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STATE Citizen groups: Slow down on road spending

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of citizens groups demanded Tuesday that Texas transportation officials slow down in selecting projects for economic stimulus money and that the federal cash not go toward toll roads or environmentally questionable highways.

NATION Gov't agencies look into immigration laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department has failed to ensure that local and state law enforcement partners pursue serious criminals and don't misuse their authority while enforcing immigration law, government investigators say.

WORLD PR gov: 30,000 workers could be fired amid crisis

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — More than 30,000 government employees — about 14 percent of the public work force — could lose their jobs and new taxes will be introduced as Puerto Rico attempts to shore up its ailing economy, the governor of the U.S. island territory announced Tuesday.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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GUNNING FOR A DREAM

Male Tech students continue to aid Lady Raiders in practices

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Attending class and studying for tests are routine for most Texas Tech students. Throw in assignments against the likes of Tiny Henderson, Maria Moore and Jordan Murphree everyday, and that student is a Tech Gunner.



MARSHALL THORNHILL, A junior biology major from Brownwood, defends Texas Tech guard Tiny Henderson in one of the Lady Raiders' practices

It seems every women's basketball program in the nation uses male practice players to prepare for upcoming games and player progression. Tech's version is a small squad dubbed the Gunners.

Marshall Thornhill and Casey Amis are just two of the players on a practice squad of about 20 Tech students who are looking for a way to stay in shape, an exciting twist to their day or a way to stay involved in the sport they enjoy.

"It's been pretty good so far," said Thornhill, a junior biology major from Brownwood. "Stay in the game a little bit longer. Get exercise. Give em' a good look. I don't know if we're helping them out."

Grant Fausset, director of basketball operations for the Lady Raiders, many responsibilities for, and one of them is to oversee the Gunners.

Not everyone is chomping at the bit to join a male practice squad for a women's basketball team, Fausset said.

The number of volunteers varies from semester to semester, he said, as it also depends on work and school schedules.

Fausset said there is not much to offer students who want to be a part of the practice team, considering NCAA rules and regulations, which prevent them from getting paid or traveling with the team.

With those reasons why it is difficult to find eager volunteers, Fausset said he tries to make the requirements as easy as possible.

Fausset said students do not need experience playing some sort of organized basketball, but it is preferred. He said it is most important for students to at least understand the game and what their purpose is: Give the Lady Raiders an idea of what they'll face against opponents. The students do this by mimicking

sets and plays. For example, if Tech was preparing for the quickness of Oklahoma State's Andrea Riley or the dominant presence of Oklahoma's Courtney Paris, the Gunners would act and play like them in order to help the Lady Raiders understand what to expect.

Since males can be a little tougher to guard than women, practicing against them can be beneficial.

Fausset said he went from practice player to manager to graduate assistant under Curry. When Tech hired her in 2006, Curry asked Fausset if he wanted to join her in the move to Lubbock, Fausset could not resist, and he accepted the offer.

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Fausset's involvement in collegiate basketball started when he was a practice player for Tech coach Kristy Curry when she coached at Purdue.

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As a result, he said the students sometimes are exhausted after practice depending on what they are asked to do.

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US auto sales hover near historic lows in February

By TOM KRISHER and BREE FOWLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT (AP) — Offers of huge rebates and tempting low-interest loans weren't enough to entice car buyers out of their bunkers in this economic crisis, causing U.S. auto sales in February to hover near historic lows.

General Motors' sales tumbled 53 percent from a year earlier, while Ford's U.S. sales fell 48 percent and Chrysler's dropped 44 percent. The major Japanese automakers fared only slightly better.

The increase was a good sign, but it's far less than the usual 14 percent sales bump from January to February, and it doesn't necessarily mean sales have hit the bottom, said Jesse Toprak, executive director of industry analysis for the auto Web site Edmunds.com.

Things are so bad that GM, which marked its worst February sales since 1967, is considering a program to let buyers keep their cars for a time without making payments if they lose their jobs.

The huge stock market decline helped push down sales, said Mark LaNeve, GM's North American vice president of sales, services and marketing. The Dow Jones industrial average ended the month at its lowest level in nearly 12 years.

"People are seeing, tracking their investments going down 3, 4, 5 percent a day or a week," LaNeve said. "That doesn't put you in a mood to go out and splurge on a new vehicle."

"You can spend money on marketing or incentives. That's all you can do," he said. "Neither is having a big impact on sales. That tells us it's really consumer confidence and the general negative state of the economy overall causing consumers to postpone making purchase decisions."

According to one figure closely watched by the industry, February's annualized sales rate was the lowest in more than 27 years, dropping to 9.1 million vehicles. That figure makes adjustments for seasonal sales fluctuations.

