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Griffin: pressure from governor led to resignation

**By JETT THOMPSON** STAFF WRITER

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Former Texas Tech Board of Regents member Mark Griffin said in an interview with The Daily Toreador on Wednesday that he was pressured by a representative of Texas Gov. Rick Perry to step down from his position in late August.

Griffin sent a resignation letter to the governor two days after publicly endorsing U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, at a political rally Aug. 19 at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the Tech campus.

"I was contacted by a gentleman named Brian Newby," Griffin said, "who was previously a regent at Tech and then was on Gov. Perry's staff."

He said Newby suggested to him he should resign from his position on the board to keep



from putting the university at risk of political backlash from Perry.

During the call from the former Perry staff member, Griffin said it became evident to him it would be in the best interests of Tech for him to resign.

At the time of the call, Newby was not on Perry's staff, but Griffin said he felt it was a message from the governor.

"It was clear to me that he was representing Gov. Perry's interests," Griffin said.

John Huffaker, a member of the board and a Tech graduate, said he does not believe Griffin's resignation will have any effect on the decisions and business of the board.

"I do not think these recent events will affect



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really anything of what we do on the board of regents," he said. "We have a very highquality board of regents and their interest is the ongoing interest of Texas Tech."

Katherine Cesinger, the

deputy press secretary in the governor's office, said in an e-mail to The DT that Perry's office has not had any contact with Griffin regarding his resignation other than formal correspondence in

acceptance of Griffin's letter of resignation. Although no decision has been made, the statement read, the governor will appoint a replacement for Griffin.

In a statement sent via e-mail from U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's office, the Texas gubernatorial candidate criticized Perry's

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handling of the situation.

"Rick Perry consistently puts politics before what is best for Texans," according to the statement. "Texas deserves better than a governor who spends his time turning the state's colleges and universities into his own

personal political playgrounds."

According to the Tech Board of Regents Web site, Griffin served on the board of regents as the chairman of the academic, clinical and student affairs committee since 2005 and his term would have lasted until 2011.

Griffin serves as the president and general counsel of Rip Griffin Companies and lives in Lubbock.

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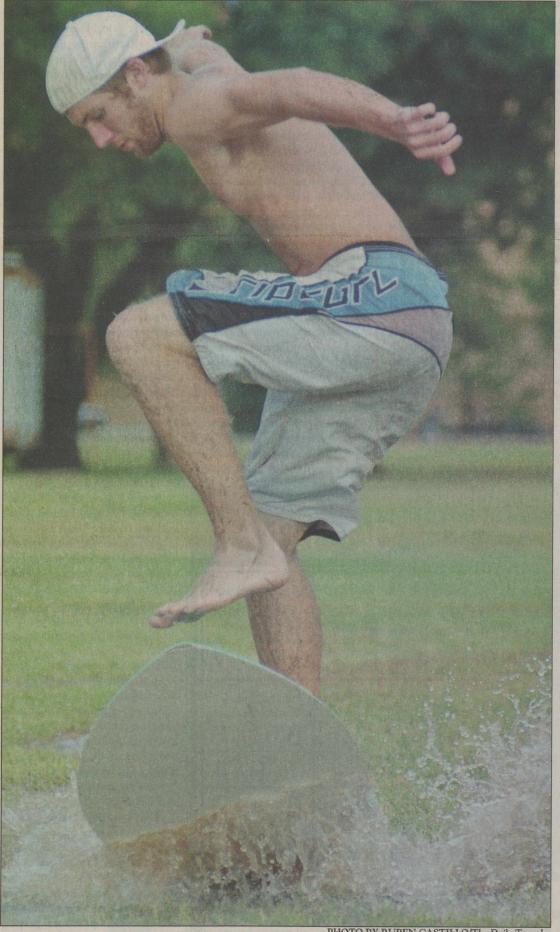


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MITCH LYNCH, A sophomore broadcast journalism major from Houston, skimboards across the wet recreational fields caused by the downpour Wednesday afternoon.

# Tech-Baylor tickets almost sold out

By LAUREN GLOVER STAFF WRITER

Student tickets for the Texas Tech-Baylor football game Nov. 28 in Cowboys Stadium have sold quickly and likely will be sold out by the end of the week, according to the Tech Athletic Department.

Dave Welsh, associate director of Ticket Operations, said tickets can be purchased for \$25 each, and students are allowed to purchase up to two tickets, but the tickets will not last long.

"Tech students realized what a great deal this is, and we have had such an overwhelming resaid. "The student tickets were \$60 full price, so we were actually able to sell them at less than half price.'

About 200 tickets of the total 2,345 remain as of press time, Welsh said.

"I bought my ticket last week," Student Government Association President Suzanne Williams

said. "I heard tickets for the A&M game and the other games at Cowboys Stadium were selling quickly, and I wanted to make sure that I got a ticket."

When the student tickets are gone, Welsh said, fans wanting to see the Raiders fight it out under the retractable Cowboys Stadium roof will have to buy tickets at full price from ticketmaster.com. "General tickets are selling

out quickly as well," he said. "The Cowboys season ticket holders will have a chance to buy what is left this week. Tickets will then go on sale to the general public on Sept. 19."

Parking at the Cowboys Stapriced at \$40 already are sold out, and Tech only has one of eight regular parking lots left. Regular parking is \$30 and can be purchased from ticketmaster.com.

"My friends and I are all going to pile into one car and park in the Rangers parking lot," said Kyle Kubista, a junior civil engineering major from Dallas. "The parking rates at the Cowboys Stadium were outrageous."

With a potential sold out game, he said he is looking forward to cheering his team to

"I'm excited to go to the game and support the Raiders in the new Cowboys Stadium," Kubista said. "It will be fun to watch the team kill Baylor, and you couldn't beat the student ticket price."

Tech and Baylor will benefit from having their game at a neutral venue, Welsh said.

"It is a win-win for both schools because they both get to play in Dallas in the Cowboys Stadium," he said. "Both schools would like sponse for student tickets that dium also is selling out quickly, to be able to recruit more players, there are not many left," Welsh Welsh said. Tailgating spots and playing in Dallas every year can only help.

