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STATE

HIV cases up among young people in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — Cases of people testing positive for the human immunodeficiency virus, which can lead to AIDS, are up overall and among young people in El Paso.

The city's Department of Public Health shows that 22 cases of HIV have been reported in the first three months of this year. There were 64 cases of HIV reported in all of 2008.

Among the 2009 HIV infections, more than half are in people younger than 35. Experts say that's a change from 2004, when most new HIV infections were in men older than 35.

The El Paso Times reported the story in its Sunday editions.

NATION

White House: No HHS secretary not problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Sunday brushed off questions about whether a lack of top health officials was making more difficult President Barack Obama's response to a swine flu outbreak.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration's response was competent even though the Senate has yet to confirm a secretary of human services, a surgeon general or a director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The absence of those officials left Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and an acting CDC chief to brief reporters on the swine flu outbreak.

WORLD

Iraq: US raid 'crime' breaks security pact

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister denounced a deadly U.S. raid on Sunday as a "crime" that violated the security pact with Washington and demanded American commanders hand over those responsible to face possible trial in Iraqi courts.

The U.S. military, however, strongly denied that it overstepped its bounds and said it notified Iraqi authorities in advance — in accordance with the rules that took effect this year governing U.S. battlefield conduct.

The fallout over the raid in the southern Shiite city of Kut — which left at least one person dead and six arrested — marks the most serious test of the security pact so far and could bring new strains during a critical transition period.

DEATH TOLL

4277

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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GUITAR HERO

Tech administrator enjoys building guitars, repairing instruments during his free time

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

One Texas Tech administrator has the ability to repair almost any break a guitar could encounter and create an instrument from scratch.

Dale Blevins, manager of residence hall facilities who has worked at Tech for 22 years, began building instruments more than 20 years ago and manages a self-owned business where he repairs and custom designs instruments.

The first instrument Blevins built was an Appalachian Mountain-style banjo, which he constructed for fun. He said he still enjoys the instrument's unique sound today.

However, it wasn't until 1989 — the year his son was born — that his hobby grew into a small business.

"I thought it'd be cool if he had a little guitar growing up, so I built a three-quarter scale guitar for him," the father of four said. "And a guitar-playing friend of mine saw it and was impressed. He asked if I would build him a full scale, and that's where it started and basically

never stopped."

Although he had no past experience and worked based off instructions in a series of guitar-building articles in a magazine, he began constructing guitars.

Through those articles and the instructions he read from various books, trial and error perfected Blevins' craftsmanship.

Blevins also is a musician who performed in almost every venue Lubbock had to offer during the late 1970s to 1980s. For 16 consecutive years, he participated in the 4th on Broadway Street Fair.

Blevins said six-string guitars are the primary instruments he works with, but he has also built violins, acoustic bases, electric guitars and 12-string guitars.

"It's a good way for me to kind of get away from things and be with my own thoughts," Blevins said. "I've always been a tinkerer and a wood worker, and it's just what I enjoy doing anyway."



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
DALE BLEVINS, UNIT manager for facilities and operations at University Student Housing, shows a guitar he is fashioning from Brazilian Rosewood Tuesday in his workshop.

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Women's and children's hospital to open in Lubbock

By HALIE HARTMAN
STAFF WRITER

Covenant Women's and Children's will open Thursday combining two services and moving them into a new facility, something not previously achieved in the South Plains.

Melinda Clark, president and chief executive officer of the Covenant Health System, said one of the reasons to the system was a need to combine the Children's Hospital with Women's Services into one facility to improve and have the best health care available

for both women and children in the community.

"We recognize this as an area of opportunity because we have the ability to serve the market differently for ourselves and other people," she said. "It also gives us the opportunity to set and follow the national trend which is emphasizing care for women and children."

Covenant Children's Hospital will relocate from its current location on 19th Street to Covenant's Lakeside Campus, where many of the women's services take place. The location also will be renamed to Covenant's Women's and Children's.

Roxie Taylor-Welt, vice presi-

dent of Covenant system, said it is important to remember the neonatal intensive care unit is a part of the pediatric hospital, which is another reason why it is best to have women's and children's services in the same facility.

"We thought it would give better care to both women's and children's (services)," she said, "especially in that range of childbirth time, where you become familiar with a facility and the staff."

Clark said the change is especially important for children born with complications because it allows for the parents to establish a relationship with the staff that grows

as the child ages.

"Women typically lead the health care decisions with their families," she said, "and we felt like specifically for women, and definitely for kids, a single provider that is a licensed hospital will allow us to provide all of the sub specialties possible for children and give us the ability to have the best facilities and the best physicians."

In order to attract these types of physicians, Clark said, children should have a central hospital to visit, and over the past two years Covenant has hired many pediatric sub specialists while preparing for the new hospital.

"We have brought in a pediatric neurosurgeon, pediatric pulmonologist and a pediatric endocrinologist," she said. "We are getting ready to hire a second pediatric heart surgeon we'll have three pediatric general and trauma surgeons just for kids."

The Lakeside Campus now will be a women's and children's hospital where 100 percent of their services for both still will be available, Taylor-Welt said.

"It was an opportunity to have a smaller campus that's a little bit easier access and more of a family atmosphere," she said.

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Alcohol vote opens today

Early voting for the Lubbock County alcohol sales expansion began today and will run through May 9.

According to the Lubbock County Elections Web site, some early voting locations include United Supermarkets and the Texas Tech Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. beginning today through May 5. Lubbock City Hall will be open for voting from 8 a.m. through,

5 p.m. weekdays.

Early voting will conclude May 5, and regular voting begins May 9 at 7 a.m. through 7 p.m.

The vote will concern the expansion of alcohol sales in Lubbock County. The first proposition regards the sale of all alcoholic beverages in Lubbock County for off-premises consumption only. The second proposition regards the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants.

For list of voting locations check out www.dailytoreador.com

Poor nations draw attention at finance meeting

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reeling from a recession with roots in rich countries, the world's poorest nations need a hand up without burdening them with debt or adding to the ranks of the impoverished, global finance officials said Sunday.

Poor countries have watched their economies plummet as the recession's effects spread, drying up investment capital, sharply reducing exports and commodity prices, and slowing the flow of cash sent home by their citizens working abroad.

"We meet at an unprecedented time when a severe global economic slowdown threatens to reverse major progress in poverty reduction," Treas-

ury Secretary Timothy Geithner said on the final day of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund's spring meeting.

After focusing on the crisis in industrialized nations, finance ministers shifted attention to helping poor countries.

The crisis is "advancing like a silent tsunami, with those who contributed least to the crisis suffering most from its impact," said the German development minister, Heidemarie Wiecek-Zeul. She said it would take more money to help stabilize poor nations "without plunging them into a spiral of debt."

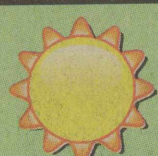
Naoyuki Shinohara, Japan's vice finance minister, said developing countries are suffering a "disastrous slump" in private capital investment,

a main economic driver.

Geithner said development banks are at the forefront of international efforts to lift more people out of poverty. "We cannot afford to lose time or lose ground," he said.

Rich nations need to provide enough assistance, he said. Also, it is important that institutions led by the Washington-based World Bank conduct their aid business more in the open, Geithner said.

The World Bank pledged to provide poor countries with more than \$55 billion for public work projects left in limbo when the recession dried up capital investment. That follows a tripling in lending, to \$12 billion, to support health, education and other safety net programs in poor countries.



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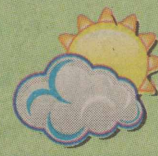
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HSC NEWS FLASH

Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness and Vice President for Academic Affairs Rial Rolfe will host a retirement reception for the Director of the Tech HSC Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Sharon Kohout, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 28 in the Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building foyer. Presentations will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness coordinates ongoing, systematic, institution-wide planning and assessment at the HSC.

Harrington Library

The Tech Health Sciences Center Harrington Library faculty and staff will host a retirement reception for Harrington Library Associate Director Dana Neeley from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 at the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health atrium. Neeley has worked with the HSC for 28 years and will be honored with presentations beginning at 3:30 p.m. April 30.

Finance and Administration

The HSC Department of Finance and Administration will host a quarterly finance and administration update meeting from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building Room 110 and the Pyramid Plaza Room 210. The meeting will include discussion of finance systems management, budget office topics and human resource topics, and will focus on informing all HSC departments of the changes and new initiatives present in the Department of Finance and Administration.

Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

The Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso will host a dean's council meeting at noon today in the Dean's Conference Room located in the Medical Education Building third floor suite 3200. Lunch will be provided for all interested participants by the OB/GYN Department.

Department of Family Medicine

The Department of Family Medicine at the HSC Amarillo campus will make 16 workstations, cabinets, record storage and an X-ray system with processing and developing equipment available in July to all interested medical participants as part of a surplus obtained by the department. For equipment use information contact the administrator for the Department of Family Medicine Steven Gates.

