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## (IN BRIEF)

### STATE

#### Perry rejects \$555M for unemployment

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry plans to turn down \$555 million that would expand state unemployment benefits, saying the money would have required the state to keep funding the expanded benefits after the stimulus money ran out.

Perry, an outspoken critic of President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus bill, accepted most of the roughly \$17 billion slated for Texas in the plan.

But the governor turned down the unemployment benefits because he said they would require the state to increase the tax burden on Texas businesses.

### NATION

#### Gov't plans for drug violence near border

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tighter gun control and stronger law enforcement in Southwestern states were recommended Thursday by lawmakers concerned about drug violence in Mexico possibly spilling across the border.

The escalating violence — which has killed thousands, mostly south of the border — has been blamed on Mexican drug cartels which one Homeland Security official described as the biggest organized crime threat facing the United States.

### WORLD

#### Suspected US missiles kill 7 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A government official and a witness say missiles believed fired from a U.S. unmanned plane have killed seven people in northwestern Pakistan.

The identities of those killed in the late Thursday strike in Kurram region were not immediately known.

A senior official in Kurram agency says the house targeted was believed to be frequented by Islamist militants.

Villager Ismail Khan says spy planes were seen hovering over the area before the attack.

He says local militants have retrieved seven bodies from the destroyed house.

### DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## Dean of students warns of travel to Mexico

By SARAH REIMAN  
STAFF WRITER

A warning was issued by Greg Elkins, dean of students at Texas Tech, cautioning students of possible threats in Mexico for those who may travel there for spring break.

The release issued by Elkins informed students of the travel alert first issued by the U.S. State Department due to an increase in violence along Mexico-bordering states in recent months. Because of this, Elkins advised students to avoid traveling to Mexico while a threat of violence exists.

Sandy Crosier, director of the Study Abroad program at Tech, said students should be aware that alerts issued for travel are not urging people to avoid Mexico, but instead are informing people to be cautious if traveling

to the country.

"They (students) need to have some kind of insurance," she said.

Students should gather information about how to contact a U.S. consulate, Crosier said, and keep the contact information with them while traveling. Information on locating consulates throughout Mexico can be found at the U.S. Embassy Web site.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said he agrees with the advisory issued by the U.S. State Department, and everything he has heard about the violence in the area is not good.

"You can't exercise too much caution," he said, "but still enjoy your trip."

Hoffman said it is smart to know the law of the area when traveling. In Mexico, U.S. citizens do not have the same rights they have in the United States

and should obey local law enforcement.

Students also should know the customs of the people living in the area, he said. Some actions that may not be viewed as disrespectful in U.S. culture may be viewed differently in another culture.

Walking and traveling alone is not a safe idea, Hoffman said, and organizing trips and staying with a large group is always ideal.

Crosier said just like in New York City, some areas in Mexico are unsafe for single women to wander off by themselves.

Visitors should speak with locals about what is and is not safe behavior, she said. Employees at hotels also are good references for information on safe behavior.

Crosier said students should be aware of their surroundings at all times,

and their "faculties" are not as keen in a situation where too much alcohol is involved.

"Be careful about drinking so much that you're not in control," Crosier said.

Although many students resist the inclusion of parental figures, she said, it is a good idea to give parents emergency contact information.

Crosier said students should use taxi services that have been established in the region.

A few years ago a few Tech students were picked up by a car posing as a taxi that actually was robbing people needing their services, she said. It is best to check the taxi number or driver number before getting in the car.

Hoffman said kidnappings are prevalent right now in various places in Mexico, and in many cases money offered for

ransom does not make a difference.

Katie Hyland, a sophomore retailing major from Abilene, said she is going to Mexico for spring break this year, although she said it was a difficult decision.

After debating about the decision with friends and family, Hyland said she decided to go. She is going with a large group of men and women, and the group plans to stay at a resort.

The group is not looking for trouble, Hyland said, but is just going to relax.

"I'm still kinda nervous about it," she said.

Hoffman said he hopes everyone vacationing in Mexico will heed advice they come across.

"For the people that do go over there," he said, "I wish 'em well and try to stay out of trouble."

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# OBJECTIFIED

## Study: Men view women in bikinis as objects

By CARRIE THORNTON  
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New scientific research confirms the stereotype that men view women dressed in bikinis as objects.

Princeton researchers, who presented their findings at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science last month, found a link between brain activity in men who view half-naked women.

They discovered men who were shown pictures of bikini-clad women increased brain activity in regions associated with objects or "things you manipulate with your hands."

"This study is the first step in a larger investigation examining the effect of instrumentality on person perception," one researcher said via e-mail.

Mina Cikara, a Princeton graduate student who helped conduct the study, said instrumentality describes what happens when something becomes useful for a goal, such as food when a person is hungry. Previous research has shown people can view other people as useful as they view objects.

"We were interested in asking how do perceptions of and responses to other people change when someone perceives them as useful or instrumental?" she said.

The Princeton researchers gathered 21 heterosexual males and gave them a test that scored participants based on different types of sexist attitudes.

Sexual objectification of men and women is one example of a "widely cited"

instance of a trend and seemed to be an appropriate place to begin the investigation, Cikara said.

The results did not extend to include clothed women, clothed men or scantily clad men, she said, and researchers are designing follow-up studies to examine a variety of other situations to see if the results will be duplicated.

"I do think the results would likely have been similar for women, perhaps in terms of male status instead of sexual attractiveness," Cikara said, "but I don't have data that speaks to that question yet, so I can't say for certain. We plan on following up with female participants."

Nola Richards, a Tech women's studies professor said the study's outcome did not surprise her, because similar results have been found in the past.

"Scientists in Britain did studies with men watching TV, TV commentaries and TV weather channels with anything where a woman might be presenting the information," Richards said. "So, they wired their brains to see what parts of their brains are stimulated by (the images). And it turned out, according to the study, they couldn't remember what was being talked about, but they remembered what the woman looked like. The part of brain stimulated was visual."

It is important to not apply the results of a study to every male, Richards said, because several other factors need to be examined.

"It's good to do scientific studies to prove a point, but sometimes you just really have to understand the individual," she said. "A lot of it has something to do with how you were raised, gender, where you were born — an American citizen versus European or Asian. It could be a lot of different things, like socioeconomic background or religion, all of those things play into how you respond."

Some women might be appealing according to their dress in one country, but would be ignored in another, Richards said. A woman dressed in a turtle

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## Obama: States should spend stimulus money wisely

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Thursday rallied the people he is counting on to help turn around the economy and warned anew that he will not tolerate wasteful spending of his \$787 billion economic stimulus package.

"If we see money being mispent, we're going to put a stop to it," Obama told a gathering of state officials.

Vice President Joe Biden, who is coordinating oversight of stimulus spending, opened the conference with an equally stern warning.

"Six months from now, if the verdict on this effort is that we've wasted the money, we built things that were unnecessary or we've done things that are legal but make no sense, then, folks, don't look for

any help from the federal government for a long while," he said.

Officials overseeing stimulus spending in their states were invited for a day of schooling on how to make the massive spending program work, to hear from and question Cabinet secretaries and other administration officials, and to propose and discuss ideas.

About 125 people from 49 states filled an auditorium with theater-style seating in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House. Idaho was unable to send a representative.

Obama mixed stern language with a pep talk for the state officials he is depending on to help implement the stimulus, which he says will save or create 3.5 million jobs this year and next through investment in infrastructure, energy, schools and other spending.

"All of you are at the front lines of

what is probably the most important task that we have in this country over the next couple of years, and that's getting the economy started again," Obama said during his brief appearance. The audience gasped when he entered the room.

At the same time, Obama stressed the need to "make sure that every single dollar is well spent."

If wasteful spending is found, "We will call it out and we will publicize it," he said, reiterating what he has already told governors and mayors.

Earl Devaney, who oversees stimulus spending as chairman of the new Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, stressed the administration's efforts to prevent wasteful and abusive spending before it happens, instead of exposing it after the fact. But he acknowledged that some funds would be lost to mismanagement or corruption because the pot is so large.

Devaney said his goal is to hold such losses to a minimum.

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia will share two-thirds of the money, or more than \$500 billion, said Gene Dodaro, acting comptroller general of the Government Accountability Office. The states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.

On Thursday, Texas Gov. Rick Perry rejected \$555 million in stimulus funds to expand state unemployment benefits. An outspoken critic of the stimulus, Perry accepted most of the roughly \$17 billion slated for Texas.

Biden said regulations would be announced Friday outlining what stimulus money cannot be spent on.

