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STATE

\$172 billion state budget legislation filed

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas budget has been filed as legislation and it's more than \$2 billion in the red.

Lawmakers have a long way to go before there's a final state budget, but if it looks like the version filed in the Senate Tuesday, lawmakers will either have to borrow \$2.3 billion from the so-called Rainy Day Fund or cut state services by that amount.

"This initial budget meets my top priorities by holding the line on state spending, continuing the record local school property tax cuts and funding essential services for the most vulnerable in our society," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said.

NATION

Police: Bomb threat on NJ turnpike not credible

WOODBURY HEIGHTS, N.J. (AP) - A potential bomb threat that shut down part of the New Jersey Turnpike has been found not to be credible, New Jersey State Police said.

State police spokesman Sgt. Stephen Jones said troopers took a 27-year-old Massachusetts man into custody following a car stop around 6:15 p.m. Tuesday in the southbound lanes of the turnpike in Woodbury Heights about six miles south of Exit 3.

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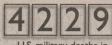
Car bomb targets US military convoy in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two bombs struck separate U.S. military and Iraqi governmental convoys in Baghdad on Tuesday, killing five Iraqi civilians and wounding two American soldiers, the U.S. military said.

The attacks were the latest reminder of the daily violence that continues to face Iragis and Americans even as the U.S. military prepares to withdraw from the country over the next three years.

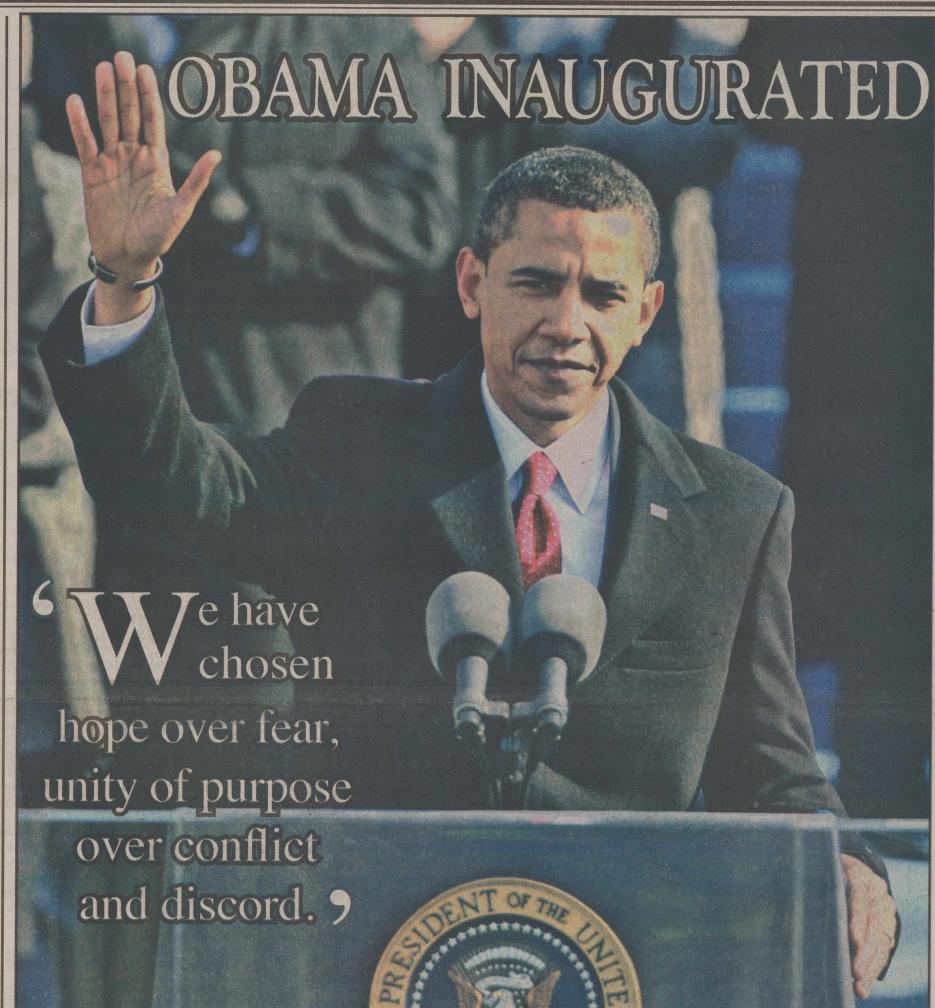
A car bomb targeted a U.S. convoy shortly after 3 p.m. in a northwestern area of Baghdad called Mansour, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding the two U.S. soldiers, the U.S. military said. It added that initial intelligence indicated al-Qaida in Iraq was to blame.

DEATH TOLL



Iraq since fighting began

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Obama takes historic spot as first black president

By JENNIFER LOVEN ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before a jubilant crowd of more than a million, Barack Hussein Obama claimed his place in history as America's first black president, summoning a dispirited nation to unite in hope against the "gathering clouds and raging storms" of war and economic woe.

On an extraordinary day in the life of America, people of all colors and ages waited for hours Tuesday in frigid temperatures to witness the moment as a young black man with a foreign-sounding name took command of a and relaxed through the three days of pre- and his wife, Michelle, climbed out of the nation founded by slaveholders. It was a scene watched in fascination by many millions perhaps billions — around the world.

"We gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord," the nation's 44th president said.

from Republican George W. Bush at the stroke of noon, marking one of democracy's greatest gifts: the peaceful transfer of power.

new administration's first acts, Obama ordered

weeks raised heated debate over rushing new price and the promise of citizenship." rules into effect on the way out the door.

former president.

The new president had been buoyant Lincoln and repeated the inaugural oath under the watchful eyes of security agents. "to preserve, protect and defend" a Con-

But a stark transfer all the same. In one of the part of every American, that we have dugovernment. ties to ourselves, our nation, and the world,

Tuesday was a day of high spirits economic team and Iraq advisers while Democrat who is suffering from brain cancer finally decides our fate." Congress gives his economic revival plan and was rushed to a hospital fwrom a Senate a going-over and takes up the nomination luncheon after the swearing-in. "My prayers of Hillary Rodham Clinton to be secretary are with him and his family and (Kennedy's of state. Her confirmation has been held wife) Vicki," Obama said. Later, fellow Sen. up for now by Republican concern over the John Kerry of Massachusetts said Kennedy foundation fundraising of her husband, the was laughing and joking at the hospital and itching to get back to work.

On the inaugural parade route, Obama inaugural festivities. But he seemed somber heavily armored presidential limousine and as he stood on the Capitol steps, placed his walked a few blocks along famed Pennsylleft hand on the Bible used by Abraham vania Avenue, waving to adoring crowds

Obama wove a thread of personal restitution that originally defined blacks as sponsibility and accountability through The presidency passed to Democrat Obama three-fifths of a person. A deafening cheer his inaugural address, an 18-minute sermon on civic duty. A liberal Democrat propos-'What is required of us now is a new era ing billions of dollars in new spending, of responsibility - a recognition, on the Obama nonetheless spoke of the limits of

"It is the kindness to take in a stranger federal agencies to halt all pending regulations duties that we do not grudgingly accept but when the levees break, the selflessness of

until further review — this after Bush's final rather seize gladly," Obama said. "This is the workers who would rather cut their hours than see a friend lose their job which sees us through our darkest hours," he said. "It is the firefighter's Obama plunges into his new job in jarred by sudden concern about the health courage to storm a stairway filled with smoke, but earnest on Wednesday, meeting with his of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a legendary also a parent's willingness to nurture a child, that

> Obama's 10-year-old daughter, Malia, aimed a camera at her father as he spoke. Michelle leaned onto the edge of her seat, body tensed and brow knitted.

"Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin again the work of remaking America," Obama said.

He alluded to the inability — or unwillingness — of Americans to adjust to the passing of an industrial-based economy. "Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age," he said. With that, the 47-year-old former Illinois senator transformed himself — from a candidate claiming his campaign is about the voters to a president promising to put the nation in the people's hands.

Unlike most predecessors, Obama takes office with his agenda in many ways set for

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POLICE BLOTTER

Students found on Jones AT&T Stadium field, accident with injuries occurs on Tech Parkway

At 10:51 a.m., an officer documentin the Psychiatry Department office.

At 4:33 p.m., an officer arrested a possession of marijuana in the 1800 block of Flint Avenue.

Jan. 13

computer was taken.

theft at Gates Hall. A secured bicycle vehicle was towed to the Tech Police was taken from the northwest bicycle Department evidence garage. The

a hit-and-run accident with no injuries that occurred in the HSC S-1 parking possible identity of the driver.

At 6:15 p.m., an officer investigated an accident with no injuries in the 800 block of University Avenue.

At 8:25 p.m., an officer detained a unknown object. student in Sneed Residence Hall. He drug paraphernalia and then released.

Jan. 14 gated a traffic accident that occurred

ed that a faculty member at the Texas gated a traffic accident in the R-3 park-Tech Health Sciences Center lost keys ing lot where an unattended vehicle

At 3:48 p.m., an officer arrested a non-student passenger in a vehicle for non-student in the Z1-B parking lot for possession of marijuana and driving with

At 7:53 p.m., an officer attempted At 8:47 a.m., an officer investigated to stop a vehicle in the Z5-A parking theft in Holden Hall. A Dell laptop lot. The unidentified driver ran from the vehicle. During the inventory of At 3:00 p.m., an officer investigated the vehicle marijuana was located. The owner of the vehicle was located and At 5:41 p.m., an officer investigated the vehicle released to her. The owner of the vehicle was interviewed to obtain

Jan. 15

At 2:21 p.m., an officer investigated lot. A vehicle was scratched with an a dispute between two individuals in criminal trespass warnings.

At 2:40 p.m., an officer investigated space. was issued a citation for possession of a theft at the law school. An unsecured

At 3:38 p.m., an officer responded At 11:33 a.m., an officer investito an emergency medical call from the HSC on the west side of the Medical in the C-16 parking lot. No injuries Pavilion. Emergency Medical Services on the fifth floor elevator lobby area.

was called and transported the non-At 12:16 p.m., an officer investi- student was to the University Medical

Jan. 16

At 12:18 a.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident with possible injuries at the Texas Tech Parkway and Quaker Avenue intersection. One driver complained of leg pain and was evaluated by Emergency Medical Services. The driver refused further

At 6 p.m., an officer arrested a student for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in Gates Residence Hall while conducting an investigation of harassment in Wall Residence Hall. He was issued a criminal trespass warning from the the Lubbock County Jail.

the Z4-M parking lot over a parking

Jan. 17

At 6:16 p.m., an officer responded to a fire alarm that occurred at Murhead was damaged and sprayed water for public intoxication.