Health Sciences Center

The Health Sciences Center will host an HSC student talent show beginning at 7 p.m. May 1 at the International Cultural Center. Admission will be \$5 with proceeds benefiting CASA of the South Plains, an organization dedicated to providing court appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children in the South Plains area.

HSC President Dr. John Baldwin will host an ongoing lecture series at noon May 6 at the Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building Room 120. Dr. Selim Krim, assistant professor at the HSC Department of Internal Medicine, will discuss topics relating to Mexico and international medical graduates in the United States for all interested participants. The lecture will be free with lunch provided by the Texas Tech Federal Credit Union for the first 35 attendees. The lecture is part of an ongoing lecture series hosted by Baldwin the first and third Wednesday of each month with guest speakers who share their experiences and work in international health.

Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center

The Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center in partnership with the YWCA Breast and Cervical Health Initiative will offer free breast exams from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today through May 1 at the center. The YWCA also will offer free mammograms to women ages 25 to 64 who meet financial eligibility guidelines at the YWCA. The center is part of the Tech HSC and the Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing while the YWCA Breast and Cervical Health Initiative offers breast and cervical screening and diagnostic services to women who have limited access to medical care.

Texas Tech advertising team to compete in Washington, D.C.

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech advertising team, Infinity, won the regional competition Thursday in District 10 of the National Student Advertising Competition hosted by the American Advertising Federation and will continue to nationals June 4.

For the first time in 25 years, Tech's team will advance to nationals in Washington, D.C., to compete against the winning teams of the 14 other districts in the country. The winning team's campaign will be implemented nationwide.

Jerod Slay, a senior electronic media and communications major from Lubbock, said each team was given 20 minutes on stage to present their campaign followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session by the judges. Judges also were given books, which described in detail the group's direction and campaign concept weeks before the competition.

Infinity consists of 18 students, Slay said, divided into four groups: creative, research, media and promotion.

"I am on creative team, and our goal or objective was to develop the early-on creative concept, which is the tone and direction we wanted to go," he said, "and we wanted to make it slightly funny, as well as serious, but a more lighthearted production."

Abby Spears, a senior advertising

and Spanish major from Fort Worth and director of the team's promotional group, said the national competition will be held at the American Advertising Federation's headquarters in Washington.

At the regional competition, teams presented to a panel of industry professionals and will present to the client in June.

The client for this year's competition is the Century Council, Spears said, a group of brewers and distillers whose goal is to launch a campaign against the over-consumption of alcohol on college campuses. Each team was given a budget of \$10 million to create a campaign.

"The client was really different than any client we have ever had for the competition," Spears said. "Since it was a concept, anti-binge drinking, it was really important we had out-of-the-box promotions so we make this campaign really stand out."

The promotional team's job was to relate the concept to the target market, she said. They recognized the importance of creating promotional tactics that are relevant to college students.

The team focused on activities and promotional events students could participate in on campus, Spears said. Ideas were consistently presented and consistently shot down because they were events the team members realized they would not even want to participate in.

"We came up with an awesome concept in the end and awesome promotions," she said. "I just love it, I love our campaign."

The team's campaign featured props such as a full-sized bar they brought on stage as well as beer buckets and cards. She said their concept was "simple, yet effective."

Morgan Hall, a senior photography and advertising major from Duncanville, is a member of the media team. The media team's job was to utilize any kind of purchasable media space, decide a budget and determine the reach of the tools they chose.

"We did a lot of research about what kind of stuff college students like to do," Hall said, "and what kind of technology they are into."

The team as a whole will continue to rehearse the presentation and memorize all information included in the book, she said. Teams are not allowed to alter anything about their campaigns after the regional competition, thus preparation primarily will consist of being fully prepared for the question-and-answer session.

Shannon Bichard, who has been the team's adviser for seven years, said she has been with the students every step of the way and had a feeling this year's competition would end differently for Tech.

"They drove me crazy with detail," she said. "Every detail they second-guessed themselves on and analyzed everything. It turned out all that over-analyzing won them the first-place trophy; they were definitely a detail-oriented team and had a real quest for perfection."

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Hospital

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Clark said \$45 million to \$50 million was put into repurposing the campus and much of the time was spent on designing to ensure that the best care and the best technology was included.

She said the women's section is a welcoming environment, and the layout of the units and

the rooms is focused toward women and the ability to bring their families in with them. From the size of the sinks to the equipment in the children's side of the hospital is customized for children.

Covenant Children's Hospital is one of seven children's hospitals in the state of Texas, Taylor-Welt said. Covenant combining the two services is significant because it is a new technique.

"It is a new way to approach care of women from the time that they start having children until they go through the later stages of life," she said. "When you come here with your kids and you have been here as an adult, as an obstet-

rical patient, it's all familiar and more of a family environment."

Covenant Health System is the largest health care organization in the region and more than 50 percent its patients come from outside Lubbock County, according to Covenant's Web site.

Clark said the new hospital will benefit the community because it will be an economic driver and allow for more patients to be pulled into the region.

"I think that you will have folks in far-reaching areas where they don't have services designed for women and children, coming to Lubbock," she said.

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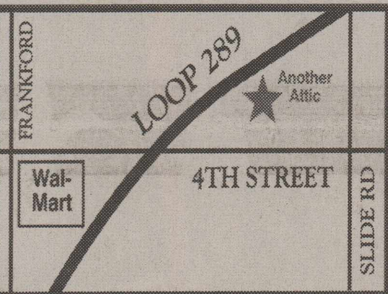
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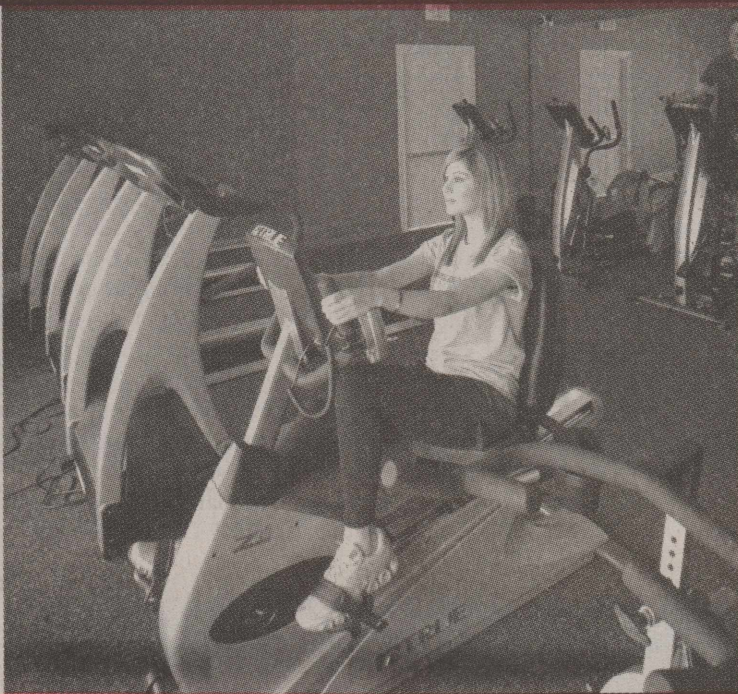
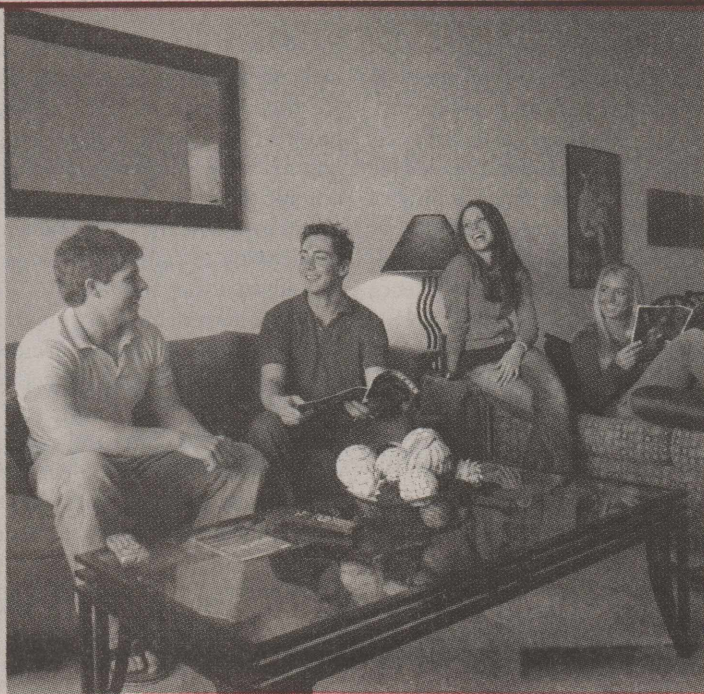
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Expanded alcohol sales will benefit Lubbock

Although many quirks set Lubbock apart from other college towns in the Big 12 Conference, one of the most noticeable and costly for Texas Tech students is the lack of alcohol sales within city limits.