"A little hint," he said. "No swim-

ming pools in this money."

Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu also announced \$8 billion in stimulus money for state and local programs to help make homes more energy efficient, with an initial installment of about \$780 million to be released in the coming days.

Conference participants heard from officials from the Office of Management and Budget and many of the Cabinet departments. Many questions dealt with how states should count the jobs created, when they will receive schedules telling them what they should apply for, confusion over reporting requirements and spotty communication with the governors, among other issues.

Rob Nabors, deputy director of the budget office, said officials were still getting up to speed on the reporting deadlines Congress set, as well as on improving communication with the states.

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# Study addresses role of gene in treating diabetes, liver disease

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Inhibiting the gene PGC-1b may play an important role in treating non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, type 2 diabetes and insulin resistance caused by an increased consumption of high fructose corn syrup, according to Yale medical researchers in the March issue of Cell Metabolism Journal.

Normally, PGC-1b regulates liver glucose and lipid metabolism while simple sugars are converted into fatty acids in the body, Cell Metabolism reported. However, when the body is introduced to large amounts of high fructose corn syrup, PGC-1b increases the actions of an element binding protein that causes fructose-induced insulin resistance, leading to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and type 2 diabetes.

The inhibition of the gene PGC-1b, Cell Metabolism stated, prevents fructose-induced insulin resistance from occurring by preventing the complications in the transcription process of the element-binding gene SREBP.

Christie Hust, director of the Texas Tech Diabetes Education Center, said two types of sugars — complex and simple — can affect type 2 diabetes and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

According to the Mayo Clinic Web site, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease refers to the accumulation of fat in the liver of people who drink little or no alcohol and is caused by the liver's inability to effectively break down adipose tissue.

The gene PGC-1b is located in liver and fat tissue throughout the body, according to Cell Metabolism, causing increased levels of fat tissue when confronted with large and continuous amounts of high fructose corn syrup.

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease affects about 29 million Americans and typically does not cause adverse symptoms. However, increased amounts of fat in the liver can cause inflammation, scarring and liver failure in patients, according to the Centers for Disease Control Web site.

The body typically handles sugar by breaking it down into glucose, said Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director of Tech Student Health Services, which causes the pancreas to release insulin to regulate blood sugar levels.

"The pancreas releases insulin which puts any blood sugar not being used by the body into storage," Bennett said. "When there is a high circulation of insulin due to a breakdown in the process, the fat cells can't take the sugar and people run into a problem."

Patients who have non-alcoholic fatty liver disease do not have to be diabetic to get the disease however, Bennett said.

"Much research is leaning toward the glycemic index," Hust said. "It is a way of evaluating foods according to how quickly they are made into glucose. Foods with a high glycemic index enter the bloodstream rapidly, while low glycemic foods promote a slower release of glucose and insulin. Most of the glycemic index is easy to figure out, but there are times when

some of the complex carbohydrates behave more like simple sugars."

Hust said simple sugars are then made into glucose faster which requires a large amount of insulin to be produced to pull the glucose into the cells, which adds to the insulin resistance and high blood sugar levels.

The Tech Diabetes Education Center typically treats older adults and may see one or two college-aged students, she said.

"A lot of our patients do not have health insurance," Hust said. "We operate in an under-served population, and the only Tech students we typically see are the Tech School of Nursing students who work in our clinics."

Bennett said the Student Wellness Center encounters pre-diabetes and fatty liver disease cases throughout the year in patients.

"We see hundreds of cases of pre-diabetes or metabolic syndrome per year," she said. "We probably get 20 or so proven cases of fatty liver per year too. In fact, the CT report another doctor just showed me had fatty liver as an incidental finding on one of our mid-20-year-old patients."

Bennett said although she was unaware of any research relating to the gene PGC-1b at the Tech Health Sciences Center, the center is conducting diabetes and pre-diabetes research in other areas related to prevention.

"Technically everyone can be insulin resistant," Bennett said. "But there are patients who are genetically predisposed, and because they eat and drink things like candy

and coke without moderation, their blood sugar increases which can cause problems in them that it wouldn't cause in other people."

Bennett said everyone also maintains a threshold at which they can become insulin resistant if they gain enough weight through eating fatty and sugar-filled foods.

According to the Centers for Disease Control Web site, type 2 diabetes typically is caused by insulin resistance, a disorder that causes cells to use insulin improperly, and accounts for 90 percent to 95 percent of all diagnosed diabetes cases.

Type 2 diabetes can be controlled by monitoring blood glucose levels, following a careful diet, losing excess weight, exercising, and taking oral medication, according to the CDC Web site.

Hust said type 2 diabetes is typically caused by obesity, poor diet and a lack of exercise, which leads to insulin resistance as the pancreas slows down its production of insulin.

The Texas Department of State Health Services Web site stated type 2 diabetes and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease are not reportable; however, diseases such as the flu, anthrax and botulism are reportable.

The Lubbock Health Department only contains information relating to the number of infected cases occurring for reportable disease and therefore does not know the number of type 2 diabetes cases or non-alcoholic fatty liver cases occurring in Lubbock, according to the department's Web site.

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# Faint signs of life lift stock market

(AP) — Faint but welcome signs of optimism emerged Thursday from the most troubled corners of the economy — the banking system, the automakers and cash-desperate stores — and helped push the stock market to its best three-day run in four months.

General Motors, weathering the worst auto sales slump in a generation, said it had told the Obama administration that it would not need a \$2 billion government loan for this month after all because its cost-cutting plan was taking hold.

Bank of America CEO Kenneth Lewis said he did not expect his company to need additional financial help from the government. While banks are under pressure, he said, they are not in "nearly as dire shape as some would have us believe."

And the government reported that retail sales, excluding autos,

fell just 0.1 percent in February, far less than analysts were expecting. The Commerce Department also revised January's figures to a gain of 1.8 percent, the best in three years.

The combination drove the Dow Jones industrial average up nearly 240 to 7,170, its first close over 7,000 this month. The Dow has gained 623 points since Tuesday, its best winning streak since Thanksgiving.

But there was fresh evidence, too, that the economy is far from turning a corner. More unemployed Americans are chasing a dwindling supply of jobs, pushing the number receiving jobless benefits to record heights with no relief in sight.

That total has hit 5.3 million, the Labor Department said, the most since records began in 1967. An additional 1.4 million people are receiving up to 33 weeks of extended unemployment aid, beyond the 26 weeks states typically provide.

# Officials: Barack Obama's Afghanistan goals due soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration expects to announce new objectives for the flagging war in Afghanistan as soon as next week that place an onus on next-door Pakistan to contain extremism, defense and administration officials said Thursday.

The White House objectives were expected to roughly parallel 15 goals contained in a 20-page classified report to the White House from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Among them were getting rid of terrorist safe havens in Pakistan and adopting a regional approach to reducing the threat of terrorism and extremism in both countries.

An administration official said that although the review was not complete,

one thrust was that Pakistan needed to recognize that combating extremism was in its own interest as well as that of U.S. and NATO fighting forces across the border in Afghanistan. The official, like others interviewed for this story, spoke on condition of anonymity because the review was not complete.

President Barack Obama was expected to explain the redrawn U.S. objectives to NATO allies when he attends a NATO summit in Europe next month.

The in-house review coordinated by the White House National Security Council lays out objectives over three-to-five years, although that doesn't necessarily mean the U.S. military could leave in that time, defense officials said.

# Utah approves liquor law changes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah lawmakers on Thursday approved the most sweeping changes to the state's liquor laws in 40 years in an effort to boost tourism and make the state appear a little less odd.

The Legislature eliminated the state's private club system, which requires customers to fill out an application and pay a fee for the right to enter a bar. Bartenders in restaurants also will be allowed to serve cocktails directly over bar counters instead

of walking around them. Utah is the only state in the country with either law. Gov. Jon Huntsman has said he'll sign the bill into law, and once that happens, bars can open their doors to the public on July 1.

Currently, a partition known as a "Zion Curtain" separates bartenders from customers. The term is a nod to the state's religious history as the Land of Zion in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which tells followers to shun alcohol.

