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11 shot outside El Paso night-club

EL PASO (AP) — Eleven people were injured after someone opened fire early Sunday morning in a nightclub parking lot, El Paso police said.

Most of those shot had minor injuries, said El Paso police spokesman Officer Chris Mears. But he said that two women were in critical but stable condition. He said both are expected to survive.

Police said someone opened fire a crowd after a fight broke out in the parking lot.

Mears said no one is in custody yet in the shooting.

NATION

Recovery expected for 2 musicians in crash

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and celebrity disc jockey DJ AM are expected to fully recover from burns they suffered in a fiery South Carolina jet crash that killed the other four people aboard, one of their doctors said Sunday.

Dr. Fred Mullins, medical director of the Joseph M. Still Burn Center, said the two suffered secondand third-degree burns but had no other injuries from the crash that one witness described as a fireball shooting across a highway.

WORLD

Israel's Olmert hands in formal resignation

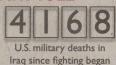
JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has formally resigned.

He handed a letter of resignation to President Shimon Peres. Earlier, he told his Cabinet that he was stepping down.

Channel 10 TV broadcast a government picture of Olmert reading his letter of resignation to Peres Sunday evening.

Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni is already meeting with party leaders to set up a new coalition government. Peres is meeting with party leaders to decide on Olmert's successor, but Livni is the obvious choice. She supports Olmert's efforts toward a peace accord with the Palestinians. She won a party primary election last week.

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Al-Qaida, Pakistani Taliban eyed in bombing

By ZARAR KHAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Rescuers pulled more bodies from the shell of the truck-bombed Marriott Hotel in Pakistan's capital Sunday, pushing the death toll from one of the country's worst terrorist strikes to 53, including the Czech ambassador and two Americans.

militants — still smoldered from a fire by U.S. forces in Afghanistan. that raged for hours after the previous more than 250 people.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, though suspicion fell on al-Qaida and the Pakistani Taliban. IntelCenter, a U.S. group that monitors and analyzes militant messages, noted that al-Qaida's 9/11 anniversary video threatened attacks The five-story hotel, a favorite against Western interests in Pakistan, explosives. spot for foreigners and the Pakistani where many are angered by a wave of

The bomb went off close to 8 p.m. day's explosion, which also wounded Saturday, when the restaurants inside diners breaking their daily fast during showing the heavy truck turning left the holy month of Ramadan.

> The owner of the hotel accused security forces of a serious lapse in allowing a dump truck to approach the the driver before he could trigger the small explosion.

him. Unfortunately, they didn't," Sadruddin Hashwani said.

The government released footwould have been packed with Muslim age from a hotel surveillance camera into the gate at speed, ramming a metal barrier and coming to a halt about 60 feet away from the hotel.

Guards nervously came forward hotel unchallenged and not shooting to look, then scattered after an initial and many dignitaries were gathered

Several guards tried repeatedly to elite — and a previous target of cross-border strikes on militant bases suicide bomber, I would have killed cab of the truck as traffic continued to destroy us economically.

to pass on the road behind. There is no sign of movement in the truck and the footage played did not show the final blast.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said the bomber attacked the hotel only after tight security prevented him from reaching Parliament or the prime minister's office, where the president for dinner.

"The purpose was to destabilize "If I were there and had seen the douse flames spreading through the democracy," Gilani said. "They want

Woods, Batch lead Tech into bye week with 56-14 win over UMass

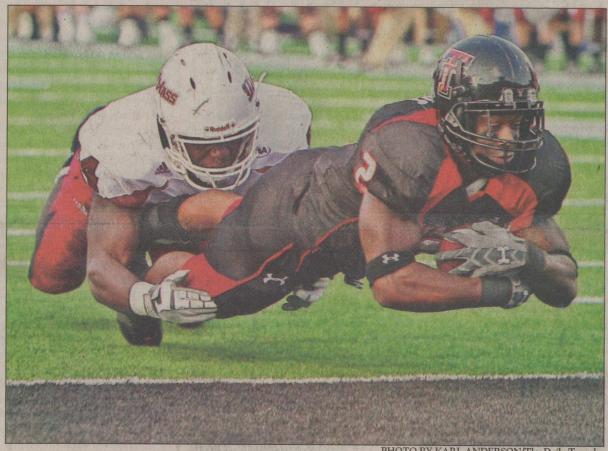


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MASSACHUSETTS DEFENSIVE LINEMAN Darnel DeLaire holds onto Texas Tech running back Shannon Woods as he scores a touchdown Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

hannon Woods and Baron Batch have come full

With 10 carries for 108 yards and three touchdowns, Woods led the Red Raiders to a 56-14 win over UMass Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. To back Woods' performance, Baron Batch had 11 carries with 53 yards on the ground, also giving the Red Raiders (4-0) another of-

The two performances not only aided Tech in its win, but helped the two tail backs realize how special their start to the 2008 season is with both having turbulent 2007 over there, you don't have much to motivate yourself on

"Baron was hurt at the time," Woods said. "He redshirted. He was over there on the scout team helping our defense get better. Not soon after, I was over there with him. Being



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreado MASSACHUSETTS DEFENSIVE BACK Brian Ellis defends Texas Tech inside receiver Tramain Swindall Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

other than helping the team. We work hard. That's all I can say about it. With him being hurt, he's hungry. With

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Thompson, Gaston Halls demolished for new business building

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

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A couple of buildings on Texas Tech's campus are being torn down to make room for the new Jerry S. Rawls College of Business.

Tech officials held a "Clearing the Way" ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Saturday to kick off the demolition of Thompson and Gaston Halls.

At the ceremony, Tech officials spoke about the goals and plans established for the new business college. The demolition of the halls marks the beginning of the construction of the new Rawls College of Business.

"This is going to be the cornerstone of the north entrance to Texas Tech University," said Chancellor Kent Hance.

The new business administration building will be "leading-edge" in regard to both technology and environ- demolition began to make way mental friendliness, for the new home of the Rawls said Allen McInnes, College of Business Saturday. dean of the Rawls and wind energy.

College of Business. The building will utilize both sun

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TECH OFFICALS POSE in

front of Gaston Hall after the

The building also will be the first green building on campus. "We're excited about the fact that with this building we will be right on the same level as every other college in the Big 12 (conference)," McInnes said. Plans for the new business administration building

call for three stories and approximately 140,000 square feet, he said. It will be designed in a way to maximize student-faculty interaction.

Tech officials plan to have the official groundbreaking ceremony for the new college of business one year from Saturday, McInnes said. The building is scheduled to

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Lubbock pagans celebrate Autumnal Equinox at local park

By MATT MCGOWAN FEATURES EDITOR

your average church.

gan Pride Project celebrated the and be proud." Autumnal Equinox Saturday after-

noon at Clapp Park in Lubbock. For the third year in a row, the group celebrated its annual Pagan Pride Day, an event that included it means to be pagan.

"It is time for pagans to reclaim This wasn't your average day at Roswell, N.M., who spoke about betion is an opportunity for Lubbock's community know we're here." Lubbock's chapter of The Pa- event. "It's time for us to stand up tively rejoice in their beliefs, which standard set of beliefs or a particular

She spoke for nearly an hour of "pagan." under an oak tree to a gathering of attend Saturday's event in Lubbock, and Hinduism, she said. sacred rituals and guest speakers about the importance of embracing openly celebrate her beliefs.

Aaron Brocklehurst, a coordina- lehurst said. "The best way to put it ing a responsible pagan at Saturday's pagans to come together and collec-

Paganism technically is a belief about 20 people, including a woman system that is not Christian, Muslim who said she traveled an hour to or Judaism and includes Buddhism ago.

who spoke to the group about what paganism and not being afraid to to the gods for the blessings we've received throughout the year," Brock-

what we are and who we are," said tor of the event and a staff member is — it is the pagan Thanksgiving. Cindy Wilson, a pagan priestess from at Texas Tech, said the local celebra- The whole point of it is to let the

While pagans do not have a vary greatly under the umbrella term sacred text, Brocklehurst said, pagan worshippers try their best to adhere to the pagan beliefs and rituals that ancient peoples practiced centuries

Typically, she said the event has 'The rituals are to give thanks an attendance of between 50 and 60

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THE STATUE OF a female is placed on the alter at the Pagan Pride Festival Saturday in Clapp Park.



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TECHniques Center receives \$200,000 renovation

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Tutors, parents, students and Student Disability Services staff celebrated the completion of renovations at the TECHniques Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday in West Hall.

Larry Phillippe, managing director of Student Disability Services, said the TECHniques Center has been fully utilized since the beginning of this academic school year, but the ceremony was hosted Friday for visiting parents as part of Parents' Weekend.

Phillippe said the renovations took nearly a year to complete, cost approximately \$200,000 and included demolishing the walls of three suites to create one large suite with carpeting, new paint, study rooms for students who use the TECHniques Center and four new computer labs.

"This is a much more functional use of space," he said. "We can address students' needs better than ever before. We have quiet study areas, areas for group study and much more computer access. There is no other

or place like this."

Phillippe said the TECHniques Center is a fee-based academic enhancement program for students with documented learning disabilities and for students diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Students must register with Student Disability Services and then apply to and be accepted into the TECHniques program. This year,

in the program. "The purpose of the TECHniques Program is to serve students who need one-on-one support academically," he said. "We teach study skills and give students in the program up to five hours of individual tutoring per week from student tutors who have a cumulative GPA of at least hours."

there are approximately 125 students

Carol Scott, associate director of Student Disability Services, said students in the program are required to sign a contract with TECHniques every semester requiring them to meet with academic counselors in-

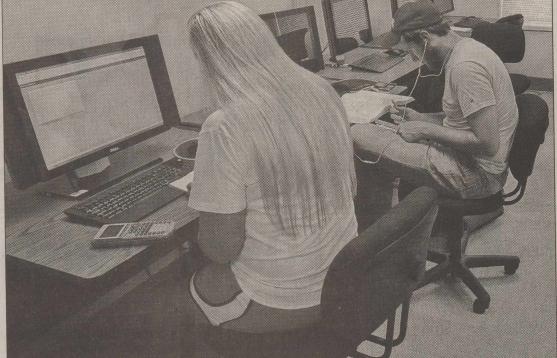
university in Texas with a program side the program on a regular basis, attend their tutoring sessions and maintain a specific minimum GPA.

