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STATE

Committee OKs spending for rest of fiscal year

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee has approved a \$3 billion plan to help state agencies meet higherthan-expected costs in the remaining months of the fiscal year.

By a unanimous vote Monday, the House Appropriations Committee adopted the plan, which includes \$1.6 billion in federal stimulus money to help the state cover rising Medicaid

The measure, which is expected to go before the full House next week, also would pay for costs associated with Hurricane Ike and the restoration of the Governor's Mansion.

NATION

Cuts seen for large weapons programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation should stop pouring billions into futuristic, super-expensive F-22 jet fighters, pull the plug on new presidential helicopters and put the money into systems U.S. soldiers can use against actual foes, Defense Secretary Robert Gates declared Monday.

Major overhaul plans laid out by the Obama administration's Pentagon chief would slash several giant weapons programs — and thousands of civilian jobs that go with them. With recession unemployment rising, Congress may balk at many of the cuts in Gates' proposed \$534 billion budget for the coming year.

WORLD

Italy quake claims 150 dead, 1,500 injured

L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) -Rescue workers using bare hands and buckets searched frantically for students believed buried in a wrecked dormitory after Italy's deadliest quake in nearly three decades struck this medieval city before dawn Monday, killing more than 150 people, injuring 1,500 and leaving tens of thousands homeless.

The 6.3-magnitude earthquake buckled both ancient and modern buildings in and around L'Aquila, snuggled in a valley surrounded by the snowcapped Apennines' tallest peaks.

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State Senate looks to re-regulate tuition

By JON VANDERLAAN **NEWS EDITOR**

The Texas Legislature is debating on whether to regulate tuition, and Texas Tech President Guy Bailey said he believes the chance of re-regulation is good.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and tuition. and co-authored by Sen. Robert needs of students.

provided by Zaffirini in an e-

tween the state appropriations and tuition.

Bailey said the bill is strong because it recognizes a link between state Senate Bill 1443, authored by appropriations

According to the bill, an insti-Duncan, R-Lubbock, would regu-tution would be allowed to raise late tuition beginning in 2010- tuition to cover the difference 2011 to a 5 percent increase, between its core operational costs eration are the key words there," with provisions that account for and state appropriations, but the he said. state appropriations as well as the institution would not be allowed to increase the total academic costs by According to information more than 5 percent.

However, the institution would mail, the purpose of the bill is be permitted to increase the total to formalize the relationship be- academic costs incurred on students

if approved by a majority of students through a referendum.

Bailey said students need to have a predictable sense of tuition from one

year to the next, the same way the able revenue stream.

"I think predictability and mod-

tuition regulation is just a few years away, Bailey said he does not will be more inclined to raise tuwill set the tuition rates for the year plans for the university. in the next regents meeting May 7 and 8. The board did not raise tuition and fees from the 2007-2008 school year to the 2008-2009 school year.

Jerry Turner, vice chairman of university needs to have a predict- the Tech Board of Regents, said his primary concern with tuition regulation will be whether the university has adequate resources to balance providing an affordable education between cost and quality," he said. Although the possibility of with the need to fulfill the university's educational mission.

believe the Tech Board of Regents bill has passed through the legislature, he said, he did not want to comment on specific bills, but

The regents authorized a 9.9 he said the board will take into percent cap on tuition increases account any bills passed by the for the 2009-2010 school year and legislature that could affect future

> Turner also said he hopes the legislature takes into account that Tech did not raise tuition and fees when deciding on a plan of action with tuition.

> Larry Anders, chairman of the board, said he is concerned with the rising cost of academics along with a desire to regulate tuition.

> "There is a balance to strike

The board is watching the several bills relating to the regulation Because no tuition regulation of tuition, but he said SB 1443 is a good bill on the surface.

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Tech opens Nonwovens and Advanced Materials Lab

By CHELSEA KIMBLE STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health unveiled its new Nonwoven and Advanced Materials Lab Monday, which includes an air he said, it is a good time for small conditioning and humidification system, companies and research groups to look contoured needlezone needlepunching technology, and thermal bonding research contracts. capability.

art lab at the Reese Technology Center Kendall, the director of the TIEHH. in West Lubbock will focus on associate Ramkumar's research is a platform, he professor Seshadri Ramkumar's research said, not only for nonwoven materion nonwoven technology and materials and production, but for Lubbock

According to a Tech news release, the \$1.5 million lab was funded by the U.S. his group will research is finding new Department of Defense and the Lubbock micronaire cotton, which is low in Economic Development Alliance.

"Help funding the facility came from foundations, Texas Tech and LEDA, but on creating new products such as high this would not have been possible with- performance materials and automobile out the help of the government," said materials, Ramkumar said, which will Tech Chancellor Kent Hance. "We are create new jobs. increasing research. Soon we will have a lab is part of that growth."

ties that will come out of the nonwoven map. lab are big for Tech and Lubbock, in part because it will create jobs and save in this facility will use low amounts and we're proud," Kendall said. "You kumar represent world class work. It's

Rory Holmes, president of the Asso- produced at lower cost.

ciation of Nonwoven Fabric Industry, said the new lab is a tool in helping the nonwoven technology, and up to \$6 billion of production can come from the Nonwoven Lab.

In the poor state of the economy, for opportunities to get government

The use of cotton will be one of The 4,000 square foot state-of-the the main areas of research, said Ron

Ramkumar said the first project

Other research will be conducted

Ramkumar said it took about three He said the research and opportuniput the TIEHH on the international nology Center.

Kendall said the technology used



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreado SESHADRI RAMKUMAR, ASSOCIATE professor and lab manager at TIEHH's Nonwovens and Advanced Materials Laboratory, right, speaks about fabric made with contoured needlezone needlepunching technology to Texas Tech Chancellor Kent new vice president of research, and this years to get the facility up and running, and now that it is open, it has Advanced Materials Laboratory Monday. The laboratory is located at the Reese Tech-

> of energy and help more materials be will see things in this lab that you will easy to say and hard to do." not see at any other university. The >> chelsea.kimble@ttu.edu

"We have a multi-million dollar lab nonwoven lab, the research and Ram-

Geithner puts bank CEOs on notice

government may require new faces in executive suites at banks requiring "exceptional assistance" in the future, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Sunday.

Critics of the Obama administration's move last weekend to force out the chairman of General Motors Corp., Rick Wagoner, as a condition for possible additional federal loans say that strong government intervention contrasts with measures placed on the financial industry in return for billions in infusions. Geithner denied there was a

double standard and put banks on notice that they may need to change leadership teams in exchange for accepting more money in the future.

"If, in the future, banks need exceptional assistance in order to get through this, then we'll make sure that assistance comes with conditions, not just to protect the taxpayer but to make sure this is the kind of restructuring necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The for them to emerge stronger," he told "Face the Nation" on CBS. "And where that requires a change of management of the board, we'll

> The treasury chief said that is what has happened at some big institutions that are getting large amounts of government aid. They include the mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which were placed into conservatorship by the government last September, and insurer American International Group Inc., the recipient of more than \$170 billion in help since last fall.

> "We've already seen a substantial number of the largest banks in our country fail or be absorbed by other institutions, no longer existing as independent institutions. And where the government has acted, like in Fannie and Freddie or like in AIG, where we've had to do exceptional things to stabilize them, we have replaced the management and the board," Geithner said.

"And we've done that because we want to make sure that taxpayers' assistance is going to make these companies stronger, make sure there's accountability, make sure it comes with strong conditions. And we'll do that in the future if that is necessary," he added.

"It's a single standard, a single principle. And our obligation to the American people is to do what's necessary to try to bring recovery back on track as quickly as possible."

Asked if chief executives of big banks such as Citibank and Bank of America should worry about their jobs if their companies don't improve their performance, Geithner said the government would not shy from such a restructuring.

"Where that's necessary, where it meets the test, where it's necessary to do what we ... exist to do, which is to make sure that this financial system supports recovery and the banks emerge stronger," Geithner said.

Obama: No US war with Islam

By JENNIFER LOVEN ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Declaring the U.S. "is not and never will be at war with Islam," President Barack Obama worked Monday to mend frayed ties with NATO ally Turkey and improve relations with the larger Muslim world.

Obama acknowledged still-raw tensions over the Iraq war but said Muslims worldwide have little in common with terrorists such as al-Qaida and have much to gain in opposing them. Reaching out, he also spoke of Muslim connections in his own background.

"We seek broader engagement based upon mutual interest and mutual respect," Obama said in a speech to Turkey's Parliament.

