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(INBRIEF) STATE

Senate committee passes increased smoking age

AUSTIN (AP) — Although they are legally considered adults and can serve in the military, 18-year-old Texans would be considered minors when it comes to smoking under a bill passed unanimously through a Senate committee Tuesday.

The measure would increase the legal age for buying tobacco products to 19, and would cut off an estimated \$12.5 million in tax revenue for the state over the next two years.

San Antonio Democrat Sen. Carlos Uresti pushed the same measure in 2007, but after winning approval in the Senate it fizzled out in an end of session backlog of bills in the House.

NATION **Consumer confidence** holds steady in March

NEW YORK (AP) - Americans seem more resigned to the hardships of the recession as consumer confidence stabilized in March after falling to an all-time low in February.

But economists caution that shoppers - dealing with shrinking retirement funds, falling home values and

Matador Mustang Club offers opportunities to meet other car enthusiasts **By CARRIE THORNTON** STAFF WRITER

Do you wanna go fast? The Matador Mustang Club does.

The Texas Tech student organization, which hosted a car show last weekend, is open to any student who has a love for Mustangs or cars in general.

Russell Wendell, vice president of the organization and owner of a 2003 Mustang GT, was drawn to the club primarily because of his love for his car and other Mustangs.

"It's the first car that I've ever really cared about that I've had," said the accounting major from DeSoto.

The first quality that attracted him to his car was speed, he said, and he's glad he time I start my car it puts a smile on my Mustang Matador Club, said the organidecided to buy one.

Wendell has focused most of his efforts on improving the internal parts of the car, a reckless driver, but I'm also wreck-less. such as the engine and exhaust. He said he has spent almost \$2,000 so far and plans to continue improving his car's look and performance.

"It's worth it," Wendell said. "I spent cannot do." a lot of money on the exhaust, but every

SYLVIA PETTMAN'S 1967 Ford Mustang was on display at a car show hosted by the Texas Tech Matador Mustang Club on Sunday outside Jones AT&T stadium.

face.

"I have never been in an accident. I'm I drive it like it's meant to be driven, and I do some dangerous things, but I know my car, and I love driving. So, I've driven it enough to know what it can or

zation is different because it is open to any car-lover although its name implies members need to own a Mustang.

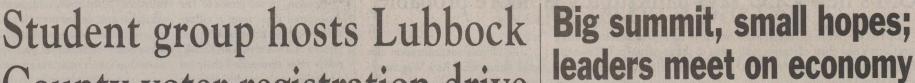
The sophomore engineering major and Lubbock native said she was the organization's first female member when she joined a year and a half ago.

"I inherited, like, 10 older brothers," Aubrey Thomason, president of the Thomason said, recalling her induction

into the organization. The club meets the first and third Tuesday of every month to discuss upcoming events, she said. Members also participate in the Blue Ribbon Rally, Lubbock's largest car and bike show, to raise money for the Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock.

PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreadon

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worries about job security - are still very gloomy and any improvement in sentiment is fragile.

"There is a sense that consumers are now familiar (with) how bad things are," said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at the Economic Outlook Group. "They have read the papers. They recognize that the job market is awful."

WORLD

Afghan police: 30 Taliban killed in clashes

KABUL (AP) - Afghan and foreign troops killed 30 Taliban fighters and wounded 17 others during a series of clashes in southern Afghanistan, while a roadside bomb Tuesday killed the mayor of an eastern capital, officials said.

The joint forces continued to battle with the militants in Dehrawood district of Uruzgan province Tuesday, following overnight clashes when the militants were killed, said Uruzgan's police chief Juma Gul Himat.

Four policemen were wounded in the battle, he said.

DEATH TOLL U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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County voter registration drive

By JON VANDERLAAN News Editor

Make Lubbock Wet, an organization targeted at encouraging students the group has a Web site, a Facebook to vote for the expansion of Lubbock County alcohol sales, will be hosting a voter registration drive at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today between the Student Union Building and University Library.

Sean McGregor, co-founder of Make Lubbock Wet, said the registration drive will be the group's main drive and comes just in time to allow students to vote early, from May 1 to out," he said. May 5, and on the day of the election, May 9.

they can vote early April 27.

McGregor said while the group supports the expansion of alcohol sales, nied to any student, regardless of which way the students plan to vote.

Make Lubbock Wet also will give involved in the process. away pizza at its table and will bring

all the voter registration cards to the been spreading word of the election is concluded.

In addition to the registration drive, and its Web site. group and gives away bumper stickers to spread the word, McGregor said.

Todd Reno, a Tech alumnus and volunteer with Lubbock County Wins, said while Lubbock County Wins does not have any direct ties with Make Lubbock Wet, it is supportive of the push to indication, Pierce believes the vote register students to vote.

"(We're) just helping get the word

Lubbock County Wins is a political action committee formed to spread the If students already are registered, word of the election and attempt to push voters to vote for the expansion of alcohol sales.

voter registration cards will not be de- treasurer of the PAC, said the PAC has no direct involvement in Make Lub- the date the student wishes to vote. bock Wet but wants students to become

Lubbock County Wins mainly has

election office when the registration drive through media outlets and its online resources, she said, including Facebook

> "The main thing is that people get out and vote," Pierce said.

The PAC has received positive feedback from people in the community, she said, and if the speed with which the petition for the vote garnered enough signatures is any stands a good chance of passing.

She said Lubbock County Wins is fundraising to help continue spread the word, and students also are encouraged to help in the effort because they will be affected.

The deadline to register to vote on the election day is April 9 for the May Melissa Pierce, the chairwoman and 9 election, but if students want to vote early, the deadline is one month before Early voting begins April 27 and

ends May 5.

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Pakistani Taliban threaten strike on Washington

By KATHY GANNON Associated Press

attacks on the militant bases on the attacks in Spain. border with Afghanistan.

White House.

made similar threats previously and suicide bombers.

there was no indication of anything imminent.

Mehsud, who gave a flurry of media on the Lahore academy on their ISLAMABAD (AP) — Paki- interviews Tuesday, has no record of stan's Taliban chief claimed respon- actually striking targets abroad alsibility Tuesday for a deadly assault though he is suspected of being behind on a police academy, saying he a 10-man cell arrested in Barcelona wanted to retaliate for U.S. missile in January 2008 for plotting suicide .

Pakistan's former government Baitullah Mehsud, who has a \$5 and the CIA consider him the prime million bounty on his head from the suspect behind the December 2007 United States, also vowed to "amaze killing of former Prime Minister everyone in the world" with an Benazir Bhutto. And Pakistani offiattack on Washington or even the cials accuse him of harboring foreign fighters, including Central Asians The FBI, however, said he had linked to al-Qaida, and of training

But analysts doubt that Taliban

fighters carried off Monday's raid own, saying the group is likely working more closely than ever with militants based far from the Afghan frontier.

It's a constellation that includes al-Qaida, presenting a formidable challenge to the U.S. as it increases its troop presence in the region, not to mention nuclear-armed Pakistan's own stability.

Mehsud told The Associated Press that the academy and other recent attacks were revenge for stepped-up American missile strikes into Pakistan's border badlands.

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WHITE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC ADVISER

at the table.

By TOM RAUM Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Desperate but divided on ways to lift their nations from economic misery, world leaders converged for an emergency summit Tuesday holding scant hopes of finding a magic-bullet solution for the crisis that brought them hurrying to London.

Even as President Barack Obama and the others were arriving, the U.S.

acknowledged its allies would not go along with a massive burst of stimulus spending, while Europe was forced to backpedal from hopes for tighter financial regulation.

Instead, leaders are trumpeting the limited common ground they could reach, including more money for the International Monetary Fund

and closer scrutiny of hedge funds and tax havens. As for the broader issues, they're hoping for the best — or at least that they will do no harm.