The TECHniques Center is one of the four most comprehensive programs nationally that aides students with learning disabilities. West Virginia University visited the TECHniques Center in May for three days as they prepared to start their own academic support program,

Phillippe said the TECHniques program started 10 years ago with 12 students in a room located in the Wiggins Complex adjacent to the Chitwood and Weymouth Halls. It has since moved to its present location in West Hall and increased its staff and student enrollment several times to its present number of 125

In addition to serving the 125 a 3.0 with more than 40 credit students, TECHniques sponsors study skill workshops available for all Tech students, Scott said.

'The work and dedication that our staff have at the Student Disability Services has is amazing," said Jan Childress, the associate vice president for student affairs. "The is unparalleled in the state of Texas. time coming and it was definitely >> michael.graham@ttu.edu



STUDENTS UTILIZE THE newly remolded facilities at the TECHniques center friday afternoon. The TECHniques center is located at West Hall in room 242 and provides students with academic support services.

TECHniques Center in particular These renovations have been a long money well spent."

Counselors offer tips to avoid job search nightmare

By MATTHEW PAYNE

People come to college for a multitude of reasons. People come to college from different places, to study different things and they get different grades — but there is one of the businesses wanted engineers thing that all college students have in common. They all hope to find employment when they are done.

For some, it is not as easy as it sounds. Claudia Cortazar graduated in August 2008 with a bachelor's of business administration in international business, and despite applying to companies all over the nation, Cortazar said she has not been asked for an interview.

"I've been applying online to company Web sites," she said. "They say I don't match their require-

During her college career, Cortazar said she maintained a steady job at Compass Bank for three years, had a marketing internship at Texas Tech, studied abroad in Germany, maintained a GPA above 3.0, is nearly trilingual and graduated early. She said she was in regular contact with the Career Management

specifically for the Rawls College of

"When I was a sophomore, I started going to the career fairs, but I was so young, I didn't know what to do or what to learn," she said. "Most and accountants."

Cortazar said she started looking for jobs two months before graduation. She gave her resume to friends in Germany and Mexico in hopes of sudden opportunities presenting themselves.

"I think it might just be the field of international business," she said. "It must be very competitive."

Tammie King, director of the Rawls College of Business Career Management Center, has advice to prevent this from happening to and March," he said. "Students who future graduates.

"Students should begin to participate with the CMC their freshman year," she said.

Between 85 and 90 percent of the college's graduates secure employment within three months of graduation, according to information provided by the college. King said international business is not neces-

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Center, a career counseling service sarily a competitive field, but most students have to work domestically before they are offered an international position.

King emphasized that the center offers services to alumni.

"We have approximately 150 to 200 companies on campus each semester interviewing students for full-time employment and internships," she said.

David Kraus, director of the University Career Center, said students should start searching for jobs six to 12 months prior to graduation, and also thinks students should be involved with the Career Center in their freshman year.

'September and October are very active months for employer recruitment, as are late January, February, don't start early may miss out on some excellent opportunities.

Kraus said if students take advantage of everything available to them, are proactive in their job searches and remain upbeat and positive with every contact with a potential employer, it will help ensure jobsearch success.

Today's

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UN: Guns fall silent in Afghanistan on Peace Day

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.N. said guns fell silent across much of Afghanistan on Sunday for an International Peace Day that saw pledges by the U.S., NATO, the Afghan government and the Taliban to halt attacks.

Violence still marred the day. A Taliban attack Sunday killed two guards in one province, while in another a battle that began Saturday continued.

Still, the U.N. said tens of thousands of international troops, Afghan soldiers and Taliban militants "all stood down from offensive military operations in support of the biggest International Peace Day effort that Afghanistan has known."

Most government officials around the country reported no violence, and several credited Peace Day efforts.

"Today is Peace Day. The soldiers are resting," said Abdul Ialal Ialal, the police chief in Kunar province, which borders Pakistan.

When asked if he had any reports of violence, U.S. coalition spokesman Sgt. 1st Class Joel Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led Peavey said: "Not at all."

"It's crazy but apparently the hard-line Islamist government. Taliban sent out an e-mail saying they were going to abide by it if we and more deadly this year. At least were, and we definitely are," he said. 120 U.S. soldiers and 104 troops "It's a great day to show Afghans from other NATO nations have exactly what peace is like and how died already in 2008, both record their everyday life would be if they numbers. Overall, more than 4,500 just booted out the bad guys."

tants attacked a security company this year. guarding a road construction crew, killing two guards, said the governor's of the International Day of Peace, spokesman, Ismail Jahangir.

Herat, fighting continued Sunday The U.N. mission in Afghanistan in in a battle that began with a mili-particular heavily promotes the day. tant attack Saturday that killed 11 police, said Sayad Gul Chesti, the in the country, Kai Eidi, described the district chief.

largely successful considering that make peace a common goal. U.S. and NATO forces shelved offensive operations and that 2008 ebrated the day with sporting events, has been the most violent year in gatherings and marches.

invasion that ousted the Taliban's

Taliban attacks have grown larger people — mostly militants — have In Ghazni province, Taliban milidied in insurgency-related attacks

Sunday was the 26th anniversary a U.N.-backed push for a day of And in the western province of nonviolence and global cease-fire.

The U.N.'s special representative response as "remarkable" and urged Still, the push for peace was all sides in the Afghan conflict to

Afghans around the country cel-

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open in 2011.

Thompson and Gaston Halls contributed to Tech in several different ways, said Mike Ellicott, vice said. The building became Tech's first chancellor for facilities planning and coed dormitory in 1991. construction at Tech.

Thompson Hall was used as a residence hall until 1972, Ellicott said,

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building and made it the location of Tech's Student Health Center. Gaston Hall was named after Wil-

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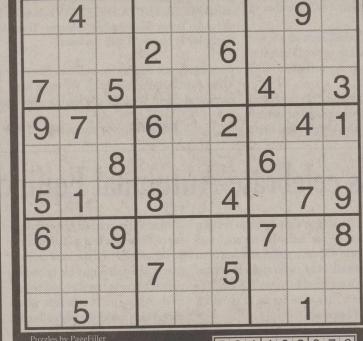
liam T. Gaston, he said.

Gaston Hall originally served as were named after individuals who a men's residence hall but was converted to apartments in 1972, Ellicott "Just in case you're wondering,

Charles C. Thompson served on the names will live on," he said. Tech's board of regents for 19 years, "There's a Gaston study lounge he said. He was the chairman of the and a Thompson study lounge in our new residence hall, Murray Hall."

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raw sewage and a no-excuses curfew await exiled residents who try to areas. Authorities cautioned that return to storm-wrecked Galveston residents could find drastically dif-Island when it reopens next week, officials warned Saturday, a week after Hurricane Ike came thundering ashore.

Ugly as the city's last week and immediate future may be, the grim predictions didn't seem to scare some of the 45,000 evacuated islanders from trying to get home, even though most of the island won't open back up until Wednesday.

Another miles-long traffic jam clogged the only highway into the city Saturday. Some ignored orders to turn around, while others resorted to deception to sneak past police guarding a roadblock.

David Culpepper met his brother Joe in Atlanta, put a phony magnetic sign on a truck to masquerade as contractors and drove down to help a third brother, Michael, who owns an antiques shop on Galveston.

Guards at the checkpoint waved Joe and David Culpepper right in.

"Not getting on this island was not an option," David Culpepper said. "We have a brother in need."

basic services are restored in all ferent conditions depending on how their property fared.

'We have people whose homes are totally and completely destroyed, all the way to the other end of the spectrum, to where your home is perfectly fine," city manager Steve LeBlanc said.

Fuel and other essentials remained scarce. Some businesses were beginning to reopen, cell service was improving and electricity was coming back on.

But the strides are small, and island leaders emphasized that Galveston remained dangerous. Police will indefinitely enforce a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew once the island reopens, and parents were warned their children could be exposed to infections from storm debris and other hazards.

Planes continued spraying the island to control mosquitoes, and officials urged those returning to wear masks to protect from mold and to properly dispose of spoiled food to stave off vermin.

"We don't want that flowing

"We don't want varmints getting into it."

Hundreds of stop signs were being trucked in to replace traffic lights, nearly all of which were blown away, and 150 state troopers were on their way to help police

State Rep. Craig Eiland called the preparations essential for controlling the "chaos and congestion" expected as residents come home.

"We will have order in the city," LeBlanc said.

The increased activity was welcome news to evacuees, but less so to at least some of the roughly 15,000 who rode out the Category 2 storm on the island.

"To be honest, I have been comfortable these past nine days without noise, without stupid sirens," 61-year-old Leonid Elokhine said as he walked home from trying to find supplies to fix his flooded car.

Grim reminders of the storm's force accompanied the bits of good news. Cadaver dogs were to sniff through rubble and debris Sunday in Bolivar Peninsula, which suffered even heavier damage that

A POLICE OFFICER writes out a minor in possession of alcohol citation for a student outside the student entrance to Jones AT&T Stadium Saturday before the game against UMASS.

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

Paulson resists calls for added help in bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treadiscussed his ideas with him. sury Secretary Henry Paulson is \$700 billion bailout bill.

