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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.

They said at a Capitol rally that the Texas Department of Transportation should seek more citizen input in deciding how to spend much of the \$2.25 billion in stimulus transportation money Texas is getting.

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.

Dozens of state and local agencies have partnered with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to carry out immigration laws, the domain of the federal government. But ICE, a Homeland Security agency, has not clearly explained that serious criminal offenders, such as drug smugglers, are the target, the Government Accountability Office said in a report obtained by The Associated Press.

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.

In a half-hour televised address, Gov. Luis Fortuno outlined a plan to cut a long-bloated work force excluding police officers and teachers — and institute new taxes to increase revenue on the cash-strapped island, which is in its third year of recession. The layoffs will begin on July 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

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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 Gun-

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 the sport they enjoy.

far," said Thornhill, a junior bi- ball team, Fausset said. ology major from Brownwood. a good look. I don't know if work and school schedules.

to oversee the Gunners.

Not everyone is chomping with the team. at the bit to join a male prac-



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

shape, an exciting twist to their MARSHALL THORNHILL, A junior biology major from Brownwood, defends Texas Tech guard Tiny day or a way to stay involved in Henderson in one of the Lady Raiders' practices

"It's been pretty good so tice squad for a women's basket- is difficult to find eager volun-

The number of volunteers "Stay in the game a little bit varies from semester to semester, longer. Get exercise. Give em' he said, as it also depends on

Grant Fausset, director of to offer students who want to it is preferred. He said it is most basketball operations for the be a part of the practice team, important for students to at least Lady Raiders, many responsi- considering NCAA rules and understand the game and what bilities for, and one of them is regulations, which prevent them from getting paid or traveling

teers, Fausset said he tries to make the requirements as easy as possible.

Fausset said students do not we're helping them out." Fausset said there is not much sort of organized basketball, but the Gunners would act and play players will see to competition their purpose is: Give the Lady Raiders an idea of what they'll face against opponents. The With those reasons why it students do this by mimicking

sets and plays.

For example, if Tech was preparing for the quickness of Oklahoma State's Andrea Rilev need experience playing some Oklahoma's Courtney Paris, because they are the closest thing like them in order to help the before a game. Lady Raiders understand what to expect.

tougher to guard than women, they are asked to do. practicing against them can be beneficial.

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

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.

Using male practice players at Purdue was a concept Curry wanted to continue at Tech and the responsibility was given to Fausset.

Fausset said the group of students he has now all do the one thing that matters most to him.

"All I want is someone that'll show up," he said. "That's the most important to me, is attendance. They all show up when they say they will be. They've all gotten better as far as what we want from them. They're really helping us out. Couldn't do without them."

Fausset said the students are or the dominant presence of asked to go full speed in practice

As a result, he said the students sometimes are exhausted Since males can be a little after practice depending on what

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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 lowinterest loans weren't enough to entice car buyers out of their bun-U.S. auto sales in February to hover near historic lows.

Ford's U.S. sales fell 48 percent and Chrysler's dropped 44 percent. The major Japanese automakers fared only slightly better.

but up 5 percent from January, new vehicle." according to Autodata Corp.

The increase was a good sign, Web site Edmunds.com.

"It does mean that there's some decisions."

life out there," Toprak said.

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 kers in this economic crisis, causing helped push down sales, said Mark LaNeve, GM's North American vice president of sales, services and General Motors' sales tumbled marketing. The Dow Jones indus-53 percent from a year earlier, while trial 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 Overall auto sales were down said. "That doesn't put you in a 41 percent from February 2008, mood to go out and splurge on a

Automakers sold 688,909 cars and Ward's AutoInfoBank. Janu- and trucks last month, and there's ary marked the industry's worst little they can do to spur sales unmonthly performance since De- til the economy recovers, Toprak

"You can spend money on marbut it's far less than the usual 14 keting or incentives. That's all you percent sales bump from January to can do," he said. "Neither is having February, and it doesn't necessarily a big impact on sales. That tells us mean sales have hit the bottom, it's really consumer confidence and said Jesse Toprak, executive direct the general negative state of the tor of industry analysis for the auto economy overall causing consumers to postpone making purchase

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 doubledigit 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

preserve thousands of earmarks in a often covet them. \$410 billion spending bill on Tuesday, brushing aside Sen. John McCain's lation to assure continued funding for claim that President Barack Obama several federal agencies past March 6. nomic hardship.

McCain's attempt to strip out an the rate of inflation. estimated 8,500 earmarks failed on a \$32 billion from the measure and times. kept spending at last year's levels in several federal agencies.

said he would go line by line to make ers were to receive a pay raise. sure money was spent wisely.

from 2008. Spokesman Robert Gibbs it by Friday. pledged on Monday the White House earmarks for future bills.

port of 30 Republicans and two Dem- on earmarks.

ocrats, and the outcome reflected the enduring value of earmarks to lawmakers. While polls routinely show WASHINGTON (AP) — The these pet projects to be unpopular, Senate voted overwhelmingly to local governments and constituents The maneuvering came on legis-

and Congress are merely conducting At \$410 billion, the bill represents business as usual in a time of eco- an 8 percent increase over last year's spending levels, more than double Republicans made two other

vote of 63-32. The Arizona senator's attempts during the day to reduce proposal also would have cut roughly spending in the bill, but failed both

Sen. Dan Inouye, D-Hawaii, chairman of the Senate Appropria-Last year's Republican presidential tions Committee, said McCain's call candidate said both he and Obama to hold spending level with a year ago pledged during the campaign to "stop" "doesn't account for inflation." As business as usual in Washington," and an example, he said some programs he quoted the president as having would have to be cut if federal work-

The House passed the legislation The White House has said that last week, and Democratic lead-Obama intends to sign the legisla- ers are working to clear it without tion, casting it as leftover business changes so the president can sign

While Republican opposition in will issue new guidelines covering the House focused more on the bill's overall spending, McCain and allies McCain's proposal drew the sup-turned the Senate spotlight squarely



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Theater, dance department receives scholarship endowment

By STEVEN SCHWARTZ STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Department

Endowed Scholarship is a talent- he said. based scholarship amounting to \$100,000 that was released by the family in February, said Richard Privitt, audience relations specialist for the depart-

Neal Hanslik was a very good Community Theatre.

man of the department, said he and families.

believes scholarships such as this are essential for students applying for the best and the brightest for the college.

With the need for talent within competitive," Whitley said. of Theatre and Dance received the program, the competitive a scholarship endowment from nature of the theater and dance the estate of a late friend of the program, and the high prices of school, benefits to the students are he declined to elaborate on the The Neal Hanslik Regents. very welcome in the department, nature of the legal issues.

daughters who are looking to go the college has been eligible to to college, one as an artist, one receive the donation. This is one as a musician, it is tough to find of two endowed scholarships, just talent scholarships out there," Christoffel said.

friend of the college before he forming Arts has seen an increase ship. died in 2002, Privitt said, and in the amount of scholarships he was very involved with arts in received in the past five years, that generate earned interest the community, including serv- said Jeff Whitley, development from a principal gift, are iming as president of the Lubbock officer for the college. He said the portant for the ongoing growth increase is maily because of dona- and outreach of our college," Frederick Christoffel, chair- tions made from local institutions Whitley said.

"Without these incentives students, it is difficult to be

The Hanslik endowment was probated in December due to legal matters, said Privitt, but

The financial aspects of the "I know as a father with two matter have been sorted out and

One student per year will be The College of Visual and Per- awarded the Hanslik scholar-

"Endowed scholarships, those

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Ill. senator appears to survive Blagojevich furor

land Burris seems to have weathered endured in part by clamming up and ers want to change the subject.