At 6:38 a.m., an officer detained three white male non-students in the 700 block of Flint Avenue. Two were arrested for criminal trespass after the officers investigated suspicious activity. Both were previously arrested for criminal trespass on Tech property. Another officer arrested the third for public intoxication. The three individuals were issued updated criminal trespass warnings. The three individuals were transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Jan. 19

At 3:23 p.m., an officer investigated a hit and run accident in the Z2-B parking lot where an unattended vehicle was struck. There were no injuries.

At 10:36 p.m., an officer detained residence hall, and was transported to two students on the football field of Jones AT&T Stadium. Both students were At 7:36 p.m., an officer docu- released pending the filing of charges criminal mischief in the Z5-B parking mented information in reference to for criminal trespass and were issued

Jan. 20

At 3:53 a.m., an officer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated and possession of alcohol by a minor in the Z5-A parking lot. Following a vehicle dough Residence Hall. A sprinkler check, the officer arrested the passenger

BEYOND THE BLOTTER:

Man caught displaying genitals on camera still not found

An unidentified man who to be driving an older, blue was accused of lewd behavior at Cadillac. a McDonald's drive-thru at 50th after the offense was reported.

The security camera footage from the fast food restaurant indicated the man was recorded Dec. 28 in the drive-thru.

The suspect ordered two and left, said Capt. Greg Stevens of the Lubbock Police Department. He returned and made a second order, and the employee at the window realized the man was not wearing pants as the man attempted tempted to coax her back to Code, chapter 21, section 7.

hair and blue eyes, Stevens information arises. said. The suspect was believed >> sarah.reiman@ttu.edu

The police report created Street and Quaker Avenue has for the incident cited the act not been caught about a month as public lewdness, which could result in six months in jail and/ or a \$2,000 fine.

However, the proper term for the incident would be indecent exposure according to chapter 21, section 8 of the Texas Penal breakfast meals, paid for them Code, Stevens said. Indecent exposure is defined as a situation when genitals are exposed in a reckless manner disregarding whether another is present who will be offended or alarmed by his act.

Public lewdness is defined as to pay the female employee. intercourse of some kind with Although the employee turned another person, animal or fowl, away, the man reportedly at- according to the Texas Penal

Stevens said the suspect The witness described him has not been found, and the as a white male, 5 feet 6 inches department will close the intall, 170 pounds, with blonde vestigation unless any new

Hamas declares victory in rallies across Gaza

the ruins of Gaza, Hamas proclaimed tion in Washington of Barack Obama and two U.N. schools, and demanded victory in rallies attended by thou- as president. However, the temporary a full investigation. As he spoke, the sands of supporters Tuesday, saying cease-fire remained shaky. Israel's air buzz of Israeli unmanned aircraft it survived Israel's military onslaught force struck a Gaza mortar squad after could be heard overhead. despite the destruction and massive it shelled Israel, the military said. death toll suffered by Gazans.

Beyond its fiery words, however, Hamas offered no plans for rebuilding Gaza, which suffered some \$2 billion in damage during three weeks ance and its claim to have survived that hundreds of tons of food and of fighting. Gaza's borders with Israel battle against a vastly more powerful and Egypt, largely sealed since the Islamic militants seized power 19 months ago, remain closed and are City's demolished parliament buildunlikely to open unless the militants ing, Ismail Radwan, a Hamas leader, relinquish some control.

Israel has also claimed victory, but neither side was the clear winner.

Gazans, the vast majority civilians, has been defeated." and thousands of Palestinian homes — 13 dead, including 10 soldiers but halted fire before reaching its ob- week. It hit three warehouses where truce deal is yet in place to prevent Hamas rocket fire on southern Israel or arms smuggling into Gaza.

Israel had withdrawn the bulk of white smoke into the air. Ban said Palestinian President Mahmoud God willing, will be achieved."

bombed-out buildings as backdrops denied. to underscore its message of defi-

Addressing a crowd near Gaza declared: "Hamas today is more powerful." Nearby, militants held up a huge banner proclaiming in

re destroyed. Israel emerged from chief Ban Ki-moon toured the local manitarian law to protect civilian life the five-story parliament, reduced to the war with relatively few casualties U.N. headquarters, inspecting dam- to be respected and restored and not a gray pile of concrete by bombings. age from an Israeli shelling attack last jectives. No internationally backed flour, oil and other food rations for man Rights has reported that 156 not just of the West Bank, but also of Gaza's needy were stored.

still smoldered Tuesday, sending

- Waving green Islamic flags atop ning, coinciding with the inaugura- over the shelling of the compound factions.

Israel has said troops responded Hamas held more than a dozen to fire from militants from the areas, victory rallies across Gaza, choosing a claim the U.N. has vehemently

> medicine were destroyed. "It's totally outrageous and unacceptable," he said, shaking his head. He later visited the Israeli border town of Sderot, a frequent target of

Hamas rockets and expressed sympa-

thy with residents. You live every day with a threat The fighting killed some 1,300 Hebrew: "Hamas is victorious. Israel of a rocket falling from the sky. No human being can live in a state like A few hundred yards away, U.N. this," Ban said. "I expect basic hu- Radwan spoke from a terrace near violated as Hamas has done."

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) its forces from Gaza by Tuesday eve- he felt "utter frustration, utter anger" Abbas' Fatah movement and smaller

However, a Gaza Health Ministry official who also keeps track of casualties, Dr. Moawiya Hassanain, said he believes Hamas and other militant groups have not reported all their dead fighters. Hamas leaders have not spoken publicly about the number of fighters killed so as not to hurt During a tour, Ban was told militants' morale. Hamas commands about 20,000 armed men.

Two of the top five Hamas leaders were killed in the Israeli bombings. The others, Mahmoud Zahar, mastermind of the 2007 Gaza takeover, and Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, have not emerged from hiding.

A dozen victory rallies across Gaza were led Tuesday by second-tier Hamas officials.

In Gaza City, Hamas legislator He said Hamas is stronger than ever The Palestinian Center for Hu- and poised to one day take control militants were killed in the fight- Israel. "Gaza is not our goal," he told Piles of rice, beans and medicine ing, including 48 from Hamas, 34 the crowd. "The liberation of all of from Islamic Jihad and the rest from Palestine, from the river to the sea,

Criticized Texas university president planning to retire

McALLEN (AP) — The presi- the pressures weighing on Cardedent of University of Texas-Pan nas were the daily demands of a American, accused anonymously university president amplified by of plagiarism, said Tuesday she is retiring because of "pressures" that taxed her health and distracted her spoke to him about the inquiry

announced she will step down at the the investigation had advanced. end of the month after 41/2 sometimes Cardenas never addressed the alturbulent years at the university.

"The pressures of the last several months have seriously taxed my System. health and well-being and impaired my ability to lead the University gations mailed to the University with the intensity and focus I believe of Texas System and media outnecessary," Cardenas said in a letter lets around the state suggested to the campus issued Tuesday. She Cardenas had plagiarized portions underwent heart surgery in 2007.

versity of Texas System Interim faculty. Chancellor Kenneth Shine of her decision in late December.

fice and president's office both said the allegations, but David Prior, Cardenas would not be available to the executive vice chancellor comment Tuesday.

Paul Sale, UTPA vice president inquiry was halted before it was for academic affairs, said he believed finished.

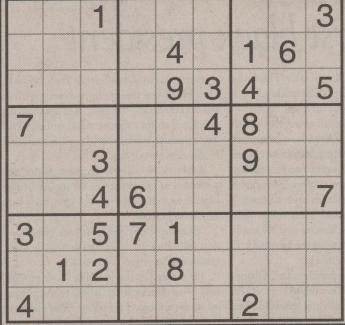
the economic downturn.

Sale said Cardenas never into the plagiarism allegations Blandina "Bambi" Cardenas, 64, and he was unaware of how far leged plagiarism publicly, always referring questions to the UT

In October, anonymous alleof her doctoral dissertation. The Cardenas said she informed Uni-senders claimed to be UTPA

The university system, which oversees nine universities, said in The university's public affairs of- late October it would investigate for academic affairs, said the

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Defense: Prosecutors want to pause Gitmo trials

BASE, Cuba (AP) — Guantanamo tried before the tribunals. prosecutors want to put the war lawyers said Tuesday.

commissions system and the legal alternatives for prosecuting suspected liam Kuebler, a military defense law-

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL yer who represents a Canadian being withdrawn without prejudice, which

Air Force Col. Peter Masciola, crimes trials on hold while the future the chief defense counsel for the court martial, a civilian court or a of the widely criticized tribunals Guantanamo military commissions, combination, Masciola said. remains in doubt, military defense said the chief prosecutor, Army Prosecutors want an indefinite discuss the proposal. Defense lawyers said they intended to charge dozens continuance of all pending cases oppose an indefinite stay and would more. while President Barack Obama's challenge the motion if filed, fearing

terrorists, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Wil- Guantanamo military commissions think the commissions process is and have pending charges formally fundamentally flawed.'

would allow authorities to refile them later in a traditional U.S. military

The military has charges pend-Col. Lawrence Morris, called him to ing against 21 men and officials had

"The prosecution would rather see administration reviews the military it is a bid to buy time to preserve the a delay because they want to keep the cases in the commissions process," Defense lawyers want to scrap the Masciola said. "They don't, like us,

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Authorities think money manager planned to vanish

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A missing hedge fund manager who owed investors a \$50 million payout told his wife in a note he felt guilty about mismanaging people's money, and threatened to kill himself, according to a sheriff's report released Tuesday.

However, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office said it believes Arthur G. Nadel planned his disappearance and that it was ending its search for him.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation will continue to investigate complaints from investors who were expecting Nadel to deliver the \$50 million redemption on Jan. 15, the day after he disappeared.

The Florida financier's car was found at a Sarasota airport, and Sheriff's Lt. Chuck Lesaltato said they believe Nadel left on his own volition.

"He doesn't want to be found," Lesaltato said.

Also on Tuesday, pepper spray manufacturer Mace Security International claimed Nadel owed them \$2.2 million. The company said in a release they'd been informed the deposits could not be located, and that documents Nadel had provided were not authentic.

"We have already filed a report with authorities, and we intend to take all possible legal action against the Victory Fund," Mace CEO Dennis Raefield said, referring to one of Nadel's hedge

Job market increases graduate degree interest

By GARRETT JAMES SALZMAN STAFF WRITER

Should I stay or should I go? trying to decide between attending graduate school and entering a shrinking and increasingly competitive job market.

Danny Lund, a senior electronic tends to be the case here." media and communications major double major and master's degree. He said the state of the economy been reflected at Tech. played a deciding role in his decision to stay in college.

said. "I think with the way our economy is right now, it's a smart idea to stay in school to best prepare yourself for the job opportunities that will open up once the economy bounces back."

