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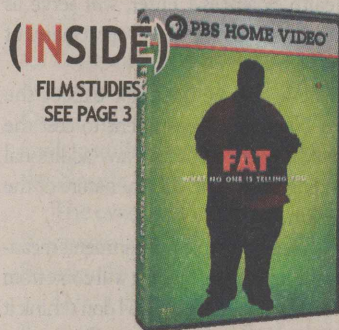
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## STATE

### Texas Senate votes to OK sobriety checkpoints

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate has approved legislation allowing police to set up sobriety checkpoints.

The Senate voted 20-11 Monday to approve the bill, which requires police to consider the number of drunken driving arrests and accidents in an area the previous year.

The roadblocks, limited to large counties and cities, would also have to be chosen without regard to the ethnic or economic makeup of an area. Texas is one of only 11 states that don't allow sobriety checkpoints, officials say.

## NATION

### GM CEO Wagoner forced out as part of gov't plan

DETROIT (AP) — Time and time again, General Motors Corp.'s board of directors reaffirmed its support for Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner, even as the company piled up billions of dollars in losses and begged for government loans to stay alive.

But Wagoner is now a high-profile casualty of government intervention, forced out as part of the Obama administration's sweeping last-ditch effort to save the century-old auto giant.

Wagoner, 56, who spent 32 years with GM working all over the world, stepped down effective immediately, the company said in a statement early Monday. He was replaced as CEO by Fritz Henderson, the company's vice chairman and chief operating officer.

## WORLD

### NKorea says 2 US journalists will stand trial

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's state-run news agency says two American reporters detained earlier this month will be tried for illegal entry and hostile acts.

The Korean Central News Agency said in a report early Tuesday that an initial investigation confirms the two entered the country illegally.

The report says an investigation continues and that preparations for indictments and trial are under way.

## 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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## Twitter Tech

### Popularity of Tech's Twitter account grows as more users join social-networking Web site

By Carrie Thornton, Staff Writer

Texas Tech updates are just a tweet away and growing more popular every day.

What is a tweet? It is a feature of the social-networking Web site Twitter that allows users to instantly contact their followers with a short message.

Tech's Twitter account, which was created in November, notifies students and other followers of university news, events and other information.

"We post all of the university news that we produce as well as stories from academics and our beloved traditions like the Double T and the stadium project that's going on or construction, like when Memorial Circle was being torn up," said Lisa Low, senior editor for Web communications and emerging media at Tech. "It's a way to stay connected."

Tech's account had 270 followers in February, Low said, but it has since grown to about 1,000 followers.

Low and her colleagues made the decision to create a Tech Twitter account because Tech's Office of Communications and Marketing strives to have

a presence wherever people already are networking, she said. When the account was created, Twitter had recently increased in popularity and the staff felt the university "needed to be a part of the phenomena."

Twitter is another social mechanism, she said, and students who are not interested in Twitter can still access information through Facebook, MySpace or the Tech Web site.

However, Low said Twitter offers a different type of social-networking experience.

"The platform is a little different," she said. "Twitter is what they call a micro-blog, a smaller type of blog, because it allows 140 characters (per post) and that's it. It's just a fast and easy way for people to blog and let people know what they are doing and ask what they are doing."

Professionally, the benefits of using Twitter are great, she said. Users can quickly connect with people with similar interests.

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## Second snowstorm in past week hits northern states

By DALE WETZEL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The second major snowstorm to hit the northern Plains in a week dropped more than a foot of snow Monday, closing hundreds of miles of highway and shutting government offices and schools. Three deaths were blamed on the storm.

High wind expected from the storm was the biggest worry for flood-weary Fargo on the eastern edge of North Dakota.

The National Weather Service posted blizzard warnings across sections of the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana, and said more than 15 inches of snow had fallen by Monday morning in the Bismarck area.

"It's wrapping around. We'll get a lot more," weather service meteorologist Len Peterson said in

Bismarck. "It's not moving very fast in any direction."

Bismarck closed nonessential city offices Monday, and schools were closed there and in nearby Mandan.

Interstate 94 was closed for about 140 miles from Bismarck west to Dickinson on Sunday night, but reopened late Monday afternoon. South Dakota shut down about 130 miles of I-90 from Wall to the Wyoming state line, and parts of the highway also were blocked in Wyoming, highway officials said.

Several stranded truckers took refuge at the Seven Seas motel in Mandan, across the river from Bismarck.

"We're getting quite a bit of traffic. They're not leaving. They're eating in the restaurant," said motel manager Karen Summers.

The area has reported more nearly 100 inches of snow so far this winter, as well as flooding caused by ice jams on the Missouri River.

"This winter's been tough," Summers said.

In Sheridan in northern Wyoming, wind gusted to 50 mph, creating snowdrifts up to 6 feet. To the southeast, trucker Allen Harrell was stranded in Gillette.

"It's a wet, icy snow, and it's just sticking to everything," he said.

The storm was blamed for an 18-vehicle pileup Monday in Colorado on eastbound I-76 about 30 miles northeast of Denver, and for a pileup that temporarily closed a section of westbound I-70 about 40 miles east of Denver.

The Colorado State Patrol blamed the weather for at least three traffic deaths in the Denver area. Authorities identified one fatality — Mary Suiter, 58, of Longmont, who died when her car crossed the center line and hit an oncoming pickup truck northeast of Denver.

## US soldier gets 35 years in deaths of 4 Iraqis

By GEORGE FREY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILSECK, Germany (AP) — A U.S. soldier convicted of murder in the execution-style slayings of four blindfolded Iraqis apologized for shooting one of them in the back of the head, but said he acted out of concern for his fellow troops.

"Nothing is harder than losing a soldier," Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mayo said in closing arguments after he was found guilty of murder. "Or calling a mother or a wife and telling them that you tried, but wondering if you did enough

I apologize to the military for what I've done. I apologize to the soldiers; I never wanted them to have to go through this."

Mayo told the court — just lawyers and a judge, with no jury — that he shot one of the Iraqis with a 9mm pistol. A judge-only decision is possible in military courts.

Mayo of Fort Bragg, N.C., pleaded guilty to premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder in the proceeding at the U.S. Army's Rose Barracks in southeast Germany.

He pleaded not guilty to obstruction of justice in the incident, which happened while he was deployed

in Baghdad. Military prosecutors later dropped that charge.

The 27-year-old was sentenced to 35 years in prison with the possibility of parole and will be incarcerated at the military prison in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He will be dishonorably discharged, have his rank reduced to private and forfeit his pay, though not immediately.

His lawyer, Michael Waddington, said Mayo would testify against another soldier involved in the incident and could be eligible for parole in about 10 years. Mayo has been in the Army for nearly a decade.

## Obama puts Chrysler, GM on short government leash

By DAVID ESPO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry Monday, bluntly rejecting turnaround plans by General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, demanding fresh concessions for long-term federal aid and raising the possibility of quick bankruptcy for either ailing auto giant.

Obama took the extraordinary step of announcing the government will back new car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler, an attempt to reassure consumers their U.S.-made purchases will be protected even if the companies don't survive.

"I am absolutely committed to working with Congress and the auto companies to meet one goal: The United States of America will lead the world in building the next generation of clean cars," Obama said in his first extended remarks on the industry since taking office nearly 10 weeks ago. And yet, he added, "our auto industry is not moving in the right direction fast enough to succeed."

Obama, flanked by several administration officials at the White House, announced a short-term infusion of cash for the firms, and said it could be the last for one or both.

Chrysler, judged by the administration as too small to survive, got 30 days' worth of funds to complete

a partnership with Fiat SpA, the Italian manufacturer, or some other automaker.

GM got assurances of 60 days' worth of federal financing to try and revise its turnaround plan under new management with heavy government participation. That would involve concessions from its union workers and bondholders. The administration engineered the ouster of longtime CEO Rick Wagoner over the weekend, an indication of its deep involvement in an industry that once stood as a symbol of American capitalism.

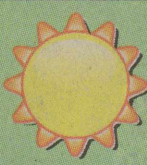
Obama's announcement underscored the extent to which automakers have been added to the list of large corporations now operating under a level of government control that seemed unthinkable less than a year ago. Since last fall, the Bush and Obama administrations, often acting in

*Our auto industry is not moving in the right direction fast enough to succeed.*

BARACK OBAMA  
US PRESIDENT

concert with the Federal Reserve, have engineered the takeover of housing titans Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, seized a large stake in several banks and installed a new CEO at bailed-out insurance giant American International Group.

