

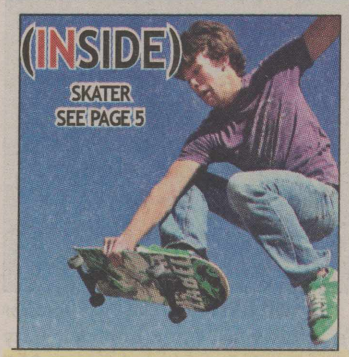


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STATE

Explosions spark fire near Texas gas plant

CARTHAGE (AP) — Two explosions near a gas processing plant in eastern Texas sparked a grass fire and burned a trailer and several parked vehicles Wednesday, officials said. No injuries were reported, said Sam Moore, a Carthage firefighter. Preliminary reports indicate a gas line near the DCP Midstream East Texas facility ruptured, officials said. The first explosion happened around 10:15 a.m. and a second occurred when emergency personnel were on the scene, according to the Panola County Sheriff's Office. Several companies have gas lines feeding into the processing facility. DCP Midstream said identifying the cause could take several days.

NATION

Senate panel approves labor nominee Solis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Hilda Solis edged closer Wednesday to winning confirmation as the nation's next labor secretary, after more than a month of delays over questions about her husband's unpaid taxes and her work for a pro-union group. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee cleared her nomination in a voice vote with only two Republicans voting against her. The action sends the nomination to the full Senate for a final vote likely this week. A committee vote scheduled last week was abruptly postponed after news that her husband had paid about \$6,400 to settle outstanding tax liens against his auto repair business.

WORLD

North Korea appears to be readying missile test

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea appears to be gearing up for another long-range missile test, the latest in a series of provocative acts seemingly aimed at stoking tensions with South Korea and winning the attention of the new U.S. president. In recent weeks, Pyongyang has declared it will scrap peace agreements with Seoul and warned of war on the Korean peninsula. Reports that it could be preparing to test a missile capable of reaching the western United States have added to the anxiety.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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NYSE stable after stimulus talks

By **MATT COBB**
STAFF WRITER

The New York Stock Exchange's Composite index remained constant Wednesday in the wake of U.S. lawmakers agreeing on a \$789 billion economic stimulus package is meant to bolster the nation's ailing economy. The NYSE Composite index closed Wednesday with a price of \$5252.68. The composite index calculates the performance of all the common stocks incorporated with the exchange. The exchange's index closed Tuesday — after the stimulus package passed in the Senate — at a price of \$5214.71, which was down from Monday's closing price of \$5479.88. The index's drop Tuesday was not the first time the stock market has experienced a several-hundred-dollar decline in a single day since Barack Obama was elected president. The composite dropped more than \$300 the day after Obama was elected, going from \$6345.09 on Nov. 4 to \$6012.17 on Nov. 5. The composite also took a hit on Inauguration Day, dropping from \$5387.50 on Jan.

16 to \$5058.06 on Jan. 20, when the president took the oath of office. Peter Summers, an assistant professor in Texas Tech's Department of Economics and Geography, said he believes significant drops in the stock market are less affected by the arrival of the new administration and instead are tied to the poor state of the economy. Summers said the stock market price is low because investors are weary of the economy, but it is possible that a noticeable rebound in the market might occur by this summer. Based on prior recessions, the stock market recovers faster than the economy as a whole. "If you're looking at just the stock market, you might see a sign of recovery before the economy (recovers)," he said. It is difficult to estimate a time frame for when the economy will turn around, he said. The nation might start to see early affects of the stimulus package by mid-summer, but there is no guarantee the economy will make any succinct changes this year. "We might see positive growth at the

Market strength: Bush to Obama

Date	NYSE Composite index (Closing Price)
Feb. 11, 2004	\$6751.05
Feb. 10, 2006	\$7980
Feb. 11, 2008	\$8868.28
June 4, 2008 (Obama nominated)	\$9212.76
Nov. 5, 2008 (Obama elected President)	\$6012.17
Jan. 20, 2009 (Obama inaugurated)	\$5058.06
Feb. 11, 2009	\$5252.68

end of this year," Summers said, "but I wouldn't be surprised if we had negative growth for the whole year." It will take a while to determine whether the stimulus package is working, he said, because different parts of the package will have affects at different times.

Gary Lawrence, president and CEO of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, said Lubbock has not been impacted by the recession nearly as much as other cities around the nation. **STIMULUS** continued on page 2 ➤

Tunnel of OPPRESSION

Diversity event allows students to experience negative perceptions of minorities

By **GARRETT SALZMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Students normally would not subject themselves to common stereotypes or ridicule, but those traveling through the Tunnel of Oppression Tuesday and Wednesday accepted it willingly. Students were led by a tour guide through nine stations with themes based on different "isms." Themes included ableism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism and classism. "We're trying to be as radical as we can," said Cory Rose, who performed a skit about supremacy. "I'd hope people understand it's just an act. We're just acting out other's beliefs. They know what they're coming for and that I would never support these beliefs." Rose, a junior marketing major from Granbury and community adviser for Coleman Residence Hall, said he enjoyed researching information about the skit and performing for others. The stations included information about the themes and posters where students could write down



STUDENTS AND RESIDENCE Hall community advisers take part in the "Wreck Lounge" portion of the Tunnel of Oppression on Wednesday in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building. The skit was to show students how discrimination on class order can occur at a bar. Hostess Kimberly Davis, a senior chemical engineering and math major from San Antonio, far right, tries to put down and remove the "homeless," played by Mary-Frances Moore, second from right, a sophomore psychology major from Richmond, from getting any service at the up-scale bar. their own feelings about minority groups. All booths had skits performed by residence hall community advisers and members of the Residence Halls Association. While traveling through the stations, students also were encouraged to participate in interactive demonstrations of what some minority students experience. These included volunteers attempting to find a seat in a classroom

while blindfolded to illustrate the challenges blind students face when attending class. Christopher Ruiz, a graduate hall coordinator for University Student Housing, said it was important students had the opportunity to experience what their minority classmates may have to overcome. "I think the interactive portion helps students identify with these issues a little more," said Ruiz, a higher education graduate student from Amarillo. "Seeing the actors is like watching a movie. You may get emotional from that movie and have a reaction, but interacting allows students to be in the action and identify with the 'isms' better." Ruiz, who is also the co-chair of the Student Justice Committee, said it was his goal to ensure students came away from the event with a better understanding of minority groups' struggles. "We really hope that the students gained something valuable from this experience," Ruiz said, "even if it's just added awareness and knowledge." **TUNNEL** continued on page 2 ➤

Blagojevich dishes dirt on those who ousted him

By **DEANNA BELLANDI**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — Ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich is lashing out at the Illinois lawmakers who removed him from office, calling them drunkards and adulterers who don't know how to do their jobs. Blagojevich's former colleagues and close associates are laughing off the latest comments as those of a desperate man — but he could make people nervous if he starts naming names as federal prosecutors prepare to indict him on corruption charges.

"At some point he's going to realize how much trouble he's in and the way the federal sentencing works now, the best way to reduce your own sentence is to cooperate against someone else," said Chicago defense attorney John Beal. Blagojevich, impeached and ousted last month in the wake of federal corruption charges against him, seems open to spilling in a book at least some of what he saw during his two terms as a Democrat in the state's highest office. "I've got my crayons ready, I'm ready to write it. I'd like to tell those stories,"

Blagojevich said during a Wednesday interview on WLS Radio's "The Don and Roma Morning Show." Blagojevich said he wants to point out "the phoniness and hypocrisy" of the politicians who run state government. "A bunch of them are cheating on their spouses, a lot of them drink in excess, very few of them know what's going on, they just take their marching orders from legislative leaders," Blagojevich said. As salacious as Blagojevich's comments may be, what ultimately will matter is whether he can tell prosecutors about illegality in state

government, Beal said. "Feeding them a lot of gossip doesn't get you anywhere," he said. Lawmakers brushed off Blagojevich's latest remarks. "We're watching a guy destroy himself in front of our eyes," said Democratic state Rep. John D'Amico of Chicago. Blagojevich, who toured national media outlets to defend himself instead of attending the start of his impeachment trial last month, was in New York City again Wednesday for a planned live appearance on Fox News with talk show host Sean Hannity.