It was his first visit to a predominantly Islamic nation as president, and he struck a balance between extending a hand to Muslims in general and discussing Turkey's central role in helping to bring stability to a post-war Iraq and the wider Middle East.

"Our partnership with the Muslim world is critical, not just in rolling back the violent ideologies that people of all faiths reject but also to strengthen opportunity for all its people," he said. He portrayed terrorist groups such as al-Qaida as extremists far removed from the vast majority of Muslims.

Turkey has NATO's largest Army after the U.S., but relations between the two countries soured after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, which the Turks opposed. Turkey barred U.S. forces from going through its country to attack Iraq.

Now, however, since Obama is withdrawing troops, Turkey has become more cooperative.

Sharing parts of its southern border with Iraq, Turkey's role in maintaining security will be pivotal after U.S. combat troops are gone, despite the Turks' lingering problems with Kurdish militants in northern Iraq. Turkey also has important leverage with both Afghanistan and Pakistan and has served as a broker between Israel and several Arab states.



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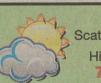
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College of Arts and Sciences

- The Association of Creative Writing and Office of Institution Diversity and Community Engagement presented Texas Tech's first annual Poet Laureate Award event. Winners of the Tech Poet Laureate will be recognized followed by a reading from keynote speaker, Marisela Norte. 2009 winners include Kathy Appelton at the professional level, Stephanie Thome at the graduate level, and Heather Jackson at the undergraduate level.
- Mary Jane Hurst, English professor and Phi Beta Kappa president was named an American Council on Education Fellow. Hurst is one of 42 faculty and administration inducted this year and the sixth Tech ACE fellow.
- Assistant professor of Biological Studies Tigga Kingston is leading a learning project with students from Frenship ISD and Halifax, Mass. Fourth and fifth grade students interact and participate in Kingston's research of bats via the Internet.

The Institute of Environmental and Human Health

• A rocket fuel additive, perchlorate, has recently been found in baby formula as well as some city water supplies. Concerns have been raised about the safe adult dose of the contaminant if the formula is mixed with tainted water, and Tech researchers Ron Kendall, the director of TIEHH, and Philip Smith, associate professor, wrote the book on perchlorate ecotoxicology and can offer insight into the topic. Other Tech professors who research and discuss this contaminant are Ernest Smith, TIEHH associate professor, and Andrew Jackson, civil and environmental

College of Visual and Performing Arts

• The Tech Steel Drum Bands and Percussion and Afro-Cuban Ensembles annual concerts will be hosted at 8 p.m. tonight in the Allen Theatre. The concert will feature student soloists Sarah Harris and Jordan Drum.

Anger in Iraq after bombs kill 37

Iraqi soldiers and police after they failed to prevent a stunning series of coordinated bombings across the city than 100 wounded.

attacks on supporters of Saddam Hussible for what happened today. They sein "in cooperation with the al-Qaida are just sitting at the checkpoint doing terrorist organization" and suggested the blasts were timed for Tuesday's anniversary of the founding of the late dictator's Baath party.

breach of security in Baghdad this Baghdad's police academy and the 33 drawing down its forces in the capital. later at a market on the outskirts of Some Iraqis pondered whether their the city. own soldiers and police can maintain again once the Americans have

At the site of one blast, in the over a four-hour period. former militia stronghold of Sadr

BAGHDAD (AP) — Anger Iraqi soldiers in a display of bitterness capable of the sort of mass attacks that boiled over in Baghdad streets at that they failed to prevent a car bomb shook Baghdad in 2006 and 2007. from entering a busy market, where it

Monday that left 37 dead and more are useless," complained Mohammed said they were believed to be "a Iraq's government blamed the lives in Sadr City. "They are responnothing and after that they open fire randomly."

six blasts claimed more than 12 lives, ried out the attack to mark the April The attacks, which one Inte- far fewer than the 30 people who rior Ministry official called the worst died in a March 8 suicide attack at year, occurred as the U.S. military is killed in a suicide bombing two days

But the attacks Monday were stunorder if Shiite-Sunni violence flares ning in their scope, striking widely dispersed targets from the northeast to the southwest of this sprawling city

City, angry crowds hurled stones at claims that militants were no longer hallmark.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombings. A U.S. military We see nothing from them, they spokesman, Maj. David Shoupe, Latif, a government employee who coordinated effort" by al-Qaida in Iraq, a Sunni group, against Shiite civilians "to instigate sectarian

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office said remnants of the former According to police, none of the regime in league with al-Qaida car-7 anniversary of its founding.

The bombings also happened three days before the sixth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad to U.S. forces during the 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam's regime.

Some of the attacks occurred in heavily guarded Shiite areas, notably Sadr City, that Sunni extremists would find difficult to penetrate. None of the bombings appeared to That cast doubt on U.S. and Iraqi have been suicide attacks, an al-Qaida

Tech rec center sees increase in students seeking personal trainers

By KENDYL SEBESTA STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center reported a 14 percent increase in the number of students seeking personal trainers, along with a 5 percent benchmark goal increase in the number of certified fitness Assessment Report.

Tech recreational center Aswhen compared to the 2008-2009 personal trainer sessions purchased.

larger increase in the number of still willing to pay for it," White-Waden said. "In fact, we were able that increase, too."

to conclude as the summer semester approaches and more students physical activity. participate in activities outside the center.

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a regime that claims to have atomic

President Barack Obama and

the rec center and use its facilities," remember is that no one should go into a workout program full strength because it usually leads to injuries."

Mimi Zumwalt, director of Sports Medicine at the Tech Health Sciences Center Department of Orthopedic Surgery, said people who overexert instructors and personal trainers, specifically on the weekends, usually according to the center's Annual suffer injuries such as tendonitis and

"People should go into an exercise sistant Director Kami White- routine gradually," Zumwalt said. "If Waden said the center also saw they haven't participated in physical an 18.5 percent increase from the activity for a while, they should start 2007-2008 academic school year by building up their cardio to warm their body up by doing things like school year regarding the number walking or jogging and then increase the intensity after a few weeks."

Personal trainers may be helpful "We've definitely seen a much for people who are focusing on lifting exercises, she said, and for giving tips students who are using personal on cardio, but people also can do selftrainers this year and those who are cardio exercises for 10 or 15 minutes without using a personal trainer.

According to the U.S. Departto hire at least four more personal ment of Health and Human Services trainers back in the fall to support Web site, adults 18 to 64 should participate in 2 hours and 30 minutes a Joe MacLean, director of rec- week of moderate-intensity, or 1 hour should start slowly and build an exreational sports at the Tech recre- and 15 minutes a week of vigorousational center, said the increase in intensity aerobic physical activity, muscle capacity, strength training student use, which spans from the while additional health benefits are first of January to May, is expected provided by increasing to 5 hours a week of moderate-intensity aerobic

Annette Boles, assistant director of Get Fit Lubbock, said programs "The students tend to go out- like Get Fit can provide people with side more in the warmer weather healthy activities and choices that fomonths, which usually limits the cus on positive lifestyle changes and of Health and Human Services number of students who stay inside are appropriate for each individual.

Analysts: Rocket gives NKorea bargaining chip

"We promote healthy exercise by MacLean said. "But one thing to listing ways for people to stay active like walking or taking a class at Bodyworks," Boles said. "It's something that ends up becoming a lifestyle change rather than something they stop after two weeks. You just do what works best for you."

Boyles said Get Fit Lubbock offers themselves in an exercise routine, events, lectures and healthy eating tips to participants ages 18 to 89.

> "Every person is unique," she said. "If they haven't been active for a while, they should probably see a physician first and work into the new routine slowly. If they're young they would probably hurt their ankles, but it could lead to heart conditions in someone who is older, so it's good to just make sure everything is OK

> According to the National Wellness Institute Web site, people who exercise for more than the recommended hour during the weekend run a higher risk of joint and muscle injuries, specifically in the knees, shoulders and elbows.

> To avoid overexertion and injury during physical activity, those who choose to exercise on the weekends ercise routine by stretching, building during the week and by taking a few moments to increase heart rates during the week, the National Wellness Institute Web site reported.

Regular physical activity may decrease the instances of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and weight gain, according to the Department

Government cracking down on mortgage scams

and state officials are cracking down on million mortgages. mortgage modification scams, accusing "criminal actors" of preying on desper- mortgage payment, or if you are facing. We will target companies that otherate borrowers caught up in the nation's foreclosure, stay away from anyone wise would have gone unnoticed under

that scammers are seeking to take ad- General Lisa Madigan told reporters in sent warning letters to 71 companies it vantage of borrowers in danger of default by charging them upfront fees of \$1,000 to \$3,000 for help with loan modifications that rarely, if ever, pay off.

