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### (INBRIEF) STATE

### Report: Texas worst in US for homeless kids

DALLAS (AP) — Texas is the worst place in the nation for homeless children and the faltering economy will push even more families with little ones into the streets, according to a new report.

A study by the National Center on Family Homelessness released Tuesday placed Texas 50th — last of all states - in how homeless children fare.

The ranking considered four areas: the percentage of homeless children; their overall well-being; risk factors for homelessness, such as poverty and foreclosure rates; and what the state is doing to address the problems.

### NATION Obama pushes science vs ideology

WASHINGTON (AP) - From tiny embryonic cells to the large-scale physics of global warming, President Barack Obama urged researchers on Monday to follow science and not ideology as he abolished contentious Bush-era restraints on stem-cell research

# **City Council votes for water rate increase**

### **By HALIE HARTMAN** STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock City Council voted 6-1 on Monday in favor of a water rate increase Monday that will take effect passed Monday April 1.

Increases were made to both the original base rate to base water charge, based on meter \$18, saving residents size, and the water volume rate, based \$4 per month from the original proposal on usage.

Mayor Tom Martin said the average 1 usage range — \$2.42 per 1,000 gal- by about 41 percent. lons in 2008.

heard would have cost the average student housing also will be affected.

Lubbock resident a monthly base rate of \$22, increased from \$8.89 per month. The proposal still increases the

Thursday.

Water volume rate for block 1 users Lubbock resident uses a three-quarter will increase by 10 percent, to \$2.66 per inch meter — with a rate of \$8.89 per 1,000 gallons, and the rate for higher month in 2008 — and is in the block volume users in tiers 2 and 3 will increase

For college students, it is a plan they The original proposal the council are going to have to live with because

Jamie Encisco at University Pointe Apartments said the increase in water rates will affect the amount their residents will pay for utilities.

Steven Lunsford, assistant manager at University Fountains Apartments, said they anticipated the increase and already have increased their rates. A \$30 increase in rent has been added to every floor plan to cover the costs of electricity, water and trash removal.

Councilman Floyd Price, District 2, said while he knows the increase will be hard on residents, Lubbock needs water and people should think about what is the best plan for the present and the future. "So, I too believe that the heart of this

council is for the citizens of our community," Price said. "Again, I hate having to raise the water rates but we know that we have to. And I think we came up with a plan we can live with."

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Councilman Paul Beane, District 4, said he has been concerned over the issue.

The problem with a 100-year water plan, like the Lake Alan Henry pipeline, is that it has to be paid in 20 or 30 years, he said.

"I have used these downtown water lines for almost 10 years in our downtown office and I have not paid a penny for them. Somebody else through the depression, through the tough cotton years of



the 1940s, and through the drought of the '50s, they paid for these downtown water lines," Beane said. "It wasn't easy, and we are going to have to pay for the Alan Henry project the expansion of the water well fields and it's incumbent on us to try to plan for it."

With Lubbock's main sources of water supply running low, the city needs the money from the increase to go toward funding new water supply projects, said Deputy City Manager Tom Adams in a previous interview with The Daily Toreador. The cost of the five different projects total \$356 million with \$240 million going toward the Lake Alan Henry project which would become Lubbock's next primary water source. >>> hayhay.hartman@ttu.edu

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### Increasing number of parents who use Facebook changes social networking dynamic

### **By CARRIE THORNTON** STAFF WRITER

College students are not the dominant force on Fa- nicate, not a way for them to track cebook anymore.

Parents have latched onto the social networking Web site and show no signs of letting go anytime soon.

"Don't be haters. Parents have rights too," said Russ Iones, a father of two who uses Facebook. "We pay the

tuition. So, we can Facebook. If you don't want us to look at your wall posts, you can set it up that way."

The Houston lawyer said he signed up with the social-

Russ Jones' son, Jack Jones, said he believes his parents' use of Facebook creates an effective way to commuhis every move.

"I don't mind it that bad," said the sophomore international business major. "We can contact each other without having to call constantly - just send a message. It makes communicat-

"Our government has forced what I believe is a false choice between sound science and moral values," Obama declared as he signed documents changing U.S. science policy and removing what some researchers have said were shackles on their work.

"It is about ensuring that scientific data is never distorted or concealed to serve a political agenda - and that we make scientific decisions based on facts, not ideology," Obama said.

### WORLD

### **Bolivia** president expels US diplomat

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) - Bolivian President Evo Morales says he's expelling another U.S. diplomat the second in six months.

Morales alleges the second secretary at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz conspired with opposition groups. Francisco Martinez is a political officer and a career diplomat.

Last week, Morales publicly accused Martinez of involvement with a Bolivian police officer he said infiltrated the scandal-plagued state oil company on behalf of the CIA.

The U.S. government called the accusation unfounded.



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networking Web site last year and has electronically ing simple." reunited with several high school friends and people he had not spoken to in years.

Facebook is a convenient way for him to get in contact with his children, Jones said. He and his wife noticed other methods of communication were not working.

"Our observations show that kids nowadays check hide. their e-mail maybe once a week, maybe once a month and maybe never," he said, "but check their Facebook maybe 20 times a day."

Although the Web site provides a "fun way to spy" on their college-age children, Jones said that is not the purpose Facebook serves for him or his wife.

"I am a lawyer in Houston, and you would be surprised how many judges have Facebook pages and use them to announce campaign fundraisers and meet-and-greets," Jones said.

The Web site is a useful tool for contacting employers and other business contacts, he said, not a way to invade children's privacy.

Students who dislike having their parents or family members on Facebook usually are "up to no good," the Missouri City native said, and may be afraid of family members discovering habits the students want to

The social-networking community hosts more than 175 million users and more than half of them are not college students, according to Facebook. Adults 30 years old and older, many of whom are parents, have become the fastest growing group on the Web site.

Mass Communications professor Sam Bradley is not surprising to him because he happens to be a networking site." older than 30 as well as a parent. However, he said he is aware of several adults who have accounts and



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador JACK JONES, A sophomore international business major from Missouri City, with his mother, Lynne Jones' Facebook profile featured on the computer screen.

#### do not have children.

"The older generation still has human desires to netsaid the increase of adults signing up for Facebook work," Bradley said. "It is not surprising they are joining

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# NKorea puts troops on alert, warns of war danger

#### By JEAN H. LEE Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -North Korea put its troops on alert in the South a year ago. After Lee said and cut the last hot line to Seoul on Monday as the American and South Korean militaries began joint maneuvers. The communist regime warned that even the slightest provocation could trigger war.

tion would include any attempt to on the Korean Peninsula because interfere with its impending launch of a satellite into orbit. U.S. and Japanese officials suspect the launch is a cover for a test of a long-range attack missile and have suggested they might move to intercept the rocket.

ful purposes will precisely mean a war," North Korea's military threatened in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency. Any interception attempt will draw

"a just, retaliatory strike," it said.

The North has been on a steady retreat from reconciliation since President Lee Myung-bak took office the North must continue dismantling its nuclear program if it wants aid, Pyongyang cut ties, suspended joint projects and stepped up its belligerence rhetoric.

"The danger of a military conflict The North stressed that provoca- is further increasing than ever before of the saber rattling which involves armed forces huge enough to fight a war," the North's news agency warned as Pyongyang put its armed forces on standby for combat.

Allied commanders say the exercises are nothing more than the "Shooting our satellite for peace- annual drills the two nations have held for years, while the North has been condemning them as a rehearsal for invasion.

> Analysts say North Korea's heated words are designed to grab President

impoverished North is angling for a diplomatic coup of establishing direct ties with the U.S., analysts say.

For weeks, the North has said it is forging ahead with plans to send a communications satellite into space - a launch that U.S. and Japanese officials say would violate a U.N. Security Council resolution banning the North from testing ballistic missiles. That decree came after the North test-fired a long-range missile and conducted an underground nuclear weapon test in 2006.

Analysts say the launch could occur late this month or in early April, around the time North Korea's new parliament, elected Sunday, convenes its first session with leader Kim Jong Il at its helm.

Kim, 67, was among legislators unanimously elected to a five-year term, the North's state media said. Elections in North Korea are largely

Barack Obama's attention. With a formality, with the ruling Workers' down the North's threats as "rheto-South Korea cutting off aid, the Party hand-picking one candidate for each district and voters endorsing the sole nominee.

> Observers were watching the results for signs of a shift in policy - or hints that Kim, who reportedly suffered a stroke last August, might be grooming a son to succeed him. None of his three sons appeared on a list of lawmakers announced on state TV late Monday.

> In Seoul, Obama's special envoy on North Korea, Stephen Bosworth, urged Pyongyang not to fire a missile, which he said would be an "extremely ill-advised" move.

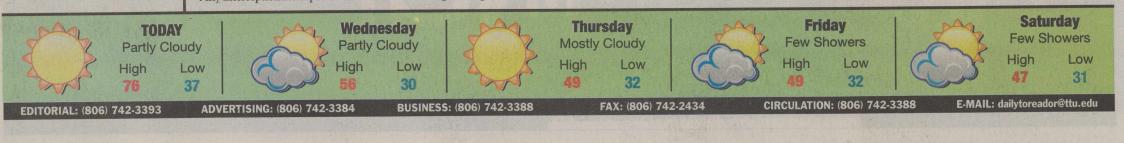
"Whether they describe it as a satellite launch or something else makes no difference," Bosworth said after talks with his South Korean counterpart on drawing Pyongyang back to international talks on the North's nuclear disarmament.