Lundsaidhe hoped his time spent earning a master's degree will provide him with a greater understanding of his chosen career, which will en-

petition with more students staying too early to tell this year." in school because they're unable to me best."

ness school admissions officials at Tech on the economic state. surveyed believe graduate busigraduate programs for Kaplan, said this increase in competitiveness can

think if they have no success getting a job, they should take the opportunity to go to grad school. Some see it as a way to wait out the recession, and maybe five years down the road

things will be different." Kedrowski said the effect of

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for Kaplan.

"Over the past three months, we without proof of causation. That is the question weighing on the have seen a double-digit increase in minds of many Texas Tech students interest in our graduate school test prep programs," she said. "As for if the economy is playing a part in that, it's definitely something that historically has been the case and sity Career Services for Tech, said it

W.J. Conover, coordinator of from Spring, has answered the Tech's master of business administra- after undergraduate study based on dilemma with a plan to pursue a tion program, said the national trend their own ambitions and not the of increased competitiveness has not

"(The economy) is definitely a he said. Students are not competing market because it's not as good as

I don't want them

to not look at the

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Jobs aren't going to

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DAVE KRAUS

DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY

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criteria.

Although he increase in apeffects of the weak job market will be ap-

ing so far, but experience." usually when

able him to make good decisions ment goes up," he said. "Starting Although she is nervous about the when he does enter the workforce. next fall we should see the effect of economic outlook, she said she "I think there will be huge com- the economy on admissions, but it's

Duane Crawford, associate dean find jobs," Lund said. "I'm worried for admissions and recruitment about it being costly and still not for Tech's graduate school, said albeing able to find a job that suits though it is commonly accepted that for Pixar, Braddock said she would graduate school applicants increase According to a survey conducted in a weakened economy, he is hesi- in the current market to work for an by Kaplan, 75 percent of 250 busi- tant to blame increased applications

ness programs have become more on the street knowledge that gradu- two to three years but is eager to get competitive in the past three years. ate school applications are inversely out of Lubbock in hopes of establish-Jennifer Kedrowski, director of related with how well the economy ing a career first. is performing," Crawford said, "I'm just not convinced it's the economy. have to take less pay and do really be attributed to a growing number of Now, I'm not convinced it isn't the well to improve," Braddock said, students entering advanced degree economy, but from where we stand "but there's some point you realize,

"There's a lot of different reasons of graduate school applications has I'm getting an education, but for for that," she said. "Some people increased 21 percent in the past me personally, I really want the has been with the graduate school. I can get." He said his background as a cultural >>> garrett.saizman@ttu.edu

the economy on students pursuing scientist makes him wary of making graduate school has been measurable a connection between the increase in applications and the economy

> "It's a cultural truism, but I have yet to see a study that proves it," he said. "There could always be other factors at play."

Dave Kraus, director of Univeris important for students to make a personal decision about their futures perceived health of the job market.

"I always tell students to explore Tech's business administration all of their options," he said. "I don't program does not limit enrollment, want them to not look at the job huge reason why I'm staying," Lund for a limited number of spaces, be- it was a year ago. Jobs aren't going cause students to just fall out of the sky. However, are admitted I tend to be an optimist and I think based on a set people who put forth the effort will succeed regardless."

Kraus said there is merit to has not seen an beginning a career in a difficult job market, such as gaining work plications this experience that cannot be obtained year, Conover in school. He said despite the reports said he believes of a worsening economy, there are eventually the more than 700 job listings on the Tech employment Web site.

"Job experience is always a plus," Kraus said. "It adds maturity and experience in a work environment "I haven't and responsibilities. There's nothseen it happen- ing like getting some real world

Lauren Braddock, a junior elececonomic con- tronic communications major from ditions are bad Houston, said her goal to gain the graduate work experience drove her to atschool enroll- tempt graduating a semester early. believes experience gained from beginning her career as soon as possible will give her an edge in a competitive field.

Although her ideal job is to work be realistic and take any opportunity employer willing to hire her. She said she plans to attend law school "It seems it's some kind of man after gaining work experience for

"I know I'm probably going to programs because of the economic our numbers just don't show that." 'I'm only going to do so much with Crawford said while the number an undergrad degree.' It's great that year, that number also increased hands-on experience of a job. So each of the previous five years he I'm going to suck it up and see what

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PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreado STEPHANIE WEHMEIER, ASSOCIATE director of University Career Services, speaks with students about how to navigate the job market when the nation is going through an economic recession and Joe Duke, the Associate Director of University Career Center, listens.

TIPS FOR JOB SEARCHING DURING A RECESSION

Get hands-on experience, even if it means volunteer work or unpaid internships

Start looking for a job earlier than you think you need to

Concentrate on networking, and tell everyone you know you are seeking employment

Have University Career Services review your resume and conduct a mock interview

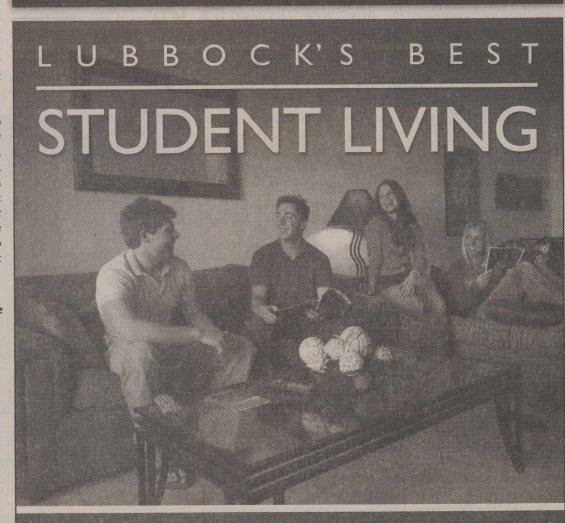
Be proactive when looking for a job

Make sure to follow up and be persistent and polite but not annoying

Send a personal hand-written note to thank interviewers

Keep your voice mailbox, Facebook profile and resume professional

SOURCE: STEPHANIE WEHMEIER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES

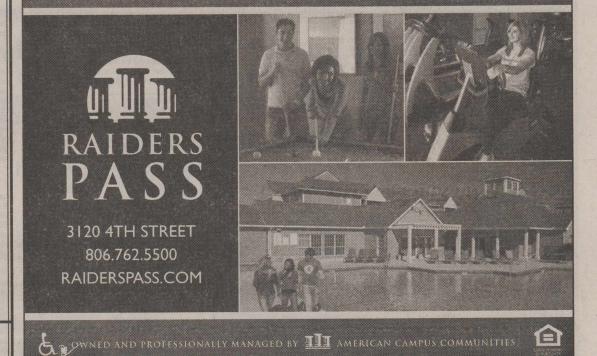


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developed either a

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scientific theory.

stronomer and philosopher Carl Sagan once said humanity is the universe becoming self-aware.

Anyone up-to-date on the current level of understanding that science has given us about the workings of the universe would definitely agree we are becoming very "aware" of the universe answered, we have not yet come to a around us. But it seems that we have consensus concerning our humanity. very little understanding not of physics, chemistry or mathematics, but of will attempt to address the following

sociology, biology or any of the physical sciences concerning humans. I mean that we have a very great, if incomplete, most fundamental of humanity's ques- our world as a feudal understanding of how humanity functions is also the most controversial. In monarch rules over tions, but not a great understanding of this column I will take a look at the wide his realm? Did we our real role in our ecosystem.

of divine creation depending on your place over days rather than millennia? belief, we have been asking the same fundamental questions.

While some have attempted to our species believe they have been the Big Bang and Darwin's evolutionary



In my columns for the next month, I questions as completely as possible and I'm not talking about psychology, give my own personal understanding

First, how did we get here? This, the hold dominion over range of theories and beliefs around the evolve to fill some Since humans first distinguished question of human genesis. Are we the niche in the ecolthemselves from their primate cousins product of 18 billion years of evolution- ogy of the planet 120,000 years ago in the fertile plains of ary history? Were we created from some Central Africa, or appeared in an instant divine cosmic creation event that took

history has had or developed either a selection and become masters of our to avoid suffering the destruction of answer these questions and many of creation mythor scientific theory. From own evolution?

Second, why are we here? For what purpose were we created, and what role do we currently play in the ecology of the planet? Were we placed here do 120,000 years ago? role that nature in-

Every society and civilization that tended for us, or have we broken free own demise? Or perhaps will we simply has ever walked and written down their of the primordial control of natural be raptured up into paradise in order

Are we a mistake of the evolutionary

the bare bones to compare and contrast our planet of its natural resources? Once understanding of what lies around the where we agree and where we disagree again, I will turn to both religion and about how we came to be in the first modern science to see where we agree

> and disagree on our role in the unlikely story of life on our little island in the

> Third, where are we going? Will humanity fall victim to the fate of. countless species that came before us or will our intelligence, adaptability or perhaps divine intervention allow us to persist through the ages?

Will we be the architects of our

the planet?

theories to the Judeo-Christian story of process and has nature inadvertently through the eyes of scientists, futurists understanding of humanity's role on creation occurring over six days, I will engineered its own destruction; are we and the end times prophecies of sev- Planet Earth by pondering what we'll pick apart the details and get down to like a parasite, hell-bent on draining eral major religions to try and grasp an leave behind. corner for the human race.

> Finally, what will happen to Earth once we are long gone? In this final column in the series, I will write under the likely assumption that Earth will be here long after we have gone. Will the by many millennia of human existence? Will erosion slowly eat away at the buildings and monuments left behind by the final humans, or will some things weather the test of time to stand alone as memorials to those long gone? Will Earth, over thousands of years, return to look as it did in the moments before leave behind. While much of these man's genesis, or will it be forever altered by the species that broke free from evo- and my own speculations, this story of lution to conquer a planet?

To answer these questions, I will draw again from religious texts and speculation of writers and futurists such as Alan Weisman, the author of fundamental questions. "The World Without Us," my inspira-
Johnston is a sophomore tion for this series of columns. From computer science major these sources and speculation, I hope from Lubbock, E-mail him at I will take a look at these questions that perhaps we can gather a greater derek.johnston@ttu.edu.

This first column is intended to get you thinking about these questions to be addressed in the coming weeks. Although a great deal of research has gone into this series already, I am not an ecologist, physicist, biologist, religious scholar or by any means an expert in any planet recover from the toll taken on it of the fields concerning the issues I plan to write about as I attempt to explore these questions of human existence.

> That is why I am calling on the readers of The Daily Toreador to e-mail me and share your thoughts about where we came from, why we're here, where we're going, and what you think we'll articles will contain my own opinions humanity is not mine alone to tell. For that reason, help me tell our story, send me an e-mail, and let me know how you would answer some of humanity's most

Bush worthy of admiration despite flaws

By MAX LANDMAN DAILY SKIFF (TEXAS CHRISTIAN U.)

In his farewell address last Thursday night, President Bush thanked the an opportunity to serve. But most Americans weren't thinking, "You're welcome, and consoled the American people with Mr. President."

