have several weeks in the northern Swat been killed by military operations valley and in the Bajur tribal area, and some 200,000 residents have considered a launch pad for Taliban fled their homes to escape the

Iraq veterans endorse Obama

erans brought their military credibility to the podium on Wednesday and endorsed Sen. Barack Obama as the best candidate to lead the dentials on security issues, Obama military and help veterans.

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DENVER (AP) — Iraq war vet- Sen. John McCain, a former Navy pilot who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Seeking to bolster Obama's crewas formally nominated at the Obama is challenged by GOP Democratic convention by Michael Wilson, 33, of Melbourne, Fla., an Air Force medic who served in Iraq. Wilson, a Republican, said Obama has wisdom and courage "to talk to our enemies and consult with our allies."

> Rep. Patrick Murphy, D-Pa., 34, the only Iraq war veteran elected to Congress, addressed the crowd with 25 male and female recent veterans wearing dark business suits at his side. He said Obama has fought for better care for veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and to end homelessness among veterans.

> "That's why we are here and we are proud to stand with him as he leads the fight for a smarter and tougher foreign policy, so that we can finally end the war in Iraq, go after the terrorists who attacked us on 9/11, and defeat them where they are strongest, in Afghanistan," Murphy said.

McCain, a key backer of the troop increase in Iraq, is against a scheduled troop withdrawal. Obama spoke out against the war at the start and opposed the troop increase. He has said his plan would get combat troops out of Iraq in 16

Off the stage at the convention, veterans from recent wars have attended fundraisers for Iraq veterans running for office and lobbied for better benefits.

Earlier Wednesday, thousands of people attended a Rage Against the Machine concert sponsored by Iraq Veterans Against the War. Afterward, about 50 veterans in military fatigues led a noisy but peaceful protest from the concert into downtown.

ProjectFUTURE aims to inspire local youth

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech College of Education's ProjectFUTURE program aims to encourage local youth to go to college and pursue a career as

ProjectFUTURE — Finding Unique Teachers through Unprecedented Recruitment Efforts — recruits sixth-grade students from area said. Her cousin also went through schools to participate in a seven-year the program and now attends Tech journey toward a college campus.

The program provides first- after graduation. generation college-bound students an experience on a college campus of teachers must increase in Texas to spark an interest in further education, said Janie Ramirez, outreach program is proof that Tech is doing look forward to coming to campus specialist for the College of Educa-

high school students an opportunity bock, Frenship, New Deal, Lubbock to conquer fears about university life, she said.

'Through exposure to the collegiate environment on a frequent basis," she said, "more will end up in college."

The project was first known as the Dean's Future Scholars, until the Greater Texas Foundation began funding it in 2005, Ramirez said.

"The foundation's focus was to increase the number of teachers in Texas," she said of the Greater Texas Foundation's reason to fund the program.

With the Greater Texas Foundation funding the program, a new requirement was added to the application process, Ramirez said, making it necessary for students in the program to have an interest in becoming a teacher - not just attending college.

Jeannette Salas, a senior education major from Idalou who joined the program in the sixth grade, said she wanted to go to college as a sixth-grader, although her parents never had the opportunity to at-

"I had cousins in college — one I looked up to so much," Salas said.

Each year, Salas attended academic seminars on campus with other students in the program, she said. As a high school senior, a tour guide's inspiring words set her on the path to become a teacher.

"She talked about a big need for teachers and she got me really motivated," Salas said.

Although Salas said she wanted to attend college before she entered ProjectFUTURE, she believes the program motivated her to follow through with her desire.

"College could've been a frightening experience," she said. "Coming here since the sixth grade, I knew Idalou. what to expect,"

The program also provides students with mentors to help settle fears they may have about college

For Salas, her Tech "buddies"

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sion to attend Tech, she said.

"It was encouraging," she said. "They're actually in the same situation as me and they can do it."

Salas is not the only success story from ProjectFUTURE. A group of 12 entered the program with her from Idalou Middle School, and other students have gone on to attend college after high school graduation, Salas and plans to be a teacher and a coach

Ramirez said that the number track to become teachers." to meet growing demands. The cated that children in the program its part to put more teachers in the each year and have strong feelings workplace. The program currently about college. The program gives middle and includes 400 students from the Lub-Shallowater Independent School

The application process includes

played an important role in her deci- a recommendation letter from a classmate and an essay explaining "Why I want to be a teacher."

> With these two things and a parent signature, students are eligible to be part of the project, which allows them to attend a conference at the university each year, as well as the opportunity to be part of a residential camp during the summer.

Janie Ramirez said she believes ProjectFUTURE is important because "nurturing their interest in becoming educators early will insure that more of them will remain on

Ramirez said parents have indi-

Salas said her parents were very excited she attends the university, Cooper, Roosevelt, Hale Center and not only because they are Tech fans, but because she is a first generation college student.

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Tech credits AlcoholEDU for fewer freshmen drinking

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Though many Texas Tech freshmen may not enjoy taking the AlcoholEDU awareness class, Tech officials believe it is beneficial for them in their first year of college.

Health Services health educator, said its survey results show a 15 percent increase in students who choose not to drink since the first year at Tech.

The program, which started in 2005 and was made a requirement for incoming freshmen in 2006, than 500 universities, Eldredge

About 1.4 million students have gone through the course since its inception nine years ago, Eldredge

Although there are no immedido not take the course, she said students who skip the course face different consequences if they are later referred to Student Judicial

to retake the course at a later period education about addiction. to learn updated information about to take it but must call Student Health advantage of these programs. Services to receive special log-on

Klint Hobbs, a Tech staff psychologist, said he believes it is important for Amanda Eldredge, a Student freshmen to go through the program because it can dispel myths about

He has not viewed the entire course, but Hobbs said any effort to increase alcohol awareness could not hurt and even if only a few people benefit from the program it is a positive.

Hobbs said there are several other boasts the participation of more programs offered at Tech to help with responsible," Owens said. "Plan ahead, alcohol awareness. The Raider Assistance program

helps students determine if they have an alcohol problem if they are not sure, she said.

Alcohol Awareness Week, which is Sept. 13-19, is a weeklong series of ate consequences to students who events and speakers that will educate students about alcohol.

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery on the Tech campus is another resource students can take advantage of, and while they focus Eldredge said if students wish more on recovery, they also provide

Hobbs said he encourages anyone alcohol consumption, they are allowed who attends the university to take

Dawn Owens, a victim advocate with Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Lubbock, said it is important to educate students about physical and legal consequences.

She said she does not know much about the AlcoholEDU program, but she believes the program is a good step in the attempt to educate students.

MADD has a zero-tolerance policy for underage drinking, but she said they

do not condemn alcohol as a whole. "If you're over 21 (years old), just be

designate a driver or drink at home." The Lubbock group will have booths set up at two of the Alcohol Awareness Week events — Monday in Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall and 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the

Allen Theater in the Student Union

Building. The first section of the Alcohol-EDU program was due Saturday and the second section of the course is due Oct. 20, according to the Student Health Services Web site.

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Gustav likely to bring higher pump prices

respite for consumers at the gasoline ing too pump may come to an abrupt end if Tropical Storm Gustav slams into the petroleum-rich Gulf Coast largely been unaffected. and its numerous refineries, just as for the Labor Day weekend.

Wednesday after moving over Haiti, but forecasters expect it to regain strength and move into the Gulf of infrastructure. Mexico in a few days.

HOUSTON (AP) — The brief morning, and refiners were prepar of natural gas output.

There have been some minor production cuts, but so far, output has

Americans begin packing up cars \$2 to above \$118 a barrel, rising for a gasoline prices as a storm approaches Gustav was downgraded from Gulf. Its approach is just days before the a hurricane to a tropical storm three-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, which along with Hurricane Rita devastated the region's energy

Oil companies with operations to nearly half the nation's refining basically," Medlock said. "So when in the Gulf began removing nones- capacity, while offshore the Gulf that price goes up, they're going to start sential workers from rigs, platforms accounts for about 25 percent of doraising the price at the pump, although and other facilities Wednesday mestic oil production and 15 percent it's usually a short-term thing."

Even a perceived threat to that infrastructure roils the energy markets.

Kenneth Medlock, an energy expert and adjunct economics professor Still, oil prices spiked more than at Rice University, said a run-up in third day as Gustav spun toward the is not uncommon, prompted in part by fears of potential supply shortages in the storm's wake.

"Station owners have to value what's in their tanks based on what the replacement costs are — what's it The U.S. Gulf Coast is home going to cost them to buy off the rack,



OPINIONS

The great house debate Dialogue needed over drinking age

This past week we have been bombarded by finger-pointing and mudthrowing which is typical of presidential elections. But this year is different. This year, instead of hearing about differences in policy, beliefs or plans for the future of the country, we have been flooded with the American free markets to build what I have now dubbed "The War wealth, buy investment properties of the Houses.'

t is the most ridiculous and dia (and that is saying something considering that "Bigfoot" was found a few weeks ago) and I am happily going to add my two cents.

McCain's answer to the question "How many houses do you own?" which started this whole mess. In an attempt to blow off the question elitist and is unable to relate to the what the American dream is? To think he simply replied that he would have average American. Should a person people would try to use this to dissuade his staff look into it. Well apparently who pulled in more than \$4 million others to vote for him is repulsive. someone's staff looked into it and came up with the astounding answer one percent of all wage earners really fuels this country and without it we of seven! What an atrocity!

Isn't it just terrible to think that to relate to the average person? after returning home from being after almost a half century of using was in the Illinois Senate he alleg-

tation, the government

has not placed restrictions

on our driving habits. If only the

same could be said about their in-

fringement on our eating habits.