South Korea's Defense Ministry spokesman, Won Tae-jae, played ric," but added that the country's military was ready to deal with any contingencies.

Hundreds of South Koreans were stranded in the northern border town of Kaesong after Pyongyang severed the last communications link between the two governments to protest the U.S.-South Korean military exercises that began Monday.

North Korea banned nearly all cross-border traffic in December amid deteriorating relations with Seoul but has allowed a skeleton staff of South Koreans to work at a joint industrial zone in Kaesong that is a crucial source of hard currency for the isolated communist regime.

The two Koreas use the hot line to coordinate the passage of people and goods through the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone, and its suspension shut down traffic and stranded about 570 South Koreans north of the border.



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### **NEWS**

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### University to test sirens, alert system

#### **By JON VANDERLAAN** NEWS EDITOR

Department will test two emergency purchase of an additional siren. The fied students of class cancellations notification services today at 10 a.m

The TechAlert text message, phone call and e-mail alert system strategically placed around campus the past during testing, he said, it will be tested at the same time as the to find out where the strength of the always is looking to improve the siren system, which is used for severe sirens is less than desirable. weather warnings.

dures, said Col. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department.

"It's something we do routinely on," he said.

campus, including the Robert H. a new siren. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, the Chemistry building, Drane Hall and sel and Tech emergency management the Industrial Engineering building, coordinator, said the issue has been but Hoffman said the department must make sure the sirens are heard around the entire campus.

While the sirens can be heard through the existing system. clearly in most places on campus, he said, some concern exists the sirens the occasional strong gust of wind, he cannot be heard well enough in the said, it is difficult to cover the entire people to update their informanorthwest part of campus, near the campus with the existing siren system, tion," she said. Ranching Heritage Center.

the administration of the possible mediums. problem, Hoffman said, and the Texas Tech and the Tech Police administration is considering the cost of the sirens ranges from \$15,000 to \$60.000

Tech police will have officers

Douglas Chowning, managing The siren system is tested at least director of the physical plant, said he once a year per Tech operating proce- has not received money to purchase an extra siren, but has heard some discussion of that possibility.

Hoffman said the TechAlert sysand something we need to keep up tem should make up for any students, vehicles around campus with their faculty or staff who do not hear the sirens also turned on to differenti-Several sites are located around sirens until the university purchases ate the tests from an actual emer-

Ronald Phillips, university counmentioned in discussions, but he does not believe it is a big problem because the majority of the campus is covered

which is one reason why the emer- >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

The department has notified gency system consists of multiple

Phillips said the last time the TechAlert system was used, it noti-Jan. 27 and 28.

Although the university has not found any serious problems in service.

Hoffman said the only purpose for the sirens is for weather alerts, and the TechAlert system can be used for other emergencies. In the event of a true weather emergency, the department will send police gency and to make sure people are seeking cover.

Sally Post, a spokeswoman with the university, said students, faculty and staff should be sure to have their cell phone numbers in the system so the alert will show more accurate results and so they can be With the size of the campus and aware of campus emergencies.

"It's kind of a reminder for

### **Ribbon cut on new engineering facility**

### **By STEVEN SCHWARTZ** STAFF WRITER

Members of the Texas Tech administration and Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering faculty cut the ribbon Monday on the recently finished Livermore Center.

The ceremony included speeches given by Tech President Guy Bailey, College of Engineering Dean Pamela Eibeck and Chancellor Kent Hance.

The Livermore Center is a facility used for primarily for research, classroom instruction and distance education equipment. It was designed by F&S Partners and built by Lee Lewis Construction.

The facility is a going to be an asset for the College of Engineering, resources in classrooms and research labs has existed in the college, and need.

that our classrooms are too small in going to be key in helping our departthe original buildings," Eibeck said. "We designed these classrooms to be large enough to handle our increased enrollments."

The new facilities will be a large contribution for the college financially as well, she said. With the new rethe College of Engineering.

"Having high quality research

PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreado

Eibeck said. A need for space and PRESIDENT GUY BAILEY, Michael Ellicott, the vice chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction, and the Dean of Engineering, Pamela Eibeck, cut the ribbon at a ceremony hosted for the opening of the new the center will help alleviate that engineering building, the Livermore Center.

"Our college has grown so much faculty," Eibeck said, "I think that is \$10 million. ments that are so research-productive the beginning of the semester, and continue to be that way."

the entire university.

search assets, it will be easier to bring updating and really created a first was demolished to make room for grants and other financial awards to class educational facility," he said. research labs and offices, according to

"It's great for our institution." The budget for the project, which tion Web site. facilities helps us attract quality began construction June 2007, was »steven.schwartz@ttu.edu

The center was opened in time for included a lab and two new class-Bailey said the center is a big rooms holding 100 and 55 students accomplishment not only for the on the first floor. New elevators, College of Engineering, but also for stairs and restrooms also were added to the north and east sides. The "We took a facility that needed second-floor balcony of the building the Facilities Planning and Construc-

### Sudan frees president's chief opponent

Sudan freed a senior opposition leader ultimately stand behind the president, slightly thinner, but flashed a wide Monday who was jailed after urging the even if Turabi doesn't change his views. smile as he greeted hundreds of wellpresident to face war crimes charges, an apparent attempt to show unity as the day, Turabi criticized al-Bashir's defiance a factor in his release, said his son, country defies an international order to of the Netherlands-based International Siddique Turabi. bring its leader to trial over bloodshed Criminal Court and condemned the in Darfur.

helped bring President Omar al-Bashir to power but now is his top rival, is the only Sudanese politician who has dared say al-Bashir should surrender to an if he thought al-Bashir eventually to throw out more aid groups, foreign international court. Turabi was jailed for seven weeks, a move criticized both told The Associated Press: "It will take if they attempt to implement the internationally and locally.

fident that freeing Turabi ensures his respond."

TOMS

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Popular National Congress Party will

At his home in Khartoum on Mon- wishers. His deteriorating health was government's expulsion of major foreign in defiance of the ICC. The order ex-Hassan Turabi, an Islamist who aid groups from Darfur in retaliation for pelling 13 aid groups has raised fears of the warrant.

He did not repeat his outright call for the president's surrender. But asked would have to turn himself in, Turabi diplomats and U.N. peacekeepers time, probably. ... All human beings warrant or work with the court. Al-The government appears to be con- under pressure, of course, ultimately Bashir has rejected any dealings with

Al-Bashir has taken a tough stance the tribunal.

### Bills would make electric market changes

makers are pushing proposals they contend will make electricity more affordable in the state's deregulated market.

Republican Rep. Jim Keffer and Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis said Monday their legislation would affect the wholesale and retail markets. Then best interest of Texas consumers.

One of the lawmakers' proposals more than 20 percent of electric generation in a smaller market within the state. known as ERCOT.

The lawmakers also want to let affordability

AUSTIN (AP) - Two Texas law- local governments enter into low-rate electricity deals on behalf of their citizens be deregulation," said Keffer, chairman of who have not already entered into retail the House energy resources committee. electric contracts. Dozens of cities large

and small that support their idea. Cities Aggregation Power Project, changes. a nonprofit that pools cities' electric a throng of electric industry lobbyists joined with the legislators at a Capitol she said immediately disputed their contention news conference and provided statistics that deregulation is not working in the showing residential electric prices have Advocates, a trade association reprerisen since deregulation.

"That way deregulation can actually

Davis, a freshman senator from Fort Worth, said Texans are demanding

"There's no doubt today that depower needs and makes bulk purchases, regulation has failed our constituency,"

But the Texas Competitive Power senting power generators, wholesale Keffer, of Eastland, said more than power marketers and retail electric would prevent a company from owning half of the calls to his office are resi- providers, said competitive electric laws dential rate complaints. He said those have allowed for investment in diverse complaints have been steady since energy sources such as wind energy. The Currently, that 20-percent limit applies Texas approved electric deregulation organization and others representing to the whole state market overseen by in 1999. Keffer and Davis said changes the industry said Texas electric rates the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, are needed to make deregulation work are down to below or near the levels well and allow for competition and of 2001. Deregulation took effect in



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The 76-year-old looked tired and

a humanitarian crisis in Darfur, where millions rely on international help to survive. The president has threatened

early 2002.

### Senators vote to preserve back-home pet projects

projects as the Senate resumed debate on a spending bill covering foreign aid fend the practice, and 10 Republican and domestic agency budgets.