Closing his presidency with a 34 percent approval rating, according to a good reason for that.

For liberals, his embrace of faith-based programs, opposition to gay marriage and stem cell research and his traditionalist stances on social policies have left more the weight of the moment, and how than a sour taste in their mouths. For badly our country needed something conservatives, his watch over unprecto cheer. In a time when our nation edented growth in government spending collectively felt more vulnerable and national debt have left no sweeter than it had in more than five decades, an impression. His handling of the war Americans took solace in the fact that freedom and defeat its enemies. in Iraq frustrated people in every corner their president was a strong man with of the political spectrum.

But despite his failures, Bush has done which we should all be thankful. great things, and history will remember

American people for giving him handling of the months following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. He guided strength common among great leaders in ing gripped by the tyrannical hands of ties, qualities that Bush reminded us history. I dare say I have never been more a merciless dictator to an imperfect, but of in his farewell speech. Whatever proud to be an American than when he Gallup poll, Bush left as one of the most threw out the first pitch, a strike, at game unpopular presidents ever, and there's three of the 2001 World Series at Yankee took the final steps late last year to agree

You could say that was little more than a footnote in the grand scheme of things, but you have to remember

him better than his approval ratings now a wasteland brought on by American and hoping and praying he can help arrogance, the desire for a free society our economy rebound along with Foremost of these was the president's burns brightly in the hearts of so many our position in the world. These are peace-loving people. Imagine that in a awfully high expectations for a new period of less than 10 years, a Middle Eastern nation could change from be- Obama will need some of Bush's qualigenuine democracy.

Now that American and Iraqi officials on the withdrawal of American troops by the end of 2011, that prospect is becoming a reality. That freedom comes at a very high price, but it is a price so many Iraqis and Americans were willing to pay.

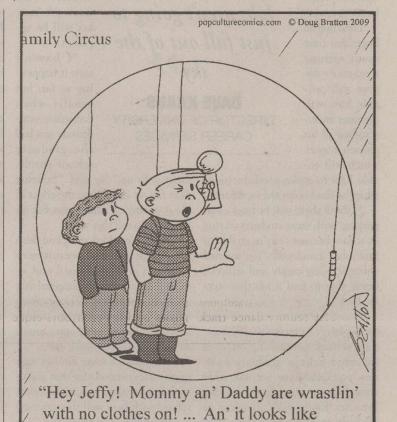
None of it would have been possible if Bush would have caved when the war reached its lowest point, but the president never wavered from his resolve to spread

strong values. That is something for and the first of Barack Obama's, most of stand on them when times get tough.

us will be glad to look forward and In Iraq, a country that once seemed not back, embracing our new leader leader. To fulfill them in the least, your opinion of the 43rd president, he is a man of deep convictions and resolve — a man who wasn't afraid to state moral absolutes.

> "... [G]ood and evil are present in this world, and between the two of them there can be no compromise,"

No matter which side of the political fence one stands on, everyone should hope Obama will have the courage to execute his vision from solid ground. May the new president know On this last day of Bush's presidency his absolutes and never be afraid to



New big government changes potentially dangerous for Americans

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what happens when

the government pulls

the strings?

By ISAIAH BERG THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

into a dark age of socialism and regulation, or righting the wrongs

can politics; look up from your food tray and you'll see a generation mess we're in.

our country.

plans to embark on a nearly unprec- the deal, they ran mericans can't really edented level of federal spending decide who or what is and government-directed invest- of public uproar. to blame for the cur- ment. These times demand a rent mess we're in, much less how critical eye; we elected Obama, and launched a pubto get out of it. Are we plunging now we have to be prepared for the licity campaign consequences.

Look at the example of a recent to block the poof capitalist greed? What you hear transportation dispute in Chicago. tential surge of depends on whether you're tuned Canadian National Railway Co. rail traffic. into O'Reilly or Olbermann. But purchased a suburban rail line from punditry is beside the point; the U.S. Steel to ease congestion in the bitious ad camreal question is whether or not the freight train bottleneck in Chicago. sacrifices we must make will help. As freight trains, carrying everything from grain commodities to Barack Obama's election has Asian technology imports, compete been hailed as a new day in Ameri- for limited track, inefficiency and urgently depictcongestion rules the day.

Easing that congestion makes bulances stopped that has been galvanized by him. sense, especially when you look at a busy railroad We have had Sept. 11, two wars, at the environmental benefits and bubbles burst; and now we have cost reductions of transporting argues that every chosen a young, brilliant senator freight by train. After all, a freight minute your defibrillation is de- Gutenberg forced boredom and object, especially when you confrom Illinois to lead us out of the train can move a ton of freight layed, your chances of survival go some unemployment on the monk sider how clean our coal industry over 400 miles on a single gallon down by 10 percent.

President Obama has taken of fuel. However, as Canadian

into a firestorm Wealthy suburbs and hired lawyers

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This all seems to imply that strong, bottom-up innovation. In

ties instead, who successes. So what happens are overrun with train traffic and when progress is more than a freight train occasionally rumbling through the rail line and overrode the subneighborhood? And urbanites.

As most positive change and auto industry. progress goes, someone had nienced.

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layed for low-in- we need to ensure that our solu-

Daddy's winnin'."

So what happens when progress is more than a freight train oc-In the end, how- strings? As part of the Big Three's justified in the name of a greater transportation these companies' business plans, government be the one deciding? board approved demanding that they invest in building small, electric cars for a is inherently evil, nor do I wish questionable market. Some see it to contribute to the "Obama is a as a victory for sustainability and socialist" mantra that was all too "greening" the gas-guzzler-laden pervasive in the lead-up to Novem-

works to forcefully phase out the diligence in the years ahead. We'll to be inconve- coal industry in favor of greener all be asked to make sacrifices to see alternatives. The coal industry and this country change for the better sure its thousands of employees would industry, but that's the nature of is compared to China's.

Government intervention is pages out of FDR's playbook and National was about to complete emergency medicine should be de- our race for an economic cure, picking winners and losers in our economy; and lately, the winners come communi- tions target our failures, not our have had substantial lobbying budgets.

No matter what you think of Obama, you have to eventually don't have the casionally rumbling through your consider the government's everpublicists or law- neighborhood? And what happens expanding powers and responsiyers to fight it. when the government pulls the bilities. Is anything and everything ever, our federal bailout, Washington is now writing American good? And should our

> I do not believe government ber. What I do want to do is chal-Other "victories" are in the lenge liberals on campus to exercise in the years ahead. Let's ensure that our liberty, our entrepreneurial spirit and our greatest economic strengths aren't on the altar.

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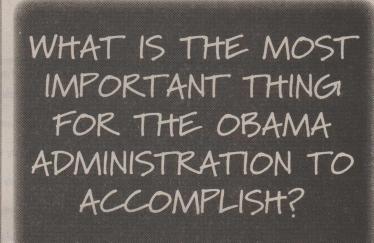
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- DJ CTRL Z with DJ Zoe and DJ Lazy Boy at Jake's Back Room. Doors
- Dance Tech: Artistry in Motion will perform at 8 p.m. in the Maedgen Theatre at Texas Tech. Free for student with Tech ID on Wednesday

Thursday

- Bleu Edmondson with Dustin Garrett at Jake's Back Room. Doors open 8 p.m. Cost \$10.
- Manny Rodriquez will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stella's
- Open mic night hosted by Doug James at the Conference Cafe.
- Brian Regan will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Tickets at Select-A-Seat.
- Dance Tech: Artistry in Motion will perform at 8 p.m. in the Maedgen Theatre at Texas Tech.

- Graham Wilkinson and the Underground Township with One Wolf and Tanner Billings at Jake's Back Room. Doors open at 9 p.m. The John Curtis Band at 10 p.m. in Buca's Grill and Bar.
- D.G. Flewellyn will perform from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's
- Nine O'Clock Shadow will perform at Conference Cafe.
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Saturday

- The Urgency and The Exit with Once Called Ghosts and other special guests at Jake's Back Room. Doors open 9 p.m. Cost \$8 for ages 21 and older and \$10 for under 21.
- Mike Pritchard and Mark Walney will perform from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.
- Justin Ford Band will perform at Conference Cafe.
- Dance Tech: Artistry in Motion will perform at 8 p.m. in the Maedgen Theatre at Texas Tech.

Dance Tech: Artistry in Motion will perform at 2 p.m. in the Maedgen Theatre at Texas Tech.

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Animal Collective's new album presents new tracks, same unconventional sound

In the past, wrapping one's head around an Animal Collective album took repeated listens and an open ear, eager to look past the familiar drones and hums that give the New York City group their trademark sound.

Such is not the case for Merriweather Post Pavilion, the folout. Sure, the affected vocals and chants and instrumental hooks. unconventional noise is there; it

ture. The boys have created some- needed decrescendo. thing most thought would never times, shake one's rump to.

leaked onto the Internet late last quips about life and ethics. Avey blips and bleeps. Sure, the songs Williams is a senior Electronic year. What starts as a pretty me- Tare focuses on structure, some- are long and filled with an array of Media & Communications major diocre, typical AC intro transforms thing that Panda Bear consistently mostly electronic sounds, but this from Gruver. E-mail him at ben. into a 21st century dance track misses on his Beach Boys-esque sound is now more focused, tighter williams@ttu.edu.



low-up to the major-label debut for hipsters to swivel to. Other sound like a mess in any other they deserve it. Strawberry Jam. It's easily the standouts include "Summertime group's hands. most accessible collection of songs Clothes" and "Brother Sport," both

The album isn't without its is, after all, an Animal Collective introspective slow tracks either. What lies beneath, however, is Running" and "Daily Routine"

Vocalists Avey Tare and Panda Take "My Girls," the first track wild pop soundscape with lyrical hums and intentionally irritating just doing what they do best.

solo efforts such as 2007's Person and more mature. Pitch. But this much is clear melodically: both know where they're up and, in the process, created going better than they ever have their masterpiece. before.

and sounds the band has ever put featuring instantly memorable such as Feels and Strawberry Jam is get better with every disc they trying to redefine the way music is really done what other bands do made. They're still breaking bar-Brilliant ballads like "No More riers, still turning heads and still experimenting. What they're not great example would be Avey Tare instantly recognizable pop struc- provide this journey with a much- doing anymore, however, is getting and Panda Bear. With Merriweathboring and producing filler.

Animal Collective has grown

In less than nine years, Ani-Their love of folk, pop, elec- mal Collective has risen to intronic music and African sounds ternational critical acclaim and shines through brightly; it's a melt- incredulous amounts of hype. ing pot of influences that would What's even more respectable is

There aren't many bands in The sounds of previous efforts the so-called "indie" genre that there. Animal Collective are still record, but this band has never in any context.