Calif. created a similar ban prevent-

long will it take for it to reach other

still stands and other cities have banning the existence of fast

started following this trend. This food is not only a violation of

overbearing rule is imposing itself American freedom, but incred-



and of course marrying a wealthy heiress, is it all that surprising that wasteful debate to ever make he is well off? Should capitalizing news in the mainstream me- on the American dream discount him from serving as President? I think not.

ture of the latest liberal smear attack, Of course we have all seen John it also was not very well thought out for numerous reasons. First off, Barack Obama claims that since John came his way to become the success-McCain has seven houses, he is an ful person that he is today. Is that not last year and is in the top one half of be making the claim that he is able would not be experiencing the quality

Secondly, Obama lives in a manheld captive for multiple years in sion in Chicago that he acquired the jungles of Vietnam, John Mc- with the aid of a convicted felon. Cain didn't just sit back and wait He bought the house for \$300,000 accounts and will carry that experion the government check to come less than it was on the market for in the mail to support him? Now, and then it turns out that while he

edly swung \$14 million in work to his felonious friend Tony Rezko, according to reporting last year by Tim Novak of the Chicago Sun-Times. Lastly, how hypocritical can the liberals get? How many houses do you think John Kerry owns? One or two maybe? Well actually it is six. Or what about the beloved liberal drunk Teddy Kennedy? Guess what, he resides at seven different abodes. I guess it's OK for them but not for anyone else that is running for office. You would think that they would make sure their own hand were clean before they started pointing In addition to the ridiculous na- the finger, but that would just be too much to ask wouldn't it?

All in all, John McCain used the entrepreneurial opportunities that

Business and investment is what of life we do today. Senator McCain's seven houses don't bother me one bit. In fact, it inspires me to believe that he has experience in managing his

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tinues. Not about the still-undeclared war in Iraq, not over the ethics of abortion or same-sex marriages, not even the exact number of votes separating the socialists or the fascists from the presidency.

extent, whether individuals should be allowed to decide what enters their body. The question is not whether "hard" drugs like cocaine or heroin should be legalized - though almost the simpler question of whether the mouthwash on campus. drinking age should be lowered.

public policy mandating a 21-year old drinking age and to explore possible better alternatives. The answer is a no-brainer to anyone familiar with universities qua bastions of free thought and speech: Resoundingly, yes!

What piqued the ire of pundits across America? The Amethyst Initiative - a group of university presidents and chancellors reinvigorating dialogue on the undeniable ill effects of a 21 policy. John McCardell, professor emeritus of Middlebury Coldents together in June this summer, when they discovered a shared dislike for the ailing effects of the policy.

McCardell also founded the nonprofit Choose Responsibility in 2007 "to promote general public awareness of the dangers of excessive and reckless alcohol consumption by young adults" through research, outreach and education for "young people, their parents and public officials."

The Amethyst Initiative, while explicitly pro-dialogue, does not

Critics of the initiative whine that

the destructive policy by continuing blood alcohol content levels that simply in the same manner in which we have beg to be conquered. The Great Debate confailed since the policy was enacted in the early 1980s?

More enforcement and harsher penalties are not the answer. Zero-tolerance laws are the reductio ad absurdum of the enforcement argument, although lawmakers and social activists seem not to realize the absurdity of trying No, we debate still whether to eradicate a substance humankind immemorial

The results are sometimes laughably absurd, such as a high school senior in Virginia who was suspended 10 days and sent to a three-day county substance daily tragedies from this "war" ought abuse program for violating his school's to spark serious discussion - but over zero-tolerance policy on alcohol by using mass more political power.

Even more of a buzz kill, the de- effects that are not so laughable. The revenue came from liquor taxes. Howbate is really over whether college and policy induces higher rates of driving ever, Boudreaux writes, "By 1920, the university presidents and chancellors under the influence, since otherwise should sign their and their institu- non-imbibing designated drivers will tions' support to discussing openly be prosecuted under zero-tolerance laws, the unintended consequences of a anyhow. They also induce underage might otherwise lend some responsibilperversely forced to take a zero-knowlrepercussions of which are increasingly stringent. A corollary to this is more increased driving under the influence.

answer. Mothers Against Drunk Driv- consequences of the Great Depression ing should take note from the lack of success of abstinence-only sex education. promise of new revenue from reinstated Implicit in such "education" is that the liquor taxes. lege, brought the first group of presi- activity in question is good for one purpose - whatever ill the group decrying the proach the problems of alcohol abuse activity finds, brings their cause the most short-term media exposure. In the case of sex education, "sex yields pregnancy" was the facile equation touted across the country. With more forms of contraception available, the content has changed

Everyone looking to make a positive to "sex yields untreatable diseases."

associated with sexual activity, neither her to lend her name and the Uniis a necessary outcome, and both risks But abstinence-only education teaches dialogue about the culture of abuse avoid the realities of the mandated a Russian-Roulette version of sex, and that has been inculcated by federal drinking age. The reality is it is not discourages a responsible, risk-abate- and state policies regarding alcohol working, and it is killing the most ment approach in the same way that consumption. precious resource this world knows abstinence-only education in alcohol consumption does.

it is merely a way for universities to intoxication, we are told. Rather than and I like Renu's philosophy, "When shuck off liability for alcohol-related learning to drink responsibly in social life gives you lemons and everyone deaths and lawsuits. Would they situations so as to maximize fun while else is busy making lemonade, think rather we all stick our heads in the minimizing risks, we learn equivalencies about making margaritas!"

sand to avoid our own culpability for for various state-mandated maximum

Critics who would keep the 21-year old drinking limit are blind to the experience of youngsters the world over who are raised in a culture of tolerance regarding alcohol consumption. Tolerance generates responsibility, whereas Washington's holier-than-thou, "thou shall not" approach invites rebellion.

Speaking of the holier-than-thou prohibition works and, to a lesser has been coexisting with from time temperance roots of alcohol prohibition - it is not true. Donald Boudreaux reports in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that politicians were not motivated by goodwill and piety to outlaw alcohol, but by expediencies that made it possible to cater to one more interest group and

> Prior to 1913, when the income Zero-tolerance policies have some tax was instated, one-third of federal income tax supplied two-thirds of Uncle Sam's revenues and nine times more revenue than was then supplied by liquor taxes and customs duties drinkers to drink away from elders, who combined. In research that I did with University of Michigan law professor ity and oversight to the scenario, yet are Adam Pritchard, we found that bulging income-tax revenues made it possible edge, if not zero-tolerance approach for Congress to finally give in to the in order to avoid legal culpability, the decades-old movement for alcohol

Similarly, it was not enlightened contrition that led self-serving politi-Abstinence education is not the cians to revoke prohibition - it was the lessening income tax receipts, and the

It is time for America to apand, more generally, the culture of abuse itself exhibited in Americans' mounting debt, obesity and drug use not with more myopic intolerance, but tolerance and open dialogue. change in this respect should contact Although both situations are risks UH President Renu Khator, urging versity of Houston's to the Amethyst can be hedged against with knowledge. Initiative, supporting open, educated

Despite what blind pundits say, the time has come for untraditional The primary purpose of alcohol is solutions to solve a serious problem,



Ban on fast food in some areas violates essential American freedoms and rights

states and cities, further monitoring only gorge-outlets this country King and Wendy's for giving habits straight. Even if this ban bers and friends, they're hurting no STAFF EDITORIAL has to offer. I have friends who their costumers heart attacks and were to go into effect, the children one. Having lost an immediate family the diets of all Americans? ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA) are very vocal about their anti- unattractive excess baggage, but could very well head straight to the member to cancer -- aggravated by As you may fast-food-eating beliefs because in many cases, people are eating candy and soda aisle at Safeway. poor eating habits -- I understand the realized this summer that Americans are seriously in trouble. I'm not referring to the ridiculously high gas prices we are forced to pay, even though they have shaped the way we've made our travel decisions. too easy Though they've suggested alternative forms of transpor-

of what they've heard on the even more poorly at sit-down When deciding between a turkey frustrations of outsiders who watch news and read in maga- restaurants where they fill up on sandwich and pack of M&Ms, the unhealthy slowly kill themselves. zines, yet they'll bread before indulging in appetiz- children don't always have the These people should also know that dine at Ruby Tues- ers, dinner and dessert. On top of willpower to choose the latter op- one can neither change nor control day and consume everything else, the portion sizes tion; therefore, this ban wouldn't be the behavior of others, especially if 955 calories are unnecessarily large. Though constructive or improve the health these others like their lifestyles and over dessert, I hold anyone accountable for of young kids. after a satisfy- what he puts in his mouth, it is ing, starchy tempting to clean a gigantic plate ban is that it takes away our freedom meal, of of good food placed in front of to choose and think for ourselves. work, financial responsibilities me in restaurants, which could ing small portions.

school McDonald's ban suggested selves to heart disease and several the current restrictions may to point that the McDonald's be replaced forms of cancer, they should be able spread and prevent physically fit by grocery stores, which would to eat as heartily as they wish. Other citizens from treating themselves Burger essentially set the students' eating than devastating their family mem- to an ice cream.