The Tech-Baylor matchup will be the first Big 12 Conference game at a neutral site for the Red Raiders since 1996. The game in Arlington is the first of two in the Dallas area for the two teams, as they will square off at the Cotton Bowl in 2010.

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### Obama to Congress: 'Time for bickering is over'

By DAVID ESPO ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shaking off a summer of setbacks, President Barack Obama summoned Congress to enact sweeping health care legislation Wednesday night, declaring the "time for bickering is over" and the moment has arrived to protect millions who have unreliable insurance or no coverage at all.

Obama said the changes he wants politics to kill would cost about \$900 billion over decade, "less than we have spent on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and less than the tax cuts for the wealthiest few Americans" passed during the Bush administration.

In a televised speech to a joint session of Congress, Obama spoke in favor of a provision for the federal government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. But in a remark certain to displease liberals, he did not insist on it, and said he was open not benefit from his proposals. The

choices for consumers.

Obama said he remains ready to listen to all ideas but added I will not waste in a clear reference to Republicans, "I will time with those not waste time

calculation that it's better this plan than to improve it." In an unusual outburst from the Re-

with those who

have made the

of the House chamber, Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., shouted out "You lie" when the presi-

publican side

dent said illegal immigrants would to other alternatives that create president paused briefly and smiled,

but from her seat in the visitor's gallery, first lady Michelle Obama shook

> her head from side to side in disapproval of the interrup-

In general, the president shied away from providing lawmakers with a list of particulars he wants to see included in the legislation, and there was nothing in the speech to invite comparisons with Bill Clinton's pen-

waving veto

**BARACK OBAMA** U.S. PRESIDENT

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threat more than a decade ago on health care.

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# Solar energy expert speaks at Tech, advocates clean energy convergence

By KELSEY HECKEL STAFF WRITER

presentation of "Solar Photovolta- efficient." ics Technology: The Revolution Begins..." at 3 p.m. Wednesday at products has brought an increase Lankford Lab in the Electrical and in funding towards the program Computer Engineering building.

positive and negative aspects of reported spending \$215.8 million solar energy.

release any pollutants into the \$378.4 million. air, and the only pollution that harmful to the environment.

panels can be more than \$1,000.

ity during the hours the sun is shin- in Solar Energy. ing, he said. To fix this problem,

the clock.

"Wind is a resource available here," Kazmerski said. "The wind The Edward E. Whitacre Jr. Col-mostly blows at night though. lege of Engineering hosted premier If they could combine wind and solar photovolaic, or solar cell, solar energy into one product, it expert Lawrence Kazmerski in his would make something much more

The rising demand for solar from the NREL, according to the Kazmerski's slideshow included lab's Web site. In 2002, the NREL on solar energy research. The num-He said solar panels do not ber reached its peak in 2007 with

Kazmerski was first of several is caused is when the panels are speakers coming to Tech in the manufactured, during transporta- Whitcare College of Engineering tion and the installation. After the Maddox Solar Energy Series, for panels are installed they are not which the remaining speakers, times and dates have yet to be One of the biggest cons of the announced. The series is in celsolar energy panels, Kazmerski said, ebration of the announcement of is the price it takes to set up the two \$7.5 million faculty positions, panels; the average price of the the Jack Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair's specific field Colo. He has had almost 300 Engineering Chair in Sustainable of research has not yet been de- journals published about solar Also, the panels will only be Energy and the Donovan Maddox cided. able to harness power and electric- Distinguished Engineering Chair

Kazmerski suggested companies tinguished Engineering Chair's and the world. Kazmerski is the lar energy for almost 40 years and that use wind to produce energy research will focus on a branch of executive director of science and has earned himself the nickname should team up with solar power solar energy called optoelectronics. technology at the National Renew- "the guru of solar energy." industries to produce energy around The Jack Maddox Distinguished able Energy Laboratory in Golden, \*\* kelsev.heckel@ttu.edu



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LAWRENCE L. KAZMERSKI, a speaker from the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colo., holds a piece of circuitry from a 1958 Vanguard satellite which housed one of Bell Laboratories' first solar panels. Kazmerski came to Tech to talk about solar energy at the Lankford Laboratory on Wednesday during the Whitacre College of Engineering Maddox Solar Energy Series.

analysis of how solar energy will The Donovan Maddox Dis- shape the future of West Texas

cells, thin films, scanning probe The presentation featured an microscopy, surface and interface analysis and other related topics. Kazmerski has been studying so-

**By ZACH QUIÑONES** STAFF WRITER

Rush numbers for the Tech Greek organizations in Fall 2009 have bloated," he said. "It's a great thing bers to the increase in enrollment increased significantly compared to because everyone across the board numbers in Tech as a whole, he choose the university, Hutcherprevious years, according to Interfragets to grow.' ternity Council numbers.

a 10 percent increase and sororities seen the increase as positive to the have seen more than a 40 percent Greek community. The sorority had eficial to the university, he said. increase in rush numbers compared to last year. The fraternities' rush pared to last year. numbers rose from 454 in 2008 to 575 in 2009 and the sororities went from is strong at Tech and it's only go-said. 580 in 2008 to 817 in 2009.

Jason Potter, the president of Del-

ta Tau Delta, said his fraternity saw its organization better. rush numbers increase as well from 41 to 57 between 2008 and 2009.

Fraternities have seen more than Meghan Murphy said she also has as well as Tech. 100 more girls rush this year com-

ing to get stronger, and the more "It's one thing to send a letter to population but they are the most

Taylor Hutcherson said although face to face." "Everybody's numbers seem to be some may attribute the rise in numcredits the rush increase to creating son. President of Kappa Kappa Gamma better relationships with the students

Tech realizes being Greek is ben-

keting and helped incorporate stu- they see it as a positive. She said the Greek community dents into Greek life, Hutcherson

people it can recruit makes the someone," he said, "it's another thing

to bring them here, show them Interfraternity Council President what you're about and talk to them

> If students visit Tech, there is a better chance the students will

Although some struggles arise in keeping up with the increases in numbers, Hutcherson and Associate Director at the Center for The university has paid for mar- Campus Life Jon Mark Bernal said

Greeks make up only 13 percent to 15 percent of the student involved, Bernal said.

The overall Greek GPA was higher than 3.0 last year and philanthropy is very important to them, he said. While many people view Greek organizations through negative stereotypes, positives are present in the organizations.