The frauds often involve companies approved housing counselors. with official-sounding names designed to make borrowers think they are using designed to rob Americans of their the Obama administration's efforts to savings and potentially their homes,"

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal help modify or refinance 7 million to 9 Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner

who says that they will save your home the radar.' Government officials said Monday for money upfront," Illinois Attorney

always are fraudulent, and that help is available for free from government-

"These are predatory schemes

said. "We will shut down fraudulent "If you are struggling to make your companies more quickly than before.

The Federal Trade Commission has says were running suspicious advertise-Officials say such operations almost ments. The agency also said it filed three new complaints against Irvine, Calif.based Federal Loan Modification Law Center, Newport Beach, Calif.-based Bailout.hud-gov.us, and Clearwater, Fla.-based Home Assure LLC, and the operators of those companies.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — of condemnation.

Diplomats privy to continuing talks North Korea's new rocket launch permanent members and could water site. Even with suspected problems down any response.

stages, the rocket flew twice as far sanctions imposed after the North's better than a 2006 launch of a missile as any missile the North previously underground nuclear test explosion that fizzled 42 seconds after liftoff. Japan, launched. That range falls far short in 2006 that barred Pyongyang from Guam, the Philippines, Mongolia and of U.S. territory, but neighbors are working on ballistic missiles appeared parts of China are now within range, concerned by the expanded reach of to have had little effect because some but Anchorage, Alaska, is roughly impose them.

North Korea's official Korean Cenother world leaders called Sunday's tral News Agency claimed again Monlaunch a provocation that cannot go day that the rocket put an experimental unanswered, but the U.N. Security communications satellite into orbit, Council was so divided it didn't while the U.S. and others suspected the even issue a preliminary statement test was a cover for improving technol-

ogy for a long-range military missile.

U.S. and South Korean officials gives the communist country another in New York said China, Russia, Libya said the entire rocket, including whatbargaining chip in negotiations over and Vietnam voiced concerns about ever payload it carried, ended up in the dismantling its nuclear weapons further alienating and destabilizing ocean. South Korea said the second program even if the flight wasn't North Korea. China, the North's closstage splashed down about 1,900 miles completely successful, analysts said est ally, and Russia hold veto power as (3,100 kilometers) from the launch

That is double the distance a North Analysts said Security Council Korean rocket managed in 1998 and far 3.500 miles (6,000 kilometers) from the launch site.

> Daniel Pinkston, a Seoul-based analyst for the International Crisis Group, said the apparent failure of the rocket's third stage to separate properly from the second stage raised questions about the reliability of the technology.

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Anders also said he has challenged system and institution leadership to look at programs for each individual institution in can be cut to save money.

Bailey said the university students and families have needs

best for students. He also said although some opposition was present, most public universities are fine with the regulation as long as a tie between tuition and state appropriations is present.

Bailey, who gave testimony

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is committed to doing what is and the university attempts to to reduce costs by at least 5 pertuition and fees.

The bill also would require the Legislative Budget Board to fees up to 15 credit hours also present an estimate of the core would be provided to incoming operational costs for institutions freshmen who must be Texas for the next biennium and a rate residents with 15 credit hours, an the system to see which programs in Austin Thursday night, said of inflation and data from finan-adjusted gross income of \$30,000 the university recognizes that cial reports for each institution or less, and have been accepted to the House Appropriations Committee and the House and Student Aid. Senate Higher education Committees.

The bill also would create an a public hearing Wednesday. oversight committee to oversee

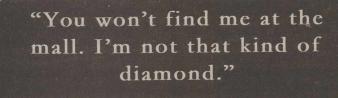
In addition, institutions ment on the bill. would be required to file a plan >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

keep that in mind when setting cent, excluding core academic budget.

Free tuition and mandatory for admission and completed Committee, the Senate Finance a Free Application for Federal

The bill was filed in the Texas Senate May 6 and will go through

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Tech debate team hosts Irish national team Lubbock institutes

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It was all about who had the bigger truck in the contest Monday night between the Texas Tech Debate Team and expect, but I got into my zone." the Irish National Debate Team.

The two teams debated over the right to bear arms in an open event in team. the Mass Communications building. students, argued on a separate side of the issue, with the Tech team arguing in favor of repealing the Second Amendment and the Irish team arguing in favor of its continuation. The Irish team won the contest with a show of hands from the audience members.

Nicole Brown, a junior political science major from San Angelo, led the test with a show of hands from the audi-Tech team and began the competition ence members, Hopkins switched his by passing out small toy trucks to the truck for the Tech team's larger truck, Irish team in contrast to their larger red pickup that sat next to the podium.

"As we said (to the Irish team last night), it's about who has the bigger truck," Brown said. "So we're clearly going to win this one."

punctuated the debate, with each pulltypes from the other team's country.

a philosophy major from University her stay. College Dublin, referred to the opposing team as "Aggies" or "Oklahomans," which caused Tech's Paul Williamson, a junior mass communications major from Crosby, to respond with remarks about the Irish team's drinking habits.

The Irish team was in the United States on a debate tour of five U.S. schools. Tech was the last school on

"spectacular," and he wished they had the chance to meet again.

"It was interesting," he said. "I was really nervous. I didn't know what to

Williamson and Brown were joined by Brian Horton to complete the Tech

David Hopkins, a postgraduate Each team, which consisted of three student in education from Trinity College Dublin, said the debate was "really good fun" and the Irish team enjoyed vising Lubbock.

"It was really good to see (Lubbock) properly," he said. "The atmosphere is a lot like (Trinity), except for the Spanish architecture here, very busy."

When the Irish team won the conemphasizing Brown's opening lines.

The two teams spent time together before the competition, when the Tech team showed the Irish team around Lubbock, taking them to a wine tasting at the Llano Estacado winery and to Sly comments from both teams Schooner's bar Sunday night.

Andrea Mulligan, a law student at ing in cultural references and stereo- Trinity College Dublin and the third member of the Irish team, bought a pair On the Irish side, Jeremy Kinsella, of boots while in town to commemorate

> Lauren Schaefer, a freshman communication studies major from Senora and Tech debate team member, said the Irish team tried to teach the Tech team how to dance — with little success.

dance," she said. "They were a lot bet-

team members who were not directly University of Missouri, the University

PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreadon

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN'S David Hopkins, refutes an argument in a debate to repeal the second amendment during the Texas Tech vs. Irish Times Champions Exhibition Debate Monday in the Mass Communications building.

distributing programs and cheered for their team members.

Joe Gantt, debate team coach, said during the year the Tech debate 'They showed us how to river team debates any of the 185 schools in the United States that have debate programs. Regionally, they debate Schaefer and her fellow debate schools such as Rice University, the

involved with the debate helped by of Oklahoma and the University of Colorado.

The contest was not about winning or losing, said Gantt, the director of forensics, but about the teams hav-

"This was more of a celebration of debate," he said. "(The Tech team)

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water restrictions

STAFF WRITER

landscape irrigation to two days per week and between the hours of 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. were put into effect for Lubbock beginning April 1.

The city of Lubbock has had an irrigation ordinance in place since May 2004, said Sandra Offutt, education coordinator at Lubbock Water

with water conservation by first putting some provisions and criteria on the installation of irrigation systems and requiring inspection of any new or rehabbed system," Offutt said. "Second, the ordinance includes watering times for irrigating lawns at optimum watering times to be more effective."

Surface water and ground water are the two types of water resources on the Texas High Plains, said Carmon McCain, communications director at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

Ground water comes from beneath the land's surface and mostly is used for agriculture production, whereas surface water comes from lakes, riv-

Twenty percent of Lubbock's water supply is groundwater from wells located in Bailey County, said Tom Adams, Lubbock deputy city manager. >> hayhay.hartman@ttu.edu

and the city has been drawing water from those wells for the last 50 to 60 years.

"We would like it to last another 30 Water restrictions that restrict to 40 years, so by conserving we keep that

water source working for us," he said. The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority supplies the other 80 percent of Lubbock's water, the majority of that water coming from Lake

The lake's low water levels are another reason for water restrictions, said Department. The restrictions end Mark Brown, county extension agent at the Urban Water Conservation on the "The irrigation ordinance helps High Plains division of the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension

"Water use practically doubles in Lubbock in the summer months, especially when there has not been much rainfall, because people tend to use more water to irrigate their landscapes," he said.