The most absurd part of this entire of what they do.

are willing to face the consequences

Considering the stresses of Morbidly obese men and women may and all the anxieties that come better serve customers by keeping be doing themselves a disservice by with hectic lives, both obese their promise and actually offer- making daily trips to Taco Bell or and healthy Americans deserve Kentucky Fried Chicken, but if they to enjoy a gluttonous McFlurry Those in support of the San Jose want to continue to subject them- every once in a while. Someday,

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have guessed, the govern-At the end of July, the city of ment hopes to fight obesity with Los Angeles set a year-round ban the implementation of these on fast-food restaurants in highly bans. It's undoubtedly a severe obese areas. A week ago, San Jose, problem for many. And restaurants of all sorts have knowingly ing McDonald's and other fast-food enabled and encouraged poor restaurants from being within 1,000 eating habits to the entirety of feet of public schools. This ban was the country, including those not reprieved, but the Los Angeles rule suffering from obesity. Even so,

on both ends of California, so how ibly counterproductive. Fast-food chains are not the

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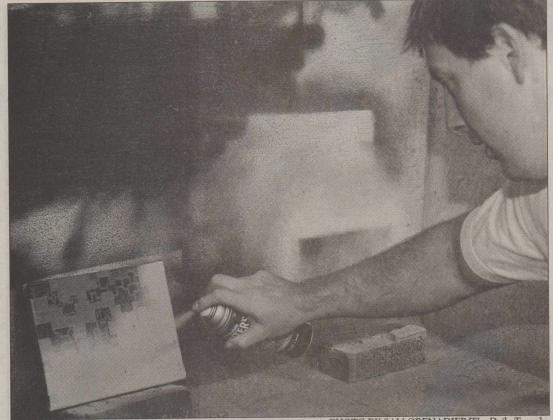


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GRANT BILLINGSLEY, A graduate student from Dallas studying art, spray paints over a mask he made outside the Art building Wednesday afternoon.

Border Patrol struggles to keep new hires

IMPERIAL BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Law enforcement officers wanted: must work graveyard shifts alone in remote towns along the Mexican border, put in long hours and perform

well in triple-digit temperatures. That message is never touted in U.S. Border Patrol recruitment brochures, but the sobering reality

an environment in which about 30 percent of agents leave their jobs in less than 18 months.

"This has complications up and down the line," said Richard Stana, director of homeland security issues at the Government Accountability Office. "You're constantly in a re-

of working on the border has created cruiting mode ... If this population keeps churning, you're constantly training.

The Border Patrol's struggle to keep new hires has become more evident as the agency comes close to meeting President Bush's target of 18,000 agents by the end of the year, up from 12,000 two years ago.

Arctic sea ice drops to second lowest level on record

"tipping point" in the Arctic seems that day was 400 miles away. to be happening before their eyes: Sea ice in the Arctic Ocean is at its second lowest level in about 30 years.

The National Snow and Ice Data hausted and susceptible to drowning. Center reported that sea ice in the satellite measurements began in 1979 reze said. was 1.65 million square miles set last September.

Arctic summer, this year could wind up breaking that previous record, scientists said.

and refreezes in winter. But over the years, more of the ice is lost to the sea with less of it recovered in winter. While ice reflects the sun's heat, the open ocean absorbs more heat and the melting accelerates warming in other parts of the world.

Sea ice also serves as primary habitat for threatened polar bears.

"We could very well be in that quick slide downward in terms of passing a tipping point," said senior scientist Mark Serreze at the data center in Boulder, Colo. "It's tipping now. We're seeing it happen now."

Within "five to less than 10 years," the Arctic could be free of sea ice in the summer, said NASA ice scientist Jay Zwally.

"It also means that climate warming is also coming larger and faster than the models are predicting and nobody's really taken into account that change yet," he said.

Five climate scientists, four of them specialists on the Arctic, told The Associated Press that it is fair to call what is happening in the Arctic a "tipping point." NASA scientist James Hansen, who sounded the alarm about global warming 20 years ago before Congress, said the sea ice melt "is the best current example" of that.

Last year was an unusual year when wind currents and other weather conditions coincided with global warming to worsen sea ice melt, Serreze said. Scientists wondered if last year was an unusual event or the start of a new and disturbing trend.

This year's results suggest the latter because the ice had recovered a bit more than usual thanks to a somewhat cooler winter, Serreze said. Then this month, when the melting rate usually slows, it sped up instead, he said.

The most recent ice retreat primarily reflects melt in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwest coast and the East Siberian Sea off the coast of eastern Russia, according to the center.

The Chukchi Sea is home to one of two populations of Alaska polar

Federal observers flying for a whale survey on Aug. 16 spotted nine polar bears swimming in open ocean in the Chukchi. The bears were 15 to 65

WASHINGTON (AP) — More miles off the Alaska shore. Some were in autumn, he said. Over the last ominous signs Wednesday have sci-swimming north, apparently trying few years, the bigger melt has meant entists saying that a global warming. to reach the polar ice edge, which on more warm water that releases more

> Polar bears are powerful swimmers and have been recorded on swims of 100 miles but the ordeal can leave them ex-

Arctic now covers about 2.03 million in another effect, long predicted, methane from long frozen Arctic square miles. The lowest point since called "Arctic amplification," Ser- waters, possibly from the warm-

is increased in a feedback mechanism was attending a climate conference With about three weeks left in the and the effects spill southward starting in Ghana.

heat into the air during fall cooling, making the atmosphere warmer than normal.

On top of that, researchers were investigating "alarming" reports in And the melt in sea ice has kicked the last few days of the release of ing of the sea, said Greenpeace That's when the warming up north climate scientist Bill Hare, who

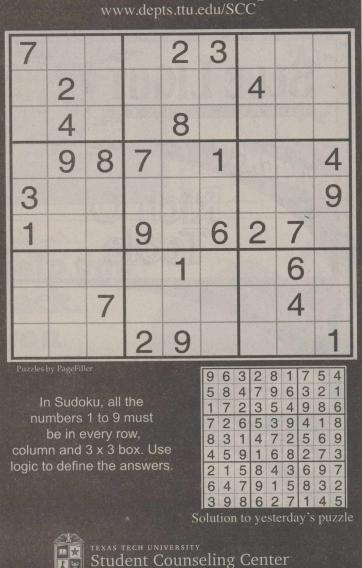


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Ga. town's scarecrows h(a) unting for world record

HOSCHTON, Ga. (AP) — This small northeastern Georgia town's population boom is frightening. In a bid to break a world record for scarecrows and scare up some fun for the fall season, thousands of straw-stuffed newcomers are creeping across town.

There's a scuba diver, the Georgia Bulldogs football team and — of course — the cast of the Wizard of Oz. Even likenesses of Jesus and Elvis popped up.

The 1,700 real residents of Hoschton hope to nearly triple their population with 4,000 scarecrows and break the Guinness World Record for "Most Scarecrows in One Location."

The title belongs to the Cincinnati Horticultural Society's Cincinnati Flower and Farm Fest, which set the record in 2003 with 3,311 scarecrows.

Antique dealer Robbie Bettis and her husband, Fred, are leading the effort for the town's fall festival, which begins Monday.

On Wednesday they watched over an assembly line at an old downtown train depot, where about 20 people passed wooden frames among tables of dingy clothes, vellow milk jugs, plastic grocery bags, old hats, twine, ribbon and other donated materials

"We thought if we gave people something fun to do then maybe they will forget about the difficult economy," she said. "Winning the world record is just a byproduct."

Crows and criminals beware: Two men caught knocking over scarecrows were sentenced to build 25 of them, lest they face trespassing charges, Mayor Bill Copenhaver said.

Man gives NY church \$3 million lottery ticket

PORT JEFFERSON, N.Y. (AP) — A New York pastor ticket in his hands." says one of his congregants donated a winning lottery ticket worth \$3 million to his church.

Pastor Bertrand Crabbe of the True North Community Church in Port Jefferson says the donor, who asked to remain anonymous, donated the "Ba Da Bling" scratch-off ticket immediately after realizing he won.

Crabb says the donor said "This was why God put the

A state Lottery official said Wednesday that the independent Christian church will get a little over \$100,000 a year through 2028. The amount could be higher if withheld taxes are refunded because of the church's nonprofit status.

Crabb says the 650-member church will give the first year's proceeds to other charities.

Nebraska city council votes to evict aging horse

is looking like becoming a no-horse town.

The owner of a 32-year-old horse named Peter Rabbit wasn't able Tuesday to buck a local ban on livestock within city limits.

After widespread publicity of the ban that threatened to kick Peter Rabbit off the pasture where he was born, the Hickman City Council considered an ordinance Tuesday night that would allow horses inside city limits. But council members ultimately voted 4-2 against adopting it, leaving the ban in-

Councilwoman Kim Hoesing has long supported allowing horses. After Tuesday's vote, she said she

HICKMAN, Neb. (AP) — This one-horse town hoped the issue would die down because "I can't get anyone to agree with me."

For a bedroom community where people live to get away from the hustle and bustle of nearby Lincoln, Hickman and its population of 1,085 have had a lot of racket lately. After publicity of Peter Rabbit's fight with City Hall, people around the country did some of the lobbying the horse couldn't.

Hickman City Administrator Bret Baker hasn't been amused by all the publicity. Given some of the phone calls he's received, it's tough to blame him.

He said staff had to turn off the voicemail because of all the phone calls, and the flood of e-mails "actually bombed our e-mail server three times."

Wash. rodeo coordinator loses 2nd finger on job

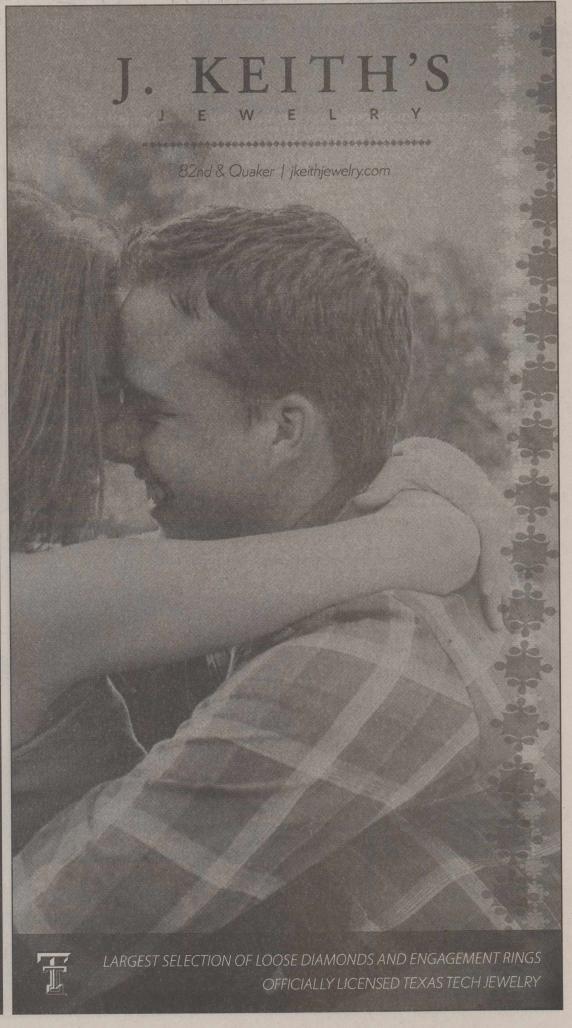
WATERVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Some people may lose sleep on the job or even lose the stapler off their desk. Dane Keane loses fingers.

