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(INBRIEF)

STATE

Texas makes preparations for Gustav

BEAUMONT (AP) — The possibility of Tropical Storm Gustav slamming into Texas as a powerful hurricane put the state and residents on alert Thursday as the deadly storm continued a path toward the Gulf of Mexico.

Gov. Rick Perry issued a disaster declaration for 61 counties in case Gustav arrives early next week along the coast, where some people Thursday were already filling up their gas tanks and stocking up on water and supplies.

Forecasters say the tropical storm could make landfall Tuesday anywhere from Texas to the Florida Panhandle. With top sustained winds just below hurricane strength, Gustav was projected to become a major Category 3 hurricane upon entering the warm and deep Gulf waters.

NATION RNC turns to appeal for hurricane aid

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Republicans hurried to turn the opening day of their national convention into a fundraising drive for hurricane victims, with presidential candidate John McCain's wife and first lady Laura Bush appealing for Gulf Coast help. McCain visited a disaster relief center in Ohio. Party officials in St. Paul kept a watchful eye on still-dangerous Hurricane Gustav Monday to decide next steps for their shortened convention. They said they still expected McCain to address the convention at Thursday night's finale.

Hurricane Gustav drenches gulf coast Lubbock, state of Texas ready for evacuees from storm's floods, winds

By ADAM YOUNG NEWS EDITOR

Hurricane Gustav veered from a feared direct collision with New Orleans but pounded the Gulf Coast with 110 mph winds Monday and faded as state of Texas during this process, as Lubbock is Civic Center. it moved inland.

produce heavy rains in Louisiana and Texas and release. "I hope all involved appreciate the fact in the state by Thursday, according to The the city of Lubbock is prepared to host evacuees. that people across the state are working to help Associated Press.

emergency session Friday to accept Gov. Rick

ing and other emergency items to be reimbursed by federal emergency fund, according to a city news release.

a proactive partner in our emergency prepared-The Lubbock City Council convened for an keep people safe during this time."

Lubbock is an area evacuation hub and can article. Perry's request to assist in relief efforts and approve accommodate up to 800 evacuees, said Robin >>>>adam.young@

funding up to \$500,000 for housing, food, cloth- Raney, CEO of the American Red Cross South Plains Regional Chapter in a previous issue of The Daily Toreador. If evacuees are sent to the city, they will stay at the City Bank Auditorium "Lubbock is in communication with the and Coliseum and the Lubbock Memorial

The storm was expected to move into Texas But the remnants of Gustav are expected to ness," Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin said in the by today and drop as much as 20 inches of rain

The Associated Press Contributed to this



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Tech breaks record for most penalties in a game in 49-24 win against EWU Saturday



bout the only thing consistent in the Texas Tech

football team's first game of the season was the thud of laundry against the turf. Going up against a Football Championship Subdivision

team in No. 7 Eastern Washington (0-1), the No. 12 Red Raiders' 49-24 victory Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium was not a comfortable show for the 49,887 fans in attendance, at least until after the first quarter.

"We were extremely spotty," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I think that we played in spurts the whole night, and a lot of the credit goes to Eastern Washington."

Quarterback Graham Harrell, who said he had a hard time



WORLD

EU warns Russia over partnership talks

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - The European Union will postpone talks scheduled with Russia this month on a wide-ranging political and economic agreement unless Russian troops pull back from positions in Georgia in line with a cease-fire agreement, French President Nicolas Sarkozy says.

He says the EU will have to re-examine its partnership with Russia if the agreement is not respected. Sarkozy told reporters Monday he plans to travel to Moscow on Sept. 8 for talks with the Russian leadership.



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finding a rhythm despite throwing for 536 yards and scoring three touchdowns, called it a "sloppy game." The Red Raiders committed 18 penalties — a school record - for 169 yards, which nearly broke its record of 183 penalty

yards set last season against Rice.

Tech's previous record was 17 penalties in a game, which happened against Baylor in 2000.

Leach said the penalties could be attributed to a lack of focus.

"I think what you're gonna find, some are like aggression," he said, "but I think we're gonna find out on a lot of them that we could have better technique."

With Tech (1-0) up 13-0 late in the first quarter and on the Eagles' 4-yard line, Harrell found 2007 Biletnikoff winner Michael Crabtree one-on-one for a touchdown. After a Donnie Carona extra-point attempt was blocked earlier in the game, Tech needed to convert a two-point conversion, which it did.

Crabtree had a relatively quiet night considering he recorded at least 100 yards in 11 of 13 games last season. He finished with 73 yards and one touchdown on nine receptions.

Slot receivers Eric Morris and Detron Lewis stole the show. Each had nine receptions, while Morris had 164 yards and Lewis

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreadon

MICHAEL CRABTREE IS run out of bounds by Eastern Washington's Zach Johnson (41) and Ryan Kelley (3) at Jones AT&T Stadium Saturday.

Pedestrian use of personal electronics poses safety risks



STUDENTS CROSS BROADWAY Wednesday afternoon.

By MATT MCGOWAN FEATURES EDITOR

When Cindy Maxwell drives her bus route through Texas Tech's campus, she knows what to look for: plugged-in pedestrians who, instead of looking back at her, are glued to a little screen.

Although officials cannot accurately gauge how many serious personal electronics-related pedestrian accidents have occurred in Lubbock, the unrelenting rise in the use of personal electronics may be the main ingredient in a recipe for disaster.

"Last week, I was driving between Wall Hall and Gates (Hall), and there was a kid standing on the curb talking on his cell phone," said Maxwell, an eight-year veteran of driving buses. "I just knew he was going to step out. I was going real slow and I had a whole bus full of kids and was just creeping along. He just walked. Never looked up."

While the majority of pedestrians' distractions stem from cell-phone conversations and text messaging, she said iPods and other personal electronics also inhibit a student's situational awareness as they

stroll through campus.

Determining how many pedestrian accidents involved electronics can prove tricky for investigators, said Capt. James Shavers of the Lubbock Police Department, because many victims refuse to admit that they were distracted when they got into the accident.

The lack of statistics, however, does not rule out risk, he said, especially when one considers the pervasive nature of electronics in society.

Shavers said he once saw a student wearing headphones as he walked toward campus through a construction zone.

"I was having to blow my horn and hit my siren because he had his iPod going," he said. "If he couldn't hear me with my siren next to him, then he couldn't hear somebody yelling, 'Hey, look out. There's a bulldozer coming."

Cpl. Jack Floyd with the Texas Tech Police Department said he cannot recall any serious accidents on campus that involved pedestrians who

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SEPT. 2, 2008

University names interim provost

Jane Winer, former dean of the Tech." College of Arts and Sciences, was named interim provost of Texas Tech university for more than 30 years, ac- nine teams that implemented several effective Monday.

said the university will conduct a College of Arts and Sciences before that accredit the university. nationwide search for a new provost, according to a university news release.

Bailey said he hopes to complete the search by the end of the year.

Winer will fill in for William Marcy, who retired from his position as Tech's provost Aug. 29.

"Jane Winer has served with distinction as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 1991,' Bailey said. "Jane is well respected by the faculty and has a solid record

Winer has been employed by the cording to the release. She previously changes to courses at the university in President Guy Bailey, who ap- served as a professor of psychology, compliance to a probationary status pointed Winer as interim provost, an associate dean of research in the with SACS, one of many agencies

> she was appointed dean supervise the accreditation situation in 1991. She with SACS. Last December, SACS also served as the director of multiple psychology train- conducted this December. ing programs and is well- officer of the university and is responpublished. "I am hon-WINER

ored to serve and academic personnel, according as interim provost for President Bai- to the release.

me," Winer said in the release.

Before his retirement Marcy lead

Part of Winer's job will be to

placed Tech on probation, as previ-

ously reported by The Daily Toreador.

There will be another evaluation

sible for all educational components

and activities, including research

The provost is the chief academic

Japan PM resigns to avoid 'political vacuum'

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's chron- term from anemic public backing parliament, leaving the weakened ruling party to grapple with a stalled economy and rising calls for snap elections.

72, deepened a two-year stretch of former Foreign Minister Taro Aso, political instability at the helm of as secretary general of the Liberal the world's second-largest economy. It Democratic Party, in a Cabinet shakecame only days after the government up aimed at boosting support for the announced a stimulus package to counter flagging consumer spending.

