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### STATE

### Speaker spent freely in last days in office

AUSTIN, (AP) - Even as fellow House members were wresting him from his leadership post, House Speaker Tom Craddick directed state officials to renovate his cherished capitol apartment, spending all but \$18.55 from a restoration fund that once totaled over \$1.3 million.

The final purchase order—\$45,400 for two historic Texas oil paintings was issued just hours before Craddick had to hand power over to Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, after House members voted him out of the No. 1 post because they didn't like his autocratic leadership style. Straus got Craddick's job as well as the keys to the 1,804-square-foot apartment behind the House chamber.

### NATION

### Geithner plans to unveil bailout plan Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and other top officials are putting the finishing touches on a plan to overhaul the government's \$700 billion financial

A Treasury official said Geithner will deliver a speech on Monday outlining the new plan.

But Treasury officials would not comment on reports Thursday that changes were being considered to the current accounting standard that requires banks to carry assets such as mortgage-backed securities on their books at fair value, a process known as "mark to market."

### WORLD

### Iraqi prime minister's bloc wins provincial vote

BAGHDAD (AP) - Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's allies swept to victory over Shiite religious parties during last weekend's provincial elections in Iraq - a rousing endorsement of his crackdown on extremists, according to official results released

Thursday. The impressive showing, which must be certified by international and Iraqi observers, places al-Maliki in a strong position before parliamentary elections late this year and could bolster U.S. confidence that it can begin withdrawing more of its 140,000 troops.

### **DEATH TOLL**

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began



## Senate struggles on stimulus bill

By DAVID ESPO ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate moderates worked to cut billions of dollars from economic stimulus legislation Thursday in hopes of clearing the way for passage as the government spit out grim new jobless figures and President Barack Obama warned of more bad news ahead.

With partisan tensions rising, several Republican attempts to remake the bill — with higher tax cuts, lower spending and relief for homeowners - failed on party-line votes.

"The time for talk is over. The time for action is now," declared Obama as the Senate plodded through a fourth day of debate on the legislation at the heart of his economic recovery plan. He implored this moment."

Obama added he would "love to see additional improvements" in the bill, a gesture to the moderates from both parties who were at work trying to trim the \$920 billion price tag.

Increasingly, the events that mattered most were not the long roll calls on the Senate floor, but the private conversations in which the White

lawmakers in both parties to "rise to House and Democratic leaders sought — either with the support of a large group of centrist lawmakers or without them — to clear the bill at the heart of the president's recovery

> "As I have explained to people in that group, they cannot hold the president of the United States hostage," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "If they think they're

going to rewrite this bill and Barack Obama is going to walk away from what he is trying to do for the American people, they've got another thought coming."

Republicans countered that neither the president nor Democratic congressional leaders have been willing to seek common ground on the first major bill of the new administration.



### National survey finds college students more interested in politics

By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

were as interested in politics as norms. today's students, President Richard Nixon took office.

college freshmen who reported any previous generation, according to survey results the University of

tive Institutional Research Program

"Given the historic (2008) elec-Political engagement has on as well as the nominations, it is reached a 40-year high among not necessarily surprising there was an increase," said Linda DeAngelo, having more liberal views than assistant research director for the men surveyed were in grade school program.

Researchers quizzed approximate-California in Los Angeles released ly 400,000 entering students during parents, they have grown up talking he could not predict which way the orientation or registration at 700 about world politics. Researchers at the Coopera- institutions of higher learning.

university conducted their annual idential election played a major role of Texas Tech Democrats, said the national survey in 2008 to continue in increasing political engagement, election boosted political engage-The last time college freshmen tracking changes in college freshman DeAngelo said, because President ment because competition between descent caused it to become more want to be involved. tion and all the things that went interesting to college freshmen compared to previous presidential the best for the United States, Ser-

elections. The generation of college freshwhen 9/11 occurred, DeAngelo said, and combined with baby boomer said the Odessa native. Although

The significance of the 2008 pres- litical science major and president Obama's age and African-American two "great" candidates made students

> The past few years have not been rano said, and the weak economy has caused students to notice politics.

Student organizations are an easy way for students to get involved,

Andrew Serrano, a junior po- POLITICS continued on page 2

### Senate questions Solis, delays vote

By SAM HANANEL ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Labor Secretary nominee Hilda Solis became the latest Cabinet nominee to face questions about unpaid taxes Thursday as a Senate panel abruptly postponed a scheduled vote on her confirmation.

The postponement came after revelations that Solis' husband settled tax liens on his California auto repair business this week that had been outstanding for as long as

The discovery posed another political headache for a White House already chafing after tax problems and other controversies derailed some administration appointments, including former Sen. Tom Daschle's nomination as health secretary. President Barack Obama pledged in TV interviews this week that he would "make sure that we're not screwing up again" in the vetting process.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs insisted that Solis' own tax returns "are in order."

"She's not a partner in that business," Gibbs said. "So we're not going to penalize her for her husband's business mistakes."

Asked if the Solis nomination was in trouble, Gibbs said, "I don't believe it is at all."

USA Today first reported Thursday that Los Angeles County records showed 15 outstanding state and county tax liens totaling \$7,630 against Sam Sayyad and his busi-

White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said Solis and Sayyad were unaware of the liens until asked about them this week. He said Sayyad paid about \$6,400 to Los Angeles County on Wednesday to settle the liens, but he plans to appeal.

Vietor said Solis — a Los Angles-area congresswoman — and her husband file personal income taxes jointly, but that Sayyad is the sole proprietor of the business and all tax communications about it go only to him at a separate business

## Tech administrator among presidential finalists

By JON VANDERLAAN **News Editor** 

Texas Tech administrator Michael Shonrock was named a finalist in the search for president at Southeastern Louisiana University, according to a Feb. 2 publication by the

Shonrock, the vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, was listed as one of four finalists for the position by The ByLion, a weekly publication produced by Southeastern Louisiana University.

Grace Hernandez, chief of staff for Tech

president Guy Bailey, said out of professional courtesy Shonrock told Bailey and Chancellor Kent Hance of his candidacy for president in January, and he was named as a candidate soon after.

Candidates for these positions are sought out by a university committee that recruits candidates, she said. So, it was only after he was approached that Shonrock made the trip to the campus and formally applied for the job.

Shonrock is presidential material, Hernandez said, but he has not given any indication of what he will do if he is offered the job.

"He loves Texas Tech," she said. "He's been a part of Tech for a while."

However, Hernandez said nothing has been decided, and Tech has not began preparing for an administration building without Shonrock.

If he accepted the job, she said, it would be a "tremendous loss" to Tech because of his interaction with students and knowledge of his field.

Hernandez also said she is proud of Shonrock and glad other universities are looking highly upon Tech administrators.

"There is something to be said that Tech can produce such leaders," she said.

The other three finalists include Nick Bruno, vice president for Business and Finance for the University of Louisiana System, John Crain, interim president of Southeastern, and Karen White, senior adviser for Urban and Metropolitan University Initiatives at the University of South Florida.

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## Report: Crashed FedEx plane landed short of runway

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

The National Transportation Safety Board released a preliminary report regarding a FedEx ATR-42 turboprop cargo plane that crashed at Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport on Jan. 27.

of the runway threshold, according to the NTSB report. The plane collided with the approach lighting system before it skidded off the right side on the runway into the grass perpendicular to the runway. The plane was en route from Fort Worth's Alliance Airport.

said preliminary information does not contain errors. change very much over the remainder of the course of the investigation.

"What the preliminary report is," he said, "it is the factual information we've collected through our on-scene

is) just factual information."

A post-impact fire consumed a large portion of the fuselage and right wing of the plane, according to the report. A controller activated the alarm for airport rescue and fire-fighting equipment to respond to the accident.

The preliminary report did not determine the cause of the crash, but stated At 4:37 a.m. the ATR-42 sustained there were quick changes in the weather substantial damage when it landed short around the time of the plane's final approach to the airport. At 4:32 a.m., a flight controller informed the flight crew of a 180-degree change in wind direction from the north to the south. The captain customers and FedEx. responded and added he noticed an air temperature change of eight degrees.

Peter Knudson, an NTSB spokesman, mation in it is subject to change and may according to the report. The injuries were

Jim McCluskey, a FedEx spokeson-scene investigation over, FedEx was given access to the cargo on the plane. The salvaged cargo was taken to a local investigation. There's no analysis in it, shipping facility and personnel checked that comes later in the investigation. (It the packages for damage. If no damage

was visible, the packages were shipped to their final destinations.

If packages' labels were damaged, he said, FedEx tried to figure out who the package belonged to.

"We have a process in place," Mc-Cluskey said. "We notified customers and continued to update them on the status of the packages."