Toyota Motor Corp.'s sales fell 40 percent. The global auto sales leader was forced to seek aid from the Japanese government Tuesday for its finance arm.

Automakers and analysts have been predicting sales will rebound in the second half of this year, but they are becoming less certain. As recently as January, they were predicting that U.S. sales this year would total around 11.5 million vehicles, but as the economy has worsened, they have lopped off a million or more sales from their estimates.

The incentive GM is considering would be similar to Hyundai Motor Co.'s "Assurance" program, which helped it buck the double-digit sales decline with only a 2 percent drop last month. The South Korean company's program allows buyers to return a vehicle within a year if they can't make the payments due to a misfortune such as job loss or disability.

Earmarks stay in new Senate spending bill

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted overwhelmingly to preserve thousands of earmarks in a \$410 billion spending bill on Tuesday, brushing aside Sen. John McCain's claim that President Barack Obama and Congress are merely conducting business as usual in a time of economic hardship.

McCain's attempt to strip out an estimated 8,500 earmarks failed on a vote of 63-32. The Arizona senator's proposal also would have cut roughly \$32 billion from the measure and kept spending at last year's levels in several federal agencies.

Last year's Republican presidential candidate said both he and Obama pledged during the campaign to "stop business as usual in Washington," and he quoted the president as having said he would go line by line to make sure money was spent wisely.

The White House has said that Obama intends to sign the legislation, casting it as leftover business from 2008. Spokesman Robert Gibbs pledged on Monday the White House will issue new guidelines covering earmarks for future bills.

McCain's proposal drew the support of 30 Republicans and two Dem-

ocrats, and the outcome reflected the enduring value of earmarks to lawmakers. While polls routinely show these pet projects to be unpopular, local governments and constituents often covet them.

The maneuvering came on legislation to assure continued funding for several federal agencies past March 6. At \$410 billion, the bill represents an 8 percent increase over last year's spending levels, more than double the rate of inflation.

Republicans made two other attempts during the day to reduce spending in the bill, but failed both times.

Sen. Dan Inouye, D-Hawaii, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said McCain's call to hold spending level with a year ago "doesn't account for inflation." As an example, he said some programs would have to be cut if federal workers were to receive a pay raise.

The House passed the legislation last week, and Democratic leaders are working to clear it without changes so the president can sign it by Friday.

While Republican opposition in the House focused more on the bill's overall spending, McCain and allies turned the Senate spotlight squarely on earmarks.

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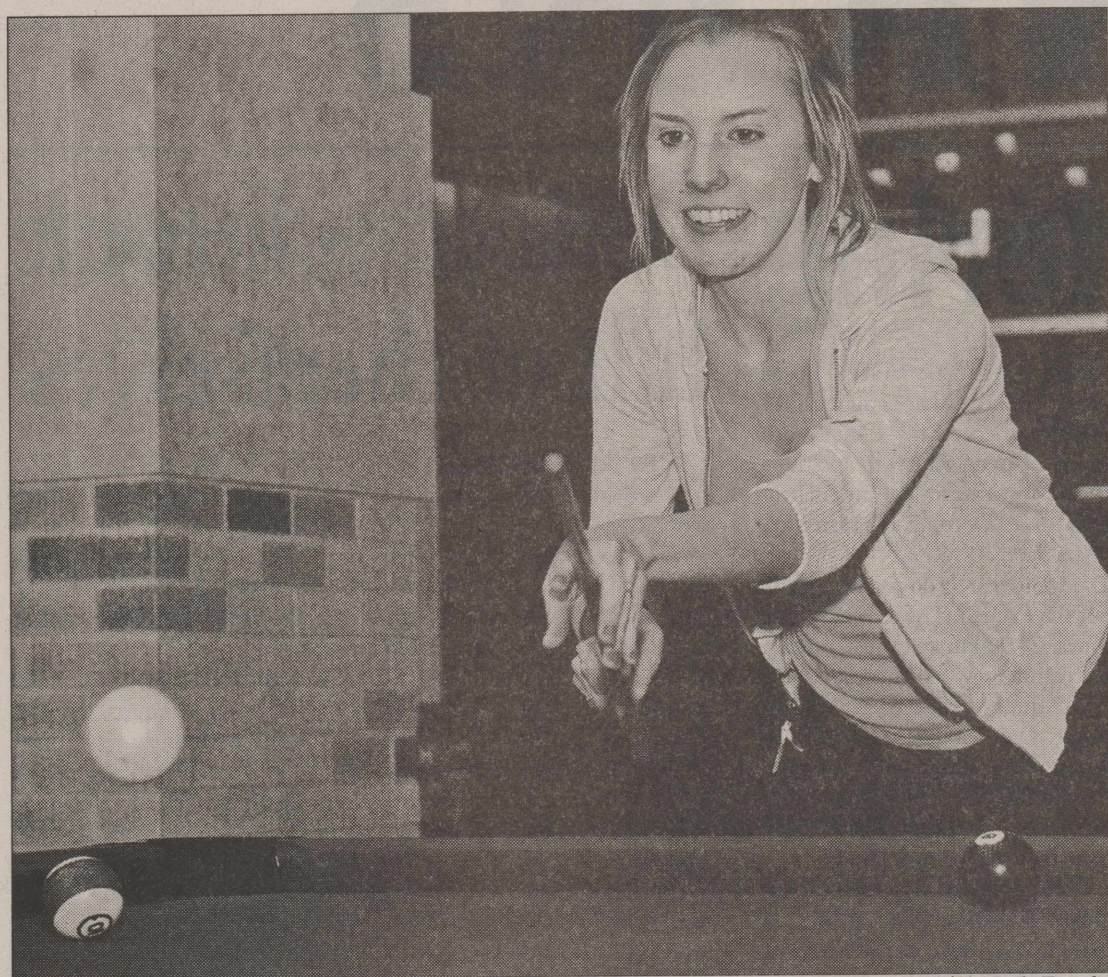