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would like to congratulate the following faculty members for receiving promotion, tenure or both at the March 6, 2009 Board of Regents meeting:

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## Library, Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library and The Institute for Modern Conflict, Diplomacy and Reconciliation

David Marshall, promoted from associate archivist to archivist, Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library • Christopher Starcher, granted tenure and promoted from assistant librarian to associate librarian • Sheila Hoover, granted tenure, Library • Stephen Maxner, promoted from associate archivist to archivist, and Mary Saffell, promoted from assistant archivist to associate archivist, The Institute for Modern Conflict, Diplomacy and Reconciliation

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## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- All confused
- Exchange
- Collection of actors
- Transferred design
- Corridor
- Aware of
- Eroticism
- Module
- Church bench
- Shriver of tennis
- Top berths
- Silver server
- Cash in
- World of scholars
- Psychic power
- Hindu mystic
- Plenty
- Narrow road
- Mrs. Fred Flintstone
- Writer Herntoff
- Of the ear
- Simians
- Adorable
- Not likely
- Singer Ritter
- Gardens of trees
- Debate participant
- Typical
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- Jones or Sawyer
- Sick
- Casino
- calculation
- Capital of Ethiopia
- Shrek, e.g.
- Profound
- Jazz pianist Art
- Bosc or anjou
- Merino mamas
- Old World lizard

**DOWN**

- Modify for new use
- Plains shelter
- Unstressed vowel
- Pierced lobe
- Loss-of-hair condition
- Leveling piece
- Had been
- Ring king
- Acclaim
- Auto style
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- Move a bit
- Recent walkers
- Items of info
- Round legume
- Emma of "Dynasty"
- Storyteller
- Scenery
- chewer
- Vienna's river
- Piece of cake
- Bombard
- Whack
- Dry by rubbing
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- Of the moon
- Mechanical men
- Holy war
- Birthday number
- Genesis name
- Stairway segment
- Mazda model
- Photo book
- Andes ruminant
- Goody stuff
- Transition point
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By Josiah Breward  
Scranton, PA 3/13/09

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## Muslim students celebrate weekly prayers on campus

By CAYLOR BALLINGER  
STAFF WRITER

Pairs of men's shoes lined the floor beside the wall, representing cleanliness during Friday Prayers in the Student Union Building.

Juma, an Islamic term for Friday Prayers, is hosted by the Texas Tech Muslim Student Association at 2 p.m. every Friday and offers a convenient way for students and faculty to pray together.

Adem Ozyavas, a graduate student in computer science and member of the association, said the Muslim religion requires men to attend Juma, a time of week when Muslims gather to pray and discuss current affairs of the community and world.

Friday Prayers has been hosted on the Tech campus for about 10 years, he said. Women can attend but are not required by the Muslim religion.

"The prayers are open to all students, not just Muslims," Ozyavas said. "Muslims, Jews and Christians are the people of the Book, and we respect all religions that have a positive benefit. I feel great when I see so many Christians coming together."

Ozyavas said about 150 families belong to the Islamic community in Lubbock and about 35 Islamic students belong to the Muslim Student Association.

During Friday Prayers, men walk into a room in the Student Union Building — which is announced before the event. Without a word, they take off their shoes, bow, and begin to pray.

Some men pray aloud, some lift their hands to their ears to connect with the message more clearly. Some stand on sheets placed on the ground for purity and cleanliness. And one man stands in front on a sajjada, a prayer rug, and leads the prayer.

During one of the services last month, Haay Kalash, senior civil engineering and construction major, recited a mostly Arabic prayer that told the audience to fear Allah.

Kalash, who is originally from Lebanon but moved to Ohio, praised Allah and the men unanimously cupped their hands and prayed with him.

"Unity was today's message," he said. "We believe to be in pursuance

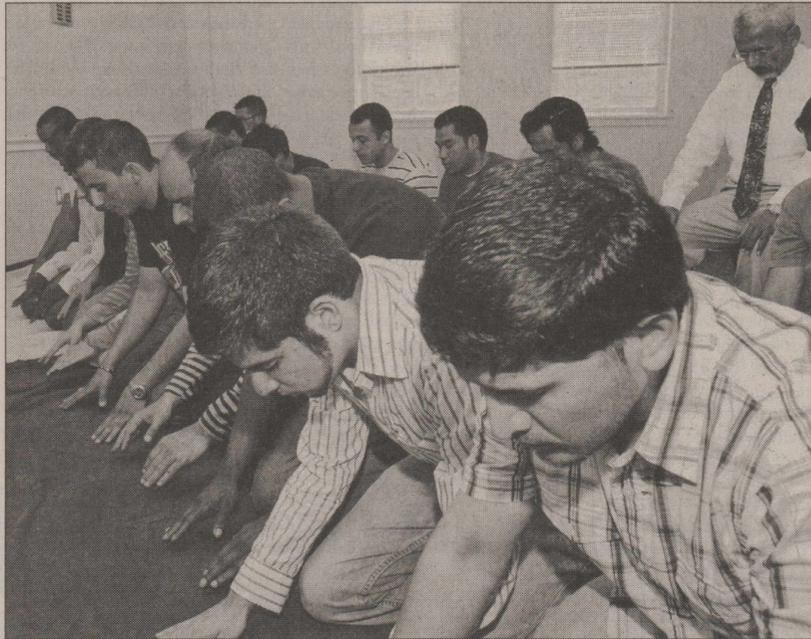


PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

AN ISLAMIC PRAYER was conducted on Friday at the Brazos room in the Student Union Building. The Muslim Student Association started the weekly Friday prayer at Tech 10 years and it is open to students and the public.

of a just cause, not just good deeds, but to be a productive member of society."

The Friday Prayers speaker is different every week, Kalash said, and is supposed to be someone who is knowledgeable of Muslim religion.

Safei Hamed, an associate professor of landscape architecture at Tech, said the best way to describe Islamic religion is through the five Pillars of Islam, the foundation of Muslim life.

"The first pillar is to declare and believe in one God who is supreme and compassionate of all people," said Hamed, who is president of the Arabic community in Lubbock. "Second is daily prayer. We pray five times at the same time per day to ensure every man and woman is linked to God."

The prayer times occur at dawn, midday, late-afternoon, sunset and evening, Hamed said. Women are not required to attend Friday Prayers because of their other responsibilities, children and house-

hold. Muslims who do not attend Friday Prayers must go to the Islamic Center in Lubbock, located on 34th Street and La Salle Avenue.

The third pillar is charity, he said. Part of the Muslim faith includes paying a ratio of a person's wealth.

"The fourth pillar occurs in the month of Ramadan," Hamed said. "It is a month of fasting from food, drink, sex and smoking from sunrise to sunset."

Ramadan is the month of self-purification of bad thoughts and is part of the lunar calendar, he said, and the month moves 10 days earlier every year.

"The final pillar of Islam is the pilgrimage to Hajj," Hamed said. "The pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia is mandatory if capable both physically and financially to visit the historic places of the Quran: Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem."

The Hajj pilgrimage requires Muslims to go to Mecca clothed in white towels to symbolize purity from all previous sin, Hamed said. The pilgrim-

age symbolizes the brotherhood of humanity, coming from all over the world and wearing the same simple white garment.

"It's a very motivating and hard experience in terms of how to describe what it is like to see people who are born again," he said.

Hamed said many people misunderstand the religion, which can be confusing or seem complex to those who have never experienced the culture behind it.

"Many Christians have told me they are surprised with how close the Quran is to the Bible," Hamed said. "The source is the same, the revelation of God. So, there has to be many things in common."

For those who want to learn more, the Muslim Student Association will sponsor Friday Prayers 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Brazos Room in the Student Union Building.

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## Students share confessions with creator of PostSecret

By CARRIE THORNTON  
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Have a secret? Frank Warren wants to hear it.

The creator of PostSecret gave a one-hour presentation Wednesday night to Texas Tech students, faculty and members of the community.

Warren, who was once called the most trusted man in America, encourages people from around the world to anonymously mail him their secrets on handmade postcards for an ongoing community art project.

PostSecret began four years ago in Washington, D.C. Warren

mailed 300,000 postcards with one blank side and the other listing mailing instructions.

After the project ended, Warren continued to receive hundreds of postcards each week.

"I realized I had accidentally tapped into something amazing," he said.

Kristian Luginbyhl, a senior mass communications major from Borger, said she was excited to know Warren was visiting Tech because she has been a PostSecret fan for more than a year and constantly visits the PostSecret blog.

"There are certain secrets you connect to, and they bring something out of you," she said.

Warren opened up the night by giving one of his books to the only person who raised a hand when he asked who had sent in a secret.

He then displayed assortments of secrets that had been banned from his books for various reasons, such as copyright infringement. He also opened the floor up for students to share their own secrets to the audience.

Tech Activities Board Night-life Coordinator Liz Kociolek

said Warren's project is therapeutic and unique.

"It gives students hope," she said. "His talk went amazing. People were touched and entertained."