With turbulent world markets watching closely, the stakes are high, especially for America's new president, stepping onto the world stage for the first time to deal with the economic crisis and to meet face-to-face with many other leaders.

One global change is being acknowledged: The forum for grappling with world economic problems has

grown beyond the established eight post-war economies that dominated previous economic summits — the U.S., Britain, Germany France, Japan, Canada, Italy and Russia. Now, 20 nations are coming together in London, with fast-growing developing economies such as China, India, Brazil and Saudi Arabia - important players in any effort to coordinate economic policy — sitting as full negotiating partners.

"For the first time, there's a rec-

ognition that major emerging markets and developing countries have a critical role at the table," said Mike Froman, a White House international economic adviser.

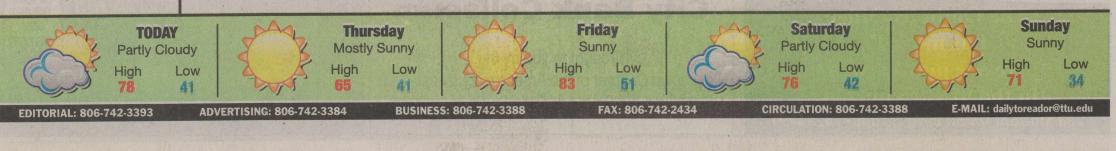
But will that mean action to stop a global downward spiral?

Froman acknowledged that there have been few examples of international

gains in times of crisis. "The depression was made 'great' by the lack of cooperation," he said, noting that nations like to keep control over their own fiscal and monetary policies.

And global leaders were quarreling up to the last minute before the summit.

Adding to the pressure, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Tuesday the leaders cannot afford to let the week pass without making substantial progress in fixing the world's economy.



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Center for Undergraduate Research hosts conference

BY KENDYL SEBESTA STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Center for Un- from 9 a.m. to dergraduate Research and the Tech 11:50 a.m. in Howard Hughes Medical Institute the Tech Stu-Science Education Program will dent Union host an undergraduate research Building Traconference in partnership with ditions and the Honors College today through Bell Tower April 3 in the Croslin Room of the Rooms, and University Library.

Undergraduate Research director, in the Croslin Room. said the research conference will include poster and paper presenta- judges from the Texas Tech campus tions by undergraduate students in who have presented their research the Undergraduate Research Schol- at national conferences looking ars Program and the Undergraduate at the students' work on the 2nd Research Fellows Program begin- and 3rd," Diaz said, "and (we) ning April 2 through April 3.

"This event will be an opportunity for students to showcase their awards and scholarships for the research and discuss their findings students beyond the Outstanding and project results," she said. "Most of these students have been Researchers Award and Outstandworking on their projects for the ing Undergraduate Researcher past year and have been working Awards that we will be giving away alongside faculty mentors to create this time.' a large range of presentations."

sentations will include topics from ing Faculty Mentor Award by areas such as chemical biology, undergraduate research students, chemical engineering and the Tech Diaz said, while undergraduate School of Design.

resa Aguilar, who will present 'The ate Researcher Award by faculty near-surface flow characteristics of a mentors. thunderstorm outflow event," she said, "and one who will be present- with this conference is get students ing 'The effects of gender and lower involved and make them more extremity strength,' so the topics competitive for grad school," she will be pretty interesting and will said. "It's important for them get Hughes Medical Institute Web site, cover many different areas."

ting up their posters today from 1 and the awards will be another way organizations focused on biomedip.m. to 6 p.m. in the Croslin Room of recognizing that." and will conduct a Research Night April 2 that will include a peer director for the Tech Center for the 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. by invitation. The research conference will students this year. conclude April 3 with a research

symposium and paper presentations

poster presentations from 9:30 a.m. Jeannie Diaz, Tech Center for to 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We will have a majority of would love to expand the research conference in the future to include Faculty Mentor for Undergraduate

Tech faculty research mentors Diaz said poster and paper pre- are nominated for the Outstandresearch students are nominated We have one student, The- for the Outstanding Undergradu-

The main thing we want to do

posters and papers from 60 to 100

Research will have 11 posters, the Honors College should have 35 posters and 12 papers and the Texas Tech Howard Hughes Medical Institute should have 22 posters," Isom said. "The topics look like they will range anywhere from a study on the amount of led in Mardi Gras beads to the identification of fungi in chronic wounds." DIAZ

> Many of the undergraduate research students participating in the research conference will gain many skills, she said, despite what they choose to do after their undergraduate careers.

"All of the students participating strive to publish their work in peer reviewed journals and present at national conferences," Isom said. 'This will teach them to become more literate in science and will apply to pretty much everything they do. It makes them good citizens and more capable of pursuing any interests they may have."

The research conference was made possible by a Science Education Program grant, Isom said, and will be open to the public.

'We have a current Texas Tech Program Director at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute - Lou Densmore — who made this all possible in terms of the grant," she said. "In fact, we are the only institution in the state of Texas to have continuous funding from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which means \$7.8 million in funding right now."

According to the Howard more involved with research no the institute is one of the nation's Diaz said students will begin set- matter what their future plans are largest non-profit medical research cal research and science education

> The institute also provides education annually, the Web site reported.

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Netanyahu: Israel seeks peace with Arabs

JERUSALEM (AP) — Benjautter the words the world was wait- decades-old notion that peace could ing to hear: "Palestinian state."

The well-spoken, U.S.-educated ian autonomy. hawk took pains to portray himself as a pragmatist, telling a packed parliament that Israel does not want to rule the Palestinians.

min Netanyahu, taking office as Is- agreement, the Palestinians will rael's new leader Tuesday, promised have all the authority to rule them- that began in 1967 and establishing to seek "full peace" with the Arab selves," Netanyahu said in comments an independent Palestinian state," and Muslim world, but refused to that appeared to hark back to a Erekat said. be achieved through limited Palestin- idea of Palestinian statehood could

ekat. "I want to say to Mr. Netanyahu appoint ultranationalist politician Av-

"Under the permanent status can rule themselves, by themselves, is through ending the Israeli occupation

Netanyahu's refusal to embrace the put him at odds with the Obama His words drew a sharp reaction administration and much of the rest from Palestinian negotiator Saeb Er- of the world. So could his decision to that the only way the Palestinians igdor Lieberman as foreign minister.

Israelis, Palestinians clash on Gaza border

killing two gunmen and wounding tank missile. three others in one of the worst more than two months ago.

Troops spotted four militants over the fence and fired at targets. planting explosive devices along

- Israeli forces attacked a group struck the armed men, the military tants were wounded, Hassanain said, of Palestinian militants along the said, and later uncovered weapons two in the initial clash and a third in Gaza-Israel border early Tuesday, that included grenades and an anti- a subsequent Israeli missile strike.

flare-ups of violence since Israel hearing two explosions from the bor- the Islamic group that has ruled Gaza ended its offensive in the territory der area in the central Gaza Strip, after which Israeli helicopters hovered

Medical crews evacuated the bodbattle, the Israeli military said. to Dr. Moaiya Hassanain of Gaza's the army said.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) The troops called in an airstrike and Health Ministry. Three other mili-

No Palestinian group claimed Palestinian witnesses reported involvement in the clash. But Hamas, since 2007, sent a text message to reporters saying the group's fighters fired 18 mortar shells at Israeli troops in the vicinity of the clash. Palestinian the fence, and an Israeli soldier ies of two Palestinian men in military militants also fired two rockets into was wounded in an ensuing gun- uniforms from the border, according Israel, both landing in open areas,

US, Iranian diplomats break the ice at conference THE HAGUE, Netherlands Rodham Clinton cautioned that the session aimed at improving Afghani-

relations, senior U.S. diplomat promising but not "substantive." Richard Holbrooke had a brief "They agreed to stay in touch," but cordial meeting with Iran's Clinton said at the close of a oneday conference on Afghan security deputy foreign minister Tuesday and development that was designed at an international conference on partly to allow the diplomatic turn The rare diplomatic approach with Iran.

terplay between the Obama admin-President Barack Obama's handpicked Afghanistan envoy, and Ak- U.S.-led forces ousted Afghanistan's istration and the Iranian regime. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary hundzadeh came on the sidelines of a Taliban government.