Fukuda, who took office just under a year ago, said he was clearing the decks for a more popular successor to take over ahead of a tough special ruling party controls the lower house and the opposition dominates the upper.

cussion of key policies starts in the 1955. upcoming parliamentary session, and this is the perfect timing not to cause is getting rid of Fukuda and he is legislative initiatives in parliament, people too much trouble," Fukuda actually quitting ... without thinking such as the renewal of Japan's antisaid, explaining that he was exiting of the people at all," said opposition terror mission in the Indian Ocean to avoid a "political vacuum."

Fukuda suffered throughout his uho Fukushima.

ically unpopular prime minister the latest poll showed him with only abruptly resigned Monday after a 29 percent support - and repeated yearlong struggle with a deadlocked embarrassment at the hands of the tions for the more powerful lower obstructionist opposition in parliament.

came a month after Fukuda installed The resignation of Yasuo Fukuda, his most widely expected successor, rushing to put a fresh leader in place government. Aso, who lost against Fukuda in the race for premier last after five years in office. year, has not said whether he would run again.

ably not take effect for a couple of for health reasons. Fukuda had been session in the parliament, where the weeks, surprised Japan and was solidly considered a steady elder who would condemned by the opposition as a lend stability to the office, but he was sign of deep instability within the never able to overcome divisions in LDP, which has ruled the country parliament. "We still have time before dis- almost without interruption since

Social Democratic Party leader Miz- and the selection of a new central

The opposition, which took control of the upper house in elections last year, has pushed for snap elechouse, but the LDP — aware that it would likely lose seats - has so far The resignation announcement resisted. Fukuda's sudden resignation, however, could be a sign the LDP is before calling a snap ballot.

The resignation prolonged the political uncertainty that has plagued Japan since the popular Junichiro Koizumi left the premiership in 2006

Koizumi's hand-picked successor, Shinzo Abe, lasted only a year in The resignation, which will prob- office, resigning in September 2007

The opposition, led by the Democratic Party of Japan, repeatedly de-"It's just incredible that the LDP layed Fukuda's most closely watched bank governor.

Campus involvement considered key in reducing student depression, suicide

BY MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

The transition from home to college can be difficult, and many with few or no friends. Old friends may quickly become involved in ing some students on their own in a suicide every year. very intimidating environment.

Jason Wasserman, a professor of sociology at Tech.

Wasserman said the average mately every three years. Because of moveS for work, people often have to sever ties from home by moving away from their established friends and family.

"Coming to college is a microcosm of those isolating patterns," Wasserman said. "You leave home, your family and community. Being lack any strong, emotionally rich social ties can produce depression and other mental health consequences."

Chris Brownson, director of the National Research Consortium Counseling Centers in Higher Education, said a survey of students at 70 public and private universities in the country indicates about 50 percent of college students considered suicide at least once in their life.

at Austin's Counseling and Mental Health Center, said about 18 percent of students surveyed defined themselves as having at least once and school spirit organizations. seriously considered committing said they had attempted suicide at least once.

significant impact on students' always be someone there for you."

likelihood to consider suicide

Wylie Tene, the spokesperson for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention said via e-mail the suicide rate for college students is low, students come to Texas Tech alone especially compared to college-aged persons not attending school.

Despite the lower rate, Tene said

"Depression is the leading cause "Lots of studies show Americans of suicide," she said. "Depression is a feel increasingly isolated," said real illness. The best way to prevent suicide is to recognize the symptoms early and seek treatment."

American changes jobs approxi- second leading cause of students who down took advantage of a Jed Foundaconsidered suicide, according to the tion Retreat before school started with survey,

> purpose can help students feel more connected," said Courtney Knowles, executive director of the Jed Foundaissues suffered by college students.

thrust into a situation where you more likely that they will reach out to is a Christian organization that does a friend for help if they are struggling," Knowles said.

Waylon Randolph, a junior so-Houston, said he considered several student organizations, but rushed in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

"I felt real alone at least for the first two weeks of college," he said. "I didn't with such a thick resume. know anybody here. It was a whole new atmosphere. Rushing Alpha Phi a fraternity," Baumgartner said. "I Alpha opened up doors for me to meet wasn't too involved with my major Brownson, who also is the a lot of people that I wouldn't have either. My cousin was in student director of the University of Texas normally met from different cultures government and convinced me to try and backgrounds.'

> Many Tech students become involved in social, religious, professional

suicide. Eight percent of students Jacorey Mosley, a junior marketing major from Arlington. "We uphold all of Tech's traditions. It's a great and you're only meeting a tiny portion Brownson said there were some group of guys, it keeps us focused on if you're not involved," he said. differences in the numbers from making grades. It could be three in every school, but it has not been the morning and someone would be suicidal or concerned about friends determined if a school's location there to listen to your problems. Any can seek help at Tech's Student Counor a student's hometown make a organization will help you. There will seling center.

Greek life has always been a popular starting point for students seeking to carve a niche for themselves. Jason Biggs, adviser for the Texas Tech Inter-Fraternity Council said 538 males and 700 females enrolled for formal fall 2008 rush.

"I've met a lot of great people and new activities offered by Tech, leav- nearly 1,100 college students commit (Kappa Delta) helps me get involved off and on campus. That helps you keep your mind off home," said Claire Waddell, a sophomore early childhood development major from Plano in the Kappa Delta Sorority.

Carrie Bradshaw, a freshman mass Loneliness was reported as the communications major from Sunother first year Tech students and a "Having a sense of community and group of student counselors.

"I haven't felt lonely because I met a lot of people at the foundation retreat," Bradshaw said. I hang tion, which focuses on mental health out with a lot of people that I met from there and I'm probably going to "Those connections may make it become a part of Navigators which community service work and takes mission trips."

James Baumgartner, Student Govciology and criminology major from ernment Association internal vicepresident and a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, said he did not start his college career

> "My freshman year, I didn't pledge it and that allowed me to start branching out from the people immediately around me."

Baumgartner said he believes par-"I'm in Saddle Tramps," said ticipating in student organizations is vital to the college experience.

"There are 28,000 students to meet

Students who feel depressed or

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India rushes doctors, medicine to flood victims

SAHARSA DISTRICT, India relief camps, officials said. (AP) — Indian authorities rushed

Nearly half of the 1.2 million three days. doctors and medical equipment to people who were left homeless flood-devastated northern India when the Kosi River burst its banks in government and relief agency

hope to reach the rest in the next

About 250,000 refugees were



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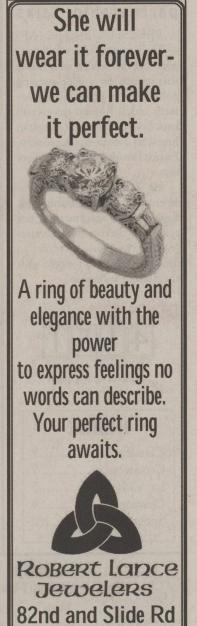
ley as Texas Tech is a special place for >>matthew.payne@ttu.edu of administrative excellence at Texas



Attention University Fountains Residents:

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NEWS

Fugitives make America's Most Wanted, could be in West Texas

SOTELO

McCLENDON

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

In the nine days since eight inmates escaped from a Curry County, N.M., jail, four of the fugitives have been caught, and authorities are not ruling out West Texas as a destination for the remaining four.

Matt Chandler, Curry County, N.M., district attorney, said New Mexico authorities, after capturing one in Lubbock and another in Cactus - north of Amarillo — are exploring the possibility that more of the fugitives may have fled to West Texas.

The latest capture occurred Thursday in Albuquerque, N.M., according to The Associated Press.

Chandler said his office has received a lot of information and worked hand-inhand with the U.S. Marshals and Texas authorities.

The escapee who was caught in Lubbock, Raynaldo Enriquez, was transported back to New Mexico, he said.

Recently, "America's Most Wanted" posted information on their Web site about the fugitives from the New Mexico jail.

David Mead, a deputy with the U.S. Marshals, said the nationwide exposure the case is receiving by having information on "America's Most Wanted" Web site is good because it will cut down where now," Mead said. the fugitives will be able to go and hide. by someone.

"The best thing they can do is turn themselves in because it's just a matter of time before they are located and arrested were caught within a day, and two *>>jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu*

THE REMAINING 4

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

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

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

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

SALAS

Sooner or later, they will be recognized this gets, he said, the easier it makes it for New Mexico authorities are inveslaw enforcement.