Tech is the only Big 12 school located in a city that does not allow packaged alcohol sales.

The Editorial Board of *The Daily Toreador* believes despite many advantages and disadvantages of the two propositions for expanded alcohol sales to those living in Lubbock, students and residents of the city and county would benefit most from the passage of the propositions.

The last vote on this issue came 38 years ago, and in 1972

the city voted to allow the sale of liquor by the drink. Previously, Lubbock was the largest dry city in the country.

The conservative makeup of Lubbock, coupled with the strength of local religious institutions opposed to the sale of alcohol, has stalled a vote that passed in about 200 other Texas communities in the last six years.

Moral biases and narrow-minded beliefs have hindered the city from opening up to a concept that could benefit the economy, safety and quality of life in a city of more than 200,000 people.

Although the sale of alcohol is not a major selling point for most high school students when deciding what university to attend, students still deal with some local laws that

are unfairly imposed based on fears that are not substantiated by circumstances in cities and counties that allow packaged alcohol sales.

While economic benefits would come as a result of the propositions through taxation of the alcohol, residents of Lubbock should not expect a boom, but they should expect additional insulation against the falling national economy. Lubbock's economy, which heavily relies on higher

education and health care as the anchors of the economy, does not boom and bust.

Not only would sales within the city limits of Lubbock eliminate an apparent monopoly owned by The Strip on packaged alcohol sales, possibly making locally-sold alcohol cheaper, but the sale of alcohol in the city would eliminate the need for Lubbockites to drive about 15 minutes to purchase packaged alcohol.

The fact the city would benefit

more from the purchases also will help, despite claims from opposing groups that additional revenue will be spent on law enforcement.

In reality, the number of people drinking alcohol will not drastically change because of an increased convenience.

The drive to The Strip for more alcohol also would be eliminated. Although neither *The Daily Toreador* nor law enforcement advocates drinking while driving, it would be naive to think it does not happen. Stores selling alcohol inside city limits would alleviate the need for people to drive out of their way to purchase alcohol and also may present the opportunity for people to walk to a store to purchase alcohol instead of drive.

Those opposed to the proposi-

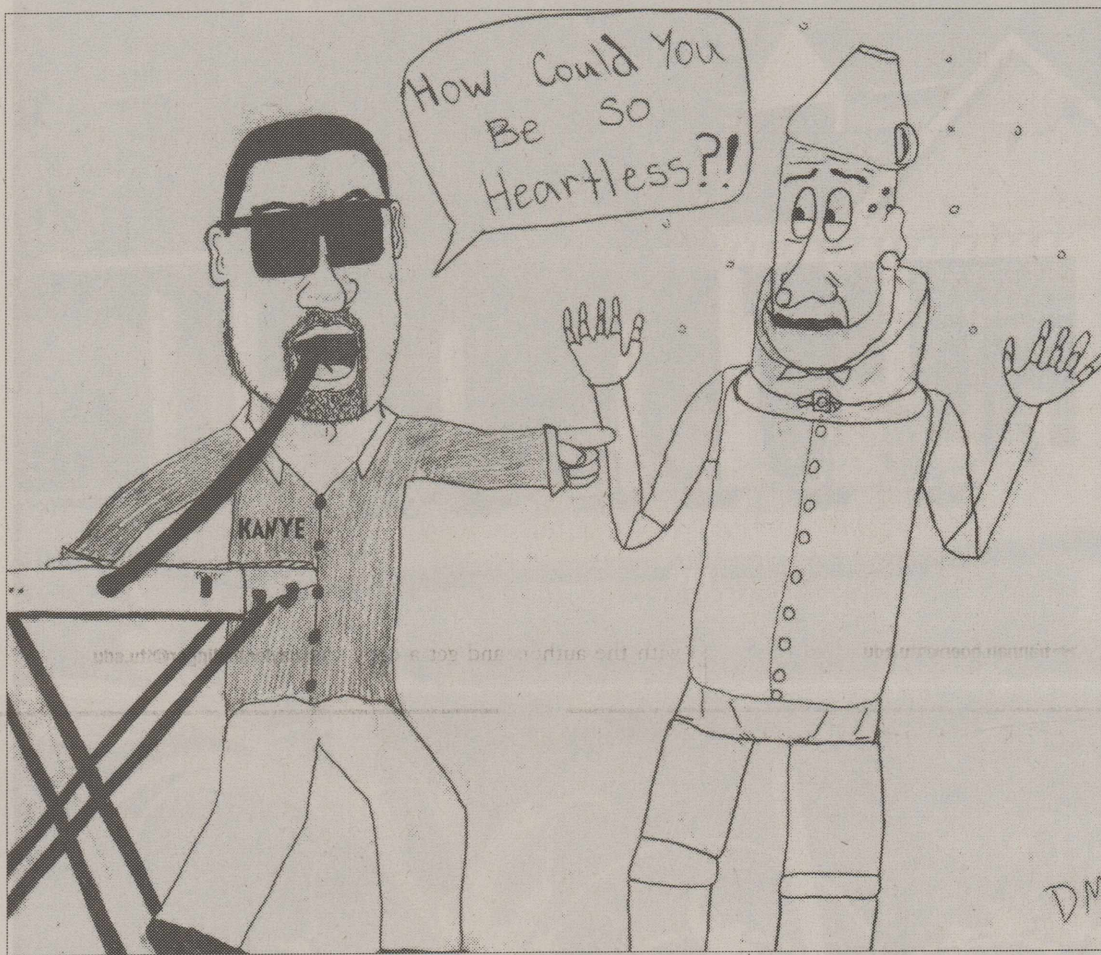
tions have appealed to the older Lubbock community that they do not want liquor stores near homes, schools and hospitals.

Although liquor stores conceivably could be located near neighborhoods, provisions in Texas zoning laws prohibit liquor stores from being too close to schools, hospitals and in residential areas.

The Daily Toreador does not promote the overconsumption of alcohol or the purchase of alcohol for minors and by minors, but we do support the freedom of those of legal drinking age to travel a reasonable distance to purchase alcohol at a fair price.

We believe voting for the two propositions is one way to accomplish this freedom.

"In reality, the number of people drinking alcohol will not drastically change because of an increased convenience."



Revealing information online could cost you money, life

Living in a technology-based society, it is imperative that people take precautions in giving out personal information. This is especially important in lieu of recent events concerning the Craigslist Killer.

Craigslist is a search engine for people to buy and trade items, much like Ebay. Instead of items, however, some people choose to place ads of a more intimate and adult nature. Though the solicitation of prostitution is deeply frowned upon and illegal — with the exception of Nevada — the ever-evolving Internet provides an alternative means for ladies of the evening to get down to business, so to speak.

Authorities have recently arrested Philip Markoff a medical student attending Boston University as the main "Craigslist Killer" suspect in charges including rob-



Giovanni Rosendo

bery, kidnapping and murder.

In a society where people log in to a computer at least once a day, people are finding themselves constantly exchanging information. This concept is unsettling due to the amount of people and information poured out every minute of every day. People who try to network or buy and sell goods give out too much unnecessary information within the first few messages, not knowing the intentions of the person they are speaking with.

Scams by way of telephone or Internet have made their way into the public eye before. However, in situations such as this, they are only seen as the tip of the iceberg.

In perspective, monetary loss is much less than the cost of one's life.

This is where the line of prostitution begins to turn gray. Now, more often than not, people are allowing themselves to be pimped out over the Internet. Consider Myspace and Facebook, where the action of posting pictures and setting up profiles must have been the creation of a brilliant advertising or public relations person, because this bit is priceless.

Dating sites paved the way for people to learn how to not be afraid of flaunting their goods in order to reach their goal of eternal bliss, or at least a night of eternal bliss. The act of letting ones guard down is what, unfortunately, leads a lot of people towards the point of no return — financially or otherwise.

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Creationists' arguments against evolution, for intelligent design show dishonesty

The Young Earth Creationists spearheaded by the Discovery Institute have scored a victory in dictating public policy with regard to how science education is taught in public schools.

Fortunately, the pro-science advocates were successful in preventing the adoption of the "strengths and weaknesses" clause with respect to the theory of evolution. This clause falsely implies there is scientific evidence in favor of intelligent design creationism or against evolution.

However, the Discovery Institute successfully lobbied the Texas School Board to revise the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills to include a clause requiring students to "analyze and evaluate" evolution, including to "analyze and evaluate" core evolutionary claims like natural selection, mutations and common ancestry according to Discovery Institute fellow Casey Luskin.

Jason Hoskin



By casting unwarranted doubt on evolution, creationists have succeeded in leaving the door open to allowing the teaching of intelligent design creationism. This is a goal the Discovery Institute actively sought in its support of the teaching of intelligent design creationism in the *Kitzmiller v. Dover Pennsylvania* case. Nevertheless, conservative Judge John E. Jones III, a Bush appointee ruled, "(Intelligent design creationism) is a religious view, a mere re-labeling of creationism, and not a scientific theory."