The 52-year-old Washington rodeo coordinator was helping to secure a bull in a bucking chute Saturday evening when his finger got caught between a rope and a metal fence pole. His left index finger ended up being

amputated at the second joint.

But it wasn't his first time losing a finger on the job. In 2000, Keane lost the end of his right ring finger to

Keane, also a Douglas County commissioner, says he loves the rodeo but says it's "a little on the bad luck



Fewer Marines needed in lrag's western province

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conditions in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, where a brutal insurgency once ruled, have improved so dramatically that the United States is handing over responsibility for security in the Sunni stronghold to Iraq within days. Troops freed up in Iraq could shift to Afghanistan.

"There aren't a whole heck of a lot of bad guys there left to fight," Gen. James T. Conway, the top Marine Corps general, said Wednesday.

A ceremony marking the Anbar turnover is expected to be held Monday, several U.S. and Iraqi officials said. Each spoke on condition of anonymity because the Iraqi government has not yet announced it. Anbar would be the 10th of Iraq's 18 provinces to be returned to Iraqi government control, a step toward phasing out the American combat role as Iraqi security forces grow more competent.

The developments in Anbar have additional resonance because the province once was synonymous with the worst violence and lawlessness unleashed in Iraq following the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

it might mean for Afghanistan, the fight that has in some ways supplanted Iraq as a front-line Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S.

battleground. The diverging trends commander in Iraq, will recommake it likely that a U.S. buildup mend soon that troop withdrawals in Afghanistan will follow a drawdown in Iraq.

Conway said he learned on a visit to Anbar this summer that violence remains low and the 25,000 Marines there are doing more rebuilding than fighting.

"Ouite frankly, young Marines join our Corps to go fight for their country," Conway said. "They are doing a very good job of this nation-building business (in Iraq). But it's our view that if there is a stiffer fight going someplace else ... then that's where we need to

That place might be Afghanistan, he said.

Speaking at a Pentagon news conference, Conway said the top American commander in Anbar, Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, believes fewer U.S. forces are needed to keep the peace. He said Kelly has proposed cutbacks to his superiors, but Conway declined to give specifics, saying only that the current number of Marines there is excessive.

The remarks by Conway, who The turnaround in Anbar is is responsible for Marines' recruitall the more dramatic for what ing, training and equipping but not their use in combat, are an additional sign of the likelihood that

resume this fall. Petraeus has been assessing the overall security situation in light of the withdrawal of five Army combat brigades earlier this year.

There now are about 146,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and 33,000 in Afghanistan, according to Pentagon figures.

The Petraeus recommendation, which is expected to be accepted by President Bush, is important not only for its implications in Iraq and for its potential impact on the presidential contenders' debate over Iraq but also for its connection to what U.S. commanders call an urgent need for more troops in Afghanistan — perhaps as many as 10,000 more.

The U.S. military is stretched so thin by the two wars that it cannot send significant additional numbers of combat forces to Afghanistan until the numbers in Iraq have been reduced. Conway likes the idea of sending more Marines to Afghanistan, but only if they thin out in Iraq.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates earlier this year dispatched more than 3,400 Marines to Afghanistan, including roughly 1,200 to serve as trainers for the Afghan

GUARDING THE COLOR



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

AUDRA KIESLING, A sophomore biology major from Wall, practices with the Color Guard in the Music building parking lot Wednesday. The color guard was practicing for their performance at Saturday's football

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4 inmates accused of helping with NM jailbreak

ers who remain on the loose, includ- Matt Murray said. ing a convicted murderer.

Authorities believe it took the inmates seven hours to cut through the roof of the Curry County jail, apparently the culmination of a two- or three-day planning effort. Authorithink the six other people might have England. helped with the escape.

Authorities believe the men used handmade instruments to cut

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Four jail a hole near a skylight, then climbed police officers noticed two people in ing of a 10-year-old Clovis boy, who inmates who authorities say helped plumbing pipes to get to the roof. orange jumpsuits running near the eight others make a brazen escape It appeared some in the group used jail, Murray said. were charged Wednesday, as officials a tree to break their falls to reach kept up the search for the five prison- street level, Curry County Sheriff at-large escapees could be in West transferred to the state Department

Authorities said the four inmates Attorney Matt Chandler. Two people close to the fugi- accused of helping, who were not tives were also arrested on counts among the escapees, face six charges some of the other fugitives, at least including not cooperating with each: three counts of assisting escape one or two of the other fugitives, and three counts of harboring or aid- could be in" the Lubbock, Texas area, said. ing a felon. Their names were not not far from Clovis, Chandler said. immediately available.

The elder Salas was arrested on a in Cactus, Texas. probation violation and for resisting with investigators. It wasn't immedior whether she or Salas had lawyers. robbery.

The eight men were discovered

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Investigators believe some of the Texas, said Curry County District of Corrections.

"We're still receiving tips that Victor Apodaca was chased and

father of escaped inmate Edward escape. A tip led authorities to Ray-Salas, and Asha Curry, the mother of naldo Enriquez in Lubbock. Another ties did not immediately say how they a child fathered by escapee Michael fugitive, Javier Zapata, 19, was captured by U.S. marshals late Monday

Still on the loose are Edward or obstruction of an officer because Salas, 23, a convicted murderer, authorities said he didn't cooperate and 19-year-old Larry McClendon, and being a felon in possession of who was being held on an open a firearm; and Louis Chavez, 18, ately clear what Curry was accused of, count of murder and aggravated Albuquerque, aggravated burglary,

Salas was sentenced to life in missing late Sunday when Clovis prison last month for the 2005 shoot-

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was killed by shots fired through his bedroom window as he slept. He was being held at the jail before being

The television show "America's Most Wanted" plans to feature Salas' story Saturday in an effort to help capture the fugitives, Chandler

McClendon, of Plainview, Texas, was charged with an open count of Also arrested were Isodoro Salas, captured in Clovis soon after his murder in March for his role in the January 2007 slaying of a merchant

> The other at-large men and the charges against them are Victor Sotelo, 36, of Portales, aggravated assault; England, 29, of Clovis, tampering with evidence tampering with evidence, receiving stolen property and extreme cruelty to animals.







Hijackers of Darfur plane surrender

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Two Sudanese men, armed with handguns and the threat of explosives, stormed the cockpit of the Boeing 737, taking control just minutes into the flight. Passengers said the hijackers remained calm but they still spent a night in fear.

Once on the ground at a remote Libyan airfield, the hijackers demanded maps and enough fuel to reach France. But after 22 hours, the standoff ended Wednesday with the 95 passengers and crew let go and the gunmen surrendering in a run-down VIP lounge with a plea for asylum.

Passengers and officials at the airport in southeastern Libya said the men identified themselves as members of a Darfur rebel group - the Sudan Liberation Movement, which promptly denied any involvement.

But Murtada Hassan, executive director of Sun Air, which owns the jetliner, said their motives were personal and they had no connection with any political or rebel groups. He would not elaborate.

The hijackers, Darfuri men in their 40s, made no political de-

"Their first demand was France. ... Then they negotiated for Libyan asylum. Then they had no other solution — there was no escape," said Mohammed Al-Balla Othman, Sudan's consul in the desert oasis of Kufra, where the plane landed

It was unclear whether their asylum request would be granted.

OSU tobacco-free policy leaves smokers fuming

By JUSTIN YEARWOOD DAILY O'COLLEGIAN (OKLAHOMA STATE U.)

Some might see them as rebels without a cause.

But for student smokers, not following the policy is just as resistive as breaking any other rule. For them, Oklahoma State University's "Breathe Easy" policy is nothing more than words on

It's hard for students to miss the message — e-mails, video messages and tobacco-free signs.

The campus went tobacco-free July 1, but students and faculty still light up. OSU is the first university in the Big 12 to enact a heard about tobacco-free policy.

"This is a very important step in making Oklahoma State University a cleaner, healthier and more attractive campus," President Hargis said in a video message July 1.

The policy may have been developed with good intentions, but after only three days into the new semester many students have yet to join the program. Shane Rickman, an economics senior, said he feels the policy is absurd.

"It's the administration looking nedy, a liberal studies sophomore, cases of multiple time offenders. like they are doing something to improve something, but it doesn't really do anything," he said. "I think all it is going to do is create unnecessary tension on campus."

Rickman, who started smoking this year, is not a lone rebel who feels the need to light up on campus.

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Helms, who has smoked five years, wasn't happy when she the "Breathe Easy" policy.

"I was a little upset because I enjoy

smoking on education junior. "It is outdoors

and I don't see any reason why Helms continues to smoke on

campus despite the policy. Without police enforcement, other students, like William Ken-

don't feel threatened.

"I smoked on campus anyway (once hearing the new policy)," Kennedy said. "I don't know how they can enforce it.'

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SHANE RICKMAN

SENIOR FROM OKLAHOMA

STATE UNIVERSITY

campus.