> The eight inmates escaped Aug. 24 from a Clovis, N.M., jail. Two of them

more were caught within a week. The more media attention a case like Four inmates are still at large, and tigating the possibility of finding the fugitives in New Mexico or in West Texas.

Rescuers appeal for tents after deadly China quake

BEIJING (AP) — Rescuers the same fault line as a May 12 appealed for temporary housing earthquake that killed nearly and tents Monday after a week- 70,000. end earthquake in southwest China killed at least 36 people, ... we need more than 10,000 injured hundreds and left tens of tents," said Zhang Hai, head of thousands of homes in ruins.

chuan province, which the U.S. department in Panzhihua city. Geological Survey measured "This is a mountainous place at magnitude 5.7, struck along and so we can't build temporary 63

"We need temporary houses the foreign liaison office of the The temblor Saturday in Si- Communist Party propaganda 6 0 <u>1</u>

houses everywhere."

The beginning of the school year, which was supposed to be Monday, was postponed for a week because authorities were inspecting damage in classrooms, he said.

"We still can't bring all kids back to their previous classrooms," Zhang said.





PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

President Guy Bailey and his wife, Jan Tillery, are escorted across the field by Raider Red to receive the game ball Saturday evening at Tech's first home game of the season.

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Junk in the trunk, skeletons in the closet

JPINIONS

Anyone who watches the speech in which Sarah Palin accepts the Republican vice presidential nomination may notice that her running mate, John McCain, seemed to be staring at the "junk in her trunk." As disturbing as McCain's wandering eyes were, they were not nearly as alarming as what I learned about Palin in the day after the big an- That's it. That is the entirety of nouncement.

clear that Barack Obama would be ing about Obama's apparent lack the Democratic presidential nomi- of experience, and then picked doesn't have nearly as much experience as McCain, but he could



Palin's public office experience. From the moment it became McCain spent so much time talkhe die.

run circles around Palin. In her the chance of McCain dying in the 44 years of life, Palin has served near future is very high. The Arias Governor of Alaska for roughly zona senator celebrated his 73rd one and a half years. Prior to this, birthday on Friday and has battled it with a red one. It's still a block!" It she served as the assistant mayor cancer many times. The man is is demeaning to women to make us scandal runs wild in the world Palin's ex-brother-in-law, accord- City. E-mail her at mackenzie. of a city of around 7,000 people. not in good health; shouldn't seem so easily replaceable.

he have picked someone who is of America. This is not putting our Americans are country first - something McCain stupid enough to prides himself in doing.

get me wrong, I would love to see a lack of confidence As morbid as this may sound, tial candidate, he is clearly trying to country has some appeal to former Clinton supporters. confidence in my To me, this says, "Your Lego block ability to think isn't on a ticket? Here, let me replace

vote for a woman Sure, Obama Palin, however, Palin's rear end, it was nowhere Another problem I have with because of hergen-Palin is that she is a woman. Don't der. This shows a doesn't have nearly is different. Pa-near as troubling as the things lin's sister went that were uncovered about Palin woman in office some day. However, in the American as much experience the McCain/Palin campaign is going about the gender issue all wrong. It vote based on is- as McCain, but he nee, McCain had been hitting on someone with much less experi-Obama's experience. Sure, Obama ence to fill in for McCain, should women as though McCain is treating to know that the could run circles picking a woman as a vice presiden- president of my around Palin.

for myself.

of politics. Take for example ing to reporting by The Associ- maxwell@ttu.edu.

ready to be president in the worst woman with more experience, the Bill Clinton. Each of those school drama to me. It is a huge case scenario? By McCain's own choice would make sense. However, scandals had two things in com- scandal in such a short time in standards, Palin is not qualified to her lack of experience makes it seem mon: they involved sex, and the office. Imagine what she could be president of the United States as though McCain believes that offender had lots of experience. cook up in four years! The scandal in-

If he were to have picked a John Edwards, Larry Craig and ated Press. That sounds like high

As distressing as it was to volving Sarah watch McCain seemingly stare at through a tough within the first day of her camdivorce with an paign as vice president. Overall, Alaskan State the governor has no experience, Official. Soon is not ready to be president, after, Palin fired abuses the gender card and is too Alaska Public dramatic for my taste. This is not Safety Commis- the kind of person I want to be sioner, Walter next in line for the presidency of Monegan. Al- my country. legedly, Mon-

egan was fired because he refused I Maxwell is a freshman broad-It is a universal truth that to terminate the employment of cast journalism major from Royce

Is depression an illness, or a symptom?

The world is a blurry haze of random collisions. People meeting people, words striking words. Nothing matters anymore, because you blew your chance to bring sense to the madness. The sky weighs heavy on your back; every new face you meet is full of scorn. They all know how worthless you are, and there's nothing you can do to change their accessories. Radio advertisements opinions. It may be unreasonable and illogical, but depression can lead to thoughts and feelings exactly like these.

Unfortunately, our society meets



offer free anti-depressant tapes and pills to counter "those daily worries" that alcohol, pornography, and religion just can't seem to soothe.

these sentiments with armfuls of death at an alarming rate. Anxi- like alchemists, hoping that somefast food, sleazy matchmaking ad- ety is countered with increasingly vertisements and top-of-the-line desperate measures by each ascendtechnological treats. Television ing social class. What was once illness be eradicated by treating than the "Christians" who reprecommercials portray a bleak, col- considered self-destructive is now one's symptoms? Can the hole in sent him. orless world where everyone has a commonplace - from gluttony, the chest of modern man be sufheadache and too much paperwork to drug addiction, to "cutting" and ficiently filled through adjusting **Schipper is a sophomore** until they receive *blank* item or other more radical forms of relief his moods? medication. Sensuality can't be fully that the American public loves to enjoyed without enhancements and sweep under the rug.

find fulfillment or happiness in his won't let us down, who can pluck or her vices. The drug addict is left a nugget of golden rhyme from a scrounging for more. The alcoholic muddy creek bed of dissonance. is left jobless with a hangover. The Maybe such a relationship is really glutton is imprisoned in obesity. the only way to deal with a world The porn addict is chained to his computer. The control freak can gious people of the world have that never be powerful enough. Ashes, part - at least - right? ashes, we all fall down. And these blanket of depression.

Our world is worrying itself to adding and subtracting chemicals day they'll make joy out of depres-

ately searching for truth. We need **ttu.edu.**

But no one seems to be able to a relationship with someone who falling in flames. Maybe the reli-

Don't get me wrong, I hate the meaningless distractions eventually hypocrisy of the modern church fade, leaving us with the silent wet with a passion, but in my opinion, the only place left to look is toward Doctors tinker with the brain, God. I don't mean that you should sing "Amazing Grace." Screw the whole notion of church altogether. Just start by searching for Yahweh. sion, gold out of lead. But can an If he's real, he's infinitely cooler

English major from Murphy. In the end, we're all left desper- E-mail him at schipp.schipper@



Oscar, Before the Gambling Addiction

Who cares what you think? Regional conflict tears apart neighbors, ruins lands

The original title of this column was "Who Cares What You Think?" As you can see, I liked it so I stuck with it. At this moment you are reading the Daily Toreador and have turned to the opinions section and I have to ask: do you really care what I have to say about anything? I certainly don't care about your opinions on anything are. We don't know each other, and yet we already have so much invested in this relayou resist?

so. Disagree with me, write, yell, do plummet. what you want. One thing I love we have to disagree.

an outlet for my seemingly endless the world don't say something, do into print.

It should be pointed out that not just my opinions are useless, do very little. They just exist as a everybody's are. That means yours sequence of funny sounds or a series too. When you really get down of strange squiggles on a page. The to it what someone thinks about power belongs to you, not them. something has absolutely nothing Will my column change the world? to do with the random series of sensations and stimulations we call reality. That is the most important the world? Only if they do somefact about opinions, they don't matter. You can have as many of them and go out and do something. But as you want without ever leaving who cares what I think? the couch. You barely even have to engage your brain to formulate and **Saunders is a senior theater** store hundreds of opinions about arts major from Grapevine. E-mail everything. They take up no space, him at kevin.saunders@ttu.edu.



they have no mass, and they have almost no weight.