A "tremendous" amount of waste occurs in landscape irrigation, Brown said, and it is important for people to be educated to water their landscapes more wisely and to use more adapted landscapes so water use rates will decrease.

It is also important for Texas Tech students to understand the importance of conserving water even after they no longer live in Lubbock, Offutt said.

"Water is an important issue everyers and streams and mostly is used in where, not just in Lubbock, not just in Texas, not just in the United States," she said. "No matter where you live, water conservation should be a part of what you do."

US policy on Cuba evolving under Obama

Barack Obama will soon move to ease travel and financial restrictions on Cuba as unlimited visits to Cuba by American vet been realized. his administration conducts a broad review of its policy toward the communist nation, transfers — are intended not only as a the administration is also looking a senior American official said Monday.

some changes in terms of the restrictions but also to foster change there. on family remittances and family travel," said Jeffrey Davidow, the White House adviser for the upcoming Summit of the Americas, which Obama will attend.

Davidow said Monday that the chang-reforms since Fidel Castro ceded power es — which officials say would allow to his brother Raul last year have not families and remove caps on money moral step for the estimated 1.5 million seriously at calls from some lawmak-"We can expect some relaxation, Americans who have relatives in Cuba, ers to allow all Americans to travel

> sible ambassadors of our system and our values," Davidow said. He added, however, membership in the Organization of that the high hopes that some have for American States.

Davidow and other officials say to Cuba, appoint a special envoy to "Cuban-Americans are the best pos- oversee policy toward the island and possibly end U.S. opposition to Cuba's

Raul Castro meets with 6 visiting US lawmakers

HAVANA (AP) — President Barbara Lee, a California Democrat, foreign minister. visiting members of the Congres- delegation behind closed doors. sional Black Caucus, his first face-

State television showed images of fatigues and sitting down with Rep. head of parliament and the country's long claimed.

Raul Castro met Monday with six and other members of the American

Seven Democratic representatives to-face discussions with U.S. leaders traveled to Havana but an official since he became Cuba's president communique read on the air said only six attended the meeting with Castro.

The lawmakers came to talk about improving U.S.-Cuba relations amid speculation that Washington is ready to loosen some facets of its 47-year-old trade embargo against the island.

The meeting came as Fidel Castro The statement provided no details of said Cuba is not afraid to talk directly Castro, who holds the rank of four-star what was discussed or how long the to the United States and that the comarmy general, wearing a business suit meeting lasted. It added that the group munist government does not thrive on instead of his trademark olive-green also spoke in recent days with the confrontation as its detractors have



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Celebrate Easter without religious arguments

aster is fast approaching. It's a time for Christians to celebrate the resurrection of their savior Jesus.

"But wait!" you can already hear many atheists and non-Christians shout. "Don't you know that Easter is a pagan holiday that celebrates a sex goddess?"

Well-read Christians might object without much trouble, commenting that Bede's "On the Reckoning of Time" is the only reference that exists for the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre and that there are time. Heck, you've seen this topic ideas they hold to be many other problems with such an covered many times on this very accusation. They might theorize we get the word "Easter" from the German word "eostrarum" meaning ian theory and teaching evolution "dawn."

educated or just don't care probably debate could be between freshmen will make what I consider to be a in the Student Union Building or completely reasonable argument: It graduate students in the English and doesn't matter. Whatever the holiday used to mean doesn't matter. It's what we're using the day to celebrate people on all sides of such debates. now that affects our lives.

I have little doubt that such an



exchange would inevitably lead to a much more heated discussion about religion, maybe even bringing topics such as evolution and gay rights

You see this kind of thing all the page, most recently, I believe, with for atheists. Eric Braden's column on Darwinin schools. You see it with both Christians who are either less educated and uneducated alike. The Philosophy building.

I would like to say something to Grow up just a little, please.

This isn't directed at all of you, as

I do see refreshingly rational discusso-rational know-it-alls out there.

with discussing this kind of thing. not, have read the same (or similar) Miller all believe in God too. On the contrary, I think it's extremethings you have. Unless they don't ly important for people's views to be challenged and examined. Religious people should welcome criticism to their views, confident they'll be able to defend the true. The same is true

In terms of more personal messages: Atheists and doubters, you want the religious people to have a more open mind. It would help if you had the time to ponder the issue than you better idea of how to intelligently could rise again. At least you can same thing. I've seen far too many people whose justification for their belief is "My parents raised me to you to believe something doesn't to not assume their parents are believe in God, but then I did my mean it's not true. I'm not saying it wrong, you can't assume yours are Peele is The DT's opinions own studies and saw the light. Now I'm smarter than they are."

sions on this topic from time to time. impossible for you to be more inteldiscount the possibility that your you grow up in, your faith will be But there is (and will always be, I ligent than your parents. Far from parents were right. think) an alarming number of not- it, in fact. But keep in mind that you're, what? Early 20s? Late teens? There's absolutely nothing wrong Some of your parents, believe it or

> know how to read, they're just as capable of reading "The God Delusion" as vou are.

Maybe they also read something went old school and read "Mere Christianity" and decided there had to be a God after all.

Just because your parents raised

And remember you aren't the

lot of you pretty much ask for the insults you receive from non-believers. It's great you're willing to shout love. your faith from the mountaintops, but you also have to know what like "The Dawkins exactly you believe. If you're going Delusion" or even to attack evolution, fine, but do you know much about it? You may find yourself more convinced than you once thought and begin to subscribe to an evolutionary theory that still demands God's existence. Or maybe They've had a lot more you won't, but at least you'll have a argue vour anti-Darwin case.

And as I told the non-believers come Monday. is, and I'm not saying you have to right. Do your own research, and editor. E-mail him at believe what you're taught. Wonder come to your own conclusions. britton.peole@ttu.edu.

Now, I'm not going to say it's and question, but don't immediately Even if you never leave the church strengthened by the search.

> As a side note, I've seen insults only ones studying science and phi-directed at atheists that are meaner losophy. Kant, Descartes and Ken and more brutal than those directed at Christians. To that I have to ask, Christians (and people of other what the heck are you doing? That's religions), I have to be honest, a not the sort of thing that is going to convince anybody, especially considering your God is a God of

> > So when Easter rolls around on Sunday, let's not get into any ugly debates. Christians, celebrate with all your heart the beautiful story of Christ's defeat of evil and death it is the very basis of your faith.

> > Non-Christians, let them eat cake, as it were. So you don't hold to the same beliefs and don't believe a man who was dead for three days still enjoy some cheap chocolate

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bama needs good plan for auto industry

solution to its

STAFF EDITORIAL MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

industry's cries for A help are nothing new. task force claimed Chrysler, Ford and General Motors that GM had not are struggling and in desperate made significant need of government assistance.

A few months ago, the fed-tempts to restruceral government promised to help ture. Wagoner was these companies if they meet replaced by Chief certain conditions for revamping Operating Officer their businesses. While the com- Fritz Henderson, panies struggle to accommodate granting GM 60 the government's demands, the more days of fedgovernment continues to disparage eral funding. the industry's progress, going so far as to force out GM CEO Rick sion of this period,

If the government is going to to have put forth take such an active role in the in-significant plans to the industry while assuming the not met. The government also told now has a responsibility to the auto than he did.

responsibility for seeing the crisis Chrysler it has only 30 days to com- industry and to the people dependent to its end.

Last Wednesday, GM's Wagoner federal aid will be discontinued. t this point, the auto resigned at the urging of President

progress in its at-

At the conclu-GM is expected

dustry's management, then it must restructure. The federal government Having involved itself in the outline a clear vision to resuscitate will cut off aid if these demands are problem, the Obama administration implicitly agreed to do a better job

plete a merger with Fiat SpA before upon the jobs the industry sustains.

tant that the federal government make a concerted The auto industry effort to rescue the industry. And needs a long-term while the government did agree to support these problems, and the failing automakfederal government more than simply make demands has yet to produce such a solution. companies don't

enough.

Forcing out Wagoner was only an In light of the auto industry's acceptable move if the government Barack Obama after a presidential importance to country it's impor- is prepared to offer better leadership for GM and the industry.

But the government doesn't seem to have a clear plan to fix the problem, instead placing mandate after mandate on the companies that won't necessarily create positive outcomes. The auto industry needs a long-term solution to its problems, and the federal government has yet ers, it needs to do to produce such a solution.

The government knows what the stakes are - it understands the and threaten to dire repercussions for leaving these cut off aid if the companies for dead.