The policy is not a law. Campus police won't

cite smokers as long as they follow state law to stay 25 feet away from building entrances.

> OSU adopted the policy in response to the Oklahoma Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Work-

> places Act,

which the campus," said Helms, a math Oklahoma state legislature passed in 2003. The act requires OSU to adopt regulations for smoking in facilities owned, leased or under

the control of the university. Without police enforcement, responsibility for disciplinary action is put in the hands of a dean in

Helms said she continues to enjoy the occasional campus smoke

without fear. "As far as I know is it is not being enforced by OSU police, and as far as I know the only thing

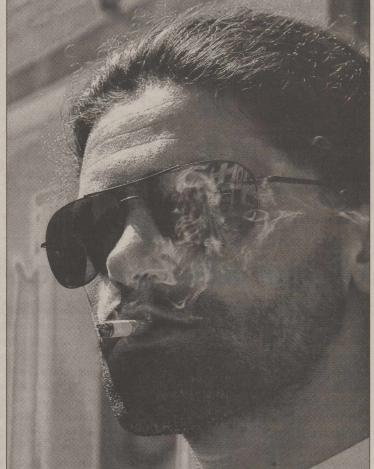
anyone can do is shake their finger at me, which that doesn't scare

me," Helms said. Although students aren't following the policy, some like Aaron Daggs are following the state law that requires smokers to stand 25 feet away from buildings.

"I doubt they can enforce that rule because there are way too many students that smoke on campus that will smoke," said Daggs, a business management junior.

Although he chooses to smoke, Kennedy is not quite as bold as some of his campus counterparts when it comes to taking a smoke out of his pocket.

"I don't smoke around campus buildings, the courtyard or Union," Kennedy said. "I smoke on North Monroe and around the construction sites because I don't think many people care on Monroe, and most of the construction workers smoke."



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Illinois hospitals use video games for therapy

By JIM SHAY DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

Video games have made their way out of the family room and into the outpatient program of a ative as they can, to see how they want to work harder and longer Danville hospital.

Following a growing national trend in injury treatment, Provena United Samaritans Medical Center recently integrated the Nintendo Wii, a game system encouraging a wide range of physical motion, into its therapy program in hopes of adding a recreational yet beneficial spin on the recovery pro-

From tennis and golf technology's versatility by interacting with a variety of games under the watchful eye of their

Jennifer Beddow, the regional director of rehabilitation services at Provena, and other hospital staff members that work with the technology have found the Wii to be helpful for patients with a wide outpatient therapy has been met range of physical handicaps.

"The applications are pretty and therapists. much endless: Carpal tunnel (syndrome), shoulder injuries, like ro- use it has been very positive," Bedpatients who had strokes," Beddow or 78 (years old), and they love it.

said. "Almost all of the patients They're looking forward to using we see in outpatient therapy have maybe their grandkids' Wii when some sort of weakness or pain or they go home. range of motion issues, so it's really

up to the therapist to be as cre- a lot of fun with it, and they can implement using the Wii as a on the exercises the therapist is

i ne research development department at Rehab Care Group, the company contracted to provide therapy services for to baseball and bowling, patients Provena, developed a series of are able to take advantage of the guidelines for use of the Wii in tune the recovery process by outpatient rehabilitation and first pinpointing which Wii games implemented its use a year ago.

> Plans have been made to bring the game system to Urbana's Provena Covenant Medical Center in the next month, though they have spent the last six months exploring the potential use of the Wii.

In Danville, the newest form of with open arms by both patients

"Every patient that we've had tator cuff injuries, we've used it on dow said. "We've had patients, 76

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"The patients seem to have prescribing them.

With the arrival of similarly new and improved forms of therapy came the pitfall of more outdated outpatient techniques. In the past, patients

found themselves picking up pennies and putting them in certain cups, or playing board games such as Connect rour - two activities which focus on strengthening fine motor skills.

Now therapists can fine are most beneficial to a patient's respective injury.

U. Iowa teaching assistants cautioned about using Facebook

By LISA MENDENHALL THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

While Facebook is a networking tool for many college students and their friends, it has also started to blur the line among students and teachers.

Diana Bryant, an admissions counselor in the UI Graduate College, said officials do not have any specific guidelines for how teaching assistants interact with their students via social-networking sites.

The UI also doesn't monitor the personal Facebook pages of UI faculty members.

While guidelines across the board do not exist, some UI departments are independently addressing the issue.

Megan Knight, a lecturer in the UI rhetoric department who advises rhetoric teaching assistants, said a discussion was held recently among a new group of teaching assistants about the ethics of using Facebook to communicate with their students. The group decided it would not use Facebook and instead use

other media to communicate with to accept friend requests or comstudents, such as the UI's Iowa Courses Online site, ICON.

"ICON is ideal for holding discussions with students," Knight However, she said, the rhetoric

department still allows its teaching assistants to have personal Facebook pages. Eric Conrad, who will be a

rhetoric TA this fall, said he has experience with the fuzzy territory of online relationships. Conrad, a former high-school

teacher, had a MySpace account when he taught high school, but he was not friends with any of his students. In fact, the school he taught at asked all teachers to remove their MySpace accounts graduate, agrees with Conrad. because of potential conflicts with

The UI teaching assistant set up his Facebook account in 2005 after he was accepted to the UI Graduate College. He mainly uses his account to keep in touch with old friends and network.

Conrad said that he is reluctant

municate with his students through Facebook, especially when there are so many other options.

"The bottom line is it is just not necessary to use Facebook when you have all these other venues,"

Both ICON and the university e-mail accounts are effective ways of talking with students outside of class, he noted.

It would be inappropriate to send a friend request to one of his students, he said, or to accept a friend request from a student. He would be willing to become Facebook friends after the class was over, he said.

Allison Knutson, a recent UI

She would not have wanted to be friends with any of her teaching assistants, she said - she doesn't want to have an out-of-class relationship with her teaching as-

"On a professional level, I don't want to know about their personal lives." Knutson said.



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friends," said Killough. "If that slips out into their job, that could mean a talk with their boss early on, which no one wants to have."

He said the most unprofessional email he has received in his experience with career services was an e-mail from a student who asked for help with a resume, but did not include an introduction, a name or any contact information.

"The guy was very nice and a cool off." great student," said Killough, "but he made a mistake and sent a textstyle e-mail when he was in a hurry. A future employer would not have or done something inappropriate. that at all."

engineering professor at Tech, said jokes. it is critical to know how to write professional e-mails, because e-mails are permanent.

"Most people are forgiving," it away," he said.

said Cleveland, "but in the business world you get one shot at a good impression.'

In a handout about e-mail etiquette for a freshman-level class, Cleveland also asked students to consider that the receiver may forward the e-mail to people the sender did not anticipate reading the e-mail.

Thus, he said the worst thing a person can do is send e-mails when he or she is angry.

"I know from experience," he said. "You will end up apologizing anyway. So, it's better if you just

In his handout, he suggested finding a professional tone to convey feelings in person if someone has said

On a lighter note, Cleveland Theodore Cleveland, a civil said his biggest pet peeve is e-mailed

> "If the subject line says something like 'Don't read while the boss is looking over your shoulder' I usually toss

E-MAIL GUIDLINES

Keep messages brief and to the point. Use a professional user

ID, such as a Tech e-mail address.

Tell as much of the who, what and why as possible in the subject line.

Address the person you are e-mailing and sign your e-mail. Avoid capitalizing entire

words.

Don't use profanity.

His said his main problem with jokes sent via e-mail is the animation or media files do not always work and it is more frustrating than funny.

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Live comedy sink or swim: Phelps to open 'SNL'

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Butterfly, freestyle, relay monologue? Michael Phelps is trading the pool for the "Saturday Night Live" stage.

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The recording-breaking swimmer, who took home eight gold medals at the Bejing Olympics, will host the 34th season premiere of NBC's long-running late-night sketch-comedy series on Sept. 13. Joining the 23-year-old

athlete as musical guest will be rapper Lil Wayne.

It will be the debut "SNL" appearances for both. The network will air seven new "SNL" episodes before November's presidential election. The Sept. 13th premiere will mark the beginning of four new "SNL" shows in a row. NBC will also air three prime-time episodes of "Saturday Night Live Weekend Update Thursday," a special half-hour "Weekend Update" edition of the show, beginning Oct. 9.

'Suge' Knight arrested in Vegas drug, assault case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Rap music mogul Marion "Suge" Knight was jailed Wednesday on assault and drug charges after he was accused of beating his girlfriend while brandishing a knife, police said.

Knight, 43, the founder of bankrupt Death Row Records in Los Angeles, was arrested about 6:40 a.m. on a busy street near the Las Vegas Strip. Police responding to a domestic violence call found Knight standing over his longtime girlfriend with the knife in his hand.

"He did not stab her," said Officer Jacinto Rivera, a department spokesman.

Police did not release the identity of the woman, who told officers she was Knight's girlfriend of three years. The woman was treated at a hospital for minor injuries, according to Rivera.

Knight was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Clark County jail on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a controlled substance, and misdemeanor charges of possession of dangerous drugs without a prescription and domestic violence.

Knight had the drugs Ecstasy and hydrocodone when he was arrested, police said.

UT prof debunks self-help in new book

By DYLAN MIRACLE DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

Paul Damien, a University of Texas business professor, has some tips on how to write a best-selling self-help book. He suggests that you start by making an outlandish claim (path to immortality, secret of the universe, shoot lightning from your hand) then master the linguistic gibber of the guru: Searching for the selfless self and the egoless "I" will align your energy with the wave function of your chakra, and lightning will spring from your hands. Oh, and if it doesn't, you did something wrong.