By a 63-32 vote, lawmakers rejected a bid by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to effectively strip about 8,000 of those earmarks from the \$410 billion Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a the bill in that event. measure.

change Washington, as soon as this out the earmarks. "Candidly, why be grams and is stuffed with pet projects. bill reaches his desk, he should veto it an appropriator if you can't help your The measure wraps together nine and send it back and say, 'Clean it up," McCain said.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mem- ing last year's campaign, Obama he hurdle. They insisted on the right to bers of both parties Monday voted promised to cut the number of earmarks offer additional amendments. Now, to keep their cherished home-state way back and institute other changes. it's anticipated the measure will pass

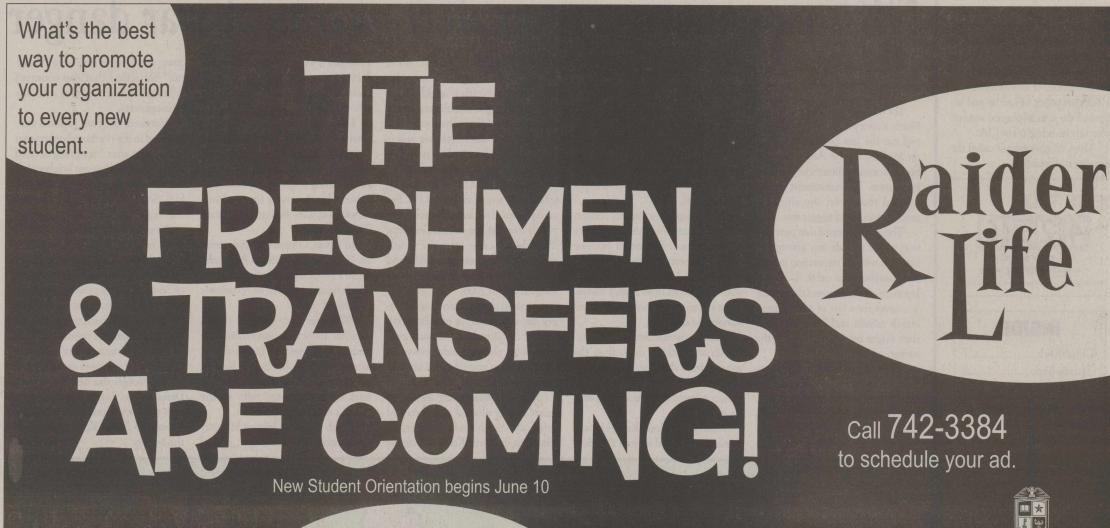
But lawmakers in both parties de- on Tuesday. Cain's amendment.

senior member of the Senate Apstate?"

Instead, the White House says pass the measure last week but Re- department except for the depart-President Barack Obama will sign the publicans withheld the votes required ments of Defense, Homeland Security measure, despite all the projects. Dur- to clear an important procedural and Veterans Affairs.

Democrats stand poised to defeat all joined most Democrats to defeat Mc- amendments because they don't want the measure to return to the House for "Yes, I fight for funds for my state. a further vote. House Speaker Nancy That's what I came here to do," said Pelosi, D-Calif., has threatened to scrap

The 1,132-page spending bill "If the president really wants to propriations Committee, which doles awards big increases to domestic prospending bills to pay for the annual Democratic leaders had hoped to operating budgets of every Cabinet



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# Students learn to shake it during popular fitness class

#### **By CAYLOR BALLINGER** STAFF WRITER

and booty shaking.

The Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center at Tech offers for about two years," Mattey said. a cardio workout class called "I was certified to teach Zumba and Zumba — the most attended fitness class the center offers.

The class is inspired by Latin 1990s. It combines a rhythm of cumbia, salsa and meringue.

Mattey, who is from Venezuela, help lead during the class. has taught Zumba classes at the 2008.

"It's the music and trying to teach people about my heritage class "feel like home." that I like," he said. "I love thinking about burning all the Gomez, who is from Venezuela. "I fered by the recreational center, 10:15 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Saturcalories."

Zumba is a global fitness pro- it started this semester." gram and offers classes to certify local gym, Mattey said. Six reg- believes the Zumba class is one of radio," Madden said.

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add a little zest to their workout Zumba classes in Lubbock and probably the routines by shouting, clapping two of the six instructors teach second week of classes at the recreation center. the semester,"

"I have been teaching Zumba Cathcart said, glancing at her friend who atwas fortunate enough to be able to tends the class teach a class at the Rec.' with her. "The

Mattey, who stood at the front instructor is so dance and music created in the of the class Thursday evening, enthusiastic." encouraged the class to shout along and pulled a few participat- law student Fitness instructor Alexander ing women onto the platform to Natalie Mad-

Midland, who Dani Gomez, a sophomore marecreation center since July joring in chemical engineering, attends with said she enjoys the class because Cathcart, said her Hispanic heritage makes the she and her friend go to a

"Zumba is really fun," said few classes ofhave been going to the class since

Lauren Cathcart, a third year instructors to teach the class at a law student from Plano, said she something you would hear on the before the class begins.

the most fun classes she has taken at the recreation center.

Third year

den, from

favorite.

they sometimes practice the "We've been going to the class moves at home, and it combines Some Texas Tech students istered certified instructors teach two or three times per week since moves they can use when they go out and dance.

Cathcart and Madden said

Zumba classes last for It's the music and one hour, and the recreation trying to teach center allows people about my the first 100 people to atheritage that I like. tend, according to the I love thinking recreational center Web about burning all site. Classes are scheduled the calories. from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **ALEXANDER MATTEY** Monday, from 7:15 p.m. to Zumba instructor

8:15 p.m. Friday, and from but the Zumba class became their day. Those interested in attending do not need to sign up but do

"The music is upbeat and not need to show up about 10 minutes » caylor.ballinger@ttu.edu

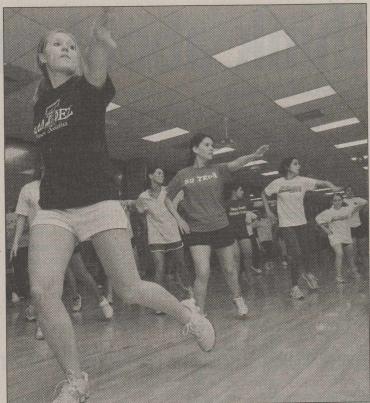


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BETHANY CARLE, AN accounting major from Keller, participates in a Zumba exercise class Thursday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

## Alternative spring-break lodging offers students cheaper travel

#### By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

dollar during spring break travel can a couch in the home of a stranger. look to Leon Logothetis for inspiration.

continents and countries with \$5 a day on his television series "Amazing students. Although traveling on \$5 a reduce travel costs.

"I basically came up with the idea for the show based on relying on the said he had the opportunity to see and show tourists attractions and activities kindness of strangers," he said. "I trav- do things he would not have experi- off the beaten track and away from

month long vacation around the globe.

Although some people prefer a bed Students hoping to stretch their in a hotel when they travel, Lara prefers people," he said, "and just to give them "The thing is," he said, "it's so

much more than a place to stay. You're tages to couch surfing, besides having Logothetis has traveled across instantly dialed in, and you have the a free place to stay. knowledge of a native.'

Adventures of a Nobody" and is now world, staying on dozens of couches sharing his tight-budget tricks with along the way. He said he stopped in several cities in Thailand, New things the concierge tells you to do day isn't realistic for everyone, he said Zealand, Australia and more, staying are far less exciting than what a native there are a lot of ways students can in a hotel only five nights during the knows to do." four-month tour.

eled around England, Europe and the enced had he not had the opportunity other tourists.

people to stay with him.

"It has taught me not to judge a chance.'

Lara said there are several advan-

'When somebody comes (to Lara used the Web site to travel the Maui)," he said, "they don't know where to go or what to do. So, they ask their concierge at their hotel. The

From restaurants to hiking trails, By using Couchsurfing.com, Lara Lara said he is ready and willing to

on a tight budget when he went on a four- est, he has gained a lot from allowing the United States, and Hostels.com gives users a directory of 26,997 hostels worldwide.

> The co-owner and alternative spring-break groups coordinator of the Everglades Hostel in Florida City, Fla., who goes by the name Owhnn, said hostels are a great options for college travelers.

> "They're just going to meet people from all over the world in one location," she said, "and there is a huge ability and opportunity to interact with people from all over the world their same age.

Owhnn said the biggest advantage to lodging in a hostel is cultural immersion, but students find the price and the

amenities advantageous. Some travelers do not spend any money for lodging in the Everglades, she said, because like most hostels, the Everglades Hostel has a volunteer get a lot more out of their vacation. program offering a free night of lodging in exchange for four hours of work.

The Everglades Hostel is specifically for students interested in participating in alternative services for spring break, such as habitat restoration and recycling efforts.

However, Owhnn said with so many hostels all over the world all offering different experiences, students are bound to find one to fit their needs.

Owhnn said by either couch surfing or lodging in a hostel, students are allowing themselves an opportunity to

Logothetis, Owhnn and Lara agree traveling with a small amount of money can be more fun than staying in five-star hotels because of the opportunity it provides for meeting people and experiencing different cultures. »hannah.boen@ttu.edu

U.S. by relying entirely on people's to stay with a native. generosity."

to accept gifts from strangers and work for food or lodging, but he is not allowed to beg for money. By doing so, he has traveled from New York's Times Square to Los Angeles' Hollywood sign staying in each city one night and never spending more than \$5 per day.

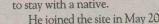
His advice for students planning to travel during spring break is to seek out Web sites offering discounted or free lodging and transportation, such as Couchsurfing.com.

Creators of Couchsurfing.com have compiled more than 990,000 members into a free lodging network for travelers. Students can use the Web site to travel to more than 200 different countries and stay on a member's couch at no cost.

"You get to meet lots and lots of interesting people," Logothetis said. "You become more resourceful and learn many more lessons trying to travel cheap."

Tim Lara of Maui, Hawaii, said he experienced the advantages of traveling

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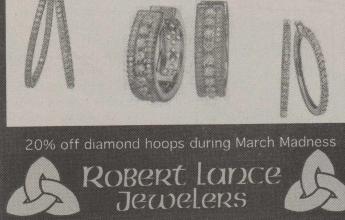


On his show, Logothetis is allowed said, when a friend convinced him he save money may be interested in staywould meet girls from all over the world ing in a hostel. if he became a couch surfer. Although

Students not interested in couch He joined the site in May 2008, he surfing but still looking for a way to

Hostelling International provides he said he has yet to meet a love inter- hostels in more than 60 cities within

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# **JPINIONS**

# **Public schools must** think about nutrition

**Bv LAURA BRENNAN** BADGER MERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

headline, "Parents wonder whether resounding no.