Warren's visit to the university gave students an opportunity to see him speak for free, Kociolek said, and it gives students encouragement to witness his work in person.

Mandy Davis, an occupational therapy graduate student from Dallas, said she thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and is amazed by the project.

"It's really important for people to have something where they can see other people's struggles," she said.

The highlight of the evening was the student confessions, Davis said. She believes the students who spoke their secrets aloud showed they were brave to do so, and it was "hard not to cry."

The college-age generation usually communicates with each other openly, she said, which made the experience great.

"Everyone has a secret that would break your heart if you knew it," Warren said.

People send in their secrets for as many reasons as there are secrets, he said. Some send in social taboos as well as comical and more serious secrets.

"Some search for grace, others for self-authenticity," he said.

Warren said he enjoys speaking to young people because they are more open, honest and courageous. They speak about things their parents would never talk about.

"There are two types of secrets," Warren said. "Secrets we keep from others, and those we keep from ourselves."

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*"There are two types of secrets. Secrets we keep from others, and those we keep from ourselves."*

FRANK WARREN  
POSTSECRET  
CREATOR

## Provision in budget bill could lower cost of birth control at colleges

(AP) — The estimated 39 percent of American college women who use birth control pills could enjoy relief from big price increases over the last two years thanks to a provision in the budget bill signed by President Barack Obama.

Students had seen prices for oral contraceptives at college health clinics shoot up two- and threefold — the apparently unintended consequence of a deficit-reduction provision that went into effect in January, 2007.

The bill Obama signed Wednesday restores an incentive for drug-makers to offer discounts for the pills, although it doesn't guarantee they will do so.

Still, college health officials were celebrating the news.

"It's been something that all of the members of the American College Health Association have been watching very closely," said Dr. Gregory Moore, director of the health service at the University of Kentucky. "There was a great

deal of celebrating I'm sure."

Prior to 2007, pharmaceutical companies had a financial incentive to sell drugs at deep discounts to a range of health care providers, including college clinics. The drugmakers were also eager to attract young women to products they would stay with for years after graduation.

But the 2007 change meant the discounts counted against pharmaceutical companies in a formula that calculates the rebates they owe the states to partici-

pate in Medicaid, and the discounts stopped.

Colleges passed most of the price increases on to students — from \$12 a month to around \$30 at Florida State, for instance — and a few smaller colleges that couldn't buy in bulk stopped offering them altogether, forcing their students to get them at higher prices off-campus. The change prompted concerns some students might shift to less preferred contraceptives.

## Objectified

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neck and jeans in one country could be insulting, for example.

Richards said she believes media and society create a false image of women and cause men to react in a way similar to the study's results.

"The media absolutely adds to this," she said. "MTV and any Calvin Klein ad are just a few examples of how women are portrayed in society."

Sexual advertising and the portrayal

of almost nude women in magazines cause men to think a certain way, Richards said. They are "killing us softly."

Sociology, anthropology and social work associate professor Andreas Schneider said researchers must be careful when conducting brain research because results can easily be taken out of context.

New technological advances like C-Scans and injections allow researchers to monitor brain activity and the region of the brain stimulated from various activities, Schneider said.

"Researchers observe the regions of

the brain when neurons are fired," he said, "and some regions are very close together so it's difficult to pinpoint the exact area stimulated."

"But you have no bloody clue what's going on. We can see the domains activated, but don't know why. We can only speculate."

Once researchers find a correlation that matches their thesis, Schneider said, it is easy to assume a causation matches what they want to assume is correct.

Casey Landers, a sophomore psychology and philosophy major from McKin-

ney, said she believes media such as pornography provides a way for men to "supplement their views of women as objects."

It may be a combination of biological factors as well as the views of society, she said.

"I think the media emphasizes women who can attractively portray themselves in such a manner that it only highlights society's affinity for women who are beautiful," Landers said.

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## Chris Brown scandal shows society's flaws

By **BRANDON SOUTHWARD**  
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My roommates have heard me rant about this issue for the last month or so — now it's your turn.

The issue I am talking about is the Rihanna-Chris Brown incident — the alleged assault that took place and the aftermath. The incident has provoked a response in me that I don't normally experience when dealing with celebrities.

However, this situation is different and has quite frankly ticked me off, leading me to write this piece. From the media's role to the public's reaction to Rihanna and Brown themselves, no one should escape blame.

The media's role in this has been less than noteworthy, and at

times, downright offensive. There seems to be no barriers on what is someone's private space and what can be classified as news.

MTV blurred this line when they presented the special Chris Brown and Rihanna: Love in Trouble only a week after the incident was reported. This special mostly discussed the incident's impact on Brown and Rihanna's careers — however, I don't think the impact on someone's career is what the media should be focusing on. The show was done in bad taste as a way to capitalize on the media frenzy and interest surrounding the incident with little regard to the privacy of Rihanna.

The celebrity gossip Web site TMZ one-upped MTV by leaking a photo the police took of Rihanna the night of the incident, which shows Rihanna with a fat lip and bruises all over her face from the

gruesome attack.

Both MTV and TMZ did not bother to respect anyone's privacy, and instead were more interested in profiting off others' misfortune. The media acted irresponsibly, but they claim, with some validity, that they were only giving the public what they wanted.

One of the sadder parts of this situation has been what Rihanna herself has had to go through. To be put into a predicament like this is horrible. First, if the allegations are true, she must have felt sheer pain, literally and figuratively. Being

viciously attacked by someone she loved must hurt. Second, having the whole ordeal played out in the media like some sort of soap opera isn't helping her.

The saddest part involving Rihanna is her decision to take Brown back and work on reconciling their relationship. Reportedly, all it took was a phone call from him where he said he was sorry and how he would never hit her again, while vowing to get help.

Sadly, if the story is true, Rihanna is not unlike many victims of domestic abuse, as it takes

a victim on average seven to 11 times to leave their violent partner. Many of them are under the false belief that the abuser will not hit them again, and sadly, they are usually wrong.

Rihanna could have taken this chance to make a stand for domestic victims everywhere by declaring something like this is not right. But by going back to Brown, she sends a horrible message to fans of both Brown and Rihanna. If the allegations are true, the message is essentially that it is okay for a man to beat a woman as long as afterwards he apologizes and says he won't do it again.

Chris Brown has been charged with two felonies — one count of assault and one count of making criminal threats — and has the possibility of a maximum jail sentence of four years. However, Brown will probably not serve any

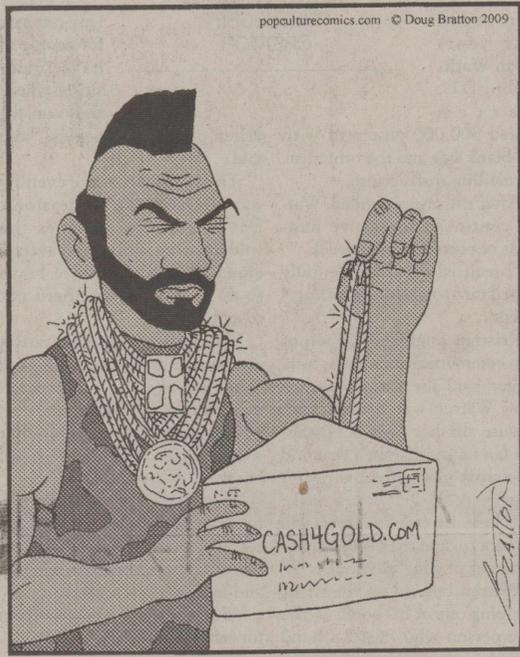
prison time since this may be his first offense, and if he and Rihanna are back together.

There is a good possibility he will plead guilty to a lesser charge and be on his way with a community service, some court ordered anger management sessions and a fine. And sadly, his career is probably not over; this country forgives just about anyone and anything, so if he strings together some hits he can probably make a comeback.

This whole situation is a sad commentary on our society. We forgive and excuse actions we shouldn't by people who should know better. We indulge in a culture that depends on sensationalism and celebrity where there are few, if any, consequences or ramifications for our actions.

I don't think we will learn our lesson anytime soon, and that's the most disappointing part of it all.

*“From the media's role to the public's reaction to Rihanna and Brown themselves, no one should escape blame.”*



Mr. T's Retirement Plan

## Moviegoers get faces rocked by war ad

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I went to see a movie this weekend for the first time in a while, and like everyone who has shown up early to the theater in the last couple months, I got to watch Kid Rock scream for two minutes about how effin' sweet war is.