Define "nonconformity" and a er Post Pavilion, however, they've Frankly, while there were bright proven they can sharpen their exist — a pure Animal Collective Bear have come together with a moments, the early days of the sound, add traditional musical album to sing along to and, at cohesive mission statement this Collective were mostly hit or miss. conventionalities, and still be the time around, and what occurs is a Gone are the days of 12-minute band we know and love. They're

Man pleads not guilty to killings

CHICAGO (AP) — Jennifer be reassigned to another judge, though mother and brother and the 7-year-old courtroom. son of his estranged wife.

guilty pleas to first-degree murder and the last of three Cook County courtrooms he appeared in Tuesday.

Hudson's sister, Julia Hudson. He is charged in the October deaths of the sisters' mother, Darnell Donerson, city's West Side. their brother, Jason Hudson, and Julia Hudson's 7-year-old son, Julian King.

three in a jealous rage because he was upset Julia Hudson had been dating another man.

Hudson's brother-in-law pleaded not they did not give a reason. Presiding Judge guilty Tuesday to charges he shot to Paul P. Biebel Jr. then reassigned the case death the Oscar-winning actress's and Balfour entered his plea in the final

Defense attorney Joshua Kutnick said William Balfour, 27, entered not he plans to ask at Balfour's next court appearance, set for Jan. 27, that Balfour home invasion charges after nodding be moved from a state prison in Joliet to members of his family gathered in to Cook County Jail to make it easier to meet with him.

The bodies of Donerson and Iason Balfour is married to Jennifer Hudson were discovered Oct. 24 at the family's South Side home. King's body was found three days later in an SUV on the

Balfour was arrested shortly after the killings and held in Chicago police cus-Prosecutors allege Balfour shot the tody for 48 hours — the longest a person can be held without charges — before his transfer to state custody on what authorities said was a parole violation. He was Prosecutors first asked that the case charged with murder last month.



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

Martin Luther King Jr. celebrated by gospel singers

By CASANDRA BLUDORN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech and the Lubbock community were brought together by music Monday night at the Gospel Awards Cer-Jr. in the Allen Theater of the Student Union Building.

Disc jockeys Dee Brown and Kristi was a success. Kelly of the local radio station 104.9 The Beat spoke at the event, which celebrated and groups of gospel singers.

The event was sponsored by the Office Relations at Tech. of Student Diversity Relations, Mentor Tech and several other organizations.

Several local churches were given States. awards for achievements such as gospel choir of the year and pastor of the year, and came another performance.

Each performance included audience participation, from singing along to clapping hands.

also performed at the event.

Michael Dawodu, a senior electrical

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ville, said he enjoyed participating in the event "because brother King was fellow Alpha, and it meant a lot to honor him in that way." The committee members who orga-

engineer technology major from Lewis-

emony to honor Dr. Martin Luther King nized the event said they wanted to unite Tech students and Lubbock community, and they said they believed the event "What better way to honor Dr. King

than by celebrating on the eve of Barack the life of King by awarding local churches Obama's inauguration," said Sofia Rodriguez, the director of Student Diversity

Kelly agreed there was a link between King and the 44th president of the United

"Growing up you always hear 'I have a dream, I have a dream," Kelly said, "but with the announcement of each winner today, for me, the dream is being realized with the election of Barack Obama."

> Brown said there is a lesson to be learned from both men. "You can take away the dreamer,"

dream.' » casandra.bludorn@ttu.edu

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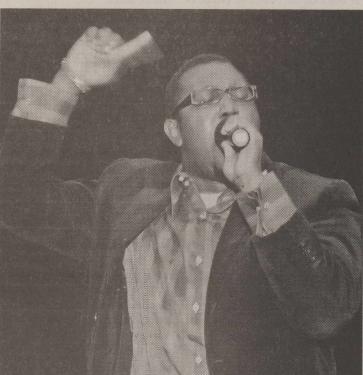


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Alpha Phi Alpha, a fraternity at Tech, he said, "but you can't take away the ELDER JACKIE JOHNSON Jr. of Mt Gilead Baptist Church Gospel Choir sings during the Gospel Music Awards on Monday in the Allen Theater of the Student Union Building.

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Crowd prevents Tech student from entering inauguration

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Two Texas Tech students and National FFA Organization officers were at the nation's capital during the presidential inauguration ceremony.

While both were able to make it near the security gates, tickets in hand, only one was able to tal during enter the National Mall.

Riley Branch, a senior agriculture leadership major at Tech and National FFA officer, was nearing the entry gates to the ceremony when security guards closed them to the public.

"A lot of people waiting in line didn't have tickets, so they shut down the gates," he said. "I

the Capitol, and by the time I got close to entering they had already closed the gate off."

Despite being denied entrance

to the ceremony, the experience of just being in the capithe historic event was "amazing," BRANCH Branch said.

"The atmosphere of the city was peaceful, and the crowds of people were positive".

People were singing "God Bless America" and the national anthem as they waited in line,

was standing on the north side of he said. When the gates closed, ration event ticket from US Reppeople who were denied entrance huddled around cell phones and watched the event as it streamed

> "The streets were just packed, the metro was packed, it was awesome just to see," Branch said.

> National FFA officers were in the capital to attend a Board of Directors meeting Sunday and to advocate for agriculture education and other agriculture issues, he said. The officers opted to stay in capital after the meeting to attend the inauguration.

> Branch said he is taking a year off school to fulfill his National FFA officer position. He will return to Tech in the Spring 2010 semester. He received his inaugu

resentative Randy Neugebauer.

Congressman Neugebauer who represents the 19th District of Texas, which includes Abilene, Big Spring and Lubbock - was given 198 tickets to the inauguration, said Michelle Ozanus, the communications director for the congressman.

"It's a historic election, and we had a record number of requests (for tickets)," she said. "All of the tickets distributed are free."

Laila Hajji, another national FFA officer and Tech student, said she was in the capital for the same FFA event and was able to attend the ceremony.

"I was about 100 yards from Barack Obama and everyone near

the podium," Hajji said.

During their stay in the capital, the National FFA officers met with some of the organization's

sponsors and tried to promote their cause as much as possible, she said. One goal of the trip was to make more

people aware of what FFA's causes are about.

The officers dressed in their formal FFA attire throughout the extent of their stay in the capital, Hajji said. This was to further promote the organization.

"It feels really good to be an American today," she said. "My dad's from Morocco, and he always tells me that I'm so blessed for

having been born here." Hajji also is taking a year off school to fulfill her National FFA officer position. She received her ticket to the event from Okla-

homa Congressman Frank Lucas. Although the inauguration is over, the FFA hopes to meet with Obama and his administration in the future.

"(The FFA) hasn't missed a president in years," Branch said. "We'll hopefully get a chance to meet with him by July. That's if the new administration is willing to with meet with us, of course.' >>> matthew.cobb@ttu.edu

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An économy that seems more foreboding than at any inauguration since Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in 1933, with some 11 million people now out of work, and trillions of dollars of stock market investments lost. Two wars, one in Iraq that most of the country has long wanted over and another in Afghanistan that is spiraling downward and needs an overhaul. The continuing fear that another calamitous terrorist attack is not out of the question.

More inspirational than prescriptive, Obama's inaugural address only glancingly mentioned a series of promises from his campaign: to get the U.S. out of Iraq, stabilize Afghanistan, create jobs, "restore science to its rightful place," boost the use of alternative energy, address climate change, transform schools, manage government spending wisely and oversee a more bipartisan, less-divisive approach to policy-making.

To a world eager for his leadership to replace Bush's, Obama had welcome words: "We are ready to lead once more.'

His ascension to the White House was cheered around the world as a sign that America will be more embracing, more open to change. "To the Muslim world," Obama said, "we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect."

Still, he bluntly warned, "To those leaders around the globe who seek to sow conflict, or blame their society's ills on the West - know that your people

will judge you on what you can build, not what you destroy.'

The day began well before dawn as people made their way downtown to secure spots from which to witness history, and it was extending well past midnight through a swirl of 10 official inaugural balls and many more unof-

The drama exceeded even the breathless buildup of recent days' nearly nonstop discussion on TV, blogs, podcasts and text messages. Not only heavily policed and barricaded Washington but much of the country virtually halted in its tracks — even, albeit briefly, inside the casinos of Las Vegas.

The nation has celebrated 55 inaugurations, but none like the one that made a president out of the son of Kenya and Kansas, a man who rose to America's highest office largely untested at executive leadership, his political experience encompassing only four years in the U.S. Senate and eight in the state legislature of his home state of Illinois.

Blacks especially powered the iubilation that was thick in the chilly air. Even though Obama didn't give the topic of race, his or others, much treatment in either his campaign nor his inaugural, blacks poured into Washington from all over to watch firsthand as one of their own at last shattered a painful racial barrier.

"It almost leaves me speechless," said 69-year-old Tony Avelino, who traveled from Brea, Calif. "This situation is so emotional it's basically an unreal experience," added 56-year-old Cleveland Wesley, on the Mall from Houston with his wife as the sun rose.

Many others also see in Obama fresh

reason for optimism at a time of great national insecurity. Or a chance for rest from the eight acrimonious years of the Bush presidency. Or even a turn toward modernity, as a country hurtling into new ways of communicating, connecting and conducting business chose a man more comfortable in that world than any leader before him.

Excitement over Obama's young, camera-ready family and the thought of Malia Obama and her sister, 7-year-old Sasha, turning the stately White House into a children's playroom also figured prominently in the day.

Among the feverishly discussed questions: What would fashion-forward Michelle Obama be wearing when the first couple arrived at their first evening ball to dance to pop singer Beyonce crooning the old blues classic "At Last"? The shimmering gold brocade sheath dress and matching coat that she chose for the daytime sparked immediate watercooler discussion, especially when she paired the outfit with green gloves against the cold.

In a country nearly evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans, it was notable that protests were nearly unseen, a remarkable shift from the two Bush inaugurations that were marked by boisterous demonstrations. One the problems of war and recession: "a anti-gay slogans.

With his White House campaign and landslide November victory built in part on his rhetorical gifts, Obama citizens, no matter party, age, skin color, sought to provide reassurance for the future while compelling listeners to

er effect on the American psyche of must be earned."



BARACK OBAMA, LEFT, joined by his wife Michelle, takes the oath of office from Chief Justice John Roberts to become the 44th president of the United States at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009.

group of about 20 people from a Baptist nagging fear that America's decline is church in Kansas demonstrated with inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights."

> Not so, said Obama. But he cautioned that the effort will require all or status, to get to work.