It is beyond common knowledge kids wouldn't hear of it. that kids need a healthy, complete lunch to perform well in school. In response to a growing epidemic of malnutrition, President Harry S. Truman signed The National School Lunch Act in 1946. It was enacted as a way to prop up food prices by absorbing farm surpluses while also providing subsidized low-cost or free food to school-aged children. In the past 63 years, the program's inability to put children first has not changed much.

It was not until 2003 that a quality-assurance program was set up to consistently provide ground beef lower in pathogens and fat content. set up in 1995, follow the USDA's food pyramid and require a school lunch provide a third of the daily recand iron.

What almost any nutritionist, or even most educated consumers, will tell you, however, is the USDA pyramid is an inadequate and incorrect tool for nutritional information. The guidelines have been updated several times, but they still fail to give Americans a nutritionally sound example of a healthy diet.

Unfortunately, school districts' reliance on the USDA pyramid is the Madison school districts. Ac- - to help our district facilitate these hardly its biggest problem. As Frank cording to her reports from student changes immediately.

services program on the east side she felt was adequate for an average admits, "The kids are our customn article was printed ers." Following a business model, last Wednesday in The school lunch programs have to Capital Times with the provide a product their consumers will like. Translation: Lunches of Madison's school lunches are healthy chicken nuggets, hot dogs, French for kids." I'm surprised anyone would fries, canned fruit and desserts win even have to ask such a question, out. Kelly claims they had tried out but in case they do, the answer is a healthier options such as meatless chili in the Madison district, but the asked the question, one needn't look

> It is beyond common knowledge that kids need a healthy, complete lunch to perform well in school.

Unfortunately, finicky eaters The current nutritional guidelines, Y aren't the only problem facing school lunch providers. While school lunch programs are mandated to follow federal guidelines, the programs only ommended allowances for important receive half of their funding from nutrients such as protein, vitamin A federal programs, while the state only contributes two percent. The rest is paid for by income from the lunches themselves. These programs are constantly juggling between keeping lunches affordable and trying to incorporate at least some good selves. nutrition. But the juggling act isn't working.

brave enough to backpack through

Whatever

However, I

why there is this

magical aura sur-

Kelly, director of Madison's food teaching, her lunch break - a time person to eat lunch — included both the students' eating time as well as their recess period. She also explained kids usually have a choice between a fruit or a vegetable, but not both. The fruit provided is often bananas that children often throw away or peaches canned in sugary syrup.

Although The Capital Times very hard for the answer - Madison's program is not only failing to help the nearly 50 percent of district students that qualify for free or reduced school lunches, but it is also actually causing them harm. For many children, this is the biggest and most important meal of their day, as their families cannot afford to provide more adequate nutrition at home.

We are teaching generation after generation of students poor eating and lifestyle habits that they will almost surely carry with them through their adult lives. But the problem is so deeply ingrained in the educational system that simply adding an extra vegetable to the menu would be a flimsy Band-Aid on a much more serious wound.

School hours need to include enough time for children to sit down and comfortably finish their lunches without danger of restricting their already limited physical activity. Healthy habits, such as incorporating locally-grown, fresh produce into their diets needs to be addressed, if not included in the lunches them-

Flimsy USDA guidelines need to be replaced by nutritionist-backed A University of Wisconsin School research. And most importantly, aneof Education student provided some mic state funding needs to be bulked insight unique to her experiences in up - even if by marginal amounts

# 'Watchmen' bringing graphic novels into mainstream view

#### **By SASANNAH KROEBER** BROWN DAILY HERALD (BROWN U.)

he emergence of comic books, manga, graphic novels and superhero sagas as mainstream genres has been in the works for some time.

graphic novel may, thankfully, be humble origins. drawing to a close. The unlikely you.

The Hulk, Batman, Spiderman, Superman, Daredevil and other allowed formerly superheroes who have graced the closeted geeks to big screen in the last decade all publicly disclose reached a mainstream audience their interest in in a way that comic books never comics. Athhave. But the latest in the superhero film series degraded the source tors, professors material more than usual. "Watch- and students men," which premiered last Friday, are all discovercompressed hundreds of pages and ing those friends a politically charged and Byzantine around them who plot into an exaggerated romance, share the same love a boy-meets-girl love story with that they have concealed some costumes and cool gadgets for years. Excitement about for special effects.

the New York Times best-seller list. so long. Only a few years ago, comics had substantially more than conventional novels. Today, thanks in that examines graphic novels. part to "Watchmen," even Borders carries graphic novels.

unrepresentative sample of certain Manga and anime have permeated types of books and readers. Most people might think of a 9-year-old boy buying a Spiderman comic at a newsstand for 12 cents in 1962. While the old-fashioned comic books are no more juvenile than popular other media that Americans regularly For long-time fans, the days of cartoons or television dramas, they consume, including magazines stuffed hiding comics under the bed, or carry a stigma which prevents people with pictures and television shows sticking a "serious" book jacket from seeing the more mature adult that substitute for literature, images over the cartooned cover of a genre that developed from these replace words altogether.

is an over-budgeted Hollywood a cultural artifact, relaying a 1980s graphic novelist does not bore the film now playing on a screen near Cold War mentality that seems entirely foreign today.

"Watchmen" has letes and ac-

"Watchmen"'s release has not at-"Watchmen" is the only graph- tracted the same bemused stares ic novel that has ever made it onto comic book fans have dreaded for

When I've talked with others to be ordered by mail or purchased about the movie, I've encountered at dingy shops that predictably people with the same level of excitedeterred a number of potential ment, or at worst ambivalence, even customers. Graphic novels were from those friends who don't fit the printed by small publishing houses comic book reader stereotype. One and were either printed in low- of the most visible signs of comics quality ink that smeared, or high- books' expanded presence at Brown is quality ink that made them cost the perpetually over-enrolled AMCV 1611V: "Color Me Cool," a course

novels has led me to consider why vice to the world: They have let the The most prevalent stereotype they have been such a taboo inter- geeks have their day in the sun.

about comic books is based on an est for anyone out of grade school. Japanese society. Any genre of book that you might find in the novel form has been turned into a manga series, from children's tales to gruesome horror stories to romances. In many

It seems odd that one form of this "Watchmen" doesn't detail a phenomenon, the graphic novel, does culprit for comics' changing status simple story of good versus evil. It is not garner immediate interest. The reader with long descriptions of setting. A graphic novel reader has

to be more astute in picking up subtle changes (in scenery, in characters' dress, in facial expression) because the author does not make them obvious.

In a conventional novel, the very fact that some aspect has been chosen as worthy of mention indi-

cates its importance to the reader. Reading a graphic novel requires just as much thought as reading any other novels, though it involves more visual discernment.

No matter how unfaithful "Watchmen" was to the author's intent, no matter how many gizmos the producers added to acquire the IMAX screen, no matter how the romantic diversions have obscured the plot's central focus, the fact that the movie has demystified what was so intriguing about graphic novels trumps all its shortcomings. As reluctant as I am to admit it, I am for once grateful to The current acceptance of graphic Hollywood for actually doing a ser-

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### Expensive, overrated: Why is there so much fuss about spring break?

### **By MATT SPIALEK**

THE DAILY VIDETTE (ILLINOIS STATE U.)

parts of Europe and stay in a quesomorrow starts the sacred tradition passed down tionable hostel in Amsterdam. from

one inebriated college student to the next - ten days of partying on the beach and little freshmen getting their fake I.D.'s taken away by bouncers.

Soon, students will be flying south for one of the final weeks of winter. Ah, Spring Break has arrived.

In reality, we understand this perception is not completely accurate. After all, I will be spending my time away from classes at home

their high school days.

choice students make for their Whatever choice 10 days of college freedom, it students make for is theirs and I respect that. their 10 days of don't understand

college freedom, it is theirs and I respect that.

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This time away from the stresses of school only breeds more stress in the weeks leading to and following the

week. Students begin cramming for exams or working on projects due

trying to avoid the townies who still immediately after break because they have not completely graduated from will not have time during vacation. In an attempt to fit into that biki-

Others will choose an alternative ni, there are girls who hang pictures and spend their week helping those of sickly thin models on their pantry

less fortunate through Alternative drawers so as to discourage them from Spring Break. There are even those grabbing a late night snack.

burns from fake baking just so they rather than eggshell white.



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People endure the pain of sun- can look lobster red on the beach physical surrounding.

And these are only the minor tribulations these poor, unfortunate hangover or have your head in a souls must suffer through in order to toilet. If you can manage to stand enjoy Spring Break.

tion of being hard on cash, but with a society who get their kicks from crippling economy, the need for some preying on naive, judgmentgreen is even tighter this year.

As a result, I have noticed dinner with their buds or a trip downtown because they need money for Spring Break. Some have spent the past few weekends at home, away from their fellow students, to work spare jobs for spare change.

an inflated idea of fun.

The point of Spring Break is to relax from the usual routine and bask in carefree spirits.

When a majority of students cun or South Padre, the phrase "Birds of a feather flock together," to stick with one another. It is the routine. The only difference is the

It is also difficult to relax when you are suffering from a chronic and go to the bars, you must worry College students have a reputa- about the perverse members of impaired college co-eds.

Unfortunately, these sexual more of my friends giving up a predators have proven they can destroy a person's Spring Break. If only the ghosts of Spring Break's past could inform students to be aware of potential threats, students may not be at risk.

It falls on deaf ears though.

