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Colombian paramilitary member pleads guilty

HOUSTON (AP) - A member of a Colombian right-wing paramilitary group has pleaded guilty to participating in an attempt to acquire anti-aircraft missiles, grenade launchers and other powerful weapons in exchange for \$25 million worth of cocaine.

Diego Alberto Ruiz Arroyave was one of 14 right-wing paramilitaries from the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, known by its Spanish initials, AUC, extradited in May to the United States in connection with the drugs-for-arms deal.

NATION

Bus driver in fatal **California crash arrested**

WILLIAMS, Calif. (AP) - A bus driver with a string of motor vehicle offenses and a history of substance abuse was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs Monday after his casino-bound charter bus ran into a ditch, killing eight people.

Investigators also said the bus had an invalid license plate, and they were looking into whether the

Wall Street tumbles amid global sell-off

By JOE BEL BRUNO & TIM PARADIS Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall 800 points — their largest one-day markets. point drop — before recovering

credit crisis will take a heavy toll around the world.

Street suffered through another ization that the Bush administration's extraordinary and traumatic ses- \$700 billion rescue plan and steps sion Monday, with the Dow Jones taken by other governments won't industrials plunging as much as work quickly to unfreeze the credit cleaning out portfolios and getting rid

That sent stocks spiraling down- to be working." to close with a loss of 370. The ward in the U.S., Europe and Asia, catalyst for the selling, which also and drove investors to sink money only 264 stocks rose on the NYSE - more than 1,100 points, or nearly 11 is spreading to other sectors, and that

below \$90 a barrel.

"The fact is, people are scared Investors have come to the real- and the only thing they're doing is selling," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "Investors are

first time in four years, was investors' ernment debt. Fears about a global sign considering the stock market that investors are becoming more growing despair that the spreading recession also caused oil to drop is considered a leading economic convinced that the country is leading buy and sell based on where they shifting to other nations. believe the economy will be in six to nine months.

what has been an exceptional stretch economy," said Georges Ugeux, of volatility, in which triple-digit chairman and chief executive of New of everything because nothing seems drops in the Dow are becoming York-based Galileo Global Advisors. almost commonplace; in the past The selling was so extreme that week, the blue chips have fallen two things are happening: The crisis took the Dow below 10,000 for the into the relative safety of U.S. gov- and 2,986 dropped. That's a telling percent. This latest decline indicates it is becoming global."

indicator, with investors tending to a prolonged economic crisis that is

"The market view is shifting from looking just at the misery of Monday's stock trading extended the financial sector to the global "There are enough indication that



driver had proper permits to operate the vehicle. The bus ran off the road Sunday while taking passengers to a Sacramento gambling hall. About 30 people were injured.

WORLD

Taliban, Afghan officials meet in Saudi Arabia

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - A former Taliban ambassador said Monday that the hard-line militants sat with Afghan officials and Saudi King Abdullah over an important religious meal in Saudi Arabia late last month as the insurgency raged back home.

Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, denied that the get-together could be construed as peace talks. But President Hamid Karzai has long called for negotiations with the Taliban, and the meeting could spur future initiatives.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said Monday that the militant group is independent from al-Qaida. The U.S. and other Western countries will never accept a peace deal



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PHOTOS BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreado

DANIEL BOWMAN SIMON (left) and Casey Gustowarow (right), creators of the White House Organic Farming Project, are pictured with an organic garden on top of the Who-FarmMobile bus, which they brought to Lubbock Friday to promote a petition for an organic farm at the White House.

By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

aniel Bowman Simon and Casey Gus-White House Organic Farm Project, their plan to peti- to November's election. tion for an organic farm at the White House.

old New York University and University of the Pacific who support local organic produce. alumnus. "If the president is eating out of his own yard, it would send a very positive message."

towarow travel the country in a redesigned their goal is to travel the country as they make their school busses together with one bus turned upsideschool bus to spread the word about the way toward Washington, D.C. in the days leading up down on top of the other.

The duo arrived in Lubbock on Thursday with their "We need to be more invested in food security and unusual bus and spent several hours Friday morning tive attempt to create change. reducing the amount of traffic that is generated by food encouraging the Lubbock community to sign the pemoving through the country," said Simon, a 28-year- tition, which has about 2,000 signatures from people

Simon said the bus, called the WhoFarmMobile, was designed by Stefan Sagmeister and Ben Cohen of The two men began their trip Aug. 4 and they said Ben & Jerry's. It was created by fusing two miniature

On top of the modified bus is an organic garden.

Gustowarow said the WhoFarm project is a posi-

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Tech cracking down on bicycle parking violations

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Here is a warning to all bicycle riders: Be careful where you park.

Texas Tech's University Parking Services will start enforcing their impound policy for all illegally parked bicycles, in order to make issues are taking place in between the Police Station. parts of the campus more accessible to visually impaired students.

Bicycles may not be secured on shrubs, trees or any architectural structures, according to the university's parking rules and regulations. Any bicycle that is in violation of this policy is subject to being impounded.

"There are a lot of bikes that are being chained to handrails, and visually impaired students are not able to easily access the library or the Student Union Building," said Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for Tech's University bicycles at the end of this week or the

Parking Services.

The University Parking Services

University Library and the SUB, Medley said. Bicycles are being attached to handrails and trees, rather than their designated racks.

secured, said Brian Brand, parking enforcement manager for Tech's University Parking Services. This includes bicycles are being placed outside of the SUB, the that are chained to handrails and light old racks were not being completely utiposts.

"We are going to start impounding

beginning of next week," he said.

Anyone who gets their bicycle imdecided to start cracking down on its en- pounded will have to pay a \$10 citation forcement policy because they received an and a \$40 impound fee in order to get increase in the amount of complaints from it back, Brand said. All bicycles will be stored at the impound lot, which is Most of the reported bicycle-parking located on Fourth Street, next to Tech

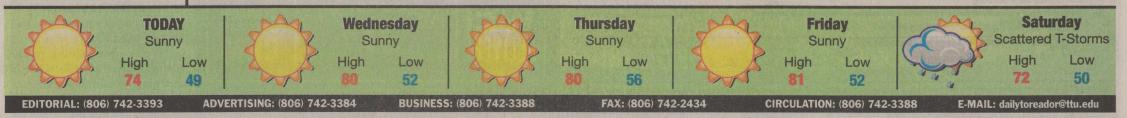
Several new bicycle racks will be placed between the library and the SUB by today, he said. This should provide approximately 30 to 40 additional spots Starting this Wednesday, warning tags to secure bicycles. These additional racks will be placed on bicycles that are illegally are being relocated from other areas on campus.

> Even though additional bicycle racks lized, Brand said. There are usually open

> > BIKES continued on page 2



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreadon A BICYCLE LOCKED to a tree Monday outside the Student Union Building.



visually impaired students, she said.

locally-grown cotton crops

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

The most recent rain to pass through the Lubbock area was not enough to worry local experts about early freeze likely would not have negative impact on cotton crops, but they still emphasize warm, dry weather is needed until the harvest.

Shawn Wade, director of communications with Plains Cotton Growers, said because the area has had dry, warm weather since the Sept. 11 flood, the brief rain Sunday most likely will not affect crops.

In a previous interview with The Daily Toreador, Wade said Lubbockarea cotton growers needed the remainder of the season to be dry or the harvest would be affected negatively.

Although there were some heavy rains around Lubbock, he said the heaviest storms were isolated, giving most of the cotton fields a "modest rain."

Based on weather forecasts, Wade said, the cotton harvest will have a good window of beneficial weather until harvest time.

Because the season started late, Wade said it would not be far-fetched to see an early freeze before the harvest.

However, he said he believes an a negative impact and, in isolated cases, may positively impact crops.

"As producers start putting those harvest-aid chemicals on - that's kind of your signal that the crop is getting mature and is about ready to come off the stalk," Wade said. "When it's to that point, frost is not really your biggest concern."

Randy Boman, extension agronomist for cotton with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, said under normal conditions an early freeze would not have a negative impact, but it would not be beneficial for crops because it provides even less time for them to mature.

"An early freeze certainly would do us no good," he said, "and some years it won't matter, but this year it could be very important in terms of shortening up the amount of time that the cotton has to mature."

Boman said areas around Lubbock got anywhere from three-

quarters of an inch of rain to two inches of rain.

Although the rain was not enough to damage the crops, he said, it will take more time for the crops to dry, which will make it more difficult to harvest.

If the area does not receive a proper amount of warm and dry days before the harvest, Boman said, it could affect the quality of the crop.

However, he said the area has had about two to three weeks of "maturity gains" with the warmer weather.

Jeff Vitale, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service branch in Lubbock, said another rain is possible next week, but the area already has hit its second precipitation peak this year.

Vitale said a frost is not likely in the next two weeks, and the average day of the first frost is Oct. 31.

According to the National Weather Service, Lubbock received almost 14 inches of rain from July to September. The area received about five inches in 2007 and seven inches in 2006 in the same time period. » jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

Rain not expected to affect Debate stakes higher for McCain; insults mount

WASHINGTON (AP) - Running short on time, John McCain has the most riding on the second presidential debate, though Barack Obama will be out of his scripted comfort zone in the town hall-style confrontation. It could be ugly if Monday's tussling is any indication.

Tuesday night's debate comes exactly four weeks before Election Day with a lot going on both inside and outside the campaign: Polling shows Obama approaching the 270 Electoral College votes needed for victory, Wall Street is tumbling even further and both candidates are escalating character attacks.