For those late-comers who always miss the coming attractions, I'm talking about the new National Guard recruitment video featuring Mr. Rock and racer Dale Earnhardt Jr. that's been playing in theaters across the country, wherein they belt out to the cheap seats how pants-crappingly American it is to join the National Guard.

Of course, neither Rock nor Earnhardt have ever actually been in the armed services, but that doesn't keep them from educating the rest of us on how it's done.

You see, being paid absurd amounts of money to drive around in circles and beat your chest over rhyming jingoisms (“Cause

freedom ain't [sic] so free when you breathe red, white and blue!” ... ready to deploy, engage and destroy,”) is, by implication, equivalent to an overseas deployment.

I mean, really, some of those video shoots can be just exhausting. Posing in front of a high-powered fan for six hours, why, that's some hardcore stuff right there.

You better be horking amber waves of grain and shooting bald eagle yolks intravenously if you want the spiritual resilience to get through that.

And racing? Don't even get me started. Only a real patriot could have the mental fortitude it takes to decal his car with advertisements and pee in a flame-retardant onesie. Yeah! “I'm an American Warrior!”

At least, I'd assume making this commercial was equivalent to a National Guard deployment; otherwise, having two wealthy celebrities commanding their demographics to go risk life and limb doing things they would never consider doing themselves might

be interpreted as a tad hypocritical.

But I'm pretty sure it's comparable. According to the commercial, being deployed in Iraq is a pretty sweet gig, nothing but kicking in wooden doors, looking cool and returning errant soccer balls to young street urchins. The only roadside bomb you'll be encountering will be an explosion of multicultural understanding! Sweet! “Citizen Soldier!”

Further kudos are in order for finally having a recruitment commercial with balls — specifically, the balls to patronize the hell out of its target audience.

It's the sort of gutsy move Patton would've been proud of, had he been born several generations later, squandered his genius on huffing gas and worked as a weekend fry cook at Hooters.

Rather than appeal to John and Jane Patriot's practical concerns (like enlistment bonuses, health care benefits, money for college, the like), the National Guard just assumes they don't have any and will do what the “Bawit-

daba” guy tells them to do.

It's a subtle recruitment strategy. By having the Armed Services infer to every man and woman considering enlistment (generally thought to be a noble deed) that they have the critical faculties of a 14-year-old on an all night “Halo” bender, they weed out any of that unwanted “officer material” garbage these ads run the risk of pulling in.

Why appeal to someone's dreams of going to college when you got NASCAR and two barrels of 12-gauge booyah going off in their face?! “Aaaaahhhh Yeaahhhhh!”

All in all, I have to say it's the most successful military ad campaign I've seen in a long time. Even better than the Marine fighting the computer-generated fire monster with a sword. Yup, worth every penny of the \$125 million we spent.

Did those Humvees in Iraq ever get the armor plating they needed? Who knows? On the plus side, I'm pretty sure Kid Rock's tour bus has a PS3 now! “And they call me warrior!”

## Roommate search, not an easy endeavor

By **JENNY HARTZ**  
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The search for a roommate is comparable to finding your soul mate. Either de-

cision should not be made rashly and based only on “Well, she is really nice and we have so much in common.”

During my past four years in college, I've learned the key factors to determining if someone is the right roommate.

Are you on the same page financially? For example, is your roommate an Internet junkie

who downloads every YouTube video in existence, causing you to need the most expensive Internet package?

Also, if your roommate's parents are footing his whole bill, he might not mind leaving the heat at 80 degrees,

but every cent you waste on gas comes from your precious paycheck. Figure out an estimated amount you are willing to pay per month. Any additional services or costs are solely up to the individual who wants them.

Think about schedules. Does one of you love getting up at 6 a.m. and blaring rock music while the other doesn't exist before noon? Will one of you have a pet that needs to be let out during the day but you both have class all afternoon?

Compromise and set boundaries such as “No practicing piano before 10 a.m., no matter how convinced you are that you're the next Mozart.”

Having a similar lifestyle is also important. If one of you wants your crib to be the party pad but the other likes staying in watching Discovery Channel re-runs, then you will have

problems. And consider if your potential roommate has a significant other who will eventually become an unplanned third roommate, while you become a third wheel.

But having a roommate who is your Mini Me, only taller, can be just as annoying. Even though you know you're the greatest person to get along with, living with someone exactly like you will also drive you nuts. Find a roommate who isn't your clone. You'll learn a lot, and it will keep your relationship interesting.

For instance, if you're painfully shy, an outgoing roommate can help you broaden your social horizons and try activities you might normally avoid (such as human interaction).

It's impossible to find a roommate who you will never have problems with. The important thing is to find someone who meets a majority of the above criteria and who is willing to compromise and talk about issues. Communication is what will keep you together. That and a shared love for fried green tomatoes.

## New kind of spring vacation for bad economy

By **ALEX NICHOLS**  
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It's no secret that money is tight these days. Ever since Bernie Madoff stole AIG and Citibank in order to burst the housing bubble, it seems as though nobody has the financial means to do anything fun these days. Just last week, I had to cut collector plates out of my budget entirely.

That is a shame, because the 15th anniversary of the release of “D2: The Mighty Ducks” is coming up, and I won't be able to commemorate it in the manner such a film deserves with a colorful 10-piece set of china dishes.

The point is, in this economy, we can't afford to be happy. And with spring break right around the corner, vacation options are slimmer than ever.

Last year, as the economy started to collapse, TV pundits popularized the term “staycation.” A staycation is kind of like a vacation, except without any of the elements that make a vacation enjoyable. The idea is that you can stay at home or in your hometown and still have “fun” without having to spend too much money.

But that was 2008, and those halcyon days are long gone. Now that we're approaching Thunderdome, even staycations are too costly for the average citizen. You can't play backyard badminton or peruse the local art museum without some industry or another begging you for billions of dollars.

The other day I had to tell some General Motors guys I had given my last billion to a street musician on Mass. I felt bad as they slinked away, but that guy played a mean pan flute and deserved every penny.

Anyway, I have come up with a surrogate answer to that alternative solution. It's called the “imagination,” and it's easy: All you need to do is find a quiet room, close your eyes and let your imagination take you where you want to go. I see imaginations as the wave of the future, a perfect way to do whatever you want without paying any money at all. Until the imaginary economy collapses, too, that is.

I've scouted some of the best imagination destinations and put together this handy imaginatravel guide for you to use this spring break:

- New York City — In many ways, Imaginary New York City is even bet-

ter than the real thing: There are no muggers, and you can avoid public transportation by acquiring the ability to fly.

- The beach — On the imaginary beach, everybody is attractive, including you! Don't be surprised if some hottie asks you to go on a magical dolphin ride. That sort of thing happens all the time there.

- The sun — The beach isn't hot enough for you? Then take a trip to the sun, where it's always 10,000 degrees and sunny. And unlike in reality, you won't instantly perish if you get a few million miles too close, which would definitely put a damper on your holiday.

- Segway tours — Real-life Segway tours are boring and lame, but in your imagination, you can crank that baby up to 6 mph and not be silently mocked by those around you for riding a Segway!

- Imagistaycations — If you don't have a strong enough imagination for a good imagination, you can always try and imagine what it would be like to stay at home. “Whoa, I don't have a desk lamp like that in real life! Crazy!”

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# Report: Social networking booms, e-mail popularity decreases

Although the Internet was originally conceived as an ultimately useful and practical experiment in global networking sans leased lines and monolith-sized mainframes à la "2001: A Space Odyssey," its earliest adopters and pioneers discovered what many people already know today: the Internet needs more lolcats.

**Timothy Poon**



reach.

As sad as it is, this really isn't much of a surprise.

E-mail is an archaic implementation of a far older device better known as snail mail. Although it has its uses when retrieving forgotten passwords, forwarding office jokes and receiving Hanson Fan Club updates, e-mail's usefulness as a primary method of communication has reached its peak and clearly is declining.

Yes, professionals still use e-mail for most of their transactions as evidenced by BlackBerry users worldwide, but such enterprising people do not make up the majority of Internet users.

E-mail in its entirety is wholly replaceable. Communications can be replaced by instant messaging services like Meebo or the message capabilities of just about any social network Web site out there, attachments by file sharing services like drop.io and contact management by address book-

esque services like Plaxo.

In short, online users want instant channels of communication and media sharing that integrate with a larger, overarching service such as Facebook.

The report revealed between December 2007 and December 2008, the time spent on Facebook by Internet users increased a mind-blowing 566 percent.

This was the same year Facebook implemented its chat feature. Note: This is not a coincidence. The report's age breakdown for member community and Facebook growth reveals an even more intriguing insight—the Internet doesn't lose users, it only gains them.