But just understanding the stakes restructure quickly isn't enough. It's time for the federal government to offer a coherent plan. Having fired Wagoner, Obama has

Today's activism should be constructive events, not destructive riots

DAILY UTAH CHRONICLE (U. UTAH)

President Barack Obama. gathered in London to attend the G-20 summit — a high-powered getnational economic crisis.

the protests surrounding G-20 than the actual economic discussions occurring therein.

pay attention to anarchists, envi- each with their own pet issue, who ronmentalists, anti-capitalists and a want to raise some hell and do some than they are in handful of other left-wing radicals as damage. they giddily smash in windows at the Royal Bank of Scotland and brawl there are a few things these protestwith police.

clear: the protesters are angry. They hip and caught somewhere between striking resemblance to some local matter the issues, has its roots in the newfound (yet often misguided and don't like the way the world works adolescence and their first real job. radical groups — groups such as the highly intelligent, highly educated, overly simplistic) anger.

about something different. Go turn come from wealthy ast week, leaders from on CNN, FOX News, the BBC or any around the world, including other media outlet and listen as they tell their stories to the camera.

Some say they're demonstrating the vocabulary against Canada's annual seal hunts. of the enlighttogether for world leaders and finance Others say they're taking a stand ened middle- to ministers to discuss the current interagainst international greed. And upper-class, not others can't seem to put into words the broken slang However, anyone who has been what it is, exactly, they are taking a of the oppressed paying attention to the media sur- stand against, simply that bankers, and downtrodden. rounding the event must have noticed politicians or whole governments In short, they're a that there's been more coverage on are somehow "evil." Upon closer inspection, one will notice that there's college kids who really no ideological organization to seem more inthe protests at all. They are simply a And why not? It's hard not to loose confederation of angry leftists,

Even without a common cause, ing it. ers do seem to have in common. The reason for the violence is For the most part, they're young,

homes and neighborhoods. And they speak with bunch of spoiled terested in the theoretical idea of "radical change" actually facilitat-

Not surprisingly, the G-20 protesters bear a

and they want us to know it. Interest- They seem to be reasonably bright, Animal Liberation Front and the highly spoiled and highly stimulated ingly, each protester seems to be angry too. Most are well-dressed and likely Earth Liberation Front. These are young populace of colleges and uni-

> ... radical destructive activism, no matter the issues. has its roots in the highly intelligent. highly educated, highly spoiled and highly stimulated young populace of colleges and

groups comprised versities. of local affluent

made righteous indignation a way of life, groups who think raiding mink SUVs or terrorizing researchers

stupidity. These similarities are not a coincidence. Indeed, be it in Berkeley universities.

The reason for this is simple: With

dents who have and enlightenment, young activists on both the radical left and (less frequent, but no less obnoxious) radical right are, for the first time in their lives, able to see that the world might farms, torching not be a perfect place, and that they have the power to instigate change.

Yet, these same kids universally are means to an lack life experience—the experience end, instead of to understand that being progressive simply destructive is more about facilitating actual change than it is throwing bricks through the windows of international

History has taught us that there is room for radical activism - so or Salt Lake City, long as it is properly focused. And 2009 London or U students who pride themselves 1968 Chicago, on their activism would do well to radical, destruc- learn the difference between the right tive activism, no and wrong way to demonstrate their

Take, for instance, the sort of peaceful demonstrations advocated by Martin Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement, where 20-something stu- all their newly acquired intelligence shows of force consisted of speeches and rallies. Or look at Jacob Whipple and the recent activism by Utah's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender

> Upset over The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' support of Proposition 8 — a recently passed piece of California legislation banning same-sex marriage — Whipple mobilized Utah's gay community to protest this past weekend's sessions of the LDS general conference. The protest took the form of service, where LGBT community members participated in service projects ranging from cleaning up city parks to providing social work to refugee

> "We want to harness our energy for productive means," Whipple told

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Weekend Hands for Hope walk benefits local center for autism

By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

Despite of high winds, dozens of Texas Tech students and members of the community walked the track Sunday at Coronado High School in honor of those who suffer from autism.

The Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research in Lubbock, which is part of the College of Education at Tech, hosted its fourth annual Hands for Hope: A Walk for Autism to raise money for the center. Those who attended took part in face painting, balloon animals and inflatable slides.

One Tech student, who was diagnosed with autism at age 18, said she appreciated the support people showed by participating

"It shows the community actually cares about autism and wants to learn about it," said Sarah LeClair, a senior history major

LeClair was diagnosed with the disorder when she was a student at Tech, and the Burkhart Center helped her meet people who also suffered from autism.

"The diagnosis answered a lot of quesnot like my peers?" There were many things I did not understand, but when I found out I had autism, it helped me figure out more about myself as a person."

When most people think of autism, she said, they automatically relate the disorder to "cute and cuddly 8-year-old kids," and forget those children grow up and adults are affected by it as well.

was diagnosed, I didn't even know if I knew focused on raising awareness of autism. another autistic person, and the center has been really great."

Stacy Poteet, director of the Hands for she said. Hope walk, said she was pleased with the number of participants.

"It means so much to see people come together as a whole and raise awareness need help shifting into a life beyond high about autism," said Poteet, whose son was diagnosed with autism at age 3.

she said, but she and her husband had envelopes," she said. suspected something was wrong.

The Burkhart Center has been helpful, Poteet said, because they arrange family fun nights where the center takes care of the children while parents can enjoy a night who works in the transition academy, said

on their own. order because there are other students on also affects those in college. campus with autism," Poteet said. "They might be touched by autism.

Paul McCartney and Ringo Star reunite on stage

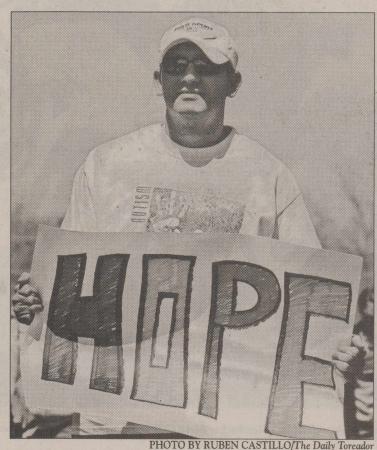
NEW YORK (AP) - An allstar concert on meditation brought Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr together for their first performance together in seven years.

The reunion of McCartney and Starr, the surviving members of the Beatles, was the highlight of the "Change Begins Within" concert on Saturday night. The event was held at Radio City Music Hall to benefit the David Lynch Foundation, which aims to teach at-risk youth meditation techniques.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Billy Shears," McCartney told the crowd, referring to the fictional character on the classic Beatles' album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," as Starr emerged and immediately launched into his part in the Beatles' classic "With a Little Help from My Friends."

McCartney and Starr last performed together in 2002 at the Concert for George, which honored former Beatles George Harrison at London's Royal Albert Hall a year after Harrison's death.

Saturday's concert, which also featured Sheryl Crow, Eddie Vedder, Donovan and others, ran for about four hours. But McCartney had thousand of fans on their feet as he hit the stage near the show's end. Opening with a spirited version of "Drive My Car," he went through a generous selection of Beatles and Wings classics, from "Can't Buy Me Love" and "Let It Be" to "Jet" and "Band on the Run.'



tions I had," LeClair said, "like, 'Why am I KEVIN VELEZ FROM Lubbock holds up a sign in support of his friend Trinity, at the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research's Fourth Annual Walk for Autism held at the Coronado High School track Sunday.

> "Part of the event's purpose is to let people know those with autism are people too. They just have different ways of do-

Michelle Wegner, a junior human development and family studies major from "Autism for college-age people is not San Antonio and student assistant for the very well-known," LeClair said. "When I Burkhart Center, said the walk's purpose

> "It's important for the community to be involved and aware of the disorder,"

One of the center's programs for those with autism is the transition academy, Wegner said, which assists people who school after they graduate.

"We teach them work-related skills, Herson's diagnosis was difficult to take, such as shredding papers and stuffing

Kristin Rudd, a junior special education major from Kansas City, Kan., said she has worked with the disabled for six years.

Rudd, a student assistant at the center she hopes the walk will spread awareness "Students should be aware of the dis- of the disorder and help people realize it

She said one way the center helps very well may have family members who college-age autistic people is by helping them better their social skills.

"For college kids who discover they have autism or have grown up with it, it's really a challenge," Rudd said. "Social skills are very important, especially for adults. People expect children to not have very good social skills, but for adults it is assumed.

"Social skills are important for autistic people," she said, "especially adults who need those skills in hopes of achieving a life with normality."