The latest addition to the list, the once-proud auto industry, has struggled with foreign competition for more than a generation, then was further battered by the recession and credit crisis gripping the economy. Obama said 400,000 industry jobs have been lost in the past year alone, many in Michigan.



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## West Texas leaders to lobby in Austin

Community leaders from West Texas will visit the state capital today for the 2nd annual West Texas Day to lobby for issues important to the region.

Eddie McBride, president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said West Texas Day is an important opportunity for mayors, chamber leadership, higher education representatives and key employers from Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene, Midland, Odessa and San Angelo to meet state senators and representatives.

"We combine together to go to Austin, with group of both elected officials and business leaders, as representatives to discuss items of interest to West Texas with our West Texas legislation delegation," McBride said.

The West Texas legislative delegation will meet with the group to discuss issues including water, transportation, public education, higher education, health care and small business concerns, according to a news release from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

McBride said Lubbock leaders want to discuss the issues of water, transportation and public education funding reform and tier-one and research institution status for Texas Tech.

"It is important that we share a collective voice both for our communities as well as the business community," he said.

The group will be recognized on both the House and Senate floors, according to the news release.

Six of Lubbock's community leaders will be in attendance, including Mayor Tom Martin, Kenny McKay, director

of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, and Michael Reeves, president of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition.

Members visiting from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce include Norma Ritz Johnson, vice president of legislative affairs, Randy Jordan, chairman, and McBride.

The Texas Legislation also has hosted Lubbock Day, on Jan. 27, and Tech Day, on Feb. 16, during this legislative session.

The Tech Student Government Association was among the people and groups to visit Austin to lobby for Tech in February, discussing higher education as well as meeting with senators and representatives.

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## De Toledo named chairman for new Department of Neurology

By KENDYL SEBESTA  
STAFF WRITER

The new chairman of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Department of Neurology, Dr. John De Toledo, will begin work this week.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the Tech School of Medicine, said De Toledo was selected by a national search committee for his expertise and commitment to the department's missions and arrived at the Health Sciences Center Monday.

"The search committee selected Dr. De Toledo as their first choice," Berk said. "He has great interpersonal skills and will help develop the missions of the neurology department in terms of patient care, education and research."

He said De Toledo also will work to deliver applications for a neurology residency program and has shown particular interest in creating a stroke unit as chairman of the new department.

"The neurology department has three missions," he said, "patient and neurological care, education and building the research program with focus on epilepsy, Alzheimer's and stroke. Dr. De Toledo will help develop these areas as the new chairman and is in the process of adding two or three additional neurological experts to the department."

Bryce McGregor, assistant dean for administration at the Tech School of Medicine, said De Toledo was one of several recommendations made by the search committee, with a final decision being made by Berk in January 2009.

"From what I understand, Dr. De Toledo has already started the recruiting process for the additional neurological candidates also," McGregor said. "He was looking at one candidate in March and another in early to mid April."

McGregor said De Toledo's residency program proposals will then be submitted to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, where they will be reviewed for approval.

"The intent of the residency program will be to work with the entire community in order to offer the best neurological services to the community and medical program opportunities for the residents," he said.

Berk said the Health Sciences Center originally offered a combined Neurology and Psychiatry Department that was divided into individual departments six months ago in order to accommodate the department's growth. However, when the departments split, an extra chair position was open.

"Both departments became so com-



De Toledo

plex from a teaching and research standpoint that we had to divide them over time," he said. "Now we can hopefully develop an acute stroke unit at both the University Medical Center and Covenant Hospital and look further into epilepsy and Alzheimer research."

According to the Health Sciences Center Web site, Dr. Terry McMahon, a clinician and faculty member at the Health Sciences Center, will serve as the chairman for the Department of Psychiatry.

Berk said he does not expect the new Neurology Department to cost the Health Sciences Center any additional funding due to the clinical nature of the department.

"These are clinical departments meaning the majority of funding will come from clinical work," he said. "So I don't think it will cost the Health Sciences Center that much more because it will be funded by clinical revenue and grants."

De Toledo attended Sao Paulo Medical School in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1980.

According to the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Web site, De Toledo worked as a director of neurophysiology and epilepsy in the university's neurology department.

Wake Forest University is a private liberal arts college located in Winston-Salem, N.C., according to the university's Web site, with a total university enrollment of 6,862 students.

De Toledo was not immediately available for comment.

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## Warships set sail ahead of NKorean launch

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Japanese, South Korean and U.S. missile-destroying ships set sail to monitor North Korea's imminent rocket launch, as Pyongyang stoked tensions Monday by detaining a South Korean worker for allegedly denouncing the North's political system.

North Korea says it will send

a communications satellite into orbit between April 4 and 8. The U.S., South Korea and Japan suspect the regime is using the launch to test long-range missile technology, and warn it would face U.N. sanctions under a Security Council resolution banning the country from any ballistic activity.

North Korea has threatened to quit international talks on its nuclear disarmament if punished with sanctions. The communist regime's main newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, reiterated that warning Sunday, saying the talks will "completely collapse" if taken to the Security Council.



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SUMMER I

**The Blockbuster: Hollywood, Globalization and the Film Audience** studies the film industry and how Hollywood works by watching classic movies and discussing the business, effects and culture of making movies. Undergraduate and graduate\*, EMC 4301/EMC 6315, M-F, 10-11:50 a.m.

**Methods for Analyzing Visual Media** is an advanced research methods course that will cover topics related to content analysis of visual media products such as news and entertainment. Graduate, MCOM 6364, M-F, 12-1:50 p.m.

### SUMMER II

**Sex and Violence in the Media** explores how sex and violence are used in a variety of media, how standards of what is acceptable differ between audiences and cultures, and the effects sexual and violent media content have on people. Undergraduate and graduate\*, ADV 4301/ADV 6315, M-F, 12-1:50 p.m. (No prerequisites. This course is open to all students.)

**The Facebook and Social Media Phenomenon** investigates social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs and other new technologies and explores issues related to privacy, viral marketing, digital rights management and other topics. Undergraduate and graduate\*, EMC 4301/EMC 6315, M-F, 2-3:50 p.m.

**Sports and the Media** looks at society through the world of sports, their impact on each other and their growing interdependence upon each other. Undergraduate, JOUR 4301, M-F, 10-11:50 a.m.

**Data Logistics in Persuasion Research** is an advanced course on collection, management, and analyses of quantitative data garnered through academic and pragmatic public relations and marketing research. Graduate, PR 6315, M-F, 10-11:50 a.m.

### FALL

**Advertising and Society** examines how advertisers try to influence you, new tactics like viral advertising and ads in video games, and some of the effects that advertising has on individuals and society. Undergraduate, ADV 3320, MW, 4-5:30 p.m.

**International Electronic Media** focuses on global media issues including consolidation, information flows and other topics that will prepare students to work and understand the field of international media. Undergraduate, EMC 3358, MWF, 12-12:50 p.m.

**Cinema, Story and Culture: Film as Social Documents** investigates how film, just like other media (print, broadcast news, internet, etc.) helps us understand social events and problems, deals in a variety of "isms" (race, nationality, sex, etc.) and creates a story structure where "good" and "bad" sides are displayed and reinforced. Undergraduate, EMC 4301, M, 6-8:50 p.m.

**Internet and Emerging Media Advertising** will help you understand why advertising is quickly switching from ABC and the Dallas Morning News to Facebook, Twitter, and Google. Undergraduate, ADV 3340, TR, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

**Public Relations Strategies** introduces students to the strategy and tactics used by public relations professionals in areas of public relations specialization such as crisis public relations and international public relations, and in the primary public relations functions of media relations, employee relations, member relations, community relations, government relations, investor relations, and consumer relations. Undergraduate, PR 3311, TR, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

**Women and the Media** reviews women as consumers of and contributors to all forms of media (books, movies, TV, songs, etc.) Undergraduate, JOUR 4301, MW, 4-5:20 p.m.

**Video Game Studies** covers topics related to the theory and culture of video games including the history, development, and effects of video games on social, political and economic systems. Graduate, EMC 6315, W, 6-8:50 p.m.

See your advisor today to join in!

\*Additional assignments will be required of graduate students.