(AP) — In a cautious first step talks between Holbrooke and Iranian stan's future prospects. Akhundzadeh toward unlocking 30 years of tense diplomat Mehdi Akhundzadeh were pledged to help the reconstruction of its neighbor, but he criticized U.S. plans to send more troops into Afghanistan.

The gathering was being closely watched for signs that the U.S. and Iran can work together on a common problem after years of hostility. The meeting between Holbrooke, The two countries cooperated at a distance in 2001 and 2002 after

Dutch hostage in Yemen reports good treatment

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — A ing their car in the capital.

was the first official face-to-face in-

Afghanistan.

lunch and tea, after brazenly hijack- city undetected, she said.

They forced her husband, Jan Dutch couple taken hostage Tues- Hoogendoorn, 54, to move to the seized foreigners - either tourists or day by armed tribesmen in Yemen back seat and made both of them those living or working in the country said their kidnappers were treating put on traditional Yemeni clothing — to pressure the Yemeni government them well, including offering them including a head scarf to escape the to meet their demands, mainly to free

Speaking by cell phone to The situation," Janszen, 49, told the AP, hostages freed unharmed. Associated Press from a village talking on a phone that one of the kidwhere they were being held, Heleen nappers had allowed her to use. "We country in the Arabian Peninsula, is a Janszen said five men with Kalash- were offered lunch and tea, and were U.S. ally in the Middle East, but it also nikov rifles surrounded their car allowed to take a walk and take pic- is the ancestral homeland of Osama

Yemeni tribes have previously clan members from jail. In most cases "It was a very classical kidnapping the kidnappings are resolved and the

Yemen, the most impoverished

Julie Isom, associate program in the United States. poster presentation and judging Integration of Science Education about \$700 million per year in refrom 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and a and Research, said the conference search funding and more than \$80 research celebration banquet from will include undergraduate student million in grants for U.S. science

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Tuesday that more of the automaker's is "more probable" as GM works to to cut labor costs, Henderson said. meet new, tougher requirements for government aid.

GM also is likely to offer another plants could close and bankruptcy buyout program to workers as it looks resign, and Henderson took over as

GM's new CEO says bankruptcy is 'more probable'

DETROIT (AP) — General Mo- when it submitted a restructuring help.

tors Corp.'s new chief executive said plan to the government last month.

President Barack Obama said Monday that GM's initial plans to GM would prefer not to use bank-In his first news conference as become viable didn't go far enough. ruptcy protection to save itself, it is CEO, Fritz Henderson said he expects He gave the company 60 days to make the company would "need to take fur- more cuts and get more concessions the past. ther measures" beyond the five plants from bondholders and unions or the company said it would shutter it won't get any more government

asked former CEO Rick Wagoner to CEO on Monday.

The Obama administration also

Henderson said that although "certainly more probable" than in

The company, he said, has until June 1 to accomplish changes sought by the government, or it will be in bankruptcy. The 60-day deadline should be enough time, but if it becomes evident that the changes can't be made by the deadline, GM could go into court sooner, he said.

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while the couple was driving in the tures. It's such an adventure — that's bin Laden, and al-Qaida loyalists are the only way to cope with it." capital, San'a.

active in the country.

Beijing rejects China spy ring report as 'lies'

BEIJING (AP) — China on contention that a China-based computer spy ring stole sensitive information from thousands of hard drives worldwide, calling the accusation a lie meant to feed anxiety over Beijing's growing influence.

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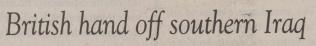
and beautiful!

In the government's first reac- defense computer networks. Tuesday denied a research report's tion to the report, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said the conclu- declined to comment directly on the sions were symptoms of a "Cold War latest allegation, saying only that ofvirus" that causes people overseas to ficials were aware of it. Asked whether "occasionally be overcome by Chinathreat seizures."

Warfare Monitor added to growing that that's the case." concerns that China has become a intruding into their government and exiled Tibetan government.

A State Department spokesman U.S. government computers had been compromised, spokesman Gordon The report by the Information Guguid said, "I have no information

The Information Warfare Monicenter for cyber-warfare, spying and tor report released Saturday said that crime. Industry watchdogs have com- a network, based mainly in China, plained about junk e-mail generated hacked into classified documents from in China. Officials in the U.S., Britain government and private organizaand Germany have accused Chinese tions in 103 countries, including the hackers backed by China's military of computers of the Dalai Lama and his

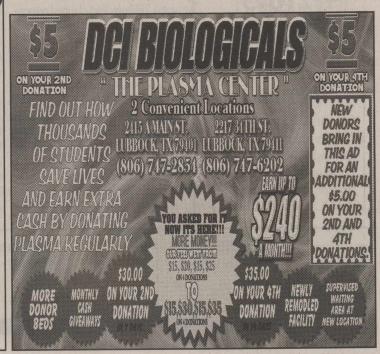


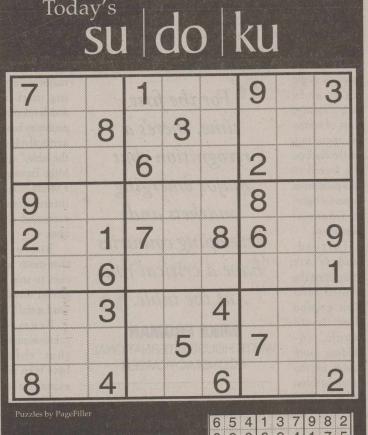
States on Tuesday in the first step Basra for years. toward withdrawing virtually all British troops from Iraq by July.

sion. The Iraqis have accused the 2003

BAGHDAD (AP) — Britain British of merely standing by while turned over coalition command of Shiite militias wielded control of the oil-rich south to the United the country's second-largest city of

However, U.S. and Iraqi commanders had nothing but praise The pomp-filled ceremony Tuesday for Britain's role as the marked the beginning of the end second-largest contributor of troops of an often-troubled British mis- since the U.S.-led invasion in March





In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, logic to define the answers.

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LA VIDA NO(HE

Thursday

- Seth Savage Band will perform at Jake's Back Room. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost \$5.
- Texas Tech University Singers and Women's Chorale will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. in Hemmle Recital Hall.
- Manny Rodriquez will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.

Friday

- Sobredosis del Sabor, a 12-piece salsa band from Cuba, will perform at Jake's Back Room. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door.
- The Tech Jazz Festival will begin at 7 p.m. in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union Building.

Saturday

The Dead See will perform at Jake's Back Room. Doors open at 9 p.m.

The Tech Jazz Festival will continue, featuring Dizzy Gillespie Alumni All Stars with James Moody at 8 p.m. in the Allen Theatre. Tickets — \$12 for the public and two free per student — can be obtained through Select-A-Seat.

Sunday

- Tech University Singers and Matador Singers will perform a free concert at 3 p.m. in Hemmle Recital Hall.
- Tech Trombone Studio will perform a free concert at 5 p.m. in the Music building choir room.

Monday

Eri Lee will perform a free violin concert at 7 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall.

Tuesday

- Jr. Vasquez will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.
- Tech Renee Skerik will perform a free viola concert at 7 p.m. in Hemmle Recital Hall.
- Tech Percussion Ensembles will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union Building.