Karlie Watts, an employee at the Student Union Building, said she lived with autism for 19 years and did not know

Her diagnosis in 2000 shocked her mother, Watts said, but because she did not fully understand the disorder, she was not as perturbed as her mother when she heard the news.

"It changed my life," she said, "but the Burkhart Center has been such a great help. I look forward to going there every day, Monday through Friday.'

At the center, she is given the opportunity to do a variety of things, Watts said, but her favorite activity is going out to eat because it helps her social skills.

"Being here with all these people just makes me feel special," she said. >>> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

Lubbock, Tech communities come together to increase awareness about child abuse

By CARRIE THORNTON

Texas Tech students and members of the community gathered Sunday at Mackenzie Park to honor the hundreds of children who died from abuse.

The Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock hosted its 11th annual memory ride and candlelight vigil, which began at Mackenzie Park and ended at the First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock.

After a police-guided ride through Lubbock, participants enjoyed dinner provided by Sonic at the First Church of the Nazarene. The night continued with a memorial service and candle-

"The memorial service is where we last year in the state of Texas of child abuse," Hill-Rendon said. "Their lives were shortened by things out of their

"We want to heighten awareness," don't think about enough, especially the number of people affected by abuse pointed out. and neglect."

could have a "huge impact" on the to show support." Lubbock community.

should not have to suffer from abuse.

"It could affect anybody, anythe weekend to support the center."

Victoria Morton, a junior nursing portant for college students to volunteer children of the future," Val Perez said. "It's



MEMBERS OF BIKERS Against Child Abuse participate in a balloon release Sunday at First Church of the Nazarene in remembrance of the 220 children of Texas who lost their lives due to abuse and neglect during 2008.

like the outreach center because it is a chance for them to make an impact in the community.

"Child abuse is sometimes one of Clint Blakey, president of the cen- the silent and forgotten issues, and the ter's board of directors, said the day's 220 deaths last year were 100 percent events spread awareness of child abuse preventable," Morton said. "We need and the rally that will be held later in to reach out and help the community anyway that we can."

The majority of the supporters at Blakey said. "It is something people Mackenzie Park were clad in leather and rode motorcycles, an observation Morton

"Sometimes the biker crowd is looked Tech students should become down on," she said, "and this speaks volinvolved, he said, because their help umes on their part because they came out

Val Perez and his wife Josie Perez Casey Wilson, a junior nursing stuarrived at Mackenzie Park to show their dent from Abernathy, said she believes support during the memory ride with in the event's cause because children their 2007 deluxe blue and white Harley Davidson.

It is easy for people to be consumed where," Wilson said. "It's a good thing in their everyday lives, he said, and the to be aware and try to help out all you community concentrates on several issues can. It's great that people came out on but tend to forget the "quieter problems"

"It's not so much about the ride, but student from Arlington, said it is im- we like to do some good and help the

memorialize the 220 children who died and become involved in organizations a great thing. They're a lot of people here who want to make a difference."

Sunday's events were precursors to the Blue Ribbon Rally Car and Bike Show that will take place April 25, said Ami Hill-Rendon, event coordinator for

"The entire purpose is to increase awareness that April is child abuse prevention month," Hill-Rendon said.

"It's a neat event," she said. "The neatest part is that we will have 220 blue roses that we have everyone place in a heart, and we surround those in white roses. The blue is for those who lost their lives to abuse, and white represents those who volunteer, the staff at the agency and our committee.

"It's a neat representation of how our agency works to protect children and try to prevent child abuse so we don't have to have any blue roses anymore.'

Throughout the rally the agency will be handing out blue ribbons printed with the slogan "It shouldn't hurt to be a child" and will continue to do so throughout

More information about the upcoming rally can be found on the Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock Web site.

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Unlikely duo takes Harrell, Crabtree jersey numbers

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

Thanks to former Texas Tech then-No. 1 Texas. receiver Michael Crabtree, running back Ryan Hale's notoriety should increase significantly in 2009.

Crabtree's recently vacated No. 5, which already has landed him a

you didn't know about me," he said, tongue-in-cheek. "I had to switch the number so everybody else would know me."

Whitlock. The two were sitting in me nothing about that." the press box of Jones AT&T Staidea of Whitlock, who has worn No. of Crabtree's No. 5.

"We were just messing around, saying we're gonna wear five and six to support, even if they're supportnext year," Hale said. "We talked to ing Crabtree, they're out there in the equipment managers (Zane Perry and Steve Pesek). We begged them and finally they gave it to us, and now we're stuck with it."

The 6-foot-2, 281-pound Whit- do that." lock has yet to sport the No. 6 jersey in spring practice because the new gone from linebacker to special teams attention considering all the dirty one, without "funky sleeves," has player to blocking back in three years work he has done throughout his

finished 2008 with 35 tackles, five for a loss of yards, and one sack, which was a safety in Tech's 39-33 upset of

After Wednesday's practice, Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill was not particularly sold on Whitlock Hale, primarily a blocking back, changing his jersey number although

"I've always been popular, it's just switching jerseys. I'm gonna change that, I want Colby to have his number I know him in.

Whether McNeill overrules dium and were kicking around the Whitlock's request remains to be 93 for the past two seasons, taking entertained the thought of countless former quarterback Graham Harrell's screaming Tech fans wearing his No. 6, and Hale reaping the benefits jersey in Jones AT&T Stadium next

> "I'm just glad they're out there the stands somewhere," he said. "Somebody had to wear No. 5. if they're gonna sell all those jerseys, so I took it upon myself to

been ordered, he said. Whitlock at Tech, and now the senior should career.

has turned in his No. 47 jersey for the spring roster already has him listed as No. 6. "Colby ain't wearing six, no solid number of media requests this he's not," a surprised McNeill said. 'When did he say that? He's not

"I'll veto that deal, I got a little bit of power. I got a little power coaches Hale's jersey change started out have invested in me. Put that in ink, as a joke with defensive tackle Colby write that in pencil, Colby ain't asked

seen, but in the mean time, Hale has



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Ryan Hale, right, blocks linebacker Blake Collier during the Red Raiders' football practice Friday at Jones AT&T

garner a lot more attention in his final season.

Tech running backs coach Clay The 6-foot-1, 227-pound Hale has McGuire said Hale deserves the

"I think when he comes out (to Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturdays), he's gonna be excited," McGuire said. "There's gonna be a bunch of No. 5 jerseys in the stands, and he's gonna be wearing the same

It's obvious Hale won't win two whole situation. Biletnikoff awards like Crabtree, however, he does have a 4-yard touchdown on his record from 2008, so he has that going for him.

All statistics aside, Hale is just having a good time with the >>> daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

"No added pressure, it's just a number," he said. "(Crabtree is) one of the greatest players ever who wore it. It's college, just out here for fun."

Tech baseball faces UT-San Antonio in Midland to begin road trip

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Before the Texas Tech baseball team starts another rigorous stretch on the road, the Red Raiders at least try to get the wins there." will feel at home against their next

opponent. start time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the season.

Although the Red Raiders (14-(16-14).

there to see us play," Tech's Scott this year. LėJeune said. "They're going to be a great team, we really have to try to game against Mississippi Valley State get some wins out there. We can't on May 13 in Lubbock after its origitake anyone for granted and have to nal scheduled one-game meeting on

important for Tech, which is com-Tech begins another six-game ing off a series win against Baseball catcher Jeremy Mayo said, "We've high-power hitters. Outfielder Jose road trip today with a double-header America's then-ranked No. 14 Texas had a couple of bad breaks, but it was Hernandez averages more than a run against Texas-San Antonio begin- A&M, to grab some road victories. real big for us to get two (games) out per game and leads the team with a ning at 3:30 p.m. today at a neutral Tech's record away from Dan Law, of three from A&M and hopefully go .369 average. In total, UTSA has five site in Midland. The second game's Field has been unimpressive thus far

At 4-15 on the road, Tech will 19) will be about 120 miles from face No. 11 Oklahoma in Norman, home, they expect a small West Texas Okla., following the UTSA games home field advantage at CitiBank today. Then Tech travels to Fort road trip, winning one game against ERA compared to their combined Ballpark against the Roadrunners Worth for a filler game against No. 19 TCU after Alabama A&M canceled "I'd love for anybody to come out its two-game series in Lubbock earlier

May 12 to make up the second game Wins against UTSA will be of the Alabama A&M series.

"We've been playing well," Tech into Norman and get a couple there. It doesn't bother me (playing TCU). We like playing good teams. It's going to be a good fight for us."

Tech went 2-4 on its most recent No. 9 Texas and then-ranked No. 18 New Mexico, respectively.

the Roadrunners are 0-3 against Big 12 Conference teams.