"That's what Greek's all about," Hutcherson said. "It's giving them a home away from home and giving them the tools to make something of themselves."

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### BRIEF

### STATE

### Gov. Perry orders higher ed cost review

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry Coordinating Board to work with Texas' has issued an executive order for a comprehensive cost review of Texas' higher education system to ensure universities are spending student and taxpayer dollars as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Perry issued the order Wednesday directing the Texas Higher Education and other items.

institutions of higher education. The order includes a review of state funding based on student course completion, restructuring the state's financial aid programs, consolidation or elimination of low-producing academic programs,

### NATION

### Grass to be greener on National Mall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated with poor maintenance by the federal government, the group that built the Vietnam War memorial is aiming to improve its little corner of the National Mall by taking over lawn care for 13.5 acres marred by weeds, moss and brown spots.

Officials with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund said they were moved to act after reading an Associated Press investigative story on the lack of federal money for the mall, despite needed urgent repairs to the area known as "America's front yard."

### WORLD

### Netanyahu risks US anger by building settlements

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu major confrontation with the U.S. has given the green light for hundreds of new homes in a Palestinian-claimed area of Jerusalem, officials confirmed Wednesday, part of a gamble to mollify envoy George Mitchell.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli his restive coalition without sparking a

Whether this balancing act can succeed could become clearer this week with the arrival of U.S. Mideast

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### Speech ←

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Obama's speech came as the president and his allies in Congress without saying so, he added: "Instead readied an autumn campaign to of honest debate, we have seen scare enact his top domestic priority. tactics" and ideological warfare that Republican opposition, contentious offers no hope for compromise. town hall meetings and drooping polls have contributed to their woes. An AP-GfK survey hours before the has passed. Now is the season for speech showed public disapproval of action." Obama's handling of health care has jumped to 52 percent, an increase of take up this cause, but I am deter-9 percentage points since July.

While Democrats command strong majorities in both the House bipartisan and tough on his Republiand Senate, neither chamber has can critics. He singled out Sen. John acted on Obama's top domestic McCain, R-Ariz., for praise at one leaders had set for themselves.

Max Baucus, D-Mont., announced that his Senate Finance Committee drafting legislation, whether or not a handful of Democrats and Republicans have come to an agreement. Congress, and while the outcome is uncertain, it is the only one where bipartisanship has been given a chance to flourish.

Obama said there is widespread agreement on about 80 percent of what must be included in legislation. Any yet, criticizing Republicans

"Well, the time for bickering is over," he said. "The time for games

"I am not the first president to mined to be the last," he added.

The president was alternately priority, missing numerous deadlines point. Yet, moments later, in a line apparently aimed at McCain's former In a fresh sign of urgency, Sen. running mate, Sarah Palin, Obama accused Republicans of spreading the "cynical and irresponsible" charge would meet in two weeks to begin that the legislation would include "death panels" with the power to hasten the death of senior citizens.

In one gesture to Republicans, The panel is the last of five to act in Obama said his administration would authorize a series of test programs in some states to check the impact of medical malpractice changes on health insurance costs.

> Responding on behalf of Republicans, Rep. Charles Boustany, R-La., said the country wants Obama to instruct Democratic congressional leaders that "it's time to start over on a common-sense, bipartisan plan focused on lowering the cost of health care while improving quality."

> "Replacing your family's current health care with government-run health care is not the answer," said Boustany, a heart surgeon.

> In a reflection of the stakes, White House aides mustered all the traditional pomp they could for a president who took office vowing to change Washington. The setting was a State of the Union-like joint session of Congress, attended by lawmakers, members of the Cabinet and diplomats.

> The House was packed, and loud applause greeted the president when he walked down the center aisle of the House chamber.

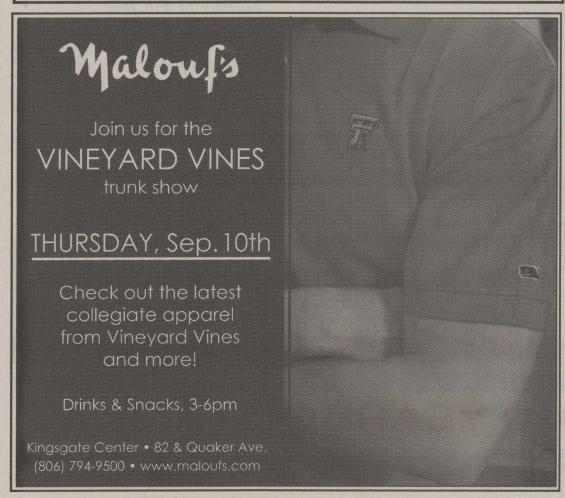
Additionally, the White House invited as guests men and women who have suffered from high costs and insurance practices, seating them near first lady Michelle Obama. Vicki Kennedy, the widow of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., was also on the guest list. Kennedy, who died last month, had made health care a career-long cause, and Obama spoke movingly of his efforts.

Obama intends to follow up the speech with an appearance Saturday in Minneapolis, the White House announced.

Despite deep-seated differences among lawmakers, Obama drew a standing ovation when he recounted stories of Americans whose coverage was denied or delayed by their insurers with catastrophic results.

"That is heartbreaking, it is wrong, and no one should me treated that way in the United States of America."

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# Tech professor showcases endangered species photos

By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

Around the world, civilization and industrialization have forced thousands of species of animals to the brink of extinction.

On TV, people can watch lions take down gazelles; cheetah's chase down even the speediest of its prey, and then switch their program off and go about their everyday business.

Does anyone stop and think about those animals other than a means of entertainment?

"The disappearance of animal territory is a matter of global concern," Jane Bell, director of the International Cultural Center said.

A handful of Texas Tech students and faculty had the chance to visit these creatures in their natural, and shrinking, environment. The product of their adventure can be seen in Animalia, an exhibit featuring photographs taken by Tech biology students and professors.

Displayed in the cultural center, Animalia contains pictures of rare and endangered species, including one of a newly-discovered bat species.

"It's been my experience with students that most of them, if not

all, seem to be highly concerned with issues of conservation," Bell

The exhibit offers students with devoted to mostly endangered species, she said, and talk with the biology students who encountered these animals firsthand.