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Seminar to provide tips for transition from college student to professional

becoming a professional seems fright- of the employment market. ening, one campus service may provide peace of mind.

transition from student to professional has included information on a variety of are strongly encouraged to attend

If the shift from being a student to important with the weakened condition "We want to get people pre-

Student To Professional," is the last event of what the world of work looks Texas Tech University Career Ser- in a seminar series University Career Ser- like." vices will present tips for making the vices began in January, he said. The series

pared for the launch," he said, "so The event, "Hired; Now What-From this will be a realistic presentation-

Students preparing to graduate at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the University topics, including networking, interview- the event, Duke said. However,

Honda connects brain thoughts with robotics

robotics.

Honda Mo-

tor Co. has de-

veloped a way to

read patterns of

electric currents

on a person's

scalp as well as

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thinks about four

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the right hand,

moving the left

hand, running

its human-shaped robot.

and eating.

trunk or controlling a home air condi- his right hand — a thought that was Research Institute Japan Co., the comtioner could become just a wish away picked up by cords attached to his head pany's research unit. "Practical uses are with Honda's new technology that inside the helmet. After several seconds, still way into the future." connects thoughts inside a brain with Asimo, programmed to respond to brain

signals, lifted its right arm Honda said

Im talking about dreams today. Practical uses still way into the future. **YASUHISA ARAI**

HONDA RESEARCH INSTITUTE JAPAN CO. EXECUTIVE

> three hours of studying them in advance are needed

Honda succeeded in analyzing such for the technology to work. The company, a leader in robotics, acknowledged the technology was still at a basic research stage with no immediate In a video shown Tuesday at Tokyo practical applications in the works.

"I'm talking about dreams today,"

TOKYO (AP) — Opening a car met sat still but thought about moving said Yasuhisa Arai, executive at Honda

Japan boasts one of the leading robotics industries in the world, and the government is pushing to develop the the technolindustry as a road to growth.

ogy wasn't quite Research on the brain is being ready for a live tackled around the world, but Honda demonstration said its research was among the most because of posadvanced in figuring out a way to read sible distractions brain patterns without having to hurt in the person's the person, such as embedding sensors into the skin. thinking. An-

Honda has made robotics a centerother problem is that brain piece of its image, sending Asimo to patterns differ events and starring the walking, talking greatly among robot in TV ads. Among the challenges individuals, and for the brain technology is to make the so about two to reading-device smaller so it can be portable, according to Honda.

Arai didn't rule out the possibility of a car that may some day drive itself - even without a steering wheel.

"Our products are for people to use. It is important for us to understand human behavior," he said. "We think this is the ultimate in making machines move."

Memorabilia donated to Hard Rock Hotel

thought patterns, and then relaying

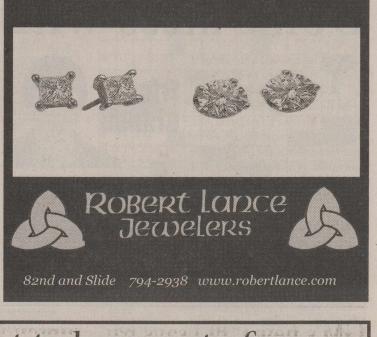
them as wireless commands for Asimo,

headquarters, a person wearing a hel-

HONG KONG (AP) --- Hong Kong pop star Jacky Cheung donated a guitar and two outfits Tuesday to the upcoming Hard Rock Hotel Macau, becoming the first ethnic Chinese musician to contribute items to the Hard Rock memorabilia collection.

The 47-year-old singer signed the guitar at a donation ceremony and posed with two sequined sweaters, one of which came with a white bow tie.

Noting that one of Eric Clapton's guitars was the first item donated to Hard Rock's memorabilia collection, Cheung joked that "I may not play the guitar as well as musicians like him do, but I'm happy that my items are going to be displayed with theirs."



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David Kraus, managing director ing the professional world.

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important all the time but particularly to professional entails.

ing and salary negotiation.

for University Career Services, said director, Joe Duke, who will be one of the advantage of the services provided the purpose of the event is to provide presenters for the event, said the goal is to by University Career Services. students with information about enter- prepare students for the differences they will face in the professional world.

"It's quite different from being a students to get the ball rolling long dents what to expect on the first year Tech student," he said. "Students should before they plan to graduate. Findon the job," he said, "and we hope that expect less leisure time in their first job ing a job is a full time job itself." what they'll gain will make them better compared to a part time job with a flexible schedule.'

tional gaps in the workplace to how tant because many times students are through RaiderJobs at the Univerto treat a boss, Kraus said, which is unsure of what a transition from student sity Career Services Web site.

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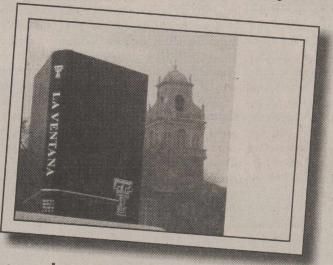
> "Prevention is better than a cure," he said. "It's important for

The event has limited seating and advance notification of atten-The topics will range from genera- Duke said the presentation is impor- dance required. Students can RSVP ≫hannah.boen@ttu.edu

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Earth Hour should go beyond single hour

ast Saturday evening I sat with a group of friends and listened to them tell stories about their days as we ate spaghetti. We hadn't seen each other for some time, and we easily got carried away talking about our various joys, trials and tribulations.

and shared stories but bounced back hour. to reality when the clock turned from 8:29 to 8:30.

we turned off the lights, people in global warming." Chicago and Dallas did the same. An flickered and fell dark.

outage? In a way. All over the world a ballot? at 8:30 p.m. local time, people shut



We lost track of time as we ate use any electricity for the following something small for the Earth.

That hour is known as Earth Hour. When I first heard of the con-"It's time!" we said, and turned cept behind Earth Hour, I was skeptioff the light switch, shut down cal. The official Web site advertises computers and pulled out every ex- the event as being "the world's first tension chord in the apartment. As global election, between Earth and

This made me even more skephour earlier, skyscrapers in New York tical. How can one say that by City and embassies in Washington shutting off your lights for an hour D.C., went dim. An hour later, areas you are voting for the world, and in Mexico City and Albuquerque by not participating you are voting for global warming? Wouldn't Coincidence? No. Massive power everyone vote for the Earth if given

tricity for an hour? Good. Back at my made, to research the facts for apartment in Lubbock, it was nice to vourself. be power free. No one left the room to check e-mails, no one watched reports published by TV. We sat on the sofa and talked. activist groups on ei-That was the beauty of Earth Hour. ther side, but look It gave people the opportunity to instead to science. come together as a community to do The Intergovernmen-

Looking beyond the activism and Change is a good politics, I realized the campaign was place to start. really for Earth. It wasn't a global election, it was a global gathering, something we need in our ever distant and isolated lives. We need you will see the exto come together more to talk about tent to which global issues that affect the world. Only warming will impact then can we really understand the our world. Perhaps you "global" in global warming and the will also come to un-"Earth" in Earth Hour.

Global warming is a problem. For change is occurthe sake of staying on topic, I am ring for many reasons, off their lights and pledged to not Hour was so simple. Don't use elec- the change in climate is man- pact us all.

Don't settle for tal Panel on Climate

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After you have further researched the issue, maybe derstand climate

not going to go into the science and the entire world has contrib- well. Though I don't agree with the gift could you give? that supports the observations of uted to the problem. Regardless of "election" principles behind Earth global warming, but I encourage anyone's track record for carbon Hour, I believe it is a step forward in 🔳 Zak is a senior English Yet, the concept behind Earth you, whether you acknowledge emissions, climate change will im- coming together as a global popula-

Because the distribution of tech-

According to an article written by New York Times journalist Nicholas Kristof "the people in Bangladesh and Africa emit almost no carbon, bear the greatest risks of

climate change." it is important to understand how the choices we make in the United lives of others throughout the

tion to solve a global problem.