Opinions are often shared betionship. You saw the picture of me cause it is so easy to do so, but in a funny hat with a goofy smile nobody ever trades them. And that's and a come hither stare, how could another problem with opinions: there are too many of them. My But you're not just here for my last (and only) economics class was smashing good looks; you want to in tenth grade, but I can still recall know what I think about various the supply and demand graph. Right hot button items. You want to find now we have a huge surplus of extra some reason to yell at me or write opinions. Everybody has their own an angry e-mail. Don't worry, you'll already and they don't want any get your chance. Everybody's bound of yours. This surplus of opinions to disagree with me on one thing or without a matching demand causes another eventually. Feel free to do the relative worth of opinions to

Opinions do nothing and that is about this country is the freedom a problem. People can yell opinions at each other for days on end and But before you start, ask yourself: the world is no different (with the What is the point of getting mad? Do exception of a few extra pounds of you think your rantings can change CO2 in the atmosphere. We must my mind? I don't expect to change watch that carbon footprint.) If you yours. I'm just using this column as want to have any sort of impact on stream of diatribes. I'm full of use- something. The only reason anyless opinions and this will be where body ever said words have power is you can read them after I put them because somebody did something in response to those words.

Left to their own devices, words Not a snowball's chance in an oven. Will the people reading this change thing. So that's my opinion, get up

BY ABDUL KHAN THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

Islamic terrorists have been waging a guerilla war against perceived Western intrusion works of writers and interference. The Western of religious sites Mecca and zero and more. Medina, is often cited as a cause of tension. Any support of a na- Jews we have and violative of human rights dozens of Noviolations of human rights from unprecedented

of our new nation-state-world, cratic systems. compounded with reduced citiworld's few official theocracies, would be nonbefore seen-true animosity be- law has very evitween Jews and Muslims.

For centuries Jews and Mus- Quran-they are lims have worked together and simply two difseparately to produce some of ferent sources to the same world- ination from present allies. the most profound and lasting view. Their biggest difference is legacies in philosophy, human in language. progression and scientific revo-

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Tech organization works to raise money for St. Jude's medical research

By LAURA WALTZER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, medical researchers are trying to find a cure for their patients.

At Texas Tech, a student-led organization, Up 'til Dawn, is donating its time to try and make a St. Jude is that, the minute they difference in the lives of the young have a scientific breakthrough, to participate. To be a part of this patients at the Memphis, Tenn. they share that with other hospitals children's hospital.

"Up 'til Dawn is an organization created to help families and country, but they treat patients from children at St. Jude hospital," said Zach Bean, executive director of the organization and a senior Tech student from Amarillo. "Every fall, timonials, games and prizes, and of

friends and family there, sending out pre-written letters to ask for monetary donations to fund the daily operations of the hospital."

Money raised during the Nov. 11 event will be donated to St. Jude Children's hospital to be applied toward cancer and other research.

"One of the great things about around the nation," Bean said. "Not only do they help out kids in this around the globe, trying to make a difference where it's needed most."

The event consists of bands, tes-



Research Hospital ALSAC . Danny Thomas, Founder

year's event, participants can form a team with their friends or help the board organize certain activities.

"They will sign, address and write encouraging notes to friends or relatives asking for their help with St. Jude," Bean said. "There are prizes that can be won based we hold an event in honor of the course, food for anyone who wants upon the number of letters that both

individuals and teams write during who want to help on the board of Lubbock. All the money raised the event."

the event, but also is looking to they need is that they love kids." recruit anyone who wants to join the organization itself.

"It's really easy to get involved," said Kaci Sticklan, a member of the the faculty to join as well. organization and a Tech student. parents are so grateful for us being changed my life."

students who want to get involved, people." such as volunteers to look for campus marketing.

Up 'til Dawn not only is inter- care how old or what else they are making the organization a really ested in gaining participants for involved in. The only requirement eye-opening and uplifting entity

In the past, only students have

"We really want this to be a "Knowing that these kids and their campus-wide event," Bean said. "There's no greater feeling than part of their lives is so rewarding. It knowing that your time and efforts are helping a child heal, and I thoughts, time and hearts in order Many positions are available for would love to share that with other to feally make a difference in the

A patient at St. Jude is treated sponsorships, donations, bands and free of charge, said the organization's Assistant Director, Mackenzie "We're really looking for people Scott, a senior Tech student from >aura.waltzer@ttu.edu

Up 'til Dawn," Bean said. "We don't goes directly toward this cause, at Tech.

"It takes \$1.8 million a day to signed up to help participate, but keep St. Jude's open," Bean said, this year, Up 'til Dawn is asking for "so any donations are really appreciated,"

> Eager to make this a campuswide event, Up 'til Dawn is focusing its efforts within the community of Lubbock, asking for a person's world today.

> To join the board or form a team for the organization, contact Zach Bean at zach.bean@ttu.edu.

Pedestrians ←

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were distracted by electronics, but he understands the Russian Roulette-type risk associated with being plugged in while walking near traffic.

But that doesn't mean it hasn't happened elsewhere.

"We've been kind of lucky," said Dr. Juan Fitz, a doctor who works in the emergency room of Covenant Medical Center, "but we have had the reports of this kid from El Paso who was in New York. He had just gotten engaged. He was excited and telling

ing attention, got into the street and Shavers said, so they assume cars augot run over.

he said. "You'll see a lot of people text messaging, on the phone, looking down. They're not paying attention. That's very unsafe. Very unsafe."

As a bicyclist who rides six miles per day, Fitz said he never wears headphones when he cycles and leaves his cell phone at home so he can be "constantly listening to traffic."

> "If you're going to talk on (cell phones), stay stationary," Maxwell said. "Don't walk and talk on them. I know that's impossible, but it's for their life, their safety. Just stay stationary for a minute or call them back, you

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trians assume they his friends. Basically he wasn't pay- have the right-away on campus, tomatically will stop for them, which

"The last text message he sent was is an unsafe assumption. telling them what he was going to Taking risks when it comes to give her for their wedding." pedestrian-car accidents is a serious

'Batman' producer no 'Joker' at Georgetown talk

BY KEVIN BARBER THE HOYA (GEORGETOWN)

Around eight o'clock Wednesday evening, the anticipation of the crowd gathered in Gaston Hall was palpable - it seemed that many of the assembled students half-expected Heath Ledger's iconic Joker to vault onto the stage, that impish smile on his face and a freshlysharpened pencil in his hand. But when Michael Uslan, the originator of the "Batman" film franchise and executive "The Dark Knight" appeared, he presented an entirely different image: a kind-faced, silver-haired 57-year-old, with ostensibly nothing in common with the Joker — except for a rather garish necktie.

gathered to hear Uslan share his reflections on life and show business.

Before taking questions from the childhood love affair with comic books, his early days in the entertainment

Uslan stressed that comic books

owned around 35,000 comic books (dating all the way back to 1939).

the evening was to "take what you love and make it your work." He learned this lesson from his time at Indiana University in the early '70s, where he seized an opportunity (in his words, "stuck a foot in the door") to design his own experimental curriculum. Uslan became the country's first instruchimself at the center of the news media's Uslan's proposals. attention.

giants Stan Lee (of New York's Marvel Comics) and Saul Harrison (of DC Comics) on the phone. An internship led to a When the University Lecture Fund crucial screenwriting gig — an early draft hosted its Fall-Kickoff Event, hundreds of of the film adaptation The Shadow. After as the maniacal Joker, was the top Georgetown students, faculty and alumni creative opportunities dried up, Uslan grosser of 1989. It virtually defined retreated, selling 20,000 comic books to the superhero movie as it exists today; of the film, thanks to his experience pay for law school.

audience, Uslan gave a brief sketch of his ness wasn't quite what he expected, how- the genre.

his mother's claim that, as a young boy, he ever: Uslan spent three and a half years as taught himself to read with comics. By the a lawyer for United Artists, working behind time he went off to college, Uslan said, he the scenes on such classic films as "Rocky," "Apocalypse Now," and "Raging Bull." "It's so much better to take a calculated risk than vicissitudes. Uslan urged the fresh One of Uslan's most emphatic lessons of to tell your children and grandchildren what faces in Gaston Hall to work at what 'I could've been," Uslan said, referring to one loves, to always have a "plan B," his departure from UA in order to buy the to be persistent and to take the right film rights to "Batman." Ignoring Harrison's risks. In other words, Uslan offered a discouragement — "it's dead as a dodo" — Uslan formed Batfilm Productions in October of 1979, but unfortunately Harrison's warning gained credibility when every producer of this summer's blockbuster tor in the study of comic books, finding Hollywood studio consequently rejected

Ten years later, the success of Tim Within weeks, Uslan had comic-book Burton's "Batman" vindicated all of Uslan's tireless efforts and fulfilled his childhood ambitions. The film, which starred Michael Keaton as the Caped Crusader and Jack Nicholson supreme confidence from the very bethe original's moody art direction in making 2005's reboot "Batman His return to the entertainment busi- and music became trademarks of Begins" and the crew's "respect for

Today, Uslan portrays himself as someone whose dreams came true with a lot of hard work, some luck and a sound outlook on life and its good deal of hackneyed advice that somehow seemed more valuable in light of his enormous success.