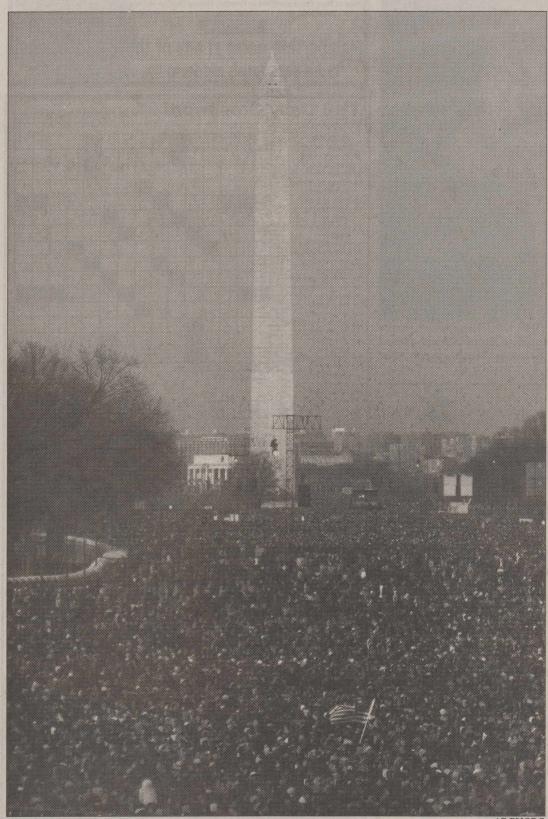
"The time has come to set aside childish things," he said, invoking the He articulated eloquently the deep- Bible. "Greatness is never a given. It

Bush, the man who has led the nation the past eight years, hosted the Obamas for coffee in the morning, accompanied them to the Capitol and sat tightlipped in the front row for Obama's swearing-in and speech.

Obama thanked Bush for his service as president and never directly criticized him. But he also repeatedly talked of the need to abandon current practices, whether "the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics," the lack of a watchful enough eye on financial markets, or what he called a false choice between safety and ideals - a reference to brutal interrogation practices and other actions taken by the Bush administration in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come," Obama said.

CROWDED CAPITOL



BUNDLED PEOPLE PACK the National Mall for the Inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009.

Students travel to inauguration

By TINA L. ARONS FEATURES EDITOR

Max Heath slept in an ATM booth Monday night to get in line early enough to see the inauguration of the nation's 44th president.

The gates opened at 7 a.m., but the 21-year-old nursing student at Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center said he slept an hour in the booth and got in line at 3 a.m. to ensure he got in.

'The inauguration was amazing," Heath said via text message. "One percent of the entire country's population was squeezed into the National Mall, yet you could hear a pin drop when Obama was about to speak."

Heath, who is from Austin, said he was able to attend through the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, which offers opportunities for involvement.

The society allowed him and other

Tech students to attend the University Presidential Inaugural Conference, he said, which offered members in select honors societies the opportunity to take part in and personally witness the historic inauguration.

Heath said he thought President Barack Obama did a "great job" addressing the country.

"People seem to have extremely high expectations of him so I think it's good that he reminded the people that fixing the problems facing the country will by no means be fast or easy," he said. "And he has a way with words that really inspire people and that didn't change for today's speech."

Cheryl Egger, a junior psychology major from Big Lake, also attended the inaugural conference through the national honors society.

She said she waited in line for more than 7 hours before getting into the National Mall to see the

inauguration. "It's just kind of weird to not be

in Texas where many people hate Obama," Egger said before attending an unofficial inaugural ball at the Smithsonian Institution.

The only part she didn't enjoy was the crowd's response to comments about President George Bush. She said people around her would "boo" each time he was mentioned.

"I felt like I was at a concert rather than the inauguration," Egger said. "It made it seem like Obama was more of a celebrity than a political figure."

Apart from the negative reaction to the former president, she said, she was glad to be a part of the historic event where people seemed to have caught "an Obama fever."

"It was amazing to be there," Egger said. "Everyone was excited about change, about hope.' >>>tina.arons@ttu.edu

INAUGURATION DAY BY THE NUMBERS

1 million to 2 million

The estimated number of people who attended the inauguration ceremony of President Barack Ohama at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The previous record attendance was held by Lyndon Johnson, estimated at 1.2 million people. President Bill Clinton's 1993 inauguration drew about 800,000 people, and President Ronald Reagan's 1981 inauguration drew about 500,000 people.

\$15 million

The amount of money Congress allotted for security of the inauguration. In addition, about 3.5 square miles of downtown District of Columbia was closed and President George W. Bush called a state of emergency for the District of Columbia, which covers 100 percent of eligible local inauguration costs for emergency protective measures.

5.265

The number of Washington, D.C., security cameras that were fed into a multi-agency command center. Including the Secret Service, 58 agencies provided security assistance during the inauguration ceremony. About 8,164 officers from the Metropolitan Police Department and other police departments across the nation were assigned to

\$150 million

\$150 million — Approximate price tag for the inauguration gala that included performances U2, Beyonce and Bruce Springsteen as well as 10 official inaugural balls. The Obama inauguration committee has raised about \$41 million to cover the events.

President inaugurated. Barack Hussein Obama was the 44th president in the history of the United States to be inaugurated, and the first African American president. Obama served as the U.S. senator for Illinois since being sworn in January 2005.

By LAURA LENZ STAFF WRITER

A U.S. District Judge refused to take the United States," he said. the final four words out of the Inaugural Oath of Office after a lawsuit was filed ton refused to order Obama to take about month ago to remove the words.

California, filed legal action against the according to the release. He also phrase "so help me God" in the oath President Barack Obama took Tuesday.

Newdow, along with other atheists, wanted the saying taken out of the oath. The group said the words were an "unconstitutional intrusion of religion into government," according to a news release from the office of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

49 states took legal action against the initial lawsuit, which the attorney general described as a bipartisan effort to defend an acknowledgement of faith, according to the Jan. 8 release. The group of attorneys general believed saying the four words in the oath were disagree with our beliefs, (but) I'm a constitutional right in the context of the inaugural celebration.

ing presidential traditions; they are effectively attacking the laws and name 'God' a lot during inauguration, customs of virtually every state in the which was cool." Union, including oaths of office in at least 20 state constitutions," said Texas Solicitor General James Ho, according hibited from praying during Tuesday's to the release. "From daily prayers durinauguration. Both men were present ing legislative sessions to monuments and prayed. on public property displaying the Ten Commandments, the United States of "under God" in the Pledge of Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld the constitutionality of official acknowledgments of faith."

Abbott also echoed this statement

established tradition — and no legal 1789. Each president after him finprecedent for their challenge — a group ished the oath with those words. of activists have asked the courts to in- >> laura.lenz@ttu.edu

terfere with President-elect Obama's right to pray and invoke God during his inauguration as 44th President of

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walthe words out, saying that his right Michael Newdow, an atheist from to free speech would be violated, questioned whether or not he had the right to order Chief Justice John Roberts not to ask President Obama, "So help you God?"

"This nation was founded on people seeking religious freedom," said Greg Ramzinski, director of the campus ministry at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church. "He (Obama) should have The attorney general and all other the ability to call upon the help of God should he so choose."

> After misspeaking part of the presidential oath, Obama finished with the controversial phrase, as did Vice President Joe Biden.

"There are a lot of people that glad they allowed him to keep it in there," said Austin Wadlow, associate "Plaintiffs are not just challeng- university minister at First Baptist Church Lubbock. "They used the

> Newdow also wanted Rev. Joseph Lowery and Rick Warren to be pro-

He also led the first failed protest Allegiance and challenged prayer at George W. Bush's inaugurations, according to the news release.

George Washington added the words "so help me God" at his own "Despite more than 200 years of liberty during his inauguration in

'So help me God' remains Women made strong impact on 2008 election

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

President Barack Obama's inauguration Tuesday closed a unique presidential race in which women continually made headlines on the political stage.

Between Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin, women took on a much more active role in presidential politics.

Clinton arguably was Obama's toughest competition throughout the election and eventually accepted Obama's nomination to become the Secretary of State. Palin, the governor of Alaska, was the first woman vice-presidential candidate nominated by the Republican Party.

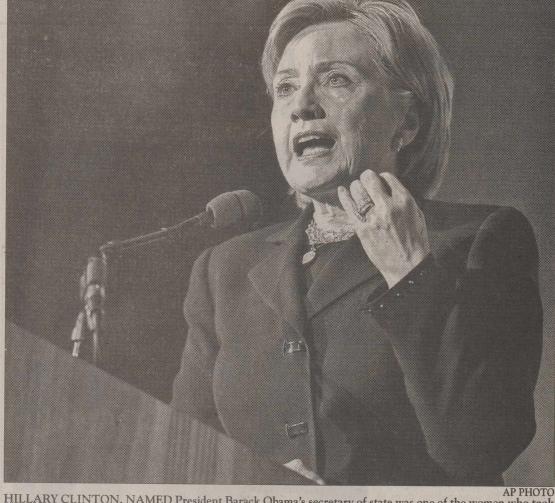
"The reality is, this has been a graduating process for women since Shirley Chisolm ran a national (presidential) campaign," said Craig Goodman, a Texas Tech political science professor. "Today, you see a lot more women winning senatorial races and governor's mansions around the country."

Chisolm was a Democratic U.S. congresswoman from New York from 1968 to 1982, according to her biography from the National Women's Hall of Fame's Web site. She was a Democratic Party presidential candidate in 1972 but did not receive the party's nomination.

Clinton, a senator from New York, competed with Obama for the Democratic party presidential nomination all the way up to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

"I think that her track record as senator of New York was outstanding," said Susan Barrick, the president of the South Plains Chapter of Texas Democratic Women. "She succeeded as a senator with the presidency from her time as first lady."

2008 Democratic National Convention. standpoint." After being elected as president, Obama



HILLARY CLINTON, NAMED President Barack Obama's secretary of state was one of the women who took an enhanced role in presidential politics in 2008.

Secretary of State in his Cabinet. Clinton running mate for the Republican Party dynamics of voting groups." accepted and will resign from her posi- and was greeted with mixed emotions tion as a New York senator when she is during the campaign. confirmed as Secretary of State.

ate. She has spent a lot of time traveling disservice to McCain." and has worked hard advocating things Obama was chosen over Clinton to like worker's and women's rights. She's larizing figure was not the primary reason women and minorities more visible in receive the party's nomination at the very well-connected from a political McCain lost the election to Obama.

formally offered Clinton the position of in in August to be the vice-presidential did an incredible job of changing the

"She hurt his cause tremendously," "She's definitely well-qualified for Barrick said. "I think that her public perfrom a state that is very progressive and the position," Goodman said. "She had a sona was inadequate in terms of how she diverse in addition to being familiar good reputation as a member of the Senmet the media. That did a tremendous

However, Goodman said Palin's po-

Palin was nominated by John McCa-economy," he said. "In addition, Obama

Barrick said the 2008 election may have changed the face of presidential politics because it now may become easier for women to be on major parties' presidential tickets.