Their target audience in the debate: the roughly 10 percent of the electorate who are undecided and an additional quarter who say they might still change their minds before Nov. 4.

The debate, at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., is supposed to be divided equally between the economy and foreign policy, but given the global financial turmoil, economic questions may well dominate. As markets were plunging in Europe and Asia as well as the U.S. on Monday, the candidates were going after each other.

In Florida, GOP vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin raised Obama's ties to 1960s-era radical William Ayers and to the Democrat's former pastor, the incendiary Rev. Jeremiah Wright. In New Mexico, McCain, himself asked, "Who is the real Senator Obama," referred to him critically as a "Chicago politician" and argued that the Democrat says one thing and does another.

Obama, in turn, asserted in North Carolina that McCain was engaging "in the usual political shenanigans and smear tactics" to distract from economic issues, even as his own aides in Chicago assailed the Republican nominee for "an angry tirade" and went after him for his role in the 1980s Keating Five savings and loan scandal.

McCain, a four-term Arizona senator, is trailing in polls and facing dwindling options to thwart Democrat Obama in an enormously troublesome political landscape for Republicans. Obama, the first-term Illinois senator, wants to solidify his lead and avoid any major debate misstep that could set him back in his quest to become the country's first black president.

Each hunkered down with top aides over the weekend to prepare, McCain at his vacation compound near Sedona, Ariz., Obama in the western mountains of newly competitive North Carolina.

In the 90-minute debate, NBC newsman Tom Brokaw will facilitate questions from the audience as tens of millions of viewers tune in from across the country.

"Generally, the stakes in this are higher for McCain," said Phil Musser, a former executive director of the Republican Governors Association. "It's probably one of the last and most important opportunities for him to lay out an economic vision that resonates with middle America in a format that lends itself to doing just that."

But Republicans and Democrats alike say even a strong McCain performance may not be enough.

"McCain can win the debate,

but the trajectory of this election would not be fundamentally altered unless Obama also made a pretty dramatic and serious mistake," said Chris Lehane, a Democratic strategist in Vice President Al Gore's 2000 campaign.

McCain is most comfortable during the give-and-take of question-and-answer events that were a hallmark of his 2000 campaign, and his 2008 primary effort. But his consistency largely depends on his mood. When he's on his game, Mc-Cain is witty and charming, filled with ready one-liners and stories from his past. When he's off, Mc-Cain can come across cranky, surly and prone to gaffes.

Obama typically is much more at ease giving speeches from behind a lectern, though he has taken impromptu questions from audiences and has grown much more adept at the

back-and-forth of voter-question sessions throughout the campaign. The debate provides the professorial Obama with an opportunity to show some and seal the deal with voters still struggling to see him as president.

Criticisms of each other are certain.

McCain "might as well take the gloves off," Palin said Monday, signaling that the GOP nominee may well question Obama's character, record and policies as part of a stepped-up effort to make Obama an unacceptable option for voters. It's also likely Obama will go after McCain anew on the Republican's 90 percent support for President Bush in the Senate, and possibly on his character as well.

Turkish planes bomb Kurdish hideout in north Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) -Turkish warplanes bombed a Kurdish rebel hideout in northern Iraq on Monday — the third air strike in retaliation for an attack that killed 15 soldiers three days ago.

The military said it bombed the Avasin Basyan region of northern Iraq after spotting a group of rebels. Turkish fighter jets had struck suspected Friday and Saturday. And Turkish artillery units pounded suspected rebel positions in the Avasin Basyan region Sunday, the military said.

In northern Iraq, a rebel spokesman said the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, had suffered no casualties.

"There are no PKK personnel here in this area that was bombed

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Bank of America settles suits over bad mortgages

more than \$8 billion to modify summer. hundreds of thousands of loans homes.

of America said Monday it will in 11 states. modify troubled mortgages with up to \$8.4 billion in interest rate

- Facing a lawsuit over decep- 400,000 customers of Countrytive mortgage practices, Bank of wide Financial Corp., the troubled America Corp. is agreeing to pay mortgage lender it acquired last

The announcement arrived to keep people from losing their after the Illinois attorney general's office said Sunday that the bank Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank was modifying loans for customers sign on, said Deborah Hagan, chief

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) and principal reductions for nearly Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

Her office and officials from California negotiated the settlement; Illinois and California sued Countrywide earlier this year. Nine other states have also joined the settlement, and other states could of Madigan's Consumer Protection

rebel hideouts in northern Iraq on so we have no casualties among our fighters," Ahmet Deniz said.

Turkey stepped up its military activity after the fiercest battle

between Turkish troops and Kurdish rebels in eight months: Fifteen soldiers and at least 23 insurgents were killed Friday, and another 20 soldiers were wounded. Two soldiers are reported missing.

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mendous amount of relief," said

Division.

In California alone, the settle-For Illinois, that would translate to

"Countrywide's lending practices turned the American dream into a "This is going to provide a tre- nightmare for tens of thousands of families by putting them into loans they couldn't understand and ultimately couldn't afford," California Attorney General Jerry Brown Jr. said in a statement Sunday.

The other states joining the settlement are Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Washington.

Bank of America said it will launch the new mortgage aid program in December.

In a statement, Barbara Desoer. president of Bank of America's mortgage, home equity and insurance services, called the plan "a comprehensive program that provides more solutions than ever before to assist troubled borrowers and put them back on the path to sustained home ownership."

The mortgage aid includes revising customers' payments so they don't exceed 34 percent of income.

Bikes 🚽

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spots on the bicycle racks, but some students still choose to secure their bicycles illegally.

"We went out and did some checking, and found that they were only 80 to 85 percent full," he said.

The Student Government Association has been promoting an increase in bicycle usage, said Austin Pennington, the SGA external vice president. This is just one minor problem that goes along with an increase in bicycle riders.

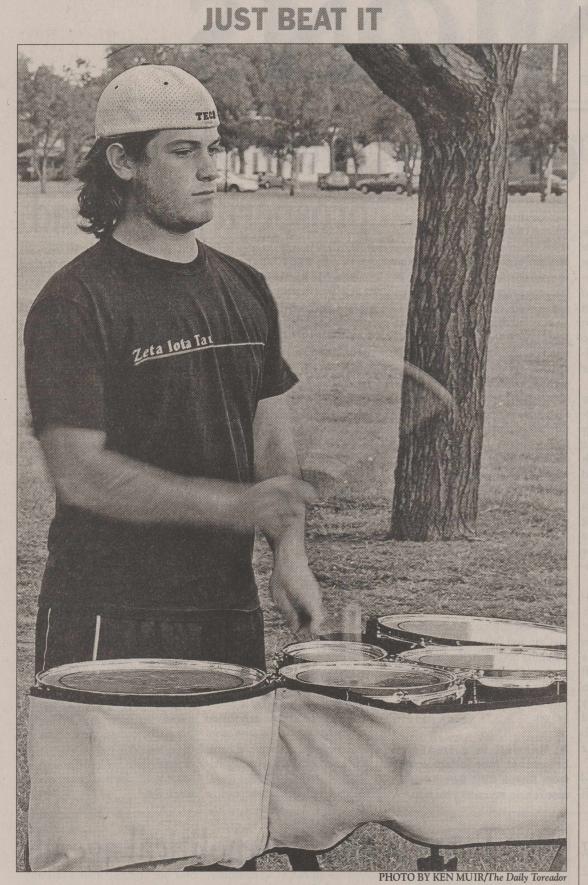
So far, the SGA has not dedicated any money toward purchasing new bicycle racks, he said.

"We've been talking to the administration, and this is one of the things we can fix the easiest," Pennington said.

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LEE WILLIS, A sophomore music education major from San Antonio, practices the tenor drum Monday by the soccer fields.

Noriega knocks Cornyn over donations

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrat advertising on television. Rick Noriega's campaign suggested

Monday that despite his claims to from both parties who voted last week that the financial bailout isn't based the contrary Republican Sen. John for a \$700 billion financial rescue on a clear plan. He said it amounts

He said it is similar to the Bush Cornyn was among 74 senators administration's invasion of Iraq in Cornyn is cozy with Wall Street in- package that President Bush signed to a blank check for Wall Street

Tech museum receives national accreditation

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

The Museum of Texas Tech reaffirmed its status among some of the most elite museums in the United States after its national accreditation was renewed last month.

Tech's museum received accreditation from the American Association of Museums, a designation currently awarded to less than 5 percent or 774 of the nation's estimated 17,500 museums, according to the association's Web site.

"The accreditation is an affirmation for the way the museum does business," said David Dean, director of the museum's information services. "It says the museum practices and upholds the standards set by the AAM."

A museum must go through a rigorous application process in order to receive accreditation from the association, he said. The process can take up to a year and a half to complete.

"It's really a comprehensive look at the institution," Dean said.

The American Association of Museums analyzes all aspects of a museum when it awards accredilooks at a museum's professional practices, how it acquires and handles collections and how well its educational programs are run.

Also, a visiting committee consisting of museum experts appointed by the association travels to the museum to verify that the for 10 years. application information has been The visiting committee will send a report of their findings back to the American Association of Museums.



THE MUSEUM OF Texas Tech University was recently given national accreditation, a rare honor for museums in the United States.