## Katrina loans could be forgiven

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal government is proposing to forgive disaster loans made to coastal communities that have faced budget problems in the years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Rules proposed Monday would let local governments avoid repaying some or all of their loans if their revenues for three fiscal years since the disasters haven't met operating costs. Debt forgiveness would not be automatic, meaning communities would have to apply for the relief and meet established criteria.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency made available nearly \$1.3 billion in loans to communities in Louisiana and Mississippi after the 2005 hurricanes devastated the region — about \$1 billion more than it says it had released in community disaster loans for nearly all of the 30 years prior to the two major storms.

As of March 16, \$831 million in loan funds had been drawn down. FEMA had no estimate on how much of the loaned money may be

forgiven.

In 2007, Congress authorized the agency to forgive the loans under certain conditions. But the rules proposed on Monday were the first specific steps moving that process forward.

"With this effort, we are closer to helping our Gulf Coast communities rebuild, recover and get back on their feet," U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said in a statement.

The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA, said public comments will be taken before the rule is finalized. The storms also Alabama and Texas, but no communities there were deemed eligible for the loans.

After President Barack Obama took office in January, his administration pledged to re-examine recovery efforts. Authorities announced the creation of state-federal teams aimed to address funding disputes and new steps to speed rebuilding of New Orleans and other storm-damaged areas of the state.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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## Women's Studies Program to present final film in series about body image

By GARRETT SALZMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Women's Studies Program will host a showing and discussion of the film "Fat: What No One is Telling You" as the semester's final installment of the "Threading the Needle Film Series."

The event will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Human Sciences Building Room 169.

Tricia Earl, Women's Studies Program coordinator and art and women's studies professor, said the film was chosen for its universal value to students, regardless of viewers' gender or personal health.

"These issues of body image are not gender specific," she said. "Whether you're an outsider looking in or an insider looking out, a man or a woman, you can identify with these people."

Earl said the film presents both a

personal and scientific look into the issues obesity creates.

"It's what you might see on a reality TV show, but without the glitz and glamour," she said. "It follows these people in an intimate way, but it also delves into how we psychologically deal with hunger in this country, how do we respond to food, and our economic realities."

According to the PBS Web site, the documentary "explores the myriad psychological, physiological and environmental factors that can make it so tough to shed pounds and keep them off."

Shannon Owens-Malett, a dieti-

cian with Tech Student Counseling Services, will be leading a discussion following the showing. She said she believed college students have a particularly difficult time staying healthy.

"The convenience of grabbing food on the go at college makes eating healthy difficult," Owens-Malett said. "Students can get a little overwhelmed with studies and extracurricular activities as well. It can be a difficult situation."

Earl said the audience discussion following the previous films has focused on what students can

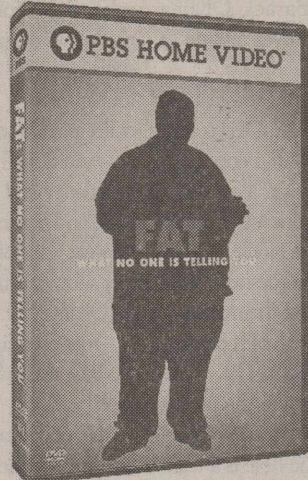
do and when to help a friend struggling with eating disorders. She said she believed the documentary format is helpful in promoting discussion.

"That's why we chose documentaries," she said. "They seem to validate peoples lives by making the invisible visible. I've been noticing that, in the audience, the dialogue is sometimes personal. This makes it makes a comforting environment to discuss the film."

Owens-Malett said she was passionate about the film because of her experience dealing with students struggling with eating disorders.

"It's important to raise awareness on obesity, but this film also allows you to relate with the perspective of these people," she said. "It allows viewers to not feel so alone in their dealings and struggles."

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## Cosmonaut complaining about space bureaucracy

MOSCOW (AP) — Squabbles on Earth over how cosmonauts and astronauts divide up the space station's food, water, toilets and other facilities are hurting the crew's morale and complicating work in space, a veteran Russian cosmonaut said, according to an interview published Monday.

Gennady Padalka told the Novaya Gazeta newspaper as saying space officials from Russia, the United States and other countries require cosmonauts and astronauts to eat their own food and follow stringent rules on access to other facilities, like toilets.

"What is going on has an adverse effect on our work," Padalka, 50, was quoted as saying in an interview conducted before he and his crew mates blasted off to the station last Thursday. They arrived safely at the outpost Saturday.

Russian space agency spokesman Alexander Vorobyov said he would not comment until he had read the

interview. Padalka, who will be the station's next commander, said the arguments date back to 2003, when Russia started charging other space agencies for the resources used by their astronauts. Other partners in space station responded in kind.

"Cosmonauts are above the ongoing squabble, no matter what officials decide," said Padalka, a veteran of two space missions, according to the newspaper. "We are grown-up, well-educated and good-mannered people and can use our own brains to create normal relationship. It's politicians and bureaucrats who can't reach agreement, not us, cosmonauts and astronauts."

He said he had inquired before the current mission whether he could use an American gym machine to stay fit.

"They told me: 'Yes, you can.' Then they said no," he was quoted as saying. "Then they hold consultations and they approve it again. And now, right before the flight, it turns out again that the answer is negative."

## Review: Nothing new, creative in latest 'Fast & Furious'

(AP) — Noise, noise, noise. Crunched metal and shattered glass. More noise. Revving engines. Vin Diesel's giant head. Hot chicks in tight miniskirts. Even more noise. The end.

That's pretty much all there is to "Fast & Furious," essentially a remake of the 2001 hit "The Fast and the Furious" with the same cast, except it seems to exist in some parallel universe where the word "the" no longer exists. It also seems to function outside of logic, cohesive plot structure and the laws of gravity, but hey — this being the fourth film in the street-racing series, such niceties have long since been tossed out

the widow and run over repeatedly.

Justin Lin, who also directed part three, 2006's "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift," piles on the mind-bogglingly elaborate chase scenes and set pieces. (The opening, in which our rebellious heroes attempt to steal gas from a speeding tanker truck, is admittedly a doozy.) But you've seen a lot of these sorts of stunts in the previous movies — and heard the same kind of cheesy dialogue — so it's strange to witness how seriously "Fast & Furious" takes itself, like it's reinventing the 19-inch wheel or something.

Snarling bad guys, women who pout beautifully and, of course, a wide

array of brightly hued, wildly souped-up cars — but not an ounce of creativity or grace. And the fact that it's so repetitive only magnifies how little this latest installment has to offer.

What's the movie about, you ask? Well, not that it matters, but Diesel's fugitive ex-con Dom Toretto is back in Los Angeles and out for revenge. He ends up reluctantly re-teaming with former undercover cop Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker), who infiltrated Dom's gang and dated his sister, Mia (Jordana Brewster), in part one. This time, their goal is to take down a drug kingpin who's behind a murder. Their strategy leads them into a series of ridiculously

illegal races, which make the streets of L.A. more dangerous to drive on than they already are. There's also an enormously convoluted trip into Mexico, which seems to take place only to set up the film's climactic (and claustrophobic) underground tunnel chase.

Diesel is the same guy here as always: the gravelly, low-key, beefy action hero. He does get to show off his sensitive side, though, when Dom sits awake at night, watching his girlfriend Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) peacefully sleep. Walker, meanwhile, eerily resembles Alex Rodriguez as he inches into his mid-30s: same eyes, same mouth, same blank expression on his face.

## Twitter

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Jennilee Wilson, a senior advertising major from Mesquite, said she signed up for a Twitter account after her creative strategies advertising professor mentioned the benefits of using the unique social-networking Web site, and she began following Tech's Twitter.

"It's cool because sometimes I can't get to campus and read *The Daily Toreador*," she said, "So, it's nice to get random information."

Updating a Twitter account is different from Web sites such as Facebook, Wilson said, because it allows the user to control who can view tweets and other information.

Updating a Twitter is similar to updating a Facebook status with random facts and information, she said.

"It's more than just social and professional networking," Wilson said. "It's all of it combined. I do think it's beneficial to follow Tech on Twitter because you can ask questions and they will respond to whatever you say."

"It's cool to stay connected to Tech, you are paying thousands of dollars to be here, why not learn more about it?"

Ryan Pharis, Web developer and lead programmer for Web communications and multimedia at Tech and co-creator of Tech's Twitter, said he had been monitoring Twitter and its popularity for some time but never became involved until a student intern "got everybody started."

"We decided it wouldn't be a bad idea for Tech to have it just in case we wanted to do something with it later," Pharis said. "We started posting news releases and stories on it and people started finding out about us through word of mouth."