Animalia is displayed along side of Red Line, an exhibit of the work of Catherine Prose, who earned her master's of fine arts from Tech.

Bell chose to display both exhibits together because she felt they would look great together.

"I knew (Animalia) would make a great companion for Red List,"

Animalia is compiled from photographs taken by biology professor Robert Baker and graduate students, one being Peter A. Larson.

Larson's photographs caught Bell's eye in an annual study abroad exhibit the cultural center hosts, and because his portfolio contained an abundant collection of appealing photographs, she said she decided to make them part of a separate

Larson, a Beresford, S.D., native, said the pictures were taken during expeditions from around the world such as South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, South East Asia and Cen-

"The expeditions were funded such concerns to view an exhibit -by a man named James E. Sowell," he said. "The goal was to provide a greater understand of mammals, natural history and evolution."

> In the past five years, Larson said the expeditions funded by Sowell have resulted in being included in more than 20 publications in scientific journals, more than 100 presentations at scientific meetings, and have supported the travel of more than 50 Tech graduate and undergraduate students to all over

> Throughout Larson's travels, he encountered several species of endangered animals, an experience most people will never know.

"It was amazing," he said. "The places that you go to there's very little known about the animals that are there, and when you handle an animal, you don't know if it's a new species or not."

Biology professor Robert Baker life elsewhere," Baker said. said the advantage of students traveling on these expeditions is they a lot of hard work and long hours

"I think everybody that goes

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado

ANIMALIA, A PHOTOGRAPHY exhibit by Texas Tech Professor, Robert Baker, is now being displayed in

the International Cultural Center. develops a better understanding of other cultures and appreciation of

He said his hopes the exhibit will encourage students to visit do not stay in hotels and there is other places and appreciate the opportunities Tech offers for traveling abroad.

who went on these trips would describe it as a spectacular experience," he said.

Animalia and Red Line's opening reception will take place 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the cultural center.

Jane Bell encourages students "The bottom line is the people to view the photographs and learn

about their endangered status. Animalia and Red Line portray these animals' needs for human help and intervention.

"It is a matter of concern to all of us and we wanted to bring these looks together and to be good stewards of the planet," Bell said.

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### Court: Holocaust survivor can sue museum for painting

elderly Holocaust survivor from San a scattering of people braving the Diego can continue his legal battle against a Spanish museum to reclaim a valuable painting he says was taken from his grandmother by the Nazis, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that 88-year-old Claude Cassirer's case against the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid and the Spanish government can go forward.

Cassirer claimed his grandmother by French impressionist Camille Pis- at the famous government-owned sarro for what was then \$360 to get a visa to escape from Nazi Germany in 1939. He filed suit in California's Central District in Los Angeles in 2005, and the defendants appealed in June 2006.

The painting, "Rue St.-Honore, Apres-Midi, Effet de Pluie," depicts a Parisian boulevard lined with

LOS ANGELES (AP) - An dark carriages, a few bare trees and weather. Its value is estimated at

> The painting apparently changed hands several times after World War II, and its whereabouts were a mystery to the Cassirer family until a friend spotted it in the Madrid museum in 2000.

The Spanish government bought the painting as part of the Baron Hans-Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza's collection, which was worth was forced to sell the 1897 painting \$327 million. It has been on display museum since 1993.

Baron Thyssen bought the painting from a New York art dealer in 1976. Cassirer tried to negotiate its return through Spain's Ministry of Culture, but his request was denied.

Tuesday's opinion was written by Judge N. Randy Smith with a partial dissent by Judge Sandra Ikuta.

# Beatlemania returns with rollout of CD, video game

mastered CDs and first-ever video game, reaching out to a whole - first succumbed.

It's been nearly 40 years since ing the songs." John, Paul, George and Ringo

Fans flocked to get their hands pieces, with lines snaking outside permost." record stores in London and Liverpool. Some die-hards jammed the streets outside Abbey Road, the landmark studio where the groundbreaking albums.

outside the HMV music store all the songs in the collection.

LONDON (AP) — Beatle- on London's Oxford Street early mania is back with the rollout Wednesday — some, like university them," she said. "I'm a huge Beatles Wednesday of the Fab Four's re- student Daniela Gutierrez, waiting in fan and have every single LP in origiline since 3 a.m.

new generation decades after their fans and I grew up listening to their generation was waiting for that to parents — and even grandparents music," said Gutierrez, 25. "I can't happen. They sent worldwide pop wait to have the game and start play- culture off into orbit."

announced their breakup, but no fainting teens or other visible to a new generation. the new game and discs caused signs of feverish Beatlemania — but a worldwide buzz as the Beatles the long-awaited release brought modernizes their music," she said. returned to the top of the charts the long-gone band to the top of the in Britain, the land where it all charts maintained by online retailer to begin with, so that can't be a bad Amazon.co.uk.

Or, as John Lennon liked to

Road studio to be photographed at the pedestrian crossing made famous Beatles recorded many of their on the "Abbey Road" album cover. She plans to buy the entire set of 17 About 50 people gathered CDs — even though she already has

"I will absolutely go out and buy nal first edition copies. They were "My parents were huge Beatles the first real pop group. The entire

Nolan, 50, said remastering the It's not exactly 1964 — there were Beatles albums will introduce them

> "It brings them up do date and "You're enhancing what was really

High prices are apparently no on the long-awaited sonic master- say, "to the toppermost of the pop- deterrent — Amazon.com sold out Uma Nolan, an Irish nurse visit- Beatles box set, priced at \$260 (170 opening a new revenue stream for ing London, came to the Abbey pounds) and has a waiting list of the band.

The robust sales are expected to add to the already considerable wealth of Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, the "thank my lucky stars" drummer who joined the band just before it had its first hit, as well as Yoko Ono and Olivia Harrison, the widows of the late John Lennon and George Harrison. Court records publicized last year put McCartney's net worth at about \$800 million.

It's also expected to boost the value of the estate of the late Michael Jackson, who owned a substantial share in the publishing rights to the Beatles' fabled back catalog.

"The Beatles: Rock Band" video me also is expected to sell well

### Lohan joins Ungaro as artistic adviser

NEW YORK (AP) - Lindsay Lohan's high-fashion shopping habits are well documented — and now she's putting that to work: The house of Emanuel Ungaro has hired her as artistic adviser.