Consider if you're already a fairly frequent Internet user, then you'll likely never stop utilizing it. If you were at all born around the 1990s or onwards, the Internet just seems as natural to you as delicious is to a peach cobbler.

In fact, you'd probably think FiOS was a by product of human evolution. However, new users aren't born at the same rate this Nielsen report indicates. So, where is the growth coming from? Easy: older people.

The 50 years old to 64 years old age group of Facebook users grew by 13.6 million people last year, outpacing the 7.3 million from



the under 18 years old age group. Think about it logically, and it works out and further supports the age trend for overall member community usage by the report.

The trend indicates audience composition for social networks is shifting from the young to the old so much that the 2 years old to 17 years old age group dropped 9 percent, 18 years old to 34 years old dropped 1 percent, 35 years old to 49 years old grew 2 percent, 50 years old to 64 years old grew 4 percent, and 65 years old and older actually topped the charts with 7 percent growth.

The thing to keep in mind is people rarely leave the report's statistics (unless they die). Instead, they simply advance an age category, enforcing the "you can't

quit the Internet" theory.

It's important to make the distinction between the report's "general interest portals and communities," the second most popular online activity at 85.2 percent, and the "member communities" categories.

Member communities are more like social networks, necessarily involving user profiles, some sort of user networking feature (i.e. friends, personalized networks, etc.) and a shared interest that requires the service's existence.

Lesser known but perfectly fine examples would be Catster, Goodreads and Ravelry. General interest portals and communities, however, fall somewhere more along the lines of forums and the

like, such as any of the infamous 4chan (and its spin-offs) and the extremely disturbing Men's Long Hair Hyperboard, better known as the MLHH.

Just as a general heads-up, don't get involved with the MLHH.

Needless to say, social networks are headed to the top of the Internet heap. I doubt it or anything else will ever take down "search" from the number one spot of online activities, but as more and more of these user-centric services pop up, it's not hard to see member communities giving search Web sites a run for their money.

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## FITNESS FRIDAY

### Neglecting to warm up, cool down reduces workout effectiveness

One of the most neglected aspects of a workout is the warm up and cool down.

Warming up is a good control measure for injury prevention, and cooling down helps improve flexibility and safely decreases the heart rate.

When warming up, most people engage in either static or ballistic stretching. Static stretching is the more traditional method and is accomplished by remaining in place and holding stretches for about 10 seconds. It isn't necessary to hold your stretches for much longer than that during the warm up. Be sure to not bounce because you run a risk of injuring your muscles by doing so. Although static stretching loosens you up and decreases your risk of injury, it does little to raise your heart rate and core body temperature.

Ballistic stretching, on the other hand, is accomplished by utilizing light exercises as a way of warming up. Ballistic stretching can come in the form of jumping jacks, push ups, squats or doing modified versions of what you plan to do during your workout by utilizing lighter weights and higher repetitions.

By warming up, your body will be ready for the activity it is about to undergo and will be less susceptible to injury. Increasing blood flow to your muscles will allow them to prepare and adapt to physical activity more readily.

Cooling down is more overlooked than the warm up. When using static stretching during a cool down, hold your stretches for 20 to 30 seconds.

**John Miller**



Since your muscles are warmer during this time, they will stretch further and therefore improve your flexibility, thus increasing your range of motion. Remember to stretch out the day after an intense workout because it will also help remedy sore muscles.

I typically have my clients utilize ballistic stretching during their warm up and use static stretching for their cool down, but either way is fine.

It also is very effective to use both types during the warm up, but be sure to do any static stretching first. It will lower your heart rate because you are standing still. During the cool down, be sure to never place your head below your heart until your heart rate has come back down.

By remembering to warm up and cool down during your time at the gym, you not only will maximize your own effectiveness but also reduce your risk of physical injury. Train smartly and you'll see results faster.

■ Have a fitness related question? John Miller is an ACE certified personal trainer at the rec and graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School. E-mail him at [john.j.miller@ttu.edu](mailto:john.j.miller@ttu.edu)

### Singer Sting selling wine from Tuscany

ROME (AP) — After singing of "Fields of Gold," British rock star Sting is tending fields of grapes as he prepares to market red wine made at his country estate in Tuscany.

Some 30,000 bottles of wine produced on the property will go on sale in September, mainly in Britain and the United States, Paolo Rossi, the estate's manager, said Thursday.

In 1997 the former Police front-man purchased a 16th-century villa, called Il Palagio, in Figline Valdarno, a small village some 19 miles (30 kilometers) south of Florence.

Over the years he has turned the surrounding 860 acres (350 hectares) into an organic farm that also produces honey, olive oil, fruit, vegetables and Tuscan salami.

"When I came here to Figline I

wanted first of all to feed my family," Sting said on Tuesday during an event at the village where the 57-year-old star spoke of the time he spends at Il Palagio.

"I also wanted to use agriculture with practices that would nourish the land and not deplete the land and so we went to traditional methods with farming, we got rid of pesticides, we shunned monoculture, and it works, the farm is also a garden," he said in the remarks broadcast by local television Rtv38.

Rossi did not reveal the name of the upcoming wine. He said it will be a 2007 vintage based on the Sangiovese grape, with a touch of Cabernet and Merlot.

A 2008 Chianti could also go on sale in the fall, but tests on the wine's aging must be conducted before a decision is made, Rossi told The Associated Press by telephone.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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# SPORTS

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## NFL scouts flock to Tech for Pro Day

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

It seemed like Texas Tech's Pro Day on Thursday was the place to be if a scout was looking for another option for his team to consider on Draft Day.

So if former Tech players and NFL hopefuls believed they were not being exposed enough to scouts, they had their chance in front of representatives from 22 NFL teams.

Marcus Bunton, Stephen Hamby, Anthony Hines, Eric Morris, L.A. Reed, Rylan Reed, Louis Vasquez, Brandon Williams, Jake Ratliff, Graham Harrell, Shannon Woods and Darcel McBath showed their faces at Pro Day for a chance to workout for scouts. Most of the drills took place in the Athletic Training Center because of weather conditions.

Harrell, McBath, Vasquez and Williams were four of the five Red Raiders previously invited to the NFL Combine, which was Feb. 18-24.

So for those four, Pro Day was a chance to improve what they did at the Combine or make up a drill they put off.

"Everybody came out here, we competed," McBath said. "I think everybody brought their 'A' game today. I was proud of the guys and think I did pretty well myself."

In Vasquez's case, the 40-yard dash he sat out during the Combine was postponed until Thursday's Pro Day. He said he wanted to be at full strength when he did those particular drills.

Vasquez already boasted the most reps in the bench press at the Combine with 39.

He said if he at least ran under a 5.3 in the 40-yard dash, he would be a little more satisfied with everything he's done up to this point. With results not being released and times being unofficial, Vasquez said he was unsure of what he ran in the 40-yard dash, but he is confident the time was what he wanted it to be. Vasquez also participated in the vertical and broad jumps, hitting 30.5 inches and 8 feet, 7 inches in each event, respectively.

Vasquez and Hamby had their most personal time with the scouts in position drills.

These drills included checking technique and posture, snapping the ball and a drill that tested Vasquez and Hamby's reaction speed. One scout used a soccer ball, rolling it to the left and

right while Hamby or Vasquez had to shuffle in a straight line to catch the ball and roll it back to the scout.

It probably was the busiest drill of the day for the offensive linemen.

"Honestly, they wanna see your breaking point," Vasquez said. "So they try to get you as tired as they can, just to see how mentally tough you are."

This is not the last chance Vasquez has to impress scouts, as he said he has a private workout with the Miami Dolphins — who had a representative in attendance — on March 18. He also said he will fly up to Philadelphia on April 6, but he is unsure if will be for another private workout.

Players also participated in the bench press, where Rylan Reed outdid Vasquez's number of reps. He bench pressed 225 pounds 44 times.

However, Rylan Reed did not get a chance to participate in other drills, as he injured his left knee in the 40-yard dash. He was later carried out on a stretcher and taken by ambulance to Covenant Medical Center.

Harrell had a chance to throw in front of scouts, but this time he had a familiar target in Morris.

Harrell threw a wide range of passes while Morris ran slants, posts and hitches to name a few. Scouts also saw Harrell's footwork, as he was designated to move left, right and back before he threw the ball.

Harrell did not participate in the shuttle drills or the vertical and broad jump at Pro Day.

McBath did not do the vertical jump as well, considering he already hit 38.5 inches at the Combine — good for third-best among safeties.