Students interested in activities happening on campus would benefit from following Tech's Twitter account, he said. They also would have an opportunity to network with professionals in fields they are interested in.

If used correctly, Pharis said, Twitter can make for "a great career move."

"We would like to do more and are trying to think of what more we can do with the site," Pharis said. "We are looking at what other people are doing so we can take the best ideas and go with them. We have a whole team of people here using the site and trying to come up with some good ideas in terms of trying to expand and get more followers. We know it's a good tool that we would like to keep using."

The Office of Communications and

Marketing recently began to compile a master list of schools, colleges, departments and professors who actively are using social media sites.

Kristina Butler, senior writer for Web communications and emerging media at Tech, said the university has been involved with other social-networking Web sites in the past, and the university's Twitter account is an extension of its already broad presence on the Web.

It is not just a way for students to remain connected with university news, Butler said, but also a way for alumni, fac-

ulty and staff to find information as well.

"Students would definitely benefit from having a Twitter account," she said. "It's a way of connecting with things and topics you are interested in and learning about current events that are going on."

However, Low said, the reasons for creating a Twitter account go beyond informational and career-building benefits.

"Twitter is fun," she said, laughing. "You should try it."

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The top vote getters will be published in the April 24 edition of *The Daily Toreador*.

Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

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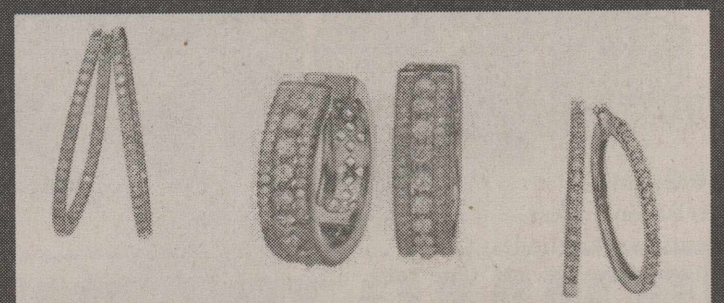
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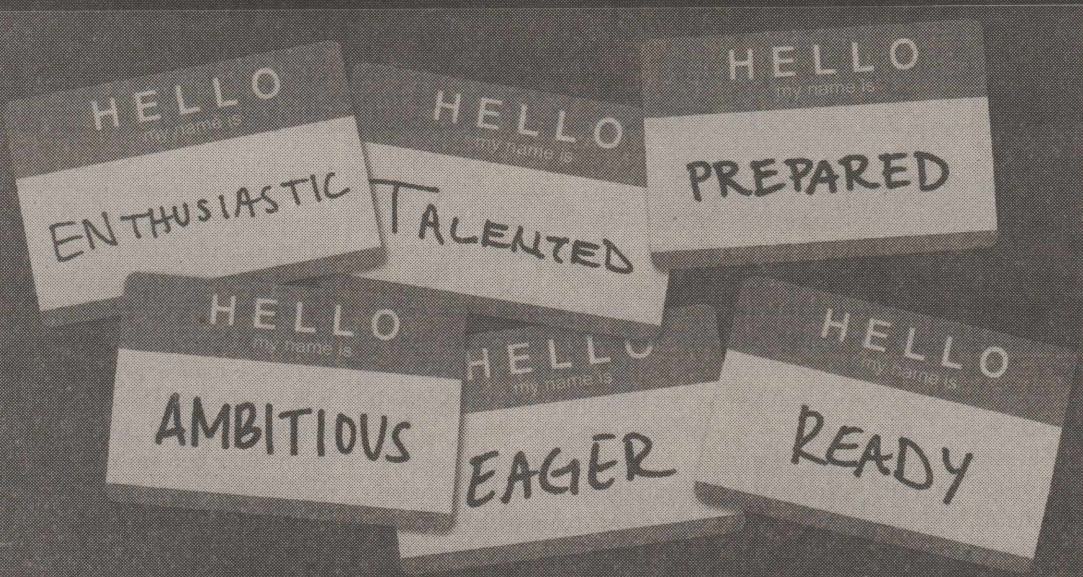


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Q: I am 22 and I don't have a lot of extra money to spare at the end of each month. How can I get started investing without a ton of money? -Katie

Well, Katie, first, it's great to hear that you are taking such an active role in your future!

However, before you begin putting money into investments, it's important to have a few other things in place including a budget and an emergency fund of three to six months worth of expenses. Red to Black can certainly help you get this in place if you don't already.

You should also know what your risk tolerance is for investing. Although Red to Black

**Jared Herrera**



financial markets without the need to make a large, lump-sum investment is to use a systematic method called dollar cost averaging. By using this method, the object becomes accumulation of shares versus trying to time the market's highs and lows.

Let's take a look at an example of how this could work. Suppose we have an investor who invests \$100 per month into an investment over a 12 month period.

The price per share of an investment fluctuates throughout the year.

When the price per share goes down, the investor is able to buy more shares of the investment with the \$100 per month. Some months a share could cost a mere dollar apiece, while the next month a single share could be \$100.

For instance, in January, suppose the investor is able to purchase five shares at \$20 each, while in July, the investor is able to purchase a total of 20 shares

at \$5 each. Let's say at the end of the year this investor would end up with 455 shares. That December, shares are \$10 per share for a total of \$4,550.

Of course, this is an oversimplified, short term example. Although dollar cost averaging can be a great way to get started in a long term investment program, for those with large, lump sums, research has suggested complete investment of the lump sum and rebalancing periodically may be a better approach.

In addition, one should always consider investment charges, trading costs and adviser fees, in addition to making sure your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon match your investments.

That being said, a systematic investment program can be an effective approach to investing without a big amount of money. In the long run, an investor can potentially accumulate more shares of an investment by purchasing at regular intervals. A systematic or fixed-dollar program also keeps investors from trying to market time.

Investment programs that are "automatic" will hopefully minimize emotional investing, causing investors to panic in volatile markets, selling their investments at the low. The main thing to remember is as a young investor, time is on your side. So make a plan, stick to it, and make your goals a reality.

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## Obama 'Idol' appearance would be unneeded, silly

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President Barack Obama apparently loves talking to people.

In recent weeks, the commander in chief has held several town hall meetings — meetings that encourage audience participation in a question-and-answer format — one was streamed online from the White House.

His desire to take questions from the people and address them accordingly shows an unprecedented openness to White House affairs.

Taking questions from the people almost seems to say, "Look, pulling this country out of the hole is a team effort. Here's what we're doing. What do you think?"

The people finally get to have a voice in government affairs. That's so thoughtful.

But is all of it really necessary?

Obama's recent visit to "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" received harsh criticism despite tripling the show's average ratings, mostly drawing fire from the president's comparison about his bowling skills with the Special Olympics, a rare foot-in-mouth instance for the usually collected orator.

Additionally, Obama compared the presidency and his critics to "American Idol" and notoriously harsh judge Simon Cowell, who told Absolute Radio the hit Fox show was trying to land a guest spot for Obama.

Your eyes did not just deceive you. Fox wants Obama on "American Idol."

It's understandable, even commendable for the president to be so involved with the American people, but this is just too much.

There are bigger things to worry about than appearing in between overplayed karaoke crooners to ad-

dress who knows what.

Yes, appearing on the show would boost ratings. And yes, the president would be reaching out to the people, but is it really the proper setting?

Picture this: You're watching TV, hearing covers of songs by U2. The music stops, the audience applauds and Ryan Seacrest passes it off to Cowell, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson with special guest judge President Obama.

The judges give their usual criticism, moving down the line to Obama, who takes the opportunity to ask the audience about the economy.

You're confused. When do they get back to the music?

Mr. President, we appreciate your efforts to gauge Americans' opinions on your presidency, and we encourage your use of town hall meetings to achieve this.

But please, don't make this an all-out blitz on the media, taking politics to places where it just doesn't fit.

We'll leave that to Rod Blagojevich.

## Say goodbye to 'Freedom Tower' name

By ROD SWAIN  
THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

The name "Freedom Tower" was unceremoniously dropped from the new skyscraper being built at the World Trade Center site last week. The building, which is scheduled to be completed in 2013, will simply be called "One World Trade Center."

While this change has fired up some debate in New York City, many have expressed apathy to a change that technically happened two years ago, when the building's legal street address was registered as 1 World Trade Center. When asked for her opinion, the president of "Voices of 9/11," a victims and survivors advocacy group, had no comment on the name switch.

Even New York Mayor Michael

Bloomberg lacked a strong opinion on the matter, saying that he was not upset by the decision, and asking: "From a patriotic standpoint, is it going to make any difference?"