Paulson said Sunday that because said on "Fox News Sunday." financial markets remain under slow down passage.

"We need this to be clean and to view on ABC's "This Week.

made by Democrats that the program be changed to include further relief foreclosures and to include an adat firms who get the bailout help.

Paulson said he was concerned proposals would slow the economy down, delaying the rescue effort that is so urgently needed to get financial markets moving again.

the American people right now is it can be passed in the next week. to stabilize the financial system," Paulson said.

D-N.Y., said that he believed there better than the alternative." would be changes to the three-page Paulson plan and that agreement have argued that the alternative could be reached quickly.

operation, which under Paulson's economy moving forward. plan would be run out of the Treasury

"I have told him ... we need resisting a Democratic push to add changes related to housing, we need additional help for households to the to put the taxpayer first ahead of bondholders, shareholders," Schumer

Paulson said in the interviews severe stress there is an urgent need that he had been talking to other for Congress to act quickly without governments about the need for them adding other measures that could to offer similar relief because the cur- out huge sums of money to Wall Street rent financial crisis is global.

be quick," Paulson said in an inter-fragile right now and frozen," Paulson determining which institutions would said in an interview on NBC's Meet Paulson resisted suggestions being the Press. "We need to deal with this taxpayers would get in return. and deal with it quickly."

for homeowners facing mortgage dated regulatory system for financial D-Conn., the Banking Committee markets must be overhauled but the chairman. "We understand the imditional \$50 billion stimulus effort. first job is to get the most sweep-Some Democrats have also suggested ing rescue package since the Great capping compensation of executives Depression passed by Congress in we're doing is going to have consecoming days.

that debate over adding all of those television talk shows on Sunday to to get this right." stress the need for speed in getting

Paulson said that "it pains me tremendously to have the American However, Sen. Charles Schumer, taxpayer put in this position but it is

Both Paulson and President Bush would be credit markets that remain Schumer said that he was pushing frozen, meaning that businesses to get a provision where the govern- will fail because they can't get the ment would receive stock warrants loans they need to operate and the in return for the bailout relief and economy will grind to a halt because for creation of a government over- consumers won't be able to get loans sight board to supervise the huge to make the purchases that keep the

On Saturday, Bush said the White Department. He said Paulson seemed House is ready to work with Conreceptive to changes when he had gress to quickly enact legislation to

allow the government to purchase hundreds of billions of dollars worth of bad debt linked to the collapse of the housing market.

PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreado

Congressional aides and administration officials were working through the weekend to fill in the details of

The Bush proposal that would dole firms and bankers is a mere three pages "The credit markets are still very in length and is vague in terms of qualify or say what - if anything -

"It's a rather brief bill with a lot Paulson said that the nation's out- of money," said Sen. Chris Dodd, portance of the anticipation in the markets, but we also know that what quences for decades to come. There's Paulson made the rounds of the not a second act to this — we've got

Democrats, who say they will the bailout package approved. The work with the administration to administration was negotiating the pass a plan, are demanding it include details of the proposal with members relief for homeowners struggling with "The biggest help we can give of Congress with the expectation that mounting debt, not just for Wall

> The proposal would raise the statutory limit on the national debt from \$10.6 trillion to \$11.3 trillion to make room for the massive rescue.

Arkansas compound gets raided in child porn case

FOUKE, Ark. (AP) — Fed- ated Press from a friend's house in child-porn investigation raided ministry run by a convicted tax in pornography. evader once labeled by prosecugirls and women.

cult, to find out whether they hate true Christianity." were abused. The two-year in-

ity may have been sexually and groups in the U.S. physically abused," Browne said.

The raid, conducted by state and federal authorities, started an hour before sunset at the complex in tiny Fouke, in southwestern Arkansas. Armed guards regularly patrol the headquarters, but there was no resistance as agents moved in, state police said.

No one was arrested, but U.S. Attorney Bob Balfe said before the raid that he expected an arrest warrant for Alamo to be issued later. The federal investigation centered on the production of child pornography, while state police were looking into allegations of other child abuse, he said.

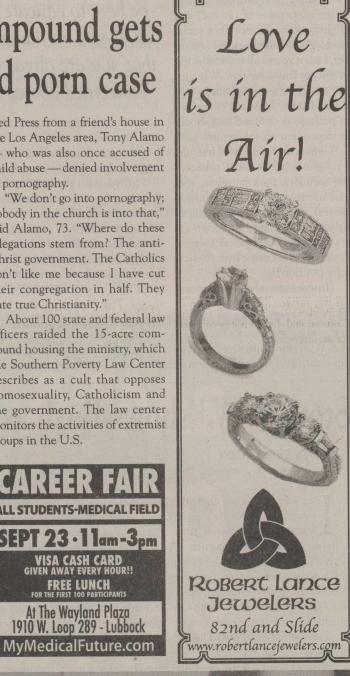
In a phone call to The Associ-

eral authorities conducting a the Los Angeles area, Tony Alamo - who was also once accused of the headquarters Saturday of a child abuse — denied involvement

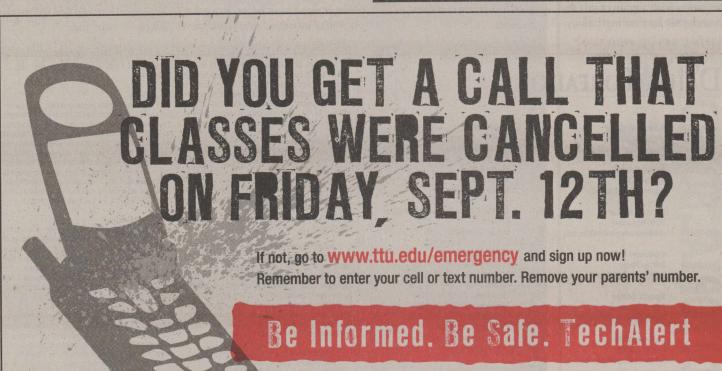
"We don't go into pornography; tors as a polygamist who preys on nobody in the church is into that," said Alamo, 73. "Where do these Social workers interviewed allegations stem from? The antichildren who live at the Tony Christ government. The Catholics Alamo Christian Ministries don't like me because I have cut complex, which critics call a their congregation in half. They

About 100 state and federal law vestigation involves a law that officers raided the 15-acre comprohibits the transportation pound housing the ministry, which of children across state lines the Southern Poverty Law Center for criminal activity, said Tom describes as a cult that opposes Browne, who runs the FBI office homosexuality, Catholicism and the government. The law center "Children living at the facil- monitors the activities of extremist









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Presidential mad-libs

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Republicans:

"My dear, dear friends, we need to (insert charging call against Democrats) because they have mishandled (name any issue). Sarah Palin and I have worked hard to (state importance of tax cut) and (lightly skirt conservative social issue). As we start to near November, I want you to all remember the vitality of this campaign. Why just last week, (insert story about Mc-Cain's fitness. Mention of mother or pushups is optional and should be dependent on the venue).

I am a fighter, dear friends. I fought (choose from tobacco, way, but then quickly move on.) big spenders, pork barrelers, special interests, lobbyists or union bosses), and now I want to you to fight alongside me, while we are endowed by God's power to raise America up to (name hypothetical lofty position).

(Insert story about father and own service). That is why I stopped being my own person became a person for my country. (Make jux-



of war but praying for peace).

My friends, I'm so happy to issues (but certainly not married to have introduced Sarah Palin to all of you. (Make remark about how experienced she is, but then light joke about how so few veteran politicians actually could pick her out of a lineup a month ago).

> "Good Evening (name venue, then pause to look up over the crowds in majestic fashion). I am so happy to be here to educate all of you on things that you are already concerned about.

(Mention change in some vague I truly respect the dedication of President Bush. (Insert distancing rhetoric here.)

that is why you all need a maverick. (Talk about maverick status until it decide to keep me unemployed, sounds like a Top Gun review.)

Now fight with me on all these to say to us. his war service. Then move on to things. Thank you, and God bless

Democrats:

"Good Evening (name venue, at ryan.thorpe@ttu.edu. taposition of how I'm both a man then pause to look up over the

crowds in majestic fashion). I am so happy to be here to educate all of you on things that you are already concerned about.

I know your pain. (Cite humble roots to the point that orphan Annie sounds like Paris Hilton).

The government is broken. Social security is broken. Health Care is broken. (Continue to name nouns and then state that they are broken).

I have a little math for all of you. Overseas equals bad. Domestic equals good. Middle East oil certainly equals evil.

I like women. (Begin laundry list of important women in life. Starting with mother and ending with Hillary Clinton). Hillary Clinton is essential to this party, a hero to millions and essential if I am going to be elected.

In case you haven't noticed, I'm providing change. I'm providing change in the form of tax cuts for 95 percent of America. (Continue with message of hope and change, and the change of hope, and continue using hope in any context).

(Strong JFK reference followed by a weak FDR reference).

(Link McCain with Bush as many times as possible, then wait for the avalanche of applause to

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is why I am running for President of the United States.

Thank You, and God bless

I really do hope that either party decides my outline has enough merit to hire me on as a speech-I know that times are hard, but writer. It has been a childhood dream of mine for years. If you though, please find something new

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encounter in the world could simi-

watching is a myth. I am not say-

And second, traditional myths

are products of a collective cul-

ture. The myths that humanizing

few men and their crew. When

The take-home message: When

you go to see "W.", or, more likely,

when you stay home from the

theater, keep a keen eye on the

in them.

Humanizing films construct

Tipping shouldn't be mandatory

Kevin

In the opening scene of Quentin Tarantino's Film Reservoir Dogs, the main characters sit around a table finishing breakfast while discussing the deeper meanings of one of Madonna's greater hits.