Fellow Democrats are no longer demanding his resignation. The new a special election to replace him. And black member of the Senate. The group in the Senate. party leaders who control the Senate has made clear that white Illinois poliand Illinois Legislature are reluctant to ticians will pay a price for trying to oust risk losing his seat to Republicans.

I'm convinced of that," said congressman Phil Hare, one of the first Illinois

appointment by disgraced former Gov. governor this week. Rod Blagojevich and for changing his story about it multiple times.

But Burris has refused even to discuss resignation, showing some rewriting state law to remove Burris. that would have guaranteed painful

letting supporters portray the issue in racial terms.

Burris, who is serving the remainder seemed to be hanging by a thread. "He's not going to go anywhere. of Barack Obama's term, which runs through 2010.

Democrats to call for Burris to step because we want Roland Burris to committee began looking into his remain in this seat until this term is conduct. Newspaper editorials called Burris has been under intense scru- over," Chicago Alderman Ed Smith on him to step down or be replaced. tiny because of the circumstances of his said after meeting with the Illinois

of the same defiance displayed by State legislative leaders have put the legal and political battles.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Ro- Blagojevich. The fledgling senator has "issue on the back burner. Senate lead-

"We really ought to switch channels here to something that people A Burris strategist has encouraged really care about," said Sen. Dick Illinois governor has stopped calling for black leaders to rally around the only Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat

> That's quite a switch from just a few weeks ago, when Burris' political life

Durbin, along with other politicians from both parties, had urged "We're strong in our position Burris to resign. The Senate ethics

Some Illinois lawmakers, joined briefly by Quinn, proposed legislation The approach seems to be work- to end Burris' temporary appointment to the Senate and pick a replacement Gov. Pat Quinn dropped his call for through a special election — a move

Parliament head sworn in as Guinea-Bissau leader

this tiny, coup-prone West African na- killings shocked the nation. tion for two decades was gunned down in front of his wife inside their villa.

chamber as delegates stood, solemnly observing a moment of silence for President Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira to respect civil rule. and his long-standing rival, the head of the armed forces.

The two were assassinated in backto-back attacks beginning Sunday Pereira said. "My time in office will night, when a bomb hidden underneath be temporary, but I will do my all to coups. Every time we elect somebody, a staircase killed the army chief inside organize elections in time." his office. His inner circle pointed the finger at Vieira and hours later, the a presidential ballot should be held hundred people who stood outside president was assassinated.

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The head of Guinea-Bissau's parliament lation the army had been planning a tragedy." took the oath of office as president coup and marking a welcome continu-Tuesday, a day after the man who ruled ation of democratic rule after the two to help Guinea-Bissau "achieve our

Speaking to several hundred law- tion for peace. makers and visiting diplomats shortly behind him, Pereira urged the military booming cocaine trade

to Guinea-Bissau, most presidents have expressed hope things would change been unable to finish their mandate,"

According to the constitution, within 60 days. "But that is only a parliament. "We feel ashamed. All we On Tuesday, Head of Parliament theory right now," said parliament can hope for is that now our politicians Raimundo Pereira became the country's member Talibe Djau. "Two months is will finally help us."

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BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau (AP) — new interim president, quelling specu- not much time to prepare after such a

Pereira said his mission would be dreams," namely, building the founda-

In earlier comments, Pereira called A hush fell over the parliament afterward against the backdrop of a for calm in the former Portuguese giant national flag hanging on the wall colony, which is struggling to stem a

> Life appeared to have returned to "Since the era of democracy came normal in Bissau by Tuesday. But some for the better.

> > "We're tired of all this violence and something like this happens," said Marciano Alfonse Vaz, one of a couple

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Florida woman calls 911 3 times over McNuggets

called 911 three times after Mcwere out of McNuggets.

Goodman told authorities she paid irate.

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — for a 10-piece last week but was later Authorities say a Florida woman informed the restaurant had run out. on a misuse of 911 charge. A current

She says she was refused a refund Donald's employees told her they and told all sales were final. A cashier told police she offered Goodman a A police report says 27-year-old larger portion of different food for Goodman should have been given a Fort Pierce resident Latreasa L. the same price, but Goodman became refund, and she's being sent a gift card

Police say Goodman was cited phone listing for Goodman couldn't

A McDonald's spokesman says for a free meal.

Mass. man fined for Chuck E. Cheese mascot assault

fined \$500 for assaulting a Chuck E. man inside and yelled at him. Cheese mouse.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) Pires, of Fairhaven, ripped off the mas- account. — A Massachusetts man has been cot's head piece, pointed a finger at the

Authorities say 34-year-old Tra- suit told police he put his arms out to jail sentence. han Pires thought the perpetu- get through a crowd of children trying ally happy mascot had pinned his to knock him over and never grabbed restaurant in Dartmouth in May to 11-year-old son against a video game. anyone. A witness agreed with that celebrate his son's birthday.

Pires pleaded guilty Monday. A judge fined him after rejecting the The 19-year-old man in the mouse prosecution's request for a six-month

Pires' family was at the children's

Police: McGruff the crime dog roughed up in DC

WASHINGTON (AP) — A on a Washington street while dressed ing the mascot, but police said pulled over Saturday. children who witnessed the stunt were horrified.

Metro bus driver Shawn Brim, 38, climbed off a bus, adjusted his side view mirrors and then punched officer Tyrone Hardy, who was handing fliers to children bite out of crime."

bus driver thought it would be as the crime dog, police said. After believe me," Metro spokeswoman funny to take the bite out of the punch, Brim got back on the Candace Smith said. "That kind of McGruff the crime dog by punch- bus and drove away, but was quickly behavior is not tolerated."

tack upset the kids, police said.

Brim later told a supervisor he was Smith said. trying to be funny when he punched

"But nobody here finds it funny,

Brim was charged with simple Hardy had a swollen right cheek, assault. He will also undergo drug but seemed more concerned the at- and alcohol testing and his future with the agency is under review,

There was no telephone listing for McGruff, who urges kids to "take a Brim and Smith said she didn't know whether he had an attorney.

Alarm company: Um, sir? Your house is on fire

POMFRET, Conn. (AP) — A told him he was listening to music burning room. he didn't realize his house was on 2½-story house. fire - until his alarm company

Pomfret Assistant Fire Chief Edward Bates says Andrew Riley dashed upstairs and shut a door to the exercise room.

Connecticut man was so engrossed Thursday afternoon when the blaze

or hear the smoke alarm going off.

Firefighters arrived on the scene with the tunes on his iPod that broke out on the upper floor of his and quickly put out the blaze. The damage was limited to the exercise Bates says Riley didn't smell smoke room and an adjoining office.

A fire marshal blamed the fire After receiving the call, Riley on an electrical malfunction in the

Three accused of buying G.S. cookies with fake \$20s

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) — says she went to a bank Saturday to get captured three people who bought terfeit \$20 bills. Girl Scout cookies with counterfeit

Troop 40411 leader KC Gettings for a total loss of \$100.

Police in Washington state say they've change and was told she had two coun-

She says she found an additional \$60 worth of fake bills in the cookie receipts

Police say the counterfeiters also were using fake bills to make purchases at stores all over Kitsap County, west of Seattle.

Three people were in custody Monday and police say there's probable cause to arrest a fourth.