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ELIZABETH TIPPEE, A senior general studies major from Houston, plays billiards with friends on Monday in the Student Union Building.

Gamefly G-Box allows students to rent video games on campus

Students who want to try a recently released video game without buying the whole kit and caboodle before knowing what it is like need not travel to Blockbuster.

GameFly, an online video game rental service, launched its G-Box Kiosk on Wednesday in the Barnes & Noble campus bookstore located in the Student Union Building—the first of its kind at colleges and universities across the nation.

“The kiosk program is a way to extend the GameFly universe into the physical world,” said Sean Spector, co-founder and senior vice president of business development and content for GameFly.

The kiosk, a machine where video games can be rented, allows people to walk up and browse games by genre, click to choose one, swipe a card, and walk away with a newly-released game, he said. Each machine holds several hundred games and the number of games available will grow in the future.

GameFly will install similar machines across the country, Spector said, but Tech was the first to have one installed.

The G-Box will come stocked with games for several platforms, including Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Wii, he said. Also, renters can keep the games as long as they want and will not be given due dates or late fees.

John Creed, general manager at the campus bookstore, said GameFly worked with Barnes and Noble campus bookstores across the country to offer its service to students.

“I think it’ll allow students who don’t have the ability to get out to a Blockbuster to rent games,” he said. “Students who live in dorms or are on campus more often will have the ability to get recent releases.”

It will cost \$1.99 for Wii games and \$2.49 for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 games, Spector said. The G-Box also will offer a rent-to-buy option.



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

A GAMEFLY KIOSK sits inside the entrance to Barnes & Noble in the Student Union Building Monday.

“Gamers want to play a new game in the first couple of days,” Spector said, “and daily rental allows people to try a game out.”

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Student escorted from class, HSC chains and locks stolen

Feb. 24

At 9:15 a.m., an officer investigated an act of criminal mischief in the Administration building, Student Media building and West Hall. An unknown person placed adhesive stickers throughout the buildings.

At 5:33 p.m., two officers investigated a traffic accident in the C-1 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

At 11:45 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a wallet in an unsecured area in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Feb. 25

At 2:17 a.m., an officer documented information concerning a verbal argument between a student and a non-student in Chitwood Residence Hall. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass letter by mail for all Texas Tech property.

At 10:50 a.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident in the C-11 parking lot where an unattended vehicle was struck by another vehicle.

At 3:10 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of two unsecured books taken from a backpack in the fourth-floor stacks of the University Library.

At 11:01 p.m., an officer detained a student after a report of a possible suicidal comment made by the student. Emergency paperwork was filed and the student was treated at the University Medical Center emergency room.

Feb. 26

At 11:45 a.m., an officer investigated a theft of chains and a lock at the HSC loading dock.

At 12:00 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a secured bicycle taken from the R-8 southwest bi-

cycle racks.

At 4:40 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the Z-6A parking lot. An unattended vehicle was struck by another vehicle.

At 5:10 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a secured bicycle that was taken from the bicycle racks at Clement Residence Hall.

At 10:52 p.m., an officer investigated a burglary of habitation in Chitwood Residence Hall.