McCluskey said he could not comment on what was being done to aid the owners of packages that were destroyed during crash and fire, citing that it is a confidential transaction between the

The pilot was determined to be in "serious" medical condition, and the The report disclaims that the infor- co-pilot's injuries were considered minor, not specified.

Angie Romans, a University Mediman, said once authorities declared the cal Center spokeswoman, said the pilot, a 52-year-old from Portland, Ore., and co-pilot, a 26-year-old from Tacoma, Wash., were treated and released later in the day. The names of the pilots were



PRELIMINARY FINDINGS ON the crash of a FedEx turboprop plane describe a strong change in weather conditions occurring just before the crash.

42 Turboprop was subcontracted by

FedEx to Idaho-based Empire Airlines.

large cities and smaller communities.

Tim Komberec, the CEO of Empire Lubbock to Fort Worth where cargo nently assume the Flight 8284 route the Airlines, said FedEx uses about 50 Empire from West Texas is dropped off, he said. Airlines planes throughout the Western The plane then reloads with packages >michael.graham@ttu.edu

McClusky said on Jan. 27 the ATR- U.S. The planes deliver cargo between destined for West Texas and flies back to Lubbock and then back to Midland. Flight 8284 runs from Midland to A spare plane was brought in to perma-

### SGA discusses lobbying, senator reallocation

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association Student Senate passed trip to Austin and senator reallocation Thursday at a meeting hosted in the Tech Health Sciences Center.

44.35 that outlines sentiments of the is very much pushed within the student Student Senate who will travel to the state capital to lobby for Tech.

Austin this month to lobby on behalf of the SGA based upon enrollment. higher education, said Suzanne Williams, the SGA journal clerk.

This is the first time that students not mitted to attend, she said. The resolution Colleges are awarded additional senators two senators," she said. that passed was meant to make senators aware of what the SGA's responsibilities

ate is aware of what's on during this trip," Williams said, "because it is a big trip that

that are mentioned in the resolution colleges," Smith said, "but it affected

Randy Moffett, president of the

University of Louisiana System, said the

university was interested in Shonrock

because of his variety of experience,

commitment to students, and classroom

Finalist ←

education, meeting with state representanumber changed by like (300) or 400 tives and senators, and discussing concerns students, so they got a new senator for dealing with funding and diversity.

Students representing organizations legislation dealing with a student-lobbying such as the Tech Activities Board and President's Select will be attending as well, Williams said.

"We very much want to make sure The SGA passed Senate Resolution that the thing we are pushing in Austin government, as well," she said.

The SGA and other members of 44.13 that updated the number of student Tech's student body will be traveling to senators that will represent each college in

Paige Smith, a human sciences senator for the SGA, said every college at Tech is allocated a certain number of SGA senaaffiliated with the SGA have been pertors based upon the college's enrollment. when their enrollment rises.

Tech's College of Engineering experienced a significant increase in its "It's really just making sure that sen- enrollment, she said, so a new senator position will be added to help represent the college.

"(Tech's) enrollment went up and Some of the senator's responsibilities it really didn't effect a majority of the

board will look at all candidates.

the candidates must have, Moffett said

fett said.

experience. Shonrock expressed interest a strong commitment to student affairs

through the Greenwood Asher and Asand students as well as a candidate who

include representing Tech and higher engineering because engineering's the next term.

> The college of engineering now will elect seven senators to provide representation in the SGA during the 2009-2010 school year.

Two other colleges also were allocated an additional senator because of a lack of representation.

The low enrollment numbers for The SGA also passed Senate Bill the College of Education and the Honors College only allow them each to only have one senator, Smith said. Both colleges were allocated an additional senator — which will give each college two senators — so they can be properly represented in the SGA.

"At least each college is guaranteed

Before the meeting, the Tech and Health Sciences Center Senates met with Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, and Michael Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction, to discuss Tech System infrastructure.

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consulting, and training company, Mof-constituents, is important.

Shonrock will interview for the position at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 9 at the Although two of the candidates are Southwestern Louisiana System admin-Southeastern Louisiana alumni cenistrators, he said the board decision will ter, according to the university's news be an "open and deliberate" one, and the

The search committee for the uni-Among the most important features versity's next president will convene Feb. 13 to recommend at least two finalists to the Board of Supervisors who will make the final decision.

> Shonrock declined to comment before the interview process was

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students do not become politically

Brad Kralik, the chairman of Tech's

chapter of the Young Conservatives

of Texas, said it would be better if

students were interested in politics

for reasons other than Obama's age

and race, which he also believes may

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### HSC associate dean receives board certification

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech Health Sciences and capabili-Center faculty member received a professional designation from such as finanthe American College of Medi- cial managecal Practice Executives last week. ment, human Brent Magers, chief executive officer and resources of Medical Practice Income Plan and management, and planning and associate dean of the HSC School of Medicine, earned the designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive from ACMPE last week.

is board certified in medical practice management, according to a Tech HSC news release. The organization reviews the candidates' knowledge of before they designate any titles.

complete 50 hours of continuing education, write multiple papers, and take a comprehensive exam before he designation, the American College was awarded the title. The designa- of Healthcare Executives awarded >> matthew.cobb@ttu.edu

ments tested his knowledge ties in areas

marketing.

"I'm pleased to have earned the designation," he said, "and look forward to applying the knowledge I The designation means Magers acquired to help further advance the operations at Tech's Health Sciences Center."

Magers began his tenure at Tech's HSC School of Medicine in 2007, medical practice management skills according to the release. He formerly served for 12 years as the president Magers said he was required to of Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital in Cleburne.

In addition to earning the new

Magers board certification in health care administration in 1994, according to the release.

The designation is one of the most important titles that an outpatient clinic administrator can receive, Bryce McGregor, assistant dean for administration at Tech's HSC. Candidates must go through a rigourous process to earn board certification,

McGregor said the designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive reflects Magers' attitude and work

"He's a very results-oriented and driven individual," he said, "both personally and professionally."

Other HSC faculty members who have been awarded the designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive include Lane Beasley, administrator of surgery, Matt Driskill, administrator of opthalmology, and Juanita Minnick, assistant managing director of the School of Medicine Administration.

### Sri Lanka rejects international cease-fire request

nation's civil war, instead demanding a separate Tamil homeland. the Tamil Tiger rebels' unconditional

Sri Lankan forces captured the up arms," he said. rebels' biggest sea base, effectively cutting off their supply point and pushing edly been killed in recent fighting in as decisive." them to the brink of defeat.

Government forces have already rebels — and an estimated 250,000 and Canada for both sides to temporarachieved significant victories against trapped civilians — into a rapidly ily cease fire to allow civilians and the the terrorists," Prime Minister Ratnasiri shrinking 30-square-mile (85-square-

"I would prefer people to get in-

The 2008 presidential election's and politicians."

"I think the interest will fade off a election.

volved for the issues instead of hype and factors such as those," said Kralik,

influence was evident in attendance

and membership rates for the student organization, he said, which soared last

bit," the Dallas native said. "Students

are usually involved because their par-

an education graduate student.

semester during the campaign.

have caused the increase in student ents are, so when they get to college,

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Wickremanayake told Parliament.

Sri Lanka's prime minister rejected calls He said the government will only for a cease-fire Thursday from donor accept an unconditional surrender died over the years in the conflict, ntries worried by reports of growing by the Tamil Tigers, who are facing which began because of discrimination civilian casualties in the South Asian defeat after a fruitless 25-year war for

"We are ready to accept anyone

the Vanni region in the north, where "No force can stop this operation. government forces have squeezed the a call Wednesday by the U.S., Britain

to "bridge the gap between students

ence professor at Tech, said increased

student interest stemmed from more

issues than the 2008 presidential

affairs in the U.S. that was a major

factor in heightened political interest,"

Student Media

Mark McKenzie, a political sci-

Overall, some 70,000 people have by the majority Sinhalese against the minority Tamils.

"Our forces have now surrounded who will embrace democracy by giving the last stronghold of the terrorists," Wickremanayake said. "The last mo-Hundreds of civilians have report- ment of Tigers will be painful as well

His strong words effectively rejected wounded to leave the area.



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Kralik said the organization hosts as the weak economy and a war in Iraq events to keep students interested and that had become increasingly unpopushed light on important political issues lar among a number of Americans."

It is important for students to be politically engaged because people who follow politics are more likely to be successful, more knowledgeable, and have higher incomes than people who do not, he said, which is why the political science department at Tech "It was also the issues and state of attempts to increase students' political

> "Because students at Texas Tech are required to take six hours of political science," he said, "they are more educated about the government compared to other universities.'

Tim Dallas, adviser to the Young Conservatives of Texas at Tech, said he believes the current generation of college students wants to make a difference.

"College students realize if they involve themselves in politics, they have the opportunity to influence the process of government," he said.