Damien's new book, "Help!," is a blistering indictment of modern guruism. He dissects the arguments of several best-selling self-help authors, including Deepak Chopra, Rhonda Byrne and Fritjof Capra, accusing them of preying on people's fears for personal profit. Damien's tone is lighthearted and humorous as he dismantles the techniques used by these self-proclaimed

The idea for "Help!" began when Damien read some self-help books to contrast them with theology.

"I read quite a few of them, and my initial disbelief turned to a burning desire to discredit and disprove these people," Damien said. "I felt that debunking the self-help book is itself a form of self-help."

This burning desire turned into a systematic study of the methods used to generate a successful, Oprah-quality best seller. And what sets the best sellers apart?

"Clever marketing," Damien said. "As professor in the business school, I am telling you it is just clever

marketing. These books are a dime a dozen, and very few of them make it to the top. The ones that do have a good marketing strategy.'

Damien explained how Chopra was already marketing guruism before he even wrote his first book.

"He was a follower of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who was one of the biggest intellectual con artists of all time," Damien said. "Chopra was his salesman and he made his first couple of million dollars selling Yogi's products. He had copyrighted the word 'ayur-veda,' and then he marketed all these products under the guise of healing and youthfulness. From there it was easy for him to get into the mainstream of self-help gurus. Then he appeared on Oprah and his book sold like 130 thousand copies in an hour."

But Damien sees the dangers of this kind of thought in other places, namely business schools. He jokes that MBA stands for Master of Buzzword Analysis and BBA for Basic Buzzword Analysis.

"I strongly believe that this use of buzzwords is diluting the ideas and concepts in economics or mathematics, so when we talk about these ideas in class in business schools, we give them such a watered-down version," Damien said.

Damien's example of a buzz phrase that has overtaken its deeper and more fundamental meaning is "expectancy theory of motivation."

"This is nothing more than a very simple idea in economics, which is to optimize things that add value to your life, your utility," Damien said.

Damien believes that the blame for this abandonment of rigor lies with both faculty and students.

Garth, Doherty make nice while filming new '90210'

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty say they were nervous about reuniting for the new incarnation of "Beverly Hills, 90210."

The actresses feuded on and off the set of the 1990s cultural phenomenon, and Doherty left the series in 1994 following a rocky stretch during which she clashed with the cast and producers and showed up late for work.

Garth, 36, and Doherty, 37, hadn't spoken in years before filming their first scene together in the "90210" update, debuting Tuesday on the CW network. In this version, the drama centers on a new crop of West Beverly High School students.

"There had been so much buildup," Garth told En-

tertainment Weekly magazine, which features a joint interview with the actresses in its Sept. 5 issue. "Everyone was asking me before what it was going to be like. I was like, 'I don't know. I haven't talked to her in 10 or 15 years.' I had that tension and I started to let it get to me. Is she going to be nice? Is it going to be a bad environment? But when I saw her everything was fine."

Doherty said "there were nerves going in," but she aimed to start fresh and move forward.

"I think when you're 18, your personalities conflict, then you meet up 10 or 15 years later, and the playing ground is totally different and you're fine,"

Australia assessing visa for Snoop Dogg

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The immigration department said Wednesday it was conducting a character assessment of Snoop Dogg, including his criminal history, as Australia considers whether to grant the rapper a visa for a concert tour later this year.

A department spokesman said reports the visa had already been granted were false.

He said the rapper, whose birth name is Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., applied for a visa in July and the department carried out a preliminary assessment. Snoop Dogg and fellow hip-hop star Ice Cube plan an Australian concert tour in October.

"The department has now decided to do a full assessment charges in the United States.

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of the character of Mr. Broadus, and the department has begun this assessment," the spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity as required by the department.

He said Snoop Dogg had been notified of the further

The spokesman said the rapper has visited Australia three times: in 1998, 2006 and 2007, without incident, though he did overstay his visa by two days on the last

Snoop Dogg withdrew his application for a visa to Australia last year when he failed to pass the character requirements after pleading no contest to gun and drug

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — voice sounded raspy. Disappointed Neil Diamond fans Some fans left the Monday **Sweet Shop** in which the 67-year-old singer's Neuhaus



Raspy Neil Diamond disappoints Ohio concertgoers

will get a refund after attending a concert early and others said concert at Ohio State University Diamond completed the concert without mentioning anything to the audience about his voice.

A statement from Diamond, the singer of such hits as "Sweet Caroline" and "Song Sung Blue," on Tuesday says a doctor has diagnosed acute laryngitis.

Diamond spokeswoman Eve Samuels says the singer is offering a refund to those who place a request before Sept. 5. "I haven't let you down before and I won't let you down now," the singer said in an apology on his Web site.



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New stadium brings extra excitement to soccer season

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No more grass stains for the Texas Tech women's soccer team.

The Red Raiders moved into the new yet-to-be finished John Walker Soccer Complex for the 2008 season excited about their new field-turf surface and venue.

"It's awesome," co-captain Shannon Sims said. "It is an amazing field and we're all really looking forward to having a one-up on teams when they walk in and see the size of it."

The stadium, named after Tech alumnus and donor John B. Walker, still needs some additions. The benches and scoreboard are finished while the stands and press box are scheduled to be complete in midto-late September.

When complete, the stadium and the players could not be more will be able to seat approximately 1,400 people.

> For the players, the main difference between the two stadiums is the surfaces they are playing on.

Last season's home, R.P. Fuller Stadium, had a grass field. The John Walker Soccer Complex has field turf similar to Iones AT&T Stadium where the Tech football team plays.

Tina Rincon, the other co-captain, said there are many advantages to playing on the new surface.

"It's nice to be able to come out here and know that no matter how much it just rained we're still going to play," Rincon said. "It's going to be the same thing day in and day out. If you play on grass there might be divots and stuff like that, but this is a pretty solid surface."

Tech forward Zhaleh Rezaie said the surface should give an advantage to the Red Raiders because their opponents will not be used to play-

Tech coach Tom Stone is looking forward to what it will look like when it is completed, but he thinks fans still have a pretty good setup as is.

"When it's completed, it will be one of the best places to watch soccer in college, and we're looking forward to that day," Stone said. "In the meantime, fans can still get roughly 10 yards away from the action, which is a phenomenal vantage point."

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Volatile system brings unpredictable playoffs in PGA tour

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Padraig Harrington has won the last two majors and is considered the favorite to be voted player of the year on the PGA Tour. But if he doesn't play well the next two weeks, he might not even make it to the Tour Championship.

Then there's Kevin Sutherland, who hasn't won in more than six years and has never made it to the Tour Championship in his 13 years on tour. But he will tee off Friday in the Deutsche Bank Championship at No. 3 in the FedEx Cup standings.

The tour wanted more volatility in the second year of its playoff system.

But this much?

"It's definitely created some excitement among the players," Brett Quigley said Wednesday at the TPC Boston, site of the second round of the PGA Tour Playoffs.

He later was asked for a different description than "excitement," and Quigley smiled.

"Concern ... interest," he said. "I think last year they didn't have the points system quite right with guys not being able to move enough, a la Rich Beem. And this year, it seems like the players think it's a little too much movement. But certainly, they've created some drama. Some guys are going to be thinking about just making the cut this week; guys wouldn't probably be thinking about that normally."

A year ago, Beem tied for seventh at The Barclays and barely advanced to the second round, moving from No. 134 to No. 113. Under this year's points system, Beem would have moved up to No. 70.

The top 120 made it to the Deutsche Bank Championship, and only the top 70 after this week advance to the third round in St. Louis. There are only 115 players at the TPC Boston because of injuries (Tiger Woods, Luke Donald, Alex Cejka) and two Europeans who are playing in Scotland this week (Lee Westwood, Justin Rose).

Kenny Perry, who effectively began this postseason as the No. 1 seed with Woods out for the year. already began complaining about said. "But those plans changed."

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having three victories and not making it to the Tour Championship. But he tied for 48th and slipped only to No. 7.

The one who should worry is Harrington, the British Open and PGA champion, who missed the cut last week at The Barclays and plunged all the way from No. 4 to No. 23. Another missed cut at Boston and he'll be out of the top 30.

But the Irishman isn't worried at all. He actually likes the wild shifts in the standings.

"I think it's a fair reflection that I dropped about 20 spots by missing the cut," Harrington said. "I think it should be very volatile. That's what a playoff system should be like. You've got to go produce."

If he could change one thing, Harrington would make it even more combustible by awarding big points to the top 10 finishers in a tournament, minimal points for those barely making the cut.

Either way, he came to one conclusion in Year Two of this system.

"I think the FedEx Cup is working," he said. "It's got more players out here playing, more players interested at this time of the year. It's creating a bit of a buzz. If players aren't exactly happy with the system at the moment ... no press is bad press. Something like that. People are talking about it, and that's the main thing."

Vijay Singh won The Barclays last week in a playoff over Sergio Garcia and Sutherland, and they now are Nos. 1-2-3 and will be in the same group the first two rounds on the TPC Boston.

Perhaps the biggest surprise and the poster boy for how quickly the standings can change — is Martin Laird. The rookie from Scotland was at No. 164 going into the last tournament before the playoffs, then tied for fourth in Greensboro to barely qualify at No. 128. Laird then tied for seventh at The Barclays and moved all the way up to

"I was thinking of going home to Scotland probably for 10 days or so over those first two tournaments, seeing the family, taking a break, recharging and coming back." Laird

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RECEIVER HIGHLIGHT



Texas Tech wide receiver Michael Crabtree won the Biletnikoff Award last season for being the best receiver in country, but the sophomore is not the only player on the Red Raider football team who can make a difference. Tech quarterback Graham Harrell breaks down the strengths of Eric Morris and the rest of the receiver corps.

SENIOR, ERIC MORRIS

Cowboys want Barber to be same as starter

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Marion fourth quarter of games. Barber holds up his left arm and as a way to indicate that he doesn't locker room.