Man accused of stealing guns from parked cop car

(AP) — Corpus Christi police of a SWA1 team officer. didn't have to go far to examine the guns from a police car.

Authorities said a semiauto-

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas the trunk of a car parked at the home possession of a controlled substance.

Then they discovered that finger- two counts of theft of a firearm. scene of one crime — the theft of prints from the car matched a man who was already in custody.

ammunition were stolen Feb. 8 from after the car theft and pleaded guilty to speak for him.

lalomo was indicted Thursday on

A Nueces County jailer who wouldn't give her name said Jalomo Police said 27-year-old Jaime was still in custody there Saturday. Jail matic rifle, handgun, Taser and Jalomo had appeared in court the day records did not identify an attorney to

Mass. man face charges over broken tooth fraud

sachusetts man is accused of filing

BOSTON (AP) — A Mas- \$36,000 in insurance payments. Attorney General Martha Coak-

21 fake injury claims for the same ley's office says the man injured a broken tooth, pocketing at least tooth at a restaurant in 2002 by biting into a piece of plastic in his salad. The eatery paid for his medical

false injury claims against other restaurants, using information from the legitimate incident.

Tuesday on charges of insurance fraud, larceny and attempted larceny. The alleged scheme was discov-

He is scheduled to be arraigned

Prosecutors say he then filed 21 ered by an insurance investigator.

Flying metal chunk just a machine part

DALLAS (AP) — Police say the

"Mystery solved," Dallas Police Sgt. 6-pound chunk of metal that fell from Gil Cerda said Friday. "It's not part of a the sky and through the roof of a Dallas satellite or part of a rocket that lost a tire home was part of a machine used to or something. This was nothing more than part of a mulching machine."

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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 newlyreleased 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 Student Union Building Monday. on campus more often will have the ability to get recent releases."

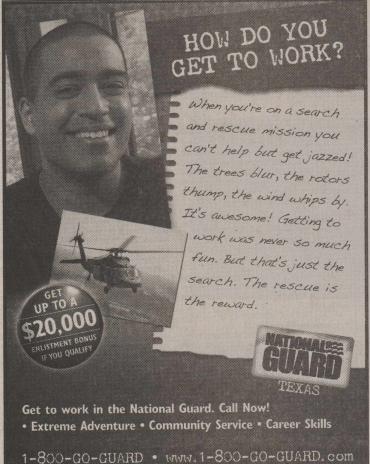
\$2.49 for Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 games, Spector said. The G-Box also will offer a rent-to-buy option.



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreadon A GAMEFLY KIOSK sits inside the entrance to Barnes & Noble in the

"Gamers want to play a new game

It will cost \$1.99 for Wii games and in the first couple of days," Spector said, "and daily rental allows people to try a game out." >>> tina.arons@ttu.edu



Student escorted from class, **HSC** chains and locks stolen

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 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 fourth-floor stacks of the University

At 11:01 p.m., an officer detained a student after a report of a the Biology Lecture Hall. 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

tigated a theft of chains and a lock at the HSC loading dock.

At 12:00 p.m., an officer investitaken from the R-8 southwest bi- Student Recreation Center.

At 4:40 p.m., an officer investilot. An unattended vehicle was struck by another vehicle.

At 5:10 p.m., an officer investiadhesive stickers throughout the gated 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 lowing a traffic stop in the 1800 block Chitwood Residence Hall.

Feb. 27

a student at the 3100 block of 18th ing e-mails were received by someone Street for public intoxication. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

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

At 3:04 a.m., an officer arrested a lobby of Weymouth Residence Hall.

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

At 2:01 p.m., an officer docuclass at the request of the instructor in tion in the R-7 parking lot.

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

At 5:45 p.m., an officer served a ported a student to Sunrise Canyon

At 6:31 p.m., an officer responded gated the theft of a secured bicycle to a medical call at the Robert H. Ewalt

At 12:53 a.m., an office investigated an accident in the Z-6A parking gated 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 folof Indiana.

At 10:38 p.m., an officer investi-At 2:19 a.m., an officer detained gated harassment in West Hall. Alarmin the building.

At 12:11 a.m., an officer docu-At 2:30 a.m., an officer detained mented information in reference to a damaged dinning 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 student for public intoxication in the 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 mented a student being escorted from without leaving the required informa-

Mar. 2

At 9:30 a.m., an officer investigated nism to a podium was damaged. At 5:30 p.m., an officer investigated

Magistrate's Warrant for Apprehen- an accident in the C-2 parking lot of At 11:45 a.m., an officer invession and Transportation and transt 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 Dartur — a move that could provoke a violent

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."

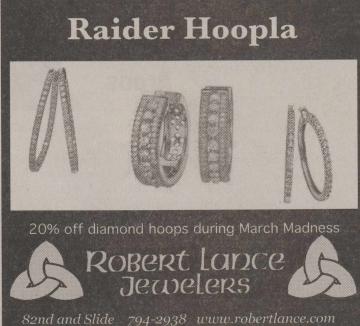
An arrest warrant for al-Bashir would be a milestone for the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal, which started work in 2002 and has never before ordered the arrest of a sitting head of state.

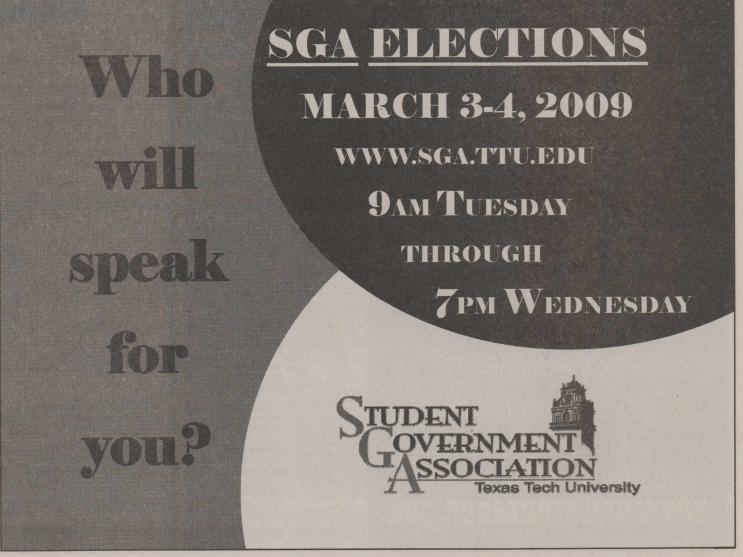
Obama sending diplomats to Syria

United States will dispatch two Rodham Clinton said Tuesday. emissaries to Syria for "preliminary

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israel, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary

The Syria move is one element in conversations" aimed at warming a complex set of diplomatic maneuvers relations with an Arab adversary acthe Obama administration is juggling as cused of supporting terrorism, seeking it attempts to steer a new course toward weapons of mass destruction, facili- a broad Middle East peace that includes tating the insurgency in neighboring long-term stability in Iraq and a squelching of Iran's nuclear ambitions





PINIONS

Adventures in Twittering Democrats become

isten to the sound. It permeates the breeze of a fine March morning. It cuts through the chirps of house finches and the clink of alcoholics pouring their first glass of Tito's vodka. Click-click clack, clack-clack click it goes, like tiny mice running down a drainpipe. It is the sound of fingers typing on a phone.

We're a people on the go, after all. connection.

around, only the snootiest ladderclimbers would dare be seen with one, those gaudy status symbols, car. That's right. Ka-ching!"

But now that cell phones are ters per ubiquitous, you're considered snooty if you don't have one.