The French fashion line is pairing Lohan with a new designer — Estrella Archs, formerly of Prada, Emilio Pucci and Nina Ricci — for what it's calling a new consumer-led business model.

isn't enough, so we're adding a super consumer who gives us a direct channel to consumers," said Ungaro CEO and president Mounir Moufarrige.

Lohan, in a phone interview from a hotel where she said she was trying to organize her outfits, acknowledged she is a clotheshorse. "My house is like a three-story closet."

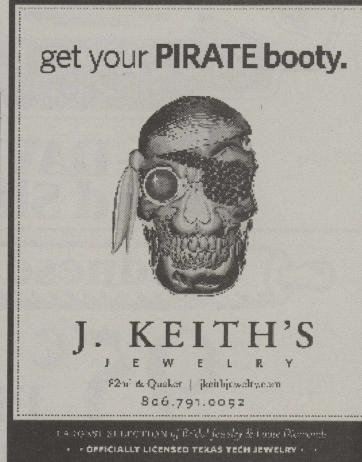
Moufarrige visited Lohan at her Los Angeles home — and concurred. "You have to sit on the floor because the settees, chairs and tables are covered with clothes and accessories."

So far, Lohan said her role as adviser has included combing through her wardrobe and putting together several head-to-toe looks so Moufarrige and Archs could get a sense of her style. Lohan, who already sells her "A designer only-led fashion house own line of leggings called 6126, also offered her own sketches.

"It's a team effort," she said.

Archs said she is enjoying the collaboration and is fascinated by the "Hollywood type" actresses and musicians Lohan surrounds herself with. She described their partnership as "two women talking about fashion — it's very interesting and dynamic."









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# PINIONS

# Cell phone law good for students, drivers

he new statewide cell phone law, put into effect Sept. 1, is making waves across Texas.

Tested in Round Rock for about a year, this law prohibits drivers from using a handheld device while operating a vehicle in a school zone. Many school districts across Texas already have installed new signs warning driv- some districts simply do not have the ers about a fine of up to \$200.

In addition to limiting the usage Changing habits is not easy, but the than tickets there. new law is a fair law.

waiting in the car line. It is not just the surface. parents with problems. School districts ing signs to enforce the law. However, calls, texting, young drivers and bus



money to fund it.

of cell phones in school zones, the Worth \$65,000 just to implement 600 new law requires intermediate license signs, not to mention the deferment holders not use a handheld device for of other traffic work. Meanwhile, Ara minimum of 12 months. Yes, girls, lington is holding out. Because of this, texting is considered using the device. police will be issuing warnings rather

It is about time this law is here, but For the most part, the response has is it enough? With driving accidents been positive, but no cell phone law is being the leading cause of death in without issue. According to the study, the nation among teenagers, more some parents complained about not could have been done. Compared with being able to call their children while California, Texas has barely scratched

California has been very proactive have been recommended to post warn- about changing the laws governing

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for all drivers in California rather than just the school bus drivers, intermediate license holders and drivers in school zones. Of course, this did not prevent a Californian train engineer from

Transportation Institute, a texting truck driver is 23 times more likely to For instance, it is costing Fort crash. Considering that, in my opinion, much of the Tech population texts while driving, this is a scary statistic.

Honestly though, who has not

these tasks are safe to do while driving, put it like that, now does it? According to the Virginia Tech but we manage to squeeze one in our commute anyway.

tention. Consequences of multitasking pedestrians around? How many people >>> colleen.gartner@ttu.edu

or fixed themselves up while driving? not stopping in time and speeding. It vehicle? I have seen drivers along the highway may seem harmless when I say it like

to gauge their driving for a week. How saving a life. It seems to make sense to us; how-many times did you reach for the phone ever, reality says otherwise. Multitask- to check messages? How many times n Gartner is a senior busiing means our attention is split among were you honked at or did you almost several tasks, and driving needs full at- hit another vehicle? Were there any

drivers. For example, texting is illegal texted, talked on a cell phone, read include not staying within traffic lanes, were in your vehicle versus the other

Count how many people were put put their left leg up by the window, that, but it is a serious matter. Any of at risk by what seems like a mundane brush teeth, read a novel, put on these can easily involve a light pole, a routine. Think about it. The loss of mascara or pick a nostril. (I prefer to tree or oncoming traffic. I bet it does life is simply not worth the risk. If you crashing last September; the odds were call the latter "gold diggers.") None of not sound like a minor issue when I absolutely have to answer a call, please pull over on the side of the road or in I challenge students around campus a nearby parking lot. It could end up

ness management major from

# Obama speech to children a success

( As the father of four children, I am absolutely appalled that taxpayer dollars are being used to spread President Obama's socialist ideology," said Iim Green, chairman of the Florida GOP, in a press release. "The idea that school children across our naof Americans, while bypassing American parents through an invasive abuse of power."

This is just a small sample of the things being said of Obama's speech to our nation's students.

As it turns out, Obama did what he said he was going to do. Just encourage youth to not drop out of school and get a good education. How dare you Obama? Corrupting America's youth to believe in themselves and take responsibility for their own actions? You are a crazy socialist.



Local school districts decided to tion will be forced to watch the not even show it live but decided president justify his plans ... is to record it and show it later. Lubnot only infuriating, but goes bock ISD, Lubbock-Cooper ISD against beliefs of the majority and Frenship ISD, are some of the school districts that decided to not show it live and review it first. Lubbock ISD is going to review it and put it on DVD for teachers to show as part of their social studies curriculum, if they so choose.

What did these administrators

think Obama was going to say? All said was anti-socialist and very shown it.

According to CNN, "Reagan called taxes 'such a penalty on wanted the speech to be available they have to give so much to the president said together if they so government." This was a speech choose. to America's children.

If anything, what Obama

these decisions were purely politicapitalist. He spoke of taking incal. If John McCain had won and dividual responsibility for yourself wanted to speak to our children, all and to get a good job and be a these school districts would have functioning member of the free market. He spoke of people pull-Did you know George H.W. ing themselves out of poverty to Bush gave a similar back-to-school achieve. Nothing about what he speech when he was president? said was political. Everything he So did Ronald Reagan. Reagan said seems to help the viewpoint actually said some highly political of Conservatives when it comes to economics.