Still, the ever-humble Uslan was enthusiastic in giving credit for "The Dark Knight's" phenomenal popularity to writer/director Christopher Nolan, whom he called "a master," star Christian Bale and the late Heath Ledger, "a consummate actor" in Uslan's words. Uslan expressed his ginning in Nolan and everyone else involved in the creative direction the integrity of [the] property."



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Study: Most students exceed parents' expectations, but feel they fall short

By STEFANIE KUNCMAN CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE (U. CENTRAL FLORIDA)

UCF Psychologist Kimberly Renk said most students surpass their parents' expectations, yet still believe they are falling short.

Renk performed a study on parental expectations, which included 69 male and 105 female freshman and sophomore students. Also, 138 of their mothers and 92 of their fathers were questioned. They were asked about personal maturity, grades and dating.

Renk is the mother of two and the laboratory director of UCF's Understanding Children and Families. The laboratories' research programs, clinical work and community service aims to better the lives of children and families.

According to a UCF News and Information article by Chad Binette, achieving a high GPA and finding an internship for job experience are common anxieties for students that can lower self-esteem and make the adjustment to college a difficult task.

Renk said college students' perceptions of what their parents expected differed from the parents' actual expectations. The mothers and fathers were in agreement on what they expected out of their children.

In many of the studies performed, the students were financially supported by their parents. Renk said falling short of their parents' expecta-

all or at least part of their college tions reported having more trouble expenses are taken care of. Melissa Beer, a 21-year-old event

parents weren't the ones paying for my schooling, I wouldn't feel half as bad making a bad grade in a class. I feel more guilty because if I get a bad grade I am losing their money."

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Courtney Rosenthal, a 21-year-

old UCF broadcast journalism major

who is also supported by her parents,

said the greatest pressure her parents

place on her is to graduate in four

The students who believed to be

adolescence.

adjusting to college. Renk said the authoritative par-

management major said: "If my enting style helps make the transition into college life easier for students. "Authoritative parenting describes parents who are warm and available to their children while also providing structure, predictability and limits for their children's behavior," Renk said. Many people still

The study bridged a link between how well college students communicate with their parents and how well they adjust to the change of atmosphere that college life provides. Renk said it may not be the actual communication that helps or harms adjustment, but the students perception of exchanged communication.

Rosenthal said, "I think my parents expect me to graduate on time, do well, and get a good job. I think I'm on top of everything and their expectations are where they need to be."

"Many people still assume parenting ends when a child turns 18," Renk said in a UCF News and Information article. "But in our culture today, there is a longer extension of adolescence. Adulthood is starting later." Renk said parents are more influential due to the increase in technology. Cell phones and iChat make it easier for students to feel a closeness with their parents even when they are thousands of miles away. This causes students to continue to rely on their parents, even while living alone.

To suck or not to suck: 'Hamlet 2' is train wreck

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark," says Marcellus in the first act of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Yeah, tell me about it, Marce, though "Hamlet 2" is set in the state of Arizona. Unfortunately, there's no poison for anybody (especially the audience) to drink this time around.

"Hamlet 2" isn't exactly a train sequel to "Hamlet." wreck, because that would imply a train without an engine.

hilarious trailer.

smart and creative — perhaps in (Catherine Keener). the same genre of indie comedies as different genre: awful.

is a talentless actor teaching drama other jokes fall flat. The entire fault at a high school in Tucson, Ariz. of this movie lies in the terrible script. bad. Dana learns that the drama bad, the movie will be bad. department will be shut down for lack of funding and lack of good



Though it's unclear whether the train at one point actually Dana is trying to write something worked. This film never works. It's controversial or is just clueless, the play shakes up the community of Tuc-"The critic doth protest too son. Soon, an ACLU lawyer (Amy much, methinks," cries the Texas Poehler) comes to Dana's defense as Tech student who has seen the the parents of the students who are furious. Along with all the problems

The problem with "Hamlet 2" is "Juno" and "Napoleon Dynamite." not that it's offensive; the problem However, "Hamlet 2" belongs in a is that it's not offensive at all. There are less than a half-dozen moderately Dana Marschz (Steve Coogan) funny lines in the movie, and all the He and his two over-eager stu- As I have written in other reviews, dents perform stage adaptations of it doesn't matter how talented the popular films, and they're always actors in a film are — if the script is

Keener, arguably the most talented of the group, looks ridiculous plays. In an obvious parody of what delivering such poorly written lines. Dana calls "inspirational teacher Poehler tries her best to be a shockfilms" such as "Mr. Holland's Opus" ing anti-Semite, but it never works. and "Dangerous Minds," Dana Coogan just looks silly the whole encourages his new class of Latino time — a stark contrast to his brief students to help him produce the but memorable performance in n Chris Kellerman is The DT's best play in the school's history. this summer's far superior "Tropic movie critic. E-mail him at Dana has written it ... it's a Thunder." All the other actors in

the film, including David Arquette and Elisabeth Shue, are equally unimpressive.

Most of the film consists of preparation for the opening night of the kids' play. Surely, I thought, the play will be the funniest part of the film. It'll be the edgy, hilarious part for which the audience has been waiting the whole time. Unsurprisingly, it's just as disappointing as the rest of the film. Though the show's big number, "Rock Me, Sexy Jesus" is a catchy tune, it's neither as funny nor controversial as it should have been.

"For in that sleep of death what dreams may come," Hamlet muses in the third act of Shakespeare's play.

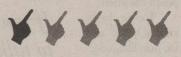
Well, Prince Hamlet, I was more Indeed, the trailer was excelated school, Dana must deal with his than willing to discover the answer lent. It made the movie look edgy, crumbling marriage to his wife Brie to that question about 15 minutes into "Hamlet 2."

> I get that it's a parody of inspirational films, and everyone is supposed to be silly, but that doesn't change the fact that "Hamlet 2" is simply never funny.

> "Tropic Thunder" is an excellent example of a parody with silly characters and controversial scenes that succeeds in being both very smart and very funny.

> "Hamlet 2" is an excellent example of a failure.

Aye, there's the rub. One out of Five Guns Up.



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This ain't no jive, particle physics rap song is a hit

EASTLANSING, Mich. (AP)-Who says science doesn't turn people on? Kate McAlpine is a rising star on YouTube for her rap performance about high-energy particle physics.

Her performance has drawn a halfmillion views so far on YouTube.

The 23-year-old Michigan State University graduate and science writer raps about the Large Hadron Collider, the groundbreaking particle accelerator that has been built in a 17-mile circular tunnel at the CERN laboratory near Geneva, Switzerland.

Fans queue to snag tickets to see Oprah, Olympians

lining up at 6 a.m. Saturday for a chance to snag free tickets to "The Oprah Winfrey Show" season premiere featuring 150 U.S. Olympic athletes.

By noon, the line of Winfrey fans and U.S. Olympic supporters stretched nearly six city blocks in Chicago's Millennium Park. The show will air Sept. 8 and include appearances by gold medalists Michael Phelps, Nastia Liukin and Kobe Bryant.

Tickets for the Winfrey's tapings

CHICAGO (AP) — Fans began are usually available only by phone and nearly impossible to get, so fans were itching for the 2,000 seats up for grabs for Wednesday's taping.

"We do love Oprah," said 20-year-old Loyola University student Grace Sutherland, who left her apartment at 4 a.m. to wait in line. "But the Olympic athletes, they are real role models. This is the America we like to see.'

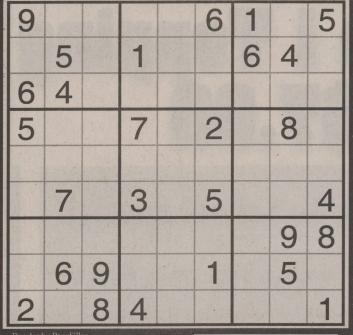
Jeanne Kaspar, 40, of Naperville, Ill., said that although the Olympians are inspiring, Winfrey's accomplishments will resonate long after the athletes' successes are forgotten.