Science Research Laboratory, the receive funding such as grants. tation, he said. The organization Lubbock Lake Landmark and the main museum on Tech's campus.

has earned accreditation from the as- that the university has some of the sociation, Dean said. Tech's museum top institutions in the nation. first received national accreditation in 1990, then again in 1998. The time this year Tech's museum has most recent accreditation will last

reported accurately, Dean said. credited museums, only 108 are with an exemplary certification. university-based institutions, according to the American Association of intersection of Fourth Street and Museums Web site.

The accreditation that Tech's only to institutions that uphold the through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 museum received applies to the en- highest standards and practices, said tire museum system, he said. The Gary Edson, executive director of Sunday. Admission to the museum is museum system is comprised of the the museum. This designation is im- free to the public. Moody Planetarium, the Natural portant because it helps the museum ">>> matthew.cobb@ttu.edu

The accreditation also is important for Tech, he said, because it This is the third time the museum demonstrates to potential students

The accreditation is the second been distinguished for its excellence, Edson said. In May, the Texas Histori-Out of the 774 nationally ac- cal Commission awarded the museum

Tech's museum is located at the Indiana Avenue. The museum is National accreditation is awarded open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m Tuesday p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

German, 2 French share Nobel medicine prize

vestors and bankers who contribute millions to his campaigns.

of the financial and credit crisis. "It Wall Street.

shouldn't have happened," Cornyn says in the ad.

The Noriega campaign posted an ad on the Internet that contends Cornyn "just follows the herd." It points out that Cornyn, a firstterm Texas senator, has accepted \$3.9 million from the financial,

insurance and real estate sectors. Among the donations are

Responsive Politics, which is cited as on its Web site.

"Cornyn has a long record of spokesman Martine Apodaca. "Unnearly \$4 million from the financial industry got quite a return on their investment."

on the Internet instead of in paid tax incentives in the bill.

into law on Friday

Noriega's camp was responding McLaughlin said the Noriega ad is implement it. to a Cornyn television ad in which "disingenuous" because the nearly the senator is shown walking among \$4 million in contributions from the how irresponsible is that? Goodness cattle in South Texas and speaking financial industry don't all represent gracious," he said.

> We shouldn't have to put a bunch of sugar on it to get votes if it was that critical an issue. **RICK NORIEGA**

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR

Congress."

McLaughlin brushed off Noriega's \$731,525 from those in the secu- assertion as "just another negative rity and investment industry and attack" from a desperate campaign so much more self-assured to know \$546,342 from donors in commercial a month before the Nov. 4 election. that when this country faces anbanking, the non-partisan Center for He also said Noriega refuses to say whether he supports tax breaks and the Noriega campaign's source, states other measures contained in last Wall Street, that he's going to send week's massive bailout.

In response, Noriega said Monpay-to-play politics," said Noriega day during a visit at the University of Texas in Austin the bailout bill fortunately for Texans, after taking should have been a stand-alone proposal. He opposed the bill as industry Cornyn turned around and written and said it should have gave them \$700 billion in taxpayer included more regulatory teeth money. It looks like the financial and oversight of how the money will be spent.

"We shouldn't have to put a bunch The ad for the underfunded of sugar on it to get votes if it was that Noriega campaign is running only critical an issue," Noriega said of the

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and that federal officials haven't yet Cornyn spokesman Kevin figured out how they are going to

"They don't have a plan. I mean,

Noriega's ad cites past congres-"These peo- sional votes Cornyn has taken that ple who are giv-Noriega claims shows his closeness with the financial industry. ing him money

are small town In Cornyn's ad, the senator is stockbrokers, cast as someone who tried to warn indepen - congressional leaders in Washington about the housing and financial crisis dent insuras long as two years ago. To back ance brokers, are realtors," that up, Cornyn's campaign released McLaughlin a 2006 letter to Senate leaders that said. "Sena- he and 19 other senators signed tor Cornyn warning of potential problems with has received the mortgage giants Fannie Mae and more, a higher Freddie Mac.

But Noriega's campaign said percentage of Cornyn also accepted contributions his donations, in state than from lobbyists for Freddie Mac and any incumbent Fannie Mae.

And, during his UT-Austin visit, running for Noriega mocked Cornyn's 2006 letter to Senate leaders.

> "I know that Texas families feel other trillion-dollar bailout of the incumbents' buddies, lobbyists from a letter," Noriega said.

discoveries of viruses that cause cancer among women. AIDS and cervical cancer, breakthe deadly diseases.

French researchers Francoise Barre-Sinoussi and Luc Montagnier were cited for their discovery of human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, in 1983.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) Germany's Harald zur Hausen, who ated Press that he was disappointed at Three European scientists was honored for finding human not being included in the prize. shared the 2008 Nobel Prize in papilloma viruses that cause cervical medicine on Monday for separate cancer, the second most common Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where he is

U.S. researcher Dr. Robert Gallo conference, that he was still opthroughs that helped doctors fight was locked in a dispute with Mon- timistic about conquering the tagnier in the 1980s over the relative disease. importance of their roles in groundbreaking research into HIV and its all to keep going until we reach the role in AIDS. Gallo told The Associ-

Montagnier told the AP in attending an international AIDS

The prize, he said, "encourages us goal at the end of this effort."





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SNL is best pundit this election Dream of American

f you haven't seen Tina Fey portray Sarah Palin on SNL, you just might be the only person on the planet who hasn't.

It seems like everyone and their dog has seen the famous sketches where Fey pokes fun at McCain's vice presidential nominee. Skits during this election have served more than just a few minutes of laughter, they have provided an to Russia. Stack that up against Joe accurate portrayal of candidates Biden (the democratic vice presiand situations.

Palin in a sketch three weeks ago Committee) and Palin looks like alongside Amy Poehler as Hillary an inexperienced child. Clinton. The sketch portrayed Clinton and Palin speaking out against sexism in the presidential race.

Fey played Palin perfectly, highlighting her inexperience and unawareness. Probably the most quoted line from the sketch comes such an accurate portrayal because after Poehler as Clinton says that in some portions Fey used the exact she believes diplomacy should be Palin's exact words from the real the cornerstone of foreign policy. Fey as Palin replies, "I can see laughter.

her brief meetings with foreign world of comedy, Palin is gold. For before the first debate that they both

Mackenzie Maxwei

leaders at the U.N two weeks ago, her best claim to foreign policy experience is that her state is close Fey debuted her imitation of of the Senate Foreign Relations

> After the real Palin's embarrassing interview with Katie Couric, in which she made herself look like a talking-point robot, SNL capitalized on Palin's stupidity again. This time Fey's impression of Palin was even more accurate. The sketch itself was Couric interview.

Russia from my house!" A funny got laughs. This means, to me, that were accurately portrayed. At the watching SNL sketches, one thing line, no doubt. However, the truth Palin has become the laughing stock behind this line is not cause for of the country. She says things that Hammond as John McCain suggests will be better off, but if McCain make her seem as though she knows Reporters spent plenty of time nothing about the world around her. both suspend their campaigns and heaven. searching for evidence that Pa- She talks in circles. She never an- instead have pie-eating contests. To lin had ever been outside North swers the question at hand, and she which Armisen as Obama says he **Maxwell is a freshman** America before her trip to Kuwait always seems to be saying something sees no point in that. and Germany last year. Aside from she rehearsed backstage. For the

the real world, Palin is trouble.

Palin was an illustration of the vice an effort to make himself look heroic, presidential debate and was flawless from start to finish. Queen Latifah as to make phone calls. He would have moderator Gwen Ifill said, "Due to been equally successful if he had piethe historically low expectations of eating contests with Obama. Gov. Palin, were she simply to do an adequate job tonight, meaning at no been said to have changed their point cry, faint, run out of the build- mind due to a phone call by Mcing or vomit, you should consider the Cain. Overall, McCain's impact debate a tie."

dential nominee and chairman happened. Palin did better than expected because she didn't completely suck. Pundits saw this and called the that out in the sketch as well.) Mcdebate a tie. On a comedy sketch thus, hilarious. However, in real life time for good. (or maybe just on FoxNews) the idea that not sucking is somehow tying art imitates life. However, when made perfect sense to pundits. Once again, SNL perfectly portrayed how country's future, this can be pretty ridiculous this election is, particu- scary. Would anyone in their right larly in regard to Palin.

cian Saturday Night Live got right. country? Of course not. So then In the show's parody of the first why would anyone vote for the real The sad thing is that these parts presidential debate, both candidates McCain and Palin? Beats me. After beginning of the sketch, Darrell is clear: If Obama wins, America to Fred Armisen as Obama that they wins, America will be in comedic

suspend their campaigns to work on The latest sketch with Fey as solutions for the economic crisis. In McCain went back to Washington

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No congressman or senator has on the bailout bill was his one In real life, that is exactly what vote, which didn't require him to suspend his campaign. The suspension was a gimmick. (SNL pointed Cain should do us all a favor and show, that idea seems ridiculous, and suspend his campaign again — this

I guess the old saying is true: "art" is comedy and "life" is our mind want the SNL characters Palin isn't the only absurd politi- of McCain and Palin to run the

broadcast journalism major In real life, McCain suggested from Royce City. E-mail her at mackenzie.maxwell@ttu.edu.

prosperity not dead

By NEILY TODD

VANDERBILT HUSTLER (VANDERBILT)

(The American dream is can dream really be dead?

the current state of the economy --struggle to make ends meet.

with the length of the upswings and dream to me. downturns varying. The economy is It's difficult to predict the strength or wait it out.

duration of the seasons. Winter is on the horizon — and we watch with anxiety and prepare for the worse.