The running back known as continue that.' "Marion the Barbarian" because of approach on the field remains an elusive interview subject despite his half last week against Houston. new role as a starter for the Dallas Cowboys.

selection without starting a regularseason game last year, a short-yardage

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"If he didn't run that way he

In his only extensive action of the 75 yards and a touchdown in the first

But Barber and the rest of the Dallas starters won't play much, if What the Cowboys don't expect at all, Thursday night in the final 1 back when Julius Jones left for he's capable of being an every-down Barber to change is the bruising run- preseason game against Minnesota Seattle in free agency, the Cowboys back," Owens said. "Anything extra ning style that made him a Pro Bowl that will basically be a glorified tryout making no attempt to keep their you get out of Barber, it may shock game for both teams.

Phillips, without saying which

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at players who aren't sure bets to got a \$45 million, seven-year deal make the team — "We need to play that made him one of the league's points at his wrist, absent a watch, wouldn't be the kind of back he them enough that we have a feeling top-paid runners. is," coach Wade Phillips said. "He's for if they can play and if they can have time to talk. He then leaves the been able to run that way and not contribute or not." Two-time Pro he can do for four quarters," Terrell be banged up, and I think he will Bowl quarterback Tony Romo said Owens said. he won't play.

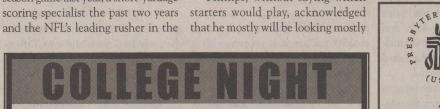
his hard-charging, take-on-anybody, preseason, Barber had 13 carries for doesn't plan to play his starters on started and rushed 27 times for a offense and defense, including quar- career-best 129 yards and a touchterback Tarvaris Jackson and his top down in the NFC Divisional loss to backup, Gus Frerotte.

Barber became the clear-cut No. former top draft pick. Barber then the world."

"It will be interesting to see what

The Cowboys got a glimpse in Vikings coach Brad Childress the playoffs last season, when Barber the New York Giants.

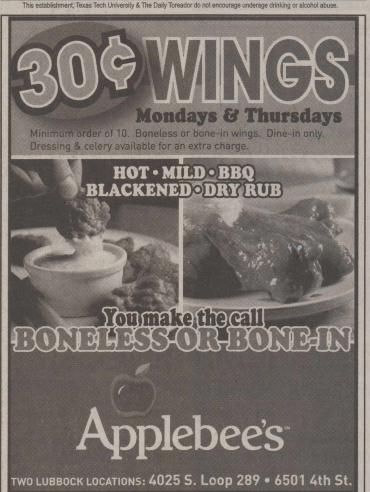
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Even worse, three of those teams are on Tech's schedule. Yes, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas and Kansas are ranked in front of Tech.

So why does there seem to be more optimism than pessimism floating around Lubbock?

It's probably because we are all homers, but this year the Red Raiders have more to be optimistic about than ever before.

If you played football in high school there was probably a sign hanging somewhere in the locker room that read "Defense wins championships" or "If they never score, you can never lose." Mike Leach appears to have never hung one of those signs in his locker room. In the past four seasons the Tech defense has allowed just over



28 points per game in Big 12 play. In case your math isn't so good, that means four touchdowns per game would not be enough to win.

Everyone seems to be under the impression that Ruffin McNeill came in and improved the defense during his interim stint as defensive coordinator last season and that the improvement will continue this season. As painful as it is to be noted that the Red Raider defense 12 play under McNeil last season,

this season, it simply means that Award winner Michael Crabtree other receivers more productive, will be because of the eight returning starters. The last time a Tech defense returned eight men was in 2005 and, wouldn't you know it, that unit allowed slightly less than 23 points per games in Big 12 play. Expect similar numbers this season because college football is all about returning starters.

Similarly, the offense should benefit from the return of all but one starter, but the most important returnee is Graham Harrell. Ever since Kliff Kingsbury graduated, the starting quarterback job has looked like a revolving door from the bearer of bad news, it must be year to year. Returning starters are important all over the field but allowed 27 points per game in Big none more important than the quarterback position. Consistency which is, at best, marginal improve- at that position gives the offense as effective against double coverment. That does not mean Tech's continuity from one season to age. But if you couple his lessened never have lost. Last year it was defense will not be much improved the next. Of course, Biletnikoff production with his ability to make a loss to a poor Colorado team at

the improvement will not have is a monumental piece of the of- you have a player with as much, if

Unless the Red Raiders choke, Tech should be 10-0 when they head to Norman on Nov. 22.

year are not repeatable. Defenses will key on Crabtree, often throwing double coverage at him, and he does not have the speed to be

anything to do with McNeil. It fense, but his numbers from last not more value than he provided

Before 2007 the Big 12 South dominated the conference, but last season Missouri and Kansas provided a little balance. Missouri still has talent and will contend again this year, but Kansas will not come close to revisiting their success. Fortunately, Tech will see the lesser of those two teams this year. Unfortunately, Tech has a history of being incapable of winning on the road in Big 12 play. Since the 2003 season, Tech is 7-13 on the road in conference play compared to a 15-5 home record. The good news is that Oklahoma is the only definitively legitimate team Tech will see on the road.

Tech also has a history of inexplicably losing games it should home, in 2006 it was an embarrassing 24-point loss in Boulder and in 2005 it was an unexpected defeat at the hands of Oklahoma State. Tech's inability to always beat teams they should not lose to is what has kept them in the second tier of college football. We have to hope that having an unprecedented number of guys coming back will be enough to overcome that weakness.

Unless they choke, the Red Raiders should be 10-0 when they head to Norman on Nov. 22. It would be shocking, to say the least, if Oklahoma was not sporting a 10-0 record of their own. College Gameday will be there that day and it will be the biggest game of the year. Buy a ticket now while you still have a chance and we will see you in Norman.

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Even with the squandered chances,

points. Jankovic extended the set by

— drawing an exuberant "Yeah" from

ranked No. 1 earlier this year, lost in

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Several times, Jankovic hunched

Pats, Giants looking to stay healthy in Super Bowl rematch

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) season last year, going to the Super Bowl, to his right ankle. — Don't bother looking for an emotional Super Bowl rematch when the New York Giants and the New England Patriots meet in their preseason finale at Giants Stadium on Thursday night.

The starters won't be on the field either long enough or at all for anyone to get too wound up.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is a question mark for the game because of a training-camp long injury to his right foot. Eli Manning and the Giants' firstteam offense are going to be on the field for 10 plays.

And to be blunt, the only thing players are concerned about is leaving the game healthy as they look forward to their regular-season openers.

The Super Bowl champion Giants (1-2) kick off a week from Thursday in a nationally televised game against the Washington Redskins. The Patriots, whose only blemish last season was their 17-14 loss to the Giants in the title game, open at home against Kansas City on

Sept. 7. New York is particularly concerned about injuries after losing two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora to a season-ending knee injury last week against the Jets.

"It is a waste," Giants middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said of the preseason games. Obviously you see in the league that guys are getting hurt. You don't need to play. Obviously with us having a long

playing more games in the preseason and having a risk of injuries is not smart."

In other preseason action Thursday, Detroit at Buffalo, New York Jets at doesn't necessarily count, but in a sense Philadelphia, Cincinnati at Indianapolis, it does," Patriots running back Sammy Jacksonville at Washington, Atlanta at Morris said. "Not in the matter of wins Baltimore, Carolina at Pittsburgh, Chi- or losses, but in the matter of preparation. cago at Cleveland, Tennessee at Green Bay, Minnesota at Dallas, Tampa Bay at Houston, Miami at New Orleans and St. nity to gain some consistency within the Louis at Kansas City.

Friday closes the preseason schedule and features Denver at Arizona, San Diego through six games last season, his first at San Francisco and Oakland at Seattle.

explains to a great extent the Patriots' 0-3 record. The quarterback said earlier season opener even if he did not appear in the exhibition games.

Brady missed the Patriots' annual preseason dinner on Tuesday to take care chance to play a lot of young guys and let of personal business in California.

game-winning touchdown pass in the to go the next week, too." Super Bowl. An injury to his right ankle cently, and Coughlin said he probably will not use him Thursday.

ticed last season because of another injury is the only difference."

The one thing both teams want is production from their starters.

"A lot is said about how preseason And it's our last game to get preparation.

... It's big for us and it's another opportuoffensive unit."

Morris was the Pats' leading rusher with the team, then missed the rest of the The foot injury has prevented Brady season with a chest injury. He said he's from playing in the preseason, which completely recovered. He almost certainly will make the team.

The only people who really benefit are this week that he would be ready for the the players on the bubble. Teams have to reduce their rosters to 53 players by Saturday and a few jobs will be at stake.

"What you would like to do is have a them play and put them in situations and Giants coach Tom Coughlin probably let them fend for themselves," Coughlin will not take any chances with leading said. "But obviously when the game is over receiver Plaxico Burress, who caught the you want them all standing tall and ready

Most of the players said there would prevented him from practicing until re- be a little chitchat with the Patriots before

"They're just coming in to finish off "Since I've been playing, I don't think their preseason and we are going out to do finale. "We don't need to be playing these half of us have played that last preseason the same," Giants running back Brandon game," added Burress, who barely prac- Jacobs said. "We are going out to win, that

No. 2 Jankovic plays with leg injury to win 2nd-round match at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Jelena couldn't take another step.

Luckily for the No. 2 seed in the U.S. Open, the agony occurred during her post-match run on the treadmill. Anyone who watched could clearly see she left about everything she had out on the court.

Jankovic outlasted Sweden's Sofia Arvidsson 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-5 Wednesday on yet another uncharacteristically mild August day in Flushing Meadows. She planned to take a 10-minute run on the treadmill but lasted only three when pain flared in the area of a knee injury sustained at Wimbledon.