They finish and, while one of the men picks up the tab, he asks everybody to throw in a dolhe doesn't tip.

I saw that movie many moons ago and it deeply shaped my world the massive amoral violence or the love of music from the 1970s (although I am always soothed by the dulcet tones of Stephen

automatically tip after a meal. Tipping has become mandatory in our society and it shouldn't be. Mr. Pink (played by the immortal Steve Buscemi) points out that waiters and waitresses get

they slipped me a couple bucks, but that just doesn't happen. Which is lar for a tip. Everybody complies more important to society: quick except Mr. Pink, who insists the and quality food service or a proper education?

The price of the service should be built into the food. I don't indiview. No, I'm not talking about vidually pay the chefs, the managers, or the busboys at a restaurant for doing their jobs, why should the waiter be any different?

I've been told that waiters don't Wright, who played the radio get paid enough, yet they stay in DJ). No, it was that opening their jobs. If it was too low they (or lunch or a fourth meal) try not scene that mattered to me. Mr. could quit. Why should I be ex-Pink explained why he didn't pected to pay above and beyond the price of my food because they agreed door before anybody notices and to accept a lousy wage?

There is this expectation for tips which allows employers to underpay their wait staff, but if everybody stopped tipping would they still be tipped for doing their job. There able to get away with that? I can is no other profession where only think of one way to find out. people get paid extra just for My friend worked as a waiter at a doing what they are required to standard quality sit-down restaurant do. As a future educator (I know, (think Grizzlebees) and for an aver- Saunders is a senior theater I'm scared too) I would love it if age six-hour shift he would make arts major from Grapevine. E-mail every time a student finished class between \$60 and \$80 when his tips him at kevin.saunders@ttu.edu.

were included. That is over ten dollars an hour, substantially more than the minimum wage. No manager wants to pay their staff that much so they pass the expense on to you the consumer.

Tipping should be reserved for situations where excellent service is rendered, not just because they didn't spit in your food. Tipping has become expected only because everybody does it. If everybody is expected to tip, you are seen as an insensitive jerk for not doing so. But if everybody didn't tip (which is what I am suggesting) except in situations where a tip is earned, people who excel at their jobs would be justly compensated for their quality of service.

If you go out this week for dinner tipping the staff. See what happens. More than likely you'll be out the you'll have a few extra dollars in your pocket. It's not against the law, so nobody can stop you and the staff won't bother to remember you anyway. And even more important than that you'll be helping society break the shackles of mandatory

Tolerance needed between hunters, vegans

By GRANT TRIPLETT DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

detest pro-lifers yet I can't

stand pro-choicers. No, I'm not talking about the debate on whether or not humans should or shouldn't have abortions; I'm talking about animals.

I killed a baby deer once. I've Some might consider this inhumane and grotesque. Others might think I was just trying to kill my own meal. Either way, the debate

According to the Nebraska satisfaction. Game and Parks Commission, a variety of different hunting seasons are opening up in the next few weeks, including dove. People can pay money to get a permit and kill up to 30 birds per day. I used to blast those cuddly animals out of the sky until, one day, I stopped killing things — most things at least.

Maybe I thought that sitting on a pond with a scattergun became monotonous after watching dozens of the poor bastards flap their deaths.

I used to try and attempt to follow Social Darwinism. Encarta Encyclopedia includes the term "survival of the fittest" in its definition. It is an eat or be eaten world we live in. When people believe in this, they have to struggle with

Some argue that hunting is historic and we wouldn't flourish without it. Killing has to be done. I know that "gatherer-gatherer" didn't find its way into history books like "hunter-gatherer" did. A decent argument I suppose, but good luck trying to convert a PETA

Others say there are alternative special on it). I love a succulent steak; we can and should stop murdering innocent animals. This, too, could be into the cow's head. a compelling argument, but it doesn't drive me to stop eating cattle slices.

that conversion from one extreme to the other is in essence, impossible. I've teeter-tottered on both sides and also smashed a hamster with a find that the middle is comfortable. hammer and stabbed a turtle to In my youth, I was a staunch killdeath. I even punted a baby fox. everything-that-moves type of guy.

But one day, I changed. I had just shot a real-life Bambi. It was the only

As long as I'm not the one killing it, I don't care how my meat is slaughtered.

That is the quintessence of hunttheir broken wings as they fell to ing, though. Nobody shoots a pheasant and says, "Oh darn, I killed him." The thrill of playing God and deciding whether something lives or dies is exhilarating. But Bambi was guns down. I didn't want to see my food get murdered, but I still wanted that's the state-of-mind the majority of the general public is in, and they

I am, and always will be, a carnivore. As long as I'm not the one killing it, I don't care how my meat is slaughtered. Loads of people who (if you're interested, bbc.co.uk has a ignorantly satisfying.

methods for nourishment and that, I just prefer not to see the bolt-gun because we are no longer cavemen, essentially the same weapon used in "No Country for Old Men" — fired

As for vegans, vegetarians or PETA, even the plants you live off of The point I'm trying to make is are living things that die for your survival. Just because they don't scream doesn't mean they don't breathe the same air we do. It is impossible to be an overall ethical eater. Try to remember "The Lion King" and its

Although I stopped hunting, I didn't stop killing. There is also a large animal I've ever killed. Maybe moral standpoint when killing at or the size of it affected me. I hadn't around the home. A few years ago, I killed to "survive," I was killing for was walking with my ex-girlfriend and we saw a baby fox running with what looked like a tiny fluff of gray in its mouth. Close behind, a mother rabbit was giving chase, unable to save what turned out to be her son (or daughter) in the fox's jaws.

My girlfriend clutched me and cried out, "Oh my god, do something!" I had to make a choice between allowing nature to take its course and let the fox eat the bunny, or stepping in and being the hero for my girlfriend. Selfishly, my need for a women's touch overcame my belief in natural selection, so I ran up to the fox and kicked it. The bunny lived. I ask you to think what you would have done.

Whether you're a pro-lifer or protoo overwhelming for me; I put my killer, you won't be able to change the mind of the other.

Whether killing for sport, protecto enjoy its juicy taste. I believe tion, survival or food, I've come to terms with it all. I can't stop hunters from killing deer, nor can I convince a vegan to enjoy a cooked lobster that was dropped into boiling water while still alive.

If I can't ask for acceptance, maybe at least tolerance is in order. eat meat probably have never killed I've leaned toward both directions for it or seen a meat factory in motion of the spectrum and find the median

Stone's 'W.' shows Bush as a mythic figure

By ERIK HINTON THE PITT NEWS (U. PITTSBURGH)

'm sure you're all chewing your fingernails to a pulp waiting for the movie that is being released next month. I am speaking of neither the Marky violence.

ver Stone's new epic, "W." In case you were unaware of this upcoming soak it in. Yes, it's about George W. Bush.

I am not here, though, to lataking up such a project. Stone's "Any Given Sunday" and "Alexanapolitical it might be otherwise.

Instead, I am taking umbrage mythic? with the fact that the film is being universally described as humanizing. Both the studio and critics are scrambling to detail just how human the film makes Bush and public figures, but they also support why the lame duck deserves this the myth that it is possible to make treatment.

a new one for Stone — see his sheer fact that the ordinary person 1995 "Nixon" — but that does not does not have one of the biggest mean it is an entirely benign one. Sure, looking at the personal life name to his story and pour \$30 of a public figure can be edifying, million into the endeavor. but what does it mean to humanize them, and what are the side a figure is to do nothing more than

undo: mythology. The driving force clothing. behind the will to humanize is the than the legend.

However, something covert goes myth, and we can then deal with

on behind the scenes of this seem- them accordingly. There is not ingly attractive strategy. To make too much doubt about the mythic it your explicit task to humanize a status of Hercules. When we read person is implicitly to suggest that about a man who could hold the such a figure needs humanization. world on his shoulders, no one A project of humanization confers claims that any man that we might on its subject mythic status.

Saying that Stone's "W." hu- larly perform this task. Mark-goes-gamer-nerd fantasy manizes Bush is tantamount to "Max Payne" nor the shining "Bev- arguing that all other portrayals myths that their subjects are erly Hills Chihuahua," a movie of Bush in the media do not ac- larger-than-life without letting which will doubtlessly spark a wave complish this feat. Such a claim viewers know that what they are of never-before-seen anti-Disney is not terribly wrong in cases of a historical figure like Alexander ing that audiences cannot separate Actually, I am referring to Oli- the Great or a more-than-famous Hollywood from reality but that celebrity such as Marlon Brando. audiences cannot separate the However, we are talking about a images they have of public figures release, please take a moment to man whose very human faults have that they develop for themselves been plastered all over the national from the one that the media instill media for eight years.

Mythology surrounds chiseled ment Stone's bombast or gall in Greek warriors, not poorly articulated good ol' boys. The humanizing objective of Stone's biopic movies create are products of a der" are far more perfect targets for is to convince us that we see Bush this criticism than any successive as a face of evil in a 10-gallon hat culture is creating myth, there is film of his could ever be. I am not or some other mythic character. some democratic filter. In film, we going to gnash my teeth and moan The danger is that the media are lose control. about how unfortunately political very good at convincing us. Bush the film might be or how unfairly is dangerous enough. Do we really want to allow him to be made

myth you are being sold. Take hu-An additional problem with humanization is that it is ultimately manization with a grain of salt and a failed enterprise. Not only do demand a say in your mythology. humanizing works mythologize a public figure into just another Such a tactic is by no means person. This is impossible by the directors in Hollywood attach his

To say that your film humanizes try to win audiences over subtly The prickly side of humaniza- to believe that your version of a tion is that it always succeeds in person's life is an authentic one. creating exactly what it aims to It is just a new myth in sheep's

But what is the actual danger of idea that a sufficiently capable this whole mess? Mythology is not artist can cut through the mythic problematic in itself, so why should pomp around a figure and sketch a new myth be anything to worry out what the man is like rather about? The issue is twofold. First, most myths identify themselves as



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Lubbockites participate in video game competition at Jones AT&T Stadium

Instead of a

bouncy house to

jump around in, we

have video games

for everyone to play.