With all the stresses leading to They take the risk of sacrific- Spring Break and the disasters that ing potential memories on the can occur while vacationing, the weekends for a week filled with week-long activities don't seem to be as glorified as they should be.

But we will continue to be blinded by the majestic light of our miniholiday.

The best we can do is put on opt for Panama City Beach, Can- our sunglasses, enjoy ourselves and be smart.

To all traveling over the next sounds correct. We Redbirds tend week, I wish you a safe journey to your destination. Come back resame Indiana State University freshed for the final stretch of spring semester.

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### Windows 7 rumored to allow users to remove Internet Explorer entirely

It doesn't take any sort of deep analysis to realize the death grip Microsoft has on operating systems and much more in the current world of technology.

In fact, in 2002, more than 97 percent of computers in the world ran some form of Windows. However, that has thankfully and progressively declined during the years to an estimated 88.26 percent at the those who understand what is going beginning of 2009.

This may not seem like a big deal, but having so many people default to Windows for their OS needs also means they default to a smorgasbord of other Microsoft products, increasing the company's technology monopoly.

demon child they like to masquerade systems: Internet Explorer.

According to some investigative Web browser. bloggers, a leaked build of Windows browser completely from the machine, a first for Microsoft since they started including it with Windows in 1997.



This is insanely important to on with Web browsers nowadays, which includes the European Commission of the European Union.

The European Commission recently was brought on by Opera, maker of the similarly named Web browser, to impose sanctions against Microsoft bundling IE with Win-This unfortunately includes the dows. The move was backed by the Mozilla Foundation, developers of a as a Web browser and bundle on their great number of open source products be friends anymore. and mostly known for its Firefox

In the European Commission's 7 will allow users to remove the findings released from the Opera complaint, it was stated Microsoft "harms competition between web browsers, undermines product innovation, and ultimately reduces con-

sumer choice" by tying the browser to its dominant OS.

Some may argue this was an already been losing ground to alreaching an all-time high at 21.77 percent.

who have had the horrible displeasure of designing and coding a Web site that looks beautiful in every other browser in the world only to discover IE once again will cause hours and hours of tears, bloodshed behemoth that is Microsoft.

any sort of IE, I don't think we can test Web compliance.

Considering the leaked Windows 7 build is happening on the cusp of by the European Commission with its investigations, Microsoft simply doesn't want another antitrust suit on their hands and have not finally realized the numerous errors in its ways.

lutely not enough. Many speculate unnecessary move, because IE has the eighth iteration of the Windows browser could ostensibly break the March at 67.44 percent and Firefox to destroy the world. Except, you Needless to say, IE will continue to know, true.

What essentially will happen is collective existence. However, there are also those all the Web sites with IE-specific hacks to cobble together a properly break the Internet, this unbundling thought that could mean uncomrendered design will no longer be displayed as expected, which includes different but equally bad news for tentedly sitting back on its current Microsoft's own Web site.

This will force IE8 into a compatibility mode and render in IE7, hacks nance has actually led to innova- daily basis. and cursing at the Windows-hocking and all. IE8 will actually be the first tion and a greater defense for being Internet Explorer to pass the Acid2 In fact, if your primary browser is test, the second in the Acid series to browsers.

on Acid3, a test every other major opments have been implemented if Web browser has managed to score the eight-week time limit laid down admirably on or, in Opera and the matter? Safari's cases, managed to score a 100/100.

more standards compliant but abso- tabs, and has just about zero security ments. features.

JavaScript performance, often run- have now become standard, and it ternative browsers with Microsoft's Internet, much like the way the ning scripts nearly 30 to 40 times seems the smart address bar is headed browser reaching an all time low in Large Hadron Collider was on target slower than every other browser. in the same direction. be the bane of all Web developers' to be the product of attempting to

> of IE from Windows could lead to fortable notions of browsers conconsumers.

standards compliant with the other

Would tabbed browsing or such However, IE8 still fails horribly aggressive JavaScript engine devel-

capabilities or its AwesomeBar? It And let's not even mention IE6, seems to me the greatest advantages which a disturbing 18.85 percent of of Safari, Opera, Firefox and Chrome people still use despite the fact it came from the fact IE forced them to timothy.poon@ttu.edu.

The upcoming IE8 is said to be can't render alpha channels, has no innovate, not stifled their develop-

Tabs in user interfaces, anti-IE also is hideously slow in phishing filters and security features

These sorts of innovations seem remain competitive with features Regardless of whether IE8 will rather than larger market shares - a feature sets rather than attempting It could be argued that IE's domi- to advance their technologies on a

With all that being said, I hope Internet Explorer is someday born in the form of some sort of hideous, godforsaken creature we can all witness burn in a pyre of malice and vengeful justice as wispy images of IE hadn't forced certain hands on conditional statements, CSS hacks and bluish PNGs float begrudgingly What about Firefox's add-on on to the world beyond.

> Poon is The DT's tech critic. E-mail him at

### Belligerent chimp proves animals make plans

chimpanzee who calmly collected a stash of rocks and then hurled them at zoo Current Biology, the 31-year-old alpha visitors in fits of rage has confirmed that male started building his weapons cache apes can plan ahead just like humans, a` in the morning before the zoo opened, col-Swedish study said Monday.

at the Furuvik Zoo but fascinated research- unleashed a "hailstorm" of rocks against of potential events."

STOCKHOLM (AP) — A canny ers because it was so carefully prepared. According to a report in the journal lecting rocks and knocking out disks from student Mathias Osvath. "It implies that Santino the chimpanzee's anti-social concrete boulders inside his enclosure. they have a highly developed consciousbehavior stunned both visitors and keepers He waited until around midday before he ness, including lifelike mental simulations

visitors, the study said.

"These observations convincingly show that our fellow apes do consider the future in a very complex way," said the author of the report, Lund University Ph.D.

### Anna Nicole Smith's estate seeks high court help

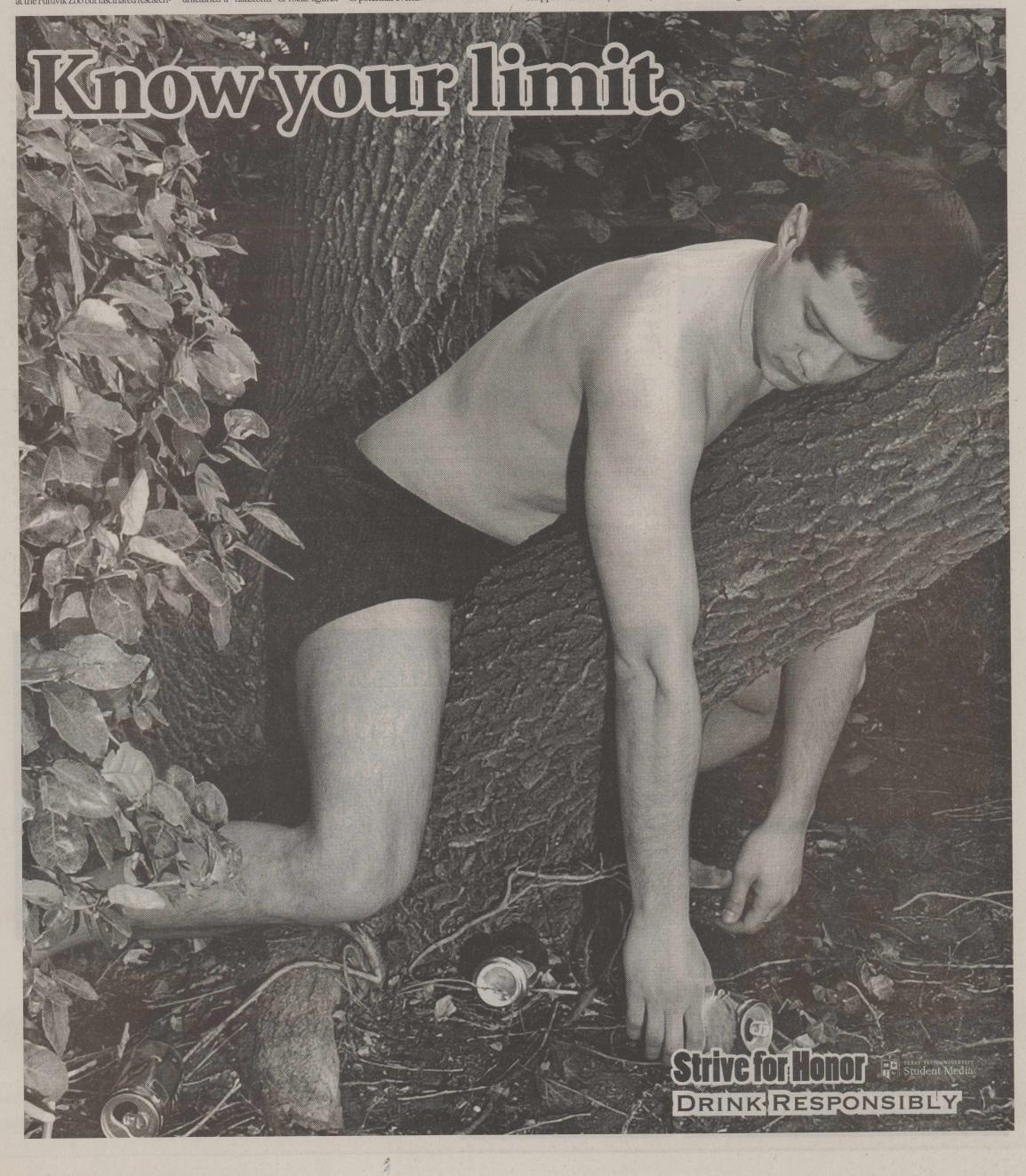
his dead son.