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Slide Road expansion hindered by lack of funding

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Texas Department of Transportation officials informed the City of Lubbock Tuesday morning that it would not immediately be capable of funding its share of a project to expand Slide Road north from its terminus at Fourth Street north to Loop 289.

Councilman John Leonard, District 5 representative and chairman of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee, said an area director with TxDOT informed the committee that TxDOT could not follow through with a promised \$15 million contribution towards the project.

"It was quite a shock to have Steven Warren — he happened to be the messenger — say they would not be able to come up with the money," he said. "TxDOT was supposed to come up with \$15 million and the city was supposed to pay for \$25 million worth of the construction."

Warren was not immediately available for comment.

Dianah Ascencio, the public information officer for the Lubbock TxDOT office, said the Northwest Project is comprised of three separate TxDOT projects including the Slide Road expansion. The other two projects include widening West Loop 289 from Fourth Street to Frankford Avenue and widening 19th Street at the West Loop.

Leonard said TxDOT was quick to say it would honor the \$15 million it promised the city, but it is not sure when it will be able to get the money needed.

"It was a lot of shock and surprise," he said. "Now we just have to move forward. It's back to the drawing board. We're continuing to set our priorities. Our first priority is to finish the Marsha Sharp Freeway; we're assured of that money."

Ascencio said about \$7 million of the promised \$15 million came from Category 7 of TxDOT's 11 categories. Earlier this year, TxDOT called back all Category 7 funding

statewide.

Category 7 — Metro Mobility and Rehabilitation — is based on population. Cities with populations over 200,000 are eligible for Category 7 funding, according to TxDOT's Web site.

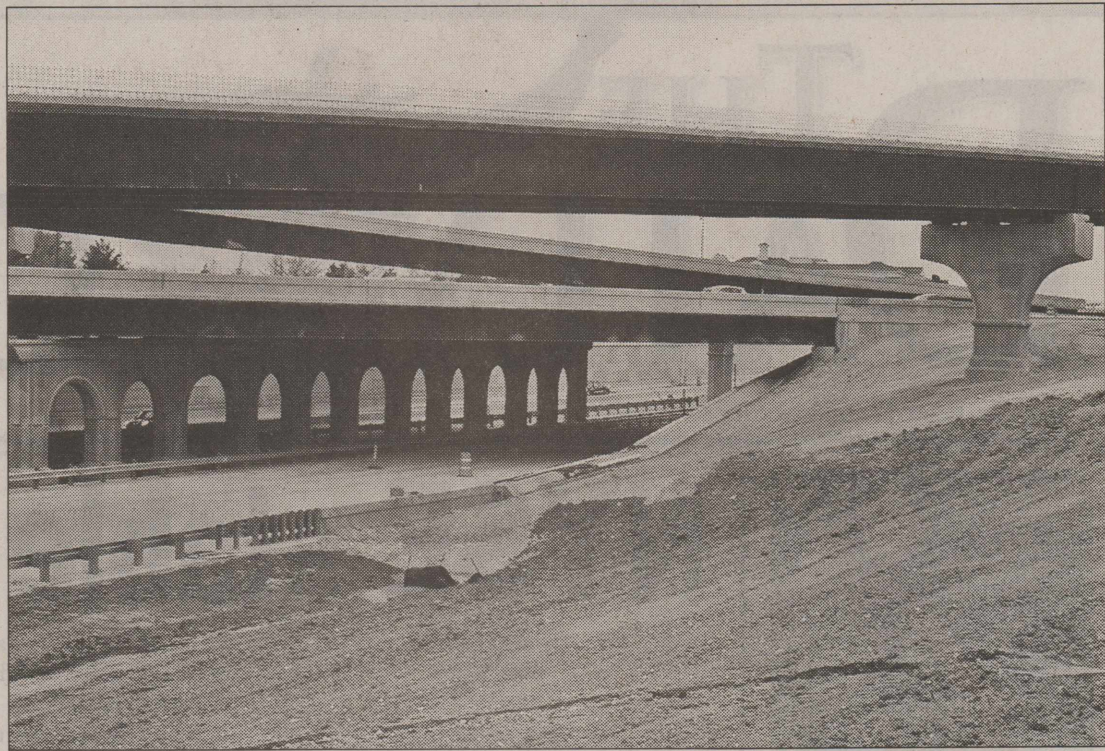
"It's something we have to deal with," Ascencio said. "Obviously, we're disappointed, but we're not the only area being affected by the financial crisis. There's just not enough funding available at this time. Unfortunately, for the past year, TxDOT has faced a financial funding crisis and these problems are beyond our control."

Ascencio said the other \$8 million to make up TxDOT's promised \$15 million was funding TxDOT anticipated from the state.

No plans to re-engineer or of scale back the Northwest Project are in place, she said.

Funding for the project may come to Lubbock from the federal government's proposed economic stimulus package, Ascencio said.

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
THE EXPANSION OF Slide Road may drop a few notches on the city's priority list after Lubbock City Council was notified the Texas Department of Transportation would not immediately be able to honor a \$15 million funding pledge.

Stimulus

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"Lubbock's economy during recessions doesn't significantly go down," Lawrence said. "It also doesn't significantly go up during periods of growth."

Tech and the medical industry are responsible for employing a large number of people in the city, which helps keep the economy relatively stable, Lawrence said. Neither industry typically lays off workers during recessionary periods.

"Our unemployment rate, at the end of last year, was 3.8 percent," Lawrence said. "That's one of the lowest rates in the state."

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Tunnel

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Joann Wright, a senior business assistant with the Tech University ID office, said her favorite portion of the tour through the tunnel was a board labeled "Racism vs. Reality."

The board included pictures of Tech students and common stereotypes associated with them, such as one minority student wearing a turban with the caption "I'm a terrorist." When participants lifted the sheets of paper, they were presented with facts the students had written about themselves that challenged those stereotypes. The student with a turban wrote he was born and raised in Texas.

"I thought it was interesting to see these stereotypes from a different perspective," Wright said. "I got to see if maybe I had some of those same prejudices. It lets you confront them and gives you something to think about."

Karen Magness, co-chair of the Student Justice Committee and a graduate hall coordinator, said she hoped the event would make students aware of the scope of the problems with prejudice.

"The most important thing is for students to realize these problems are everywhere, not just at Tech," the higher education graduate student from La Crosse, Wis., said. "Things still happen. We wanted to show what's still going on. We want to give them that global view."

Magness said it also was important for students to have an open mind while traveling through the tunnel.

"I have a friend who always says everyone is fighting their own internal battle, and I think that's really illustrated here," Magness said. "You may not know it, but they are. Just knowing that and talking about it makes you a more compassionate and understanding person."

After traveling through the tunnel, students were encouraged to attend a debriefing in a separate room. Inside, two counselors from the Tech Student Counseling Center asked students about their experiences in the tunnel and the reactions they had to the stations.

Michael Izzi, a counseling psychologist who worked in the debriefing room Tuesday night, said he was glad University Student Housing contacted the counsel-

ing center to get counselors involved.

"We haven't seen much breaking down, and we don't really anticipate that," he said. "But I've been to things like this before where people weren't fine afterwards, and I'm glad that they thought ahead and have us here in case that happens."

Christopher Smith, a pre-doctoral intern who also was debriefing students Tuesday, said he expected the exhibit to affect students after they reflected on the experience.

"It can be something you see later on. It gives you something to think about, and then they might have that 'wow' moment or emotional reaction," he said. "They can realize these aren't things that were in the distant past. New generations make change and can be motivated to change."

Kerry Hooks, assistant director of University Student Housing, said she has worked as an adviser to the justice committee during the past three years the tunnel has been performed.

She said she believes the event is always a valuable way to engage students about the way they view others.

"I hope people leave and talk about this experience," she said. "I hope they have can have discussions and conversations about what they saw. The more people who talk about diversity, the more we can do to stop this oppression."

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City council meeting canceled

By MIKE GRAHAM
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A Lubbock City Council special session meeting to discuss Lubbock water rates was canceled Wednesday because the finance committee was not able to make a recommendation to the council.

John Leonard, District 5 representative, said the committee did not have enough information ready to make a recommendation to the council. The meeting was called to discuss increasing water rates in Lubbock.