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# PINIONS

## What to do when children's toys turn evil

onths ago, retailers started pulling Fisher Price's Little Mommy Real Loving Cuddle and Coo Doll (I can't believe I just typed such a sentence) off store shelves.

You probably missed it when it happened. I know I did. The toy was pulled because parents were Rhode Island news source WPRI. outraged after the doll was apparently telling their children "Islam is posedly only plays when the player the light." There were also reports gives her baby a bath in the game, that the doll said, "Satan is king," everybody knows that Islam is a with baptism as soon as possible. religion that worships the fallen angel Lucifer.

The news that terrorists had infiltrated our children's toys and as Tulsa NBC affiliate KJRH, as well

chel Jones was incredulous when discernible." she heard her 8-year-old's Nintendo DS game, "Baby Pals," spout the KJRH in Tulsa said the phrase around the nation are secretly

The "offensive message" supwhich is predictable. Good to assowhich makes total sense because ciate the phrase "Islam is the light"

The game, published by Crave Entertainment, unsurprisingly lets players take care of a polygonal infant. As such, it uses a multitude caused them to "spout hate" broke of sound bytes of babies "talking," way back on Oct. 9, 2008. It made though as developer Brain Toys / its way to many news sources such InXile stated on the GamePolitics novel idea! Web site, the sounds are all publicly as FOXnews.com. So why do I bring licensed, and, "In over 200 hours of testing the product, no recogniz-Because a mere week ago, Ra- able English words or phrases were should be a parent, I find my-

light." People I played the audio clip ing that Islam is the light. to said it simply sounds like a baby babbling. Luke Plunkett at gaming blog Kotaku.com thinks it sounds dolls for years. And I'm not just like "my salami is alright."

Daily Toreador Design Editor

Rachel Jones is angry because she has to keep taking toys away from her children. She expressed concern to WPRI that she needs to not only watch her daughters' toys, but also

A parent paying attention to what her kids are doing? What a

But while I applaud Jones for the sudden revelation that she self appalled at the cause. She's An audio expert consulted by convinced that toys and games exact same message, as reported by sounds most like "It's not near the brainwashing children into think-

But then, is that really a stretch? We've been seeing evil, murderous maid doll that was so insidiously say, "Kill (insert name here)"? Does referring to Chucky.

Remember how demonic Telle-Kyla Butterfield said, "The second tubbies were? If the show itself wasn't rapid succession in order to get to and killing revenue? part just sounds like a baby, but the creepy enough, parents quickly the song it sings? first part sounds like a velocirap- discovered the licensed toys were saying things such as "Faggot, faggot, bite my butt," and

gun! Run away, run away!"

coming to me in my early days as an administrator of a video game message board for Christian gamers, delivering the important message that Mario was a communist (note the red hat) who was trying to get children hooked on drugs. I mean, why else would he need

so many mushrooms? Let's face it, we don't need to keep these toys away from the children, we the parents.

I'm 100 percent behind parents keeping a hawk's eye on the toys and games they give to their children. 

Peele is The DT's Opinions However, they also need to use a little common sense.

Why would an Elmo doll that Or how about the Little Mer- learns your name be programmed to programmed that you could only the company that makes the toy hear it say, "You're a slut," if you want to train children to kill thempressed the button several times in selves, thus eliminating customers

Why would you make a Tiny Heck, I remember a woman Winky doll inform a child to run away, as he's got a gun? Despite the very important message it teaches of running away from armed psychotics dressed in purple outfits, it would likely scare off the children, again killing revenue.

And as much as I'd like an army of Gorgonite friends, I don't think the plot of the movie "Small Soldiers" is coming true and we should all fear toys with "faulty chips."

So next time your child starts actneed to keep them away from ing up and repeating scary phrases, don't blame the toys and video Maybe just certain par- games. Do what logical, sensible ents, though. As I said before, people do: blame the media and U.S. government.

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## Vampires were cooler before they became all popular

By ANDREW HICKS THE PITT NEWS (U. PITTSBURGH)

and novels with names like "The ing, priming an entire generation of light" thing tends to screw up nor-Bloody Night Darkness Trilogy" to children with the idea of the good mal settings, so either they write the forefront of popular culture. They vampire. how have movies; television series, books, video games and apparently

cape-wearing, coffin-dwelling vam- from his handlers and drained the a pile of dust. In the end, nothing pire, whose meals consisted mainly life out of two cameramen before Big is sacred. Vampires can't step foot horse-drawn carriages always man- pencil into his heart. A new Count and just get really uncomfortable aged to conveniently blow a tire directly on the doorstep of Castle You'reallgoingtodie, which I guess they always assumed was Transylvanian for "Holiday Inn."

The typical vampire of today's media is almost as pale as he is androgynous. He's a lanky, hypersexual being who's ashamed of his animalistic tendencies, yet is drawn by his condition to go searching for people to drain in the middle of the night.

So, where did this vampire obsession come from? I think it's because vampires are the ultimate bad boys, the mythological equivalent of the seniors in high school who got to stay out as late as they wanted and smoked cigarettes in the parking lot explored the horror aspect of vamafter class. Vampires as protagonists pires and audiences are willing to aren't really evil anymore, they're accept the gentle but tortured vamjust bad influences.

vampires who the good vampires end up defying through the power of true love, a newfound respect for doe eyes at the vampire as he dabs humanity or whatever feel-good mes- the blood of his last victim from the together from scavenged body sage drives the plot. But even these corners of his mouth. antagonists are less like demonic murder machines and more like ily dramas now, where the vampire the prom. But when townspeople Hans Gruber in "Die Hard." They husband comes home from a rough might make a snarky comment and day at the vampire office, hits his kill a person every once in a while, vampire wife in front of the vampire but you just don't get that same sense kids and is carted away by the vamof them being an immortal force of pire police to vampire jail. darkness anymore.

traced all the way back to "Sesame awful plotlines, but they go on to Street," which introduced a friendly completely rewrite the mythos as In the last decade, vampires vampire named Count Von Count, they see fit. have been pulled from the an- who had supposedly replaced his nals of folk legend, B-movies lust for blood with a love of count- they come in contact with sun-

But you can't completely pacify a vampire, as became shockingly clear in an unaired episode from 1996 Long gone are the days of the where the original Count got away high school without turning into roving gangs of noblemen whose Bird could drive a sharpened No. 2 on holy ground? Mine are atheists

> Vampires as protagonists aren't really evil anymore, they're just bad influences.

was hired soon after, and everyone who works with him is outfitted with a vial of holy water and the

So now that authors have fully pire as a character, they've moved Of course, there are usually evil on to romance. "I know he's a soulless, unholy killer, but I can change him," the love interest says, making

Not only do these writers have down.

The origin of this problem can be the gall to subject us to these

The whole "vampires die if about a post-apocalyptic world where vampire scientists blow up the sun, or they just make up a reason why their vampires can go to around the clergy. Vampires hate garlic? Not really, only Dracula did. He was allergic.

But all of these changes serve only to cheapen the conflicts that would make a vampire character's life interesting. I would have been far more inclined to see "Twilight" if it were about a girl and her odd, pale friend who darts nervously from shadow to shadow and mysteriously disappears from the lunchroom on Pasta Day.

But as we speak, the idea of the good vampire is becoming as entirely played out as "a normal guy becomes the Grim Reaper" or "comic relief Jesus," and something else will soon be dragged out to take its place. Personally, I'm pulling for Frankenstein.

I can see it now. "Frank and Stein," a novel about a young monster named Frank who must come to grips with the reality of being an abomination stitched parts while also getting up the We even have vampire fam- courage to ask a cute werewolf to begin to show up strangled, Frank falls under suspicion and must find the real killer: his half-brother,

Hold on, I need to write this

## Saying 'good riddance' to Juicy Campus

STAFF EDITORIAL DAILY KENT STATER (KENT STATE U.)

Thile Facebook celebrated its fifth birthday yesterday, JuicyCampus announced its funeral after a year and a half.

rority was the sluttiest, where to find the public. hottest guy in the business department and their respective college.

been a threesome in the library. We'll never find out who's the blonde with the best lips in the tri-state area. How will we ever again get to squeal about that creeper value freedom of speech, and nowhere is in the local diner?

harsh words said about others and posted on the Internet for everyone, not only in our school to see, but anyone with access questions on JuicyCampus. Some people get some drunk munchies is.

student jobs are around campus. Having a blog available to students at a university is a great idea when you just have a simple, harmless question like "Where's the cheapest place to see a movie?"

Facebook is a good place to link up The popular gossip blog flourished with other students at your school, but among students from about 500 college there's no way to just throw around a campuses hoping to discover which so-quick, simple question to the general

Students who chose to post ugly gossip, other — usually sexual — lessons about true or otherwise, on JuicyCampus may never realize how much they hurt the But now we'll never find out if there's subject of their post. Anonymous or not, the words can still very much have a big effect on someone.