Conservatives argued they people that there's no incentive to parents to show their children for them to prosper ... because so they can go over what the

**Obama** continued on page 5

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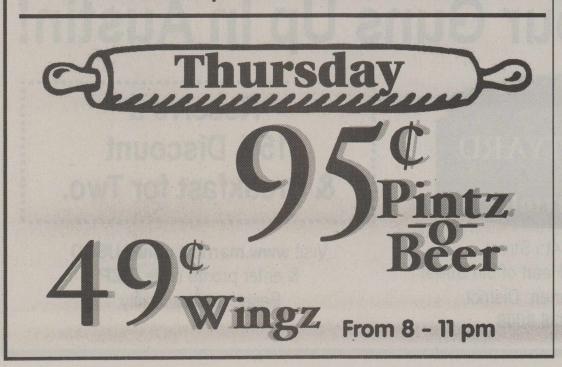
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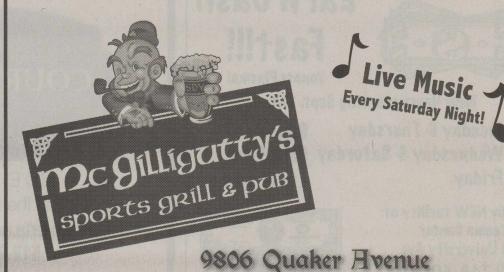
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p.m. Saturday •WHERE: Louise Hop-

kins Underwood Center, 511 Avenue K

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WHEN: Noon WHERE: South end Administration building, south end COST: Free

### **OPINION**

### Obama ←

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What part of his speech was something that had to be explained to a child? "Now Jimmy, even though the president said you should stay in school and take responsibility for your actions, remember socialism is bad and you should watch Fox News all the time. Now let's watch Bill O'Reilly."

It is unbelievable conservatives are so desperate for some form of influence or power in this country they can take something as simple as this speech and turn it into something political. Is there anything that Obama can do without it being some form of controversy? The man cannot even kill a fly without getting some kind of heat.

The part this whole thing caught the most flack for was the lesson plan the administration came up with to accompany the speech. It included a letter that students would write to themselves asking what they could do to help the president. People thought that was some kind of indoctrination because it had some kind of under-

and were outraged over it. It forced a letter about what the students'

What was so wrong about the help the nation. first one? Do people really want a part of a whole. To think about something. how they can become active to help the country. To know we are all in this together.

The way media is these days,

lying tone of having Obama succeed we need our students to think about something more than just the administration to change to themselves. We have such a materialistic society today; we should be short-term and long-term education challenging students to have a sense of responsibility to do their part to

Our youth seem so brain dead the president to fail? The purpose nowadays, it is about time someof the question was to make the thing is done on a national level students think about how they are to make them critically think about

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### Gates brings education message to MTV, Nickelodeon

nels like MTV, Comedy Central since 2000. and Nickelodeon prodding them to get on task and graduate.

to launch an awareness campaign future of the country as a whole." to reduce the number of dropouts.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stu- The foundation, started by Microsoft dents who might be too glued to Corp. co-founder Bill Gates and their televisions to keep up with his wife, has invested more than homework are going to find chan- \$2 billion in educational programs

"People should understand how the system is falling short today and The Bill & Melinda Gates how it really contradicts our commit-Foundation is partnering with ment to equal opportunity," Gates Viacom Inc.'s television networks, told The Associated Press. "If we education leaders and celebrities don't change it now, it will hurt the

Only one-third of American

high school students graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in college and the nation's workplaces,

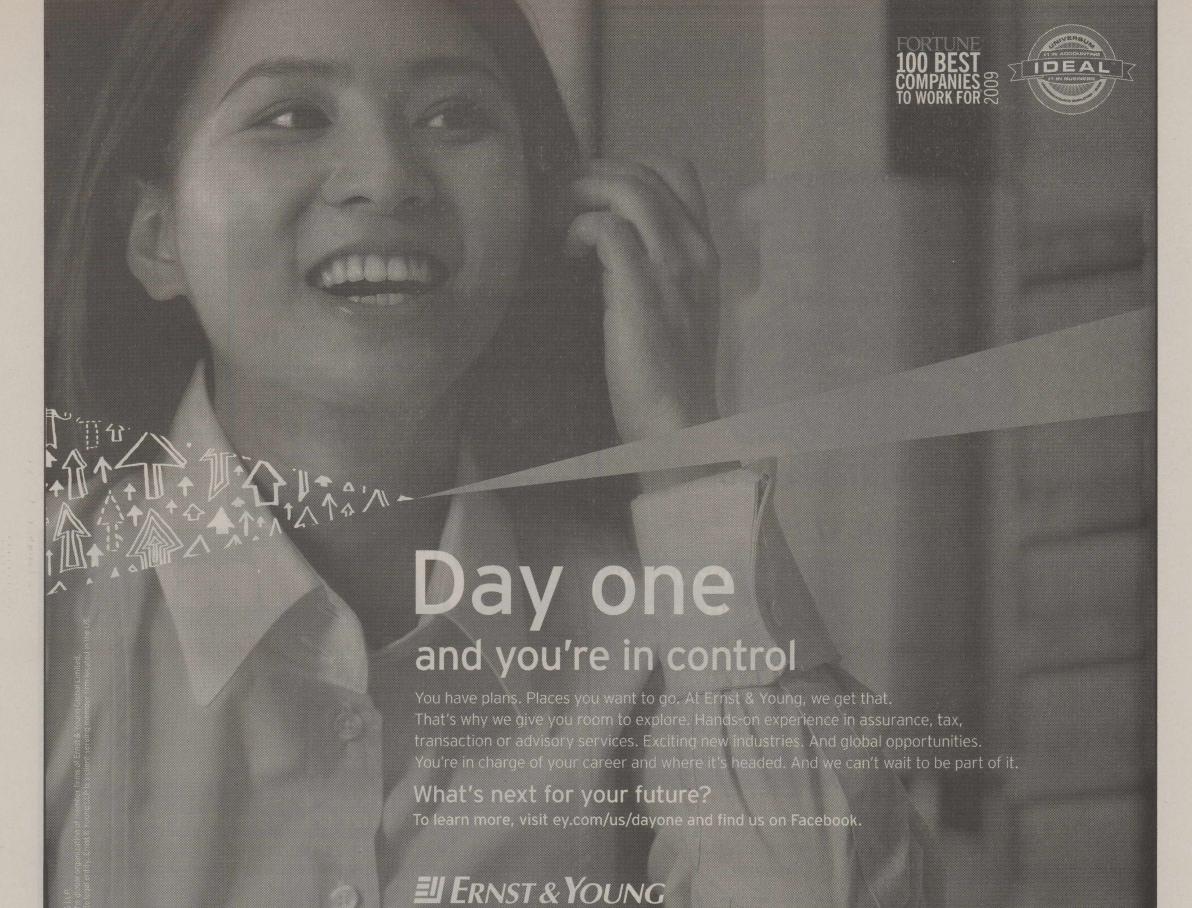
"All too often, the value and benefit of education are not real enough to kids," said Tony Miller, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. Charities and industry won't have to go it alone; about \$100 billion of the federal stimulus package is dedicated to improvements in education, said Miller.