This recent political lobbying is consistent with the institute's mission to seek "nothing less than the overthrow of materialism and its cultural legacies." These legacies in-

clude "scientific materialism" which, according to the Institute's Wedge Document, has led to moral relativism and its consequent diminution of personal responsibility.

To justify this introduction of pseudoscience into the curriculum, creationists frequently use the refrain we should "teach the controversy" — that is to say give equal time to opposing points of view merely because there are people who hold them.

There are serious problems with a consistent application of this principle, as creationists are undoubtedly aware. There would in principle be no reason to bar the teaching of creation myths of Buddhism or Hinduism or any of the hundreds of minor myths, all during science education class.

This consequence is no doubt unpalatable to Christian creationists, as well as principled defenders of the Constitution.

Why not give a hearing to the Flat Earth Society who no doubt would love to require that students

be made to evaluate "all sides of the scientific evidence" regarding the shape of the Earth? Why limit this relativism to the epistemic variety. Why not teach Nazism and communism as viable political systems or that cannibalism is just another preference.

Clearly, the "teach the controversy" refrain takes as its premise that all ideas and belief systems are equally valid in a sense, so long as there are people endorse them. We are thus faced with the startling prospect of a radical right-wing organization-endorsing relativism. It is ironic the same organization that claims to oppose the encroachment of relativism in culture depends on it to advance their agenda.

There are a number of criteria a given set of ideas must satisfy in order to be accepted as part of a scientific discipline.

First is a particular theory undergo examination by the peer review process. It is important to note there is not one peer reviewed article

that has been published supporting intelligent design, either produced by the "scientists" at the Discovery Institute, or anyone else according.

By contrast, there is not one peer-reviewed article challenging evolution 150 years after Darwin published "The Origin of Species" according to philosopher Barbara Forrester.

As Theodosius Dobzhansky said, nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution. Evolution has helped us understand genetics, microbiology, etc. It has led to the development of medical technology that has saved the lives of billions of people and extended the human life span from about 30 to 80 years in less than two centuries.

As Discovery Institute fellow Philip E. Johnson admits, the issue of intelligent design creationism "Isn't really, and never has been a debate about science. It's about religion and philosophy."

The historical record attests to this fact: Creationism, in any of its forms, has yet to produce one piece of

empirical evidence that has increased the body of scientific knowledge, despite having an 1850-year head start on the theory of evolution.

More importantly, it has not led to a single instance of medical technology or saved a single human life from the ravages of disease. This is because evolutionary biology is a process of making inferences based on observations about the world, a process that intelligent design creationism proponents decry as "materialism."

By contrast, intelligent design creationism is little more than adherence to the arbitrary assertions of religious dogma, while ignoring the vast body of facts provided by observation.

This is the reason why evolution has earned its place in the curriculum in its undiluted form and why creationism has no place in education.

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Weight-loss challenge inspires healthy living

By HANNAH BOEN
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After years of failing to meet her goal, the accountability and support of a group of people on Texas Tech's campus made one woman's dream a reality.

Amber Wilson, a single mother and Rawls College of Business development business administrative assistant, desired to lose weight and become healthier for her 8-year-old son.

"I wanted to be healthier and have more energy," she said. "There were things I couldn't normally do because I run out of breath or get too tired."

At the beginning of the year, Wilson made a resolution to lose the same amount of weight she had resolved to lose in previous years. At the end of January, she heard about a campus organization encouraging students, staff and faculty to collectively lose 5,000 pounds.

"With the support of everyone," she said, "it sounded like something that could help me accomplish the goals I wanted."

The 5,000 Pound Challenge was hosted by Mentor Tech, and the group's goal was to lose 5,000 pounds collectively in a challenge that took place from Feb. 1 to April 20.

Nicole Mitchell, a sophomore pre-med student from Lubbock who organized the event, said the challenge was the idea of the Medical Cohort Team, a group of pre-med students on campus.

Mitchell said participants in the challenge met weekly to attend Raider X exercise classes in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Besides exercise, she said the challenge encouraged healthy eating by sending weekly e-mails containing healthy diet tips.

Among the 110 participants who took the challenge, 331 pounds were lost collectively. Although they did not reach their goal, Mitchell said she is certain the goal can be reached in the future with more involvement from individuals on campus.

"I am proud of the results," she said. "The overall thing we wanted to do is



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AMBER WILSON, A business administrative assistant for development at the Rawls School of Business, pushes her 7-year-old son, Peyton Wilson, on a tire swing at the Child Development Center Playground Wednesday afternoon. Amber Wilson has lost 31 pounds as part of the 5,000 pound challenge hosted by Mentor Tech.

help people lose weight. We did accomplish that."

Mitchell said her goal is to make the challenge more accessible because she knows it can encourage people to meet their weight loss goals.

"We had several people lose between 10 and 30 pounds," she said, "and we helped them lose that weight."

Janet Veal, Honors College external relations coordinator, lost about 30 pounds during the challenge and plans to continue to lose weight until she reaches her goal of 100 pounds, she said.

She found the challenge to be motivating at first, she said, but found herself doing it more for herself and less for competition by the end.

"When I first heard about it, I was at the point where I was ready to jump on the weight-loss bandwagon," she said, "and I thought it would be a great way to lose the weight."

The challenge encouraged healthy eating and physical activity on campus, and she said she hopes additional opportunities will be offered to give others the push to a healthier lifestyle.

Veal said the challenge began a weight loss journey she will continue until she reaches her ultimate goal weight.

"I feel my resolve is even stronger than before," she said. "I feel very determined to keep going and keep working out. Just because the competition is over doesn't mean the journey is over."

Wilson's journey isn't over yet either. Her goal was to lose 25 pounds. However, she lost 31 by April 20 and plans to meet a new goal of 50 pounds.

"The group of people helped me keep up with the resolution," Wilson said. "Normally, I would have failed by now."

"I have made resolutions before to be healthier," she said. "Between work and stress at home, it just never really happened. Life caught up with me and it never happened."

Wilson attributes her ability to surpass her goal to talking to the other participants weekly and joining in group physical activity. She said the group gave her motivation, something she never found when trying to lose weight alone.

"I think my favorite thing, truthfully, was just the support of the team," she said. "Just having somebody there that you can rely on and that can rely on you when you need to talk."

The friends she met through the challenge kept her from getting discouraged, she said, and pushed her to meet her goal.

"Now that I'm on a track of being healthy and staying healthy," she said, "I have more goals, and I know I have the strength and the willpower to meet my goals."

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Authors to speak during Literary Lubbock event

By CAYLOR BALLINGER
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More than 350 literary works have been printed at Texas Tech and six of the books will be discussed during an evening of fine dining.

Texas Tech University Press will feature selected books published at Tech during a Literary Lubbock reception featuring local wines and a meal prepared by Chef Rocky Rockwell. The evening also will include a brief speech from each author whose book will be featured.

Barbara Brannon, marketing manager at Texas Tech University Press, said people should expect a "delicious dinner and very interesting presentations from authors."

Tech students — especially those seeking a career in literature — could benefit from the evening, Brannon said.

"Students can have an opportunity to learn how much time and effort goes into writing a book," she said. "They can also gain some valuable advice about what they might need to one day be writers."

"The gala will look at the books the press has chosen," Brannon said. All the books are either from the region or about the region."

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will allow guests to talk to the authors before dinner, she said. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. dinner will be served and each author will have time to give a brief presentation about his or her book. The last hour will give guests an opportunity to speak with the authors and get a copy

of their books signed.

Nasario Garcia, author of the book "Brujerías: Stories of Witchcraft and the Supernatural in the American Southwest and Beyond," will be featured at Literary Lubbock, and he said he is looking forward to the worthwhile event.

"I will talk about my book for about six minutes," Garcia said. "It might be challenging to keep it that short since I tend to get carried away."

After graduating college with a doctoral degree in Spanish literature, he said he realized he could not do much with his degree. In a book store he saw a book about the valley he grew up in and realized he should be interviewing and writing about the Southwest region.

"Brujerías" is a compendium of supernaturalism and superstition," Garcia said. "The idea started back in 1968 when I began talking to my grandparents and they told about this."

The book is a collection of interviews throughout several years that eventually transformed into a book, he said. Literary Lubbock will provide an opportunity to introduce his story to new audiences.

"I really just want to relay a couple of my experiences during the event," Garcia said. "I would like to give some anecdotes that give examples but not let the cat out of the bag, and it will of course be humorous."

Literary Lubbock begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Market Alumni Center. Tickets cost \$55 for individuals and \$440 for a table of eight. The last day to purchase tickets from Texas Tech University Press, which can be reached by calling 806-742-2982, is today.

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'Rhythm Heaven' offers addictive gameplay

If you've played any games in the "WarioWare" series, or perhaps "Work Time Fun" on the Sony PSP, you might look at "Rhythm Heaven" on the Nintendo DS and say, "Oh, it's like that."