But helping once a year isn't nology is unequal among the coun- enough. Earth Hour should be every tries of the world, and our landscapes hour of every day. This doesn't mean are so vastly different, some re- never use electricity, but instead gions will suffer more than others. challenge yourself to try natural lighting and more energy efficient appliances.

There are tips on leading a sustainable life all over the Internet. I yet they are the ones who will recommend starting with the book "Farewell My Subaru" by Doug Fine. He spoke at Tech in March This is not fair, and and was hilarious and sensible in his approach to living a sustainable lifestyle.

So look, research, learn and States will impact the know that people in other parts of the world are doing likewise. Know world. Likewise, people in that by taking this initiative to lead a other parts of the world more sustainable life, you are not just must realize the choic- helping yourself, but people you will es they make will affect us as never meet or know. What greater

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Don't mess with Darwin

ou can tell a lot about a news story by the headline Fox News gives it. As if just for the hell of it, they often use blatant propaganda-like language and warp the news into something that's the journalistic equivalent of a thumbs-up and a "Mission Accomplished" banner ancestry. Oh, he's good. spread across the USS Abraham Lincoln.

If a Fox headline sounds like it's good news and you are a rational human being, it's probably awful Leads Nation in Requiring Criti- for various science courses. cal Analysis of Evolution in High School Science Classes."

That headline makes it sound as ficiency of natural selection to a position of such power for a rea-



Last week, McLeroy led a push to re-instate the "strengths and weaknesses" language. He lost. But once again, he and the other social conservatives had a back-up plan news. This headline at the Fox to ruining science education, and Business Web site Friday sounded as a compromise, the board crafted particularly joyful, and thus, to the sneaky amendments that made can become so certain of its truth trained eye, ominous: "Texas Now' specific curriculum requirements that you are blinded to the powers

biology teachers to "analyze and the Texas Board of Education and It'd be funny if it weren't true. evaluate the sufficiency or insuf- feel God must have placed you in

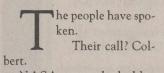
150-year-old theory is not "still up for debate," as creationists claim. Go into the Biology building on campus and start asking about the "great evolution debate." They'll think you stepped out of a time machine from the John Scopes trial.

It's a simple fact creationists don't like Darwin's ideas because they refute so much of what creationism entails - stuff like "the earth is just 6,000 years old," and "humans rode dinosaurs."

This has to do with one of my problems with religion — how you of rational thought and logic. How One such amendment requires you can then become a member of

Make room for Colbert in space station

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NASA recently held a competition inviting the American public to help name the newest node to the International Space Station, Node 3. Voting took place on the NASA Web site, with the following options: Earthrise, Legacy, Serenity and Venture. These names fit nicely with Nodes 1 and 2: Unity and Harmony. But as Stephen Colbert said on The Colbert Report, 'Those aren't space modules, those are organic teas!"

However, NASA added a write-in component this tion: Will NASA listen to the bert's Americone Dream, a Ben voters? The rules of the contest & Jerry's flavor; or even Aptostistate that "NASA will take into chus stephencolberti, a trapdoor consideration the results of the spider. voting. However, the results are not binding on NASA and NASA reserves the right to ultimately Rep. Chaka Fattah, a member of select a name in accordance with the House Appropriations Comthe best interests of the agency ... mittee that oversees NASA. He

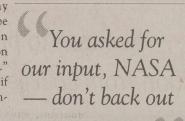
Such name may not necessarily be one which is on the list of voted-on candidate names."

It's almost as if they saw this coming.

Americ.WONckground as yehr square he remembered Colbert's unsuccessful

attempts to get on the South "This is not about dollars, but it's Carolina presidential primaries got to make sense to the American ballot and to get a Hungarian people. We insist on democracy bridge named after him - or in orbit."

You asked for our input, NASA - don't back out now. Listen to



said, "The people have spoken, and Stephen Colbert won it fair and square." Although his position potentially gives him financial influence on the situation, he said,

if Texas is on the cutting edge of things — ahem — but I doubt one record." The list goes on. of them is a unique talent for rethe scientific community.

of Education did a good thing, the windows in the house.' doing away with a rule forcing science teachers in Texas to teach cation. I'm sure they mean well. perceived "weaknesses" of the interested in forcing economics their reputation for sadism is comteachers to teach the "weaknesses" of capitalism.)

tory of lies," he told the Dallas thoughts in his role as a dentist. Morning News.

loss lying down. He proposed, and appointed by the governor, should requiring students to discuss the "sufficiency or insufficiency" of the Darwinian concept of common

explain the complexity of the cell." science. It's as if the rest of the Students are asked to "analyze and world just doesn't understand evaluate scientific explanations "critical analysis" like the teen- concerning any data on sudden

exquisitely refined) by what left- Times, "The State Board of Educaleaning weasels like me like to call tion pretty much slammed the door on 'strengths and weaknesses,' but were in favor of ditching the In January, the Texas Board then went around and opened all requirement to teach evolution's

Ah, the Texas Board of Edu-McLeroy is a dentist, for instance. years, out of a duty to the scienevolutionary theory. (It's inter- Don't get me wrong - I love denesting that the board was never tists. I'm kin to dentists. I think everywhere. Bless them. pletely and utterly unfair. But his who would fire a teacher for other job is being a fourth-grade bringing her students to a museum At that time, board member Sunday school teacher at Grace where a classical nude statue was Ken Mercer, R-San Antonio, Bible Church in College Station. displayed (true story), or perclaimed that students' freedom I can only assume his vehemence secute homosexuals because of of speech was on the line. "Those in opposing evolutionary theory arguing against us have a bad his- stems from that job, rather than his insidious doubt under the guise of

But Don McLeroy, the board's ideas, it's obvious that McLeroy, you tampering with our lives no chairman, wasn't going to take the who, like the rest of the board, was more. the board accepted, an amendment not be making decisions about **Braden is a senior natural** what goes into science textbooks history and humanities major in Texas.

Let's get this straight. Darwin's eric.braden@ttu.edu.

son, and before you know it, your religion becomes my education, all because of how certain you are.

And then you take one thing agers in our great state do. Our appearance and stasis and the that is certain --- that new species teenagers lead the nation in some sequential groups in the fossil are formed through the processes of natural selection and evolu-As Dan Quinn, a spokesman tion - and cast uncertainty upon interpreting the merits or demerits for the Texas Freedom Network, it. That's not "being critical." It's of a 150-year-old theory that was a pro-evolution-in-the-classroom sneaky and shameful and totally long ago accepted (and since quite nonprofit, told the New York inexcusable. Our students deserve better.

> Texas teachers, unsurprisingly, "strengths and weaknesses." And to their credit, many of them have ignored that requirement for tific theory, Darwin, and students

As for the child-like adults a 2,000-year-old book, or spout "freedom of speech" and "critical But wherever they get their analysis," I say be gone, we want

from Katy. E-mail him at

time. This made room for suggestions such as Tranquility, Synergy, Vision and even Xenu — the galactic overlord of Scientology. But the best write-in suggestion was far superior to these. And with more than 230,000 votes, it was the clear winner.

Colbert launched an aggressive campaign to make his name a contender. On the March 3 episode of The Colbert Report, he encouraged his audience to visit the NASA Web site and type "Colbert" in the "Select Your Own" box. He told the "heroes" watching the show, "You are officially mobilized to get that module named after me."

The viewers didn't let him down. Colbert soundly beat all other options — Serenity came in second with slightly more than 190,000 votes. Serenity? Really? Isn't that a brand of feminine hygiene products?

Oh. Apparently Serenity is the name of the spaceship from the science fiction TV show Firefly. That kind of makes sense. But it doesn't matter, because Colbert won this contest. Take that, sci-fi spaceship!