RICARDO COLON

EVENT COORDINATOR FOR

THE TOURNAMENT



PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toread JONATHAN MERIT, A senior personal finance major from Corpus Christi, plays Madden Football against Phillip Jenkins, a senior history major from Rockwall.

By TINA ARONS STAFF WRITER

A different kind of game was played and won outside Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday.

Midnight Gaming Championship, a national video-gaming tournament produced by Affinity Sports and Event Marketing, provided several activities for those who wandered play.' through its black dome-shaped tent

between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Ricardo Colon, an event coordinator for the tournament, said Midnight Gaming is the only free video game tournament in the country and community.

"Instead of a bouncy house to about a week and posted online. jump around in," said Colon, "we have video games for everyone to McGowan said after the tournament

Colon said this was the second

year for midnight gaming to come

There were four console tournaments played on either an Xbox 360 or Nintendo Wii. They included

Madden NFL 2008, Guitar Hero III, Super Smash Bros. Brawl and I-play Bowling.

Also, there were several demonstration games set up for those who did not participate in the tournaments as well as a Warhead Sour Face Contest, which had several people lined

up to put the tart candies in their mouths and make a faces with hopes of winning a Nintendo Wii.

Shane McGowan, event director for it reaches a growing video-gaming midnight gaming, said the winner of the sour face competition will be decided in

"I think it went phenomenally,"

He said more than 100 people

participated in the four console tournaments, and participants were eliminated by one-on-one competition that followed a single-elimina-

The winner of each tournament won \$100, a \$25 McDonald's gift card and a T-shirt.

Julius Abella, a senior computer science major from Lubbock and winner of the Super Smash Bros. Brawl tournament, said he'd heard about it from friends, and he was glad he decided to go.

"They put a lot of effort into it,"

Abella said he has been to other video game competitions, including one in Las Vegas, but this one was "still pretty good."

He said he hopes more videogaming events will come to Texas Tech, because he would definitely be interested in going.

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GARY MCCRORY, A freshman electrical engineering major from DeSoto, plays a PS3 game against Jonathan, age 10, at the Midnight Gaming Championship tent Saturday afternoon outside of Jones AT&T stadium.

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people of all faiths and religions.

"It's a peaceful, loving religion that doesn't seek to alienate anybody," Brocklehurst said.

And Tech has its own organization for pagan students, The Pagan Student Union, an organization which Blake Werner began this semester at the behest of Brockle-

Werner, a junior chemistry, biology and psychology triple major from San Antonio said the organization

now has about five or six members, but he expects its membership to grow in the coming months.

"It is kind of intimidating coming up to Lubbock," he said. "It's a Christian city. It's nice to have a group that shares your beliefs."

Like Brocklehurst, Werner said he became a pagan after a Christian upbringing that "just didn't feel

"It was just a series of events," Werner said. "I used to be a strong Christian, but then things started happing. You start reading things and it just clicks. I wouldn't say you turn your back on Christianity.

(Paganism) is just a more comprehensive view of the universe. Right now, I'm still searching. It's just more of a comfort level."

"It just fits over you like a glove," said Denise Guinn, the event's other coordinator. "It just fills you like your own personal mold."

Many of Saturday's attendees spoke with ease and pride about their belief system, which they said sometimes is frowned upon by a predominantly Christian society in Texas and in the United States.

Some of Lubbock's pagans, like Charree Mahoney, said they are raising their children to have pagan

beliefs.

When her 8-year-old daughter grows older and decides to explore other faiths, however, Mahoney said she would not argue. Instead she will encourage her daughter to establish a spiritual identity of her own.

The belief structure of paganism aptly has provided her daughter with a moral compass, she said, because the notion of Karma is prominent in the minds and hearts of pagan worshippers.

"Just watching me, she's absorbed it," she said about her daughter's initiation into paganism. "She has absorbed that there are certain things you don't do because that's going to come back to you."

Pagans believe strongly in personal responsibility, Brocklehurst said. Unlike Christianity and other major religions, paganism does not derive its moral codes from any particular dogma or established beliefs. Instead, pagans rely on their own judgment to distinguish right

During her talk, Wilson advised the audience to take pride in paganism, which she said is a religion that has been around longer than

"Use your intellect," Wilson said.

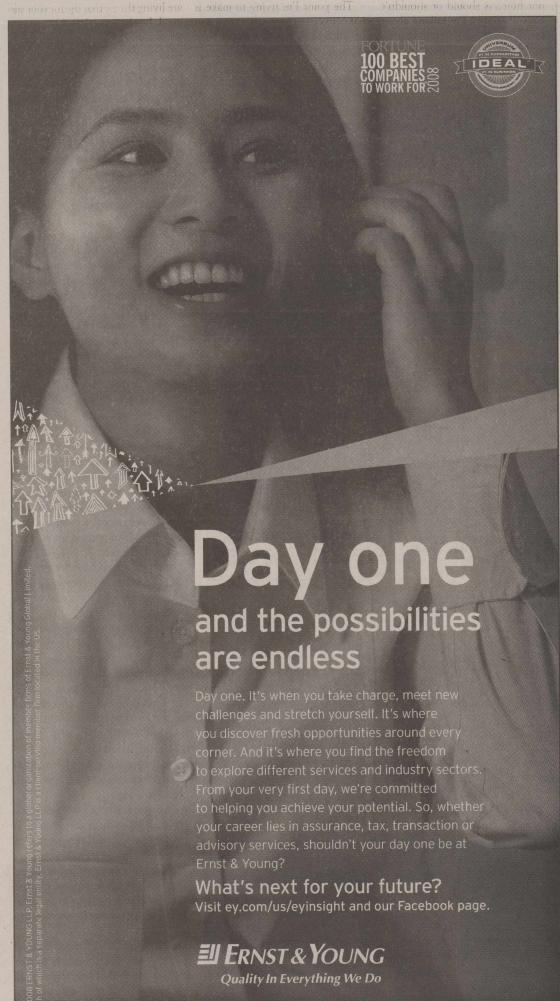
"That is your greatest weapon. And don't blink.'

She urged the group to stand up to the adversity often presented by Christians who claim paganism is an altogether unwholesome

"You have a lot to be proud of," she said, thumping the podium. "I don't think Jesus had any problem with pagans. In fact, I think if he showed up here today, he'd feel more at home with us than he would in any damn church.

'We must fight for acceptance and nothing else, nothing less."

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'Age of Booty' game simple, but reasonably so

A hoy, me hearties!
While "Talk While "Talk Like a Pirate Day" may have been last week, the folks at Capcom are hoping to give gamers another reason to shout "Arr!" in the very near future.

"Age of Booty", formerly known as "Plunder", is a downloadable real-time strategy game coming soon for the Xbox RTS games that make their way to game consoles, "Age of Booty" was developed with a controller in mind.

feels very different from most strategy games of the past. You essentially control only one unit — a pirate hexagon-based map. Along the way, pilfer an enemy's resources. you want to collect resources: gold, wood and the most essential of pirate this may sound rather simplistic comresources, rum.

You collect these resources by picking up crates (which may be dropped by defeated enemies), destroying villages or capturing cities. The latter of these is the primary goal ponents. Period.

In addition to being the method out the game's mechanics. of scoring points, captured cities will constantly supply you with more re- sports a variety of multiplayer opsources, with which you can upgrade tions. As many as four players can your ship or upgrade your towns duke it out on one console, or as themselves.

home base (appropriately enough, a variety of ways, most of which being cove), and you can spruce up your team-based affairs for teams of two, ship's speed, armor and cannons. Up-three and four. grading these is essential to surviving in combat.

Enemy towns and ships will auto- dangerous waters. matically fire upon any opposing unit in an adjacent hexagon, and your pre-release build of the PC version ship will do the same. In other words, of the game. The full game will be all you have to do is move up next to downloadable for the PC, Xbox 360 something you want to attack, and and PlayStation 3 later this year. a battle ensues. The victor will be Fans of strategy games or pirates in the result of many factors, including general should look into it, lest they health, the quality and abilities of be scallywags. your ship and whether or not either side has backup from a friendly town Peele is *The DT's* opinions

Pirate curses add another ele- britton.peele@ttu.edu.



360, PlayStation 3 and PC. Unlike most ment of the game. By this I don't mean swashbucklers who need to soap their mouths, but rather cards obtained by destroying merchant It's partly for that reason the game ships. These cards have a number of different effects when used, such as bombing an area of the map, summoning a whirlpool underneath an ship — and move that unit around a enemy ship or sending a monkey to

> For hardcore fans of strategy titles, pared to what they are used to.

Truth be told, it is.