"I'd love to say we would be able to decrease rates," Leonard said. "But that's just not the case. Just like the rest of Texas, we don't see rates going anywhere but up."

Leonard said Wednesday's canceled meeting would not have been a formal city council meeting.

"In all honesty," he said, "it's not truly a formal council meeting. Obviously (a group) of council members would have been together. If a group of us get together and we don't post notice about it, that obviously violates open records and all kinds of law. The mayor will sometimes call it a 'special meeting' if a group of us get together."

Wednesday's canceled meeting was supposed to prelude today's bi-monthly City Council meeting which

begins at 7:30 a.m.

On today's agenda is the vote on a resolution approving the execution and delivery of a promissory note for a revolving line of credit by the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance to American State Bank.

Dan Lewis, the vice president of commercial lending for Lubbock-based American State Bank, said a revolving line of credit is a credit line in which a corporation can borrow money and has up to a year to repay the loan.

"It's just a normal business-type loan," he said.

Leonard said it is written in the alliance's bylaws that the city must approve promissory notes made by LEDA, but the city has no liability if LEDA cannot pay for a loan.

Gary Lawrence, the president and CEO of LEDA, said the alliance is in no economic danger and a revolving line of credit is simply something LEDA would like to be able to utilize if funds are needed in the future.

"We've had this for four years," Lawrence said, "and we have only used it once."

Lawrence said he would not be attending today's meeting.

"It's just a routine item," he said.

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- Destiny
- Writer Bellow
- Juneau's land
- Botch
- New currency
- Grasping part
- Shaded walkways
- Even one time
- Part 2 of quip
- Enticed
- Tempor
- Masters
- Champion from Canada
- Archie's command to Edith
- Psychic power
- Lansbury series, "Murder, She..."
- Haughty look
- Take off quickly
- Part 3 of quip
- "West Side Story" faction
- Silvery
- European fish
- Aleppo's country
- In addition
- Flower part
- 500-mile event, briefly
- Language of Lebanon
- Forces out
- Part 4 of quip
- Food, stangly
- Legacy
- Way out
- Ireland
- Singer Pearce
- Draw close
- Be without
- PAT value
- End of quip

DOWN

- Jacket feature
- Pimento holder
- Having blades, as a windmill
- Mortgage condition, often
- Tina Turner's ex
- F.D.R.'s mother
- Master
- Manmade fiber
- Vestiges
- Young plant
- BMW rival
- River to the Caspian
- Be vanquished
- Castle
- defenders
- Channing and Burnett
- Untried
- "Silver" author
- Levin
- Exploit
- Comic Jay
- Cogito — sum
- Wanes
- lik
- Legal bargain
- Trifle (with)
- First name in tenors
- Asian evergreen
- Juniper
- flavored drink
- Be worthy of
- Commotion
- Southwest people
- Desert blooms
- Originated
- Castle or Durne
- Belafonte or Lewis
- Lush
- Edberg or Sorenstam
- Soon afterward
- and now (today)
- One of HOMES
- off (deflect)
- Get the point

By Adele Mann
New York, NY 2/12/09

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Stations plan to make early DTV transition

By **ALYSSA LITTLE**
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Digital television permanently will enter most American's lives Tuesday, and many will not be prepared.

Gannett Tsegai, a White House media relations representative, said although the U.S. House of Representatives voted to postpone the digital television transition date, some stations still plan to make the switch Tuesday, which leaves millions of people ill-equipped to deal with this situation.

"Congress made this decision in 2005," Tsegai said. "There has been plenty of time for people to prepare for this transition — everyone should be ready for this change."

Tsegai said there is a federal converter box coupon program for those who do not have the means to purchase a new television set or cable service. Households will be eligible to request two \$40 coupons to be used toward the purchase of an analog-to-digital converter box, she said.

Dan Jackson, the general manager of

Lubbock's KCBD Channel 11, said after careful evaluation the company decided it is best for the South Plains viewers to remain broadcasting in analog until the June 12 deadline.

"There are roughly 1,500 of our viewers still on the waiting list to receive coupons to purchase a converter box," Jackson said. "It costs a little more to remain analog, but our viewers are in our best interest."

He said KCBD's goal is not to gain more viewers by remaining analog; it is to give people who are not prepared for the change four more months to get ready.

"Congress has made sure there are ample opportunities and ways for people to switch over to digital," Tsegai said.

According to the Digital Television Transition ad campaign Web site, three options are available to get ready for the transition: to buy a digital-to-analog converter box and connect it to the analog set, purchase a television with a built-in digital tuner, or subscribe to a paid television service.

Skip Ogle, a director at Suddenlink

Communications, said although Suddenlink did not decide to partner with the ad campaign, like Comcast Cable and Time Warner Cable, sales have vastly improved.

"I think it's about time everyone makes the switch to digital," Ogle said. "It provides a higher quality in television, and it will improve the broadcast spectrum — not to mention it helps out the cable companies."

Ogle said he was surprised millions of people still have not done anything to prepare for the upcoming transition, and they are making it harder for themselves.

Tsegai said Congress is confident about its decision to delay the transition, but she does not know why some channels are making the switch.

"We hope that it isn't too great of an inconvenience for people," Tsegai said. "I truly believe that in the long run everyone will appreciate the digital transition."

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DISNEY DREAMS



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

ABIGAIL SCARBOROUGH, A sophomore agricultural communications major from Lubbock, speaks to Matthew Boal, a Walt Disney World representative, at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources spring career expo Wednesday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

TABC cracking down on underage drinking

By **RACHEL KUYKENDALL**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Minors beware: The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is on a mission to stop underage drinking. The commission plans to stop the use of fake identification at parties by anyone under 21 with the use of undercover officers and by restricting party permit approval.

Howard Bailey, a Lubbock lawyer, said TABC no longer gives permits for third party vendors on certain weekends known to have many parties, such as fraternity's bid-day weekends.

"I think this year they're certainly more time devoted to supervision of college parties," he said. "They're also investing more man hours in issuing permits."

At parties where permits are given, Bailey said, more minor-in-consumption and minor-in-possession stations have been issued.

Chris Bourne, a bar owner in

Lubbock, said the use of fake IDs by minors has not increased, but the effort TABC is putting into ending the problem has increased.

"If you're using a fake ID, they want to catch you," Bourne said. "Most of the time, they want to catch the manufacturer, as well, because they're thinking, 'If you're making good IDs, what else are you doing?'"

Bailey said TABC is stricter than before, and has more time invested in controlling college parties.

"They have a coordinated mission right now to take care of minors using fake IDs," Bourne said. "I know at this particular moment they have been really strict."

According to the Lubbock Municipal Court, 55 underage alcohol related tickets were given during one week last semester.

Bailey said TABC now has meetings once a semester for college students in different groups that inform them about party policies and punishments for underage alcohol use.

However, TABC procedures are not enforced as much in Lubbock as in other college towns, he said.

According to TABC's Web site, TABC developed Operation Fake Out to counter the use of fake IDs by underage drinkers. Officers dressed in plain clothes wait inside the door of an establishment and re-check IDs to ensure they are real, and the person is of age to drink.

Chandler Stewart, a freshman nursing major, said her friend's fake ID was taken up at a party Saturday night after she showed it to a TABC officer. An officer warned her friend that having one is a felony and can earn a minor up to 10 years in prison.

"She got lucky, and he let her go without a ticket or anything," said Stewart, a Plano native. "She was scared, though, because she had no idea TABC was at the party looking for minors using fake IDs."

A TABC officer, who requested anonymity, said it is unusual for tickets not to be given when a minor is caught

drinking or caught with a fake ID.

Bailey said the need for public safety is one reason TABC has been more strict.

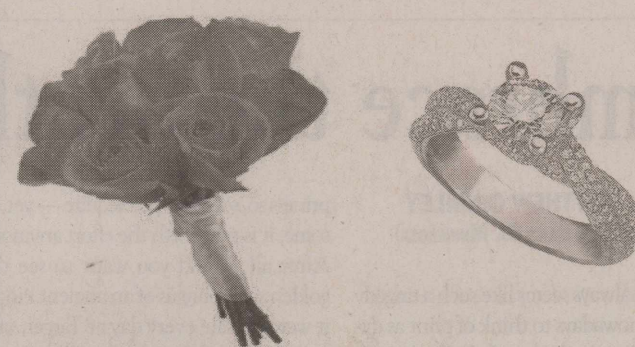
Todd Klein, Lubbock City Councilman for District 3, said he is not aware of any TABC policy changes, but he is in support of anything that makes the streets safer for college students and the community at large.