According to The Port Authority (which controls the WTC site), the change in name reflects a desire to ensure better marketing for the building at a time when the real estate market is already down. As a public agency using public money, the builders simply felt a responsibility to ensure that the tower is fully occupied. Indeed, potential tenants had expressed concern over the name "Freedom Tower" in the past. Some felt that the name put an even bigger bull's-eye on a building that will already be a high-value target for terrorists.

However, some critics have blasted the decision, saying that it dishonors those who perished during the 9/11 attacks. New York Gov. George Pa-

taki (who coined the phrase "Freedom Tower") expressed anger at the building's new name, saying that it is not right to call the tower One World Trade Center when so many people died in the previous building under the same title.

But in the end, this decision is simply a legal naming of the building. I don't see the purpose in a prolonged debate over the title of a structure that people can call whatever they want. If Americans want to call it Freedom Tower, they will. The site's previous buildings were called the Twin Towers by most, despite the fact that it was also not their legal name. And Chicago's famous Sears Tower is soon to be officially renamed "The Willis Tower." Do you think people on the street will start calling it that? Not a chance.

Personally, I am glad to see the name "Freedom Tower" retired. And the fact that I can say that openly shows how far we have come as a country since 9/11.

## Do high-tech devices detract from classroom humor?

By JOSHUA KATZ  
THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN (PRINCETON)

A couple of months ago, an undergraduate for whom I have great respect said, in passing, that she often records a certain professor's lectures on her iPhone.

The remark was in no way meant to shock, but it really floored me, I have to say, and I thought I would take the opportunity to weigh in with some reflections on technology in the classroom, a subject that brings out passionate responses.

I should say from the start that I do not have a monolithic view on what constitutes acceptable practice in the classroom. Surely the decision to record lectures or to ban laptops ought to be a matter firmly in the hands of each individual professor (I exclude from consideration cases that involve documented disabilities) and is not different, then, from such non-technological decisions as taking a stand on the consumption of junk food.

Surely there is no possible one-size-fits-all policy at a university that offers small seminars in physics

and large lectures in film studies, not to mention small seminars in film studies and large lectures in physics.

Of course, it is the wise teacher who considers the options with an open mind — and who allows his or her students to take some part in the consideration.

As far as laptops are concerned, I actually don't care whether students bring them to class or leave them at home. Again, one size doesn't fit all. As far as I can see, it would make no sense for my students in "Turbo Greek" to have computers in front of them when we talk about the accentuation of the aorist middle imperative.

But I learned this past semester in my freshman seminar on ancient Egypt that having ready access to the date of some obelisk or being able on a whim to examine screen shots from so important a cultural artifact as the movie "Stargate" could be very useful indeed. This seems obvious now, but it wasn't obvious to me last August. Even old cats can learn new tricks.

My real beef with laptops is that I find it distracting to sit near some-

one who is going clickety-clack on a standard noisy keyboard while I am trying to concentrate on a lecture. But when I'm doing the lecturing myself, I'm not much bothered.

If I notice that students are sending e-mail or watching YouTube while I am speaking, I may well make fun of them publicly, but it does not bother me more than if they are idly doodling in purple ink on my nice handouts or — I had the dubious pleasure of a whole semester of this in the first class I ever taught — if they are making out dead center in the third row. And believe me, all this is a whole lot better than if they are asleep.

So what about taping lectures? I was interested to learn that Harvard routinely records large lecture classes and wonder how many courses here are officially filmed. (I also wonder what happens to these records, including after the technological apparatus required to view them becomes obsolete, something that might take a decade these days — which is four orders of magnitude less impressive than the clay tablet.)

If any of my colleagues actively want their lectures recorded, that's great; but for now, at least, I do not wish to join them, above all because I agree with every word of the statement made by a comment online that "knowing you're being recorded changes how you lecture. Say goodbye to jokes, off the cuff remarks, ... everything that makes a dry lecture fun."

There are people who perform well in front of a camera, but I am not one of them, as I learned the hard way many years ago when the Teaching Company came to my class on the history of English and I proceeded to give the most comically inept lecture of my career (so far).

As I've said, it is only a recent realization of mine that having some laptops in class can be a good thing, and I promise to keep an open mind on the taping of lectures. Perhaps a decade from now what I have just written will seem quaint. But for now, please keep your iPhones away from my jokes.



Although Dr. Banner initially felt like a jerk, his superpower wish was ultimately granted over that of his pretentious colleague.

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BIZ WEEKLY

### Josh Hartnett hospitalized with stomach trouble

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Josh Hartnett's publicist says the 30-year-old actor has been taken to a Los Angeles hospital with gastrointestinal problems. Publicist Susan Patricola says Hartnett was transported by ambulance at 1:45 a.m. Monday to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

She says in a statement that he "is under observation but is resting comfortably." Patricola says Hartnett had a flare-up of a gastrointestinal issue that affected him while he was starring in an onstage produc-

tion of "Rain Man" in London last year. No other details have been provided. Hartnett has appeared in the films "Black Hawk Down," "Sin City," "40 Days and 40 Nights" and "The Black Dahlia."

### Madonna's adoption ruling delayed until Friday

LILONGWE, Malawi (AP) — A Malawian judge held a closed-door hearing Monday on Madonna's application to adopt a second child from this southern African nation but delayed ruling on the matter until Friday, a court official said. Child advocacy groups, meanwhile, renewed their criticism of the adoption, saying Madonna was acting like a rich "bully." Madonna spent about an hour in

court Monday in the Malawi capital of Lilongwe. Court official Thomson Ligowe confirmed that Madonna's adoption application was adjourned until Friday but said he could not reveal any more details. Monday's court docket listed only the child's name — Chifundo James, which means "Mercy" in a local language. A Malawian welfare official and another person involved in the proceedings say the girl is about 4 years

old. The girl's father is believed to be alive but no other details were available. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is considered sensitive. The girl's unmarried 18-year-old mother died soon after she was born, according to an uncle, John Ngalande. Madonna has not commented on the adoption application and did not speak to reporters Monday morning.

### Grammy singer Crespo denies sex act allegations

MIAMI (AP) — Grammy Award-winner Elvis Crespo denies a passenger's accusations that he was performing a sex act on an airplane en route from Houston to Miami. The 37-year-old Puerto Rican singer posted a message on MySpace for his fans Friday and thanked them

for their support. Crespo said he knows the accusations are "very serious, but they are false and time will be my best ally." He said he plans to explain the situation more later. On March 19, a fellow passenger told police she was sitting next to the

singer when he began to masturbate and expose himself. After the plane landed, Crespo told authorities at Miami International Airport that he "did not remember doing that." The singer was not arrested and no charges have been filed. The FBI is investigating.

### Actor Tim Allen greets his 2nd child, Elizabeth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comic actor Tim Allen is a father for the second time. Publicist Marleah Leslie says Allen's wife, Jane, gave birth to a 5-pound, 13-ounce girl, Elizabeth, on Saturday in Los Angeles.

Leslie says the couple is thrilled with the new arrival, and both mother and child are healthy. Elizabeth is Allen's second child. He has a 19-year-old daughter, Katherine, from his

first marriage. This is his wife's first child. The 55-year-old Allen has starred in many movies, including "The Santa Clause" and "Toy Story," and the TV series "Home Improvement."

### 'Dr. Zhivago' composer Maurice Jarre dies at 84

PARIS (AP) — A French musicians guild says Oscar-winning film composer Maurice Jarre has died at the age of 84. Jarre is best-known for writing the haunting song "Lara's Theme" from the film "Doctor Zhivago." SACEM head Bernard Miyet

cites Jarre's family Monday as saying the composer died in his California villa. Jarre penned dozens of scores for some of Hollywood's most prominent directors. He won Oscars for his music for "Doctor Zhivago," "Lawrence of Arabia," and "Passage to In-

dia," and was nominated for an additional six Academy Awards. Jarre was born in 1924 in Lyon, France, and studied music at the Conservatoire de Paris before starting his career composing scores for theatrical productions. He has lived in the U.S. for decades.