As journalists, we understand and this freedom more evident than on the these sort of discussions continue. And how will we ever live without the Internet. We just have to ask, is it really worth posting worthless libel online in

JuicyCampus founder and CEO, to a computer. There are some decent Matt Ivester, posted a letter on the site's blog explaining the close. He explained are curious as to where the best place to the cause for the site's end was because "exponential growth outpaced our ability their tires rotated is.

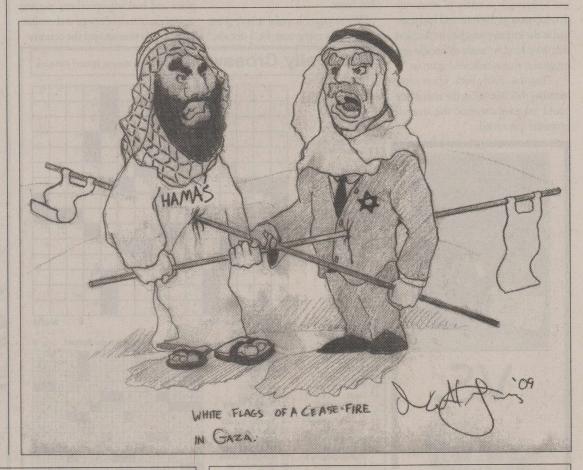
Others want to know where the best to muster the resources needed to survive this economic downturn."

(Looks like the poor economy has even made gossip a little harder to come by these days. Makes you wonder how they were ever able to get word out about Mary's lovely lady lumps during the Great Depression.)

All joking aside, we hope Juicy Campus may set the stage for other forms of open discussion, maybe not on the same hurtful level as that, but on a more constructive and simplistic level.

Ivester did mention in his letter that he and others in the company are grateful to those who engaged in conversations about online privacy and Internet censorship because of JuicyCampus. That will never be doubted, and we hope to continue to see

There will always be someone out there who will still want to know who the sexiest teaching assistant on campus is and who they've slept with, but we're a little more concerned with helping get an answer out to the person who would rather know where the best place to get



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FITNESS FRIDAY

## Strengthening core muscles helps create 'washboard' abs

A strong core and "washboard abs" are one of the most sought after muscle groups when people hit the

So, what should you take into account when working out these muscles? How often should they be exercised?

By making core exercises a staple only improve how you look, but you'll also improve your posture, strength in other activities, and reduce your risk of lower back pain.

When people say core muscles, generally talking about.

back muscles and pelvic muscles. lower back region. Together all of these muscles give support to your spine, thus improv-

Your body also recruits the core muscle group for nearly every physical movement you do, with the extended exception of machine or free weight exercises that isolate specific muscle groups. Although these movements your left knee, and then twist to the erally initiated in that region.

because they are one of the fewest your chest. muscle groups capable of being exercised daily. That doesn't mean you that area, but doing so will not have motion. a negative effect on your body.

Although the core area consists multitude of separate exercises and

Here's a sample of a quick core workout.

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of your workout routine, you'll not knees towards your chest as far as they can go and then push your feet toward the ceiling, straightening your legs and putting your body in an "L" shape.

the six-pack is the area they are down to your chest and push your legs out straight again, keeping your However, your body's core also feet six inches off of the ground. This includes your oblique muscles, lower targets your lower abdominal and bring your body up into push up

Supine Bicycle Kick:

With your lower back flat on the ground, lock your fingers behind your head and keep your left knee close to your chest with the right leg

Raise and twist your upper body so your right elbow nearly touches do not isolate the core, they are gen-right knee with your left elbow while simultaneously pushing your left leg Your core muscles are unique out and drawing your right knee to

This will work your upper abdominal and oblique region, as well have to exercise daily to strengthen as your back due to the twisting the same is true for any muscle

Flutter Kicks:

Laying on your back, place your of many muscles and there are a hands flat under your butt and raise your feet up to six inches. Lift your machines to work the area, you can head and tuck your chin towards fit in a solid core workout in a short your chest. Now, keeping your legs amount of time without equipment, straight, raise one leg to a 45-degree which also means it can be done at angle while keeping the other leg at

Lower your leg back six inches while the other leg is moving up to 45 degrees. Don't let your feet fall below Begin this exercise by keeping six inches and touch the floor. This your legs out straight. Draw your exercise is great for your abdominal John.J.miller@ttu.edu

region and also will work your hip

flexor muscles.

Struggling Jimmy: With your upper body flat, raise your legs as close to a 45-degree angle as you can. Extend your arms and raise your upper body, pushing your fingers towards your toes as if you are attempting to

Come as close as you can, and then return your lower body to the ground. Keep your chin tucked toward your chest throughout this Bring your knees all the way back exercise. This works your upper abs, as well as your lower back.

Remain on your forearms, and position. Tighten your core, and breathe regularly. Hold this position static (don't move).

Do these exercises for a minute each. If necessary, break them into 30 seconds and repeat the entire circuit twice. In five minutes, you'll have completed a good core

Typically, these exercises are done at a fast tempo, but be sure to not sacrifice form for repetitions. Do as many proper reps as you can in the allotted time, and remember to breathe slowly and deeply.

In regards to long term results, group. Consistency is key. As much as you may hate me while doing this circuit, you'll thank me when spring break and pool time roll around.

Now dig down, find your heart, and push yourself towards a stron-

■ Have a fitness related question? John Miller is an ACE certified personal trainer and graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School. E-mail him at

### Tech organization to perform Vagina Monologues

urday in the Allen Theater.

The monologues, written by ences with violence.

Vagina Monologues performer experience violence.

"I have never heard of anyone is a good opportunity to get some partner.'

Leadership Alliance will perform the men are encouraged to attend, and those raises awareness about violence "Vagina Monologues" at 7 p.m. Sat- with an open mind can learn from the against women. performance.

playwright Eve Ensler, were com- performance at Tech for the past three is dedicated to meeting the needs of piled from a series of interviews with years, Seeley said, and every aspect of women about sexuality and experi- the performance comes from real experiences of women.

and publicity director Elizabeth issues people typically are hesitant to on-campus performances of the "Va-Seeley said the monologues give discuss. Seeley said not every story is both men and women a sense of about violence, but all aspects of the what people go through when they performance gives information about issues many women can relate to.

"If you listen to the message that who came to the show and regretted the monologues bring," she said, "you coming," she said. "The slogan you will take so much away from it. You to 3 p.m. Friday outside the Student always hear people say is that men will want to come back. You will learn Union Building or at the door prior to will never understand women. This so much about yourself and about your the 7 p.m. performance Saturday.

Although the name may lead Mirll, who will also perform in the Feb. 21 in the Allen Theater. people to believe the event is geared monologues, said the performance is ≫hannah.boen@ttu.edu

Texas Tech's Feminist Majority toward a female audience, Seeley said part of the V-Day Campaign, which

Mirll said she feels passionately The FMLA hosted the monologues about Tech's FMLA chapter, which women and children in Lubbock, on Tech's campus, and across the globe.

Seeley said the FMLA attempts The performance sheds light on to meet the needs of women by its gina Monologues," which donates 10 percent of ticket sales to a safe house for sexually assaulted women in the Congo.

> Tickets can be bought for the "Vagina Monologues" from 11 a.m.

The monologues will be per-Tech FMLA vice president, Bryony formed again at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 and

## JuicyCampus Web site shuts down

By EMMELINE ZHAO THE DUKE CHRONICLE (DUKE)

Looks like the juice wasn't worth

Popular gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com shut down Thursday because of the faltering economy, JuicyCampus Founder and Chief Executive Officer site down was unrelated to legal investi-Matt Ivester, Trinity '05, announced gations or feedback from universities. No Wednesday.

"Even with great traffic and strong user loyalty, a business can't survive and grow without a steady stream of speech," Duke Dean of Students Sue be easier to ignore those issues without revenue to support it," Ivester said in a statement. "In these historically difficult economic times, online ad revenue has plummeted and venture capital funding has dissolved. Juicy Campus' exponential growth outpaced our ability to muster the resources needed to survive this economic downturn.'

The site, which first surfaced on Duke's campus in 2007, allows users to post anonymously to message boards for more than 500 colleges across the nation. It has accumulated numerous messages

Correction

The music calendar, "La

Vida Noche," in Wednesday's

edition of The Daily Toreador

should have stated that Da-

vid Allen Coe will perform

Feb. 14 at Country Legends

in Plainview. The DT regrets

the error.

targeting individual students and has delighted that [Ivester] has made a decisparked controversy surrounding legal and ethical issues since its inception.