Fear is the message from Washingdead." This bold statement ton. Politicians of both parties warn was enough to turn my at- against possible doomsday scenarios. tention from schoolwork to the Newscasters critique every move. Blame cable news channel running in the is rampant. The funny thing about background, and I quickly switched America, though, is it sometimes takes focus to determine what exactly the the worst of times for us to show our best newscaster meant. Could the Ameri- sides. Think: Sept. 11, Pearl Harbor, the Great Depression. During times like As I watched, the panel discussed these, Americans come together and support each other. Just a few days ago, the stock market, bank failures, the Vanderbilt announced that any student unemployment rate and the housing who is admitted into the university will market - concluding that the hope be able to attend no matter his or her for success, on which America was financial situation, thus eliminating the founded, is a dream of days past. practice of student loans and instead America is struggling to keep the bot- offering all eligible students financial tom from falling out while Americans grants. If you have the talents, Vanderbilt will provide the resources. Hard The outlook certainly appears work alone can earn any student in the grim, but any economist will tell country a scholarship spot at a top 20 you the economy ebbs and flows, university. Sounds like the American

The American dream is not dead, cyclical — much like the seasons — but it is, perhaps, in hibernation. We and America is bracing itself for a are bracing for the cold winter, but long winter. There is a chill in the air. winter never lasts forever. Without fail, It is October, and as we start pulling it is followed by a warmer and brighter out scarves and sweaters, we wonder spring. The spring of the economy will what the looming winter will bring. come and bring with it a better and Will it be mild, or are seemingly end- stronger America. Until that time, we, less months of long, cold days ahead? as a nation, must stand together as we

Campaign October surprise is economy

onday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged below 10,000. One year ago the index was sitting just north of 14,000. At the same time, Obama is flying away in the polls. You know that global warming "hockey stick" graph? Think that except Obama is CO2 levels and McCain is glacier coverage.

their poll averages show Obama win- got desperate. Well here we are.



not hard to imagine they decided to According to the conservative- bottle up Obama's negative associaleaning Web site Real Clear Politics, tions for the last minute when things Senate Ethics Committee hearings and

the financial industry and Congress has allowed banks to make risky loans and profit by bending the rules. And in both cases, John McCain's judgment and values have placed him on the wrong side of history."

Ouch.

The Web site features an ominous 13 minute documentary with clips of CSPAN coverage from McCain's 1990 narration by William Black, a federal banking regulator from 1984 to 1994.

Put Iraq back on the political agenda

By LOREN BALHORN DAILY NORTHWESTERN (NORTHWESTERN U.)

reard about Iraq in the news lately? Me nei-L ther. If you rely on the CNN/MSNBC/Fox News troika (or McCain and Obama, for that taught those mischievous Iraqis took to the streets. Massive resistance buzz-worthy "surge," however, is a myth — the decrease in violence not the increased presence of U.S. troops. Despite the relative media blackout, the war in Iraq continues unabated. The civilian death toll in Iraq has reached 654,965 according to a 2006 estimate in The Lancet, one of the oldest and most well-known medical journals in the world. This number exceeds U.S. military deaths in World War II by more than 200,000 and is more than double the estimated 250,000 deaths under Saddam Hussein's rule. According to the United Nations, more than 10 percent of the entire Iraqi population has been displaced since the beginning of the war. The longer this conflict continues, the longer countless innocent Iraqis and Americans will pay for it in blood. But it's only the Republicans' fault, right? Wrong. In the two years since the Democrats took back control of the Congress, there has been no serious attempt to even begin a withdrawal from Iraq, while bills allocating hundreds of billions of dollars for the war effort continue to be rubber-stamped by both parties.

U.S. soldiers were being forced to fight in an unpopular and unjust war to oppose.

matter) for your information, Iraq and hope Washington would take care has become a non-issue ever since of things for them (as our generation beginning at 2 p.m. the surge came into effect and seems to do), the American people

At times like these, we can learn send the message to Washington that a lot from history. Our parents' gen- this war must end. As students, we are eration faced a similar debacle with lucky enough to have the time and the war in Vietnam. As in Iraq today, energy to make a real contribution to this movement.

This Saturday, Chicago activists that neither major party was willing will be holding a rally marking the sixth anniversary of Congress' autho-But rather than cross their fingers rization to go to war on the corner of Devon Avenue and Leavitt Street

> I urge all of you to attend. It is time to stop sitting on the sidelines and start organizing.

ning the election with 353 electoral votes, McCain 185.

The prediction market Web site Intrade.com, where people bet money to win 338 electoral votes to McCain's 200.

Not convinced? Intrade predicted every single state in the 2004 election: 100 percent accuracy. Does anyone remember October 2004? Kerry had supposedly won every debate and most poll aggregators were predicting Kerry to win. So keep an eye on Intrade. Gamblers don't like to lose, especially when politics is a game of strategy and not chance.

the deep end in a desperate attempt to ads featuring Rev. Wright. keep the topic off the economy.

Greg Strimple, told the Washington Post Monday, "We are looking for a very aggressive last 30 days. We are really scared? looking forward to turning a page on this financial crisis and getting back to discussing Mr. Obama's aggressively liberal record and how he will be too risky for Americans."

Strimple saying he wants to start "turning the page" on talk about the economy is ridiculous, unreal and demonstrates a severe lack of compre- into attacks on Obama's judgment of hension on issues facing Americans. character. In the first debate, his simple Americans will not be distracted by shallow labels and name-calling. Parents will not be distracted when their children are asking them if they're when 401(k)s are put in jeopardy.

spiral triggered by an economic Octorally in Englewood, Colo., Gov. Sarah going negative. Palin referenced Obama's relationship with William Ayers.

AP.

It should be clarified that Obama when Ayers took part in violent anti-Vietnam protests.

Obama-Ayers association in August, the Web site, "where a lack of regulabut there was a lull in September. It's tion and cozy relationships between

Regarding Ayers' association with Obama, it's frustrating to think that John McCain sports a comb-over, unsomeone running for public office will flattering lighting, and, at some points, have to worry about who they knew goofy glasses. on who's going to win, predicts Obama in a club or organization years ago. politicians someday better hope every fellow senator's record is in tip-top shape, or else guilt by association will

haunt them decades from now. On top of the Ayers smear, Palin - despite the fact that back in April,

I guess the stakes have changed and

In tonight's debate I would not be entire Obama negative trifecta: William Ayers, Tony Rezko and Rev. Wright.

McCain has no choice because of the harrowing economic headlines. He will have to steer every question on economic judgment and understanding vague punctuations of "Sen. Obama just doesn't understand" or is "naïve" didn't work.

More surprising is the fact that at j.gerling@ttu.edu. going to have a job, when banks fail or the Obama campaign is not going to stand by and let the McCain campaign The McCain campaign is in a death go nasty at their own peril. No, the Obama campaign is going to pummel ber surprise. Nasty attacks will be their McCain while he's down in the face of last shot at life. Sunday at a campaign this economic October surprise. They're

Monday, the Obama campaign cut the ribbon on a new Web site: "(Obama is) palling around with KeatingEconomics.com, which features terrorists who would target their own a full refreshment of McCain's involvecountry," she said, according to the ment in the savings and loan scandal of the 1980s.

So while McCain's campaign pushes and Ayers have had no relationship Obama's primary issues (that everyone is since they sat together on the board already well aware of thanks to Sen. Hilof an anti-poverty charity in Chicago lary Clinton's slash and burn campaign), years ago and that Obama was eight the Obama campaign is giving a history lesson not many are familiar with.

"The Keating scandal is eerily simi-McCain ran a few ads on the lar to today's credit crisis," according to

The Chicago Tribune's Washington Students in the Student Government blog, The Swamp, called the recent Association who hope to become turn of the campaign "mutually assured destruction."

Who will the voters side with at the end of this campaign holocaust? My bet is with Obama. Ayers, Rezko, Rev. Wright are character issues for Obama. also revived Rev. Jeremiah Wright in McCain's savings and loan scandal comments Monday to conservative touches a prescient high-voltage issue: New York Times columnist Bill Kristol the economy. Bill Clinton had character issues in 1992 (Dan Quayle opened McCain fought with the North Caro- the VP debate with "Can you really McCain's campaign will now go off lina GOP to stop them from running trust Bill Clinton?") but in the face of a poor economy, Clinton won.

It's important to note that McCain One of McCain's top advisers, therefore the McCain campaign has was cleared by the Senate Ethics Comunleashed the ghost of primary past to mittee of all charges in the Keating haunt undecided voters, but is anyone scandal. He was only criticized for "poor judgment."

But it's not the verdict that counts. surprised to see McCain bring up the Many think O.J. was guilty, right? Ironically, he's now going to pay his time because of his recent robbery case. Many argue the jury judged him for two crimes, past and present.

> This election, if the Obama campaign's overdue negative twist doesn't backfire, voters will judge McCain for past and present as well.

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how to behave. The success of the both at home and in Vietnam eventually forced Nixon to end the war.

on the ground in Iraq is due to United States needs a strong and die. For a people of conscience, that domestic political re-alignment, diverse anti-war movement that will is simply unacceptable.