Or, if you've played some of the more bizarre rhythm games out there, like "Parappa the Rapper" or "Elite Beat Agents," you might find it similar to those.

In reality, "Rhythm Heaven" is a bit of both.

It's a mini-game collection in which all of the bizarre mini-games involve rhythm. On one hand, this is an extremely simple premise with extremely simple gameplay. But on the other hand, it's highly addictive fun and a fantastic package.

To play, you hold your DS sideways, and the game is controlled entirely by simple stylus actions. Tapping, holding and flicking are pretty much the only actions you will perform.

The trick is to do these actions in time with music, as well as on-screen cues. For example, in the first stage, you're building "things" (the game never says what) by flicking your stylus when the "do-re-mi" tune reaches "sol." This launches a metal rod into two pieces of metal with holes in them. You know, to build "things."

Britton Peele



Other games have you filling up robots, playing ping-pong and singing in a choir.

But be careful. If you're playing with your eyes and not your ears, it will be easy to screw up. This isn't a game for people without rhythm, if you couldn't guess that from the name.

But whether you're a musical prodigy or can't hold a tune to save your life, you will probably find the game to be challenging—maybe even to the point of frustration. Some players will relish the challenge and appreciate the added replay value, while others may just turn the game off and put it away.

Considering this is a rhythm game, it's important to note the music holds up. This certainly isn't "Rock Band," but

the tunes can be pretty catchy, and it certainly serves its purpose.

What's great about the mini-game format is it's extremely easy to pick up and play. While writing this review, I've picked up my DS twice to try to improve my score on a stage—a process that took no longer than five minutes.

This makes it perfect for playing between classes, or it can serve as a quick, fun diversion from studying for finals.

Playing stages well will earn you medals, and these medals unlock little bonus toys hidden away in one of the game's menus. They aren't exactly games and they don't serve a ton

of purpose, but they're fun to mess around with at least once or twice. One of the first toys you unlock, for example, is a little challenge to see how many times you can flick your stylus in time to keep an on-screen hand flicking a coin into the air without dropping it.

Some may argue a more budget price tag of around \$20 would be a much better choice than the current \$35, but that aside, "Rhythm Heaven" is a great addition to the DS game library.

It's simple but fun and addictive and great for short gameplay sessions.

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Guitar ←

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Although his business is not advertised, he said customers are referred to him through word-of-mouth. He chooses not to advertise because of the informality of his operation and working on other's instruments is not something he wants to "get bogged down with."

"It's been a problem recently," he said. "I have two guitars I'm currently building, but I haven't been able to work on them lately because I've had a lot of repairs coming in, which is good, but it's not something I want to get tied down to."

Out of all of the guitars Blevins has worked with, his favorite is one he constructed for a client. It was a Brazilian rosewood guitar, and a real "eye-catcher."

Although Blevins creates several guitars for himself, most of them end up bought by customers who offer "prices he cannot refuse." So, he now possesses only three of the guitars he has built during the years.

As far as his favorite instrument he has ever worked on, Blevins said it would have to be a 1960 Danelectro electric guitar that belongs to a friend.

"It was just really cool," he said with a chuckle. "I enjoy old and obscure instruments like that. I take pleasure in rescuing an old instrument that might otherwise have been thrown away or pawned off or traded away. I like to bring them back to life

and know people are playing them."

The price of Blevins' guitars can range from \$2,500 to \$4,000, he said. Customers pay for the materials, and after a base labor price is established, Blevins negotiates the remaining costs after discussing what the client wants the guitar to look and sound like.

"I let the client choose their woods and tuning machines," he said. "And if they want electronics in it, a cut-away or special inlays or anything like that."

Chris Smith, an associate music professor and chairman of the Tech musicology and ethnomusicology program, said he met Blevins about four years ago after a referral by a guitar technician.

Smith has been a customer of Blevins for years and continues to refer his students to him. He said he has brought him "everything under the sun," and believes Blevins enjoys the unique instruments and jobs he asks him to work on.

"He always does a good job," Smith said. "I always refer Dale because he does great work and is very generous with his time. He wants to make sure musicians have what they need."

Smith said Blevins is skilled because he is both a repairman and builder. He takes someone else's idea or problem and finds a solution, which Smith believes is "an amazing and remarkable skill."

"You must think abstractly and understand when people talk about their ideas

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to you," Smith said. "You must be imaginative as well as practical to take people's requests and put them into reality."

Blevins' is a craftsman as well as an artist, Smith said. He is in the business for all the right reasons, most of all being his love of music.

Glen Hunt, a senior computer science major from Rowlett, participates in Smith's Celtic ensemble and was referred to Blevins through his instructor.

"It's something that I enjoy, and you know music affects a lot of people in a lot of ways."

DALE BLEVINS
UNIT MANAGER FOR FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING

Hunt said he recently began to play banjo and needed to bring it to Blevins' for a repair because the "complicated instrument" needed to have its head changed.

"I didn't know what to expect when he said to meet him at his house," Hunt said. "He had instruments hanging every-

where." Hunt said Blevins' work had a personal touch that customers such as himself will have difficulty finding at other places.

"I like the informality about the whole thing," Hunt said. "It felt like my instrument was going to be taken better care of. He actually asked what I wanted and was willing to find out my wants instead of saying, 'OK, here it is—take it.'"

Blevins said his hobby is therapeutic for him—a way for him to escape the everyday "hub-bub" of the world.

"It's something that I enjoy, and you know music affects a lot of people in a lot of ways," Blevins said. "And it's kind of neat to especially help the college students out who might not otherwise be able to get a repair job for their guitar in a condition they can play. So, that's a good feeling."

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Local artists find advice, friendship through Lubbock Sketch Club

By SARAH REIMAN
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The Lubbock Sketch Club meets every Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to bring together a variety of artists to share and learn from each other.

Artists of every age and experience level meet at Freebird's near Slide Road and Loop 289, said Will Terrell, a Lubbock artist who create the club.

As many as 70 local artists have attended the weekly meeting, he said, but about 40 to 50 artists usually attend.

Sarah Vaughn, a freshman studio art major from Lubbock, said the Sketch Club has enabled her to feature multiple pieces of abstract art during First Friday Art Trail in the Depot District and has given her direction in publishing the graphic novel she is creating.

"It is nice to associate with other artists," Vaughn said.

Vaughn received treatment through horse therapy after being declared disabled for a period of time during her life.

Because of her healing experiences with horses, she now draws abstract versions of horses for the

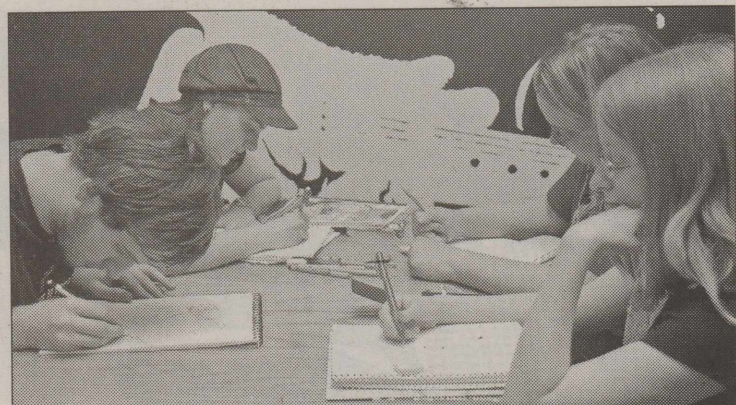


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COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT to left, Allisen Chumney, a freshmen at South Plains; Lindsey Gragowski from Lubbock; Ariel Walden, a junior broadcast journalism major from Lubbock and Matthew Graham, a junior construction engineer major from Houston, sketch Saturday at the Lubbock Sketch Club hosted at Freebirds.

art shows she participates in.

Vaughn said she has been coming to Sketch Club meetings for a year a half and the members of the group have offered her advice and encouraged her artwork.

Marc Watson, an alumnus from Lubbock who will return to Tech in the fall to earn a fine arts master's degree, said the Lubbock Sketch Club has provided "an enjoyable environment" for him where connections with famous artists can be made.

He said he brings his 10-year-old brother to the weekly meetings, where artists ages 6 to 80 interact with each other.

Watson, who has created murals for Covenant Medical Center, encourages students interested in comics, art or graphics to come and enjoy Saturday meetings and not be afraid to bring examples of their work to share.

Also, the group offers opportunities to participate in the Lubbock Arts Festival, Comic Expos, classes,

workshops and booths at craft fairs.

Terrell said the Lubbock Comic Book Expo will be hosted Friday through Sunday by Lubbock Sketch Club and Star Comics during the Lubbock Arts Festival at the Civic Center.

Terrell said the comics will be given out at the festival as part of National Free Comic Book Day, which takes place the first Saturday in May.

"This is huge for a comic book event in West Texas," he said. Ariel Walden, a junior broadcast journalism major from Lubbock, said many of the friendships she has today have been gained through the Lubbock Sketch Club.