Duke and other universities' officials and students have called the site repulsive and devastating-but it has still gotten hits. Still, according to the JuicyCampus blog, Ivester said the decision to take the plans are currently in place to resuscitate the Web site, he said.

Wasiolek said. "That being said, I'm our site."

sion to take this site down. I think that's good news."

Ivester, however, disagrees. In an email to The Chronicle Wednesday, the Duke alumnus said the site's termination is not something to be pleased about, and the gossip Web site would be "thriving" if economic conditions were different.

"JuicyCampus' shutdown is not a positive change for campus-the issues brought up by JuicyCampus will con-"I will always be a proponent of free tinue to exist," he said. "It will simply

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### Miley Cyrus embroiled in another photo controversy

is responding to criticism that she someone is trying to make something to advancing the social, political mocked Asians in a photograph of out of nothing to me." the tween star stretching the corners of her eves.

any ethnicity!" Cyrus wrote Thursday into a slanted expression. An Asian many young fans" by "mocking and in a posting on her official Web site. "I man sits next to Cyrus, not participat- denigrating individuals of Asian was simply making a goofy face. When ing in the group pose.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Miley Cyrus did that become newsworthy? It seems

online, shows the "Hannah Montana" "In NO way was I making fun of star and five friends squinting their eyes

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## Tech women's tennis travels to Colorado for Air Force, Denver

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's tennis team is trying to shake off a close 4-3 loss to Mississippi State.

But it doesn't get any easier for the Lady Raiders.

Tech resumes play against Air Force at 10 a.m. Saturday in Colorado Springs and then against No. 40 Denver at 9 a.m. Sunday in Denver.

"Air Force is improved," Tech coach Todd Petty said. "They're playing two freshmen in the lineup this year that have had a pretty successful year so far. Denver is an opportunity. We're not nervous about the match, we look at it as an opportunity against a ranked team, and that's what we've been preparing for."

Air Force (2-3) comes into the weekend matches with two losses to two Top-60 teams and wins over Eastern Washington and No. 17 in NAIA, Lewis-Clark State College.

Denver has started the season with a brutal schedule with three of its first four matches against Top 35 teams. All of the Pioneers' (1-3) losses were 4-3 scores.

have to deal with the thin air good tennis. and altitude of Colorado with an of Lubbock.

titude, indoors is always gonna be a matches. slight advantage," Petty said. "We've been preparing for that, and I think we'll be ready."

taste of defeat from their mouths from straight sets, 6-0, 6-3. the Mississippi State loss.

think the girls were ready to compete 6-3, 6-2. Peana in the second match definitely have nothing to lose."



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S KELSY Garland plays in a doubles match against North Texas on Jan. 23 at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Despite the loss, the players have 6-3, 6-2. The Lady Raiders (1-1) also started the season off playing some

Samantha van der Drift, freshelevation of 6,035 feet, twice that man Stefanie Peana, and junior 6-2, 4-6, 10-7. Then, she won against Simone Templeton each hold a 2-0 Mississippi State's Elna de Villies in "Playing at their place in the al-record after the season's first two a three set, three-hour-long, 6-2, 5-7,

In the first match of the season, van der Drift disposed of North Texas' Irini der Drift said she is anxious for her and Petty said he and his players are ready her second match she took care of Misand use what they worked on during to get back on the court and remove the sissippi State's Martina Banikova also in their week off.

again because they felt like they were took it to three sets against Missis- >> zane.turner@ttu.edu

sippi State's Natalie Mayuk, 5-7,

Templeton also has impressed playing at the No. 3 and No. 4 spot, beating North Texas' Catalina Cruz in three sets, 6-3 victory.

With the matches this weekend, van Paraschiv in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3. In her teammates to get back to playing

"Denver is a great opportunity for In her first two matches of the us," she said. "They're good, but I think "I don't like sitting on the match young season, Peana handled North they're not out of reach to beat. I think that we had at the end," Petty said. "I Texas' Amy Joubet in straight sets, it's going to be a good opportunity—we

## Tech softball starts 2009 season in Arizona State Kajikawa Classic

SPORTS WRITER

If the Texas Tech softball team wants to start the 2009 season on the right foot, it will have to beat some impressive teams.

The Red Raiders begin the season with the Arizona State Kajikawa Classic today in Tempe, Ariz. The tournament ends Sunday. Tech faces Central Florida and Wagner today at noon and 4:30 p.m., respectively. The Red Raiders face Oregon and No. 9 Stanford at noon and 2:30 p.m., respectively, Saturday. To wrap it up, Tech ends with Western Michigan at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Probably the storyline that stands out the most for the Red coach Teresa Wilson to Amy Suiter.

Wilson took a job with perennial national championship contender Arizona as the Wildcats' new pitching coach on Oct. 6.

It left Suiter, who was Tech's Raiders' new coach.

Suiter had a lot of the offseason last season's record. to gel at her new position, but the the players.

"Honestly, the change was played for coach Wilson so the rors — the most in the conference. philosophy did not change one hard. Yeah, the face of our coach evident for Tech. changed, but our attitude and our personalities didn't."

The playing style has not changed either, Suiter said, which can make a transition to a new

head coach a little easier. similar," she said. "Obviously, see somebody new."

when somebody new takes over,



TEXAS TECH'S MEGAN Shupp makes a play at second base against Raiders is the switch from former UTEP at Rocky Johnson Field last season.

there might be personality changes includes UCF, who went 49-20 last or things might be done a different season on its way to a Conference way, but philosophies are all the USA title. Stanford opens 2009 same. Should be a smooth transition ranked in the Top-10, while Oregon for the kids."

While the playing style may not assistant at the time, as the Red change for the Red Raiders, the results need to if they want to better

Tech finished the 2008 season transition is not hard on her or 8-10 in the Big 12 Conference and 23-36 overall, good for sixth (out of 10) in the conference. The team's pretty smooth because they were batting average of .254 was last, team thrown into it. See where we're at." both on the same page," Tech pitching with an earned run average

bit. We've just been working ing that from happening in 2009 is frightening.

"We're trying to stay positive and stay pumped up this last week of practice," right-handed pitcher Ashly Jacobs said. "It's usually tough to keep going this last week. We're so excited

The competition this weekend >> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

received two votes in the 2009 ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 preseason rankings.

"Central Florida did really well last year, winning in their conference, so that'll be a good challenge to start off," Suiter said. "Then we have two Pac-10 teams, Wagner and Western Michigan, so we're definitely getting

There is much to improve on catcher Jennifer Lee said. "Amy of 3.31 was ninth and Tech had 86 er- from the 2008 season, but Suiter said she has no worries heading into But the anxiousness of prevent- the season-opener, which is a little

'That's the scary thing: I don't have any big concerns right now," she said. "I don't know if that's a bad thing. We'll be tested early, and so hopefully we'll find our strengths, find our weaknesses and work from there. to get going, and we're tired of facing This is a group that's really come "What we're doing is really each other in scrimmages. We wanna together as a team which is exciting, coaching a group like that."

## Lady Raider golf opens in Puerto Rico

By ADAM WADSWORTH STAFF WRITER

still are experiencing winter weather, the Texas Tech women's golf team is heading improve on its ranking. somewhere nice and sunny to start the 2009 spring season.

Classic in Puerto Rico.

Tech, who enters the season ranked that should help us out a lot." No. 51, will face a wide variety of compe-

attending, according to Golfweek. Other also said she usually looks to the team Top-50 teams include No. 21 Kent leaders, such as seniors Megan Dowdy

State, No. 37 TCU, and No. 38 North and Ulrika Van Niekerk, as the go-to rolina State. Tech coach Stacey Totman said the

Although many parts of the country team's goal for the tournament is to finish in the top five, which hopefully will

there (ranked) between 25 and 50," traveling have played on the Puerto Rico The Lady Raiders start the 2009 Totman said. "If we can go out there course before, and the team's experience season Sunday at the Lady Puerto Rico and play well and finish in the top five, there should help it in the long run. I think that, you know, with our ranking

Totman said it was hard for her tition in the tournament this weekend. to decide which athletes to send this No. 9 Georgia and No. 17 Purdue weekend because all of her players are have the highest rankings of the teams playing good golf at the moment. She

people. Other Lady Raiders participating in the tournament are Alex Gibson, Rosalyn Kim and Gloriana Soto.

Totman said another deciding factor, and fortunate advantage, influencing her There's just a bunch of schools right decision was that four of the five players

Knowing the course is particularly important in golf as an individual sport because each player needs to have a game plan for the course. This allows a player to handle whatever unique challenges the course has to offer.

Totman said since the team already is hitting the ball well, the players mainly need to work on their short game and their strategy for each course.