Feb. 27

At 2:19 a.m., an officer detained a student at the 3100 block of 18th Street for public intoxication. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

At 2:30 a.m., an officer detained a student after an observed traffic violation in the 2500 block of 17th Street and a subsequent traffic stop in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue. The student was issued a citation for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and possession of alcohol by a minor.

At 3:04 a.m., an officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the lobby of Weymouth Residence Hall.

At 1:31 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a hook from the HSC.

At 2:01 p.m., an officer documented a student being escorted from class at the request of the instructor in the Biology Lecture Hall.

At 3:31 p.m., an officer investigated an act of criminal mischief in the Z-1B parking lot. A vehicle's rear window was broken out.

At 5:45 p.m., an officer served a Magistrate's Warrant for Apprehension and Transportation and transported a student to Sunrise Canyon Hospital.

At 6:31 p.m., an officer responded to a medical call at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Feb. 28

At 12:53 a.m., an office investigated a burglary of a habitation in Chitwood Residence Hall. A laptop was reported stolen from the room.

At 7:04 p.m., two officers arrested a non-student for possession of marijuana, failure to identify, driving with an invalid license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility following a traffic stop in the 1800 block of Indiana.

At 10:38 p.m., an officer investigated harassment in West Hall. Alarming e-mails were received by someone in the building.

Mar. 1

At 12:11 a.m., an officer documented information in reference to a damaged dining room window in Horn/Knapp Residence Hall.

At 2:37 p.m., two officers investigated a theft of a purse reported stolen in the laundry room of Gordon Residence Hall.

At 2:50 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the satellite 1 parking lot of the HSC. Two vehicles collided and one left without exchanging information.

At 4:53 p.m., an officer investigated an accident where an unattended vehicle was struck and the driver left without leaving the required information in the R-7 parking lot.

Mar. 2

At 9:30 a.m., an officer investigated an act of criminal mischief in the Education building. The locking mechanism to a podium was damaged.

At 5:30 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the C-2 parking lot of the HSC. No injuries were reported.

At 5:30 p.m., two officers investigated the theft of an unsecured backpack in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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ICC to announce al-Bashir warrant

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The International Criminal Court announces Wednesday whether it will issue an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on charges of masterminding genocide in Darfur — a move that could provoke a violent backlash.

The chief prosecutor says dozens of witnesses will testify that al-Bashir controlled a genocidal campaign aimed at wiping out three ethnic African tribes in the vast nation south of Egypt.

“We have strong evidence against Mr. Bashir,” prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo said Tuesday. “More than 30 witnesses will (testify) how he managed to control everything and we have strong evidence of his intention. I never present a case without strong evidence.”

An arrest warrant for al-Bashir would be a milestone for the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal, which started work in 2002 and has never before ordered the arrest of a sitting head of state.

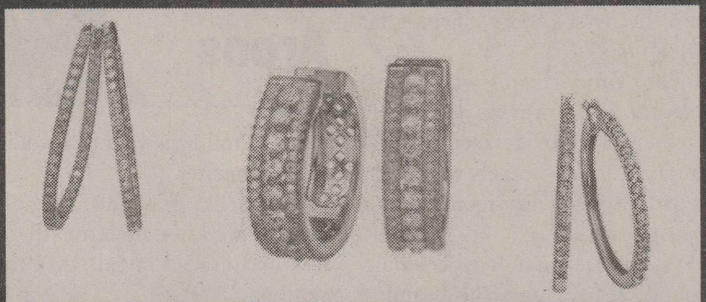
Obama sending diplomats to Syria

JERUSALEM (AP) — The United States will dispatch two emissaries to Syria for “preliminary conversations” aimed at warming relations with an Arab adversary accused of supporting terrorism, seeking weapons of mass destruction, facilitating the insurgency in neighboring Iraq and balking at talking peace with

Israel, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday.

The Syria move is one element in a complex set of diplomatic maneuvers the Obama administration is juggling as it attempts to steer a new course toward a broad Middle East peace that includes long-term stability in Iraq and a squelching of Iran's nuclear ambitions.

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Knowing health facts helps students earn cash prizes

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

Students had the opportunity to learn health and safety facts and win cash prizes Monday night at the Allen Theatre in the Student Union Building.

Coordinated by the Health Sciences Center, the event included an informational session where students could browse through a collection of booths set up outside the theater and an interactive game show about health and pop culture offering prizes ranging from \$5 to \$200.

"We don't tell students not to have sex or not to drink," said Amanda Eldredge, a health educator for Student Health Services, "but (we) provide education so they can make healthy choices."

It is important for students to know and be aware of health and safety guidelines, she said, because many do not

realize how severe the consequences of their actions are.