"I think that as long as (women) work on their credentials and are the best candidate available, it may be that we see campaigns from this point forward," she "A lot of it had to do with the said. "Some barriers have fallen that will not spring up again."

WATCHING HISTORY

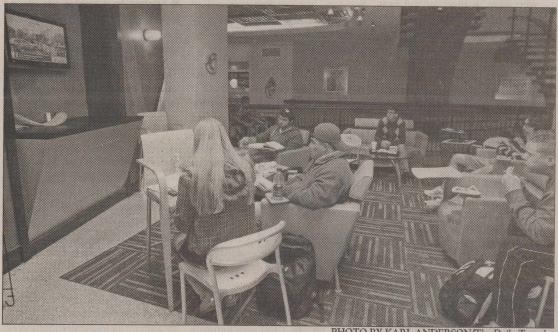


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PEOPLE GATHER NEAR the food court in the Student Union Building to watch coverage of the events after President Barack Obama's inaguration Tuesday.

Crowd gathers to welcome Bush back

as thousands came from all across and "43 is back." the state to welcome him home after eight years in the White House.

to be back in Texas.

"Laura and I may have left Texas be home." (in 2001) but Texas never left us," about 25,000 waved cardboard red, white and blue "W"s distributed by the rally's organizers. "And we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

In the hours leading up to the return, excerpts of some of Bush's speeches played on a large TV screen, including remarks he made to Congress shortly after the terrorist attacks in 2001.

One little boy waved a sign that

MIDLAND (AP) — George W. read, "President Bush, thank you for enthusiastic Texas crowd Tuesday tering. Others read: "Be Bold, Be Bush"

With former first lady Laura Bush compares with Texas at sunset," Bush at his side, the ex-president told the said "Tonight I have the privilege

> Many in the crowd had been here eight years ago, when thousands turned out to send him off to Washington, things had changed since then, Bush told the gathering.

"What has changed is the weather," Bush joked, referring to the very cold temperatures on Jan. 17, 2001. Temperatures were around 60 when he arrived Tuesday.

Many were as much glum as they were happy to see Bush.

"It's a special day but it's a sad day," Bush basked in the warmth of an keeping me safe" in multicolored let- said Dudley Winn, a cotton farmer on the South Plains of West Texas who drove two hours from Lubbock to "The presidency was a joyous experence the ex-president on his first stop rience, but as great as it was, nothing after leaving office earlier in the day in Washington, D.C. "He's done eight years of a job well done. He held our thousands of well-wishers he was glad of saying six words that I have been country together with the values we waiting to say for a while: It is good to respect. He did the job we asked him to do. He kept our values safe."

> Bush spoke about the challenges he had faced as the 43rd president.

Even during some of his most diffi-D.C., for his first inauguration. Some cult days as president, Bush said he "was always optimistic about the future."

He lauded those who helped throughout his presidency.

"People came to Washington, D.C., not to serve George W. Bush, not to serve a political party, but they came because they wanted to serve the United States of America, and they did a fabulous job," Bush said.

Texas Tech athletes weigh in on inauguration's significance

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

the usual day on Inauguration Day, either practicing for an upcoming game or preparing for the upcoming season.

stop their everyday routines for a quick second to watch history.

was being inaugurated, Tech football linebacker Marlon Williams had workouts early in the morning, forcing him stories from some of his closest family chance to see

see history after his day of training. Williams said one quality he

the chance to

sees in Obama is his ability to bring people together, which is something he appreciates.

"I saw election night, it was great just to see when Obama came out," he said. "It wasn't just African-Americans cheering for him. It was everybody -

a part of history. It's just amazing to me. I was watching it and tears just started coming down my eyes. **TINY HENDERSON**

LADY RAIDERS SHOOTING GUARD

It's just great to be

much that he was African-American. there. For my grandma, I could just back memories for her family It was more of he's a symbol of change; tell the emotion, Texas Tech athletes were having he is somebody that wants to have change. Somebody that is all about the passion (was making this a better nation for every- there) when body, not just one group."

Williams said he has never seen an Still, some Tech athletes had to election year like this one. However, it it's an even bigwas not race that made it stand out; it ger deal, because was the fact that many different people it's a black presi-When President Barack Obama supported Obama and still continue dent."

Seeing Obama brings memories of Raiders had a to miss the ceremony, to his disdain. members, as Williams said he can the inauguration However, knowing there would be sense a lot of emotion in his grandreplays, Williams said he would have mother's voice when Obama is the

topic in their conversations.

"It's crazy because my my great-grandclose," he said. "My grandma how it was for Henderson. my great-grand-

Even from my grandma grow-

can really see that it wasn't really so get arrested, put in jail just for being

she talks about Obama. For her

The Lady with practice beafternoon.

Tech guard Tiny Henderson was awake early grandma and in the morning, so she did not ma, they were miss the chance really, really to watch the inauguration live.

Even watchused to always ing it was sometell me about thing special to

"I was up like at eight this morning ma and told watching it," she said. "Its just part ping to see, some things have to be me the stories of history. It's just great to be a part put aside. she had been of history. It's just amazing to me. I through. Fire was watching it and tears just started than just politics, which is proof hosing, segre- coming down my eyes. Just to see gated fountains. something like that is exciting."

Although the moment is special, Tech center Dominic Seals said she ing up, how it hopes Obama can help bring solutions black, white, Mexican. Everybody was was still — you didn't go to certain to the problems the country faces, such cheering for him because everybody parts of town because you're liable to as the economy.

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Seals said she

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MARLON WILLIAMS TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL LINEBACKER ON PRESIDENT OBAMA

elected president.'

When something is worth stop-

Henderson said Obama is more that the change he represents is finally happening.

"It deals with everything, not even just politics, sports, anything,' she said. "We're overcoming a lot of things that happened in the past.' >> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

TECH STUDENTS' REACTIONS ON INAUGURATION DAY



"Society is changing, our generation is new and improved

and open to diversity. -Akwugo Akagha, freshman biology major from Dallas



"His speech covered a wide range of topics. He spoke with passion, showing his promises are not empty promises." Andy Hanna, senior math major from The Woodlands



"It's really good. He's outwardly standing on the topic of change. Change isn't permanent. If his new idea doesn't work, it can always be changed back."

-David Ronderos, a junior engineering major from



"I thought he gave a really good speech. I had never watched an presidential inauguration before so it was really exciting to me."

-Courtney Priolol, freshman broadcast journalism major from Mesquite



"I am a foreigner from South America. It means a lot to the Hispanic community. We noticed it's history in the making. We hope that he will do alot of great things for the Hispanic community. I am amazed by it."

-David Perez, sophomore business major from College

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Singletary's late charge against CU leads Tech to first Big 12 victory

MANAGING EDITOR

After a loss to Texas on Saturday, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight spoke with friends from the Longhorns and they brought up a question about Tech forward Mike Singletary.

Why doesn't he do what he does best? Why doesn't he put the ball on the floor and bounce off bodies in the paint? After all, that is what he does best.

After taking bad shots and getting out of his comfort zone at times this season, Singletary proved that he could play to his strengths by scoring 20 points and grabbing nine rebounds in a 63-55 victory against Colorado Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena.

"I think he (played his game) tonight," Knight said. "He's very good at driving the ball. He's good at midrange. He hit some pull-up shots in the paint.

"I told him, 'You work on the outside shot, the three in practice, then when Then you start doing it in a game. You just gotta do the things you can do."

Tech guard John Roberson had 13 Okorie chipped in 10 points with A&M, it still was a sloppy game for three steals.

By taking control late and scoring the last 12 points for Tech (11-7, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play), Singletary also may have answered the question Voskuil being held to one shot attempt turnover. by a surprising box-and-one defense late surge was amplified.

"Pat's been talking to me since day one and telling me that I gotta play better," Singletary said. "I gotta voice, that's what I do. I'm an energetic guy rado could not hold on to the ball spark right there at the end of the and he feels like I could be the leader or grab a defensive rebound when it game," he said. "They kept hitting of this team. I could be the voice of this mattered most. team. I take that personal."

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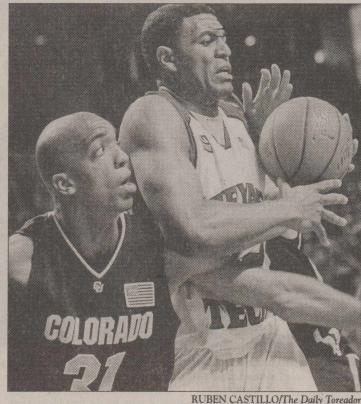
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you come in and prove you can do it. TEXAS TECH'S MIKE Singletary had 20 points against Colorado in the Red Raiders' 63-55 win over the Buffaloes Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena.

win keeps Tech from falling to 0-3 way ended up hurting the Buffaloes, points and six assists and guard Nick before traveling to Missouri and Texas CU coach Jeff Bzdelik said.

> Colorado had 14 steals but committed 20 turnovers while Tech had 19 turnovers and 10 steals.

The Red Raiders made poor decible. That's all, it's a fine line." of who will be the next leader of this sions on a regular basis, often forcing team. With Tech's sharpshooting Alan a shot or a pass that quickly became a game, Colorado's Cory Higgins, who

from Colorado (8-9, 0-3), Singletary's much," Tech forward Michael Prince off the glass. said, "especially game management we haven't been doing too well at that. That's a big part of our problem."

Fortunately for Tech though, Colo-

But toward the end of the game, a Although the confidence-boosting few calls that could have gone either I felt like with the ball in my hands

There was a call that was in the balance," he said. "It was really nothing, it was a call that was in the balance and we missed an open shot, they made one and we had a scram-

With 2:51 remaining in the led the Buffaloes with 21 points, "I think we tried to force too tied the game 51-51 with a jumper

Singletary responded with his first two points of a 12-point outburst that he closed the game out with.

"I just felt like we needed a little a few shots toward the end of the game and kept making it real close. I could make some plays.'

Tech forward Trevor Cook sat out against Colorado after playing nine minutes against Texas on Saturday. Knight said Cook has a serious back injury that still has not fully healed and said he told Cook to take as much time as he needs to get back to 100 percent.

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"B" stands for Bandwagon not Boston

As I watched Sunday's NFC Championship Game, I could not believe my eyes.

I was not overwhelmed by Larry Fitzgerald's record-breaking day, the ageless Kurt Warner's ability to pick apart the Eagles' blitz or Donovan McNabb's second-half comeback attempt. Even the fact that the Arizona matter what. Cardinals of all teams were going to did not catch my attention.

What did shock me was how many Cardinal fans were in attendance and new Carolina Panthers gear. I guess wearing red. I could not believe my eyes. Where in the heck did all these people come from?

I remember the days when the bandwagon fan makes me cringe. Dallas Cowboys would play the and silver in the stands than red and all of the sudden become a hostile environment?