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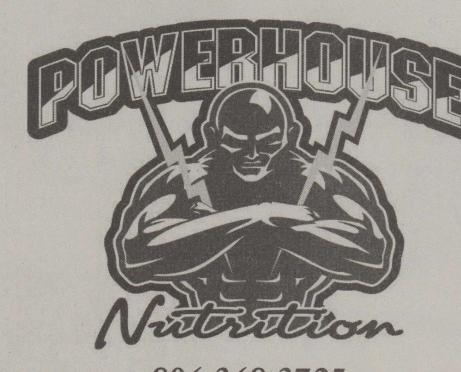


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JUSTIN HALLEY, A junior studio art major from Lockhart, adds clay to his sculpture during an intro to hand molding class Wednesday in the Art Annex.

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# **Professor Layton tests gamers**

We're students. We often feel as if the last thing we want to do in our free time is flex our brains.

But that shouldn't be the case when a "Professor Layton" game is

The good professor debuted here in the United States on the Nintendo DS a couple of years ago with "Professor Layton and the Curious Village," a game that received high critical praise but didn't exactly set the sales charts on fire at first.

Developer Level 5 has tried again with "Professor Layton and the Diabolical Box," and it's even better than the first.

The game, like its predecessor, combines a fantastical mystery story — told with a very European art style — with more than 150 logic puzzles. The story alone is interesting enough you might want to play just to see where the

plot goes next, but the brainteasers are really the meat of the game.

The 135 puzzles of the original game were great, but sometimes they felt repetitive and uninspired. For example, there were

multiple puzzles that involved matchsticks, in which you would have to move one or two sticks to change one shape into another. Many people grew to hate them.

Not only are these puzzles gone entirely in the sequel, but the puzzles in general feel more varied and unique, despite there being more of them overall than in the original. Sure, there are plenty of



word problems and riddles, but they can still be a joy to solve.

While the act of solving puzzles itself hasn't changed much (you still play the game entirely on the touch screen) there are still minor improvements to the gameplay that are much appreciated. One of them is a "Memo" feature available in every puzzle, which lets you jot down notes and figures on top of the puzzle while you try to work out the solution.

Another major improvement is in the puzzles that

are required to be solved. You Diabolical Box don't have to complete every single puzzle to complete the game (though you may want to anyway), and none of the especially hard

puzzles are usually necessary to progress through the story.

As in the first game, "Diabolical Box" has support for the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection, which provides new, free downloadable puzzles on a weekly basis, extending the replay value of the game.

There are some diversionary mini-games included too, but for the most part they aren't too interesting. They include building a camera, training a fat hamster and brewing new forms of tea. Of these, camera building is probably the most intriguing while I found making tea rather boring.

I'll be upfront: I love puzzles already. I was a Sudoku fiend when those first became popular, and my dad trained me to be a Tetris champ. So you could say that "Professor Layton" caters to me already.

However, I think the appeal of the "Professor Layton" series could extend beyond the typical gamer in a way that "Wii Fit" doesn't, and that's pretty special.

For example, my girlfriend, who doesn't play many games, liked what she saw of "Professor Layton and the Diabolical Box" so much she took my old DS and played through "Professor Layton and the Curious Village" in its entirety and is now starting on the new game. The fact she enjoys a video game as much as I do is very exciting for a nerd

The series has become quite popular in its hometown of Japan, where there is a fourth game and a live action movie in the works. Here in North America, Nintendo has all but announced a release for the third game in the series here

Unless you simply run in fear at the thought of riddles, mazes and brainteasers, I highly recommend you check out "Professor Layton and the Diabolical Box." It can be some of the most fun people have with their Nintendo DS.

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### Swift, Rucker add diversity to CMA Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — While Brad Paisley snagged a leading six Country Music Association Awards on Wednesday, country's breakout stars like Taylor Swift and Darius Rucker could prove to be tough competition.

The 19-year-old Swift is the youngest person to be nominated for entertainer of the year and Rucker — the former Hootie and the Blowfish singer — was nominated for male vocalist of the year after his first country album. Swift, the first female solo artist

to be nominated for the top award since 2000, joins Keith Urban, George Strait, Jamey Johnson and Zac Brown four out of the last five years. of the Zac Brown Band with four nominations.

"To country music radio and the fans and anybody who voted for the CMAs this year, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you," Swift said in a counting out four 'thank yous' for each nomination.

Swift's CD "Fearless" has sold more than three million copies and made her the top selling act in country and in pop. Her competitors in the top category are Kenny Chesney, Strait, Paisley and Keith Urban. She was also nominated for female vocalist of the year, along with Miranda Lambert, Martina McBride, Reba McEntire and Carrie Underwood.

Chesney has dominated the enter-

"It's funny, but the more you do mean," Chesney said in a statement. "You realize what it takes to receive an honor like this — especially from your peers who make it happen and know

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video posted on her MySpace page, the work and commitment it takes."

This year's finalists include a diverse lineup of artists, some established in other genres like Rucker, and those who are getting their first nod for major

Rucker, whose first country album "Learn to Live" was released last year, was embraced by fans and the industry

"I love being in country music because of the accessibility and the relationships you have with fans and with radio is awesome," said Rucker, tainer of the year category, winning who along with Lee Ann Womack announced the nominations on ABC.