Every day that we allow this war That is what we need now. The to continue, more innocent civilians



Dane Cook in Biology Class

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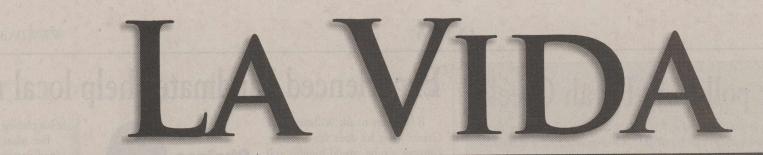
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Tech captain unhappy about prospect of hockey-less Hub City

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

Members of Texas Tech's hockey team have a new opponent: the Lubbock City Council.

For about 30 players on the team, it has been a tough month, and the team's captain, John Griffith, is worried about the fate of his favorite sport in West Texas.

"(The team has) just tried to keep hockey here," said Griffith, a senior architecture major from Dallas. "This is our home and we need to keep it."

Griffith, a defenseman who wears the No. 12 jersey, said he was born in the Hub City and that growing up in an area without access to ice rinks or hockey was unbearable.

When he moved to Dallas as a 7-year-old, that all changed.

He was hooked on the game. His first encounter with hock-

ey happened at about the same throughout the United States time the Dallas Stars came to the and Canada. Metroplex.

his childhood when hockey was a new sport in Dallas. The number of ice rinks and the number of players increased significantly in tain, Kevin Mayoux, said it is easy the area after the Stars moved in to follow Griffith's lead because and began sponsorships, which he is "always really optimistic." led to the sport's popularity in the area today.

what it is today, and a lot of the studies. guys that are on the Tech team "So we know that hockey can so well."

grow in Lubbock."

"powerhouse."

Hockey gave Griffith the op-

66 He's kinda like the mom of the team and yet he seems to be handling everything so well.

KEVIN MAYOUX TEXAS TECH ASSISTANT TEAM CAPTAIN

portunity to become a seasoned traveler, he said, by playing

Relationships and friend-Griffith recalled a time during ships, Griffith said, are the best things he has gained from playing hockey.

Friend and assistant team cap-

Griffith keeps his teammates focused on their goals, Mayoux "I've seen hockey grow in said, while urging them to keep Dallas just from the grassroots to up with their responsibilities and non-renewal of the team's con- program flourish, but also local

"He's kinda like the mom of who have been there from day the team," he said, "and yet he one have seen it also," he said. seems to be handling everything

Now in his second year as cost of utilities for the coliseum. his work ethic and knowledge as \$4,000. and skill of the game."

and off the ice, Fioroni said.

"He's helping guys with their themselves up if there's any kind of alcohol or possible drug positive and has a great outlook on life."

tect comes first.

He said some of the players, hockey overseas after graduation.

riding around on a bus."

As an aspiring architect, Grif- NCAA sanctioned. fith said, he would like to specialize in designing large commercial buildings like ballparks and hotels.

In his spare time as an architect, he said, he will help the agree that remaining optimistic Tech hockey team in any way he can. If nothing else, he plans to this situation. The teammates coach youth hockey leagues.

Coliseum boils down to approxi- programs grow as well. mately \$1,300 that the team owes Lubbock.

Griffith said he played for Pla- captain, Tech hockey coach Paul During a town hall meeting on no West High School, a hockey Fioroni said, Griffith "is a born Sept. 29, according to an article leader — regardless if he has the written in The Daily Toreador, letter on his jersey or not — the the team's opponents argued the guys respect him very much for team's debt to the city was as high

"We told them right from the Griffith is changing lives on get-go — when they first said to get out and it was over \$1,300," Griffith said, "we said we'll write studies and helping guys clean you a check for double, right now, on the spot."

Underlying the opposition to issues," Fioroni said. "He's very renew the contract, Griffith said, is a "bad relationship" between the city and the previous minor-Despite his love for the game, league hockey team — The Griffith said, pursuing a graduate Lubbock Cotton Kings - which degree and becoming an archi- went bankrupt before the 2007-08 season.

The Tech hockey team picked including himself, will have the up the Cotton Kings' contract for opportunity to play professional the venue, he said, and is "kind of paying for it now."

Tech ice hockey is recognized "But I know I could be way as a varsity sport, Griffith said more successful doing the archi- - in line with Tech cheerleadtecture thing," he said, "than ers and the Goin' Band from Raiderland — but it still is not

> Because hockey is a new sport to Lubbock and there are not any high school hockey teams, he said, "it's been a tougher sell."

Griffith, Mayoux and Fioroni is the best way to get through and their coach said they want The debate over Lubbock's to see not only Tech's hockey tract to play at the City Bank high school and youth hockey

The Tech hockey team and This amount represents the other meeting with city council council and to the chancellor," >>> bridget.destefano@ttu.edu



JOHN GRIFFITH, A senior architecture major from Dallas, is the captain of the Texas Tech Club Hockey team.

needed to renew the contract.

its supporters are awaiting an- making those contacts to the be gone."

on Thursday that will decide Fioroni said. "Tech hockey has whether or not a contract will the joy of running all of the be renewed. A 4-3 vote will be hockey here in Lubbock and the surrounding South Plains area. "Keep supporting us and keep And once it's gone, it's gonna

WhoFarm 🛁 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"We're not necessarily asking people to drop everything and go be Center for Health and the Global farmers," he said, "but, if you can buy Environment. local produce, why not?"

great way to "start having conversa- House.

idea for the WhoFarm project after hearing Alice Waters' acceptance mileage," she said, "and a lot of speech for the 2008 Global Envi- extra cost." ronmental Citizen Award, an honor from the Harvard Medical School's

One of Walter's visions, he said, The unique bus, Simon said, is a is an organic garden at the White cost is to reduce charges for freight,"

"You're adding a lot of extra

Economically, rising fuel costs make this a good time for a movement promoting locally grown produce," McKenney said.

"One way to reduce some of that she said.

Teen athlete's killing lamented in Ice Cube video

unlikely stars of Ice Cube's new video are the grieving relatives of

his home. The song "Why Me?" speaks out pleaded not guilty to murder.

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ The mother was serving in the Army in Iraq at the time.

Pedro Espinoza, an illegal ima 17-year-old high school football migrant and suspected gang member star who was shot to death outside who had been released from jail a dozens of other crime victims blowday earlier on weapons charges, has

"To drive this home, it was only right to use real family and not use a bunch of actors," Cube says.

His video features photographs of ing from a tree, then across the sand in the desert. It also depicts a young

tions with everyone, from grandmas to truck drivers."

Gustowarow said the vehicle's organic garden is symbolic of their message.

"If we can grow food on the top of before reaching its destination. a bus driving across the country," said Gustowarow, a 27-year-old McDaniel College almnus, "then why can't the president grow something on the front lawn, or other people grow something in their back yards?"

Gustowarow said he faced several challenges when he initially planted the garden on the bus, but currently spinach and broccoli and herbs like parsley and basil.

"I wanted corn," Simon said, laughing, "but it would've gotten whom he met while serving as a U.S. smacked by the overpasses."

Gustowarow said eating local organic food has many benefits.

"It's healthier if you know where your food is coming from," he said. "It promotes the local economy," Simon continued.

Larry Noland, a local organic farmer, said locally grown produce large impact on hopefully everyone often offers a better selection and variety of vegetables.

they just taste better," he said. "I Texas Tech, said it is "crazy" that don't know why, but they just do."

Simon said he came up with the across the world.

At the time, Simon said, he was enrolled in an urban planting class at Ikerd, an economist and former New York University, and the class caused him to become concerned about how many miles food travels

On average, food in the United States travels 1,500 miles in trucks that individually can cause the same transportation, packing and other amount of damage to roads as 9,600 cars, according to a 2004 analysis from the Agriculture Research Cen- founded on independence, Simon ter at the University of Wisconsin- said, it now depends on corporate Madison.

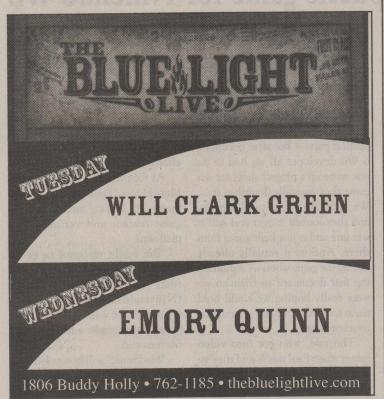
"It doesn't have to be that way," he can grow vegetables like lettuce, Simon said. "To be moving food to our agricultural roots," he said. around the country like that doesn't make much sense."

So, he said, he called Gustowarow, Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines, and pitched him the idea for the organic farm project.

Gustowarow said he was working on an organic farm at the time but decided it was important to quit his job and join the cause.

"It's one action that can have a in the nation," he said.

Cynthia McKenney, an associ-"When you grow your own plants, ate professor of horticulture at the United States imports food from



According to a report by John professor at the University of Missouri, it was estimated that American farmers, on average, make only about 20 cents on each \$1 spent on food. The remaining 80 cents goes to pay for processing, marketing costs.

Although the United States was entities for produce.

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against senseless violence and gun Cube says Jamiel Shaw Jr.'s family that lingers after a murder.

"It just was a tragic, tragic story everywhere."

Shaw had been on track for a college sports scholarship when

Prosecutors say Espinoza drove him after asking him about his gang asks, "Why me homie, why me?" is a powerful illustration of the pain affiliation. Police have said Shaw was never in a gang.

of why," Cube says. "Young people tightly framed, sorrow-filled faces of Los Angeles police to crack down on are dying for no reason all over the Shaw's parents and aunt. His father illegal immigrant gang members. world that don't know why. It's ugly, recounts a final conversation with his son.