Smith, who also was a model, fortune. stripper and reality TV star, was

WASHINGTON (AP) - 26 when she married 89-year-old had made an oral promise to give her Lawyers for the late Playboy oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II half his estate. Pierce Marshall said playmate Anna Nicole Smith in 1994. He died a year later, and various wills and trusts his father had asked the Supreme Court for help a federal judge later awarded Smith prepared over the years named him Monday in a big money dispute \$88.5 million of Marshall's money sole heir. involving her dead husband and despite complaints from his son, E. Pierce Marshall, who controlled the Appeals held up the \$88.5 million

Smith argued that her husband pealed.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of award while the case was being ap-



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### Martha Stewart's puppy dies in Pa. kennel blast

LEHIGHTON, Pa. (AP) one of 17 dogs killed in an acciden- which died last April at age 12. tal propane explosion at an eastern Pennsylvania kennel.

her blog that she was "deeply sad- calling him "very cute and square." dened" by the death of her dog, She said she expected him to be-Ghengis Khan, in Friday's blast at "conquering his new territory in Pazzazz Pet Boarding, a kennel in my home soon, with great charm the Pocono Mountains that breeds and prowess. I'm also confident that and trains show dogs.

explosion, and two more died over with him." the weekend.

pane delivery when the tank ignited, setting the pens on fire Kleinhagen, of Summit Hill.

hagen managed to toss a cairn event," Stewart wrote. terrier over the kennel fence to condition Monday at Lehigh Val- the blaze. ley Hospital.

kennel's co-owner, Karen Tracy. was driving, has declined to com-"My heart goes out to his family."

Genghis Khan was a grandson of Martha Stewart's chow puppy was Stewart's previous chow, Paw Paw,

Stewart announced on her blog in December that she was adopting The domestic maven wrote on Genghis Khan, then 7 weeks old, Sharkey and Francesca (Stewart's Fifteen dogs were killed in the French bulldogs) will be enamored

Stewart also sent condolences The kennel was getting a pro- to Tracy. Many of the dead dogs belonged to Tracy and her mother.

"My heart goes out to Karen and injuring the driver, Timothy Tracy and I am hoping for a speedyrecovery for those (both pets and Though badly burned, Klein- humans) injured in this terrible

Officials have said a spark or safety. He was listed in critical static electricity may have started

AmeriGas Propane Inc., which "That man is a hero," said the owned the truck that Kleinhagen ment.

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### The CW bets future on young women viewers

distant time that much of the CW network's target audience has no memory of - the 1980s.

Teenage angst is teenage angst, and the CW expects that its viewers can appreciate it, no matter the era. The untitled spinoff is a flashback to the youthful years in sen, the mom of Blake Lively's "Gossip Girl" character.

network is betting its future on the whims of young women, almost to the exclusion of everybody else. By designing a schedule that appeals to them, the CW hopes to build an identity where there years that it's been operating.

"We really needed to stand be another broadcaster," said Dawn Ostroff, CW entertainment president. "We almost had to be a hybrid of a cable and a (broadcast) network."

combined into a single entity with real legacy here."

NEW YORK (AP) — Some- the best programs from each. But it where in Hollywood, writers are has never come anywhere near a polishing the pilot episode for network on par with ABC, CBS, a "Gossip Girl" spinoff set in a NBC and Fox, giving rise to talk that it would be shut down.

Even the numbers during this season are alarming: the CW's average of 2 million prime-time viewers is down 24 percent from the year before, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Those numbers are a little de-Los Angeles of Lily van der Wood- ceptive, skewed by the shift of the popular professional wrestling night from the WB to My Network TV. The three-year-old television As Ostroff points out, the CW sells advertising almost exclusively aimed at an 18-to-34-year-old female audience, among whom the new "90210" is a hit and "Gossip Girl" and "One Tree Hill" have shown growth.

Studios owned by the parent really hasn't been one in the three companies supply the CW's womencentric programming. Even if the CW itself doesn't make money, these out in the marketplace and not studios are realizing profits from the shows.

> Ostroff said she never sensed that the CW's survival has been at real risk.

"It was important for us to There were high hopes at par- find our niche, no doubt about ent companies Time Warner Inc. it," she said. "It was important and CBS Corp. when the old WB for us to differentiate and create and UPN networks shut down and a brand that hopefully will be a





PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Tore

QIANG GU, A graduate biology student from China, mixes together a combination of soil and sand for his peanut and sweet potato plants Monday in the biology greenhouse at Texas Tech.

### Facebook 🛁

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By expanding its audience to include older generations, he said, Facebook alienates its original target audience of college students, which is a "dangerous game."

Although increased numbers and expansion are good for business, Bradley said, the Web site could damage its success in the long run.

"Once family members (of a student) join, users behavior changes," he said. "Facebook is certainly creating a market niche for college students to be on a social-networking site without their family or parents."

Students do not want to censor their behavior on the socialnetworking Web site, Bradley said, and most students make the reputation and can be viewed by anyone, including future employ-

In spite of college students' dislike of their family members' presence on the Web site, Bradley said Facebook probably will not decrease efforts to broaden its audience.

'There are more adult, noncollege students than college students. So, they are probably concentrating on a larger demographic for profit," he said. "Although parents on Facebook may cause students to take down trashy and controversial pictures, Facebook does not make money off of those drunken pictures."

Larry Rosen, a California State University professor and author of "Me, MySpace and I: Parenting the Net Generation," said via email he believes two core groups have recently decided to join Facebook.

He said one group includes for the purpose of establish- of them they do not know."

ing business connections after realizing Facebook has become a good source for professional networking.

"The second group is parents who have created a Facebook page, hopefully not to spy on their children, but to see what it is and what their kids do online all the time," Rosen said.

For many parents who use Facebook, he said, their experience on the Web site is both a positive and negative eye opener.

"On the positive side," he said, "parents have told us that they realize that it is not an evil thing but just a way for their kids to chat and socialize and that, by and large, their kids are acting responsibly.

the material their kids put online lo said. "Instead of sitting at table, worry or even scare them," Rosen we have changed that to talking said, "and when they look at their on the phone or sending texts to mistake of posting controversial post-college graduates who kids' friends page they are some- members of the family or posting pictures that could damage their switch from other networking times shocked to see how many information on the internet like Web sties such as LinkedIn.com friends they have and that some

Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, a Tech Human Development and Family Studies assistant professor, said the new Facebook trend stems from parents who have witnessed their children consume new technologies and new media and want to become involved as well.

"Depending on age, parents may still be in the market in terms of looking for a mate or looking to get closer to their children by doing what they are doing," Trejos-Castillo said.

In today's society it has become increasingly difficult for parents to monitor their children, she said, but Facebook and the Internet make it easier.

"I think we are moving into an era where we communicate in "On the negative side, some of more indirect ways," Trejos-Castilpictures on Facebook." »>carrie.thornton@ttu.edu



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### Teachers pair up for Wednesday night space shot

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two science teachers who have spent the past five years under NASA's tutelage are about to graduate with high-flying honors.

The space shuttle flight Wednesday night of Joseph Acaba and Richard Arnold II will mark the first time two former teachers have rocketed into space together. And during the two-week construction mission to the international space station, both will attempt multiple spacewalks --- the most dangerous job in orbit.

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was delayed a month because of concerns about hydrogen gas valves in the engine compartment. After extra tests, NASA deemed the spacecraft safe to fly.

Discovery's astronauts arrived at the launch site Sunday afternoon and thanked everyone who helped resolve the valve issue. The countdown clocks began ticking four hours later.

The teachers and their five crewmates — the usual assortment of

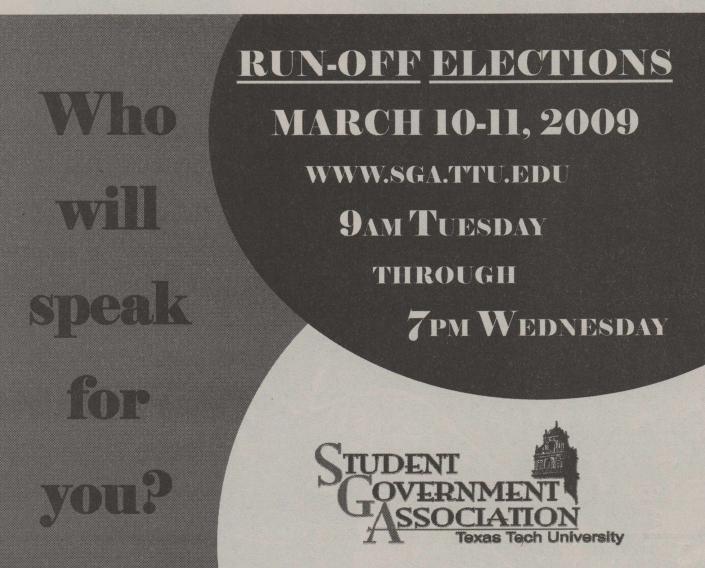
The flight on shuttle Discovery military pilots and rocket scientists - will deliver and install a final set of solar wings for the space station. With just over a year remaining until the orbiting complex is completed, the framework holding the solar wings is the last major Americanmade building block left to fly.

The flight comes a year and a half after the last teacher-astronaut, Barbara Morgan, went into space after a two-decade wait. Morgan was the backup in the mid-1980s for schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe,

who was killed when space shuttle Challenger exploded after takeoff.