However, UTSA has a 4-3 record one game at Texas a week before. against common opponents with Tech, including two wins apiece areas," Tech coach Dan Spencer said.

against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Tech scheduled an additional and San Francisco. The Roadrunners lost to Texas A&M 16-6 on March 31. The Red Raiders dropped both games of a two-game series with TA-MU-CC and dropped their one-game match up with San Francisco.

Offensively, UTSA has several hitters above the .320 mark

The Roadrunners are a little less threatening pitchingwise, allowing opponents a .311 batting average. The bullpen combines for a 6.73 opponents' 6.66.

Tech arrives in Midland with six 8-9 record away from its ballpark, but and recently has limited its fielding errors. Tech committed five errors in the A&M series compared to five in

"Our guys are growing up in their



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

UTSA enters the game with an batters hitting above the .300 mark TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER Taylor Ashby gets tagged out at second base by Texas A&M infielder Adam Smith Sunday at Dan Law Field.

> "I think they're getting more comfortable, and I think they think they can win. I was saying to (Tech pitching coach) Eddy (Gustafson), 'I don't

think there's any team in the country that have played more ranked teams in a row than we have."

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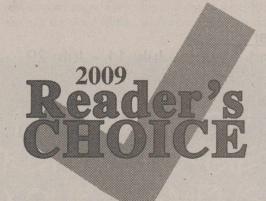
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Baseball to add women to Olympic bid

ball will be adding a women's component to its bid to get reinstated for the 2016 Olympics, after failing to unite with women's softball.

The president of the International Baseball Federation, Harvey Schiller, told The Associated Press the change will be made in the next

"The main reason is the growth of the game, and, obviously, we have a constituency which makes up women's baseball, and they're asking, 'What about us?" Schiller said in a telephone interview Monday. "We want the world to know that know of any high schools in the U.S. we have women's baseball."

The move comes a few weeks after women's softball rejected baseball's proposal for a joint baseball-softball bid. The two sports are among seven sports at the 2016 Olympics; the rare, he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Base- International Olympic Committee will decide in October.

> Schiller estimated that between 300,000 and 500,000 women and girls play baseball worldwide, a figure which includes Little League and T-ball.

> Jim Glennie, president of the American Women's Baseball Federation, called news of the expanded bid "wonderful." Glennie recruits women for the U.S. national team, which competes in the Women's World Cup of Baseball.

Glennie, an assistant attorney general in Michigan, said he didn't that offer women's baseball, and that girls who want to play baseball beyond Little League face an uphill battle. Some girls have been able to land roster spots on boy's high competing for two openings for new school baseball teams, but those are



Bush throws out Texas' 1st pitch

the season Monday.

cally since moving to Dallas from the ball. the White House, Bush received a cheers from a crowd of about 40,000 said, "We welcome home the 43rd with the team's radio crew. president."

governor of Texas in 1994, acknowledged the cheers as he made his way to the base of the mound.

ARLINGTON. Texas (AP) — the team's president, was a few steps inning with the radio announcers Former President George W. Bush behind to deliver the ball. Bush's and the entire third inning with wound up his right arm with two throw easily made it over the plate the TV crew. windmill whirls, then fired a high and into the mitt of star outfielder strike to help the Texas Rangers start Josh Hamilton. Afterward, the two runs while Bush was in the radio shook hands and Hamilton pulled box, there was plenty of time for In his first big appearance lo- out a pen and the president signed storytelling. He shared tales about

standing ovation and overwhelming bring a glove. It's so slow, you could Cleveland's Ryan Garko showed catch it barehanded," Bush said while him a picture of them on the after the public address announcer spending part of the second inning mound after the president threw to

Bush was to watch the game Series. Bush, the team's managing general between Texas and the Cleveland partner from 1989 until being elected Indians from the private suite of emonial toss before the New York Rangers owner Tom Hicks, but first Yankees' first World Series home he briefly visited the press box ("Any-game following the 9-11 attacks as body working in here?" he hollered), "the most nervous moment of my Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, now then spent the bottom of the second presidency by far."

Because the Rangers scored four other first pitches he's thrown out "I told him, 'You didn't need to and noted that before this game Garko at the 2001 College World

Bush also described his cer-

Jordan, Robinson among 5 elected to Hall

wanted to put on his shorts and play one of Fame.

The decorated NBA champion and MVP already had two failed retirements, so what was one more return to the court? Sharing a stage with former Dream Team teammates David Robinson and John Stockton, Jordan was all out of comebacks.

Air Jordan has a new name: Hall of Famer.

Jordan was elected to the class of 2009 on Monday with Robinson Sloan and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer are also part of a class

"I don't like being up here for the Hall of Fame because at that time your basketball career is completely over," Jordan said. "I was hoping this day would be 20 more years, or actually go in when berlain's 30.07. I'm dead and gone."

the greatest player in history. And he The Tar Heels play Michigan State college coach.

"There's no way you guys would have and Stockton. Utah Jazz coach Jerry got a chance to see Michael Jordan play without Dean Smith," he said.

Springfield, Mass., home of the a 15-year career with the Chicago point guard.

DETROIT (AP) — Michael Jordan Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall Bulls and Washington Wizards with 32,292 points — the third-highest total in league history, behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Karl Malone. His final career average of 30.12 goes down as the best, just ahead of Wilt Cham-

The five-time NBA MVP won six Jordan's Hall of Fame selection was championships with the Bulls and ana slam dunk after he retired as perhaps other in college with North Carolina. gave much of the credit Monday to his in the national championship game Monday night.

Jordan will root on the Tar Heels, but had no plans to give them a pep talk.

Tar Heels coach Roy Williams was His soaring dunks, Nike commercials an assistant with Carolina on that 1982 announced in Detroit, site of the men's and "Air Jordan" nickname helped championship team and was at Monstamp him as one the most recognizable day's induction, where Ty Lawson won Induction is Sept. 10-12 in athletes around the world. He finished the Bob Cousy award as the nation's top

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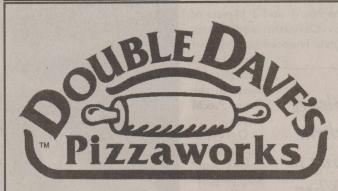
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Tar Heels too much for Michigan State in 89-72 win

DETROIT (AP) — There was a team as a demolition derby.

Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and North Carolina won a national championship a season or more in the making, of the tournament, to the very end. stomping out Michigan State's inspirational run Monday night with an 89-72 blowout that wasn't even that close.

Hansbrough scored 18 points, Wayne Ellington had 19 and Lawson led all scorers with 21 and also had a record Chief. eight steals — and now they and Danny Green can all head to the NBA feeling good about their decision to return to school to bring home Carolina's fifth Roy Williams.

draft prospects didn't look so good. They first title. also didn't want their college careers to end on last year's embarrassing loss to Kansas in the Final Four. That was a dud Michigan State. Heck, Magic didn't even of a game in which they trailed 40-12 in stick around for the end of the game. He the first half and Billy Packer was telling was spotted walking up the tunnel with CBS viewers it was over.

This time, North Carolina led 36-13 going to end.

"We've been working so hard since last year when we fell short," said Ellington, named most outstanding player. "I wanted to redeem myself. We worked so hard."

got any momentum. From the start, it the Spartans to serve up that definitive ray some noise. of sunshine and warm-and-fuzzy smile for a state that's been battered by the ailing

"The best team won," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "That's an easy statement to make."

The Tar Heels (34-4) were up 55-34 at halftime, breaking a 42-year-old titlegame record for biggest lead at the break and setting the mark for most points at the half.

"We handled injuries, handled some of destiny out there, all right. It's the North losses" this season, Williams said. "The Carolina Tar Heels, and the final chapter youngsters standing behind me are great, of their story was about as heartwarming great young men. I'm the luckiest coach in America, I can tell you that."

> This collection of NBA talent was too, too much from wire to wire, from the start

> Carolina won every game by double digits, something that hasn't happened since Duke did it in 2001.

Lots of basketball fans saw this coming, including America's No. 1 Hoopster-in-

Yes, President Barack Obama picked the Tar Heels to take it all in his muchpublicized bracket.

Magic Johnson, Michigan State's championship, and the second for coach Spartan-in-Chief, joined Larry Bird at center court to present the game ball, a All those upperclassmen, save Hans- tribute to the 30-year anniversary of their brough, came back in part because their historic matchup and Michigan State's

> From there, it was pretty much all "Showtime," all the time — but not for 3½ minutes left.