One big advantage the team will benefit from is the Big 12 Conference Championships taking place at the end of April at the Jerry S. Rawls Course in Lubbock. It also will be the only home tournament of the season for Tech.

"I think this group can see a lot of really positive things," Totman said. We're excited, you know, we're hosting the Big 12 here in a couple months, and it's a great opportunity for this group of kids to go out and show what they can do."

The team leaves for Puerto Rico today and the tournament will run from Sunday until Tuesday.

The men's team is finishing up the Hilo Intercollegiate Tournament in Walkoloa, Hawaii, which started Wednesday. Tech's Garrett Merrell and Chris Ward are tied for fifth place with a pair of 70s in the opening round. The tournament ends today. >>> adam.wadsworth@ttu.edu

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### Kellogg dropping Phelps over pot photo PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — ury Swiss watchmaker Omega and Olympic team. The company said in

inhaled from a marijuana pipe. behavior.

The 23-year-old swimming star a photo appeared Sunday in the British tabloid News of the World that showed Phelps inhaling from ately available to comment. a marijuana pipe.

such as Visa Inc., Speedo, lux- port its association with the U.S. Corn Flakes boxes.

Kellogg Co. said Thursday that it sports beverage PureSport's maker a statement that it will not renew its will drop its endorsement deal with Human Performance Labs, stood contract with Phelps, which expires Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps by the athlete following the news, at the end of February. following his acknowledgment he even if they didn't condone his

has apologized for his "regrettable" cereal and snack maker Kellogg said behavior and "bad judgment" after Phelps's behavior is "not consistent with the image of Kellogg."

Phelps's agent was not immedi-

Kellogg had contracts with Phelps Most of his major sponsors, and other Olympic athletes to sup-

Judge may toss some evidence in Bonds case

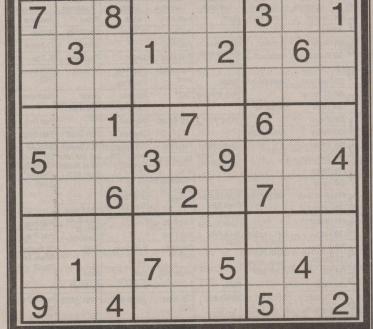
The company did not renew its

deal with the US Olympic Team, But Battle Creek, Mich.-based which expired in December.

Kellogg would not disclose the value of its deal with Phelps.

But experts have said that after Phelps won eight gold medals, he scored millions in endorsement deals, including the one that placed him on boxes of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes and

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U.S. District Judge Susan thoughts" were to exclude from tests that prosecutors say belong to Bonds unless there is a direct link

"If there's no testimony to Anderson's home. establish that, I don't think any of them work," Illston said.

The only person who can do

- Prosecutors trying to prove trainer, Greg Anderson, who spent Barry Bonds lied when he denied more than a year behind bars for on the evidence discussed Thursday knowingly using performance- refusing to speak to a federal grand enhancing drugs suffered a setback jury investigating Bonds. And An-Thursday, with a federal judge derson's attorney, Mark Geragos, has testimony from expert doctors the saying she might toss some of the said his client will not testify against government hopes would persuade strongest evidence against the Bonds at the trial, scheduled to start a jury that changes in Bonds' body March 2.

Without someone to authenti-Illston said her "preliminary cate that the test results were from Bonds tested positive on three sepatrial three 2000-2001 positive drug the tests were Bonds' were "classic the steroid methenelone in urine hearsay."

that the urine samples came from said she likely also would exclude nandrolone. the former San Francisco Giants a doping calendar and other papers

> allow a recorded conversation between Anderson and Bonds' former

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) that seems to be Bonds' personal without Anderson's knowledge.

Illston will issue a formal decision at a later date. She also will hold a separate hearing on whether to allow were due to steroid use.

According to court documents, Bonds' urine, Illston said claims that rate occasions in 2000 and 2001 for samples; he also tested positive two Based on the same logic, Illston of those three times for the steroid

The three positive drug tests seized by federal investigators at seized during a 2003 raid of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the She was inclined, however, to headquarters of a large-scale sports doping ring — are a key part of the government's effort to prove Bonds personal assistant Steve Hoskins in lied when he told a grand jury which they discuss injecting steroids. that year he never knowingly took





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### Some TV stations to end analog signal on Feb. 17

NEW YORK (AP) — Televi- boxes for older TVs. sion viewers who use antennas and were expecting a few more months country now say they are going to prepare for digital TV may not to take advantage of the option have much time left before their sets to drop analog broadcasts this go dark: Many stations still plan to month. drop analog broadcasts in less than two weeks.

mandatory transition to digital TV until June, it also gave stations the option to stick to the originally stations. scheduled date of Feb. 17.

analog signals, which broadcasters until June 12. The Senate passed had hoped would happen at nearly the measure unanimously last the same time nationwide, could now unfold in a confusing patchwork of President Barack Obama for his different schedules.

Lawmakers wanted to address concerns that many households signals could vanish entirely in that receive TV signals through an some areas but persist in neighborantenna are not prepared for the switch. They were also mindful that a government fund has run out of money to subsidize digital converter June 12.

Dozens of stations around the

Many others are on the fence. The total number is likely to be in When Congress postponed the the hundreds, a substantial chunk and maybe even a majority of the country's 1,796 full-power TV

The House voted Wednesday That means the shutdown of to delay the mandatory shutdown week, and the bill now heads to signature.

The legislation means analog

### Charges dropped in Gitmo terror trial

Pentagon's senior judge overseeing terror trials at Guantanamo Bay dropped charges Thursday against an al-Qaida suspect in the 2000 USS Cole bombing, upholding President Barak Obama's order to freeze military tribunals there.

The charges against suspected al-Qaida bomber Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri marked the last active Guantanamo war

The legal move by Susan J. Crawford, the top legal authority for military trials at Guantanamo, brings all cases into compliance with Obama's Jan. 22 executive order to halt terrorist court noon to announce the move. proceedings at the U.S. Navy base in

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said Crawford dismissed the charges against al-Nashiri without prejudice. That means new charges can be brought again later. He will remain in prison for charged al-Nashiri, a Saudi Arabian, the time being.

the fact that the president has issued death penalty in the case.

ing regions. In rural areas, lowpower stations will continue to

broadcast in analog even beyond

### WASHINGTON (AP) — The an executive order which mandates that the military commissions be halted, pending the outcome of sev-

eral reviews of our operations down at Guantanamo," Morrell said late The ruling also gives the White House time to review the legal cases of all 245 terror suspects held there and decide whether they should be

other nations. Obama was expected to meet with families of Cole and 9/11 victims at the White House on Friday after-

prosecuted in the U.S. or released to

Seventeen U.S. sailors died on Oct. 12, 2000, when al-Qaida suicide bombers steered an explosives-laden boat into the Cole, a guided-missile destroyer, as it sat in a Yemen port.

The Pentagon last summer with "organizing and directing" the "It was her decision, but it reflects bombing and planned to seek the

## Alcohol-related crimes increase at Tech

By SARAH REIMAN STAFF WRITER

ated by the Texas Tech Police Depart- continually are making poor decisions. ment, the number of alcohol-related

incidents increased in January compared to previous years.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the department, said when students are given citations in the residence halls for alcohol-related reasons, it usually is because a complaint was made.

The number of public intoxication cases on campus has more than doubled since 2007, according to the report. While the number of driving while intoxicated arrests have increased, the number of some other crimes such as

minor in possession

have decreased. Despite the decrease in some violations, the number of alcohol-related crimes on the Tech campus have increased from last year.

Sean Duggan, the director of University Student Housing, said when an alcohol or drug-related infraction is committed, the police report is referred to the university, which is then processed by Student Judicial Programs.

cational," Duggan said. "Students make decisions — and sometimes they're good and sometimes they're bad — and we try to be there to help them make the best decision in support of their academic

Some cases never even make it to the police, he said. Housing staff members employed by the university often deal with alcohol incidents on a case-by-case basis.

Joe MacLean, interim director of Student Judicial Programs, evaluates all cases that are referred to the office.