The club offers support from artists with similar interests and "talent with different styles," she said. Those who attend the meetings are friendly and give input on work.

She said people who "love art should draw a little every single day."

Terrell said he advises those interested in becoming better artists to find teachers and practice. He said the best way of learning is to "imitate things you see and ask questions."

"Most people think you have to be born talented to do work of any

kind, especially with comic books," he said, "but I don't believe that's true at all. I think that it's like reading or writing or math. If society nourished it and encouraged it on a regular basis, everybody could draw and reach a certain level."

The Sketch Club caters to artists

at whatever skill level they are at, he said, and if the artists enjoy drawing and are passionate about it, then they have the potential of getting to the skill level they desire.

"The Sketch Club is a way of challenging each other," Terrell said.

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- 10 Yawn-inducing speaker
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- 15 Gauchy's rope
- 16 Manipulative sort
- 17 One who's at home on the range
- 19 Venetian blind part
- 20 Make haste
- 21 Transvaal settler
- 22 Words after "Hi, honey!"
- 24 Counting everything
- 26 Crock-Pot potful
- 27 Antiquity, once
- 28 Gunfighters' graveyard
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- 35 Jean Auel's "The Bear"

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Boise State U. puts professors in dorms

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — On the west end of the Boise State University campus, professor Michael Humphrey lives on the third floor of a residence hall with his wife, 2-year-old daughter, their Labrador Retriever Booba — and nearly 30 college students.

Humphrey, a 35-year-old with a doctorate in special education, has lived at the university for the past year as part of a campus housing program created in 2004 to help retain students and enhance their college experience.

The basic premise: If students feel like they belong, they'll be more likely to stick around.

Nationwide, about 200 colleges have developed more than 600 living-learning residential programs in an attempt to further engage students outside the classroom and allow them to live on campus with others who have similar interests. In some cases, faculty and academic advisers have offices in the same residence hall.

But an analysis of these programs in 2007 found only 7 percent in the United States integrate faculty into the living arrangements, said Karen Kurotsuchi Inkelas, principal investigator for the National Study of Living-Learning Programs at the Center for Student Studies in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Faculty living alongside students in the residence halls, even in a living-learning context, is not very prevalent," said Inkelas, a professor at the University of Maryland.

Women bear brunt of hunger crisis in Africa, world

BULAWAYO, Swaziland (AP) — Phetsile Ndwandwe, short, skinny and 23 years old, accepts an apple from a development worker and nibbles at it, stripping the peel with her teeth before handing the fruit to Siphokazi, her baby daughter.

Siphokazi manages a bite of the apple, the first fruit she has had in months, then thanks her mother with a kiss.

Ndwandwe allows herself only the peel.

The mother's sacrifice, say health authorities, is typical, and creates a problem across the developing world. In hard times, these women tend to think of themselves last. This puts their families at risk, the experts say, because malnourished mothers become malfunctioning mothers.

Ndwandwe lost her sugar cane plot after falling behind in payments to

a village cooperative. So she supports 15-month-old Siphokazi and her 4-year-old daughter, Setsebile, by working in a neighbor's garden in this village in southern Swaziland, taking her payments in vegetables.

Ancient traditions and modern circumstances often combine to place the burden on women to feed their poor families. Researchers say women do as much as 80 percent of the farm work in poor countries. And, with food and fertilizer prices rising, and AIDS and the global financial meltdown taking their toll, women like Ndwandwe are straining under growing responsibilities.

"We eat whatever we can get," said Ndwandwe, after describing a breakfast of corn meal porridge. She said her husband had gotten sick and died but wouldn't say what illness he had. When asked what the family would have for lunch, she said she had no idea.

She has seen the price of an apple rise 50 percent in recent months to the equivalent of about 15 U.S. cents. She used to take the bus to town to buy a bag of apples to sell to her neighbors, the small profits supplementing her garden work.

Now, she can't afford the bus fare — and few of her neighbors can afford fruit.

The consequences of women having to scrape together food for their family, often on their own, can be far-reaching. They may not be there for their children at all, as a poorly fed woman is more likely to die in childbirth. And their babies are also more likely to grow up physically and mentally stunted. It's a vicious circle that deepens misery in Africa and other lands of hunger.



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Men's tennis prepares for NCAA Tourney, women's season ends

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

While the men's tennis team continues its season in the NCAA Tournament, the women's season is over.

The No. 34 Red Raiders clinched an NCAA Tournament berth despite falling to No. 21 Oklahoma State, 4-3, the second time this season in their first-round match of the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

The No. 71 Lady Raiders, however, needed to make a deeper run in the Big 12 Tournament, but failed to do so.

The Lady Raiders (10-14, 5-8 in Big 12 play) advanced to the second round of the Big 12 Tournament defeating Oklahoma, 4-3 Thursday at the Headington Family Tennis Center in Norman, Okla.

But a 4-0 loss to No. 2-seeded Texas in the second round put an end to the 2009 season.

"I can't be prouder of this team," Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty said. "They've done everything I've asked the entire year. They've laid it all on the line, you know, close losses, close wins and they've never looked

back. They went out the same way they began, leaving it all out on the court, and even though they didn't make the tournament, they have put Tech on the map."

Tech continued its strong play by taking the doubles point in the OU and Texas matches.

The duo of all-time wins leader Samantha van der Drift and Kelsy Garland took two wins as well as Tech's No. 3 team of Simone Templeton and Natalie Leitch.

Against Oklahoma (9-14, 3-8), Templeton clinched the match taking two straight tie-breaking 7-6 sets, stopping a Sooner comeback.

The loss to Texas, however, marks the last time seniors Kyla Coleman and van der Drift will don the Tech colors.

Despite not making the NCAA Tournament, van der Drift said she is proud of her team and glad to play for Tech.

"Overall we had a really good season," said van der Drift, who finished her Tech career with 77 wins. "I mean we had so many chances to beat big teams and we were in so many matches

and we had the biggest win in history this semester (against then-No. 21 TCU). So, I'm really proud even though we didn't make the NCAA Tournament, but I think we have grown so much as a team."

Starting her career as a No. 5 singles player during her freshman year, van der Drift has been Tech's No. 1 for three years.

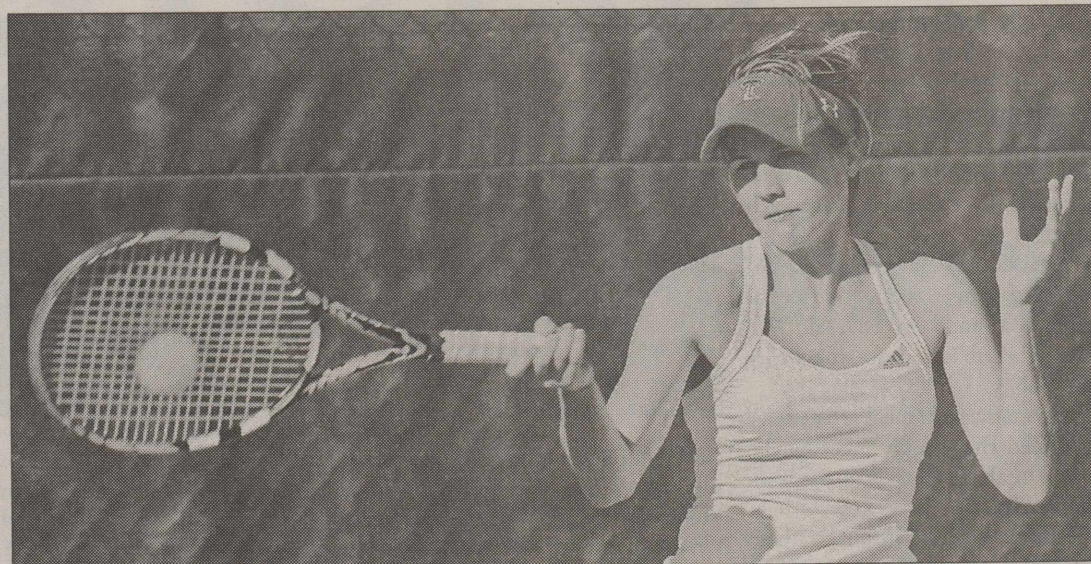
The Red Raiders continue their season in the NCAA Tournament, as seedings will be announced Tuesday. Tech coach Tim Siegel has said his team will be expected to make the tournament considering its schedule and ranking.

Before the conference tournament, the Red Raiders clinched an NCAA Tournament berth with a regular-season win against Oklahoma to end the year.

Tech (13-11, 2-5) entered its Big 12 Tournament as the five-seed and played the four-seed Oklahoma State (14-7, 4-3).

A win against OSU could have improved seeding in the NCAA Tournament.

"We have had so many close losses,"



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S SAMANTHA van der Drift and the Lady Raiders were unable to make a deep run in the Big 12 Conference Tournament and reach the NCAA Tournament. They lost 4-0 to No. 2-seeded Texas in the second round Thursday in Norman, Okla., which ended their season.