Acaba was a freshman at the University of California at Santa Barbara when McAuliffe died on Jan. 28, 1986. Arnold was fresh out of college and living in Washington, and his wife-to-be was a studentteacher.

"It definitely had an impact when you look at the sacrifices that she (McAuliffe) made and the importance that NASA put on it," Acaba said.



### MARCH 10, 2009

# In first home series this season, Tech softball to play No. 6 OU

#### **By ZANE TURNER** STAFF WRITER

After 22 games on the road to start the season, the Texas Tech softball team comes home for the first time.

The Red Raiders (6-16) play the first game of a doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. against No. 6 Oklahoma (17-5) and the second game at 3:30 p.m. at Rocky Johnson Field.

The games mark the beginning of Big 12 Conference play for the Red Raiders.

The Sooners are facing a two-game losing skid and are 6-4 in their last 10 games.

"We are all excited about beginning Big 12 play, and competing against No. 6 Oklahoma," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. "It is also our home opener and we are excited for our fans that get to see all of the hard work we have put into the program during the offseason and our first tournaments. We are looking to come out and play hard and hopefully take a game from these guys."

three of the last four in the UNLV Tournament. The Red Raiders started the tournament, they lost to UNLV, 6-0 and fell to Notre Dame twice, 7-0, 5-0.

this season by solid senior leadership of all of our fans." from Elizabeth Eimen, Megan Shupp and Alex Watkins.

Eimen leads the team with a .394 batting average, 26 hits and has provided solid play at first base with a .973 fielding losing both games, 2-3, 3-8. percentage.

He's learned that the hard way

level. There have been four runner-up misfortune?

at all.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreado SENIOR MEGAN SHUPP and the Red Raiders will start Big 12 Conference play against No. 6 Oklahoma in a doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field.

Shupp holds the team lead for RBI with today against the Sooners. Tech comes into the series losers of 15 and Watkins has the highest slugging percentage on the team at .509.

"They are a tough team," Eimen said Barbara, 8-6. However, to finish the out and just play our game and hopefully respectively. good things will happen. We had a great day of practice (Monday), and we are last year, and we really want to come The Red Raiders have been paced looking to go out and play tough in front out this year and be victorious," said

The Red Raiders were 9-13 in Big 12 play last season, starting 0-4 before defeating Texas 5-4. Tech had little success potential and ability to beat anyone in when it came to then-No. 7 Oklahoma, the country, and hopefully we will prove

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — If championship finishes and a myriad of

tion.

The Red Raiders are confident they >>> zane.turner@ttu.edu

### Shupp and Watkins are tied for the can stack up against the best in the team lead with two home runs each. country and they will get their chance

Tech played Florida twice when the Gators were No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. However the Red Raiders weekend off well, defeating UC-Santa of Oklahoma. "But we are looking to go lost both of those games 11-0 and 7-3,

> "We played them close in Norman catcher Jennifer Lee, who has been perfect behind the plate for the Red Raiders in 16 appearances. "We have the that tomorrow."

### Tech track sets four provisional marks in Iowa, men's relay team in nationals

#### **By ADAM WADSWORTH** STAFF WRITER

With its last opportunity to earn a trip to the NCAA Championships behind it, the Texas Tech track team made sure its presence will be felt at nationals.

The Red Raiders traveled to time Ames, Iowa, this weekend for fier.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said he was not expecting too much going into the meet because most last chance meets do not signifi- on the same page." cantly impact the season.

just kind of grasping at straws this season. trying to get some more."

had average meets.

Tech finished first in two made the NCAA declaration lists, declaration list. which were released Monday.

earned a spot because the NCAA list came out. takes 10 teams and Tech holds the No. 9 time.

Tech sophomore Brandon but I don't think I quite made it," Washington, one of the runners in she said. "That was only my second the relay, said having the full team time running the 800 again so I healthy and working together was think that's the reason why my time a major contributor to the faster went down from the times before."

Iowa State's last chance quali- was me being back, not to sound Diaz said she has started preparing cocky or anything, but I mean we herself for the upcoming outdoor were all healthy," Washington said. season. "That was one of the main things, you know, we just got all four people

He also said previous experience "I don't want to be negative, should help them because they have but they're normally not that competed at nationals in previous good. Nothing normally changes years and already have competed at the men's 4x400-meter relay team too much," Kittley said. "You're this year's championship site twice join eight-time national cham-

He said he was pleased with mance the second time it traveled national championships at A&M the way the 4x400-meter relay to College Station and Washington in College Station this weekend, and the two 800-meter runners said he expects the Red Raiders to bringing Tech's total to 10 athletes competed, but the rest of the team continue that pattern this week- in the NCAA Championships. end.

events and set four provisional women's 800-meter run with a als this weekend. He said he believes marks over the weekend. But provisional time of 2 minutes, 8.36 the men can finish in the top 10 and only the 4x400-meter relay team seconds, but she was left off the the women can make the top five.

Kittley said he was positive the her time would be good enough to ceremony 7:50 p.m. Saturday. men's 4x400<sup>-</sup>meter relay team had secure a spot at nationals before the **madam.wadsworth@ttu.edu** 

"I actually don't think my time made it, I (set a provisional time)

Since she will not be making the "Well the most important thing trip to Texas A&M this weekend,

> Included on the declaration list because of their performance at the Big 12 Championships was Omo Osagahe and Lillian Badaru. Ozie Okolie also made the cut

So Osagahe, Badaru, Okolie and pion Sally Kipyego, All-American The team improved its perfor- Patience Knight and others at the

Kittley said the team is resting Tech senior Asia Diaz won the this week and preparing for nation-

Competition begins at 10 a.m. She said she did not believe Friday and ends with the award

### Rangers' Michael Young looking comfortable at 3B

even though he's about 40 feet out of place.

He goes to his left, slides to the ground to field the ball and then cleanly fields a quick, hard bouncer right at him.

The transition from five-time All-Star and Gold Glove shortstop to third base is going well for Young and the Texas Rangers.

"He's starting to get acclimated. He's beginning to find out that the balls

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Michael get down there on you a little quicker," started preparing to play a new position. Young certainly looks comfortable, manager Ron Washington said Monday. "Catching the ball, moving into the hole, backhanding, coming in on slow rollers, he'll handle that.'

scrambles to his feet for a strong throw switch Young to third even though he had situations." to first base. On another play, Young just won his first Gold Glove at shortstop. The move was made to make room for nine of the first 11 spring training games touted 20-year-old prospect Elvis Andrus and didn't have an error in his nine fieldto ascend from Double-A to the majors.

Young, the longest-tenured Rangers player, going into his ninth season, ini- situations under me. That's the key," he tially balked at the decision and asked for a said. "Batting practice is one thing and trade. A few days after his request became fungos are one thing, but I need to make

"It's going fine. The obvious stuff like

ground balls isn't going to be a problem," Young said. "It's just kind of like letting your instincts take over, so I have a pretty Texas decided during the offseason to good idea of where I want to play in certain

> Before a day off Monday, Young started ing chances.

"I just need to keep getting more game public in mid-January, he rescinded it and sure I get a lot of game situations."

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he probably wouldn't have any luck likely will still go down as one of the "I do have a history of not being the luckiest guy out there," he said So is it really any surprise Martin's Monday, softly chuckling a day after over his 27 years at NASCAR's top start to the season has been hit by yet another malfunction ruined what was on pace to be a top-five run.

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### **Comeback has men's golf** heading in right direction

### By ADAM WADSWORTH STAFF WRITER

capable of making a comeback.

Before winning the tournament in a playoff round, the Texas Tech today.' golf team sunk nine birdies in its last five holes on Sunday to tie 4 in Division II USF, No. 37 Louis-South Florida at the Ron Smith ville and No. 41 Baylor. Invitational.

Led by senior Santiago Rivas, not done yet. the No. 7 Red Raiders overcame a slow start and a rare poor per- East Coast the past few days in formance from standout Garrett preparation for a rare one-on-one Merrell to win their second straight showdown with No. 1 Georgia tournament.

Rivas made birdies on his final two holes, putting him at four-under par 68, which tied him for first place with South Florida's Matt Stauch.

Tech coach Greg Sands said he was proud of the way Rivas played.

"He putted really well and it seemed like he was really focused all day, so he played great," he said. "That's really the difference, you said. know, between playing well and playing really good, just holing key competition Monday at the UNLV puts."

Tech freshman Nils Floren finished in fourth place in his third team was tied for first place with collegiate tournament. It was his Tulsa and was beating five Top-50 second straight top-five performance teams. in the start of what appears to be a successful career at Tech.

Tech sophomore Chis Ward, who won the UT-San Antonio Intercollegiate last week, had a slower weekend this time.

Ward shot a five-over 221, which and sits in second place. placed him in a tie for 52nd.

golfer, played well below his average this season, with an 11-over 227, »adam.wadsworth@ttu.edu

placing him outside the top-10 for the first time this season.

"He's played so good all year for Tiger Woods is not the only golfer us, you know, you're bound to have an off tournament soon," Sands said. "It just happened that he played bad

Tech defeated teams such as No.

However the Red Raiders are

The team has remained on the today.

The match will not affect either teams' national standings, but both teams had the day off and agreed to play each other.

Sands said Georgia is unquestionably the No. 1 team and the Bulldogs lead the field by a large margin.

"We'll definitely figure out where we stand playing these guys," he

The Lady Raiders opened up Spring Rebel Invitational.

At the end of the first round, the

Ranked teams competing are No. 8 Georgia, No. 22 Kent State, No. 36 Washington, No. 38 Oregon and No. 43 UNLV.