Now comes the real ques-

maybe they noticed Steagle Colbeagle the Eagle, the mascot for that. So come on, NASA. Let's the minor league hockey team make room for a little bit of Truthi-Saginaw Spirit; Stephen Col- ness in space.

Democracy in orbit. We like



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Tech to host conference about media influence in Hispanic culture

Texas Tech will host an academic influence in Hispanic culture Thursday and Friday.

Michael Parkinson, a mass communications professor at Tech, said the College of Mass Communications has hosted research colloquiums in Colloquium. the past, but the material has never focused on Hispanic culture.

Professor in Hispanic and International Communication at Tech, said he planned the colloquium in hopes to unite individuals working in the academic research.

conference to fuse the ideas of stu- and important population group in the dents, professionals and academics U.S.," Wilkinson said, "and media have cano studies at the University of Califor- and media influence during the about issues and perceptions of media an important influence over their lives nia Berkley will give a keynote address and the way people perceive them."

> and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday night at the Lubbock Club to kick off the Hispanic Media and Audiences

man of Bromley Communications, Kenton T. Wilkinson, a Regents a Hispanic advertising agency, will deliver a keynote address titled "A the films that will be shown, Wilkinson of America" during dinner.

Friday morning, three workshops

"Hispanics or Latinos are a growing ing with Hispanic audiences.

between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. during lunch at the Merket Alumni Center from for students who have reserved a seat.

After lunch, a panel will discuss Parkinson said, "and secondly to student-submitted academic papers and take those two perspectives and Ernest W. Bromley, CEO and chair- two Hispanic films that will be viewed.

David Karen from University of Texas-Pan American supplied one of Shifting Paradigm: The Changing Face said, and the second film was successful in film festivals.

industry and those interested in will be presented by professionals who tions is both an academic discipline other events. work in print, radio and television deal- and a profession, and it is important >>> sarah.reiman@ttu.edu

that both sides are represented Alex Saragoza, a professor of Chi- in the conversation about culture colloquium.

> The college has two purposes for hosting the colloquium, he said.

"To bridge the gap between the profession and academia," explore changes in media markets -or unique media markets that are assisting Hispanics."

The film screenings and panel discussions will be free and open to the public, he said, but students Parkinson said mass communica- will need to reserve seats for the

Mustangs -CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The members of the organization try to gear all activities college friendly price-wise."

and meetings towards all cars, Thomason said. One activity they periodically participate in is drag racing.

The thrill and appeal of racing comes from the need for "getting out there" and driving fast, she said.

self," Thomason said, "its incom- their various types of cars. parable to anything else."

They also offer a different sen- his 1966 Mustang. sation than driving a big truck, ease.'

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"Being on the road by your- nity participated by displaying

Many people find Mustangs engineering professor at Tech, appealing because of the speed. won the classic cars division with

> Hanson said he purchased the Madison, who cheered in the

"I like the body style," Han-

"I think it's kind of the Ameri- son said. "The older cars are watch and make sure everyone can alternative to a pickup," he easier to work on because it is stopping, you are in extreme said. "It's a pretty good reliable reminds me of my car from high defense driving mode," he said, performance car that you can buy school and makes me feel young laughing. "I am always wor-

"I have restored the engine, into me." The orthe interior of the car, fixed some of the rusty spots on the floor car gives him a sense of pride, pans," he said, "and pretty much Hanson said. He finds it fulfillprimary fundraiser and bigbrought it back to life."

gest event is care of the car for seven years own hands. the car show it hosts once until his daughter can take the per semester. wheel, and he will drive it carefully in the meantime. The Mustang

club hosted "Other than just constantly car." its most rewatching the rear-view mirror to >>> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador THE LUBBOCK HIGH School folklorico dancers perform traditional dances from Jalisco, Mexico with a mariachi band Tuesday at the amphitheater on the north side of the Student Union Building. The event is part of the Hispanic Cultural Week sponsored by the Tech Hispanic Student Society.

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the commu-

Jeff Hanson, a mechanical

she said. In a Mustang, drivers "springtime yellow" sports car can "whip around corners with for his nine-year-old daughter. "Mustang is an American Obackground as he described the establishment," she said. "Mus- work he put into improving the

driver.'

Ryan Woods, a sophomore architecture major from Austin and treasurer of the organization, said the club offers an outlet for car enthusiasts to get together and discuss their interests as well as arrange events.

"We try to cater to not just Mustang owners," Woods said. "It's almost a misconception that we are only a Mustang club. I am one of the few members that actually has a Mustang."

The Mustang club offers a place for car-lovers to make friends with students who share their interests and discuss what attracts them to their vehicles, he said.

The Mustang appeal is mainly speed, Woods said, but several other factors make the vehicle attractive.

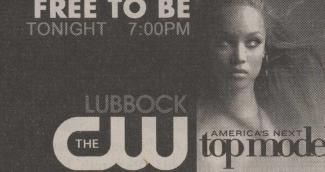


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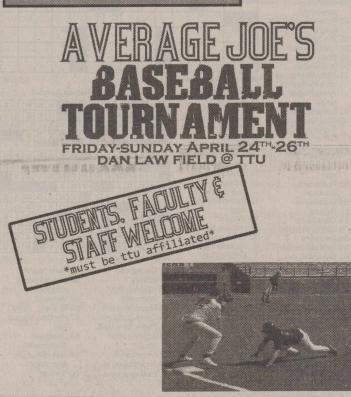
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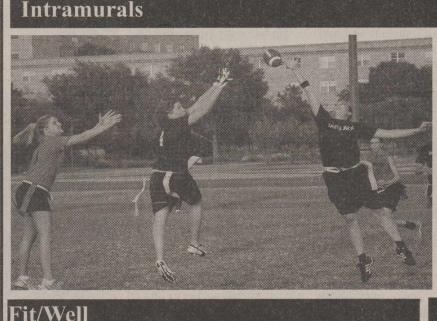
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Single elimination play begins on Tuesday, April 14, with Thursday, April 9th designated as a play day. This is your chance to practice the sport and get acquainted with the rules!

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-TONIGHT is the Intramural **Basketball All-University** Championships. Play starts at 8:30pm at the Rec! -TONIGHT is the first night of the Softball Playoffs! Check online · for brackets! -TODAY is the last day to signup for Res Hall Kickball! - TOMORROW is the last day to register for Tennis Singles! -SATURDAY is Tailgating games at Dan Law field at 3:00pm! -Sign up for 4on4Sand Volleyball! -Sign up for Doubles Golf!

Natural High Bike Race Saturday, April 4

Register at the Race 11:00am - 12:15am MLK Park \$5 w/Student ID Natural High Mountain Bike Race

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Rec Center Rm. 206

6:00pm

6:00pm

5:00pm

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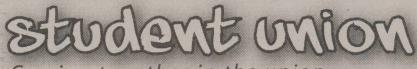
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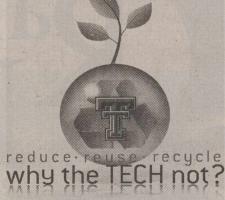
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Tech softball anxious for more after winning streak

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

Momentum could be shifting for the home runs and Texas Tech softball team.

After a four-game road trip, the Red pitcher in both Raiders picked up back-to-back wins wins for the Red against Iowa State Sunday and UTSA Raiders. Monday.

It is the fourth time Tech has been on against Iowa State a two-game winning streak this season, she pitched a complete game and went problem.

Tech dropped the first two games of the trip to No. 22 Texas 7-0 on March 26 and Iowa State on March 28. But Tech finished strong earning its first Big 12 Conference Cyclones and a 9-1 win against UTSA.