"We don't want anybody to be taken advantage of because they're being inappropriately served at a party," Klein said. "We don't want people who aren't 21 being served."

Klein said it is easy for young students to forget about the consequences of drinking underage, such as receiving alcohol tickets or driving while intoxicated.

According to the TABC Web site, the organization provides grant money to individuals and organizations working to prevent underage drinking, and they provide the public with information about programs related to the

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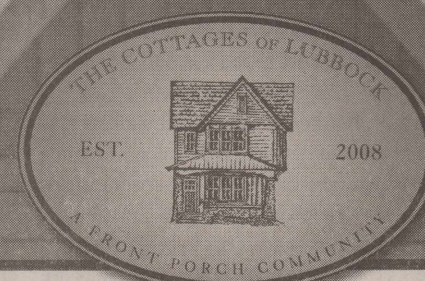
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Wine, while elegant, still alcoholic beverage

A few hundred years ago, the most widely accepted medical cure in Europe for an animal bite was to stuff the wound with hair from the animal that bit you.

Centuries later, the hair of the dog that bit you has turned into a phrase for drinking. The best cure for a hangover is to simply keep on drinking.

Civilization has come a long way from such antiquated medicinal practices, but wine remains steadfast in its role of elitist beverage. It can't be stopped, and no matter how badly it makes us feel in the morning, we return to it. Maybe it's for its medicinal purposes, but I think it's a combination of a few other things.

Wine has long established itself as a preferred drink. For hundreds of years, alcoholic drinks were preferred to standard drinking water because of the unknown sanitary conditions of streams and

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lakes. The beer and wine wouldn't kill you, which for most people is considered a virtue.

Then America got health conscious, and wine didn't make a big comeback until the early 1990s when "60 Minutes" ran a segment about French health. They ate more fat than anyone else in the world, but they still were skinny. Americans finally found something it could learn from France. The Big Mac wouldn't haunt them as long as it came with a glass of burgundy.

Sadly, studies a few months later proved that wine wasn't fermented in the fountain of youth and health. Drinking a bottle by yourself didn't reverse years

of McDonald's. It just got you intoxicated.

Wine was back now, and a whole new culture started to revolve around this industry. Americans started making wine, and now four wineries currently are in Lubbock, and each of them are enchanting in its own way. I certainly suggest that you try them out if you're of age. But for those of you who never have learned much about wine, I'm going to give you a glimpse of how confusing a wine tasting has become.

The wine guy pours me an ounce of wine. I move to drink it, but he stops me. I need to smell. I need to swoosh. I need to sip and then slosh it around in my mouth like Listerine. I'm only thinking about when I can finally swallow. He finally lets me swallow.

I have to write down the way it tastes, and I'm encouraged to use words like "aggressive," "suggestive" and "alluring," which on any other night of the week might be

good words to describe a date.

We're holding the wine up to the light. We're sloshing it around for the color. We're doing everything but drinking it, which I learn near the end is strictly optional.

I learned a lot of other things that evening. Merlot means "young blackbird" in French. Merlot is a large component of some of the world's finest wines, and France makes more merlot than any other country in the world.

I've been a wine collector my entire adult life. I revel in the finer years where the ground was drier or the growing season was longer, but at the end of the day, it's wine. It's not gold or diamonds. It's something you drink.

At some point, wine became a symbol of upper class elitism. It was something frivolous that rich individuals could spend thousands on for a single bottle.

Let me tell you all a little secret. Very little wine is that way. Most wine is found in grocery store aisles for \$10 a bottle, and that's what you should be paying for wine. Anything more than \$20, and you are simply buying into the idea of wine rather than the wine itself.

Now there's a mutual fund that exists solely to buy wine in the hope that it appreciates over time. As a wine lover, I'm the first to declare my love for a good glass of Merlot, but it's alcohol, not gold bullion.

The purpose of this column isn't to discourage people from drinking and enjoying wine. My purpose simply is to remind people that wine is exactly what it appears to be: something to drink and enjoy.

It isn't a metaphor. It isn't gold. It certainly isn't something that only rich people enjoy. Let's drink. So in the future, let's drink it with our noses proudly down and our pinky fingers wrapped around the stemware. It's easier that way.

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Embrace the death of print

By **MATTHEW GRIMLEY**
MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

It always seems like such a tragedy nowadays to think of print as dying. And when I think about it more, the situation quickly becomes all too real — print is already dead. It's just being mummified now.

We've salted the books, newspapers and magazines with natron for rot prevention. We've anthologized their organs in canopic jars released every couple of months. We've dropped them in copyrighted sarcophagi and given them the gold plates that we've always reserved for Dante, Shakespeare and Homer. Even Stephanie Meyer, an author of pubescent vampire fantasy romance, gets gold plates.

Print is the modern world's dynamo, and being that it has garnered much reverence. But not everyone understands this reverence; even now, my friend just told me that reading is something he does when there's nothing else to do — not saying that he doesn't appreciate the author's art. Literacy is like french fries to Americans.

The advent of Internet has spawned a generation of free literature over a seemingly infinite span of space. Everything in

print is so, so, so easy to acquire — yet, to some, it is not worth the effort anymore. After all, would you want to see the golden sarcophagus of an ancient king if it were on sale every day at Target, or if you are able to Google it?

And perhaps this is what we struggle with as we look upon books today: How can we appreciate something when it has become so available?

Amazon just released Kindle 2, the next version of the eBook. It's lighter than a paperback. Thick as a pencil. White like porcelain. It holds more than 1,500 books, plus access to top newspapers, magazines and blogs. It reads like real paper with 16 shades of gray for crisper images. Page-turning is 20 percent faster than the Kindle 1. It downloads books for \$9.99 and less, and it does it in less than 60 seconds.

Further, it offers a 3G wireless network for high-speed downloads anytime anywhere for free without service plans or hunting for Wi-Fi hotspots. I'm calling it right now — this has to be the future.

Or at least it should be. I doubt we will ever be able to let go of the printed copy, since we, collectively, need the printed word as a security blanket and firm rock in a world that is becoming increasingly invisible (for instance, I