An appointment is made to discuss the incident with the student involved, he said, and he then decides whether the According to a monthly report gener-student made one poor decision or if they

In some cases the student is able to

disclose information that was not included in the report that Students make indicates the situation was not the studecisions — and dents' fault, McLean said. In those cases, sometimes they're the sanctions may good and somebe dropped. The student times they're bad meeting can end in

one of four ways: reprimand, probation, deferred suspension, or permanent suspension. "Drug referrals

are treated more seriously than other offenses," MacLean

A drug referral is equivalent to a second strike on a three-strike system. he said, and quite a bit more cases in-

and minor in consumption of alcohol volving alcohol and drugs have occurred this school year than the last few years. When a sanction, or penalty, is suc-

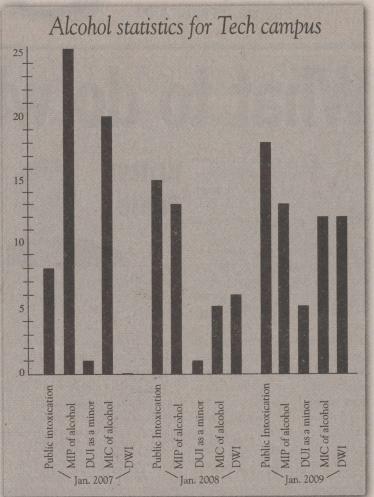
cessfully fulfilled by a student, the student is considered in good standing with the Records of these incidents, kept for seven years, can be negative factors when

applying for law school, some graduate schools, and jobs with the federal government, he said. Hoffman said if a student answers the "I think our approach is very edu- door to their residence during when an

officer is checking on a complaint, alcohol that is visible to the officer could be confiscated and a citation could be given. If no is alcohol present, he said, the officer may ask for permission to search

the suspect's belongings. Hoffman said individuals who draw attention to themselves, display inappropriate behavior that is disrespectful to others, are vomiting, stumbling, or need assistance walking are more likely to receive a public intoxication citation.

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### ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

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Minors: Consumption of alcohol by a minor in the state of Texas is punishable by \$500 to \$2,000 fine, a jail sentence of 180 days or less, and 20 to 40 community service hours relating to education about the misuse of alcohol. If it is not the first offense, community service could be as many as 40 to 60 community service hours, and the person is not eligible for deferred disposition or deferred adjudication.

Source: Texas Penal Code

### Base realignment boon becomes burden in recession

crowed four years ago when the Pentagon announced thousands of jobs would be transferred to the Aberdeen Proving realignment and closure," or BRAC. Ground from Fort Monmouth, N.J.

"Having won the battle of Mon- costs of building new roads, schools and mouth vs. Aberdeen, we are in good was Maryland's secretary of economic development at the time and had testified as the military weighed its decision to become a nightmare for a decade," that Maryland is "ready to handle any expansion that is bestowed upon us."

That was 2005, back when communities that lost out in the reshuffling could take solace that the overall economy was strong.





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most states on the receiving end of big big winners are scrambling to pay for portation coordinator for the Fort military base moves, leaders in Maryland the growth expected over the next two Meade Regional Growth Management years in the most recent round of what the Department of Defense calls "base Topping local concerns are the

water and sewer systems for an influx of shape now," said Aris Melissaratos, who commuters and families uprooted from repeated waves of closing bases in one

Now, in the grip of recession, the said Jean Friedberg Jr., regional trans-Committee. "I would say it will become a challenge for a decade and maybe

For years, towns and states have vied for infusions of defense-related jobs and spending as the military went through place and building up others, moving "We're pretty hopeful it isn't going tens of thousands of troops and civilian workers at a time around the country.

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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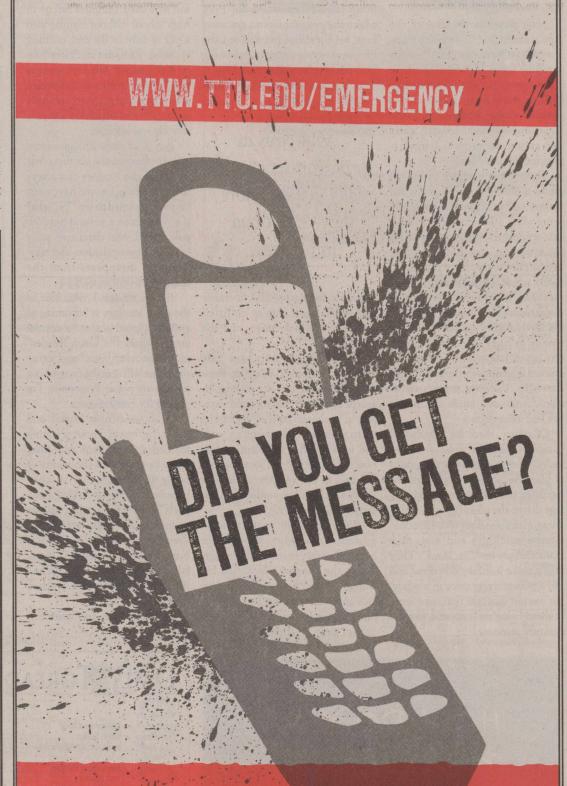
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## Tech hosting final home meet, prepares for A&M Invitational

**By ADAM WADSWORTH** STAFF WRITER

For the third and final time this season, Athletic Training Center.

Tech will be without eight-time sophomore distance runner Gilbert Limo this weekend because the two now getting back into competition. have been invited to run in Reebok's 3,000-meter run and Limo will run my step on." the 800-meter.

team will look to other members to lead the team into the meet.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said the team the first few weeks. is using the meet as a final chance to rest tational on Feb. 13 and 14.

"This week is more just going to be a "We're just going to have a real slow meet harder. and get ready for A&M."

added importance because the Aggies' as hard as they do for nothing.

new indoor facility is hosting both the Championships.

the Red Raider track team competes in the run all their events and instead may tion.' Texas Tech Invitational Saturday in the only run one event, if they compete at all.

Kittley said the meet would feature national champion Sally Kipyego and athletes, such as pole-vaulter Amanda

"This weekend is my second weekend of practice. Boston Indoor Games in Boston. to go for my full run," Alley said. "So I just Kipyego will be competing in the have to work on a few things, have to get like to get us away from just practicing

Without usual headliner Kipyego, the her, coming back from being out for a year, in practice," Jobe said. "We get to her to hold back and just do shorter runs strategies.'

up and prepare for the Texas A&M Inviend are those who have not yet set prohard work pay off.

real easy week, kind of just maybe keep an in the 800-meter at the Lobo Invitational the men's heptathlon and continues at edge a little bit, but we're not going to run last weekend, said seeing other teammates 4 p.m. today with the final of the hepa lot of things this weekend," Kittley said. set good marks encourages her to compete tathlon and the women's pentathlon.

She also said the success of her team-The meet in College Station has an mates is a reminder that they do not work

"Earlier last week we had a couple Big 12 Conference and the NCAA of provisional marks, not us but our teammates," Jackson said, "and so just Many of Tech's star athletes will not looking at them is kind of an inspira-

Kearci Jobe, another 800-meter runner, said her strategy for the weekend is to work on the mental aspect of the sport. She said she needs to focus Alley, who have been injured and are just on being aggressive and viewing her races more like competitions instead

"I think any competition is good, with each other, and being comfort-Alley also said the big challenge for able with the other person I run with was being patient. She said it was hard for be with people who have different

Jobe said the offseason has been long Other athletes competing this week- and she wants the chance to see all her

This week's version of the Texas Tech Shannon Jackson, who placed third Invitational began Thursday night with The field events and the running events begin Saturday at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively.

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## Top stories heading into NFL offseason

Brandon

With the most watched Super Bowl in history in the books, it is officially time to put the 2008 season to rest, and turn our attention to what promises to be an exciting, surprising and controversial offseason.

With that in mind, here are the three NFL stories — besides free

No. 3: The Dallas Cowboys. Yes, I admit I am a Cowboys fan, named Favre. but for football fans in general, there is no source of storylines quite like the Dallas Cowboys. With Terrell Owens rumors (again), a reality show (again), and coaching rumors (again), the Dallas Cowboys are a mortal lock to meet Jones' quota of front-page stories.

Even after failing to make the playoffs, the Cowboys were never far away this postseason. First, there were reports that the 2009 season would be Wade Phillips' last, with former Broncos coach Mike Shanahan ready to take over in 2010. That creates the tenuous situation of Wade Phillips sword above his head, unless owner in the coming months.

Now, according to team sources, Jerry Jones' son has the owner seri-Although the situation has been on quarterback. ice for a couple of weeks now, it will be worth tracking this offseason. I for one as reality show material — in case you haven't heard former troubled

agency and the NFL draft — I am receiver Michael Irvin will be hosting looking forward to until NFL Kickoff a reality show where the winner earns a spot at Cowboy's training camp.

No. 2: The Quarterbacks, not

The last two Super Bowl runner-ups under center in Tom Brady and Kurt mandzadeh. Warner. Now both of these teams have Warner comes back for another season, take over the starting job. Either quarterreceiving corps in football to go with, for once, an excited fan-base.

Then there's the New England Patriots with two stellar quarterbacks on their roster. The team will likely sign upstart Matt Cassel to a one-year deal by coaching the 2009 season with a mid-February. This will allow the team to wait until NFL draft weekend to make Jerry Jones can offer some reassurance a decision on whether Brady's injured knee will be good to go in 2009.