But that's a very good thing in this case. The simple controls, objectives and resource management make for a fast paced game that can easily be enin any match of the game. You want joyed by a wide audience. It shouldn't to capture more cities than your op- be very difficult for even casual gamers to pick up a controller and figure

This is fortunate, as the game many as eight can wage war online. Ship upgrades take place at your Multiplayer matches are split in a

The game will come ready with 25 unique maps, as well as a map maker Combat is extremely simplistic. to create your own battlefields in

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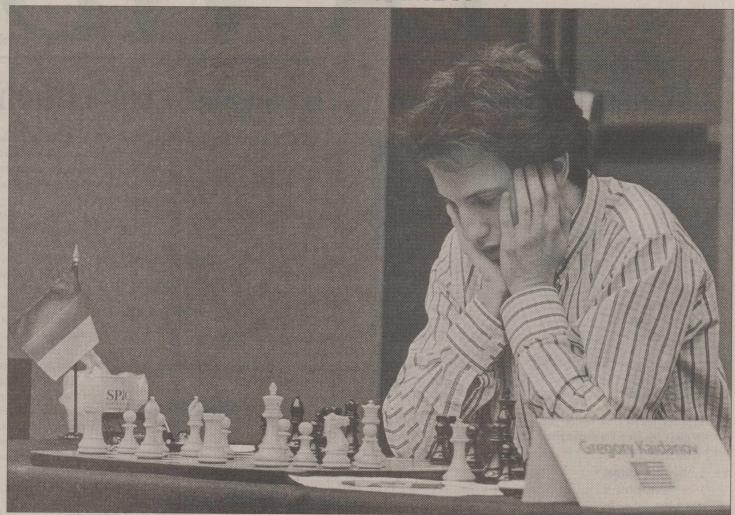


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GERMANY'S LEONID KRITZ came to Texas Tech to participate in the 2008 SPICE Cup International Invitational Tournament Friday in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building. Grandmasters of chess, with an average World Chess Federation rating of 2605, from across the world gather to play in a round-robin tournament.

Lincoln suits adult-film star Melissa Midwest best

By ADAM TEMPLETON DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

Melissa Midwest never expected to become an entrepreneur.

"I wasn't one of those girls who wanted to rule the world or even run a business," the pornographic actress (real name Melissa Harrington) said.

But six years after getting into the adult entertainment industry, the Lincoln native has built something of an empire, wherein she owns multiple Web sites, real estate and a hair salon.

As her stage name indicates, Harrington credits her Midwestern roots with helping her career take fession makes her stand out in the Lincoln crowd.

"If I had moved to L.A., I would have gotten caught up in that scene, and my work would have went to shit," Harrington said. "(Here in Lincoln) I can stay focused, and I love that. Also, all my family and friends are here, and I could never leave them for good."

One perk of Harrington's job is waking up late each morning, she said. When she sleeps in, it's probably because she was going over the logistics of her business until about 3 a.m. the night before.

"I have to edit video and pictures, update the sites, chat with my marketing," Harrington said, listing off her nightly duties. "Wow, I must really sound like a nerd."

After getting out of bed, she checks her Web sites' statistics, browses her online forum and responds to fan e-mail.

Following that, her day-to-day activities vary. She shoots new sets for the Internet a few times a week and performs a live webcam show on Sundays. If she's not busy on a particular day, she'll stop by her salon and socialize with clients.

Then she's off to work late into the night again, maintaining her

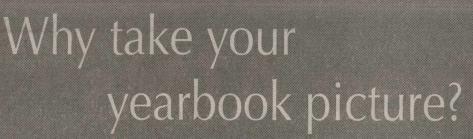
"I like working at this time the

off. For starters, she said, her pro- affiliates, work on advertising and best because most people are sleeping, and I can get a lot done," Harrington said of her unusual hours.

> Given Lincoln's sleepy, somewhat conservative personality, the controversy stirred up by Harrington's vocation shouldn't come

> In 2004, she was fined \$150 for posting nude pictures of herself

Then, in 2007, she leveled a lawsuit against the city. Seeking \$75,000 in damages, Harrington claimed Lincoln police officers were harassing her at public appearances and that the city was discouraging local businesses from hiring her.



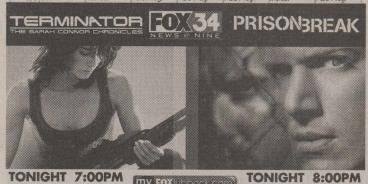


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Research finds studying makes students snack

By KIARA PESANTE THE AUBURN PLAINSMAN (AUBURN U.)

No, you are not crazy - studying does make students want to eat more.

A study conducted by scientists at Laval University, the oldest college in Canada, measured the caloric intake of a group of students while participating in different activities.

Because of the variation in glucose and insulin levels caused by stress when engaging in intellectual activities, the students consumed 20 percent more calories while studying.

"When people are tired or stressed out, that tends to affect their decision-making," said Chris Correia, an associate professor and graduate adviser in the department of psychology at Auburn University. "I think that can be part of the decision to eat, even if you're not really hungry, and the decision to eat something that you know is not particularly healthy for you at the time."

Correia, who holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, observes an issue of convenience contributing to the stress of studying.

"Depending on when people study or where people study, they might not have many options, or not really think through what their options are," Correia said. "Therefore, they just make the easiest choice, and the easiest choices usually aren't healthy."

During late-night hours in Auburn, the 'easiest' things to eat, Correia said, are things like chips, sodas, pizza and wings.

Annette Kluck, an assistant professor in graduate-level counseling psychology, also sees fatigue as

"The problem probably starts with college students not getting enough sleep," said Kluck, who holds a doctorate in counseling psychology.

"Then they're studying while tired and not really active when they're studying, so one becomes more aware of how alert you are. Eating and the calorie intake provide a temporary feeling of alertness."

UC Berkeley professors incorporate upcoming elections into classroom

By DEEPTI ARORA DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)

This fall, University of California Berkeley students are hearing about the 2008 presidential elections not just in the news, but in their classrooms as well.

With November's elections covering many issues, focusing on everything from Wall Street's downturn to the war in Iraq, many professors are looking to incorporate as much of today's politics into their curricula as possible.

Political science and journalism professors say they commonly try to incorporate current events in their courses, but the elections have also reached departments like mass communications, business administration and ethnic studies.

'The whole thing that makes a class interesting and important is that it affects students' daily lives

and the things they're going to vote for," said economics professor Christina Romer, who often assigns problem sets that draw on current and proposed economic policies.

Many professors said there is greater student interest in certain courses as well, almost undoubtedly due to today's active political environment

Professor Dan Schnur, a leading Republican media strategist who was the chief adviser for Sen. John McCain's 2000 presidential campaign, said many more students petitioned to join his class on campaign strategy and the media this year than in previous years.

"I've never seen a presidential campaign with a higher level of student interest than the one this vear," he said

One of Schnur's students, senior Terance Orme, admitted that the presidential elections largely motivated him to take Schnur's class.

"This class is very far from theory-based-it's a refreshing realworld application of what I'm learning," he said of the course, in which Schnur allots an hour of each lecture to debating the candidates' political positions.

Part of what makes November's elections unique and more interesting compared to past campaigns is the candidates' unexpected nominations, said David Karol, an assistant political science professor who uses YouTube clips of the candidates while teaching a class on political

"Both presidential candidates were underdogs to some respect within their own parties when seeking nomination," he said.

Schnur said that the increased student interest in this year's elections can be mainly attributed to an expansion in technology.

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Trachtenberg, who was presi-

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'Sopranos' actor's murder trial set for October

NEW YORK (AP) — "Sopranos" actor Lillo Brancato Jr. is set to go to trial next month in the death of an off-duty New York police officer.

A judge ruled Friday that Brancato and co-defendant Steven Armento would be tried separately. Prosecutors wanted them tried together.

Authorities say they broke into an apartment to look for prescription drugs in 2005. Officer Daniel Enchau-

tegui (en-chow-TAY'-gee) confronted them and was killed in a shootout. Armento is accused of firing the

Brancato, who played an aspiring mobster on HBO's "The Sopranos," says he didn't know Armento had a

Brancato's murder trial is set for Oct. 28. Armento goes on trial Sept. 29.

Eddie Vedder pens song for Chicago Cubs die-hards

CHICAGO (AP) — A note from Eddie Vedder: The in bars near Wrigley Field. Cubs are still alive.

The Pearl Jam front man has released a song for the Chicago baseball team at the request of Cubs great Ernie Banks. It's called "All the Way."

Vedder made the song available on Pearl Jam's Web site this week. It's been buzzing on radios in Chicago and

The lyrics pay homage to a team that hasn't won a World Series for 100 years. The Cubs defeated the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday to clinch the NL Central

"Someday we'll go all the way," the refrain goes. "Yeah, someday we'll go all the way."

Doctor: Blaine might stumble blindly out of stunt

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — The biggest danger for magician David Blaine when he hangs upside down above New York's Central Park for 60 hours next week? Going blind.

That's the analysis of Dr. Massimo Napolitano of the Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey. He is the chief of vascular surgery and is advising Blaine

day that hanging upside down for a long time increases blood pressure in the head, especially in the eyes. That could lead to blindness.

The doctor doesn't say how long the blindness could last, but he says there's also a risk of swelling and cramps in internal organs.

Nevertheless, Napolitano says the stunt could yield

Napolitano told the Bergen Record for a story Saturvaluable data for doctors. 'Mad Men,' 'Damages' make historic Emmy bids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Retro '60s drama "Mad Men" and legal thriller "Damages" are poised to take a shot at making Emmy Awards history Sunday — and wooing new fans — as basic cable's first best-series nominees.

It's a fascinating time in the annual awards show's 60year history, with some twists that reflect how television is changing overall.

Besides winners and red-carpet fashion hits and misses, here's what to watch for this year:

The awards show airing on ABC (8 p.m. EDT) represents a valuable platform for AMC's "Mad Men" and FX's "Damages," which on a good night each attract just a sliver of the Emmy audience that last year measured

For "Mad Men," the nominations turned up the buzz on a sophomore show that has critics swooning. The meticulously produced take on 1960s America through the prism of Madison Avenue was the most-nominated series with 16 bids, including one for star Jon Hamm.

crease over last year, with a recent episode up 70 percent in viewership and touching 2 million, series creator and executive producer Matthew Weiner said. The Emmys could be the catalyst for more.

ning would be better," Weiner said this week.