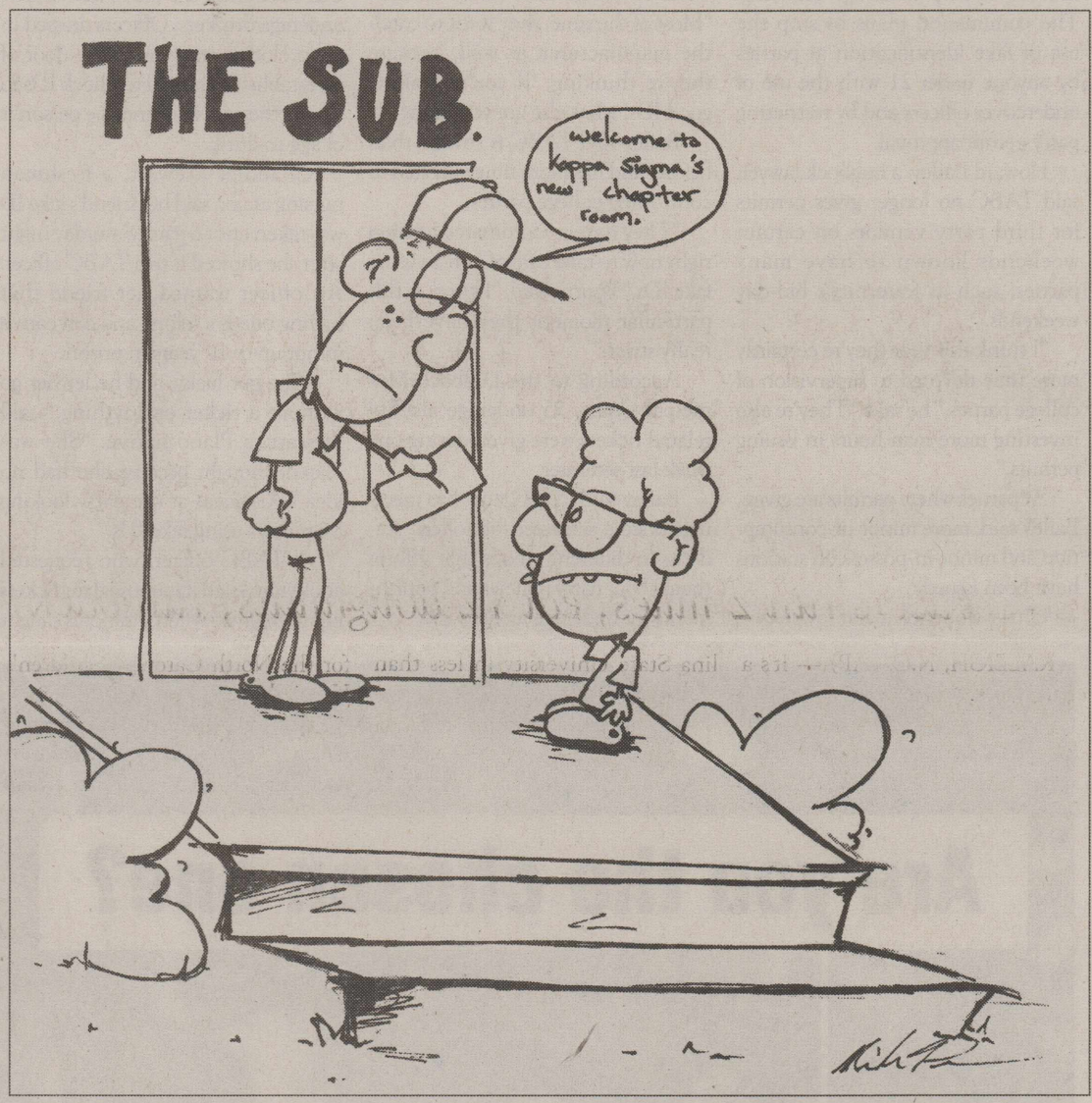
haven't handled paper money in a month).

The Kindle 2 is a step — perhaps the first of many — in the grandiose path of consolidation and unity. It seems like humanity is bent on this path, on the master equation, on life's goal in personal heaven, the all-encompassing theory, or the perpetual motion machine. Romantically, the Kindle 2 is transcendent of our old material selves; practically, in a world of stuff, it makes sense to save resources and put it into one tiny tablet.

We find ourselves in bed between a mummy and an invisible thing in terms of our literacy. The mummy is the past lover and dead — but that's never true. The mummy is so clogged with our lives that it is hard to define or move ourselves without it.

To our other side, it seems like the invisibility is devoid of meaning and insensitive. But maybe we just are scared of a new relationship and placing form in something that is so amorphous.

Inch by inch, we're going to move closer to our new acquaintance — but the old will always be there with us. It lies for us to get the most from our situation, and what to do next.



Don't confuse your job with your life: There is life outside of the economy

By **RENO ONG**
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While most people hate to admit it, the desire for money is a perfectly healthy attribute. Money allows us to perform exchanges to meet our day-to-day needs and wants through a standardized medium of exchange.

Thus, the aspiration for monetary wealth becomes closely associated with personal achievement and the struggle to live a better life.

However, in this bleak economic climate, it has become increasingly apparent that finances are being viewed as the sole indicator of personal worth and fulfillment. This demonstrates an extreme desire that must be curbed before it leads to psychological instability. To cope with the rough economy, members of the workforce must build

a foundation of personal identity and achievement outside the unpredictable and superficial realm of money.

In the current recession, one in which the unemployment rate is the highest it's been in 26 years, more people are getting laid off each day, and the failing economy has become the main psychological challenge many Americans face today.

According to the American Psychological Association's 2008 Stress in America survey, 80 percent of Americans reported in September that the economy is a significant cause of stress. This number is up from 66 percent in April. Rick Weinberg, a psychologist from Florida, told CNN that in one week, 80 percent of his patients were talking about the pain inflicted by the economy.

"This is really unprecedented," Nancy Molitor, a clinical psycholo-

gist from Chicago, told CNN. "I've been practicing for 20 years, and I'm seeing just an unprecedented amount of anxiety, as are most of my colleagues."

In extreme cases, financial troubles have led to drastic acts such as suicide. In early January, one of Chicago's most well-known real-estate brokers, Steven L. Good, died of apparent suicide. Just before his death, he had talked about the tough economic situation surrounding the real-estate sector at a business conference. More recently, a California man, Ervin Antonio Lupoe, shot and killed all six of his family members

before turning the gun on himself. He and his wife had just been fired from their jobs.

While these incidences are for the most part rare, they are indicative of a general mindset that reduces personal identity simply to economic capacity. If this capacity is taken away, as was the case with the real-estate broker and the married couple, life itself crumbles to nothingness.

According to Molitor, this psychological pathology is prevalent in type A personalities, which are known to be more aggressive and highly competitive. People of this type tend to

build their identities around being successful in the workplace. However, once the foundation of economic identity is lost, they lose sight of who they are, as well. Given the changing nature of today's economy, such a tendency becomes dangerous. The fear of losing one's job also becomes an issue of losing one's notion of self.

One's professional life, although important, must be treated as a part of the greater concept of life, and not life itself. There is nothing wrong with taking pride in one's work, and careers are significant to the personal identity. This is why we associate people who are successful in their fields with their jobs. Bill Gates is known for his work at Microsoft, just as President Barack Obama is known for being the 44th president of the United States.

The problem with taking pride in one's work is the possibility of it over-

shadowing the person. We often leave out the fact that Bill Gates is also a fierce philanthropist and Obama, a father and a husband. People are people, and the existence of high-paying jobs, or the lack of them, must not mask the fact that they exist outside of the economic setting.

It is saddening to reduce oneself to a mere agent of work. Monetary compensation must not be seen as the ultimate end, but the means by which people go about living. Numerous responsibilities, opportunities and successes exist outside of the economic setting. This simple fact must be realized to gain a better understanding of self, and to better insulate oneself from the troubling fiscal times.

Work and the pursuit of wealth can only go so far to define a person. It's entirely up to the individual to define the meaning of life.

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Goats suspected of causing barn fire in Wyoming

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — These goats may have gotten a baaah-d idea from Mrs. O'Leary's cow.

A fire destroyed a barn near Laramie, Wyo., on Monday. Firefighters suspect some goats inside the barn

started the fire by nibbling through electric heater cords or knocking down a heating lamp.

Barn owner Dale Wood says the barn was a total loss and at least three female goats died.

Neighbors alerted Wood's son to the fire, who called firefighters and tried to put out the flames.

For years, legend had it that Catherine O'Leary's cow started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Mich. zoo offers peek into animals' sex lives

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan zoo is hosting an exotic, erotic afternoon on Valentine's Day, when consenting adults will get an unabashed look at how wild animals make babies.

WWTM-TV says the \$50-per-couple, adults-only event at Binder

Park Zoo — dubbed "Zoorotica" — is sold out and there's even a waiting list.

Visitors will receive champagne, hors d'oeuvres, a video presentation and a guided tour, including the homes of snow leopards, giraffes, zebras and various

primates and reptiles. Some stops will be areas not usually open to the public.

The Battle Creek Enquirer reports that other zoos have offered similar programs — with cute names like "Woo at the Zoo" and "Jungle Love."

Va. man charged with killing hawk to help squirrel

VIENNA, Va. (AP) — For a Virginia doctor, squirrels are a man's best friend, too.

Thomas Shepler, a hand surgeon, shot a hawk to death in his backyard when he said the bird was eyeing a young squirrel that he and his wife had helped raise.

Shepler, 65, said the hawk had

previously killed an adult squirrel near his suburban Washington home in Vienna. When the doctor tried to chase away the bird over the weekend by yelling and throwing a crowbar at it, the hawk didn't leave the area.

So Shepler got a shotgun and killed it.

A police officer heard the shot Saturday and Shepler was arrested. He was charged with discharging a firearm in public and cruelty to animals.

Shepler says he cares about animals and is feeling a lot of anxiety and embarrassment over the shooting.