If Brady is a go, the team will in all likelihood deal Cassel to any of an ously considering ditching T.O., abundance of bidders. If Brady appears saying without better team chemistry, too far behind in his recovery to play another Cowboys' season will be lost in 2009, the team will hold on to Casto rumors and embarrassing losses. sel for one more year as their starting season promises enough hype to get you

No. 1: The Trouble Makers.

The day of reckoning — well at least am beginning to wonder when the in NFL terms — is fast approaching for Dallas Cowboys will stop being seen troubled Pro Bowlers Plaxico Burress and Michael Vick

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front burner all off-season is whether or not the New York Giants will welcome Burress back to the team.

Burress was suspended for the last month of this season after he suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound with an unregistered hand gun. The Giants clearly missed his presence on the field, so like the Cowboys' T.O. situation, it will be interesting to see how much they are willing to put up with off of it. Potential replacements exist in the draft, with talent such as North Carolina's Hakeem Nicks, and possibly in disgruntled NFL have featured sure fire Hall-of-Famers receivers Anguan Boldin or T.J. Housh-

And finally, one of the biggest sports intriguing situations developing at that stories of the decade will reveal another position. It will be intriguing whether chapter between now and NFL Kickoff 2009. With Michael Vick — convicted or if heralded backup Matt Leinart will on felony dog fighting charges in 2007 - reportedly leaving prison for a halfback will have the luxury of the greatest way house any day, his potential return for football draws high. The NFL is expected to continue his suspension through the 2009 season, though this is unofficial.

> It remains to be seen when he will be reinstated to play in the NFL, and when he is, whether or not any team will risk offending its fan base by offering him another chance. At the very least, we can expect this story to return Vick and his saga to the front page once again. The controversy of this story is sure to keep emotional fans' interest in the coming months.

So football fans fear not. This offready for another exciting NFL season, just six months away.

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### Rice University football coach signs 5-year deal HOUSTON (AP) — Rice foot- new deal in early January. Sports getting the language worked out."

Owls earned their first bowl victory in contract Thursday.

Bailiff agreed in principle to the torneys since last month were "just Jan. 1. 1954.

ball coach David Bailiff signed a information director Chuck Pool Financial terms were not released. five-year contract just weeks after the confirmed that Bailiff signed the

The Owls (10-3) beat Western Michigan 38-14 in the Texas Bowl Bailiff told KRIV-TV that at- on Dec. 30, Rice's first bowl win since

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# SPORTS

## Lady Raiders prepare for Round 2 with Longhorns

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Riley and Oklahoma State, Texas Tech was enjoying some much-needed rest before starting the second half of Big 12 Conference play.

The rest might come in handy, considering five of the Lady Raiders' next nine Big 12 opponents are ranked in the Top 25.

"We're just about at the mid-point, so any time this year that you can find some rest for them, I think it's important," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "We haven't panicked. We've continued to stay the course around here and try to into Texas on Sunday."

16 Texas (15-5, 3-3 in Big 12 play) at 3 way or a different way, we have to be p.m. Sunday in Austin.

Last time out, the Lady Raiders handed Texas a 65-62 loss Jan. 10 — season was tightly-contested.

Tech's only win over a ranked opponent this season.

While Texas was battling Andrea middle of conference play with an 80-39 win over Savannah State Monday.

> Because the Lady Raiders have not played since then and Texas was on the road, Curry said the team hopes to watch the Longhorns' match up with the Cowgirls live Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Longhorns perform against OSU should not change the Lady Raiders' game plan much, considering they already have

"Our rotation is a little bit different than seven games ago in Big 12 play do everything we can to put things into already," Curry said. "Things are differposition to be most successful heading ent this point and time. We know how It starts with a rematch against No. and realize whether they go the same prepared."

Tech's first encounter with Texas this

up a play to allow Tamila Martin to push their hard work paying off in a game." The Lady Raiders had a break in the the ball up the floor using her quickness, shot. Instead, Martin dumped the ball off Lady Raiders. to Dominic Seals for the layup and the two-point lead with seven seconds left.

> Texas' Kathleen Nash was called for an offensive foul on the next possession, play No. 2 Oklahoma twice in the final ending the game for the Longhorns.

However, she also said how the game with 21 points and continues to be one of the Big 12's best players, ranking 13.3 points a game.

at then-ranked No. 4 Baylor Feb. 1 — Texas only win over a ranked conference opponent this season.

"I do not know that I was surprised, they guarded something the first stop I was pleased," Texas coach Gail Goestenkors said of her team's win in Waco in to knock some shots down.' a press conference Thursday. "We have been working hard in practice, and we were not available as of press time have had good practices, but we have not Thursday. played that well in a game for a while. I

With the game tied at 62, Curry drew think it was good for the players to see

Now a win against Texas in Austin which hopefully would lead to an open could be something to build on for the

Tech sits eighth in the Big 12 standings and considering the Lady Raiders still have to travel to No. 8 Baylor and nine-game stretch, another road win Texas' Brittainey Raven finished the could put Tech in the right position

But Curry said one of the keys for her 13th in the conference in scoring with players, who are unavailable for comment on Thursdays, in the final stretch The Longhorns have a 58-55 win of conference play is perimeter shooting. Tech is 11th in the conference, shooting 30.9 percent from beyond the arc.

"Often, there's a reason why you're open," she said. "It's starting to kinda be that way with us. We've got to be able

Results from the Texas-OSU game



TEXAS TECH'S ASHLEE Roberson fights for the ball against Savannah State's LaShara Smith Monday in the United Spirit Arena.

## Bears in Lubbock, Tech desperate for results after four-game skid

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

When Baylor was dubbed the ketball last season after reaching the gym. I know that we will keep the NCAA Tournament for the first working to get better every day. We as far as rotations." time in 20 years, the Bears probably have the ability to get on a run and expected the transition from being win multiple games in a row." the hunters to the hunted.

recently has felt the aftershock of that banner season, losing four Arena. straight games in a brutal stretch that included No. 2 Oklahoma, No. Baylor senior forward Kevin Rogers 17 Texas, Missouri and Kansas.

we have to get on a role," Drew said defense.

on Monday after an 83-65 loss to Kansas. "I think they know what we ing," Rogers said. "I think we just the last four minutes. need to do to get back to postseason. need to get back to the way that we

Early on, Baylor pulled out a win labeled the most disappointing team sending players to the free throw line consistently enough to merit a Top in the Big 12 begins with fending an average of 26.5 times a game. 25 ranking, but Scott Drew's team off a hungry Texas Tech squad at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit (11-11, 1-6 in Big 12 play) is slump-

Looking at the last four games, was right when he said the recent "We have eight more to go, and slide has been a result of weak games. Not to mention, Tech nearly there that we really didn't get done, has not entirely resembled Tech's to come in and get the win."

ing the trust factor with each other stretch.

Baylor (15-7, 3-5 in Big 12 play) is allowing opponents to shoot 50 The Bears journey to avoid being percent during its losing streak while

> ing in the worst way having lost seven of its last eight games. However, the Red Raiders have shown gradual improvements over their last three defeated Baylor in Waco on Jan. 10, ended up costing us the game at the recent body of work.

"I don't think anything is miss- but could not hang on for the win in very end."

The Red Raiders almost proved Fortunately for the Bears, Tech seconds remaining to lift the Cowfive before the Huskers pulled away eyes," he said. "They still have the boys to an 81-80 victory.

> "That's a tough loss," Tech forward Mike Singletary said. "We had dowski said it is getting old watching them the whole game and there were games slip away at the end, but he just a few little things that we had acknowledged that the scoreboard

For Tech coach Pat Knight, it after Tech showed promise in a close I think we will focus on that. Guys started out the season. We have to is getting the effort to last a full loss at Texas A&M by committing "Cinderella story" in college bas- that are slumping now will get in help each other on defense and hav- 40 minutes, especially down the only seven turnovers—14 less than Singletary said he knows the Bears their Big 12 average at the time. Then the Red Raiders threw the ball they could do it against Oklahoma away 20 times against Nebraska, but State on Wednesday, but after start- somehow — with a little help from ing the second half with a 12-point Knight's well-documented explolead, Tech could not hold on. OSU's sions at mid-court — they were down since last season. Byron Eaton made a layup with 30 able to whittle a 17-point lead to for good.

Tech forward Robert Lewan-

"It's a little annoying, but at the The heartbreaker at OSU came same time it keeps telling us that we're that close," he said.

> Despite Baylor's recent losses, bring a dangerous foursome of guards, led by senior Curtis Jerrells, and he expressed some sympathy and respect when discussing how the Bears' fortunes have flipped upside

> "Baylor's still a great team in our same parts that they had last year with a few extra parts that they have with the freshmen coming off the bench. They're gonna be a good opponent, so we're just gonna have

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