Izzo tried to call a timeout to stop the around the time "Dancing With The onslaught with 6:45 left in the first half. Stars" was starting on another network. His team came out and promptly turned At least nobody knew how that one was it over — one of 14 in the first half, compared to only 12 baskets.

Goran Suton led the Spartans with 17 points, and Kalin Lucas, the Big Ten player of the year, had 14 — most scored once the game was out of hand, which was very it began. Ellington had a double-pump Michigan State (31-7) simply never early in this one. Michigan State pulled within 13 a couple times late in the second was clear there was no way Carolina was half, and the crowd of 72,922 — mostly losing control of this one, no chance for pulling for the Spartans — tried to make lina ahead 17-7. It never got closer.

But for most of the game, cavernous Ford Field had the atmosphere of a Lions game, save the few thousand Tar Heel fans whose Carolina Blue team put in a much better blue-collar effort than the team that was supposed to pride itself on that.

As for that 98-63 beatdown Carolina put on Michigan State in this same building back on Dec. 3? No fluke. In fact, Detroit might want to give Ford Field a nice, long break. The Lions went 0-16 He jokingly showed the diagram to Wil-

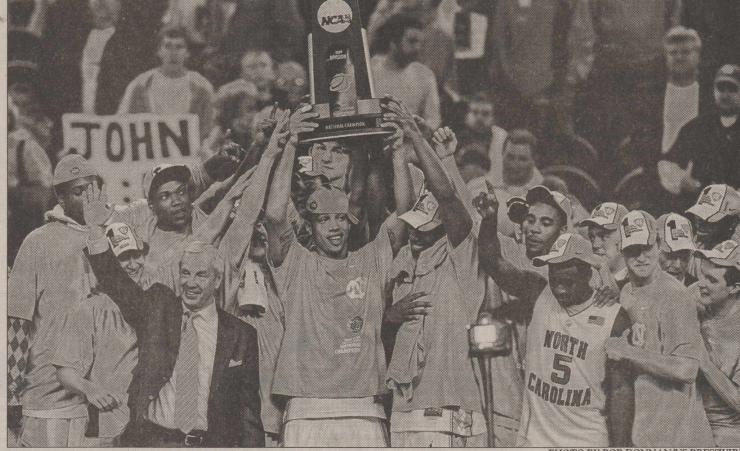


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MEMBERS OF THE North Carolina Tar Heels hoist the national championship trophy after defeating the Michigan State Spartans 89-72 in the championship game of the Final Four in the 2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Monday evening at Ford Field.

here last season, and there was no halt to the suffering on this night.

It was, almost literally, over before scoop layup and a 3-pointer and Hansbrough spotted up and sank a 14-foot jumper — all in the first 4:25 to put Caro-

The Spartans, meanwhile, were having trouble simply getting the ball in after Tar Heel buckets, turning it over that way twice in the first 6 minutes, part of a depressing day that didn't do justice to the effort they put in to get here.

During pregame introductions, Williams walked over to shake hands with Izzo, who was distracted, drawing up a play on the greaseboard in the huddle.

liams — and you know what: It probably wouldn't have mattered.

Izzo conceded in the lead-up to the game that if both teams played their best, Michigan State would lose. He'll never find out if he was right because, while North Carolina was more than ready, the Spartans never showed up.

"You've got six NBA players that could be drafted in the first round or early second," Spartans guard Travis Walton said. "You're looking at a team that could probably beat the worst team in the NBA."

Williams, never afraid to cry at these things, joined Jim Calhoun, Billy Donovan and Mike Krzyzewski as the fourth active coach (13th overall) to win multiple titles.

This one came four years after his first

championship — and for the first time, with a roster full of his own recruits.

Hansbrough was the only one who knew he wanted to come back from the get-go. He simply loves college, and though his senior season wasn't quite as good as the year before, the ending was much better. Nobody on Michigan State could stop him — no shame there — and he had seven rebounds and two assists to go with the 18 points.

Lawson was often criticized for not looking to shoot enough and he sort of went back to his roots in this one. He finished only 3-for-10 from the floor, but was a dominating presence, with six assists, a record seven steals by halftime and a whopping 18 trips to the freethrow line.

Oh, and don't forget Ed Davis. We'll in their hands.

be seeing the 6-10 freshman in the pros with these other guys someday soon. He went 5-for-7 for 11 points with eight rebounds in 14 minutes and may have proven all he needs to, as well.

Overall, North Carolina dominated every matchup on the floor in pretty much every way. The Tar Heels were a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason and became the first UNC team to start and finish at No. 1 since 1982.

Michael Jordan was the star of that

There may not be any Jordans on this team, but there were plenty of Hansbroughs and Lawsons and Ellingtons — more than enough to finish off a project that seemed destined to end on a ladder in Detroit, with scissors and twine

Men's tennis singles lineup could see changes after rocky Big 12 opener

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TIM SIEGEL

HEAD COACH

TECH MEN'S TENNIS

matches.

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

12 Conference play for the Texas credit really has to go to A&M. was senior captain James Wilson. Tech men's tennis team.

in their first two conference matches with losses to No. 14 11 Texas Sunday in Austin.

Tech men's tennis coach Tim bottom of the singles lineup, so a unique lineup. little shuffling might prevent the

Today's

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0-2 start from getting worse.

Against the Aggies Friday, usually are not Tech won the doubles point but in the lineup. Texas A&M, 5-2 Friday in Col- only grabbed one singles win lege Station and 4-3 against No. Gonzalo Escobar won at the No. chael Breler 3 position Friday and Sunday.

As a result, Sunday against Rojmar out of Siegel said the problem lies at the Longhorns, Tech featured a

The doubles teams remained the mood af-

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the same as did the top three It was not an ideal start to Big played well," he said. "All the 5 was David Gonzalez and No. 6 Longhorns. They just earned the win, and Kustudija usually plays at the No. Raony Carvalho and Sinisa

and Christian

the lineup. Wilson said ter the loss to A&M was one of disbelief and said the team needs to continue to improve.

"After the loss, personally, I was in shock," said Wilson, who is 1-1 this spring. "We know now that we have to come out with a lot

more intensity and play with a lot but it needs to play well this more heart to be honest. At the last stretch of the season if they end of the day, it comes down to want to reach the NCAA Tourwho wants it more. And if we go out there and we fight for every point, then the chances are good my team," he said. "I still have that we'll succeed.'

With two players pulled out 'We played well in doubles, players in the singles lineup, but of the lineup Sunday, Tech came but A&M really came out and at No. 4 was Milos Kustudija, No. close to taking down the No. 11

The No. 1 and 2 players of The Red Raiders are 0-2 they played better than we did." 6 spot, and Gonzalez and Wilson Markovic bounced back against Texas after

> straight-set losses in the Texas A&M match. Carvalho defeated the Longhorns' No. 14 play-

tion Dimitar Kutrovsky and Markovic notched a win against UT's No. 58 Ed Corrie. The loss to Texas marked the sixth time

er in the na-

this season Tech has lost by a score of 4-3. Siegel said

he believes in his team,

nament.

"I have a lot of confidence in plenty of faith in them that we're



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TEXAS TECH'S CHRISTIAN Rojmar and the Red Raiders hope to turn around an 0-2 start to Big 12 Conference play. Tech lost to Texas A&M Friday in College Station and Texas Sunday in Austin.

going to play hard. When you work hard, things will eventually happen. It's rare when you lose all those 4-3 matches. Our goal is to make the NCAA Tournament, and I know we have to get at least two of our last four."

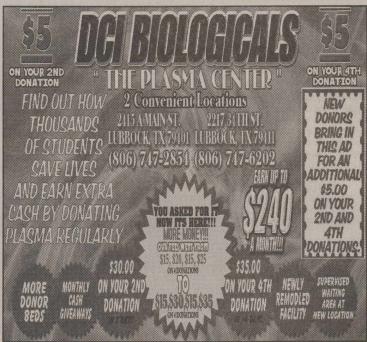
Siegel also said he may continue to make changes to the bottom of his lineup, but said he knows his seniors will respond.

The Red Raiders continue Big 12 play against No. 49 Nebraska at 1

p.m. Sunday in Lincoln, Neb. Then Tech finishes its season with three straight home matches against No. 7 Baylor, No. 30 Oklahoma State and No. 41 Oklahoma.

"For the rest of the season," Wilson said, "I think that intensity is what it's going to come down to. We know we have good leadership, we know we have a solid group of guys, we just have to get it done now.' »> zane.turner@ttu.edu





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