While putting a few wins together is not new, getting another win against Kansas this weekend will be a first and could her third win of the season. give Tech something to build on.

conference win against Iowa State and team," Suiter said. "Alex Watkins played this weekend and put the pieces together and work towards closing out the season strong.

Watkins was a catalyst for the Red been. Raiders in their two wins.



In the win SUITER

but extending that streak has been a 2-for-3 from the plate with two doubles. Watkins continued her hot streak against UTSA and also put her name in

the record books. 3-for-4 on the day including a two-run five-game skid set Tech back. win of the season, a 4-3 victory against the double, a two-run home run, and a threerun home run to put seven runs across needs to stay focused this time and just the plate. Watkins also pitched for Tech continue to play its game. striking out a career-high 10 batters to earn

"This past weekend we got our first with her seven RBIs and two home runs. ing us to do," said Shupp, who is second

played really well against a solid UTSA the past couple of games," Watkins said. home runs. "We went out there against exceptionally great over the weekend and it came back to me. I have just listened and focus and things turned out good for us really helped to carry the team in the two to our coaches and continued to make in the end. We have to continue to work wins. We are going to continue to build off adjustments and they paid off for me this past weekend."

> Tech players hope this past weekend will not be a memory of what could have against Kansas at 2 p.m. Saturday and noon

But every time the Red Raiders have



started a winning

the season, but it

was followed by a seven-game losing skid. The second one came against Pacific and UC Santa Barbara, but that was followed by a five-game losing streak. It happened once again with two wins against South Watkins had a monster game going Dakota State on March 12, but another

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WATKINS

Senior Megan Shupp said the team

"Well this past weekend we saw what we could do if we just continue to make Watkins set Tech single game records the adjustments that our coaches are ask-"I just felt like I found my groove over on the team with six doubles and three

"I had it earlier in the year, and I felt like Iowa State and UTSA with a lot of fight hard and be coachable and adapt to the different teams style of play."

> The Red Raiders continue Big 12 play Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field. »»zane.turner@ttu.edu

AP Poll: Ballpark figures are too high

game ... because I can't afford it.

The high price of going to a game is now the No. 1 problem in Major League Baseball, a new Associated in 2003 should be made public. So far, only Press-Knowledge Networks poll of fans shows.

away, the nation's recession is delivering the second time. the biggest blow.

"In tough times, disposable income may not be there.'

In other poll results released Tuesday:

(AP) - Take me out to the ball- enhancing drugs should get into the Hall University of Cincinnati, said at spring of Fame.

> -85 percent said all 104 names on the list of players who tested positive for drugs Alex Rodriguez has been identified.

Soaring salaries and steroids domi- interested in the World Baseball Classic tops out at \$2,625. nated fans' worries in past AP surveys. - the preseason tournament involving But with opening day less than a week major leaguers that was won by Japan for to park.

"Like every election, it's the econo- parking and everything else added up to over the previous season, according to The my," said New York Yankees star Mark fans' main concern. The toll of attending Teixeira, who signed a \$180 million, a game was tops at 45 percent, followed by eight-year contract in the offseason. player salaries (29 percent), steroids/drugs (19 percent) and the length of games (6 percent).

last game we went to, we paid \$50 for a went even further, offering a season ticket -Nearly 60 percent of fans said no seat. That's pretty steep," Robert Neel, in the upper deck for \$76 - less than \$1 player who used steroids or performance- a retired director of admissions at the per game for all 81 home dates.

training in Florida.

That would make for a cheap seat at either of the two new ballparks opening in New York. At the \$1.5 billion Yankee Stadium, a ticket in the lower deck between - 60 percent said they were not the bases goes for a minimum of \$350 and

At the Mets' Citi Field, it's \$18 just

The average ticket price in the majors But the cost of tickets, concessions, was \$25.43 last year - up 11.7 percent Team Marketing Report. The 2009 cost hasn't been determined, but the increases typically outpace the inflation rate.

MLB said two-thirds of the 30 teams lowered either their average ticket price or "It's gone up like everything else. The some level of seats. The Toronto Blue Jays

Chicago spruces up for key Olympic committee visit

has rolled out the red carpet for kings made a 20-minute presentation. and queens, presidents and movie 2016 Olympic Games.

Dr. Ching-Kuo-Wu and a few oth- tractions. ers from an International Olympic Madrid or Tokyo. It follows meetings woman.

CHICAGO (AP) - Chicago last week in Denver where each city

stars, not to mention Bulls and Bears. rehearsing, paving, practicing, painting community groups and businesses have But this week a few VIPs most people and planting. For example, they'll make planted flowers in parks and planters have never heard of get the royal sure IOC members see two Millennium along streets. And in this season of gaptreatment as the city tries to land the Park fountains in all their glory, just ing potholes, work crews are laying down they way they are when they become fresh asphalt in Washington Park, where Mounir Sabet, Alexander Popov, one of the city's top summertime at- the Olympic stadium would be built.

Committee delegation will inspect the water will be turned on" when the across Chicago, not just near Olympic the city in its first stop during the committee arrives, said Jill Hurwitz, venues. Still, he acknowledged, "We competition against Rio de Janeiro, cultural affairs department spokes- wanted to complete those streets prior

Workers are also trying to finish renovating the famed Buckingham Chicago officials have been busily Fountain ahead of time. Around the city,

Roads departments spokesman "We usually wait until April 15, but Brian Steele said crews are working to the IOC visit."

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New challenges for Petty after son, Colt, is born

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

First he was a full-time coach, and now he is a full-time father.

Texas Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty now not only has the responsibility of a Division I tennis team on his hands, but also the responsibility of raising a just kind of realize what the most newborn son.

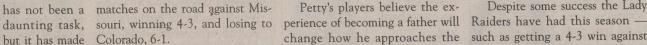
Colt Rusk Petty was born March 24, three days before the Lady Raiders started a two-match road trip against No. 62 Missouri and No. 53 Colorado. As a result, Petty stayed in Lubbock with his family, while the Lady Raiders went on the road trip with Tech men's tennis assistant coach Marcelo Ferreria instead.

daunting task, but it has made 19 A him realize what is most important in life.

overwhelming," PETTY he said. "But you important thing is. Lack of sleep, as most fathers know, is becoming the program's a big thing now, but I don't know if it has really sank in yet, but just an- wins leader with other someone to really care about 75 victories in has been the most fun part of it."

ing for his wife and child, the Lady Raiders had business to attend to. With Ferreira at the helm, Tech

Petty said being a new father split its two Big 12 Conference ther.



Petty did miss history being made, how-"It's not ever.

Tech's No. 1 singles player, Samantha van der Drift, became all-time singles her career Fri-During the time Petty was car- day in the match against Mizzou.

But for Petty,

Petty's players believe the ex-

Lack of sleep, as most fathers know, is becoming a big thing now ...) **TODD PETTY** TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S

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strong."

game of tennis. "This experience is going to bring a different perspective for him. lot of positivity and happiness,"

they're more in- fun doing." tense and they're

better for us.

Despite some success the Lady weekend. change how he approaches the such as getting a 4-3 win against the middle of the pack in the Big No. 21 TCU, the highest-ranked opponent Tech has ever beaten — Petty said now tennis is put into a

> "Tennis is a game, it is a sport," he said. "The things we truly value duties with the team. Natalie Leitch and what we want to teach our said. "Mostly a kids are the same things I want to a different perspective," she said. lot of happiness promote to these girls. Work hard, and bringing compete hard, give everything good energy to you've got, and realize it is a game, our practices so and it's something we should have

in Petty's life, the Lady Raiders State at 3 p.m. Friday and against So we can get have two pivotal Big 12 matches nothing will top becoming a fa- ready to play and finish the season this weekend with Kansas State and Kansas visiting Lubbock this »zane.turner@ttu.edu

Tech still is trying to stay in 12 and find itself with an NCAA Tournament berth.