"Oprah shattered the glass ceiling for women," Kaspar said. "She's shown a woman can run companies, can lead philanthropic organizations, can do really anything."

Organizers began passing out tickets at noon Saturday.

For those unable to get tickets Saturday, approximately 7,000 festival-style lawn seats would be available Wednesday, said Monica Cebula, special events coordinator for Millennium Park.

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McAlpine raps that when the collider goes into operation on Sept. 10, "the things that it discovers will rock you in the head."

The \$3.8 billion machine will collide two beams of protons moving at close to the speed of light so scientists can see what particles appear in the resulting debris.



Ladies,

Graduate student VP explains his plans for fall semester

By MATT MCGOWAN FEATURES EDITOR

As the Student Government Association's Vice President for Graduate and Professional Affairs, Arindam Mazumdar is a man who most certainly has a plan for his graduate student constituency.

Mazumdar said he has three primary goals for the 2008-2009 school year: building a stronger connection between graduate students and their SGA representatives, working to improve health care for international students and organizing a town hall meeting in which graduate students will have an opportunity to make their voices heard.

"Most of the time, we do not know what the graduate students want because they are in their departments and hardly get a chance to come out of their lab or come out Health Services taking care of the

of their research," Mazumdar said. "(The town hall meeting) will be a very good platform for them to to tell us what they want us to do for them.'

The first town hall meeting for the fall 2008 semester, however, has yet to be planned, he said.

Tentatively, he said he expects to host it sometime during October.

After sending a survey out to graduate students, Mazumdar said he learned many of them are worried about their medical coverage through the university's outside insurance provider.

'They've had problems receiving (insurance cards) in the last year," he said. "This year, we hope that every students receives their card that will be mailed to them in due time. If not, I'd like to tell the students that we have Student

dispatch of the cards. If the students do not receive a card, they can call Student Health Services."

Also, the survey's participants expressed concern about transportation and parking for graduate students, he said, which he hopes to improve after discussing the matters with Texas Tech administrators.

On Sept. 3, he said, the SGA will host a graduate student reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Merket Alumni Center where graduate students will have an opportunity to meet with Mazumdar and other Tech administrators who will be in attendarice.

"This is something that has never been done before," Mazumdar said. "We're trying it out for the first time and we hope all of the new graduate students will come." >>> matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu

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US returns control of Anbar to Iragis

tary handed over control of once brutally in America's plan to eventually send its of Fallujah became the symbol of Sunni troops home.

the struggle against al-Qaida in Iraq and urban combat of the war. other insurgents was not over in the western region, the scene of some of the owy al-Qaida in Iraq and its leader, Abu bloodiest battles in Iraq since the 2003 Musab al-Zarqawi, who used the area as a much attention on their past ties to U.S.-led invasion.

"This war is not quite over, but it's being won and primarily by the people of Anbar. Al-Qaida has not been entirely defeated in Anbar, but their end is near and they know it," said Marine Maj. Gen. John "lost" in Anbar. Kelly, the top U.S. commander in Anbar, during the handover ceremony.

The return of security control to Iraqi authorities doesn't mean U.S. troops, who number about 25,000 in the region, will leave Anbar. The vast, mostly desert region extends from the western outskirts of Baghdad to the borders of Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

curity patrols and focus on training Iraq's forces with U.S. troops to push al-Qaida army and police.

had been "transformed and reclaimed by the Iraqi people."

security operations in Anbar, with Ameri-

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. mili-role," Bush said in a statement.

For years, Anbar, the 11th of 18 provviolent Anbar province to Iraqi forces inces to switch to Iraqi control, was the political reconciliation efforts on the Monday - marking a major milestone center of the Sunni insurgency. The city resistance until it fell to American troops example, the head of the local awak-But American officials warned that in November 2004 in the most intense ening council complained that the

> The province was the base of the shadstaging ground for attacks in Baghdad until Saddam Hussein. he was killed in a 2006 U.S. airstrike.

gion's Sunni Arab community mounted a backlash against al-Qaida in Iraq. Many Iraqi tribal leaders opposed al-Qaida's brutal tactics, including mass killings of Shiite civilians and of some including three Marines and several Sunni leaders who refused to accept prominent pro-U.S. tribal leaders, in al-Qaida's rule.

The disaffected Sunni sheiks organized But U.S. troops will cut back on se- so-called awakening councils that joined from the province. That enabled U.S. President Bush hailed the turnover as forces to gain control of the provincial a major achievement, saying the region capital of Ramadi and other cities long considered killing zones.

"Iraqi forces will now take the lead in quieter parts of Iraq. Yet bitterness remains the aide, who spoke on condition of between the awakening councils and the anonymity because he was not allowed can troops moving into an overwatch central Baghdad government, predomi- to release the information.

nantly Shiite.

That could complicate broader national level.

During Monday's ceremony, for central government was not giving Sunni tribesmen enough credit for fighting al-Qaida, and placing too

Monday's ceremony had been post-Just two years ago, a Marine intel- poned several times in recent months, ligence report concluded that al-Qaida with delays blamed on weather and a had made such inroads that the war was last-minute disagreement between the governor and the central government But later that year, some in the re- over control of security forces.

But security concerns also played a role. As recently as late June, a suicide bomber wearing a police uniform killed more than 20 people, the town of Karmah, 20 miles west of Baghdad.

Meanwhile in Baghdad, a senior aide to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Iraq has submitted a list of proposals to tweak a draft of a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement.

The changes were submitted to Now Anbar is considered one of the the U.S. government in Baghdad, said

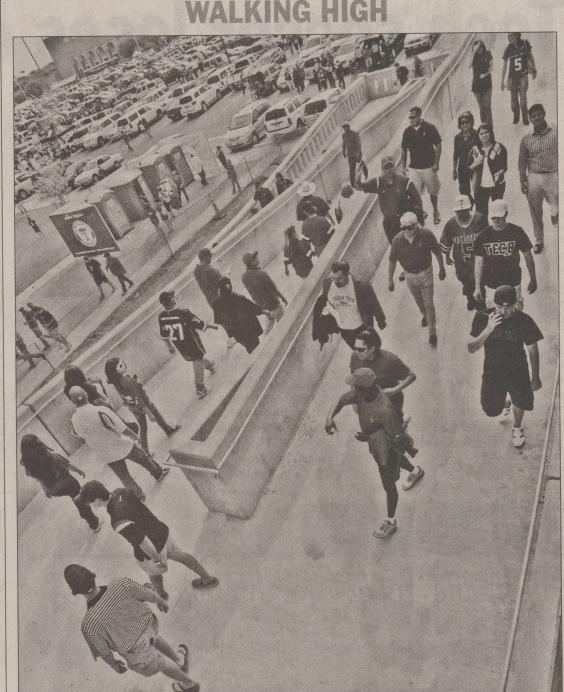


PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador FANS USE THE new walkway that was temporarily open for Saturdays football game

Killings of 5 Afghan children inflame tensions in two separate incidents

inflaming tensions in the country over the only in the past few weeks. killings of civilians by troops from the U.S. and other countries.

children in an artillery strike in eastern The U.S. denies the accusation, saying Afghanistan. It said NATO forces fired its troops and Afghan commandos killed patrol in Gayan district of Paktika prov- operation. ince and one of the rounds hit a house, civilians.

eign and Afghan forces killed five children — and foreign forces in the country who casualties in the south. In a statement late pounds and killed three women and an casualty claim came hours after the sepain two separate incidents Monday, further are accused of killing dozens of civilians

gents planned to Afghan officials accuse foreign forces falsely claim inof killing up to 90 civilians during an NATO said it accidentally killed three Aug. 22 operation in the country's west. ternational milithe rounds after insurgents attacked its ,25 militants and five civilians in the in Sangin district

The raid in the eastern outskirts of mand province. killing three children and injuring seven Kabul was conducted by U.S. troops backed by Afghan intelligence agents, said alliance also said its forces had In a separate incident, foreign and police officer Qubaidullah, who like many Afghan forces killed a man and his two Afghans goes by one name. He said the helped more children and during a raid near Kabul, raid killed a man and two of his children than 20 wounded civilians who The raid left the house with broken approached two Utkheil area east of the capital, where windows and bullet holes in the walls. of its bases in the three bodies were displayed inside a Three other men, all the victims' cousins, Helmand provmud-walled compound. The man's wife were detained during the operation but ince.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — For- pressure from an increasingly irate public pating a Taliban claim of further civilian Sunday, NATO said it had received infor- unspecified number of children," in Helmation from "a reliable source" that insurmand's Sarevan Qaleh village, NATO said

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in a statement, quoting one of those wounded. "He then reported that the insurgents had before fleeing," it said.