'Lakeview Terrace' rules box office with \$15.6M

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Movie-goers welcomed Samuel L. Jackson to the neighborhood, lifting his thriller "Lakeview Terrace" to the top spot at the weekend box office with \$15.6 million in sales, according to

studio estimates Sunday.

Jackson's tale about a cop terrorizing his new neighbors, released by Sony's Screen Gems banner, led a rush of new

GWU to phase out unofficial hippo mascot By SARAH SCIRE hippos, but no more items imprintriver-dwelling mammal as a GW THE GW HATCHET (GEORGE WASHINGTON ed with the hippo will be ordered, mascot was a branding and legal decision, the move also erases one

The hippo, George Washington University's unofficial mascot for almost a decade, is set to become a

footnote in GW history. Administrators said Wednesday that the hippo-made popular by former university president Stephen Joel Trachtenberg—is being phased out of merchandise and university events for legal and branding reasons. GW will continue to be represented by its other mascots, George and Big George.

"We are trying to get better brand recognition in the national collegiate market as GW," said John Och, the university coordinator for licensing and trademarks. "The hippo is not a registered mascot and it's better for us to put forward one unified brand."

The GW Bookstore will continue to stock plush stuffed animal

said Follett Director of Public and Campus Relations Elio DiStaola. The unofficial mascot will still make appearances at university events, but mostly at functions with children or when the official mascots are at away games.

The hippo, which became an unofficial mascot in 2001, arrived in Foggy Bottom when Trachtenberg brought a bronze statue of the animal to display on the corner of 21st and H streets in 1996. The animal has also been linked to GW's pseudo-secret organization, the Order of the Hippo.

Unlike official mascots Big George and George, the hippo is not trademarked by the university.

"We regulate marks and logos that we own as a university," Och said. "But from a legal perspective, we don't have any recourse to regulate the hippo.'

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Och said.

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The drama has seen a steady week-to-week ratings in-

"Just seeing us there would help, obviously, but win-

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How the AP Top 25 college football teams fared

No. 1 Southern Cal (2-0) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Sept. 25.

No. 2 Oklahoma (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.

No. 3 Georgia (4-0) beat Arizona State 27-10. Next: vs. No. 9 Alabama, Saturday.

No. 4 Florida (3-0) beat Tennessee 30-6. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.

No. 5 Missouri (4-0) beat Buffalo 42-21. Next: at Nebraska, Oct. 4.

No. 6 LSU (3-0) beat No. 10 Auburn 26-21. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Saturday.

No. 7 Texas (3-0) beat Rice 52-10. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.

No. 8 Wisconsin (3-0) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.

No. 9 Alabama (4-0) beat Arkansas 49-14. Next: at No. 3 Georgia, Saturday.

No. 10 Auburn (3-1) lost to No. 6 LSU 26-21. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.

No. 12 South Florida (4-0) beat Florida International 17-9. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.

No. 13 Ohio State (3-1) beat Troy 28-10. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.

No. 14 BYU (4-0) beat Wyoming 44-0. Next: at Utah State,

No. 15 East Carolina (3-1) lost to N.C. State 30-24, OT. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.

No. 16 Penn State (4-0) beat Temple 45-3. Next: vs. Illinois,

No. 17 Oregon (3-1) lost to Boise State 37-32. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.

No. 18 Wake Forest (3-0) beat No. 24 Florida State 12-3. Next: vs. Navy, Saturday.

No. 19 Kansas (3-1) beat Sam Houston State 38-14. Next: at Iowa State, Oct. 4.

No. 20 Utah (4-0) beat Air Force 30-23. Next: vs. Weber State, Saturday.

No. 21 West Virginia (1-2) lost to Colorado 17-14, OT, Thursday, Next: vs. Marshall,

No. 22 Illinois (2-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Penn State,

No. 23 Clemson (3-1) beat South Carolina State 54-0. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.

No. 24 Florida State (2-1) lost to No. 18 Wake Forest 12-3. Next: Vs. Colorado, Saturday

McCoy sets Texas record in romp

AUSTIN (AP) - Jordan Shipley was so wide open it caused a sudden moment of panic.

"Don't short-arm the throw," Colt McCoy said to himself.

Instead, the Texas quarterback coolly tossed a perfect strike down the middle of the field for a 60yard touchdown play and the No. 7 Longhorns romped to a 52-10 win over Rice on a record-setting Saturday night for McCoy.

McCoy passed for four touchdowns against the Owls, giving him a school record 62 for his career. He finished with 329 yards on 19-of-23 passing and led Texas (3-0) in rushing for the second time this season with 83 yards on eight carries.

"He's just taken over," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "This is his team. He's having fun."

McCoy even got into the power running attack, bowling over two defenders who outweighed him by 230 pounds on an 8-yard TD run in the first quarter.

"I surprised myself," McCoy said. "I just wanted to get in the end zone.'

Shipley caught five passes for 155 yards with two big highlight scores of 30 and 60 yards in the second quarter. The long one came on a flea flicker and was No. 60 for McCoy, tying the school record set by Major Applewhite from 1998-2001. Applewhite is now the Longhorns' running backs coach.

"He was so wide open," McCoy said of his best friend on the team. "If he hadn't caught that, I'd have had a problem with him."

Touchdown passes to Quan and it's a trag-Cosby and Chris Ogbannaya gave McCoy the record all by himself. A third-year starter as a junior, Mc-Coy could very well set just about as' wins have every passing record at Texas by the time he's done.

"Major's a great quarterback," McCoy said. "To be up there is a great honor."Rice (2-2), which has lost two in a row, played the game after a week of dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Ike's smash through Houston. The storm caused widespread damage in southeast Texas and left millions in the nation's fourth-largest city without power for several days.

for the losing 10 in a row against Texas and 38 of the last 39.

"I think the hurricane stuff was out of the way," said receiver Jarett Dillard, who had 158 yards receiving and a touchdown for Rice.

"I think we were making mistakes all at the same time. You add those together edy," Dillard

All of Texcome against teams from Conference USA and the Sun Belt. The

Longhorns plays Arkansas next week in a game that was postponed two weeks because of the

McCoy' first touchdown showed just how much of a mismatch this one might be. He lowered his helmet and shoulder pads to plow into

Owls players made no excuses Owls linebacker Terrance Garmon and safety Andrew Sendejo at the goal line and those two bounced off the quarterback as he bulled his way into the end zone.

"Colt is absolutely playing like a man with confidence," Rice coach

He's just taken

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fun.

David Bailiff said. "He's the driver of that offense."

Shipley had little trouble darting into space in the secondary. When he and tailback Ogbannaya perfectly sold the fake on the flea flicker, Shipley was so wide

open there wasn't a defender within 15 yards of him.

"It was probably the most open I've ever been in my whole life, even in sandlot football," Shipley said. "tonight was probably the most fun I've had in, I don't know

NASCAR fires officials named in

SCAR has fired two officials who had been suspended during an internal investigation into claims made in a \$225 million racial discrimination and sexual harassment lawsuit against stock car racing's sanctioning body.

Tim Knox and Bud Moore were fired last week, NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Potson said. He declined to discuss the reasons for their dismissal before Sunday's race at Dover International Speedway.

Knox and Moore are accused in Mauricia Grant's lawsuit of exposing themselves to her, and making graphic and lewd jokes. She worked as a technical inspector for

Series from January 2005 through her October 2007 firing.

NASCAR had placed Knox and Moore on indefinite paid administrative leave in June as it investigated her claims.

Grant, who is black, filed suit earlier that month alleging 23 specific incidents of sexual harassment and 34 specific incidents of racial and gender discrimination during the two-plus years she worked for NASCAR.

Her suit alleges she was fired as retaliation for complaining to her superiors about the way she was treated by co-workers.

Potson said NASCAR has con-

into the lawsuit. NASCAR has denied any wrongdoing. "We've talked to dozens of of-

ficials and our personnel," he said. "That part of it is wrapped up." The firings were first reported

Saturday by NASCAR Scene.

Dean Duckett, another former technical inspector, filed a complaint this month against NASCAR with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, alleging racial discrimination, a hostile work environment and wrongful termination.

Duckett, who is black, said discrimination started in May 2001 and lasted until NASCAR fired him

DOVER, Del. (AP) - NA- NASCAR's second-tier Nationwide cluded its internal investigation from his job in the Cup series on Nov. 14, 2007.

He told The Associated Press on Saturday that he would consider a lawsuit if NASCAR refused to offer him his old job back.

Duckett was named in Grant's lawsuit. Her lawsuit claimed he was reprimanded and then fired last November for using "aggressive language toward a white co-worker."

Duckett denied harassing Grant, though he acknowledged NASCAR suspended him with pay for two weeks. Duckett was accused by Grant of dumping water on another female official to simulate a wet Tshirt contest.

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Americans lead Ryder Cup after tense day LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Birdie putts fell one on top of the other,

almost too quickly to keep up. Fists pumps charged up the crowd, often accompanied by players screaming above the din to celebrate.

Eight matches, 138 holes, 86 birdies, all crammed into 10 hours Saturday at the Ryder Cup.

When a gripping day at Valhalla ended, with both teams huddled on the grassy banks surrounding the 18th green to watch yet another match go the distance, the Americans clung to a 9-7 lead, ahead going into the last round for the first time since 1995.

"Anything could have happened," U.S. captain Paul Azinger said.

Save that thought for Sunday.

The Americans hung on for two key halves in the afternoon fourballs, none bigger than Steve Stricker holing an 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole, finally giving them a fighting chance to wrest that 17-inch gold chalice from Europe.

"We're happy to be in the position we're in," Azinger said. "But there's a long, long way to go. And we know that."

The Americans need only 51/2 points from 12 singles matches Sunday to win the Ryder Cup for the first time since 1999, but even with a two-point lead, this Ryder Cup could go either way.