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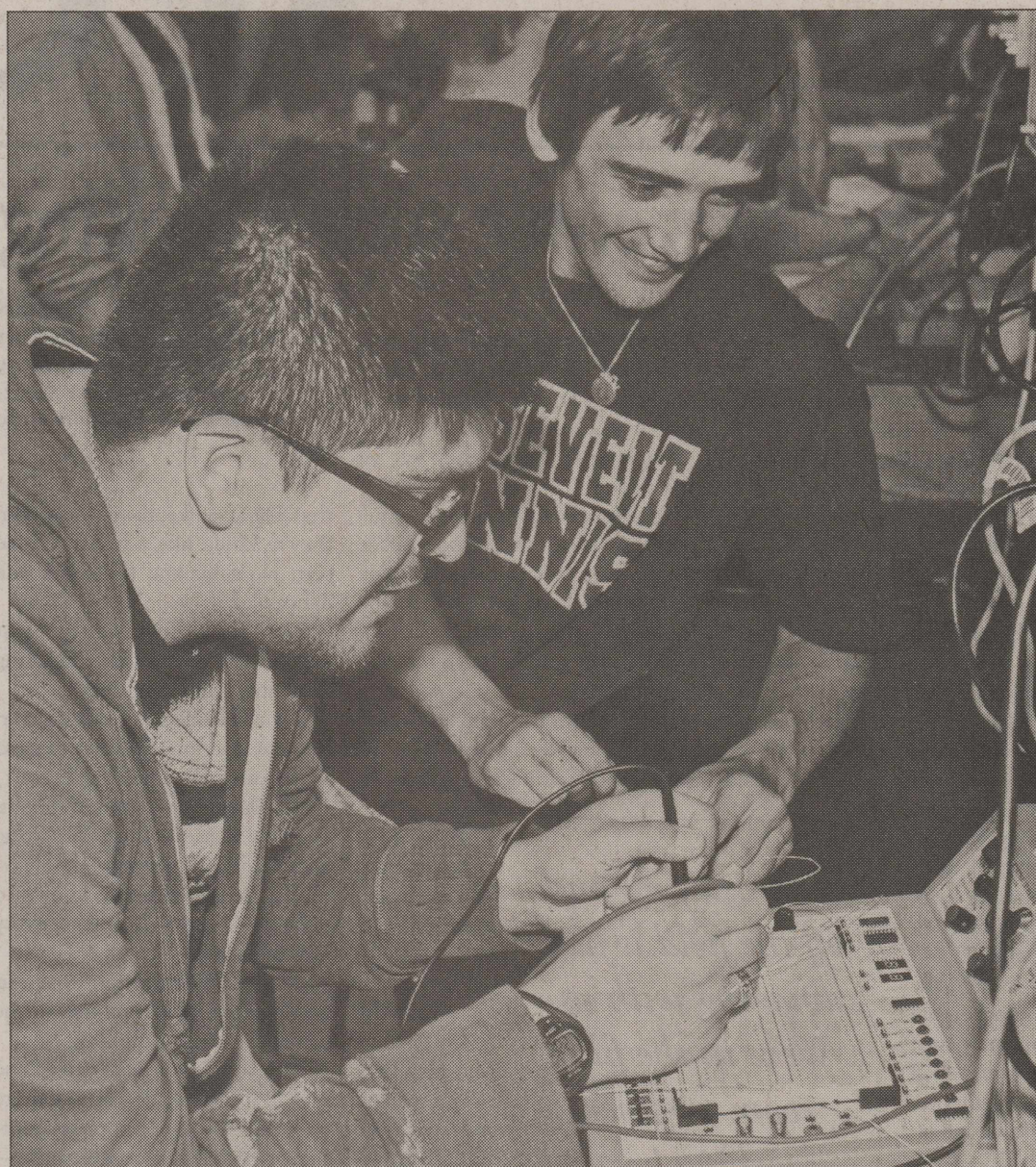


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BEN CANALES, A junior electrical engineering major from Fort Worth, and Tanyon Whetzel, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Lubbock, work on stimulating circuits and testing them to find the voltage to help verify the theories they are being taught in their Alternating Current and Direct Current lab Monday inside the Electrical Engineering building.

### Virginia Madsen was 'actively looking' for horror

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Virginia Madsen is not afraid of the dark. In fact, she craves it. The Oscar nominee and go-to actress for independent films says she was "actively looking" for a horror movie when she came upon "The Haunting in Connecticut." The scare flick came in second this weekend with \$23 million at the box office. "Haunting" is supposedly based on the true story of a family that moves into a former mortuary. The one thing you can't deny, she says, is that "something enormous and frightening happened to this family." She explains: "As far as ghosts

and the paranormal, something is happening to millions of people around the world, and you can't just write it all off as imagination."

### Tibetan exiles condemn hacking

DHARMSALA, India (AP) — Tibet's government-in-exile denounced a cyber spy network Monday for hacking into the organization's computers, while a scholar said the sophisticated operation may have helped identify those inside Tibet who speak to exile groups. The exiled Tibetans were commenting on reports by a Canadian research group that the network, based mainly in China, hacked into classified documents from government and private organizations in 103 countries, including the computers of the Dalai Lama and Tibetan exiles. "We are told that much of these viruses originate in China. We do not know if the Chinese government has any part in such activities," said

Thupten Samphel, the official spokesman of the Tibetan government-in-exile. The Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, once presided over a theocratic government but fled to India 50 years ago when China quashed an uprising, placing the Himalayan region under Beijing's direct rule. He and the Tibetan government-in-exile are based in Dharamsala, a town in northern India. China says Tibet has been part of its territory for centuries. The Canadian research group said on Saturday that while its analysis pointed to China as the main source of the network, it has not conclusively been able to detect the identity or motivation of the hackers.

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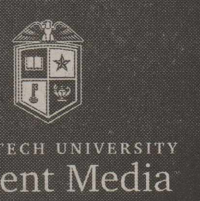
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# SPORTS

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## Linebackers enter spring looking to build on established chemistry

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

In the Texas Tech secondary, someone will be trying to replace the seven interceptions Darcel McBath grabbed last season, which was tied for third in the nation.

Someone also will try to earn the 13 sacks Brandon Williams did, which led the Big 12 Conference.

But in the center of the defense, not much has changed, and that could be a good thing.

While the Tech defense has suffered losses in the secondary and on defensive line, the Red Raiders enter this spring with all three of their starting linebackers back from 2008.

In fact, the linebackers are the only unit returning all of its starters on defense and offense.

So senior Marlon Williams and juniors Brian Duncan and Bront Bird have the task of leading a defense that has some shoes to fill.

"It's crazy, especially at safety because we look back to them every play for our calls and stuff," said Bird, who usually lines up at strongside linebacker. "Sometimes we have to help these guys out and make the call for them. They're a good group of athletes. They're smart, so they'll pick it up fast."

The Red Raiders' secondary not only loses McBath heading into the spring, but Daniel Charbonnet, Marcus Bunton and Anthony Hines are among those leaving because eligibility has run out. Behind McBath, Charbonnet grabbed five interceptions of his own in 2008.

On the defensive line, Jake Ratliff is leaving because eligibility has run out, while Brandon Williams declared for the NFL Draft on Jan. 13 as a junior.

The departures have the Tech coaching staff trying many different options to fill the voids, such as moving linebacker Julius Howard

to safety.

But while the defensive line and secondary look to build chemistry along with finding the new faces, the linebackers have the privilege of picking up where they left off last season.

Last season was Duncan's first full year as starter at middle linebacker. He got his first career start back in the middle of the 2007 season against Northwestern State (La.).

And the junior hasn't disappointed since.

Duncan led the team last season with 7.31 tackles a game. The total includes 61 solo tackles and 34 assisted.

But even as he has emerged as a leader on defense, Duncan said he still takes advice from the teammates who play next to him week in and week out.

"Chemistry on and off the field is just amazing with us," he said. "We're in the film room together, working hard, coaching each other, teaching each other. Saying, 'Hey, you did this wrong, you did that wrong.'"

As the least experienced of the three, Bird took hold of a starting spot last season and never let go.

Listed at 6-foot-3 and 226 pounds, Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill has said Bird's length is perfect to disturb some of the Big 12's spread offenses.

Bird said he has not taken this offseason lightly, as he has been using boxing to improve hand speed and footwork, which could help in blitz packages.

At first, Bird said he had to get adjusted to playing alongside two players who already had seen significant time on the field.

But all it took was a year for him to find his niche, and he said Marlon Williams and Duncan will continue to lead the best way they know how.

"I'd say they're both very vocal," Bird said. "Marlon likes to dance. He likes to pump his fist and things like

TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER Bront Bird, left, fends off a blocker in one of the Red Raiders' spring practices. Bird started at strongside linebacker as a sophomore in 2008.

that. Duncan likes to yell. Together, they're kinda like a band of some sort. He sings and the other one dances."