Today's

man in a football jersey being gunned crime devastating communities. to Shaw's neighborhood and shot down on a street. As he lays dying, he

> Espinoza's early release from jail led the Shaws to call for the passage The rap video begins with the of "Jamiel's Law," which would push

> > Cube says the video is not meant as an endorsement of the move.

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UC-Davis fined for polluting Putah Creek

By PATRICK MCCARTNEY THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE (UC-DAVIS)

The University of California-Davis, renowned for its strength in the environmental sciences, is guilty of polluting Putah Creek.

Board fined the university \$78,000 - posal policies, Fell said. for 34 violations over an eight-year period dating back to 2000. The have been addressed," he said. violations were for excessive levels of aluminum, chlorine, copper, cyanide, coliform, salinity, sediment and acidity.

UC-Davis will not contest the fines, said Andy Fell, a spokesperson for the university. The campus attributes 12 of the violations to major storms and has since upgraded its wastewater treatment plant, Fell said.

David Phillips, UC-Davis' interim director of utilities, said state-of-the-art, relying on a mix of mechanical, biological and chemical treatments. The violations are minor, he said.

"We literally test our water several thousand times each year and there's [a few] occasions over the last eight years where there's been permit violations," Phillips said. "None of these things pose any kind of real threat to human health or environment and the vast majority of them are very old."

Beginning in 2000, the water board began assessing automatic penalties for pollution levels that exceed the permitted amount. UC Davis' penalties backlogged over the last eight years, Fell said.

Board could not be reached for comment by press time.

By RYAN SULLIVAN

sweet.

did not dispose chemicals properly, water entering a city treatment Fell said. But in other cases, "there plant, he said. is no explanation where they came from," he said.

The university has since upgraded campus," he said. its wastewater treatment plant and The Central Valley Water will reinforce proper chemical dis- to dismiss UC-Davis' viola-

"We think most of these problems between.

\$20 million in its 8-year-old plant hypocrites," said Bill Casey, a to keep pace with campus growth UC-Davis professor of hydroland improve treatment technology, ogy and soil science, in an Phillips said.

In the treatment process, the water passes through a screen into an claiming a special voice in oxidation ditch and then into a large environmental matter across tank where heavy material settles out, Phillips said. Next, cleaner water is pumped on top of the wastewater and then flows through a series of filters. The water is finally the wastewater treatment plant is disinfected with ultraviolet light - a new technology that replaces sand, Phillips said.

> 'By the time we're done, the treated water meets the state's highest huge investment in wastewater standard and the water could be used for any purpose," he said.

> Some of the pollution limits the campus exceeded have since been increased as a result of new studies, Phillips said. For example, the limit rected and I think we're in a for aluminum was 87 parts per billion, and the water board detected 141 parts per billion, he said. But the tions. new standard is 200 parts per billion, Phillips said.

"The numbers for metals are still a matter of debate," he said.

Many people have the misconception that water treatment has The Central Valley Water to be more vigorous at a university that handles dangerous chemicals, Phillips said. In reality, tests of water destination. The chemicals in the creek may coming into the UC Davis plant have

have come from campus labs that shown that it's cleaner than

"We have a lot better control and better education on the

But not everyone is so quick tions as minor and few and far

"We at UCD come out Last year, the campus invested looking like sanctimonious e-mail.

> "UCD has been smugly the state, but treats Putah Creek as a dumping ground," Casey said, who specializes in the geochemistry of water pollution.

> However, the university believes all of the problems have been addressed, Phillips said.

"The campus has made a treatment. As managers of that plant, we consider ourselves to be on the cutting edge of the plant," Phillips said. "All of those things have been correally good position to serve the campus without any viola-

The 70-mile long Putah Creek begins at Cobb Mountain and ends just south of the community of El Macero, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It flows through the UC Davis Arboretum and is a popular fishing and boating

Experienced bandmates help local musician

If you were to ask William Clark Green what he does for a living, chances are he would humbly tell you he is one of the luckiest musicians in Lubbock. That's how the 22-year-old Texas Tech student would identify himself first, then he might tell you he is an agricultural economics major.

And he truly is lucky.

"I started writing music in eighth grade," Green said Saturday night talented he may be, still has many at Blue Light in the Depot District. "I started taking it seriously in high school and I've been writing my ass off since. I've been playing music in something extra needed to make it Lubbock for five years now. I'm not in the music industry. With the help the best but I definitely work very of Drew Hurt on drums, Joel Smith hard at what I do."

Originally from Flint, a small town outside Tyler with a population of 2,000 and growing, Green entered a whole new world of music when he moved to Lubbock.

Green recently exploded onto the Texas country music scene after five years of hard work and dedication "These are the greatest musicians to his craft, even taking the main in Lubbock. I'm so honored to have this: Reach deep down inside during stage at the 2008 Lubbock Music them around." Festival — though his rising popularity is partially due to some amazing for hire," said Philip Coggins, a local opportunities that have just recently started coming his way.

I am talking, of course, about the band behind the young singer/ Chelsea Roe

songwriter. Lets be honest: Green, however years of experience to gain before he can really break into the game big time and pull out that little

on bass guitar and Lubbock's own guitar legend Brian McRae on lead guitar (though it could be said that McRae is one of Lubbock's best-kept secrets) he has now been given a chance to grow and learn, a chance few ever get.

"It's a dream come true," he said.

"You can tell Brian is a musician musician and Lubbock native after it takes. witnessing McRae nearly steal the .

"You can hear the years of experience chelsea.roe@ttu.edu.

in his playing."

But what motivated these seasoned veterans to give this young musician a chance?

"He's a good kid," McRae said after Satuday's show. "He's young and he just needs experience."

"I think Brian realized that this wasn't just an amateur deal," Green replied. "I think it was shown to him that this isn't just an I-love-Texas thing, this is an I-love-songwriting thing.'

As long as Lubbock's best continue to back him, Green undoubtedly will grow as a singer/songwriter in the coming months as he gains the experience he needs.

I am fearful, however, that --considering Green's particular style of music - if Green doesn't find that little something extra, he could alienate himself from playing at bars like Bar PM or Rocky LaRues's. These are the venues that tend to cater to the expanding, edgier collegiate crowd.

To William Clark Green I say the coming months and draw from the people around you. They have the experience, and you have what

Chelsea Roe is The DT's show out from under Green's feet. music critic. E-mail her at

China vows overhaul of 'chaotic' milk industry

BEIJING (AP) - China's Cabinet vowed a complete overhaul of the scandal-ridden dairy industry Monday, pledging to inspect every link from the farm to the dinner table to try to restore public trust in Chinese-made food products.

In its strongest action yet, China's highest level of government called the industry "chaotic" and acknowledged there was a lack of oversight.

At Monday's meeting of the State Council, or Cabinet, the government said it would punish companies and officials involved in the contamination of milk products that has been blamed in the deaths of four babies and for sickening more than 54,000 children.

The scandal revealed "that China's dairy production and circulation has been chaotic and supervision has been gravely absent," said a notice about the meeting on the government's Web site. Unscrupulous "elements" and companies had also put profit above people's lives, it said.

to show it is tackling the widespread contamination of milk and other dairy products with melamine, an industrial chemical used in making plastics and fertilizers. It was the second time the State Council, China's highest government body, has met since the crisis broke last

month.

Food safety concens not only the health of the public, but also the life of business.

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ADMINISTRATION OF QUALITY SUPERVISION

China has struggled to contain public dismay and growing international concern, castigating local officials for negligence while promising to raise product safety standards. But the scandal has continued to lead to recalls and the blocking of Chinese imports in numerous countries.

safety standards of recipient countries, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"Food safety concerns not only the health of the public, but also the life of business," Xinhua quoted Wang Yong, the director of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, the agency responsible for ensuring that China's food supply chain is safe.

Wang replaced Li Changjiang, who resigned last month in the wake of the scandal. Wang vowed to make "a substantial change in the production and distribution of dairy products."

Part of the agency's cleanup effort was the deployment in mid-September of more than 5,000 inspectors to check dairy factories. Wang said the inspections covered all dairy producers across the country and would monitor the entire production

process around the clock. Chinese authorities believe sup-

THE BG NEWS (BOWLING GREEN STATE U.) how Ohio, as a swing state, "has a lot an educated, smart voter. Bowling Green State University of power and we don't want to be the butt of jokes for the next four years." students who showed up to see "Fam-She said two of Obama's concerns cenily Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane tered around changing higher educa- MacFarlane said. "This is obvious thought his speech was freakin' tion and creating more jobs for people in the way they try to persuade us,

'Family Guy' creator speaks at Ohio university

The event was part of the Obama with the people receiving them. people registered to vote before to- and said the election of Ronald Rea- tricks like the folksy persona they gan resulted in a three-decade-long have coached Palin to present. Adrianne Palicki, a star of the dumbing down of America capped off She winked at the camera so many

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"The McCain camp tend to believe, from my perspective, that voters lack intelligence," not with facts, not with solution MacFarlane was the next to speak or hard judgment but with little

television show "Friday Night Lights," was also on hand to lend their support to the Obama campaign at a rally that took place on Saturday morning outside of University Hall.

campaign's last-minute effort to get

day's voter registration deadline.