Tech senior Ulrika Van Niekerk leads the team with a two-over 74

Round two picks up again today Merrell, the nation's No. 19 and the final round will take place Wednesday.

Schmidt finally pitches for Dodgers

# Lady Raiders believe Big 12 Tourney is golden opportunity for lower seeds

#### **By ADAM COLEMAN** SPORTS EDITOR

Texas A&M already proved they belong among the nation's elite.

ference still have a case to make.

So there may not be a better time Center in Oklahoma City.

or 12-seeded Colorado can make can see what we have." the Big 12 Tournament the start of a

portunity to prove they belong. "It's us too," Tech coach Kristy

right now is we need to make a lasting 1997. impression on the committee. It's a brand new season. We have to let go what's happened before and it's a chance, again, for us to win a championship."

believe conference tournaments are the championship game. the chance for "Cinderella" teams to category.

But similar to how Tech's season since 1997. has been, the road to a guaranteed ence title is an uphill climb.

Tech, who clinched the No. 7-seed 2003 as a No. 3-seed. Saturday, is slated to face No. 10-seeded Oklahoma State at 7:30 p.m. Thursday tories have a similar theme. for the third time this season. Facing Oklahoma State means facing the Big 12's most potent scorer, Andrea Riley. The All-Big 12 First Team selection leads the conference in scoring with 23.6 points per game. But the Lady

Raiders and the Cowgirls each won a game against each other this season. It doesn't get easier, as the winner of

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Big 12 Conference teams such as this game faces No. 2-seed Baylor. Both Oklahoma, Baylor, Iowa State and OSU and Tech have lost twice to the Bears this season.

But guard Maria Moore said anything The other eight teams in the con- can happen during this time of the year, especially when so much is on the line.

"I think (the conference tournament) for the bottom feeders of the confer- gives everybody a chance to show they're ence to step into the light than the Big not the lower team that you think they 12 Tournament Thursday in the Cox are," she said. "Or they think that 'Oh now it's time for us to prepare because Teams such as 11-seeded Missouri everyone's gonna be there and everyone

However, the Lady Raiders, or any storybook season and is a golden op- seed lower than No. 7, do not have history on their side.

Eight of the 12 Big 12 Tournament Curry said. "I think the biggest thing champions have been No. 1 seeds since

> The lowest seed ever to win the Big 12 Tournament was-No. 6-seed Oklahoma in 2004. The Sooners took out top-seeded Texas to win the title that year.

Last season, No. 4 seeded-Texas A&M The Lady Raiders believe they took the crown, and the Aggies opponent are entering the Big 12 Tournament in the championship game was No. 3-seed with a chip on their shoulder after Oklahoma State. It was the first time in a 6-10 conference record. They also four years a No. 1-seed was not at least in

On the other hand, seven teams emerge, and Tech can fall into that that were lower than No. 2-seeds have at least made the championship game

Tech's last title was in 1999, and even NCAA Tourney berth and a confer- then, the Lady Raiders were a No. 1-seed.

Other conferences' tournament his-In the Atlantic Coast Conference forward to it."

Tournament - which No. 1-seed Maryland won Sunday - the last seed lower than No. 2 to win it was No. 4-seed Clemson in 1996.

"The teams that are very underes-



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toread TEXAS TECH'S JORDAN Barncastle and the Lady Raiders face Oklahoma State in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Oklahoma City.

that just motivates us to go out and play. No doubt about it, anybody can get

accomplished during the regular season. and in person."

So she believes two teams can burst >>>adam.coleman@ttu.edu

Seals, Mallard receive All-Big 12 honors

timated could go out and win," Tech onto the scene as a result of the confer-They made the championship game in center Dominic Seals said. "I just think ence tournament and start that storybook season.

> "It's a chance for that seventh and beat on any given night, so I'm looking eight team to make an impression," Curry said. "Our backs are against the wall. One Curry said it seems like six Big 12 thing about it is, it's the weekend where teams will be headed to the NCAA Tour- the committee all watches games. So nament because of what the conference we've got an opportunity to be seen live

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Jason who was charged with three runs and two Schmidt was finally back on the mound for the Dodgers. Andruw Jones did something he rarely did in his only season with Los Angeles.

Schmidt, the \$47 million pitcher who

hits. "My arm feels good. Two days after usually tells the story. That's what I'll be looking forward to. I think I should come out of it OK."

Jones hit one of Texas' three home

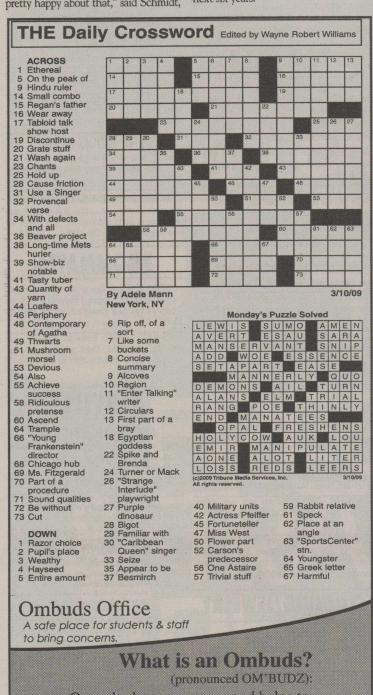
has had two shoulder operations since his last start in June 2007, threw two innings in Los Angeles' 13-7 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday.

Schmidt got through the first in 12 pitches. After a lengthy break while the Dodgers scored seven runs off Kevin Millwood, Schmidt walked two before Taylor Teagarden homered in the second.

"I came out of it in one piece, so I'm pretty happy about that," said Schmidt,

runs off Claudio Vargas, who could be the No. 5 starter if Schmidt isn't ready for the season.

In an injury-plagued 2008 season with the Dodgers, after signing a \$36.2 million, two-year deal, Jones hit a careerworst .158 with only three homers in 75 games. Los Angeles released him in January still owing him about \$22 million, much of that deferred over the next six years.



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trouble" considering how difficult do their thing." they can be for teams to defend in the post.

ence agreed with Moore to a certain rebounding with 7.7 rebounds a game. degree, as the two received conference honors Monday.

All-Big 12 Second Team selection. All-Freshman team.

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and forward Kierra Mallard "double wide open. So either way, they're gonna 1.38 per game.

ing 13.5 points per game, tied for ninth game It seems like the Big 12 Confer- in the Big 12. The senior also is ninth in

Seals joins Colorado's Brittany Spears, Iowa State's Heather Ezell, Kansas State's After being named Newcomer Marlies Gipson and Texas' Brittainey Raof the Year last year, Seals earned an ven on the All-Big 12 Second Team.

Mallard has emerged as one of the Mallard was named to the Big 12 best freshmen in the Big 12. However, she has made her mark on rebounding "If you get them together and on — and defense. Mallard is sixth in rebounds point in a game, we're gonna come against conference opponents, averaging

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Texas Tech guard Maria Moore out," Moore said. "Either you're gonna 8.5 per game. She also is sixth in blocked team," she said, "but everybody just not likes to call center Dominic Seals have to double team one and leave one shots against conference opponents with being fair. So that's why we got motiva-

> Mallard and Seals are tied for sev-Seals finished the regular season scor- enth in the Big 12 with 1.17 blocks per she believes Mallard is deserving of

> > Also, Tech forward Jordan Murphree the Year. received Academic All-Big 12 First Team honors Thursday.

Although appreciative of the honors, Mallard said she believed Seals deserved more than a selection to the Big 12 Second Team.

Because of that, she also said it gives Tech a little more to play for in the Big 12 Tournament Thursday.

'I think Domino should've got first

tion. We're gonna play hard."

On the other hand, Seals said a bigger honor: Big 12 Freshman of

Instead, that honor went to Oklahoma's Whitney Hand, who also ioined Mallard on the All-Freshman Team.

"She worked hard all year," Seals said. "She played hard. Couldn't ask her for nothing better. When you're a freshman guarding Courtney Paris it's hard. I give her credit."

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North Carolina back on top of poll (AP) - North Carolina edged game behind Louisville.

Pittsburgh for No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll on Monday in one of the closest votes ever.

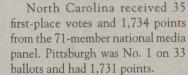
The Tar Heels (27-3), who were an unanimous No. 1 in the preseason poll and for the first seven weeks of the season, moved up one place to reclaim the top spot after beating Duke on Sunday to win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season moved back to No. 1 last week, title.

Pittsburgh (28-3) moved up one place after beating Connecticut for a second time this season when the Huskies were ranked No. 1. The Panthers finished tied for second in the Big East with Connecticut, one

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On Jan. 27, 1981, Oregon State and Virginia tied for No. 1, the only time that has happened since the poll began in the 1948-49 season.

Connecticut (27-3), which had dropped to third and was followed by Memphis, Louisville, Oklahoma, Michigan State, Wake Forest, Duke and Villanova.

Memphis (28-3), which has the nation's longest winning streak at 22 games and completed its third straight unbeaten regular season in Conference USA, received two No. 1 votes, while Louisville (25-5) received the other first-place vote.

The ACC - North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke - and Big East - Pittsburgh, Connecticut, Louisville and Villanova - accounted for all but three spots in the top 10. The five teams that have held No. 1 this season - North Carolina, Pittsburgh, Wake Forest, Duke and Connecticut - are all from those two conferences.

Kansas, the Big 12 champion, dropped two spots to 11th and was followed by Gonzaga, Washington, Missouri, UCLA, Butler, Clemson, Syracuse, Xavier and LSU.