Think about what that might o b mean for you if you're a person determined to resist the current round of newfound jingly-jangly doohicka-changing.

cently by two ardent Twitter fans. It someone else worth reading (or at movies they've been watching, what began when I was asked to be a guest least someone you know), you can laundry they've been folding. on "Bad Philosophy," a radio podcast click a button that says "follow," run by Stephen Torrence (fellow DT and suddenly every time that person updates are quite mundane. This columnist) and his pal Kevin.

fun. I got to talk about my column cell phone. from last week, poverty, and even Friedrich Nietzsche. Throughout some superfluous time-waster. "I was miniature celebrities? (Think how the show, I noticed Kevin discreetly following a Twitter conversation bechecking his cell phone.

I was on Twitter. I said no. "Oh, a place to live. I wasn't even part of you've got to do it, man," Stephen the conversation, but I jumped in on and signed up to Twitter. said. "It'll change your life."



The word "twitter," according to the New American Oxford Diction- Barack Obama has a Twitter page, It's true — the future is here. ary, can be both a verb and a noun. but he hasn't used it since the elec-Take it from me. Nobody cares Twitter-as-verb can mean to "give tion. about landline phones anymore. a call consisting of repeated light ignorant talk."

"Brad, guess where I'm calling you com. (It's free.) Step 2: Start posting they reveal. from. No, seriously, guess. I'm in my updates about your life (be succinct; post).

Step 3: Become sessed.

Your sends a tweet, it appears in your is true. But we find the mundane We recorded the show and it was e-mail inbox or, even better, your aspects of celebrity's lives wholly

tween some friends," he noted, "and Over lunch, they asked me if one of them was saying he needed with friends — the glow of comand said, 'Hey, I'm moving out soon.

Take my place."

It's the open nature of it that makes it unique.

Famous people tweet also, including Shaquille O'Neal, LeVar Burton, Lance Armstrong, Ashton Kutcher (and Demi Moore, who goes by "mrskutcher"), John Mayer, Questlove and anyone with a blog.

Shaq's tweets are especially funtremulous sounds" (like a bird) or ny. He even has been known to use Places to go, people to see. Constant to "talk rapidly and at length in an Twitter to interact with fans. From idle or trivial way." Twitter-as-noun Feb. 28: "People in phoenix u have When cell phones first came can mean "a series of short, high- 5 min to touch me I have 2 laker pitched calls or sounds" or "idle or tickets n my hand I'm on a corner at a bus stop." Twitter allows celebs to Strangely, all of that feels apt in give fans what they want — access usually the size of a shoebox and describing the service. Here's how to their lives — without giving up tethered to a baby blue Mazda Miata. it goes. Step 1: Sign up on Twitter. control over just how much detail

> Twitter seems strange and new, you're only allowed 140 charac- but besides the occasional celebrity, it's really just a way of

> > ing your regular old community

infus-

posts, which are like text messages with more subtlety, more context. eys. Because resistance might be and are called "tweets," are located When you see people you don't kind of futile. Our times, they are in one place, and anyone can read have to waste time with small talk, them, unless you don't want them because you already know what er-I was reminded of this fact re- to. The cool thing is when you find rands they've been running, what

> entertaining. And within our own Kevin pointed out this isn't just social circles, aren't we all just we gossip.)

> > So, following a potluck dinner panionship still recent — I logged

First thing was to choose a

handle. I tried "eric." Taken. I tried "ericc." Taken. I kept going until I reached "ericccccc" - that is, with seven C's (seas, get it?) — and there I was. You can follow my Twitter updates at Twitter.com/ericccccc, if you dare.

I've just barely dipped my toes in, but I'm excited. These are exciting times. OK, I know it's just another fad technology and there are more "real" things in life to get excited about. One shouldn't spend one's life texting about one's life. But ultimately, you can either curse technology or accept that it might actually improve your life.

Let me give a hypothetical example. Imagine you're hanging out with an old friend, one of those old friends who is legendary within your social circle. He tells the best stories, has the craziest adventures. Let's call him John.

It's a party. The conversation is going, music is playing, everyone is having a good time. Someone says something banal, and in response John makes a comment that not only has everyone in the room immediately doubled over laughing, but that is kind of profound in its own way. It's a comment that sums him up the way a quote like "Imagination is more important than knowledge" sums up Albert

So, still chuckling, you pull On that note, most Twitter out your phone. This is too good to forget, you say. You update your Twitter with John's legendary comment in quotes and attributed to him. Suddenly, everyone who ever met the guy is smiling. A wonderful moment has spread instantly. Isn't that cool?

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full of themselves

By JAY ROUDEBUSH THE PARTHENON (MARSHALL U.)

forefathers. His understanding you? of bipartisanship may be un-Abraham Lincoln.

working for the people.

However, the Democrats as a whole.

Now some of the Democrats because of the current economy. in Congress are beating their of Congress, most of them were worthless cowards that were anything. afraid to try to do anything Now they have a "golden child" to be "progressive."

troop withdrawal plan, which policies but obstruction. Obama announced Friday. It

Democratic leadership in Congress yelling about how it isn't enough? Where were you in 2006, 2007 President Barack Obama may and 2008 telling President Bush be one of the most intelligent it wasn't enough? Where was your men to lead this nation since the backbone when this nation needed

It wasn't there. Many of the matched by any president since Democrats in Congress needed an Obama infusion to make their President Obama knows how spines strong. Obama may be an the government is meant to intelligent man, and I believe he work, and he is making sure it is will be a great leader, but he can't do it alone

He cannot move this nation forare getting a little full of them- ward without everyone at the table. selves. Just because you have a Some of the Democrats in Congress man at the head of your party are pushing too hard for too many who is great does not mean the reforms too fast. This nation needs party or you as an individual to build its economy, fix its health Democrat are. Barack Obama care system and make sure there is is not a reflection of the party a social net to catch these people being pushed through the cracks

There is an ego problem in both chests, getting loud and finally parties. You just hear it louder from getting a backbone. Let's not the Democrats at the moment. forget that from 2006 to 2008, President Obama has a vision, before Obama was president which will benefit all Ameriand the Democrats had control cans, but being a parrot as some Democrats are being is not helping

Just because the president is against the Bush administration. a member of your party does not make you his equal. On the other at the helm, and all of a sudden side of the aisle you have the party this country isn't doing enough of no ideas. The Republicans have become a bankrupt idea factory, Consider the Iraq combat with nothing to offer for Obama's

The point is we need to try to was intelligent, not set in stone do great things to move this nation in the event something bad hap- forward as President Obama is dopens and based on a compromise ing rather than pointing to him between what the Republi- and talking about how great the cans and the Democrats both Democratic party is. The Republicans did that for the last eight years, Then you have some of the and where are they now?

Traveling Tina talks about her wheelchair adventures

Most of us who work in The Daily Toreador newsroom probably have been invited at some point to step into the news editor's office - his wheelchair.

Jon Vanderlaan's wheelchair serves as a seat for news reporters or guests, and it provides quality entertainment for co-workers who spend at the computer. downtime in the newsroom learning to pop a wheelie.

bound, but his physical disability was that. makes it difficult for him to travel long distances.

So, he uses the wheelchair to travel across campus for classes or flitted through my mind Monday. interviews - a feat I had never attempted.

Until Monday.

business in his wheelchair, and what end of the day. an adventure it turned out to be.

After a crash course in door openclass in a computer lab in the basebut sitting at a computer desk was not.