Teen charged with billing school for \$37K of candy

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) — Police say an Ohio teenager tried to pull off a sweet deal by ordering more than \$37,000 of candy online and charging the bill to his former high school.

Police say the 18-year-old used a Middletown High School purchasing

number to place orders for thousands of lollipops and candy bars from Michigan-based The Goodies Factory. It wasn't clear how he accessed the number.

The candy company became suspicious, contacted the school and was told by detectives to send an empty box.

Police say he had the order shipped to his home and was arrested after the fake delivery.

The teen faces two counts of felony telecommunications fraud. He was being held in Middletown City Jail on more than \$30,000 bond.

Cops arrest man who sought help removing handcuffs

BARNSTABLE, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts man who walked into a police station and asked for help removing a pair of handcuffs dangling from one wrist ended up wearing another pair instead.

Barnstable, Mass., police Sgt. Sean Sweeney said 21-year-old Allahma-

namjad (el-ah-MAN'-a-jahd) Barbel showed up Tuesday claiming he couldn't get off the cuffs his sister slipped on him at a child's birthday party.

Police ran Barbel's name through the state warrant system and discovered he had outstanding warrants on charges of driving with a suspended license,

leaving the scene of an accident, threatening to commit a crime and making annoying phone calls.

Sweeney said police removed the cuffs — then slipped on a new pair to arrest him.

They never confirmed his story about the party.

NC racers run 2 miles, eat 12 doughnuts, run back

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — It's a challenge, all right.

In a charity race Saturday, more than 5,000 runners ran two miles to a downtown Raleigh Krispy Kreme shop, ate a dozen glazed doughnuts each and returned to North Caro-

lina State University in less than an hour.

That's 2,400 calories and 144 grams of fat consumed while burning about 400 calories during the run.

The student-run Krispy Kreme Challenge raised about \$35,000

for the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

The event began on a dare among college friends in 2004. Then-freshman Ben Gaddy won the first race by beating nine guys in about a half-hour.

UK milkman delivered cannabis with bottles of milk

LONDON (AP) — A British prosecutor says an elderly milkman supplied customers with cannabis as well as bottles of milk.

Robert Holding, 72, delivered marijuana as he made his daily rounds in the town of Burnely, in northwestern England.

Prosecutor Sarah Statham said Friday

that Holding offered the drug to elderly customers suffering from aches and pain. She says the customers left Holding notes on their doorsteps to order the drug.

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PAUL MCCASKILL, A freshman business major from Dallas, jumps a water drainage ditch Wednesday between the Bledsoe/Gordon and Sneed Residence Halls.

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Lady Raiders knock off No. 12 Aggies

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

For a second, it looked like Texas Tech's game against Texas A&M Wednesday would end in a similar fashion to the first meeting between the two teams.

It seemed the Aggies were ready to take their first lead since 6-4 at 15:34 in the first half. Danielle Gant scored three straight baskets to cut a 10-point Tech lead to six in the middle of the second half.

In the first meeting, when Tech trailed 53-51 in the middle of the second half, Gant scored 12 points in the last five minutes to lead A&M to the win.

But this time, Tech center Dominic Seals said the difference was energy.

"When I was in the game, I heard coach (Gary) Blair tell his team 'They got more energy than y'all right now,'" she said. "They playing way harder than y'all. They out hustling y'all, they diving for everything. I came back in the meeting and I said, 'Y'all heard coach Blair? He rarely say stuff like that.' I was like 'we got energy, let's keep playing, keep playing hard', and I think our momentum just stayed there."

It helped that Seals had 11 points and 12 rebounds, pushing the Lady Raiders (14-9, 4-5 in Big 12 Conference play) to a 60-53 win over No. 12 Texas A&M (18-5, 6-4) Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Kierra Mallard had 15 points, Jordan Murphree and Tilmila Martin each had 12 and Maria Moore chipped in 10.

Once the Lady Raiders grabbed an 8-6 lead in the first half, they never looked back.

Part of the reason was defending Gant in a similar way like the Lady Raiders did

the first time.

Seals' defense held Gant scoreless with two fouls in the first half. More bad news came for the Aggies at the 11:10 mark in the second half, as Gant had four fouls.

This left the other half of Texas A&M's 1-2 punch, Takia Starks, to pick up the pace. She finished with a game-high 20 points. Although Gant came back to finish the game with 12 points, the Lady Raiders 26 foul shots and play in the post already set the tone for the game.

Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said putting Gant in when she was in danger of fouling out was a no-brainer considering his team needed a spark.

"The game would have been over," he said. "We either had to stay in the game or the game's over because I had no scoring punch besides (Starks). She was having to dribble around, try to create and everything like that and that wears on the kid. You gotta learn, usually Gant is not into foul trouble."

After facing Tech twice, Blair said the Lady Raiders, along with Oklahoma State, should be definite NCAA Tournament teams.

However, Blair said the competitiveness of the Big 12 should allow a few 7-9 teams to get into the NCAA Tournament



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S KIERRA Mallard takes a shot against Texas A&M's Danielle Gant Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

similar to how Texas got in last season.

"You got a lot of wrong winner conferences, there isn't room for that great 7-9 team like we had last year in our league," he said. "You better hope that the right person wins — say a (Wisconsin- Green Bay) or whoever, Marist or whatever. You want the big dogs to roll to be able to allow us to get a couple of 7-9 teams in."

The win marked the second win against a ranked team this season, with the other being against Texas when the Longhorns were No. 12.

But Tech coach Kristy Curry still preached the same concept to her team.

"Hopefully when you look back on things, you're gonna be able to circle today that that was big," she said. "To be real honest with you, we need to enjoy this till midnight, then it's Nebraska."

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Steroids not MLB's only problem

The revelation that Alex Rodriguez used banned, performance-enhancing drugs over a three-year period is another knockout blow to Major League Baseball, a league which has become inescapably mired in controversy.

In fact, the last decade of the sport has been tainted far more than any other sport ever has experienced. I, for one, am ready to give up on this era of baseball and wait until baseball can regain its integrity, its relevance and its heritage.

Hopefully the A-Rod scandal might just catalyze the shift baseball needs back to its former glory days, but until that time comes, baseball in America is dying — if not already dead.

What A-Rod's revelations mean for the game is, in as few as five years, baseball could be faced with what once would have been an unthinkable dilemma. By 2014, the sport could have its top two all-time home run leaders and five of the top 11 sluggers of all-time in jeopardy of not getting into the Hall of Fame because of steroid use.

A-Rod, in fact, represents a loss of hope for baseball.

I, like many others, was looking forward to the day I could watch A-Rod break Barry Bonds' career home run record and restore integrity to what used to be sports' most hallowed achieved. True, I would have rooted against him, "hated" him much of the way, but that would have been for the good reasons: because he's a Yankee, because he's a "pretty-boy," etc. But these are the same reasons our parents rooted against Reggie Jackson, Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio. Yankees fans love their players, the rest of the country passionately roots against them, and everybody wins. It's the same reason non-Lakers fans root against Kobe Bryant, yet stand in awe when he takes over the fourth quarter of a game amidst tenacious opposing crowds.

Brandon Aday



We would have watched A-Rod torch our favorite teams with the disappointment mixed with awe that makes sports so great. Now, instead he's another cheater who cared more about money and himself than the integrity of sport. Now, instead he's the next tyrant lying in wait to grasp a home run crown that once meant something to more people than just himself.

And sadly, baseball's issues go far beyond steroids alone.

Baseball is the only one of the four major North American professional sports that does not put a cap on how much teams can spend on players. This is why the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and other large-market teams are able to pay top dollar for the best talents every offseason and also why no semblance of team rebuilding ever is seen in baseball's largest markets.

How much fun would basketball be for Mavericks or Spurs fans if every year the New York Knicks offered far beyond what these relatively small markets could offer to their biggest stars?

Dirk Nowitzki and Tim Duncan would have been wearing Knickerbockers' Orange and Celtics' Green a long time ago. LeBron staying in Cleveland? Please, not when New York, Boston or Los Angeles could triple the offer that mid-sized market Cleveland could scrape together.