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During her speech, the Toledo

by the Bush administration. "It's interesting that in 1968 when

that generation was 18, they threw their fists in the air and they urged people not to trust anyone over 30," Palicki was the first to speak and MacFarlane said. "And what hapdiscussed the opportunity that most pened in 1980? Those same 18-yearstudents had because this is their first olds turned 30 and turned around and elected Reagan president."

He said a recent problem within this nation.

times during that debate, I was wondering are we all gonna get to make out with her afterwards? It would be an angry, passionate encounter."

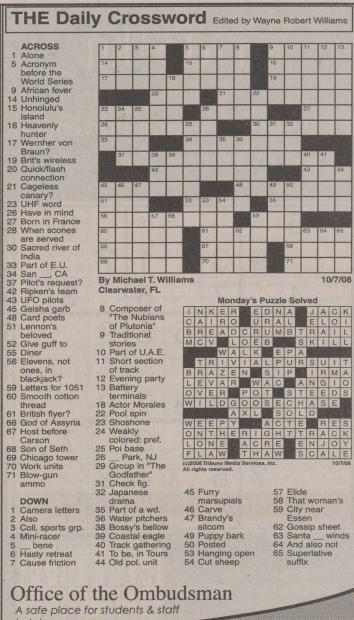
MacFarlane said he is not looking for a president who he can have a beer with, but rather someone who can effectively lead

Police detained six more people suspected of tampering with milk in northern China, a spokeswoman said, bringing to 32 the number of people arrested in the scandal.

Monday's meeting, chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao, was the latest attempt by the Chinese government

The head of China's quality watchdog said the country was stepping up checks on its exports to ensure they conformed to the food

pliers trying to cut costs diluted milk, then added melamine to fool quality control tests and make the product appear rich in protein. Melamine, like protein, is high in nitrogen. However, the chemical can cause kidney stones as the body tries to eliminate it and, in extreme cases, can lead to life-threatening kidney failure.



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Gore addresses climate, economy at Iowa fundraiser

By NICK HASTY IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

Many issues — from the climate and alternative energy to the economic crisis - was discussed by former Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Al Gore.

Gore was the keynote speaker at the Jefferson Jackson Dinner, which was a campaign and fundraising event for the Iowa Democratic Party. Some other speakers included Gov. Chet Culver and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. The event was held to gain support for Democratic candidates in the upcoming elections.

Gore talked point-by-point about different issues that were all connected. He started with the economic crisis which erupted two weeks ago. "This administration has deregu-

lated and completely failed in its responsibilities to keep competence in the financial system. John McCain has supported their policies 95 percent of the time," Gore said. "Just two weeks ago he said the fundamentals of the economy are strong."

Gore moved on to talk about the climate crisis. He mentioned the Iowa floods this summer exceeded as Africa, Mexico and India have had floods that exceeded the same mark. He claimed the climate problems today are the cause of these floods

"The scientists have warned us for years," Gore said.

Gore said he has studied the climate for 40 years, and has worked on it for 30.

He expressed the problems with being dependent on foreign fuel and how it's tied to everything from national security to the environment. He described this dependence on oil

the 500-year flood, and places such as a thread which runs through every other problem. His solution was to develop renewable energy resources such as sun, wind and geothermal in Iowa

> "Grab on to that thread and pull it," Gore said. "And all those crises begin to unravel and you'll find that we have the answer to every single one of them right in our hands."

> He said the \$700 billion bailout bill costs about the same as the annual cost of foreign oil.

"We are spending that much every single year on foreign oil," Gore said.

U. Arizona senior develops puzzle game for Ninendo Wii

By CHRIS CARTER ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA)

University of Arizona student Paul Stevens and his brother Jacob have taken their love for video games and turned it into a business; the two will release their first game for the Nintendo Wii Monday. The game, "MadStone" draws inspiration from other puzzle games such as Tetris Attack, Meteos and Puyo Puvo.

"We've been playing games like Tetris Attack, Kirby's Avalanche, other puzzle games that are considered classics our whole lives, and they're some of our favorite kinds of games," Paul Stevens said.

The brothers created their company, RiverMan Media, nearly three years ago and have created two other titles for the PC system. For their first Wii creation, the brothers wanted to base the project around a

familiar format.

"Not too long ago we were thinking we wanted to make a puzzle game for WiiWare ... you know, puzzle games are what we're familiar with," said Stevens, a computer sciences senior. WiiWare is Nintendo's online marketplace to buy and download games.

"So we thought we want to make a puzzle game for our first WiiWare game since it is a brand new platform to us -- at least we can do something we're a little more familiar with and the scale of puzzle games, it's within our grasp and not doing a massive 3-D game," Stevens said.

The brothers funded the entire process themselves, putting in nearly \$1,000. Paul said they make money on the royalties only, though he added that marketing a game for Nintendo is not as complex as one would think.

"As long as you got a game

concept that you found funding for and it's not exceedingly violent or racist, then Nintendo says they will put it on (the site)," Stevens said. He added: "So all we had to do is, after becoming developers for Nintendo, which is a very difficult process -- probably one of the hardest parts -- but after becoming a Wii developer all we had to do was write up a project sheet for our game that basically described it ... We submitted that to Nintendo, and they looked it over and said it was fine and it just kept going from there. And we'd actually already started the game when we submitted the first document to them so we were really hoping we could hold them to their word and it would be content control.'

The two, who got into video games when Paul was 4, said they've had every Nintendo system since then.

"We feel that Nintendo is the one (company) truly trying to keep the game market fresh and innovative. Rather than just bumping up the graphics to the next level and calling it a new system, Nintendo actually wants to bring the players new gaming experiences and that's why we want to be a part of their efforts," Stevens said.

As for the future of their River-Man Media, Paul already has his targets set, looking into the iPhone game market and various other platforms.

"But really, we want to be on board with Nintendo's newest systems ... for example whatever (Nintendo's) newest handheld (system) is, we want to be there and possibly even make a launch title,' Stevens said.

"MadStone" will be available for purchase Monday. The game will cost 800 points or \$8.

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MEMBERS OF THE symphonic wind ensemble practice outside of the music building due to the lack of space Monday afternoon.

U. Michigan lets Dems campaign in dorms

By JULIE ROWE MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

Previously barred from canvassing in the dorms by University of Michigan policy, the College Democrats held a last-ditch voter registration effort in most campus residence halls.

With the deadline to register to vote for next month's presidential election at midnight Monday, about 40 members of the group met at the union to get clipboards and registration forms.

The group wasn't allowed to coordinate canvasses in the dorms because of the university's solicitation policy, said Nathaniel Eli Coats Styer, chairman of College Democrats at Michigan. The university is prohibited from using public resources to support or oppose a political candidate by state and federal laws.

before," he said. "It was that it was a gray area."

The group has encouraged its members who live in residence halls to talk to their neighbors about Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and help them register to vote, but the group had never held a coordinated canvassing effort before. The College Dems registered about 60 people in two hours last night.

Before, the only group allowed to register voters in the residence halls was Voice Your Vote, a non-partisan commission of the Michigan Student Assembly. Voice Your Vote's access to the residence halls was temporarily restricted last week after Housing officials reported accusations of partisanship amongst members of the MSA-sponsored group.

Styer said a decision to allow the College Democrats to canvass the dorms was made after members from

campaign met with representatives the group to follow the same rules from the housing office and the Of- as Voice Your Vote: All volunteers fice of the General Counsel. He said had to wear nametags and carry the attorneys argued that allowing their MCards, they couldn't apthe College Democrats to carry out proach students with "no solicitacampaign efforts in the dorms didn't tion" signs on their doors and they conflict with the university's require- couldn't canvass after 10 p.m. ment to refrain from endorsing or opposing candidates.

fied him of the decision, adding that in their own dorms, Marvin said. the university would notify residence That is, residents of Markley Hall hall staff early this week.

University Housing officials could in Markley. not be reached for comment.

Democrats were allowed to canvass They are free to wear T-shirts suplast night, senior Sam Marvin, who porting Obama, pass out literature coordinates the group's residence about the Illinois senator and hall outreach, explained voter reg- encourage students to vote for the istration law and how to fill out candidate. forms.

reached between the housing office best behavior.

"It wasn't that it was banned the group and lawyers for the Obama and College Democrats required

Unlike Voice Your Vote, though, College Democrats vol-Styer said an Obama lawyer noti- unteers are only allowed to canvass are only allowed to knock on doors

The College Democrats don't Before volunteers for the College have to remain non-partisan.

Still, Marvin cautioned mem-Marvin said an agreement bers of the group to be on their

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Injury hits 'Dancing with the Stars'

ing with the Stars" contestant Misty May-Treanor is hurt. But will she be out of the competition?

The Olympic gold medalist volleyball player, who scored a 21 out of 30 with professional partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy for their paso doble routine last week, suffered an unspecified injury Friday. A spokeswoman for the popular ABC dancing compeition said the status

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Danc- of May-Treanor's condition — and whether she will continue to dance - would be addressed on Monday's live performance show.

The show's producers said in a statement released Saturday: 'Despite previous reports, she did not break her ankle. She is resting comfortably at home. Doctors will reevaluate her condition on Monday and determine the outcome of her participation on the show."

Lohan's father to box for charity

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Lohan isn't the type to back down from a fight.

The estranged father of Lindsay Lohan has publicly feuded with the actress, her girlfriend Samantha Ronson and her mother Dina Lohan.