So while Petty has new duties off the court, Simone Templeton said he may be even more focused on his

"This experience will give him "But I think workouts will be more intense, and he won't lose focus on what we're trying to accomplish this season."

Petty and the Lady Raiders While this is an important time resume Big 12 play against Kansas Kansas at 11 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

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All the Wright moves pay off at Villanova

his graying hair coifed to perfection, his rumpled Rollie Massimino in 1985. tasteful designer suits worn without a wrinkle and shoes more polished than as a team photo.

might enjoy more than the Hugo Boss their date on the schedule. name stitched inside his jacket: Final Four coach.

At a Final Four that boasts national championship winners Roy Williams, Tom Izzo and Jim Calhoun, Wright's career resume could seem as out of place as a circus clown on a best-dressed list, but now this, Villanova's first Final Four since Massimino. the man who's always dressed for success has found it in convincing fashion the past five years at Villanova.

When Wright shakes hands with North Carolina's Williams before Saturday night's national semifinal game, he'll be only the fourth coach in Villanova

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) - With Four and first since the rotund and deal with your future team and the

Look beyond the looks - Wright is married to a former Villanova cheerhis recruits, Jay Wright always looked like leader, after all — and it's easy to see why he could pose for a GQ layout as easily he's become such a hit with fans from the lanova is the only program he wants ritzy suburban Philadelphia crowd to his to coach. Wright last week immedi-For a guy who knows his labels, here's own local peers who now routinely take ately shot down any speculation he'd one Villanova's 47-year-old dapper dandy an "L" when the Wildcats show up for

> Five straight NCAA tournament appearances, the second-longest streak in team history. Two regional finals in four years. Winners of 18 of their last 19 city series games. A 178-90 record in eight years at the Big East school. And the 1985 national title team.

> fashion statement to the sidelines.

"He's embraced Philadelphia and that's made it easy for people to embrace him," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "I think coaching involves how you of staying on as an assistant under history to lead the Wildcats to the Final deal with your present team, how you Steve Lappas.

public relations part of it. I don't think you can get higher marks in any those areas than Jay gets."

Wright has made it clear that Vilbe interested in making the move to Kentucky because, well, he's just a Philly guy at heart. He's a Churchville native, was a teenager when Martelli coached him at summer camp, played at Bucknell, worked for the Philadelphia Stars of the USFL and spent five years as a Villanova assistant under

When Massimino wore out his Wright brings much more than a welcome at Villanova and left for UNLV, he wanted his top protege with him. Wright didn't want to leave, but his allegiance to Daddy Mass was the deciding factor instead

Tech track travels to Austin for Texas Relays

By ADAM WADSWORTH STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track team is facing its first test in only the third week of the

point in the season, he believes his team is as ready as ever to face this week's high level of competition.

'This is our first big test," Kittley said. "We have a lot of good people there around the country, but I think we're way ahead of what I anticipated we would be. So I'm real excited about what we can do this weekend from a relay standpoint and an individual."

in Austin will be as close to a national Red Raiders will see all season.

this season Tech runs against teams from other areas of the country, such as Minnesota, UCLA and Arizona

He said running against different teams will give Tech an idea of where Red Raiders have a busy schedule over it stands compared to the rest of the the next four days. for a chance to compete against other ence, Tech will face familiar competihigh-quality teams.

continue on the right path. He ran a time of 52.22 seconds to take the title in Abilene.

"I plan on making it to the finals, and we'll go from there," Mason said. "As long as I'm running better than I was." He said he spent this week of prac-

tice working on his consistency so when the time came, he would be ready to perform at his peak.

Mason also said he expected the team to perform well based on what he has seen in the outdoor practices.

Tech junior pole vaulter Amanda Alley, coming off her second straight NCAA regional qualifying performance, said she also was excited for the opportunity to compete, but is treating the meet like any other.

"I try not to put too much pressure He said the level of competition on it because it is a big meet, but it's just good experience, and there's better championship meet as anything the competition there," Alley said. "So it'll just be a good experience for the bigger the distance running events beginning The meet also will be the first time meets later on in the season."

She enters the Texas Relays on a good note after setting a season-best mark of 13 feet, 2.5 inches during the Abilene Christian Invitational.

Mason, Alley and the rest of the

Friday begins the prelims for the rest of the running events and continues with field events such as the discus, long In addition to competing against



outdoor season. The Red Raiders compete in Austin this week at the 82nd annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. Tech coach Wes Kittley said at this

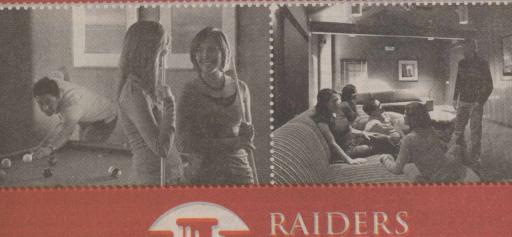
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out Jamele Mason said he hopes to Tech will make its first appearance in »adam.wadsworth@ttu.edu

Kittley is not the only one excited schools from outside the Big 12 Confertion such as Colorado, Texas A&M, his first NCAA regional mark in the The Texas Relays kick off today at running events. 400-meter hurdles at the Abilene noon with the men's decathlon and Christian Invitational, freshman stand- the women's heptathlon. However, found at www.texassports.com.

jump and javelin.

hammer throw.

The event wraps up Saturday with field events, including the shot put Coming off a first-place finish and Baylor, Oklahoma and host Texas. and pole vault, and the finals of the

The event continues Thursday at

11 a.m. by finishing the decathlon and

heptathlon and continues with hurdle

preliminaries and the men and women's

Live results from the meet can be

Reds trade Keppinger to Astros for player to be named

Keppinger was packing his gear when just because of my spring numbers." he got a call saying manager Dusty Baker wanted to talk to him. The reserve shortstop thought he was about to be released.

the Houston Astros on Tuesday for play. Looking around here, it didn't played in a minor league game for a player to be named, giving him look like I would play too much. the second day in a row Tuesday and a chance to play for his fifth major That's kind of how my career has reported no problems. league organization. He batted only been. I always get roadblocked some-.140 in 21 games this spring and knew where, and I go to a team that kind of hander Pedro Viola to their minor it was likely that he wouldn't make needs something. Before you know it, league camp on Tuesday and opthe team.

"I'm just glad they didn't release

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had some place to go. "It's good," Keppinger said. "May-

they give me my shot to play."

me," Keppinger said. "I was going to season, when starting shortstop Alex with 30 players in camp.

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Jeff ask if they were going to release me Gonzalez was sidelined by a fractured knee. Keppinger started 101 games Instead of being out of a job, he at shortstop, batting .266 with three homers and 43 RBIs.

Gonzalez is back from the injury be the opportunity's better for me this season, although a strained ham-Instead, the Reds traded him to over there. I might get a chance to string has held him back recently. He

The Reds also reassigned lefttioned right-hander Josh Roenicke Keppinger bailed the Reds out last to Triple-A Louisville, leaving them



Burress' gun case put off until June

NEW YORK (AP) - A gun possession case against New York Giants star Plaxico Burress was adjourned Tuesday until June unless he reaches a plea agreement with prosecutors to resolve the matter sooner.

Burress accidentally shot himself in the thigh with an unlicensed gun he'd stuffed into his waistband at a Manhattan nightclub last year.

The star receiver, wearing a gray suit and a light blue shirt, arrived at Manhattan Criminal Court in the company of his wife and his attorney, Benjamin Brafman.

Both sides agreed to adjourn the case to June 15 following a brief hearing before Judge Michael Yazinsky. Burress' bail was continued.

Prosecutor John Wolfstaetter told the judge that the prosecution was continuing its investigation.