The warning of a possible civilian week of fighting in the same province. The coalition did not say where the militants were killed

were related.

The issue of civilian deaths is a parshot him in ticularly sensitive topic in Afghanistan both kneecaps following the Aug. 22 bombing of the village of Azizabad in Herat province by

The claims ernment commission said 90 civilians were could not be killed, a finding backed by a preliminary independently U.N. report. The U.S. military has said 25 militants have not been and five civilians were killed, and that it is investigating the incident. The U.S. has long said insurgents use false civilian death claims as a propaganda tool to undermine support for ed in two separate incidents involving the plight of innocent civilians for propa- international forces and the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Claims of civilian deaths can be tricky. Relatives of Afghan victims are rate U.S.-led coalition command said its given condolence payments by the govtroops killed more than 220 insurgents in a ernment and the international military forces, providing an incentive to make false claims.

But Karzai has castigated Western It was unclear whether the two reports military commanders over civilian deaths resulting from their raids. The Taliban and other insurgents use the deaths as leverage to turn Afghans away from the government, he says.

The top NATO spokesman in Afthe U.S.-led coalition. An Afghan gov- ghanistan, Brig. Gen. Richard Blanchette, said Saturday that the U.S.-led coalition, Afghan government and United Naons would jointly investigate the Aug. 22 raid.

police and witnesses said. Angry men and wounded his wife. gathered at the victims' house in the was wounded in the operation, said Yahya later released, Khan, a cousin.

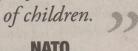
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The latest deaths deepened strains be- participated either. tween the Afghan government — under

Khan said

U.S. coalition spokesman 1st Lt. Naraid and could not confirm their troops

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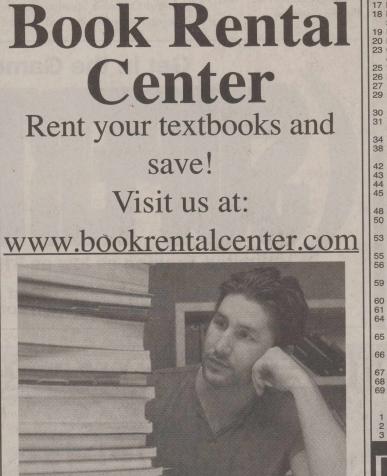
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Tech soccer loses conference opener

By STEVEN RYAN STAFF WRITER

Weather delays make some games unpredictable.

After gaining a 2-1 lead with 20 minutes left in the game, the Texas Tech women's soccer team never thought the end result would be a 3-2 loss to Colorado Friday at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

"In the second half," forward Zhaleh Rezaie said, "we came out knowing what we needed to do but it just didn't happen for us."

The game began under dark clouds with a light drizzle and was stopped fifteen minutes into the match because of lightning in the area.

That was more than enough time for the Buffaloes (2-1-1, 1-0 in Big 12 Conference play) to grab the early lead from the Red Raiders.

Just two minutes into the game,

Marshall scored her first goal of the season on a rebound after the ball ricocheted off the crossbar.

"The first goal was odd," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "I don't think Tina (Rincon) thought it would hit the post the way it did and it came straight out to their best player who just tapped it in."

Stone believed the delay came as an advantage because Colorado dominated possession for the first 15 minutes and Tech needed time to regroup.

During the break, Rezaie said the Red Raiders (2-1, 0-1 in Big 12 play) talked about settling down and playing their type of game, which included being aggressive and putting pressure on the ball.

This intense pressure paid off as the Red Raiders scored back-to-back goals in the next 10 minutes to take a 2-1 lead heading into halftime.

The first goal came from defender

two-time All-Big 12 forward Nikki Sarabeth Clopton when she rocketed entire second half while taking 10 a goal from 40 yards out.

Just two minutes later Rezaie scored a goal while trying to play defense from the forward position.

Colorado was trying to clear the ball from its side of the field and decided to pass the ball back to its goalie for a long kick.

As the ball was going back to the goalie, Rezaie aggressively chased after it hoping to make some kind of play. Her persistence proved beneficial as she scored Tech's second goal.

"We just weren't ready after the break from the storm," Colorado coach Bill Hempen said. "They got in our face and made us pay for it."

Just like Tech used the weather delay to regroup after falling behind in the first half, Colorado talked it over during halftime and came out of the locker room a better team. Colorado allowed only one shot the

of its own.

The Buffaloes had 12 shots on goal compared to Tech's four.

This made goalie Tina Rinc job much more difficult comp to last week when Lamar had shots on goal.

"Every time something like presents itself I just play hard for team because that is what they d me," she said.

Rincon was on her toes for I of the game and made nine save the evening.

The Red Raiders rebounded Sunday with a 3-0 win in San A nio against Texas-San Antonio

Tech's Taylor Lytle, Me Hoffert and Kendyl Mygatt scored their first career goals. Rin recorded her tenth career shut putting her just one behind Ste nie Carter for the school's allshutout record. »steven.ryan@ttu.edu

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WEEKEND RECAP

How the Top 25 football teams fared

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No. 2 Ohio State (1-0) beat	No. 8 West Virginia (1-0) beat	No. 15 Arizona State (1-0) beat
Youngstown State 43-0. Next vs.	Villanova 48-21. Next: at East	Northern Arizona 30-13. Next:
Ohio, Saturday.	Carolina, Saturday.	vs. Stanford, Saturday.
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Michigan, Saturday.	Saturday.	Louisiana Tech, Saturday.

Jimmie Johnson gets third win of season at Auto Club Speedway

think about how good his car was and worry that he might blow it.

"I'm just happy that we all did our parts tonight and didn't let this great opportunity slip away," the two- not sure how it's going to shake out. during another caution, Johnson's time reigning NASCAR Sprint Cup The weak spot for us has been the champion said after an overpowering victory Sunday night at Auto Club Speedway.

Johnson's third victory of the season served notice that he is not to be taken lightly with the start of the Chase for the championship only two weeks away.

"It was an awesome race car all night long," Johnson said after leading 228 of the 250 laps in the Pepsi 500. "We really didn't touch much all night long and the car was fast and good. And the track just came to us.

"More than anything, I'm just happy to close the deal. It's very, very rare to have a car that dominant and it's easy to do something stupid to spoil that."

Asked if he has had a car this superior before, Johnson said, 1

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) - Jim- points leader Kyle Busch and Carl tires on the stop. mie Johnson had enough time to Edwards - the two hottest drivers

for a third straight title. "I hope so," Johnson said. "I'm just mile and a half and two-mile tracks and the Chase is loaded with those.

"We've been getting better each week. I'm happy to be on a big track and win on a big track. I really think we're doing the right things to have a fighting chance at the championship and that's all we can ask for."

" More than anything, I'm just happy to close the deal. It's very, very rare to have a car that dominant

After the restart on lap 166, Johnin the series coming into this race — son was fourth after one lap, second that he remains a serious contender after two trips around the 2-mile oval and back in the lead on lap 168.

On the next pit stop, on lap 182 jackman got tangled up in the air hose in a rare pit misstep by the team. Johnson again came out of the pits in sixth. And, again, he rocketed back into the lead in just three laps after the green flag waved.

"The car was really good, especially the first 15 or 20 laps," Johnson said. "When you have a car like that, it doesn't really matter where you are on the track."

Biffle's Roush Fenway Racing crew celebrated as if they had just won the race when he beat Johnson off the pit lane on their last stop on lap 219. But it took Johnson less than half a lap to regain the lead on the way to his 36th career win.

Biffle just shook his head when asked how good Johnson was.

"He would get better as the run went anyway. But he had more grip up off the corners," Biffle said. 'The 48 was a better car tonight. If it's not 18 (Busch) beating us, it's the 48." For a change, neither Edwards, who had won two straight races and three of the last four, nor Busch, with eight wins and runner-up the previous two weeks, were in contention.

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No. 22 Penn State (1-0) beat Coastal Carolina 66-10. Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.