With a 4.57 in the 40-yard dash at the Combine, McBath said he too wanted to see if he could post a better time, but he is unsure of his results. However, he said he feels comfortable with his performance.

Hines, McBath, L.A. Reed and Bunton had an unlikely face join them in the defensive back drills.

Williams, who is listed as a defensive end, was asked to join the cornerbacks and safeties to do backpedaling drills, among other things. It was a chance for Williams to showcase more of his athletic ability, such as making catches in the open field.

"B. Will is an athlete," McBath said. "He could play any posi-



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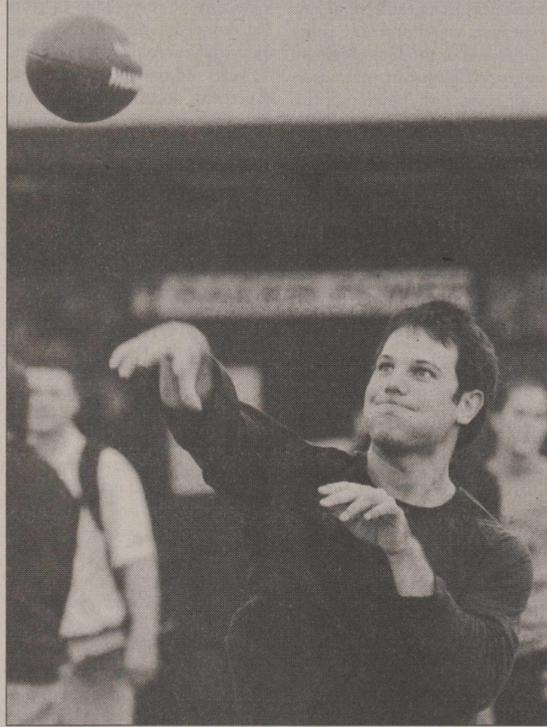


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(ABOVE) NFL SCOUTS time former wide receiver Eric Morris in the L-drill during Texas Tech's Pro Day Thursday in the Athletic Training Center.  
(BELOW) GRAHAM HARRELL throws a pass at the Texas Tech Pro Day Thursday in the ATC.

tion on the field. He could play quarterback if he wanted to. That dude's a freak. But he looked just as good as us. I hate to say it, but he did and he did well and he looked sharp today."

Current Tech cornerback Jamar Wall was on hand to watch his former teammates in the secondary participate in the drill. At one point, he even helped hand balls off to the Cleveland Browns scout who conducted the position drill.

Wall said reconnecting with his former teammates gave him a

little insight to what the Combine is like, and if everything falls into place, the junior believes he'll be working out for scouts next year.

"Everybody was busting their tail," he said. "It's something we've always done anyway. Wanted to get over there and see what they were doing in the first place. They were working. It was only a few of them, and they go at a high-tempo pace. They were a little winded, but no one complained or said nothing."  
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## Reed injures knee in 40-yard dash

By ALEX YBARRA  
MANAGING EDITOR

After putting on a show in the weight room, former Texas Tech tackle Rylan Reed was proving during Tech's Pro Day on Thursday why he should have been invited to the 2009 NFL Combine, but an unfortunate injury cut his day short.

He suffered what looked like a dislocated left kneecap while running the 40-yard dash.

Just as Reed was finishing his run, he tripped and fell, jamming his left knee into the turf. He then rolled over, clutched his knee in pain, and stayed on the ground for almost an hour before he was taken to Covenant Medical Center.

With most of his former teammates and coaches watching the drills — as well as representatives from 22 NFL teams — it was a difficult turn of events considering the amount of adversity Reed has fought throughout his life. His rough past includes a battle with cancer — which he won five years ago — the death of his father and a right broken ankle suffered in the 2008 Gator Bowl.

"It's messed up," former Tech safety Darcel McBath said. "I know that guy pretty well. The work that he puts in, he doesn't deserve that at all, it hurts me. I couldn't even look man because I probably would have cried."

"I mean I love that guy that much, and I know how hard he works and he wants this, so to see that happen — it kind of puts a damper on this whole day."

The injury came moments after Reed — who was not invited to the NFL Combine in February despite being named a Walter Camp All-American and to several Big 12 Conference first teams — bench pressed 225 pounds 44 times. The showcase of strength was no surprise considering Reed set a Tech record by benching 625 pounds in July 2008.

His 44 reps gives Tech two of the strongest linemen in the country after former guard Louis Vasquez led all linemen with 39 reps during the 2009 NFL Combine.

"The kid has tough luck," said former Tech receiver Eric Morris, who also participated in Pro Day. "My thoughts and prayers go out to him. He's overcome so much adversity already in life, so don't count him out now."  
At about 6 p.m. Thursday, Reed



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FORMER RED RAIDER lineman Rylan Reed participates in the vertical leap at the Texas Tech Pro Day, Thursday in the ATC. Reed later dislocated his knee in the 40-yard dash.

said he was about to be discharged from the emergency room and remained uncertain of whether he tore any tendons or muscles during the injury.

"I'm not for sure yet, we'll have to talk to the doctors, see what they say," said Reed, who also measured a 26.5-inch vertical jump and an 8-foot, 9-inch long jump.

Although Reed's injury overshadowed Pro Day, there were several other former players who were not invited to the NFL Combine that took the opportunity to impress scouts: Morris, Hamby, defensive end Jake Ratliff, cornerbacks Marcus Bunton and L.A. Reed, safety Anthony Hines and running back Shannon Woods.

In the 40-yard dash, Morris ran a 4.5, Bunton ran a 4.5, Hines ran a 4.7, Ratliff ran a 4.7, and L.A. Reed ran a 4.5. All times were recorded unofficially.

Morris, who performed every drill and ran routes for Harrell, said scouts told him they liked his quickness in and out of cuts and hoped he would get a chance to play at the next level despite his small stature.

But even with everything going on, Reed's injury was hard to ignore.

"That's a heartbreak thing, that's a big deal to me," said Hamby, who had plans to visit Reed at the hospital after his workout. "I mean, I've been best friends with that guy for three years now. That was a heartbreak, but I'm sure he'll come back and be better than ever."  
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| :30                     | Fine Art           | Days of Our Lives  | Beautiful           | Roseanne                | Fam. Court          | One Life to Live          | People's Court          | 1 PM                    | Okie House                | Paid Prog.          | College Baseball "Big Ten Semifinal #1" (Live) | Paid Prog.              | The Dead Zone       | Paid Prog.            | 1 PM                | Religion                | NHL Hockey "Teams TBA"   | College Baseball "SEC Championship" (Live)     | My Lubbock              | Keeping a family together. | Reckless Behavior" (17) Beach top. | Paid Prog.          | Goal! The Dream Begins" (16) |            |
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# SEMIFINALS

# GAME ONE

## TONIGHT 6:00PM




# Tech track returns to Texas A&M for shot at NCAA Championship

By ADAM WADSWORTH  
STAFF WRITER

The best way to head into the 2009 outdoor track season is with a national championship in the indoor season. That objective begins today.

The Texas Tech track team travels to College Station this weekend for the third time this season, but this time it is for a national title.

Tech is sending 10 athletes who will compete in 10 events at nationals.

Led by eight-time national champion Sally Kipyego, the Lady Raiders send four to Texas A&M and have a shot to finish in the top five.

"I've said it all year long, this group has been focused on being a trophy team, and that means we have to be top four as a team," Tech coach Wes Kittley said. "We really want to do that. I'm going to be disappointed if we don't because that's been our goal all year, and I think we can do that."

Kittley said he believed both Kipyego and thrower Patience Knight have a good chance to be national champions in their respective events.

Of the three events she qualified in, Kipyego will compete in the 5,000-meter and the mile races.

She needs one more champi-

onship to tie Wisconsin standout Suzy Favor's record at nine. Winning both events would give the record to Kipyego outright.

The NCAA Championships also serve as Kipyego's last event as a Tech athlete because her eligibility is up after this indoor season.

Knight, a two-time All-American, is one of the three other athletes joining Kipyego this weekend.

After the conference championships two weeks ago, she is a two-time Big 12 Conference indoor shot put champion.

Although she does not have an NCAA championship, she holds the third-farthest throw this year and has a vote of confidence from Kipyego.

"I was just talking to Patience about it yesterday and I told her, 'I think you're going to win this,'" Kipyego said. "You know, she's had a great season, and just to be able to have such a group is huge."

The other Lady Raiders attending are Lillian Badaru in the 5,000-meter and Ozie Okolie in the weight throw.