Before the game show began, booths were set up outside the theater displaying various health tips addressing mental health, sexual responsibility, sexual assault awareness and skin safety.

"We try to provide tools for students," Eldredge said.

The game show consisted of four rounds of trivia questions with four contestants competing in each round. The winner of each round got a spot in the final round for the grand prize.

Bryan Hasling, a sophomore accounting major, said he came to the event because of the promise of a monetary reward.

"Everybody knows about health, but not everyone uses their knowledge," the Arlington major said.

In spite of what students are told about health issues, Hasling said, he believed they still ignore practical advice. For example, he said, not everyone wears a condom during sex.

However, Hasling said, he is aware of the answers to many health questions and was excited to be the winner of the grand prize.

Leyla Munoz, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major and member of Impact Tech, a peer health education organization, helped coordinate the event.

"As college students, it's very important to be aware of health in general," the Guatemala native said.

College students are sometimes negligent about health issues because of time restrictions and other limitations, Munoz said.

"Our goal is to let students know resources are out there that not everyone knows about, like the HSC," she said.

Impact Tech member and sophomore family and consumer sciences major Aaron Rask helped with the booths before the show and said he enjoys "feeling like he is making an impact."

Health awareness is important for students, the Abilene native said, because the decisions we make now will affect us 15 to 20 years in the future.

A bigger turnout would have been better, Rask said, because the booths were very informative and it would have been good for more students to be exposed to the information.

"Do your research, find what works for you, and play off that," Rask advised. "No one's health habits are the same."

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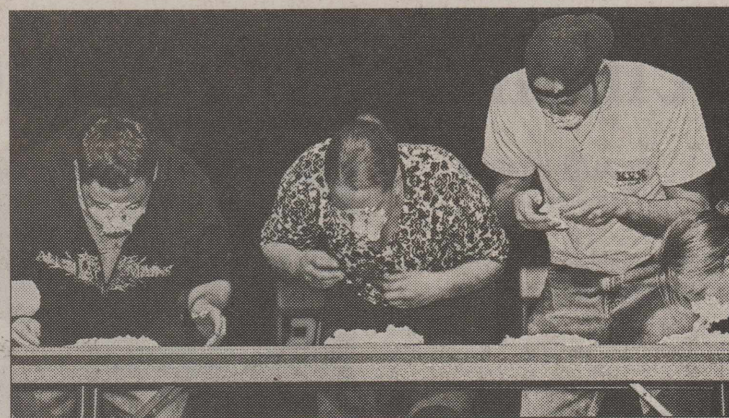


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
FROM LEFT, MICHAEL Chaney, a sophomore clinical laboratory science major from Houston, Dina Ford, a senior biology major from El Paso, Jonathan Batron, a senior political science and public relations major from Amarillo, and Lorena Hickman, a junior anthropology major from Hickman, search for a piece of chewing gum in a whipped cream pie without using their hands at the Reality Check Game Show Tuesday in the Allen Theater in the Student Union Building.

Teddy bears comfort abused South Plains children

By **CAYLOR BALLINGER**
STAFF WRITER

The simple pleasure of a soft teddy bear provides physically and sexually abused children comfort.

The Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains conducts forensic interviews with abused children, and each child interviewed at the center receives a blanket, book and a teddy bear.

A teddy bear donation box, organized by the Double T Health Service Corps, was located in eight different locations both on the Texas Tech campus and in various community locations until Monday.

Junior biology major Maxie Davie, an officer of the Double T Health Service Corps, said the teddy bear drive was fulfilled just in time.

"We realized the number of children being seen at the center was really high and they were low on bears," said Davie, who is from El Paso. "So, we decided to help out."

The goal of the teddy bear drive was to collect more than the number of bears collected last year, which was about 400, Davie said. The second goal was to increase community awareness of the alarmingly high numbers of abused children.

"It has been a really reward-

ing experience to be able to help the kids who have been through something so traumatic," Davie said. "Bears give comfort to children."

Loni Marie Flores, a section manager for Rural and Community Health at the Health Sciences Center at Tech, said after receiving the statistics of abused children in the South Plains area, she wanted to help out.

"From 2006 to 2008 the number of abused has grown in almost all areas," said Flores who is the Double T Health Service Corps adviser.

According to the Children's Advocacy Center, in 2006 the center aided 692 children who were sexually abused, and in 2008 the center aided 885 children who were sexually abused. From 2006 to 2008 the center received 40 additional children they will provide continuing services.

"A lot of people do not realize this problem because recognizing the problem of abused children is not something people like to talk about," Flores said.