I didn't quite fit underneath the



began to roll backward as I worked

Not a big deal, no. I finally wedged my knee underneath the

have ordinarily thought of occurring — the first of many new things that

Several people suggested I try riding the bus in a wheelchair. So I did, and it turned out to be something I I spent the day going about my felt the most triumphant about at the

I was extremely apprehensive, but me feel uncomfortable. I only had a minor snag. I rolled up ing from Vanderlaan, I wheeled my to the construction bus stop near the way to my first class. Getting to my Human Sciences building and waited for the Red Raider to come by. When ment of the Mass Communications it did, I waved to the bus driver who building was easier than I thought, got up and walked to the back of the bus to lower the ramp.

...But it wouldn't lower.

lower the ramp.

Once I wheeled on the ramp, the bus driver had to raise it up, and I rolled inside.

After successfully arriving inside the bus, the driver strapped the seemed to be seatbelts on the floor and off we went.

When the bus arrived at the matedly speak-Vanderlaan is not wheelchair- desk and braced myself, and that Chitwood/Weymouth Residence ing to Ybarra, Halls, the driver had to lower me But it was something I wouldn't down. I felt guilty for holding up the hands around bus route and a bus full of passengers, expressively but I had a feeling no one would seem

> One of the passengers who sat beside the back door asked the bus driver, "Do you need any help?" The driver said, "No."

It was a nice gesture, but it made did so, Ybarra

A passerby who happened to be at the bus stop when the bus driver was lowering me down paused and watched to make sure I didn't need any help.

More uncomfortableness. But

So, the bus driver used a little legitimately use wheelchairs on a have a feeling it was the wheelchair desk, which had a pullout keyboard. brute force. She walked out the daily basis — feel uncomfortable that turned heads. Also, I seemed to be on a slight front bus door, walked up to the for using a public service? Or any incline. So, because Vanderlaan's half-lowered ramp, and gave it a service other non-wheelchair-bound wheelchair doesn't have brakes, I good, hearty kick. Then she walked people use? Furthermore, why should

back inside the bus and continued to wheelchair users attract additional

I spent several minutes near the bus stop by the Mass Communications building talking to Alex Ybarra, The Daily Toreador's managing editor. We attempted to find a bus for me wheelchair wheels in with what to ride while he filmed me doing it for my blog.

I'm a hand talker. So, as I was ani-

I flailed my and occasionally paused to pace back and forth in the wheelchair. While I and I noticed I was attracting quite a bit

of attention. moreso than my lively way of speaking usually

Although I'd like to think people Why should I — or people who were admiring my lovely new scarf, I

Seeing people in wheelchairs is not the norm.

Iwon't lie. I often feel uncomfort-

able when I'm near someone in a regardless of whether he's sitting in his wheelchair or not). I don't know how I should act.

I'm afraid of offending people in wheelchairs by staring because they don't know I normally stare if I know. at everyone. I'm also a curious

> s o m e - else's norm. one in a and again, I he or she is courage it. in a wheelchair.

But that would be taboos.

rude, wouldn't it?

use wheelchairs and people who your arms when you speak. don't is not commonly defined. at home or in home economics

Ask me about how to set a table wheelchair (other than Vander- or how to greet dinner guests and I laan, who I rarely take seriously could tell you. Ask me about when it's appropriate to ask a wheelchairbound person how he or she manages to go grocery shopping and I would be lost for words and feel embarrassed.

So, what should be done? Hell

I'm no expert. I can only offer person. If I my opinion, which is that spending spend time in a wheelchair taught me to around view the world through someone

It's not always possible to experiwheelchair, ence walking a day in someone else's which only shoes. But, if the chance ever comes happens up, I encourage everyone to give it a every now go. If nothing else, you might have fun along the way. I did.

And, if someone asks you to about why spend a day in your life, please en-

It's cliché, but sharing creates open communication and open communication breaks down social

So, Vanderlaan, please feel free It's sadly amusing but true. The to help yourself to my coveted scarf social normal between people who collection and spend the day flailing

I know I certainly didn't learn Arons, a senior journalism proper etiquette about the subject major from San Saba, is The DT's features editor. E-mail her at tina. arons@ttu.edu.

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Knowing health facts helps students earn cash prizes

By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

Students had the opportunity to learn 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 Eldredge said. 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, Services, "but (we) provide education so because of the promise of a monetary 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.

health and safety facts and win cash prizes 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,"

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 sophmore account-

Arlington major said.

In spite of what students are told about health issues. Hasling said, he believed resources are out there that not everyone Before the game show began, booths they still ignore practical advice. For knows about, like the HSC," she said. example, he said, not everyone wears a condom during sex.

and was excited to be the winner of the

Leyla Munoz, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major and member of Impact Tech, a peer 15 to 20 years in the future. health education organization, helped coordinated the event.

Guatemala native said.

College students are sometimes "Everybody knows about health, but negligent about health issues because of not everyone uses their knowledge," the time restrictions and other limitations, one's health habits are the same." Munoz said.

"Our goal is to let students know

Impact Tech member and sophomore family and consumer sciences major However, Hasling said, he is aware Aaron Rask helped with the booths before of the answers to many health questions 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

A bigger turnout would have been better, Rask said, because the booths were

"Do your research, find what works for you, and play off that," Rask advised. "No » carrie.thornton@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreado "As college students, it's very impor- very informative and it would have been FROM LEFT, MICHAEL Chaney, a sophomore clinical laboratory science a health educator for Student Health ing major, said he came to the event tant to be aware of health ingeneral," the good for more students to be exposed to 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

teddy bear provides physically children.' and sexually abused children comfort.

Center of the South Plains conducts forensic interviews with abused children, and each child interviewed at the center receives she wanted to help out. a blanket, book and a teddy

Service Corps, was located in adviser. eight different locations both until Monday.

in time.

"We realized the number of from El Paso. "So, we decided to about," Flores said. help out."

the number of bears collected last year, which was about 400, abused children.

"It has been a really reward-

Michael Jackson

ing experience to be able to help the kids who have been through something so traumatic," Davie The simple pleasure of a soft said. "Bears give comfort to Loni Marie Flores, a section

manager for Rural and Commu-The Children's Advocacy nity Health at the Health Sciences Center at Tech, said after receiving the statistics of abused children in the South Plains area,

"From 2006 to 2008 the number of abused has grown in almost A teddy bear donation box, all areas," said Flores who is the organized by the Double T Health Double T Health Service Corps

According to the Children's on the Texas Tech campus and Advocacy Center, in 2006 the in various community locations center aided 692 children who were sexually abused, and in 2008 T Health Service Corps, said the 2006 to 2008 the center received throughout the Texas Tech campus. teddy bear drive was fulfilled just 40 additional children they will provide continuing services.

"A lot of people do not realize children being seen at the center this problem because recognizing said. Students came together was really high and they were the problem of abused children is to help with a good cause and low on bears," said Davie, who is not something people like to talk showed a lot of caring and com-

Program director of the center The goal of the teddy bear Judy Powell, said the center wants alum," Powell said, "to see studrive was to collect more than the traumatized children to leave dents who are already busy with with something comforting.

"For a child to see a wall filled help this cause." Davie said. The second goal was with bears from floor to ceiling to increase community awareness and letting them pick the one ing teddy bears directly to the of the alarmingly high numbers of they want is very rewarding," Powell said.

Today's



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FROM LEFT, JUDY Powell, program director at the Childrens 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 Junior biology major Maxie the center aided 885 children Infante, of the CAC, and Shay Raygada, a Texas Tech social work intern, Davie, an officer of the Double who were sexually abused. From stand behind the first batch of teddy bears received by several departments

To min han ... yish mot organized and implemented completely by Tech students, Powell

"It makes me proud as a Tech school and still take the time to

For those interested in donatcenter, contact Powell at 806-740-0251.