For his next battle, Lohan will use his fists rather than his mouth: He's auctioning off the chance to knock him out in a charity boxing match Nov. 24 at the Hilton Long Island in Melville, N.Y.

Bidding to challenge Lohan begins at \$5,000. Proceeds will go to charities including the Long Island Community Chest, which provides financial support to needy families.

Illness affects three Jackson concerts

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -Janet Jackson has postponed three more shows because of an undisclosed illness.

Her publicist said in an e-mail late Saturday that Jackson was postponing a Saturday show in Greensboro, N.C., one on Sunday

in Atlanta and a third on Tuesday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A statement from Jackson said she arrived in Greensboro, N.C., hoping to perform there Saturday, but a local doctor advised that she not perform after it became "evident" she was not fully recovered.

Shock jock Howard Stern ties knot

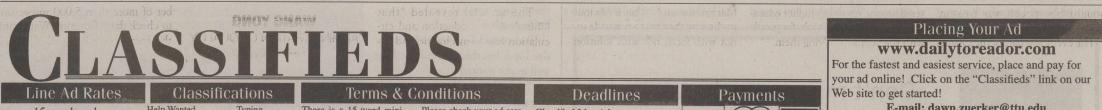
NEW YORK (AP) — Shock jock Howard Stern has embraced tradition. The radio talk show host known for hosting porn stars married his longtime girlfriend, Beth Ostrosky, on Friday.

"I can't wait to marry Howard," she told Newsday before the ceremony at Manhattan's tony Le Cirque restaurant, adding, "I know, everyone laughs!"

The bride wore a white chiffon gown with cutaway back and sides. Officiating at the ceremony was actor Mark Consuelos, Kelly Ripa's husband and an ordained minister.

The 180 guests included Joan Rivers, Barbara Walters, Billy Joel, Steve Schirripa, Chevy Chase, Tommy Mottola, and Donald and Melania Trump.

They dined on tuna tataki, scrambled eggs with white truffles and striped bass with caviar washed down with wine and champagne. Songwriter Phoebe Snow serenaded the newlyweds with "You Send Me," and Joel crooned "The Stranger.'



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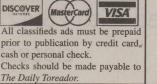
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Tech handled Kansas State's defenses with

SPORTS

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

For Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach, seeing three defenses rolled into one makes for a great day . at the office.

"The good news is you're moving the ball," Leach said. "Otherwise, they keep running the same defense that they did. You just try to react to it and respond to it."

Alternating between the run and pass, Tech's offense did a good job of reacting to Kansas State's defense throughout the Red Raiders' 58-28 victory on Saturday.

Leach said he noticed the Wildcats played three different defenses throughout the game, giving Tech quarterback Graham Harrell the opportunity to adjust the play as he saw fit.

The first defense was a mixture of coverages with no blitzes, the second threw in the blitz with some coverages and the third defense was pretty much all blitzing, Leach said.

With that type of variation, Leach acknowledged that Harrell's ability to make the right checks was the the defense. reason for touchdown plays to Lyle Leong and Michael Crabtree. Also, the quickest because he's under cen-Tech's first offensive series when it ter," Leach said. "On the sideline and gashed the Wildcats with the run on the top, there's a certain amount game was a result of Harrell reading of guess work with (coaches). It's some way to attack, which he did a



TEXAS TECH'S GRAHAM Harrell threw six touchdown passes, tying his career high, in the Red Raiders' 58-28 win over Kansas State Saturday.

"(Harrell's) the guy that can do it

like, 'Last time in this situation, (Kansas State) did this, they might do that,' so if we call this, and then we actually call it, then it's not that. He can straighten it out and find

good job of a number of times.

(Kansas State) wanted two safeties (in pass coverage), but then we were Tech has rushed for more than 100 in that position and then go after able to run the ball well that first series. So then they went one safety,

but they wouldn't blitz, but they kept more people around the ball."

pair of records belonging to former quarterback Kliff Kingsbury, Harrell another in a 454-yard performance Offensive Player of the Week and we rushed for over a 100 yards that Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the we lost." Week honors Monday.

the ball has been helpful for him as a 13-10 loss to Alabama in the 2006 a quarterback this year. He leads the Cotton Bowl. nation in passing yards with 2,027, while throwing 18 touchdowns and three interceptions.

"If the box is light, there's not many people around the line, then the run is effective and we're running to put someone in there, now you're or Baron Batch as the lone back. short-handed to defend the pass."

Tech's rushing attack averages 5.4 yards per carry, 144.4 yards per game and has scored 14 total touchdowns this season, which has been a sign of does. good things to come against teams

"I think that's part of why I think than 100 yards on the ground, and yards in each of its first five wins in 2008.

"I think it's the best we've run the ball since I've been here," Harrell On his way to passing another said, "or at least since I've played for sure in the last three years. That's huge. The other day I was talking threw for six touchdowns and ran for to (Tech special teams coach) Clay McGuire, who played here, and he that earned him Big 12 Conference said, 'I can't remember a game where

The last time Tech gained 100 Harrell said Tech's ability to run yards rushing in a losing effort was in

Because of Tech's efficient run game, Leach said the offense has implemented a few new sets to give it a new look. During the Kansas State game, on several occasions, Tech had Harrell under center and ran the ball the ball well," he said. "Now you have with running back Shannon Woods

Leach said the changes are not drastic. Instead, they are reshuffling certain players to give a formation a face-lift, dictating what a defense

"Sometimes just out of differthat have difficulty stopping the run. ent sets and things, different teams Under Leach since 2000, the Red are inclined to put their people in Raiders are 35-9 when gaining more different places," he said. "If you can come up with something that's 19-1 since 2005. Not to mention, predictable, you'll try to get them what you saw."

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Tech cross country finishes 12th at Notre Dame Invitational

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's cross country team now has an idea of where it stands against the nation's best

The No. 21 women's team finished 12th Friday in the Blue Diviin South Bend, Ind.

5K, Notre Dame Invitational gave his team a chance to see how it stacked up against some of the nation's best. "The goal was to go up and beat a

few teams that stood a chance at going to nationals," he said. "Try to get a better position going to nationals out sion at the Notre Dame Invitational of regionals. We did that, had a good chelle Guzman finished 98th with a

Tech coach Jon Murray said the and we'll go from there."

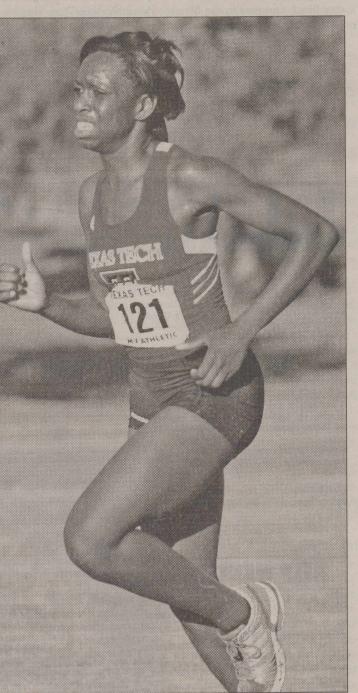
Lillian Badaru, placing fourth, finished with a time of 16 minutes 39 place runner Brie Felnagle of North Carolina. Gladys Kipsang finished 34th with a time of 17:17, Asia Diaz came in 58th finishing at 17:36, Mi-

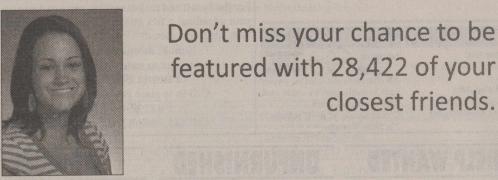
competition, raced some great people time of 18:04 and Chep Boit came in 120th with a time of 18:17.

"We beat a few teams that I think will be very close going to nationseconds, 18 seconds behind the first als," Murray said. "Objectively, we weren't quite as strong without Sally (Kipyego). That would have a pretty big impact on where we placed. But, 10 of the 11 teams were ranked and there were several ranked teams behind us."

> Badaru said Tech wanted to make the Top 5, but the team did not do as well as she wanted.

"So far that was the most competitive meet I have ever ran," she said.





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The first three girls were really good and they took me so far. I had to keep up with them and I liked it, so I ran my best time."

In Stillwater, Okla., the Tech men's cross country team competed Saturday at the 8K Cowboy Jamboree, finishing eighth while the rest of the women's team placed 25th overall.

"They had some good performances there — several that were real close to their personal best," Murray said. "It was a much better effort than what we had at our home meet, so I think they showed a lot of progress."

The Red Raiders were led by Gilbert Limo who finished 10th with a time of 24:24. Cory Higgins came in 53rd with a time of 26:02. Logan Culotta finished 60th with a time of 26:13, followed by Jake Szot in 69th with a time of 26:37 and Nathan Milles who finished 83rd at 26:56.

Daniel Kirwa of No. 3 Harding, a Division II school, won the meet with a time of 23:57.

Limo said Tech did fairly well against some of the best teams in the nation, including No. 2 Oklahoma State.

"It was a very good meet, a very strong meet," he said. "They had very good schools, Big 12 (Conference)

PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreado TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S cross country finished 12th at a Notre Dame Invitational against tough competition.

State which is ranked No. 2. We where we are going and hopefully by were there to see how we would do, Big 12 we will be there." schools, like Kansas and Oklahoma and now we know where we are and **>>>kayla.parham@ttu.edu**