Joe Buck, the Fox sportscaster, said tickets for the game had sold out in less than six minutes. Since when has a ticket to a Cardinals game been a named 10 players on the Utah foottough ticket to get?

than half the people in attendance at taking pulls of tequila and cussing. Sunday's game still had tags on their Cardinals jerseys and hats.

of bandwagon fanhood at its best. Something I will never understand.

My father taught me at a young ing the 2004 season. age that being a bandwagon fan was to wear my Dallas Cowboys jersey was every day. the day after the team would lose.

grade the day after my team was taught me to stick with my team no a Red Sox fan.

Landry Locker

It was apparent many of the represent the NFC in the Super Bowl other kids did not have the same values I did because I was greeted by an overwhelming amount of brandupon in other households.

To this day, the mere sight of a

I may make many mistakes, but I Cardinals, and there was more blue will never jump from team to team. It is a flat out sign of disloyalty, immatuwhite. Why did Arizona on this day rity and bad character in my eyes.

A few days after Utah's victory over Alabama in the Nokia Sugar During the game, I lost it when Bowl, I saw a grown man in a Utah football jersey and was appalled. The red jersey was clearly brand new, and I guarantee that person could not have ball team. In my eyes I would have I would be willing to bet more had more respect for him if he was

In the last five years, bandwagon fanhood has been more apparent This is just another example than ever. I cannot even count how many Boston Red Sox hats I have

Let me clear the record to the a sin second to none. It was stressed hundreds of bandwagon Red Sox so great. However, with all the bandrepeatedly the most important time fans that I see walking on campus. wagons that change teams more than

Just because you have always true fan is hard to come by. I remember wearing my Darren hated the Yankees does not mean you have a third cousin who lives in beaten by the Carolina Panthers Boston does not mean you are a Red - who were in their second year Sox fan. Just because you visited in existence — in the playoffs. It Boston on vacation and passed by was a humbling experience, but it Fenway Park does not mean you are

lust because you rallied with the Sox in 2004 when they beat the Yankees after trailing 3-0 in the series and went on to win the World Series does not mean you are a Red

Do you know how many people have cried for the Red Sox in Boston? It is a total slap in the face to have all these intruders claim to be Red Sox fans when they simply latched on in 2004.

The "B" on the Red Sox hat no longer stands for Boston, but bandwagon fanhood was not frowned instead it stands for exactly what it is and what 99.9 percent of the people outside of Bean Town who wear it are. The "B" now stands for Bandwagon.

Maybe I take fanhood a little too seriously, and I will be the first to admit my priorities are probably

Sometimes I cuss more than I should, party too hard and miss church from time to time. However jumping on a team's bandwagon is out of the question.

I will always wear my Cowboys jersey the day after a loss, wear my Texas Rangers hat no matter how terrible they are every year, and keep my Dallas Mavericks gear visible during this rough time.

My hat's off to all of the fans who stick with their teams no matter how seen since the curse was broken dur-terrible times get. That is what being a true fan is all about.

> True fans are what makes sports a runway model changes clothes, a

So the next time your team loses Woodson jersey to school in sixth you are a Red Sox fan. Just because a big game, wear your team's colors with pride because at least you have the dignity that bandwagons lack. **■ Locker is a senior broadcast**

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Petty brings chemistry to Tech women's tennis

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vears old."

Petty said.

"I realized I

wanted to

coach and coach in

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

What Texas Tech coach Todd Petty may lack in experience as a collegiate head coach, he makes up for with a determination to win and a love for the game of tennis.

"It's always been a dream of mine,



college. To have my dream come in fruition this early in my life, I feel very fortunate and feel like I have a lot to give to the sport. I'm a very competitive spirited women's tennis on the map."

Petty is in his first year as head as assistant last year under former coach Cari Groce.

He was a part of last year's team that finished eighth in the Big 12 Conference with a 4-7 record. This year he will try to lead the Lady Raiders and mold them into a contending team in me in the long run here." the Big 12.

for the team in hopes of removing the chemistry to the team.

"I don't think it's a question of wins I've always or losses or anything like that," Petty wanted to said. "I think it's gonna be more on do since how the girls respond to me - what was 19 the chemistry is like."

> Before becoming women's coach at Tech, Petty served as the head coach at Rider High School in Wichita Falls, Texas. He guided his team to top five finishes in the state from 2004 to 2006, finishing third in 2006.

Petty also has some previous NCAA experience, serving as a graduate assistant for Midwestern State working with both the men's and women's teams in 2003 and 2004. The men's guy and my goal is to put Texas Tech team qualified for the NCAA Tournament in both of his years on staff.

"I've got a full realm of coaching, coach of the Lady Raiders after serving I've gotten to coach at the elite level and coach at the developmental level," he said. "I was very fortunate to be at a good high school. Rider Wichita Falls was phenomenal to me, and I got to know a lot of good kids and a lot of good coaches, and that's going to help

In his short time as coach at Tech, Petty is officially interim head Petty has earned the confidence of coach for Tech and will do his best his players and has brought renewed

"It's been a smooth transition, the girls have shown nothing but respect," he said. "I think they've got a confidence in me as well as I have a confidence in them, we've got that mutual respect for each other. I think chemistry was the first thing that came. We quickly glued together and took on this project, this uphill climb

This chemistry has been evident among the Lady Raiders and Petty. He said the intensity in workouts have picked up and a mutual respect has been shown. His players see him as a "player's coach," and will do what it takes to be successful.

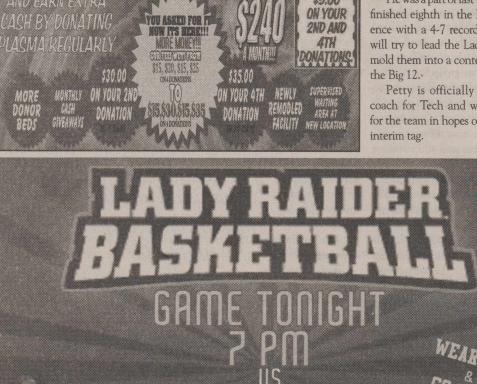
"He is always pushing us as hard as we can go, which is good. There is never a practice where you're feeling like you didn't work on something or you didn't fix a part of your game," Stefanie Peana said. "He is definitely a positive influence and I think under his coaching our team can go really far."

Petty and his team begin their season against North Texas at 5 p.m. Friday at the McLeod Tennis Complex. The Lady Raiders will try to put the chemistry they have with their coach and translate it into wins on the tennis court.

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K-State's Lehning presents challenge for Lady Raiders

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most valuable player is not its lead- third on the team. ing scorer or the one who makes the game-winning shot when needed the in rebounding, assists and steals with Iowa State, the team behind them in

This may be the best way to describe Kansas State and Shalee

Lehning. When No. 18 K-State (15-1, 2-1 in Big 12 Conference play) faces Texas Tech (11-5, 2-1), the Lady Raiders may have to keep their eye on the Wildcats'

secret weapon. "Anytime you can average a Big 12 history to record two-triple so well."

She has emerged as one of the best players in the conference because of 14-0 emerging as one of the best everything else she does besides put teams in the Big 12 North. However, It may not be often that a team's 11.7 points per game, which ranks' the only team K-State has lost to

7.5 a game, 140 and 26, respectively.

> she became the of 1.24. school's all-time leader in career Lehning.

assists with 602.

ting the record. Lehning is the only player in school and

double-double on points and assists, doubles in the same season, with one just have to follow our gameplan and it's pretty special," Tech coach Kristy against Arkansas State Nov. 25 and guard her how we're going to guard Curry said. "You don't see many play- another against Washington Dec. 30. her. She's going to get her numbers, said Tech knows what they're going tention and play smart. We have ers like her. She's just so good with She also is the only player in Big 12 and we just have to respect her. Just up against. the ball. Without the ball, she moves history with more than 1,000 points, come out and try to stop her." 800 rebounds and 700 assists. Her

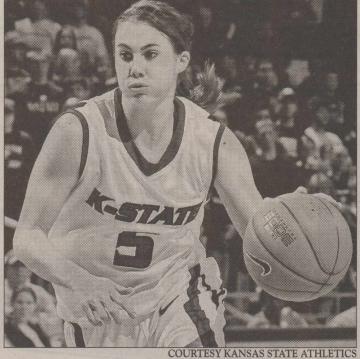
The Wildcats started the season is Oklahoma 64-48. The Wildcats The senior guard leads the team bounced back for a 59-52 win over the Big 12 North.

> The defending regular-season Big 12 Champions still seem to be picking On Nov. up where they left off, as they lead 23 in an 80-51 the conference in scoring defense, win over Texas- allowing 49.9 points a game and as-San Antonio, sists/turnover ratio with an average

> > A lot of the reason for that is

Tech guard Tiny Henderson, who She's racked has been playing against Lehning up 109 since set- since her freshman year, said it is important to play as smart as Lehn-

> "I've been playing against her since like my freshman year," she said. "She's good. She's really smart. We



KANSAS STATE'S SHALEE Lehnig and the Wildcats take on the Lady Raiders at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena

The Lady Raiders hope length will guard," Seals said. "Doesn't turn the good so the length can disturb her Lehning does more than just 711 career assists rank fifth all-time be the answer to stopping one of the ball over a lot. She doesn't shoot it, a little bit." Big 12's best guards, as Dominic Seals but we just gotta guard her. Pay at- madam.coleman@ttu.edu

Ashlee (Roberson) guarding her, "I just know she's a real smart point so pretty much, we think that'll be

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HOUSTON (AP) - Brandon Backe and the Houston Astros agreed Tuesday to a \$1.55 million, one-year contract, a raise of \$550,000.

The 30-year-old right-hander, who had been eligible for salary arbitration, returned from elbow ligament replacement surgery in 2007 to go 9-14 with a 6.05 ERA in a career-high 31 starts last season. He is 29-27 with a 5.02 ERA in 78 starts with Houston from 2004-08.

Backe went 10-8 in 2005 and threw seven shutout innings in Game 4 of the World Series against the Chicago White Sox. He developed elbow problems in 2006, had surgery in September and returned late in the 2007 season.

Backe lost three of his last six starts in 2008, and his ERA was the highest among the Astros' regular starters.

Houston also agreed with reliever Tim Byrdak on a \$1 million, one-year contract. The 35-year-old lefty went 2-1 with a 3.90 ERA in a career-high 59 appearances with the Astros in 2008.

Right-handed reliever Geoff Geary and left-handed starter Wandy Rodriguez remain in arbitration. Geary asked for \$2.1 million and was offered \$1,425,000 by the team, while Rodriguez proposed \$3 million and was offered \$2.25 million.

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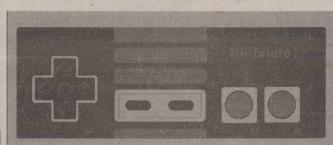
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