Siegel said. "We led 3-1 and it's the second time in one week where we've led 3-1 in matches. But we've put that behind us now because the ultimate goal was to make the tournament and we're excited about making it."

The previous two times Tech has

played OSU, the Red Raiders stole the doubles point while winning two of six singles matches each time.

Despite the loss, the Red Raiders might still have tennis to play and a mark to make on college tennis.

"I'm excited to be in the tourna-

ment," Tech's Sinisa Markovic said. "This is what we've worked hard for and it's my last year, so we're going to come out with intensity and try to learn from the loss to Oklahoma State and be ready for the tournament."

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Retiring Michael Crabtree's jersey number is the right thing to do

For the first time in my lifetime, Texas Tech is getting national attention in the NFL Draft thanks to Michael Crabtree.

Crabtree — now a San Francisco 49er — only played two years for the Red Raiders, but the amount of attention he has brought to the Tech football program is much more than any player has brought in four.

It is time for Tech to thank Crabtree by giving him the highest honor that an athletic program can give a former player — retire his jersey.

Right now there are three Red Raider football players who have had their jerseys retired: E.J. Holub (No. 55), Donny Anderson (No. 44), and Dave Parks (No. 81).

Landry Locker



Crabtree should join this list.

In the past, the ideal athlete with a retired jersey was an athlete who excelled on the field and eventually walked across the stage during graduation. It was very rare for an athlete to leave college early.

We are in the era where players leaving school early is as much of a part of college football as tackling. In the last four NFL Drafts, 19 of the top 40 top-10

draft picks were underclassmen. Texas took a lot of heat nationally after it retired Kevin Durant's jersey despite the fact Durant only attended UT for one year.

Tech should follow Texas' lead and honor Crabtree the same way Texas did Durant.

A lot of people are hesitant to retire a player's jersey who leaves school early, but in just two seasons, Crabtree has done more for the Tech football program than any player in school history.

Zach Thomas and Wes Welker are the two most recognizable former Red Raider football players, who both spent four years in Lubbock.

While I am sure Thomas and Welker provided the Red Raider

faithful with some exciting moments, the two of them did not bring the amount of national attention that Crabtree did.

In fact, I doubt the average football fan across the country even knows Thomas and Welker attended Tech.

Some people would be against retiring a player's jersey who leaves school early because it sends the wrong educational message.

While education is important, in reality you go to college to get a job. If someone can get a high-paying job, why hold it against them?

ESPN Draft experts Todd McShay and Mel Kiper have compared Crabtree to NFL receivers such as Larry Fitzgerald

and Andre Johnson.

I personally think Crabtree has a better chance of being a draft bust and another Tech player exposed as a product-of-the-system than an elite receiver like Johnson or Fitzgerald, but Crabtree's future NFL success or failure is irrelevant and wouldn't make his achievements as a Red Raider any less significant.

Vince Young has struggled during his three years in the NFL, but that takes nothing away from his achievements as a quarterback at Texas.

Longhorn fans still get the chills when they see Young's touchdown against USC in the 2006 Rose Bowl and Tech fans will get the same feeling in the future when they see Crabtree's

last second touchdown against the Longhorns — regardless of the amount of success Crabtree has at the next level.

Young's jersey is still retired at Darrell K Royal Memorial Stadium and Tech needs to do the same with Crabtree's.

We are in the era where players leave college early for the pros, other teams around the country have adjusted to the times and honored these players. Tech needs to do the same and retire Crabtree's jersey regardless of the amount of time he spent in Lubbock.

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Orioles rally for 8-5 win over Rangers

BALTIMORE (AP) — Adam Jones hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and the Baltimore Orioles rallied for an 8-5 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

With one out, Cesar Izturis was hit on his left foot and Brian Roberts singled to left before Jones hit an 0-1 slider from reliever Jason Jennings (0-1) into the seats in left-center to give Baltimore a 7-5 lead. Jones' third homer completed the Orioles' comeback from a 5-1 deficit.

Chris Davis, David Murphy and Hank Blalock connected for the Rangers, who lead the major leagues with 38 home runs and have hit two or more in a game 14 times this

season, also most in the majors.

Roberts had four hits and also homered for the Orioles, and Nick Markakis had two RBIs. Markakis singled in the fifth, extending his hitting streak to 13 games and marking the 27th consecutive game he has reached base safely, the longest active streak in the majors.

Danys Baez (1-1) got the victory with three hitless innings. George Sherrill worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Davis homered with Marlon Byrd aboard in the second inning to give the Rangers a 2-1 lead. Davis' drive off Brad Bergesen was his third in four games and fifth overall.

Murphy snapped an 0-for-23 start with his first hit of the season, a solo shot to left-center leading off the fifth. After Michael Young's double, Blalock homered to center for a 5-1 lead.

Mavs almost past Spurs without Dirk's best

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki is nearly 10 points below his season scoring average in the playoffs — and the Dallas Mavericks are still on the verge of easily advancing.

"People may say Dirk's not scoring enough, but Dirk is playing the game the right way. Playing patient, not taking any bad shots," Dallas guard Jason Kidd said. "I don't think he has to score 30 for us to try to win. You can see that in this series."

Or even 20. The Mavericks lead San Antonio 3-1 in their first-round Western Conference series, and can advance with a victory Tuesday night, even though Nowitzki has scored 20 points only once since ending the regular season with an NBA-best streak of 25 consecutive 20-point games.

"Our focus is obviously to limit Dirk and Jason Terry, and overall we're doing a good job on that," Tony Parker said. "Then the other

guys are hurting us. ... They have a lot more weapons."

That was all too evident in the pivotal Game 4, when Parker scored 43 and Tim Duncan came back from his worst playoff game ever with 25 points and 10 rebounds. And that still wasn't enough for the Spurs.

Even while shooting a paltry 38 percent and getting only 22 combined points from Nowitzki and Terry, one of the NBA's highest-scoring duos, the sixth-seeded Mavs took firm control of the series with a 99-90 victory Saturday.

Nowitzki made a 19-footer on Dallas' first shot of the game, then didn't shoot again until 2½ minutes into the second quarter. The perennial All-Star and 2007 league MVP finished with 12 points, the last on a driving layup with 40 seconds left that helped thwart a late Spurs rally, and 13 rebounds.

"Dirk, with his last play, put it away," Duncan said.

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Cowboys select LB Williams, OT Brewster in round 3

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys took Western Illinois linebacker Jason Williams and Ball State offensive tackle Robert Brewster in the third round of the NFL draft Sunday, then added Texas A&M quarterback Stephen McGee in the fourth round.

McGee is the first quarterback the team has selected since taking Quincy Carter in 2001.

Dallas also nabbed a pair of defensive ends in the fourth, Oregon State's

Victor Butler and Texas Tech's Brandon Williams.

The Cowboys traded down three spots in the fourth to take Williams and acquired an extra seventh rounder. That gives the team 13 picks in rounds three through seven.

The 6-foot-1, 241-pound Jason Williams was the 69th overall selection. He made 17 tackles for loss and forced six fumbles as a senior at the FCS school.

Williams was not invited to the

scouting combine in February.

"It probably had something to do with being an FCS player," Williams said. "I got overlooked in the process."

The Cowboys took Brewster with the 75th pick. He was a four-year starter at Ball State and helped the Cardinals go 12-2 in 2008.

"It is a new chapter, the next step in life," Brewster said. "I'm ready to go to work and do the same things I did at Ball State."

Texans CB Robinson threatens to sit out real games

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans cornerback Dunta Robinson is threatening to sit out regular season games unless the team promises not to put the franchise tag on him next year.

Robinson wasn't expecting to get the franchise designation this season, and the Texans admittedly changed their mind when they did it two months ago, Houston television station KRIV reported Saturday.

Without a long-term deal, the franchise tag means Robinson gets a one-year contract worth \$9.957 million, or the average of the five highest-paid cornerbacks in the NFL.

If the Texans can't promise not to put the franchise tag on him, Robinson said he won't report to the team until the start of the regular season and might skip a few games, the Houston Chronicle reported.


"I'm willing to do what I have to

do," Robinson said. "Just make me that one promise."

The Texans did not respond to a message left by The Associated Press.

"This is just business," said Robinson, who appeared Saturday at a youth football camp he hosts with teammates DeMeco Ryans and Andre Johnson. "They won one battle. I'm trying to get it to where I won't be franchised again. Hopefully, I'll be back on the field sooner rather than later."

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Crabtree heads to 49ers

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

As soon as Michael Crabtree's name was called at the 2009 NFL Draft Saturday, Tech receivers coach Lincoln Riley could see the excitement on his former player's face.

That same relief and new understanding of what the next step is in their young careers was shared by Darcel McBeth, Louis Vasquez and Brandon Williams.

Tech had four players taken in the 2009 NFL Draft Saturday and Sunday in New York.