Yet this unfair distribution of wealth drastically has reduced the level of competition in baseball. Teams like the San Antonio Spurs, New England Patriots and Pittsburgh Steelers deserve credit for their long runs of success in their respective sports. These teams have operated within the same confines of every other team. They have drafted well, traded well, and made shrewder

financial and personnel decisions than their adversaries. The Pittsburgh Steelers are allowed to spend just as much on players as the Detroit Lions, as the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Yankees and Red Sox?

Please, that's like Tiger Woods beating me in golf. And you still hear people lauding the smaller market teams — the Tampa Bay Rays, the Oakland Athletics — as proof that money doesn't buy championships. What these people fail to mention is that in the last 10 years, the Rays have made the playoffs once, the Pittsburgh Pirates and Kansas City Royals: zero. On the other hand, the Yankees just missed this year's playoffs for the first time in a decade. Not to worry, the Yankees learned their lesson, as evidenced by a one month, \$423.5 million spending spree.

In fact, teams spending between 160 and 300 percent of the median payroll for an MLB team have made the playoffs 63 percent of the time since 1995. So what about mid-level teams, those spending between 70 and 130 percent of the median payroll? Try 23 percent.

People say this is the right way, that Yankees-Red Sox is the game's marquee rivalry. These people need a history lesson.

They don't realize that in the 1970s, before baseball's economy got so train-wrecked, it was the Yankees-Royals capturing the nation's interest every fall. Of course the Yankees and the Red Sox are baseball's biggest rivalry when only they can afford to authentically, year in and year out compete with each other.

These are reasons why baseball is in its dying breaths.

Steroids sold tickets when there was one man to root against, not 104.

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Tech men's tennis hopes week off steers it in right direction

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

After a week off from competition, the Texas Tech men's tennis team plans to use the extra rest and practice time to its advantage.

The Red Raiders' week off came after two challenging matches against No. 15 LSU and No. 25 Notre Dame in Tulsa on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, respectively. Tech played well at times in both matches, but could not pull out victories, losing to LSU 4-3 and to Notre Dame 4-0.

Tech captain James Wilson said the Red Raiders lacked team spirit and team chemistry, but that changed during the week off.

"We tried to emphasize a lot of encouragement during workouts," he said, "and during practices to kind of entuse people and get them more team-centered."

To help rebound from an 0-2 start and prepare for its upcoming match against No. 48 Denver on Saturday in Colorado, Tech worked on its weaknesses during the past week.

"We had a slow start to the season," Tech's No. 6 singles player Milos Kustudija said. "We lost two matches to good teams. I think this week off helped a lot, we had a lot of individual practices because we had a lot of stuff to work on."

The Red Raiders' No. 1 player, Raony Carvalho, and No. 3 player, Gonzalo Escobar, have been recovering from injuries. Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said Carvalho is recovering from a



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SENIOR MICHAEL BRELER (pictured) beat LSU's Sebastian Carlsson 6-3, 6-1 on Jan. 31 before losing to Casey Watt of Notre Dame, 6-2, 5-7, 3-6 on Feb. 1.

foot injury, while Escobar is dealing with back problems.

Siegel also said this will be the only week off his team will have until April, so a lot of time this week was spent healing, building strength in the weight room and sharpening individual skills.

"The week off, we've really worked individually on some of the guys, what they need most to improve," he said. "We spent a lot of time together just working on some things."

The LSU match ended 4-3 and ultimately came down to Tech losing the doubles point — something it wants to improve on. The Red Raiders played well, splitting the singles matches, but could not get the coveted doubles point.

Against Notre Dame, Tech lost all

three doubles matches and from there, the Red Raiders could not battle back. They dropped the first three singles matches for the 4-0 defeat.

"Both the matches were very close," Wilson said. "We could have won both of them. It came down to a few points here and there. I think you're gonna see a huge difference in the coming weeks as far as our mindset."

Siegel said the week off was beneficial, but as a coach, he would have wanted to get back on the court after two losses.

"The greatest challenge as a coach is when they're not playing well or when you lose some matches you want to work harder," he said, "but sometimes what you need is to get guys healthy."

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After 0-12 start last year, Tech softball pleased with early wins

By ZANE TURNER
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Compared to last season's 0-12 start, the Texas Tech softball team finds itself at a respectable 2-2 so far in 2009.

A 12-4 win against Central Florida Feb. 6 in the Arizona State Kajikawa Classic was the first season-opening win for Tech since 2006, when they blanked Jacksonville, 5-0.

The Red Raiders came into this season with a new coach, six freshmen and a win-now demeanor.

"The attitude was a lot more relaxed this season," senior pitcher Alex Watkins said. "Just coming out and playing ball, doing our thing. Nobody felt pressured or tense or anything like that. It was just playing the sport that we know how to play."

This new attitude was evident in the team's first weekend of play. Tech took their first two wins of the season in impressive fashion with victories against Central Florida — the Conference USA champions in 2008 — and Wagner, 4-2.

Both wins included com-



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plete games by junior pitcher Ashly Jacobs and sophomore Tye Coats, respectively.

On the second day of the tournament, the Red Raiders took a tough extra-inning loss to Oregon 4-3 and a 6-1 loss to then-No. 9 Stanford.

Tech was scheduled to play Western Michigan on Feb. 8, but the game was canceled because of rain the night before.

Tech softball coach Amy Suiter said the two wins were a great confidence booster compared to last season's start, but it made her remind the team to just play softball and not get caught up after a win or loss.

"Take each new season as it comes," Suiter said. "It was a good boost, we played every team well, the kids played really well. We weren't really thinking

about how it started last season. We put very little focus on wins and losses, and we focus more on playing the game of softball right and letting the rest take care of itself."

The Red Raiders who were on the team last year know what it was like to start 0-12.

Senior Liz Eimen does not want to get too excited about the start because she understands it is a long season with many highs and lows.

"We try to stay even-keeled," she said. "Just cause we know there is going to be a low, so we try to keep it level so we'll come back out and win again."

The Red Raiders look to pick up a few more wins when they start the Florida Lipton Invitational tomorrow in Gainesville, Fla. They will face Florida Atlantic, who has received Top 25 votes, No. 2 Florida, Georgia Tech and South Alabama in the tournament.

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Butt sketching artist visits campus

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Students gathered Wednesday afternoon in the Student Union Building to get a portrait of their backsides.

Krandel Lee Newton has been sketching butts for more than 20 years and visited Tech Wednesday to give students a one-of-a-kind piece of art.

Newton sketched groups and individuals for four hours, spending about two and a half minutes on each sketch. The artist said he practices his talent around the world.

"I don't have a clue why it's so popular," he said of his art, "and in all the time I've done it, I just can't say why."

Newton has sketched for several celebrities and sports figures, including Kate Beckinsale, David Spade and Troy Aikman. However, he said nothing compares to sketching students.

"When you see all these people waiting in line for something you can do," he said, "it's just as fun, if not more fun than doing the celebrities. It's a rush to know people really dig it that much."

Some students waited in line for more than 30 minutes to take home Newton's art at the butt-sketching event, which was hosted by the Tech Activities Board.

TAB daytime coordinator Aspen Teague said the event has been very popular in the past, and she expected about 100 people this year.

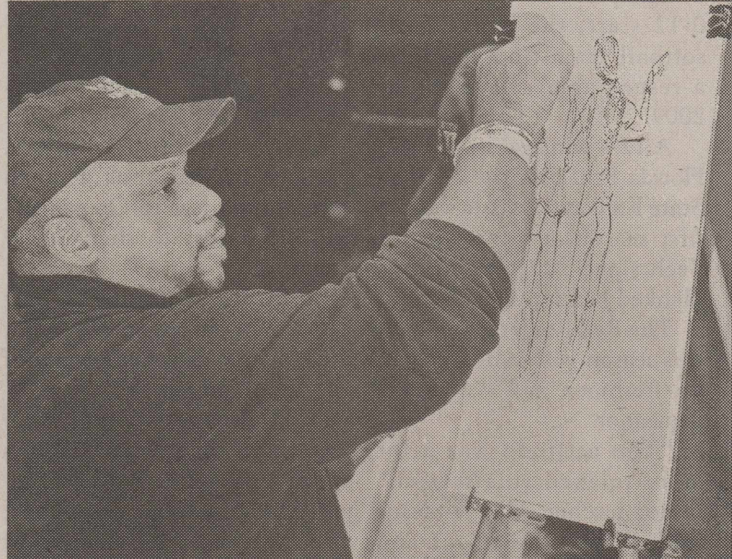


PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
ARTIST KRANDEL LEE Newton, from the Original Butt Sketch, sketches students Wednesday in the Student Union Building.