Marlon Williams is the most experienced of the three, entering his fourth year as a starter.

He said while Duncan has grown into his position, Bird has entered the spring with more confidence.

As Bird said, Marlon Williams probably is most known for playing with emotion and energy.

But the senior also is known to make his teammates laugh every now and then.

Marlon Williams said that can be beneficial when it comes to the demands of spring training.

"It's just kinda my nature," he said. "I just kinda do because we're up here a lot. A lot of people outside of football don't realize how we get here at one o'clock and then we finish practice at 6:30, 7 (p.m.). You gotta keep the guys joking. You gotta keep them light-hearted, just so it doesn't get boring for them."

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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE coordinator Ruffin McNeill, left, instructs Tech middle linebacker Brian Duncan in one of the Red Raiders' spring practices. The 2008 season was Duncan's first full year as a starter. He led the team with 7.31 tackles a game. He also had 61 solo and 34 assisted tackles on the year.

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TEXAS TECH  
LINEBACKER

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solved Monday's puzzle and a list of answers.

### TUESDAY MARCH 31, 2009

Table of TV listings for Tuesday, March 31, 2009, including channels, times, and program titles.

## Rangers trying to decide whether to keep Jones

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Rangers manager Ron Washington said Monday the competition between outfielders Andrew Jones and Frank Catalanotto for Texas' lone position opening may not be settled by the time the team breaks camp Thursday.

"It's a tough one to call," said Washington, adding that he has no timetable. Texas released left-hander Jimmy Gobble from his minor league contract Monday, thinning the competition for three vacant bullpen spots.

Jones, who turns 32 on April 23, won 10 consecutive Gold Gloves as Atlanta's center fielder before agreeing to a \$36.2 million, two-year deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers before last season. He then hit .158 with three home runs in 75 games, made the first three trips to the disabled list in his career and was released.

Jones agreed to a minor league contract in February. If added to the Rangers' big league roster, he would get a \$500,000, one-year contract and the chance to earn up to \$1 million in performance bonuses based on plate appearances from 340 to 620.

The five-time All-Star went deep in Texas' 7-5, 10-inning victory over San Francisco on Monday and is batting .288 with two homers and five RBIs this spring. Catalanotto is hitting .333 with one homer and six RBIs.

The Rangers may be more balanced

with right-handed hitting Jones, since they start four left-handed batters and one switch hitter.

Texas has a set outfield, with All-Star slugger Josh Hamilton in center, Nelson Cruz in right and David Murphy or Marlon Byrd in left.

The Rangers have three bullpen openings behind closer Frank Francisco, Eddie Guardado, C.J. Wilson and Warner Madrigal, who has made the team, Washington said.

Derrick Turnbow, a contender for one of three vacancies, was scratched from a scheduled appearance against San Francisco on Monday with right knee swelling.

Turnbow, in camp on a minor league contract, can get out of his deal on Thursday if he does not make the Rangers' staff. He had 63 saves for Milwaukee from 2005-06 but has given up six runs and seven walks in nine spring innings.

"At times he's been outstanding," Washington said. "At times he has scuffled to locate the fastball. He's commanded all his off-speed pitches. Some days he's been out there, they can't hit him."

Ryan Rupe remains in the running for a bullpen spot, where injuries to Dustin Nippert and Willie Eyre have muddied the waters. Nippert hasn't pitched in a spring game since March 19 with a strained muscle, and his availability for the start of the regular season is uncertain.

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## Tech track benefitting from early meets

By ADAM WADSWORTH  
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Although it was seen as a warm-up meet, Texas Tech's 13 individual first place finishes and nine NCAA regional qualifying marks at the Abilene Christian Invitational made it seem otherwise.

Tech overcame a last-minute change of plans that moved the invitational to Friday, a day ahead of schedule, and came out better prepared for the season's first major meet this week.

"I just think people were a little bit anxious to run, you know," Tech coach Wes Kittley said. "We'd come off of indoors and I think we were ready to start the outdoor year, so I think there is a little excitement there. But we haven't really done anything different other than I think everyone's a little more prepared this time."

The preparation in Abilene was evident in the numbers the Red Raiders put up in only the second meet of the season.

Tech junior Ozie Okolie kicked the meet off with a 198 foot, 3 inch toss on her way to an NCAA regional mark and a first place finish in the hammer throw.

Teammate Patience Knight took first and set regional marks in both the shot put and discus with throws of 53'-11.25" and 164'-10", respectively.

Senior thrower D'Andra Carter finished just behind Knight, taking second in the shot put and third in discus.

Tech took first in three other field

events with Justin Turner and Kelsey Lloyd winning the men's and women's high jump, respectively, and junior Paden Behrens in the javelin.

Junior Amanda Alley set her second straight regional mark in the pole vault on her way to a second place finish.

Omoghan Osaghae and Tori Smith took first place in the men's and women's hurdles, respectively, with a pair of 13.95 second finishes. Osaghae's was good for a regional qualification.

Senior Rodney Mims set his first regional mark of the season on his way to winning the 400-meter dash. Sophomore Lamont Adams' 47.50 was just .4 seconds behind Mims, good enough for second.

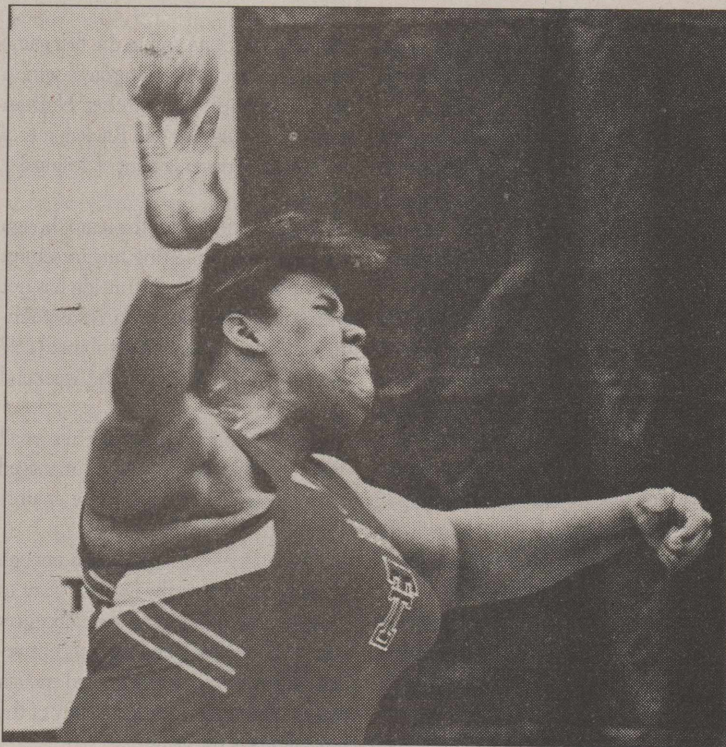
Freshman standout Jamele Mason set the first NCAA regional mark of his career and won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 52.22.

"This past weekend, I really didn't think I was going to run that good, considering the inconvenience of the meet," Mason said. "It went good, I just tried to stay relaxed, and when I started warming up I felt loose."

Tech took the top three places in the event with Brandon Tucker and Zach Plinario rounding out the medalists.

The Red Raiders took the top two spots in the women's 400-meter hurdles with Sandra Iwunze taking first and Caroline Mueller in second.

Both the men and women had strong showings in the 800-meter with the



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH'S PATIENCE Knight placed first and set regional marks in shot put and discus in Friday's Abilene Christian Invitational.

women taking the top four spots and the men taking the top two. Shannon Jackson and Brandon Jackson won the events.

Tech also took four of the top five spots in the men's long jump, finishing second through fifth.

With the Texas Relays — the first major meet of the season — beginning Wednesday, Kittley said he believed the

early meets provided an ideal amount of preparation for his team.

"They're perfect because you don't want to have too much competition before Texas Relays, but you want enough to where you can get the rust off from indoors," he said. "So I felt like that was really what we needed."

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## Ivory Coast fans blaming police for deadly stampede

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)

— Fans who survived a deadly stadium stampede in the Ivory Coast blamed police Monday for the tragedy, saying security forces provoked the panic by tear gassing people who had nowhere to run.

World soccer body FIFA called for a prompt investigation into the stampede Sunday at Abidjan's Felix Houphouet-Boigny arena that left 19 people dead and injured more than 130. The president of Ivory Coast declared a three-day period of mourning.