Williams was the 20th pick in the fourth round by the Dallas Cowboys, Vasquez was the 14th pick in the third round by the San Diego Chargers, McBeth was the 16th pick in the second round by the Denver Broncos, and Crabtree is a San Francisco 49er as the 10th overall pick in the draft.

"I know he's really happy with San Francisco," said Riley, who Crabtree asked to accompany him on the trip to New York for the draft. "He took a trip out there before the draft. I know that was one of his favorite places. Then also, it being the place that Jerry Rice played, it gives him a lot to live up to. It's really an exciting time for him. He definitely earned it."

But it wasn't just Crabtree. Williams said Tech's presence in this draft was a strong one.

But even though Crabtree still ended up being a top-10 pick and McBeth went in the second round, Williams said he believes his teammates deserved to go higher.

"We really did," said Williams, who led the Big 12 Conference in sacks last season with 13, prompting a decision to enter the draft as a junior. "They pushed a lot of us back. They pushed Crab back and they pushed Big Lou back and they pushed me back more than we thought, and plus D-Mac. I think all of us should've really went in the first and second round."

McBeth is the third-highest defensive back taken in Tech history during the modern era. He is the first defensive back



PHOTO BY HOWARD SMITH/US PRESSWIRE
NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER Goodell stands with the 10th overall pick, San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Michael Crabtree, during the 2009 NFL Draft Saturday at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

taken since Kevin Curtis by the 49ers in 2002.

Crabtree is the third-highest Tech player taken in the draft and the sixth Tech player taken in the first round. Donny Anderson was a No. 7 pick by the Green Bay Packers in 1965 and, ironically, former Tech receiver Dave Parks was a No. 1 pick in 1964 by the 49ers.

The best news for Williams is he gets a chance to play with the team his family has been following his whole life.

The Fort Worth native has been training in the Dallas area since his announcement to turn pro.

Williams said he was overwhelmed with excitement for the chance to play with his hometown team.

Williams, who worked out with the defensive backs at Tech Pro Day on March 12, said he most likely has a chance to play at outside linebacker with the Cowboys, which is something he is looking forward

to as well.

McBeth on the other hand already had an agenda the moment he was picked Saturday.

The Gainesville native had to fly out to Englewood, Colo., to meet media members, teammates and coaches.

So the next 24 hours for McBeth was a welcomed challenge.

"After the pick, everything picked up," he said. "Been a lot of phone calls, having to do a lot of things. Having to fly out here this morning, do media. It's been a little whirlwind."

Other Tech players — such as Eric Morris or L.A. Reed — might find a place on an NFL team as a practice player as they were not drafted.

Former Tech quarterback Graham Harrell and the NCAA's leader in career touchdown passes thrown with 134, did not get drafted.

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Tech women's golf ends season with tough 11th-place finish at Big 12 Championship

By ADAM WADSWORTH
STAFF WRITER

The advantage of hosting the Big 12 Conference Championship on its own course did not help the Texas Tech women's golf team as much as expected.

Although they made significant improvements from the first round, the Lady Raiders could not dig themselves out of the hole they created, finishing in a two-way tie for 11th place.

"It was one of those situations where I think, you know, you're almost over-excited to play," Tech coach Stacey Totman said. "We had a hard time getting our mood under control the first six holes essentially."

Totman said although she was disappointed with the final results, she was proud of the way her team worked and refused to give up following its performance at the start of the event.

At the end of the first day, Tech sat in last place with a 34-over 326, 31 strokes out of first place.

Senior Megan Dowdy led the team with a four-over 27, good for 11th.

Junior standout Rosalyn Kim had a tough front nine, shooting six-over, but shot a one-over on the back nine to finish tied for 28th.

At the conclusion of the first round, No. 4 Oklahoma State led the tournament by nine strokes with a three-over 295. No. 41 Texas A&M and Kansas State rounded out the top three with first-round scores of 304 and 311, respectively.

The Lady Raiders began to work their way back up the leaderboard on the second day, with four of the five team members posting improved scores.

Kim shot an even par on the day to climb all the way to 11th. Of the 60-player field, only five golfers made par in the round.

Dowdy had rough start, shooting double bogeys on her first two holes. She finished the round eight-over par and



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ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTION Rosalyn Kim tees off during the Big 12 Championship Sunday at The Rawls Course.

dropped 21 spots to 32nd.

Tech knocked 14 strokes off its first-round score, switching places with Iowa State to finish the round at 11th.

The top two spots remained unchanged through the second round with OSU leading the field with a 13-over and A&M sitting six strokes out of first with a 19-over. Oklahoma jumped Kansas State with a 306 in the round to take third.

In the final round Sunday, Tech continued its improved performance early in the day, climbing to eighth at one point.

Kim and Dowdy carded a pair of 79's to lead the team and finish 10th and 23rd, respectively.

The conference championship was

Dowdy's final meet as a Lady Raider, as she will be graduating in May.

She said she was disappointed with the way she played in the final round because the mistakes she was making were little things that should not have happened.

Despite her collegiate career coming to an end, she still has a future in golf.

"I'm going to be working with my swing coach Chris deKeraty, and we're actually going to be having these little clinics and stuff," Dowdy said. "I'm going to be mentoring all these young players — I'm really excited about it — and I'm going to be playing in tournaments."

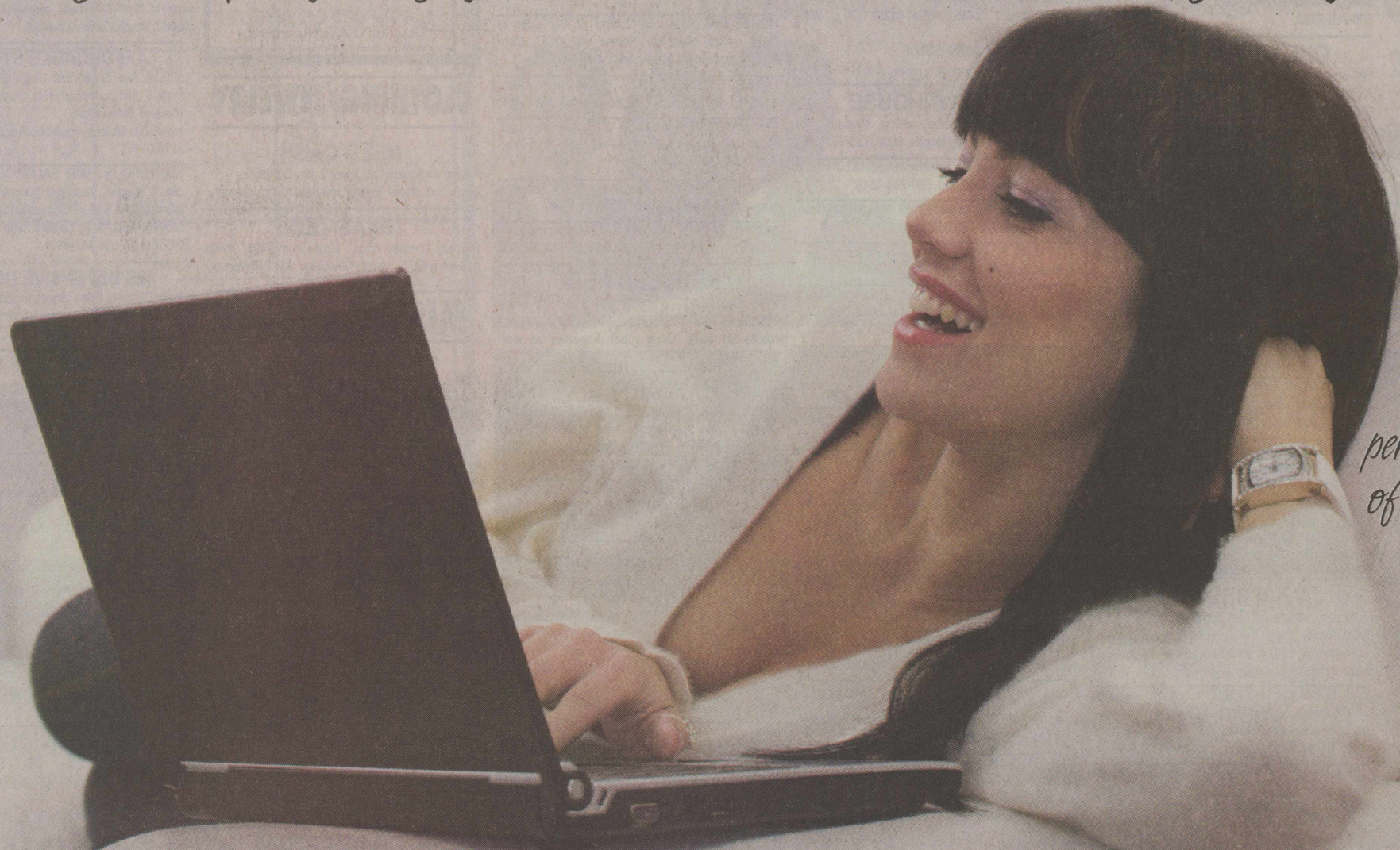
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