Program director of the center Judy Powell, said the center wants the traumatized children to leave with something comforting.

"For a child to see a wall filled with bears from floor to ceiling and letting them pick the one they want is very rewarding," Powell said.

The teddy bear drive was



PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Toreador
FROM LEFT, JUDY Powell, program director at the Children's Advocacy Center, Loni Marie Flores, the Double T health Service Corps adviser, Maxie Davie, a junior biology major from El Paso, Tracy Adams of the CAC, Terri Sanches of the CAC, Carmen Aguirre, of the CAC, Mary Infante, of the CAC, and Shay Raygada, a Texas Tech social work intern, stand behind the first batch of teddy bears received by several departments throughout the Texas Tech campus.

organized and implemented completely by Tech students, Powell said. Students came together to help with a good cause and showed a lot of caring and compassion.

"It makes me proud as a Tech alum," Powell said, "to see students who are already busy with school and still take the time to help this cause."

For those interested in donating teddy bears directly to the center, contact Powell at 806-740-0251.

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Michael Jackson seeking comeback

LONDON (AP) — Michael Jackson was due to make a "special announcement" at a London music venue this week — expected to be confirmation of his first live concerts in years.

British media said Tuesday that the troubled King of Pop will announce a string of dates at the city's O2 Arena.

Celena Aponte, spokeswoman for the venue's operator, AEG Live, said Jackson had arrived in London on Tuesday and would appear at a press conference at the arena on Thursday afternoon.

The days of multimillion-selling albums like "Thriller" are long gone. Jackson has kept a low profile since he was acquitted of child molestation charges in California in 2005. There have been reports of financial woes, legal troubles and health problems.

Jackson's last live performance in Britain was at the 2006 World Music Awards. He was scheduled to perform "We Are the World" but only managed a few lines before leaving the stage.

Jackson was due to appear in a London court in November to contest a libel action for breach of contract brought by a Bahraini prince. The dispute was settled out of court at the last minute and Jackson did not appear.

The O2, formerly the Millennium Dome, is becoming a venue of choice for comeback performers. Britney Spears plays there eight nights in June, and Prince did a 21-day series of shows in 2007.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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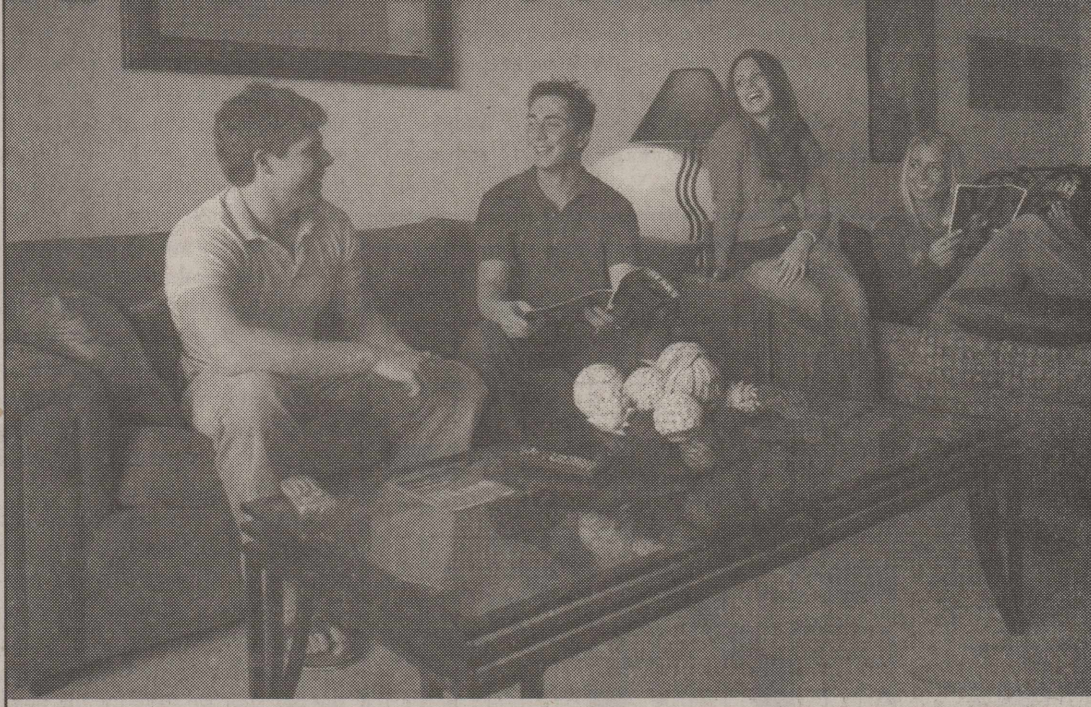
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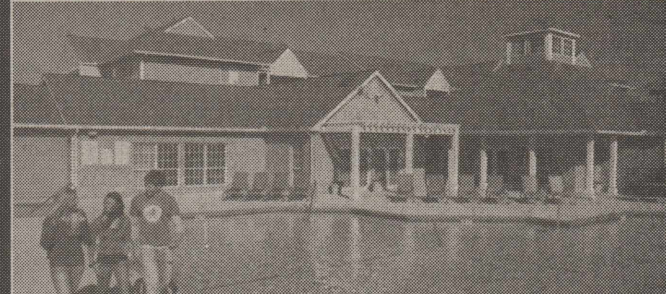
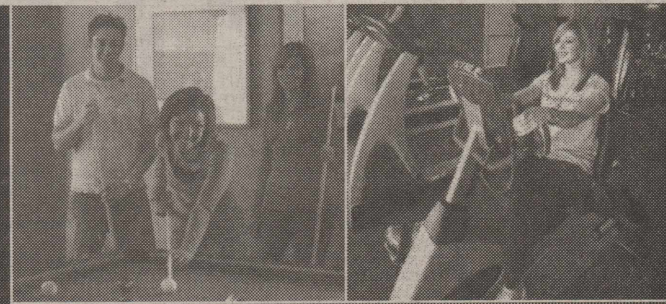
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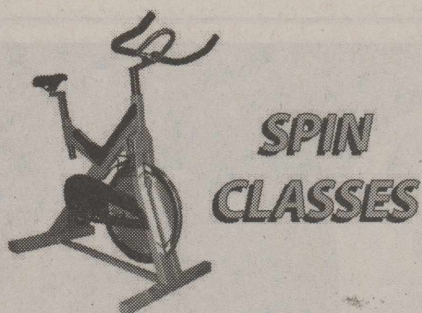
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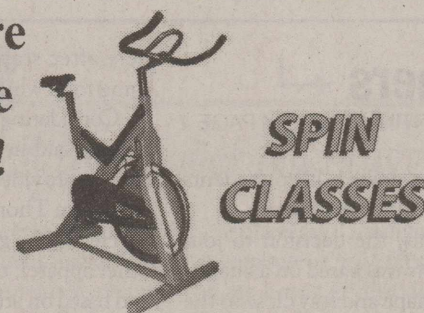