The teddy bear drive was >> caylor.ballinger@ttu.edu

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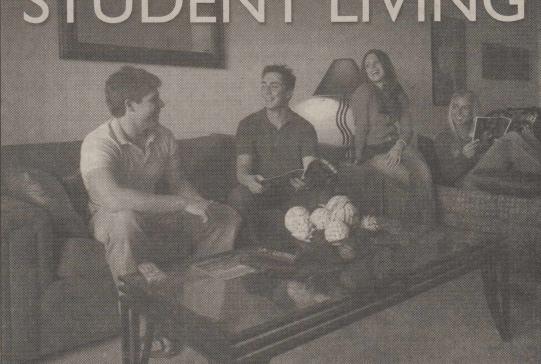
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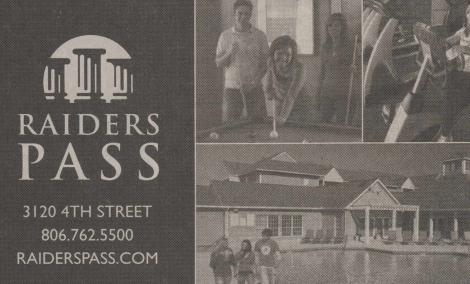
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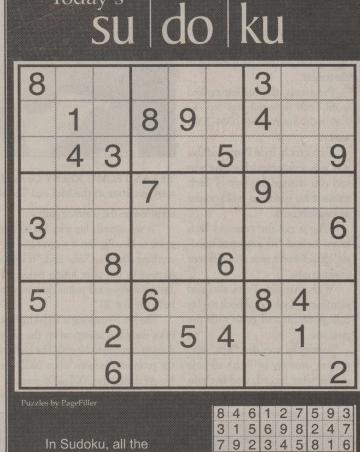
seeking comeback LONDON (AP) - Michael 8 Jackson was due to make a "special announcement" at a London music venue this week - expected to be confirmation of his 3 5 first live concerts in years. British media said Tuesday that the troubled King of Pop will announce a string of dates at the city's O2 Arena. 3 Celena Aponte, spokeswoman for the venue's operator, AEG Live, said Jackson had arrived in 8 6 London on Tuesday and would appear at a press conference at

the arena on Thursday after-The days of multimillionselling 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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By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

All season long, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight and his team have struggled to close out games and take advantage of opportune moments. The recurring theme has saddled the Red Raiders, who have lost six straight games and 12 of 14, despite gaining respect around the Big 12 Conference for effort not fit for a losing team.

But if there is one game of the season where the pieces could come together, it's the final home game of the season at 8:30 p.m. today against No. 9 Kansas in the United Spirit Arena — or in other words, Senior Night.

In recent seasons, the Red Raiders (12-17, 2-12 in Big 12 play) knocked off a ranked opponent in Lubbock. Last year, it was No. 5 Texas and No. 18 Kansas State. In 2007, Tech beat No. 5 Kansas and No. 6 Texas A&M. Back in 2005, Tech knocked off No. 2 Kansas in a double-overtime thriller.

The Red Raiders had a chance to take the lead in the second half against No. 3 Oklahoma on Saturday, but the Sooners pulled away late for a 78-63

Now, with the defending national champion Jayhawks (24-5, 13-1) strolling into Lubbock, thoughts of giving fans the opportunity to rush the court one final time this season have wedged their way into players' minds. That especially goes for seniors such as Rogdrick Craig, Michael Prince, Alan Voskuil, Damir Suljagic and Esmir Rizvic.

"It'd be big," Craig said of upstaging Kansas, who sits first in the Big 12. "We are due for one, and this season didn't go as well as planned, but if we get this big upset it would just make everything better. It'd be something rest of our lives."

a win the Red Raiders could smile at special they can be. when peering at a schedule filled with too many losses.

One of those grins would have to be Prince's, who received a lot of publicity in 2006 when former Tech coach Bob Knight pushed his chin up during a victory against Gardner-Webb. The scene stage, once again raising questions about Bob Knight's demeanor as a coach.

Reports indicated there was noth-

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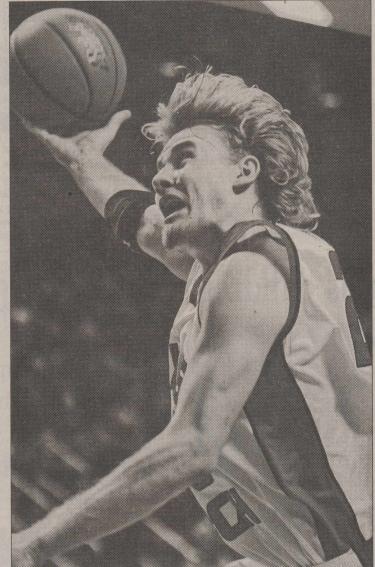


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TEXAS TECH SENIOR guard Alan Voskuil will play his final home game at 8:30 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena against No. 15 Kansas.

coach, including his parents, saying Bob at home." Knight wanted Prince to pay attention to his coaching.

Years down the road, it would be he did talk about the upsets and how

exception, especially considering Prince in Lawrence, Kan. was a member of the 2007 team that beat the Jayhawks — Rizvic, Suljagic and Voskuil were too.

"I'll never forget that," he said. "It was a great feeling. No one really exploded onto the national media's thought we could do it. I guess we played hard an entire 40 minutes and we just came out on top.

"If we get Kansas on Wednesday, it ing malicious about the situation, and would be a good top-off of the season. It

everyone involved defended Prince's would be a good way to go out, especially

But the Jayhawks, despite being young, are a difficult matchup for Tech When asked of his favorite memories and are playing for their fifth straight that we can always remember for the as a Red Raider, Prince didn't mention Big 12 regular season title. Plus, the the infamous "raising of the chin," but Jayhawks are 17-3 in the all-time series against Tech. Last season, Kansas handed Tech its worst loss in school history, Today's matchup against Kansas is no a 109-51 stomping in Allen Fieldhouse

Junior point guard Sherron Collins (18.5 points per game) and sophomore center Cole Aldrich (17 double-doubles) lead an inexperienced squad that is loaded with high-end talent in freshmen Tyshawn Taylor, Markieff Morris and Marcus Morris — to name a few.

Pat Knight said he thought it was funny how critics picked Kansas to struggle in what should have been a rebuilding year considering studs such as Brandon Rush, Darrell Arthur and

Mario Chalmers went to the NBA. The loss in talent was supposed to bring parity to the Big 12, but with KU coach Bill Self running the show, the Jayhawks remained in powerhouse form.

"It doesn't matter if they're young or old," Pat Knight said. "If Bill is coaching the team, they're gonna be good, and I think he proved that. "

Regardless of the mismatches and différences in both teams' seasons, Pat Knight said his players, seniors especially, deserve a landmark win for an

"It's our last chance to play at home, the last shot we have for the home crowd, and it's the last chance these seniors get to play in the United Spirit Arena," he said. "So any time you're at home, it doesn't matter who you play, it's huge. It just happens to be Kansas

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Red Raiders want victory to OU's man-to-man defense remember on Senior Night could work in Tech's favor

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

It seemed No. 3 Oklahoma was due for an upset at some point this season. That happened in a 57-56 loss at No. 10 Texas A&M Feb. 23.