Tens of thousands of fans turned out to see Chelsea striker Didier Drogba — a native of Ivory Coast — as the home team squared off against Malawi at a World Cup qualifying match. Interior Minister Desire Tagro said on state TV that fans outside the stadium began pushing and shoving before the game began, setting off the panic. But witnesses said that as fans tried to get into the stadium, police fired tear gas into the crowd, setting off the stampede.

The weight of the fans pushing forward caused a wall to come crashing down, according to an AP photographer and other witnesses. An Abidjan morgue listed 19 dead, and Tagro gave the number of

injured as 132.

Members of the Ivorian Football Federation denounced the police. Senior federation member Anzouan Kacou told Radio France Internationale that security forces had been "negligent" and had violated safety procedures by using tear gas inside the stadium.

"We saw people falling from the top bleachers," said Diarassouba Adama, who was inside the stadium. "The stampede was provoked by the security forces who threw tear gas canisters at us. I don't know why they fired on us."

Relatives of the dead outside one of the capital's morgues agreed. "My brother left to go to the stadium with his friends. At the entrance, they were attacked by security forces. That's what set off the stampede," Momodou Kamara said after identifying the body of his brother.

Women fainted with grief outside the morgue Monday and others sobbed as they held each other. Fathers and brothers stood, their eyes red with sorrow.

Morgue officials released the names of the 19 dead — including two children, one of whom was age 10. There was no immediate word Monday on the condition of the injured.

## UH receiver who broke leg on cart plans return

HOUSTON (AP) — Patrick Edwards, the Houston Cougars receiver who broke his leg when he ran into a metal service cart in a game last year, says he plans to play this season.

Edwards also said Monday he will pursue legal action against Marshall, where the injury happened.

He was running full speed for a long pass when his right shin crashed into the cart just

beyond the end zone. The replay has received hundreds of thousands of Internet views.

The sophomore tells Houston television station KRIV that he's confident he can return at full strength. He was Houston's leading receiver with 634 yards when he was injured.

Marshall officials apologized after the incident, and several Thundering Herd players visited Edwards in the hospital.

## Talks delay Burress hearing

NEW YORK (AP) — Plaxico Burress will return to court Tuesday in his gun possession case as his lawyers and prosecutors haggle over a plea deal and what punishment the New York Giants star should face for accidentally shooting himself in a crowded nightclub last year.

A law enforcement official with knowledge of the case said that Burress and prosecutors have been in active discussions about a plea deal, but remain at odds over the terms, with the District Attorney's office pushing for a stiffer punishment than what defense lawyers believe Burress deserves. The individual spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are ongoing.

Burress, who fired a bullet into his thigh at a Manhattan nightclub in November with a gun he'd stuffed in his waistband, has been charged with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a felony that carries a minimum prison sentence of 3 1/2 years in prison and a maximum of 15 years upon conviction.

His attorney Ben Brafman said Burress will appear in court Tuesday but the hearing will be adjourned. He wouldn't comment on a possible plea deal.

"I'm not going to get into that," he said.

Statistics show that more than eight out of 10 people arrested in the city last year on the same charge Burress faces received reduced charges, though some plea deals included jail time.

## Cowboys' 1st preseason game in new stadium set for Aug. 21

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will play for the first time in their new \$1.1 billion stadium on Aug. 21, facing the Tennessee Titans in a preseason game.

The rest of the nation will get a glimpse, too, as the game will be televised nationally by Fox.

The Cowboys also announced

Monday that their other home preseason game will be against the San Francisco 49ers on Aug. 29.

Dallas' other two preseason games are Aug. 13 at Oakland and Sept. 4 at Minnesota.

The Cowboys and Raiders also will meet in the new stadium on Thanksgiving. That is the team's only regular-season game that's been announced so far.

## UConn women know perfection

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma is a perfectionist and expects the same from his team.

Early in the season, with the Huskies comfortably ahead in the first half, he lamented that star Maya Moore was playing horribly. All she did was nearly reach double figures in points and rebounds by halftime.

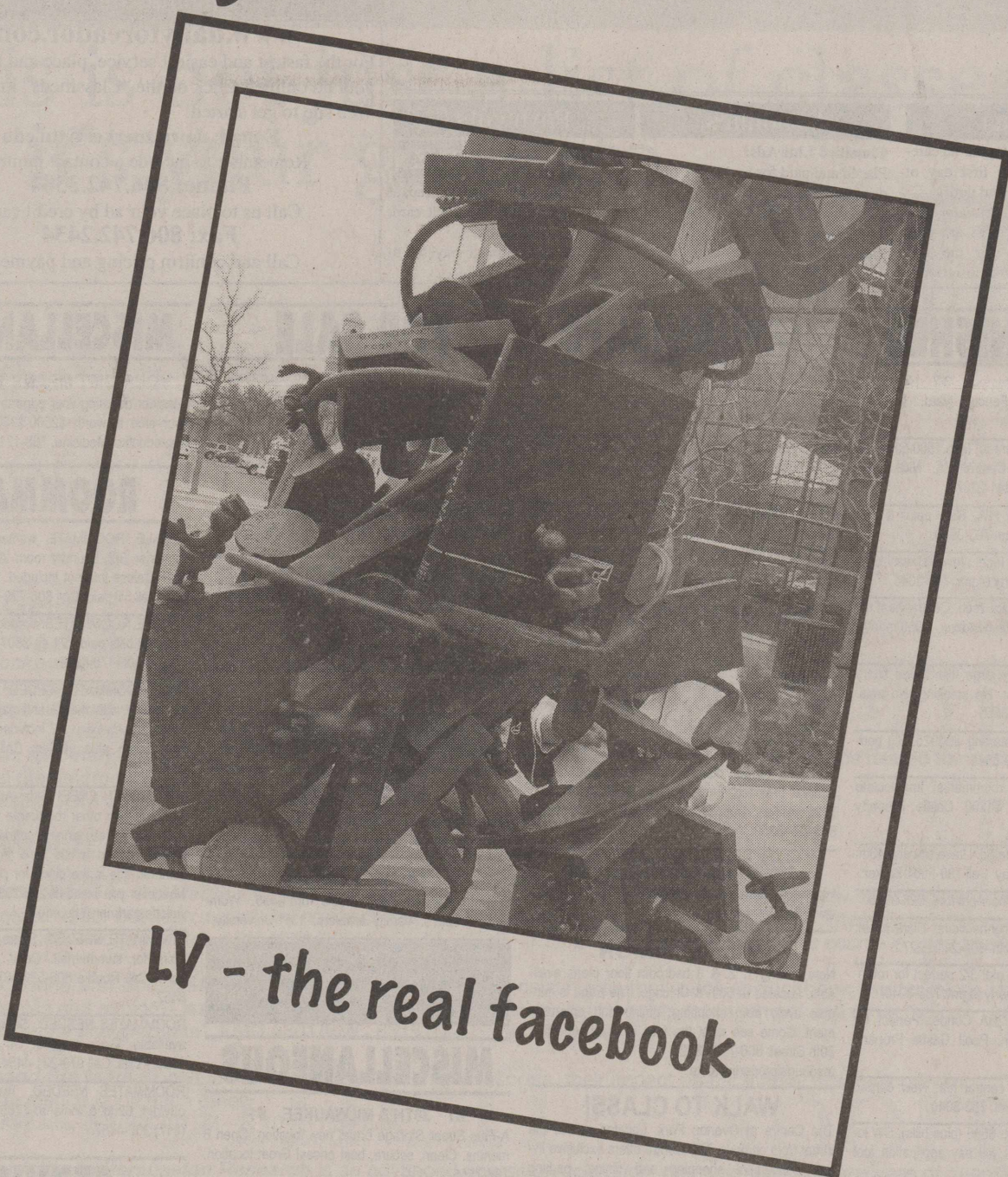
Such is life at UConn, where the men's basketball team is headed for another Final Four and the women may be even better.

"For better or worse I've created an environment where

winning the national championship is expected every year," Auriemma said. "In 95 percent of the country an undefeated regular season would be celebrated with a parade. Here, if we don't win a national title, it's a bad year."

While Connecticut's powerhouse men's team is going for its third national championship, it's the women who have created a basketball dynasty. The Huskies are just three victories away from a sixth title and a third unbeaten season. Only two other women's teams have ever had even one unbeaten season, and no men's team has achieved one for 33 years.

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