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Sport Clubs

Baseball
Club Baseball is off to its best start yet. The team is currently 6-0 and leading the Gulf Coast North Conference. This weekend, Club Baseball played Baylor in two great games. In the first game, the Raiders were down 4-3 in the bottom of the 7th. After Ian Graves was bit by a punch, pinch runner Chris Manross stole two bases and scored on an overthrow to tie the game. The game ended up going to until the bottom of the 10th! The Raiders won on a pass ball with Ryan Fox scoring the winning run and the final score being 5-4. The second was not as close with the Raiders stomping the Bears 13-3 in a 5 inning run rule. Bryan Stubblefield pitched a complete game. Hopefully the Club Baseball team can keep it going as they make a trip to Tucson, AZ for a weekend series against the University of Arizona.

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Scuba

Get signed up today for this spring's scuba diving class! There are already spots taken on this great trip! The trip will be held at the beautiful desert oasis of San Aoloman Springs at Balmorhea State Park, TX. Deadline: March 26 \$300

Rec Sports Youth Spring Break Sports Camp



YOUTH SPORTS CAMP

Spring Break Youth Sports Camp 2009

March 16-19 8:00am - Noon

A week full of fun, athletic activities designed for all skill levels, ages 7-13. Each day of camp will be held at the Texas Tech University Student Recreation Center. Space is limited to the first 60 children!

Cost: \$40 per child *No scholarships available*

Campers will have the opportunity to utilize the amazing Texas Tech Recreational facilities. They will enjoy preplanned activities administered by trained Counselors. Our goal is to provide a bit of recreation knowledge mixed in with a whole lot of fun!! Each session may include activities such as archery, rock climbing, team sports, cooperative games, swimming and other activities.

Register your children in person in the Main Office, Rm. 202 of the Rec Center, or visit our website at www.resports.ttu.edu/youth/springfling.php!

Aquatics Center

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING THIS SUMMER?

The Leisure Pool will be open, and we will need people to work! We need more than lifeguards though! We will need customer service representatives, swim instructors, and lifeguards! Get started on a great summer job by attending one of our four informational meetings! We will train you!