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No. 24 Alabama (1-0) beat No. 9 Clemson 34-10. Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.

No. 25 Pittsburgh (0-1) lost to Bowling Green 27-17. Next: vs. Buffalo, Saturday.

think this is the most dominant car and victory we've had, but I can remember one other time, and I blew the opportunity. My rookie year at Lowe's (Motor Speedway), I think we led 580 miles of that (600-mile) race and I slid through the pits and lost us the race."

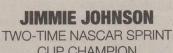
fast car, but barely kept in touch with time, nobody could touch Johnson. Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet on the 2-mile oval, finishing 2.076 seconds between 5 and 12 seconds, only to behind the winner.

said. "We see that happen every once the margin after the next restart. in a while a guy gets it set up right, gets the car running good."

former California Speedway for the sixth on the restart, trailing five second straight year and showed drivers who had each taken two

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In February, Johnson led the most laps here but lost the race when Ed-Runner-up Greg Biffle also had a wards passed him with 23 to go. This

Time after time he built leads of see them erased by yellow flags. But "The 48 was phenomenal," Biffle it didn't faze Johnson, who just rebuilt teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr., who

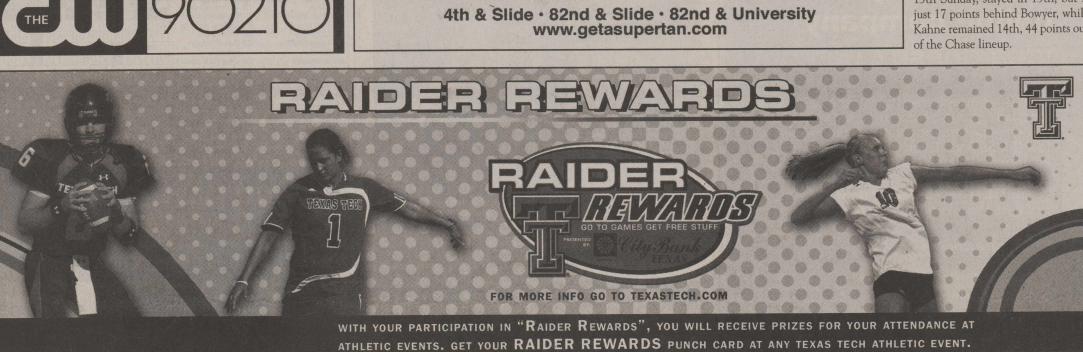
On a pit stop on lap 162, during a caution period, Johnson took Johnson won the race at the four tires and found himself in

Denny Hamlin finished third, followed by Kevin Harvick, Matt Kenseth, Edwards, Busch and Kasey Kahne.

Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports finished 11th, and Jeff Burton, who was 17th, clinched spots in the 12man Chase for the championship that will begin after next Saturday night's race at Richmond. They joined Busch and Edwards who had previously locked up spots in the postseason.

Biffle, sixth in points, will make the Chase field simply by starting at Richmond, while seventh-place Harvick needs only to finish 42nd or better, while Tony Stewart, eighth after finishing 22nd Sunday, can lock up a spot by finishing 35th or better.

Drivers vying for the final positions in the Chase remained close, with Kenseth vaulting past 15thplace Jeff Gordon into ninth in points, and Hamlin and 10th-place Clint Bowyer 11th and 12th in the standings. David Ragan, who finished 13th Sunday, stayed in 13th, but is just 17 points behind Bowyer, while Kahne remained 14th, 44 points out of the Chase lineup.



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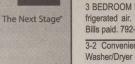
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EWU proves parity in college football could be real

SPORTS

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern Washington is not into moral victories, but if it was, the Eagles would be 1-0 on the season as far as they're concerned.

The Eagles may have taken a 49-24 loss to No. 12 Texas Tech, but if anything was proven, it was that the line between Football Championship and Bowl Subdivison teams is getting thinner by the minute.

"Really as you can guys can see, we can compete at this level," EWU quarterback Matt Nichols said. "I just think it takes a little bit too long to figure that out. After we spotted them 21 points, the rest of the half we were winning 17-7. Obviously vou can see the talent that the I-AA level does have."

Numerous moments point toward parity in college football and FCS teams' competitive edge against FBS teams. In week 1, Delaware of the Colonial Athletic Association, took a 14-7 loss to Maryland, Also in week 1. McNeese State lost to North Carolina 35-27. One of the more recent victories for FCS teams include an Appalachian State win over Michigan to kickoff the 2007 season.

EWU coach Beau Baldwin said these and the Eagles' game against Tech are all examples of how college football is changing today.

"From I-AA playing up a level, I definitely think it's become a little closer than it used to be," he said. "But to me, this game especially, it wasn't just playing upper level. It was playing upper level against a team that I think is potentially a Top 10 team in the country."

Besides taking the second quarter 17-7, the Eagles tied Tech at seven in the third quarter.

With Nichols starting the game with an interception to Tech linebacker Brian Duncan, Eastern Washington found itself in a hole quickly. Nichols said all it took was some catching up to the Red Raiders' style of play.

He said once he and his teammates were used to that style, the game felt like something they already have experienced.

"I felt like for everybody else, you kind of catch up to that game speed they have," Nichols said. "Everything slows down. From the second quarter on, it just kind of felt like a Big Sky (Conference) game."

EWU receiver Tony Davis led his team with 13 receptions for 114 yards and a touchdown, the only one by an Eagle receiver for the game.

Facing a team like Tech can make a player nervous, but Davis said once a player loses that fear, he can become more comfortable and make more plays.

"I had jitters coming in," he said.

"After that first drive, I settled down and just realized it's just another game. The whole time, we felt like we had something to prove. People outside of our team didn't think that we belong. We don't think there's a huge difference between our divisions."

The closest the Eagles were in the game was 28-17 going into halftime and 42-35 midway through the third quarter.

Davis said the mindset at halftime in the Eagle locker room was a winning one as they knew they had a chance to upset the No. 12 team in the nation. He said the plays that could have been in favor of Eastern Washington pushed his team back more than it should have.

The Eagles entered this season No. 7 in the nation among FCS teams and expecting to compete for a Big Sky and national title. Their tour against FBS teams is not over yet, as they face Colorado on Sept. 6.

With Colorado next on the schedule, Nichols said recent history proves no FCS team should be taken lightly.

"I'm sure a little bit was (Tech) coming in the game too, thinking they're playing a lower level team," he said. "As you can see with (Appalachian) State and some of the other teams lately, I-AA is kind of catching up a little bit." >>>adam.coleman@ttu.edu

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EWU QUARTERBACK MATT Nichols led the Eagle offense that attempted 63 passes against the Red Raiders.

scored his second touchdown of the game, making it 28-7 later in the quarter, but EWU turned in a seven-play touchdown drive after one of Tech's five special teams penalties gave the Eagles the ball at their own 46.

A 55-yard field goal by EWU kicker Felipe Macias made it 28-17 going into halftime.

Tech found breathing room in the fourth quarter when running back Aaron Crawford powered in a 6-yard touchdown and Baron Batch broke free for a 26-yard touchdown, making it 49-24 with 2:08 remaining in the game.

EWU quarterback Matt Nichols threw for 335 yards, a touchdown and three interceptions. Nichols' main target, 2007 All-American receiver Aaron Boyce, caught three passes for 12 yards.

At the end of the day, the Red Raiders know another performance

resembling how they played Saturday will not be enough against tougher opponents.

Leach said he would be surprised if Eastern Washington is not in the national championship picture come the end of this season.

"We here at Texas Tech," Leach said, "we need to entertain a far higher dose of respect for all the teams we play."

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163 yards receiving.

A seemingly-disappointed Morris said there was no excuse for how close the game ended up being.

"I guess you could say (we were humbled)," Morris said. "It's something that will end up opening our eyes. We're not going to pat ourselves

on the back and say at least this happened now; at least we got the win. That's not the kind of team we are." After Crabtree's touchdown put

Tech up 21-0, EWU found a way to get in the game when defensive back Matt Johnson intercepted an underthrown pass from Harrell and returned it 37 yards to Tech's 7-yard line.

"We needed a play like that to happen somewhere, whether it was special teams, offense or defense,"

EWU first-year coach Beau Baldwin said. "(Johnson) did a great job with that. Sometimes in these games you just have to have a few more things go right early, otherwise it becomes really tough when you're playing against a quality opponent."

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