The loss put a halt to a 20-game winning streak for the Sooners the best in school history.

"It's definitely possible," Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "You take a few possessions away and learn and teach from the game as we did. You have to feel good about your chances. Anything can

Tech was close to scoring that the Lady Raiders and the Sooners Feb. 17 in Lubbock. Tech took a 37-33 lead into halftime and even to-man, we need to go at it." led then-No. 2 OU 63-56 with a in the game.

to avenge the loss, while earning points. a much-needed win, they'll have to do it in Norman, Okla.

Conference play) takes on No. 3 Oklahoma (25-3, 13-1) at 8 p.m. and forward Kierra Mallard. in the Lloyd Noble Center in

However, Curry and her players Tech's loss. believe it is best to stick to what got them the lead late in the first meeting with OU.

what helped the Lady Raiders description. against OU was the defense the Sooners played.

the first meeting was man-to-man, which Moore said is a defense the play against.

"I think that helps our advantage because we're mostly more of a man-



MARIA MOORE DRIVES past Oklahoma's Danielle Robinson in the first meeting between Tech and OU Feb. 17 in the United Spirit Arena.

upset in the first meeting between to-man type offense team," she said. 5-of-25 from the 3-point line. "So if we keep doing what we're doing

little more than seven minutes left something the Lady Raiders struggle the zone," Curry said. "Ball reverse, But Tech was dealt an 80-72 on that strategy, the loss probably backside. Thought we shot too many loss, and if the Lady Raiders want would have been by more than eight quick threes.'

Tech (15-12, 5-9 in Big 12 effective production from their two to make up a deficit when they're post players in center Dominic Seals trailing.

Norman where the Sooners have first meeting, but key free throws from along with hopes of squeaking into suffered only one loss this season. OU down the stretch contributed to the NCAA Tournament.

zone defenses work against the Lady Raiders, Curry said Saturday's 59-52 Tech guard Maria Moore said loss to No. 23 Iowa State fits the down.

OU's main defensive strategy in defense because his team did not OU could throw anything at Tech to matchup well with Tech's size.

So the strategy forced Tech's post Lady Raiders' offense is geared to players to kick the ball out to perime-man," she said. "We just have to ter shooters such as Ashlee Roberson, come out and expect anything. Just

Jordan Murphree and Moore. The result was Tech shooting >madam.coleman@ttu.edu

"Anybody that saw the tape, I'm and when teams wanna play us man-sure, from Iowa Sate — we'll continue to work on doing a better job Moore said the zone defense is of making better decisions against with and if OU would have focused getting the ball more inside than

Curry also said the "quick threes" The zone defense makes it dif- can be attributed to the competitive ficult for the Lady Raiders to get spirit of her players and the desire

But the Lady Raiders' margin for Seals still earned 17 points in the error is getting smaller each game,

However, Curry said the mental-If there is an example of how well ity of her team still remains constant and all the Lady Raiders can do is continue to play as the season winds

Tech guard Tiny Henderson is Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly expecting anything to happen in the said he wanted to use the zone second meeting with OU, so she said prevent another close call.

"I would say they play zone and come out and execute."

Lady Raiders confident after win against No. 21 TCU

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

The No. 59 Texas Tech women's tennis team hopes that its win over then-No. 21 TCU is not a one-time

The Lady Raiders (4-4) defeated the Horned Frogs 4-3 on Feb. 26 in Lubbock. TCU is the highest-ranked opponent Tech has ever beaten, which can create some incentive for Tech to stay on track for the team of the season.

Previously, the highest-ranked team Tech defeated was No. 52 Colorado during the 2004-2005 season.

Tech coach Todd Petty said this win was a program-changing win and can change the face of Tech tennis if his team can build on the accomplishment.

"This is not the same old Tech team," he said. "It's a different mindset, it's a different year, it's a different program now."

With this win, Petty also said recruits may look to Lubbock to play college tennis and grow with the

Samantha van der Drift, who is three wins shy of Tech's all-time singles wins record, said the win means nothing if the team cannot

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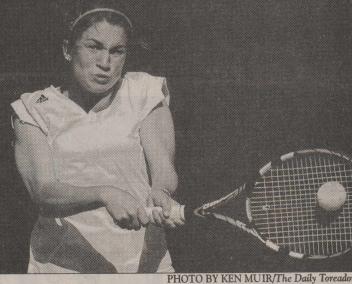
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TEXAS TECH'S KELSY Garland plays in a singles match against Midwestern State at the McLeod Tennis Center.

continue on the winning path.

"It was a really big win, but it's not going to be a big win if we just lose everything after that," she said. "It kinda showed us too after losing twice 4-3 against really good teams that we can be in the Top 20.'

The No. 59 ranking is Tech's highest since early last season when the Lady Raiders climbed to No. 50. The highest the program has been since 2002 was No. 49 during the 2005-2006 season.

The Lady Raiders' No. 1 doubles

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team of van der Drift and Kelsy Garland also broke into the national rankings coming in as the No. 57 doubles team in the nation.

This spring, the duo is 5-3 and they have a 7-4 record dating back to the

Kelsy Garland said the win over TCU has given the team a boost of confidence and a change in the mindset.

Winning that match was a major boost to everyone's confidence," she

Tech has been solid in its lineups with a 13-11 record in doubles this spring. The Lady Raiders are 4-0 when they take the doubles point. The singles lineup holds a 26-22 record this spring with Garland posting a 6-2 record, Stefanie Peana at 4-3, and van der

Potgieter each at 4-4. As exciting as the win may be, it may have to be short-lived, as Big 12 Conference play looms for the Lady

Drift, Simone Templeton and Kerryn

Tech will have this weekend off in preparation for No. 30 Texas A&M on March 12, No. 7 Baylor on March 13, and No. 27 Texas on March 15.

"I think the confidence level of knowing they belong is an important thing," Petty said. "Whether or not it comes into wins or losses, it's more of a mindset changing win against TCU." » zane.turner@ttu.edu



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But that doesn't keep students like Thornhill or Amis away.

For Amis, the decision to join the Gunners was based on a chance to stay in shape and stay close to the game of basketball. Amis said he was a shooting guard in high school and pick-up basketball games were his way of staying in the game after graduation.

The Gunners were just another opportunity to do what he loves

"It's real special to me," said the sophomore personal financial planning major from Arlington. "My dad's a basketball coach, so I've been around it my whole life. It felt weird not to be around it."

Thornhill was a point guard in high school. It even led him to a scholarship offer from the University of Texas at Dallas, but he turned it down to join his friends at Tech.

"I felt like I had finished," he said. "I was done with the game. I didn't feel like it was that big of a deal. All my friends were coming up here. My girlfriend was coming to school up here. I was like 'it's not even that big of a deal.' I got up here and I was in the Rec every night. You still can't get that feeling because it's just pick up games."

Somehow, Thornhill had to get back into basketball. So he transferred to Hardin-Simmons to join the team there.

But at Hardin-Simmons, Thornhill said he broke his ankle, which led him back to Tech still searching for a way to fulfill his desire to stay on the court.

ners after staying away from the game for a while.

Considering the job is hard work, Fausset said he does as much as he can to provide incentives for students like Thornhill and Amis.

He said he gives them shoes and other apparel, takes them out to eat and based on attendance in practice, allows the students to workout in the United Spirit Arena's weight

Some students expect more for joining, which Fausset said is another reason why the number of volunteers can be low at times.

However, he said playing against women is not one of those reasons.