Lifeguarding Classes

If you do want to be a lifeguard, we have lots of classes available for you to take! Cost is \$130 for Texas Tech students and faculty/staff and \$140 for the community. Includes the book and all certification costs.

Spring Lifeguarding Classes Start Dates:

Saturday, March 28th - April 5th

Tuesday, March 31st - April 23rd

Wednesday, April 18th - April 26th

Monday, May 11th - May 16th

5000 Meter Swim March 7, 2009 10:00am

Think you can eat what Michael Phelps eats for breakfast and then swim this long course? We don't recommend you trying to eat 10,000 calories in a day, but we definitely want you out for this great swim! This event is designed to test your personal limits. The swim is free and T-shirts are available for purchase. (Yes! We count the laps for you!)



Fit/Well

CRUNCH FOR KIDS

BENEFITTING THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$1

MARCH 3-5
ALL ABS CLASSES
5:00PM AND 6:40PM

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BOTH OF THESE TRIP'S DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!

The Devil's Highway Bike Tour

Register by March 5

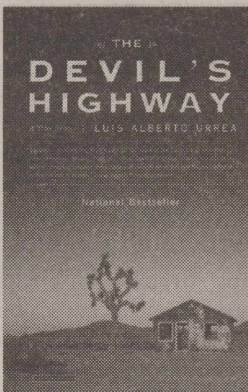
Trip Dates: March 18 - 22

Trip Cost: \$195

Bike rental is included!

This trip will start in the Big Bend National Park area and proceed north over the course of five days. Over the course of the five days, everyone will be discussing different aspects of the "The Devil's Highway" by Luis Alberto Urrea, the 2008 Summer Reading Program book for the First Year Raider Experience. The book follows 26 Mexican men as they try to come into the United States illegally. Only 12 survive. This book dissects the failings and hardship of border regulations both in the US and Mexico. Join us in a trip that attempts to provide a unique perspective on the immigration issue by riding through one of the harshest areas of Texas not meant to sustain human life.

For more information, contact the OPC at opc@ttu.edu or by phone at 742-2949
For more information on the Summer Reading Program, visit www.summerreading.ttu.edu



Wilderness First Responder

Cost: \$525

Trip Dates: March 14 - 22

The Wilderness First Responder course has been designed specifically to meet the needs of wilderness guides, expedition leaders, and outdoor instructors. It is the outdoor education and recreation industry's standard for wilderness medical training. It is the wilderness medicine training course for outdoor professionals...and the course you want your friends to have taken before you travel with them. The course includes WMTA adult CPR & AED certification. For more information, call 742-2949.

Intramurals

Intramural Soccer Is Here! Register Today and Tomorrow!

Are you ready to kick the futbol around?. Intramural Indoor Soccer sign-ups are here! Bring your friend's socials, \$50.00 (forfeit fee), and a smiling face to the Intramural Office room 203 in the Rec Center to sign up your team. Space is limited to the first 92 teams! If you do not have a team but love to play softball, we have a FREE AGENT program just for you. The Free-Agent meeting is set for Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00pm.



Big Kahuna

Pool Play & Single Elimination Tourney

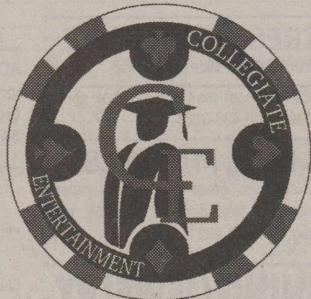
Register Feb. 22 - Mar 5 in IM Office

For more info - Intramurals@ttu.edu

student union

coming together in the union

2nd Annual ScholarChip Challenge



'ScholarChip' Challenge...09
www.collegiateentertainment.com

Play Texas Hold 'Em and win up to \$800 in scholarship money!

It is completely FREE!

For more information or to register go to

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Student Union & Activities

Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

for more information - call (806) 742-3636 or visit www.sub.ttu.edu



activities

whats coming up at the union

Movie -- Role Models
Wednesday, March 4
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00pm

Matinee Movie -- Role Models
Thursday, March 5
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00pm

Texas Tech ScholarChip Challenge Poker Tournament
Thursday, March 5-Sunday, March 8
SUB Matador Room

Henna Tattoo Art
Wednesday, March 11
SUB West Basement | 11:00am

Frank Warren: Creator of PostSecret
Wednesday, March 11
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00pm

For more information about activities in the Student Union visit www.tab.ttu.edu

student organization updates...

S.O. Registration Meeting
Tuesday, March 10
SUB Senate Room | 2pm

S.O. Academy
Saturday, April 4
SUB | 9am - 3pm

S.O. Awards Due
Friday, April 10
SUB Main Office | 5pm