"I couldn't go anymore," Jankovic said. "My leg was straight and I couldn't bend it. The muscle was in round pairspasm and I had a lot of pain."

Treatment with ice and stretch- cluding No. ing and massaging loosened her leg enough for her to go back to the Davenport locker room to take a shower before against Alisa she spoke to reporters in a much more comfortable setting.

Until then, it was Arvidsson who match at made her life difficult for the better night. part of three hours.

Jankovic bent over her racket, leaned against a back wall with for the win a towel pressed to her face, and sprawled on her stomach in the middle of center court. Then she gutted her way into the third round.

The combination of not being in when both had trouble holding serve. match condition following the injuleft Jankovic fighting to get her wind during the 2-hour, 44-minute match her step as she waved and blew kisses at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

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"That was a really tough one," said Jankovic's leg cramped so badly, she Jankovic, who has reached the fourth Jankovic still had an opportunity to round in the first three Grand Slam advance without going the distance. events this year. "As you can see, I am She jumped to a 3-0 lead in the second completely out of breath. She really set tiebreak before losing six straight pushed me to the limit."

Andy Roddick, who has battled a winning two points on her serve, but shoulder injury this summer that led fired wide as she approached the net him to skip the Beijing Olympics, was scheduled to close out the night session Arvidsson. Wednesday against Fabrice Santoro the oldest man in the draw at 35. The over and leaned on her racket but third night traditionally showcases the didn't appear to be in distress. The Serb, first men's match of the second round, but this year that was saved until the fourth round at Wimbledon after Thursday.

All women's matches Wednesday I was really were secondexhausted. But ings - inyou know, the 23 Lindsay Kleybanova in the first

Jankovic

twice served

to the crowd.

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she raced to a 3-0 edge. Jankovic doubled over rules are rules. I again when a fortuitous shot by Arvidsson had to keep going crept over the net after it smacked the cord in the fourth game, but JELENA JANKOVIC that appeared more out WOMENS TENNIS PLAYER of exasperation than

After a drop shot in the middle set against Arvidsson, yet eluded her dive, Jankovic dropped to couldn't put her away — even with a the court face down and stayed there match point in reach. Jankovic held off for several moments. If anything, it Arvidsson in a back-and-forth third set gave her a brief rest.

discomfort.

"I was just tired and I couldn't get When Arvidsson fired long on the up," Jankovic said. "I was just trying to ry and an array of hard forehands and final point, Jankovic had her third ser- come back to normal position where I well-placed drop shots by Arvidsson vice break of the third set and eighth could just stand up and regroup again overall. There was suddenly a spring in and play the next point."

The only worry she had at that point had to do with her bright yellow outfit that matched nicely with the deep blue court.

"I thought I was going to get my dress really dirty. That was my biggest concern," she said. "I would have loved to take a nap on the court because I was really exhausted. But you know, the rules are the rules. I had to keep

While Jankovic escaped an early exit, No. 8 seed Vera Zvonareva couldn't. Zvonareva was upended by Tatiana Perebiynis 6-3, 6-3 in the tournament's biggest upset yet. Svetlana Kuznetsova shook off an early break and rallied to a 7-6 (3), 6-1 victory over

No. 15 seed Patty Schnyder also moved into the third round with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, the U.S. Open girls' singles champion two years ago. Fifth-seeded Elena Dementieva advanced over Pauline Parmentier 6-2, 6-1, but No. 25 Francesca Schiavone was knocked out by Anne Keothavong 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, and Zheng Jie, China eliminated No. 26 Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-1, 6-4.

In men's first-round play, No. 3 seed Novak Djokovic shook off an injury to his left ankle in the third set and beat Arnaud Clement 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. Djokovic rolled the ankle while going for a shot on the right sideline in the fourth game. After receiving on-court treatment, he wrapped the match with a break of Clement's serve.

Fifth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko beat Dudi Sela 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the No. 19 seed, moved on with a 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 win over Santiago Ventura; No. 18 Nicolas Almagro beat Frank Dancevic 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; and Dmitry Tursunov, the 26th seed, upended Eduardo Schwank 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 7-6 (5).





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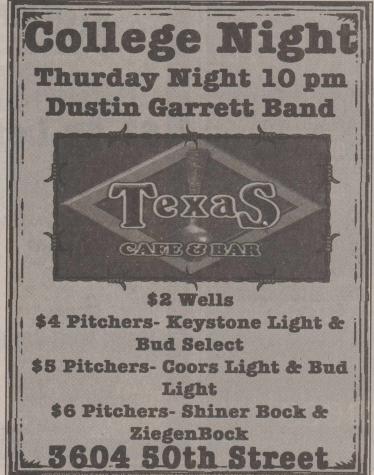
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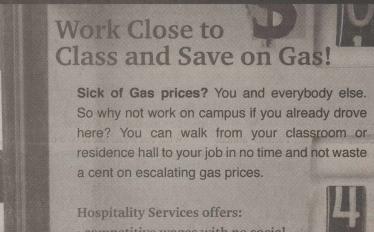
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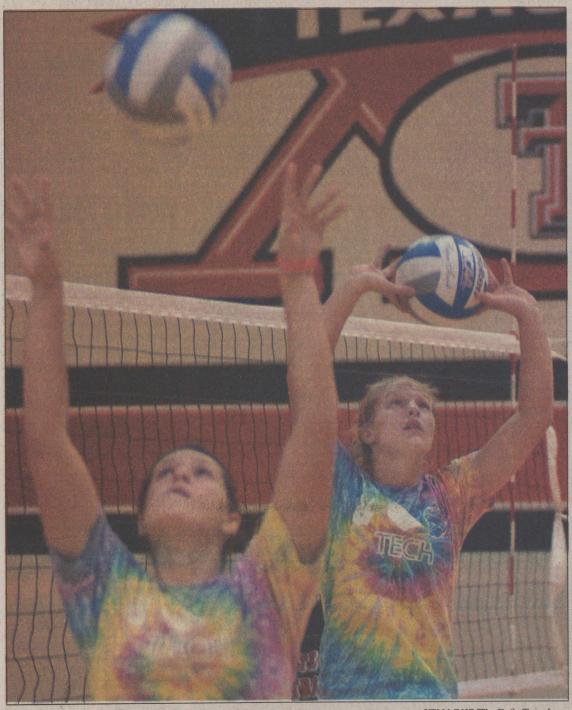
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Tech volleyball welcomes new setters to replace Ziegler



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TEXAS TECH SETTERS Karlyn Meyers and Caroline Witte prepare for the 2008 season Wednesday afternoon. Witte joins the Red Raiders as a transfer from Blinn Junior College. Meyers comes in as the No. 43 volleyball recruit in the nation. The two are in line to replace Emily Ziegler at the position. Tech opens its season against North Texas Friday in Denton.

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

The Red Raiders are in good hands with their new setters.

The team heads into this season having lost setter Emily Ziegler to graduation, who led the team with 715 assists last season.

Trying to step in and fill her shoes are two newcomers to the team, junior transfer Caroline Witte and freshman Karlyn Meyers.

years at Blinn Junior College, where she helped lead her team to fifth-place as the entire team. finishes at both the 2006 and 2007 NJCAA national tournaments.

Meyers, out of China Spring, was the No. 43 recruit in the nation according to Prepvolleyball.com.

Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said the team plans to use the two as a dual-threat on the court at times and that may affect the statistics the two are capable of compiling.

"The setters are both gonna be big keys to our success this season," he said. "They've been two of the best setters that we've had under coach Todd. Both are really athletic and can change the game in different ways, which is gonna give us a lot more variety in our offense and different things that we can do. It's similar to some of the SEC football teams that can do multiple quarterback looks and things like that. Being that they are both gonna be on the floor a lot of the times, they're not gonna put up the numbers that Emily did. At least not right away."

While both are capable of stepping in and contributing right now, Moffitt acknowledged that they are at different points in their development as players.

He said Witte, being a transfer, has the experience and even though Meyers is a freshman, she uses her impact on the match.

Outside hitter Brandi Hood said the two have not missed a beat since the beginning of practice.

"They came in and they are ready to compete against each other — obviously against others — but, friendly competition on the team," Hood said. "They're doing some great things for us. I mean, we have to help them as much as they're trying to help us."

Being the more experienced of the Witte comes in after spending two two, Witte said she knows it is part of her job to teach and lead Meyers as well

> "I don't think it's (extra) pressure," she said. "I think it's something I need to do. It's something that I'm supposed to do as a setter — as a player in general."

> Tech has seven newcomers to the team this year, so the returning players have had to adjust to their new team-

"I think people on the team are really

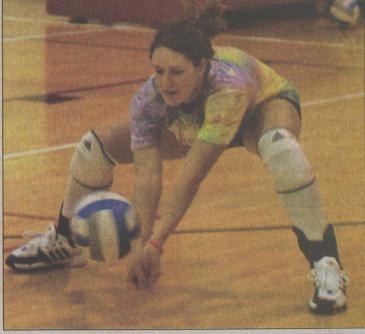
natural athleticism that could have an embracing all the new members," Meyers said. "There's a lot of people they have to be letting in. It's a little harder as a setter trying to connect with everyone, but I think for the most part everyone is doing a good job at it."

Meyers said it is nice to have another setter around to help with her transition from high school to Big 12 Conference

"Originally I was gonna be the only setter," she said. "So it's really nice that she's in now because I have someone that can help me out. She has played in JUCO. She knows a little bit more about it than I do. She's always just willing to help and try to make me better. She just really encourages me and stuff like that."

The two will get their first taste of Division 1 volleyball against North Texas 7 p.m. Friday as they head to Denton to play in the Mean Green Volleyball Classic.

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KARLYN MEYERS WILL aim to make an immediate impact in her freshman season for the Red Raiders.