Amis said he played against women often in pick-up games, so it was not a problem when he started

But Thornhill said it was something he had to get used to.

"It was definitely a little different experience to play against an all-girls team," he said. "Do you block their shots? Do you go hard on them? At the Rec you don't go hard on them like that. But we're out here trying to give them a good look, and are they gonna take it personal if we do it? So it was kind of a hard transition."

But as Thornhill got more comfortable with the Lady Raiders, the Lady Raiders got more comfortable

playing for the Gunners helped them build friendships with the

Thornhill said he and Moore have turned out to be good friends at Purdue that's engaged to one as a result of his participation with of our former practice guys, and I

So he later turned to the Gunplayers to embrace the Gunners as a "You don't wanna cross the line,



CASEY AMIS, A sophomore personal financial planning major from Arlington, defends Texas Tech guard Maddy Brown in practice. Amis has been a Tech Gunner since October.

Thornhill and Amis both agreed part of the team and it is good to see friendships develop as a result.

However, she said deeper relationships can develop as well.

"I actually have a former player always have a rule that we don't Curry said she encourages her date our practice guys," Curry said.

but it is neat to see them become really good friends. It's a really neat relationship.'

Thornhill and Amis have difficulty choosing their favorite players to hang out with or guard.

As far as who is the toughest player to guard everyday in practice, Amis said Murphree is difficult to defend from the perimeter.

Henderson laughed at the no- basketball." tion, but said for everything the >> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

shoes and like some practice gear, but they don't get much. I think it takes a lot to come out here and better us

"You know, they don't get much," she said. "They may like get some everyday and work hard."

Fausset said male practice players for women's basketball teams should be a staple of the best collegiate programs in the nation.

But it doesn't have to stop

He said even at the professional ranks, older male practice players help out WNBA teams.

At Purdue, Curry's former school, the women's basketball team has a similar program, except its male volunteers are called the RIP Squad. Martin Clapp, an assistant coach

at Purdue, conducts practices for the RIP Squad, which helps students understand their practice duties.

Clapp said most women's basketball programs do have some sort of male practice team, but it is harder to maintain at smaller schools.

There are some similarities between the Gunners and the RIP Squad, as Clapp said not much incentive can be provided considering NCAA rules and regulations.

But similar to the Gunners, it is still a chance to be involved with college basketball

"I think it's been such a tradition here, before Kristy, even back, I guess Thornhill said Moore's quick- I'll say about early '90s, late '80s, I ness makes it difficult to keep up think they were still having the RIP Squad," Clapp said. "I just think it's But Thornhill also said the kind of something that's caught on. player hardest to guard is Hender- A lot of guys know coming in that son, pointing out she gives 100 even though they can't play college percent in everything she does on basketball or don't have a chance to, they can still be a part of college

Cincinnati Bengals keeping RB Benson

Cincinnati Bengals, who gave him last season. the chance to resurrect his career

stay as their top running back.

Signing Benson became a big game priority for the league's lowest-rated offense after right tackle Stacy Anbackup quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick who was out of football.

agent running back Cedric Benson back up Steve Slaton, who ran for the last four games. decided on Tuesday to stay with the 1,282 yards and nine touchdowns

spots on offense for a team that went "His years in Chicago weren't what Benson accepted a two-year deal 4-11-1 last season. The 26-year-old he hoped for, but he was able to from the Bengals, who liked what he running back will be the centerpiece give us a lift on the field and be a did late last season and wanted him to of an offense that's being overhauled great presence in the locker room. to concentrate more on the running He earned everyone's respect, and

Benson was Chicago's first-round to grow in our system." pick and the fourth overall in the drews and top receiver T.J. Housh- 2005 draft, but didn't pan out and was 747 yards on 214 carries. He also mandzadeh turned down offers to stay. released following two arrests in Texas caught 20 passes for 185 yards. He Andrews signed with the Eagles, and involving alcohol. The cases were had the team's longest run (46 Houshmandzadeh chose to play for dropped in September when grand yards) and longest reception (79 the Seahawks. Cincinnati also lost juries decided not to indict Benson, yards).

Benson visited the Houston Tex- thinned by injury, the Bengals signed another receiver to replace Houshans on Monday, but chose to stay him to a one-year deal on Sept. 30. mandzadeh. They also need to with the Bengals in part because they He quickly moved ahead of Chris overhaul an offensive line that

CINCINNATI (AP) — Free- Texans were looking for someone to for more than 100 yards in three of

"Cedric was recognized as an elite talent coming out of college," Benson was one of the few bright coach Marvin Lewis said Tuesday. we're excited to let him continue

Benson finished the season with

With Benson's signing, the With their group of running backs Bengals will be looking to add

Armstrong changes schedule ahead of Giro, Tour

BRUSSELS (AP) - Lance Arm-Alberto Contador for the first time California winner Levi Leipheimer daunting hills. in Spain's Castille and Leon Vuelta and, possibly, tour expert Andreas this month.

seven-time Tour de France champion San Remo classic to prepare for the Maertens. Giro d'Italia.

his program.

In Tuesday's issue of The Daily

Toreador, the article "Tech track not

dwelling on performance at Big 12"

should have stated that Texas Tech

In a change of schedule, the strong and Contador.

"It will make it extremely interest- 23-27. will also ride in the centennial Milan- ing," said team spokesman Philippe

of the classic will feature all the top and Tour.

Astana is planning to send a star- one-day cyclists. The 185.2-mile strong will go head-to-head with studded team to the March 23-27 race along the Mediterranean is the Astana teammate and chief rival tour in northern Spain, with Tour of longest on the calendar but has few

From northern Italy, Armstrong Kloeden joining co-leaders Arm- will then switch straight to the hilly Castille and Leon from March "The Castille and Leon race will

allow Armstrong to focus on the time The changes mean Armstrong will trial and two mountaintop finishes," Armstrong has dropped the Tour be back in Europe well ahead of the the team said of the kind of stages of Flanders one-day classic and March 21 spring opener from Milan which will also be vital if Armstrong France's Criterium International from to San Remo. The centennial racing is to challenge for victory in the Giro

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To walk the red carpet on Tuesday March 10,

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Brazillian, \$45. Bikini, \$20. Lip & brow, \$15. Camille, 797-9777x245, @ Lindsey's 3307 83rd.





Phone: 742-3351

Miss your spin class? There are still a few select spots available in the Raider X2 Spin Classes! Head down to the Fit/Well to register for the classes now!

Website: www.rescsports.ttu.edu



Box 2151

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 DOING THIS SUMMER? not as close with the Raiders stomping the Bears 13-3 in a 5 field 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 tiday for this spring's scuba diving class! There are already spots taken on this great trip! The trip will be 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*

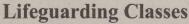
Campers will have the opportunity to utilize the amazing Texas Tech Recreational facilities. They will enjoy preplanned activities administered by trained Counselors. Our goal is to provide a bit of recreation knowledge mixed in with a whole lot of fun!! Each session may include activities such as archery, 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 wwwrecsports.ttu.edu/youth/springfling.php!

Aquatics Center

WHAT WILL YOU BE

The Leisure Pool will be open, and we will need people to work! We need inning run rule. Bryan Stubble- 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!



Monday, May 11th - May 16th

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

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

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

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

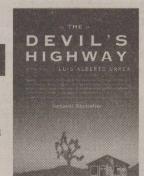
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Outdoor Pursuits Center

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 ding through one of the harshest areas of Texas not meant to sustain human life.

For more information, contact the OPC at opc@ttt.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 industrys' 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 WMTC 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.





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