The shotmaking has been spectacular. The shifts in momentum have been unpredictable. Who would have thought Phil Mickelson and Anthony Kim would lose a 4-up lead to Henrik Stenson and Oliver Wilson in the morning, or that Mickelson and Hunter Mahan would lose a 2-up lead with seven holes to play against Stenson and

Robert Karlsson? "It seems like Ryder Cups kind of take things to another level," European captain Nick Faldo said. "The putting and the shots have been amazing. Everything. These guys are able to produce unbelievable stuff at times."







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Kansas got by on Reesing's arm — overall, hoping to improve on a and feet.

Reesing threw for 356 yards and ranks 101st in the nation. scrambled to hit Briscoe on a 57-yard pass for one of his two touchdowns, to be done before the Big 12 season leading No. 19 Kansas to a 38-14 starts in two weeks. victory over Sam Houston State on Saturday night.

about that," said Reesing, who ran for the second quarter, turning it over another score. "I guess I just pulled a on downs when Reesing lost a yard rabbit out of a hat there.'

It's a good thing he did.

through its final nonconference Jayhawks' lead to 14-7. game, particularly after the chaos Hurricane Ike caused Sam Houston adequate job tonight, but in the State (1-1).

three weeks — last week's game ing blocks in the run game," Kansas against Prairie View A&M was post- coach Mark Mangino said. "That's poned - and couldn't practice until an urgent need for us." Tuesday because of the cleanup and power outages. They spent the week around. sleeping in the school's field house, getting their first crack at a real bed best on the touchdown to Briscoe Friday night at a hotel in Overland after earlier hitting Kerry Meier in

Sam Houston State instead made it the second half by marching Kansas tough on Kansas, stifling its running quickly down the field, setting up game, repeatedly finding seams in its a 2-yard touchdown run by Jocques defensive secondary, keeping the score Crawford that put the Jayhawks close even into the third quarter.

"I was very pleased with their effort," Sam Houston State coach Todd scathed after defensive lineman Whitten said. "We had a little bit of John Goree ripped off his helmet confusion at times with our substitu- on a tackle in the fourth quarter, tions. It was like playing an opening finishing 23-for-38.

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Todd game. All in all, we were very proud

Kansas survived for its 12th

The Jayhawks ran on eight of The running game still struggling, their first 10 plays and 48 times 105-yard per-game average that

Clearly, there's still some work

The Jayhawks had 161 yards - a 3.4-yard average - and got "I don't even know what to say pushed back trying to get an inch in on fourth down at the Kansas 37. That set up an 8-yard touchdown Kansas (3-1) figured to breeze run by Rhett Bomar, cutting the

"Our running backs did an offensive line we've got to get better The Bearkats hadn't played in at creating some creases and finish-

Good thing Reesing was

The junior was at his scrambling stride for a 68-yard touchdown in With every reason to roll over, the second quarter. Reesing opened

Reesing also came away un-

Todd Reesing leads Kansas Lady Raiders pick up win, men finish second at Red Raider Invitational

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

Lillian Badaru was as good as it could

The Texas Tech women's cross country team won the Red Raider Invitational at the Meadowbrook Golf Course with the transfer Badaru finishing first. The Tech

men finished second behind South Plains.

Tech coach Jon Murray said the team made a good start in its first real competition of the

"Lillian ran well," he said. "I think overall all the girls did well. I was pretty happy with most all the girls. It was

a good group. I thought the effort was there and obviously the results were there."

The Tech women had five athletes finish in the Top 10 on the 5,000 meter course. Badaru ran a time of 17 minutes 40.16 seconds. Gladys Kipsang came in third with a time of 18:25.17, Asia Diaz finished sixth at 18:42.32, Chep Boit came in seventh with a time of 19:02.87, and Michelle Guzman finished seventh in 19:09.01. The team finished with 25

Badaru said she did not expect to win the meet, but believed the two weeks of training helped her to do as well as she

Other teams that competed were Wayland Baptist finishing second with 53 points and Fort Hays State finishing third

with 96 points.

"I was a little disappointed with the guys side," Murray said. "The gap was a little bit too much from our first guy back to our fifth, sixth and seventh guy."

The Tech men had only one athlete finish in the Top 10 and two more finish in the Top 20 in the 8,000 meter course. Gilbert Limo finished fourth with a time of

24:56.97, Jake Szot finished 14th with a time of 26:34.47 and Nathan Milles finished 18th in 26:48.81. Coming in second behind South Plains, Tech finished with 63 points.

"(Limo) looked good," Murray said. "Man, he started strong and just kept on going. So it's a great field, those top seven guys are very tough.'

South Plains finished first with 30 points

and Fort Hays State finished third with Limo said the team will need more

training with longer runs to add extra endurance in future meets. The following morning after the meet,

the Red Raiders continued to train by running at 6:30 a.m. on the dirt roads surrounding Lubbock. Murray said he is looking to improve the teams over these next couple of

"We've got another couple of weeks," he said. "Next week is going to be a very

difficult week of work, but just keep it up Tech's next meet is the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 3 in South Bend, Ind.

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PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH CROSS country runner Lillian Badaru helped the Tech women place first in the Red Raider Invitationaly Friday

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SPORTS

UMass leaves Lubbock with injury concerns

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

UMass coach Don Brown watched the injuries pile up for his Minutemen, so he decided to make the team's second trip ever to Texas a little bit shorter.

In No. 11 Texas Tech's 56-14 win over UMass Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, Brown's team could have lost a lot more than just a nonconference game. It could have lost its season.

"We've gotta do what we're gonna do, and that's really what it comes down to," Brown said. "Obviously, there's some (injuries) in this game. We've got to go ahead and set ourselves up for the rest of the year. That's basically what we did.'

Playing a Football Bowl Subdivision team that was larger and more talented, Brown said senior cornerback Sean Smalls left the game with an injury, as did right guard Rob Getek and tackle Ben Coblyn. He also said middle linebacker Josh Jennings — who led the Minutemen with 11 tackles - and strong side linebacker Anthony Rouzier kept coming in and out with injuries.

With the game out of hand, Brown said he did not want to see anymore players go down with an

injury and potentially miss the rest and a touchdown on 27 carries. of the season.

"Obviously, it's 42-7," he said. "They have a style they're trying to play too, and we had several guys go down, so you're trying to shorten the game to some degree and find some solace in the thing."

Brown said the injury to Smalls — a preseason All-American ended up limiting his defensive

"We lost Sean Smalls at halftime, an outstanding corner, which really hurt us," said Brown, who also said he lost a starting safety. "With Sean, it really impacts us because we can't go in our nickel package."

Brown did acknowledge none of the injuries were too serious, at least

"I don't think, knock on wood, nothing major," he said. "Just calf strain, hip flexor, those kinds of

Despite a third quarter interception Tech safety Darcel McBath returned for a touchdown, UMass quarterback Liam Coen did have some success throwing the ball, going 13-for-20 with 145 yards. However, abandoning the run game was not in the gameplan for Brown.

Regardless, yards on the ground were hard to come by for UMass running backs Korrey Davis and Tony Nelson, who combined for 92 yards

Tech running back Shannon Woods scored three touchdowns and finished with 108 yards rushingand 53 yards receiving — marking the first 100-yard game by a Red Raider since 2006 when Woods ran for 109 against Minnesota in the Insight Bowl.

For Tech on the other hand, running the ball was not a prob-

After the game, Brown and Coen both said Tech is the best FBS team they have ever faced. In 2007, UMass played then-ranked No. 12 Boston College but the game was much closer, as the Minutemen lost

"Boston College was a good team last year," Coen said "They were up there in the rankings, but this is a different breed down here, and we knew that coming into the game. We expected that."

Brown said he was proud of his team for playing hard for the full 60 minutes, but sometimes a coach has to do what a coach has to do.

"It was crazy. Sometimes those things happen," he said. "That's not an excuse. I'm not making any excuses but sometimes you just gotta do the best you can, and do what you gotta do.'

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MASSACHUSETTS TAILBACK TONY Nelson is tackled by Texas Tech linebacker Brian Duncan Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Football ←

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me going through what I went through, I'm hungry. We don't ever want to see nothing like that happen again."

In 2007, Batch spent most of the year injured and unable to play, forcing him to sit out the year. Woods found himself on Batch and Woods combined to

the coaches' bad side after many internal issues, leaving him on the scout team and missing the last four games of the season including the Gator Bowl.

The 2008 season has brought new life for both and their performances against UMass (2-2) Saturday was proof.

The two now have combined for nine touchdowns on the season.

produce 284 of Tech's 538 yards of total offense against the Minutemen. They combined for 163 rushing yards compared to UMass' 92 yards.

Woods has the last two 100-yard rushing performances for Tech. This was the first since he had 109 yards in the Insight Bowl in 2006.

Batch said during the year he was injured and Woods was on and off the team, the two helped each other in ways similar to now.

"I was struggling with pass protection coming out of camp," he said. "Something I've always been telling him is just pad level and just breaking tackles and hitting the hole hard. That's something that I did real well and now it's just, I've gotten so much better at pad blocking from trying to pick up what he's good

Wood's trouble in 2007 left him

at and he's just hitting the hole so

with 439 yards to finish the season. In four games, he already has more than half those yards with 276.

Tech coach Mike Leach said before this season started.

"Doghouse pretty well ended when we started spring," he said. "He competed hard and battled hard. He did in the offseason too but the stuff on the field we weighed a little more. "

Batch said not many can bounce back from the 2007 Woods had.

"There's a lot of players that wouldn't have handled it as well Woods' turnaround was evident as he did," he said. I'm so glad that he came back and just fought back through it. I'd always tell him: 'Just keep your head up. Next year it's going to be me and you man."

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