"I think it's popular because it's different," said the sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major, "and also, our culture has an obsession with backsides."

Teague, a Keller native, said she had her butt sketched at last year's event and still has it framed on her wall at home.

Some students saw the event as an opportunity to get a free Valentine's Day gift for someone else.

Junior English major Sandie VanHoose stopped by the event to get her butt sketched for her husband.

"My husband loves butts," said the Floydada native. "So, he's a butt man."

Some students attended the event with roommates or significant others to take home a group sketch.

Psychology senior Brittany Chan attended last year's event and took home a sketch of her and her roommate's butts. This year, the Houston native brought her boyfriend to the event.

The pair said they had their butts sketched because it was a good opportunity to have a piece of art different from a traditional caricature.

While people may be apprehensive when they first hear "butt sketch," Newton said they get on board quickly once they see the art being made.

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Big Damn Band brings blues to Lubbock

Ben Williams



Indiana native Reverend Peyton tried to master his famous picking style for years, but couldn't until doctors removed scar tissue from his left hand.

The newfound flexibility gave Peyton the ability to play the guitar like few others.

Tuesday evening marked the fourth time the Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band has brought its country-roots blues sound to Lubbock, and a packed house at Bash Riprock's was not left disappointed.

Peyton, blowing his harmonica through a megaphone, began the show by marching from the back of the venue to the stage followed by his wife Washboard Breezy and brother Jayme.

Sporting overalls and a beard Grizzly Adams would have envied, Peyton kicked his knee up to the beat of every punk-charged, rural blues song the band chummed out.

Breezy spared no downbeat, clicking perfectly on her washboard, and Peyton kicked a cymbal from Jayme's drumset at the appropriate times.

The Big Damn Band performs about 250 shows per year, and the tight precision of their delivery proved they

knew what they were doing.

Peyton and Breezy fed off each other's rhythm, leaning into each other during instrumental breaks while drummer Jayme kept the crowd rocking. He pounded his snare double time and even destroyed a bucket he was beating.

Peyton encouraged crowd participation, teaching the crowd to "holler" at the right times before each song.

Meanwhile, the Charlie Patton-inspired guitarist finger-picked through tunes, making the playing style look easy.

"You probably noticed we ain't got no bass guitar up here," he bragged. "That's 'cause my thumb plays bass!"

He fused melody and rhythm with his fingers at a rate that would probably give some Kenny Chesney fans cardiac arrest. If people weren't dancing to Peyton's beat, they were studying it. At one point, he

used his harmonica as a slide-pick, causing a delightful stir in the audience.

More than 80 people head-banged, toe-tapped, hip-swayed and two-stepped to the group's unique, lightning-fast sound.

The band delivered numbers from their latest LP "The Whole Fam Damnily," including "DT's Or the Devil," "Mama's Fried Potatoes," "Can't Pay the Bill" and "Wal-Mart Killed the Country Store" — a song that persuaded the retail outlet in question to keep the Big Damn Band's albums off their shelves.

They also played old favorites, including a couple of traditional spiritual tracks from the band's Gospel Album. Peyton answered shouts for an encore with a rollicking version of "Two Bottles of Wine," concluding with Breezy setting her washboard on fire.

Peyton assured the Lubbock crowd they would inevitably return, and the reaction afterward left no doubt that many would attend the next time around as well.

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Will Smith tops Forbes.com's bankable stars list

NEW YORK (AP) — Will Smith was voted the most bankable star in Hollywood in a survey of industry professionals by Forbes.com.

The financial magazine's Web site gives the actor a score of 10 out of 10 for his bankability in its first "star currency"

list, compiled by surveying more than 150 industry professionals.

Following Smith on the list: Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp and Leonardo DiCaprio, who all tied for second with a score of 9.89. Tom Hanks, George Clooney, Denzel Washington, Matt

Damon and Jack Nicholson rounded out the top 10.

The 40-year-old actor recently topped the annual poll by Quigley Publishing Co., which has surveyed movie exhibitors since 1932 on which stars generate the most box-office revenue.

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Correction

In Monday's edition of The Daily Toreador, the article "Vagina Monologues entertain, educate" should have stated Amanda Evans is a native of Las Cruces, N.M. The DT regrets the error.

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Black History Month celebrated with poetry readings, jazz music

BY CHRYSTAL GRANT
STAFF WRITER

Students got down to the heart and soul of Black History Month with poetry and jazz on Tuesday night at J&B Coffee.

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity hosted "Kappa Sutra" to give students the opportunity to express their feelings through poetry, singing and jazz instrumentals.

"We wanted to introduce students to a form of high culture rather than low culture forms of art, such as rap and BET television," said Raymond Martin, an alumnus of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Travon Hill-Chadwick, a junior civil engineering major from Baltimore, Md., said he was pleased with the turnout, which left some students standing along the wall.

Martin, who also is a graduate sports management student from Houston, said the event has been hosted previous years during the month of February to acknowledge Black History Month.

"The Harlem Renaissance was big during the African-American movement," Martin said. "Many artist expressed their historical experiences of urban life through literature, jazz and other forms of art, which tied Black History Month and our event in well."

Students performed a variety of tal-



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

BENITA DIX, A Texas Tech alumna, performs an original work of poetry at the Kappa Alpha Psi sponsored "Kappa Sutra" Tuesday at J&B Coffee.

ents — from poetry expressing love/hate relationships and African-American struggles to jazz music for the heart and soul, Martin said.

Benita Dix, a Tech alumna from Lubbock, said she enjoyed the opportunity to perform at the event as well as express her talent and give inspiration to students.

"I heard about the event the last time it was held, but I did not perform," Dix said. "When the opportunity came around this time, I was excited to recite poetry for such an inspiring event."

had coffee too."

Martin said the event was free and open to the public.

"We figured it would encourage more students to come and be exposed to something different if we did not charge," Martin said. "It was more important that we exposed students to a different form of culture and a chance to express themselves."

This year, Martin said, the fraternity decided to educate the crowd in between performers with information about historic African-American poets and writers such as Lucy Terry and Phyllis Wheatley.

"Performing and sharing similar talents and expressions with students gave me a different perspective on the African-American culture and art," Chadwick said.

Members of the fraternity plan to host the event again in the future, Martin said, and they may begin hosting it each semester instead of annually.

"The fraternity wanted to do something different other than throwing a party," Martin said. "A lot of students are studying for tests, and it gave them an opportunity to get away and unwind rather than going to a night club or bar."

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Flatland Film Series will include controversial film

The Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts will be showing "Killer of Sheep," which was chosen as one of 100 Essential Films by the National Society of Film Critics, at 7 p.m. today.

Chris Caddel, theater manager for the center, said the 1977 documentary depicting the life of an African-American man living in the Los Angeles ghetto has been widely acclaimed by critics.

He said the film was given a limited release during its original theatrical run because of legal questions surrounding the film and recently was re-released.

"It was such a widely embraced film last year," he said. "It's been played at festivals and movie theaters for the past year, and the lines have been around the block. Everything I've seen and heard has said it's a great film, and you have to see it."

Caddel said the film has been re-

mastered and was recently added to the national registry of films. He said the film was partly chosen to run because of its relevance during February.

"We wanted to have something in February to help celebrate Black History Month," he said. "We also wanted something you walk away with and can say to yourself, 'That was a cinematic work of art.'"

Caddel said the film is being shown as part of the year-long Flatland Film Series at the center. The film will have an introduction by guest lecturer Michael Borshuk, Caddel said. Borshuk is a Texas Tech professor of African-American literature.

The film will be shown at the Firehouse Theatre inside the center, located on the corner of Avenue K and Mac Davis Lane. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for adults and are available by calling 806-762-8606.

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Billy Joel, Elton John to play Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (AP) — The Piano Man and the Rocket Man are pairing up for a concert this summer at Chicago's Wrigley Field.

Promoters announced Tuesday that Billy Joel and Elton John will play together at the home of the Chicago Cubs on July 21.

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