Kittley said one of the major influences behind the team's improved performance is contribution from athletes other than Kipyego.

He said she had scored points for the team before, but always was a "lone wolf" until this year.

If Knight places in the top three and the team earns a few points from Badaru and Okolie, Kittley said it has a good chance of placing in the top five.

The men's team sends a total of six athletes to nationals.

Highlighted by sophomore standout Gil Roberts, the Red Raiders are hoping to beat their highest finish at nationals from 2005, where they placed 26th.

Roberts, who holds the second-fastest 400-meter time this season, is competing in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400-meter relay.

He has a chance to be the first Tech male to finish higher than third in the 400.

The Tech 4x400-meter relay team — consisting of Roberts, Markus Henderson, Rodney Mims and Brandon Washington this year — will compete in its fifth-straight national championship with hopes of becoming the school's third All-American team in five years.

Tech junior Omoghan Osaghae is making his first appearance at nationals in the 60-meter hurdles with the third-fastest time in the country, which Kittley said should put him in contention for first.

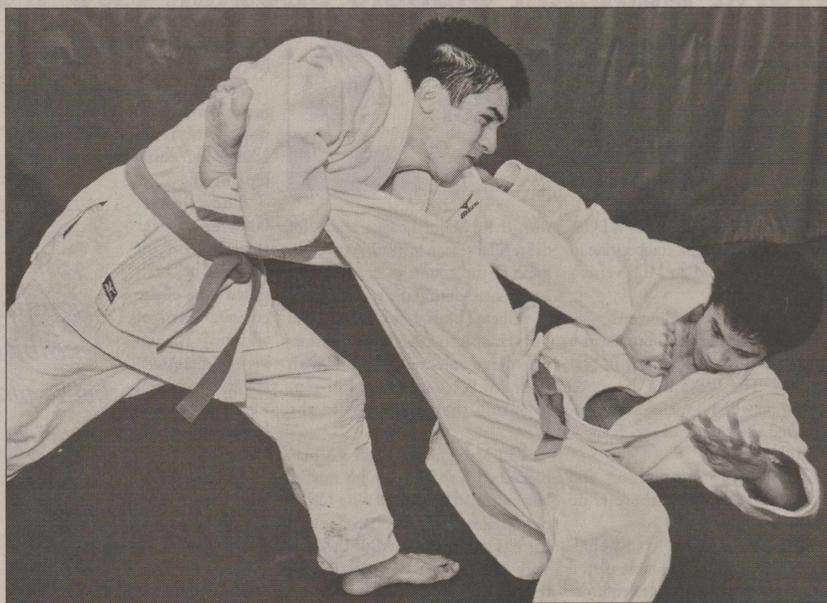
Tech All-American triple jumper Anthony Flemons is competing in both the triple and the long jump this weekend.

"We're taking a very, very quality group in everybody that's going," Kittley said. "So we've just got to get in there and fight hard for every point we can get."

The NCAA Championships begin at 10 a.m. today and close with the awards ceremony at 7:50 p.m. Saturday.

Live results can be found at [www.aggieathletics.com](http://www.aggieathletics.com).  
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## JUDO CHOP



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JOSHUA HEEBNER, A freshman electrical engineering major from The Woodlands, and Paul Gonzales, a freshman music education major from The Woodlands, practice throws at a Texas Tech Judo Club Wednesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

## L.A. Sparks sign WNBA veteran Tina Thompson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tina Thompson was a player without a team. Now, the WNBA veteran is coming home to join the Los Angeles Sparks, and wearing No. 32 in honor of Magic Johnson.

Her signing was announced Thursday, 3½ months after Thompson's former team, the Houston Comets, were disbanded.

"It's a pleasure to be home again," she said after being greeted by applause at a news conference. "I've been away quite a while now. The feelings are a little overwhelming. I never expected to be in this position."

She starred at Morningside High in nearby Inglewood before going on to Southern California, where she and new teammate Lisa Leslie played together. Thompson is the WNBA's second-leading career scorer behind Leslie.

Thompson, who was the league's No. 1 overall draft pick in its inaugural season of 1997, averaged 18.1 points and 6.9 rebounds for the Comets last season.

She was expecting to finish her career in Houston. Instead, the franchise shut down in December when new owners couldn't be found.

"It was a complete shock," Thompson said. "It was definitely disappointing because the history in Houston was so rich."

The 34-year-old forward led the Comets to four league championships, while averaging 16.3 points and 6.7 rebounds during her 12-year pro career.

"I was very close to retiring. I wanted to end everything there," she said.

Thompson said she had discussions with San Antonio, Connecticut and Washington before signing a multiyear

deal with the Sparks. Financial terms were not disclosed.

"I will take it as it goes and re-evaluate at the end of the year," she said, patting her 3-year-old son Dylan, whose head rested in his mom's lap.

Family played a big part in Thompson's decision to come home. Her mother, who lived in Houston during the season, lives in Los Angeles, as does her 89-year-old grandmother, who attends Thompson's games.

"My basketball ties are very strong here," she said. "There's nothing like being at home."

Leslie figured in Thompson's decision, too.

"Lisa kind of cornered me at All-Star weekend in Phoenix," she said. "I had to decide whether I wanted to play again. I was so burned out and I had played so much basketball and I was tired."

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## World Baseball Classic shouldn't be worth our time

The World Baseball Classic finally has given baseball fans an opportunity to talk about something other than steroids. In an effort to give fans meaningful and intense baseball to watch in March, the WBC has provided fans with plenty of on-field excitement.

Fans of the event say the WBC is an example of baseball competition in its purest form and an MLB version of the Olympics.

You have to be kidding me. I have enjoyed the tournament a lot, but you have to keep it in perspective. The WBC is a decorated exhibition with no tradition or prestige, and the timing of the event is questionable.

The games mean nothing, and unlike the Olympics, there is no historical significance.

The Olympics are traditional, prestigious and, for the most part, a representation of the best talent from each country competing. The WBC is none of the above.

As soon as the WBC ends, it is time for the MLB regular season to begin. For this reason, some of the best players from each country do not even compete and elect to prepare

### Landry Locker



to bring nationalism to the sport of baseball.

Alex Rodriguez was on the United States team in the 2006 WBC and was on the Dominican Republic's 2009 WBC roster prior to having hip surgery.

The Netherlands upset over the Dominican Republic has been called "one of the greatest upsets of all time." The upset was impressive, but in my opinion a great upset has to have more significance.

If the event were significant, then Albert Pujols would have been in the Dominican lineup instead of shagging ground balls with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The WBC attempts to duplicate the excitement, relevance and glory of the Olympic Games and it fails miserably.

Is it entertaining? Sure. But is it significant? Not really.

If you want to see a baseball tour-

name that is everything that the WBC wants to be watch the Little League World Series in August.

Every year there are dozens of kids left on the field crying during the LLWS. Do you think Jose Reyes lost any sleep after the Dominican

Republic lost to the Netherlands? I doubt it. In an effort to give fans meaningful baseball in March, the WBC has provided fans with meaningless and overhyped exhibition games that take a backseat to the MLB regular season and cannot hold a candle to the Olympics.

The WBC can be entertaining, but at the end of the day, it is about as significant as the exhibition games being played during spring training.

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## Baylor tops No. 11 Kansas 71-64

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Coach Scott Drew says everyone on Baylor can hear when LaceDarius Dunn is open. No. 11 Kansas does, too.

The Jayhawks just couldn't do enough to stop him.

Dunn hit six 3-pointers and scored 24 points, leading a late surge as Baylor rallied after blowing a 17-point lead to stun No. 11 Kansas 71-64 in the Big 12 tournament quarterfinals on Thursday.

"We kept telling ourselves we can't get down and just can't give up," said

Dunn, who is constantly calling for the ball when he's not defended. "We just kept fighting, and it turned out great for us."

It was the first time in the tournament's 13-year history that Kansas lost its opening game, and the first time that a No. 9 seed had taken down the top seed.

"It's disappointing," Tyshawn Taylor said. "We worked real hard to get here, and we let this one slip away from us."

The three-time defending champions made up the deficit quickly and led by five before Dunn fueled a decisive 12-0 run for the Bears (19-13).

## Texas, Pittman overpower Kansas St.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Texas center Dexter Pittman dominated inside for a second straight game and now the way appears clear for the Longhorns to return to the Big 12 Conference tournament final for a fourth straight year.

The 6-foot-10, 298-pound junior finished with 19 points and a career-high 20 rebounds as Texas beat Kansas State 61-58 on Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Big

12 Conference tournament.

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