Rucker was nominated for male this, the more those nominations vocalist of the year, along with veterans like Strait, Paisley, Chesney and Urban. If he wins, he would be the first African-American to win the category since Charlie Pride in 1972.

> "It feels great. It feels like I'm part of the family," Rucker said.

Rucker was also nominated for new artist of the year along with Randy Houser, Jamey Johnson, Jake Owen and the Zac Brown Band.

The CMAs announced five categories on ABC's "Good Morning America," and the rest later in the morning on the CMT network.

Womack was another nominee Wednesday morning: Her song with Strait, "Everything But Quits," was nominated for vocal event of the year. Also nominated were "Cowgirls Don't Cry," by the soon-to-be disbanded Brooks & Dunn and McEntire; "I Told You So," by Underwood and Randy Travis; "Down the Road" by Chensey and Mac McAnally; and "Old Enough," by the rock group Racounteurs, Ricky Skaggs and Ashley Monroe.



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# Tech running game looks to rebound with Rice

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

Football fans in the Big 12 Conference don't have to look an offensive line.

ing proved a good performance earlier.' in the trenches cannot be taken for granted.

Trophy quarterback Sam Brad- consistent.

I feel that the

running game is

one of the stronger

attributes on our

**TAYLOR POTTS** 

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offense.

ford suffering a sprained shoulder and missing the next couple games.

Suffice it to say, none of that happened to Texas Tech, who won easily against North Dakota 38-13 on Saturday. But the protection, on the offensive line and by

running backs, was shaky.

The running game was not the same as 2008, when former run- ing there; for Harrison and Eric ning back Shannon Woods and (Stephens) to outrun people Baron Batch would repeatedly and make the exciting moves on gash defenses, combining for 5.9 yards per carry.

last season. There were only two in the Big 12 like last season. games in which it didn't reach that mark.

North Dakota.

The Red Raiders averaged zone from the goal line. 2.1 yards per carry. They maxed Batch had 30 on nine carries that. while Harrison Jeffers had 16

yards on a measly two carries.

showed some of his explosion, prompting Tech coach Mike Leach to acknowledge he should have received more touches.

"Harrison Jeffers I thought far to realize the importance of played good," Leach said. "I should have played him more, Oklahoma's most recent out- should have got him out there

Tech quarterback Taylor Potts, who Leach said had to tend to the The Sooners' rebuilt line made blitz because of running backs numerous mistakes in a 14-13 not pass protecting well, may not loss to BYU Saturday, which ul- have thrown three interceptions timately ended up with Heisman if Tech's running game was more

> Potts said the Red Raiders didn't run the ball like they became accustomed to last season and even in spring and fall practices.

"I feel that the running game is one of the strongest attributes on our offense," he said. "For Baron to pound

through guys and get five or six yards when there is nothpeople is a lot of fun to watch."

Not only is it entertaining, Tech averaged more than 100 but it's necessary for the Red

Against North Dakota Saturday, it took four plays in the third It was a different story against quarter — three were quarterback sneaks —to punch it into the end

out at 40 rushing yards — Baron don Carter wasn't happy about Leach said.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

ing on. We should've been able Saturday. to get it on the first play. North

QB sneak next week."

While it's only been one

The Owls gave up 295 yards Dakota had some good players. rushing to UAB last week — 191 yards per game on the ground Raiders if they want to compete I'm sure coach Leach is going to to quarterback Joe Webb, which make it a point to work on the set a Conference USA record.

Rice senior safety Andrew There were some bright spots Sendejo, who is one of the leadon the offensive line though. ers expected to help Rice live up When right tackle Marlon Winn to expectations from a 10-3 2008 left the game, Joe King came off season, said allowing so many Tech offensive lineman Bran- the bench and "played real well," rushing yards was more so missing tackles, not assignments.

"(Tech has) a good running "I was probably more discour- game, Tech will have its shot back," he said. "He's very athaged than anybody," he said. "I to rediscover its running game letic, very mobile. We're gonna Even with less chances, Jeffers didn't really know what was go- with Rice coming to Lubbock have to be able to tackle him in



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador RUNNING BACKS HARRISON Jeffers, left, and Baron Batch combined for 46 yards on 11 carries Saturday against North Dakota. Tech's 40 total rushing yards was the lowest since the 2008 Gator Bowl.

space as well. That's one thing that we've worked on this week is our tackling in space — a lot of tackling drills and what not.'

That is if Tech's running backs can get some space to

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## Montoya moving closer to first Chase

Pablo Montoya climbed out of his car Kyle Busch (3,040). after his third-place finish at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday night

and immediately began his search. He was in a rush to find an up- lin. dated list of the Sprint Cup points leaders heading into the race in by the time he reached the interview Richmond on Saturday night.

had moved up one spot from ninth 3,057 points.

But one look wasn't enough.

Back in the media interview a computer for another look at the standings. When his interview session was over, he went back to check the names and numbers again.

It's crunch time and it's clear by watching Montoya that the real NASCAR racing to watch this weekend will be the battle for the final spots in the group of 12 drivers who will qualify for the Chase for the championship.

Montoya had good reason to check and recheck the standings. With one race remaining before the field is set for NASCAR's postseason, only 122 points separate fifth-place

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Juan Carl Edwards (3,162) and 14th-place

Only four drivers have clinched spots: Tony Stewart, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Denny Ham-

Montoya has 3,145 points, and room, he already had figured out the Montoya quickly found the stand- math: He is only 88 points ahead ings, and the news was good: He of Brian Vickers, who is 13th with

> Matt Kenseth is 12th with 3,077 points, only 20 ahead of Vickers.

Kasey Kahne moved up five spots room, Montoya walked straight to to sixth by winning on Sunday night. He called the big jump "pretty awesome," but said he couldn't assume he's in the Chase.



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# Vaughan proving worth as freshman walk-on for Tech volleyball

**SPORTS** 

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

The libero for a volleyball team to expect. has to be the loudest on the floor when it comes to communicating Vaughan did with teammates.

That is one of the few things team without Texas Tech freshman libero Tory a clue. Vaughan said she has yet to excel

"I feel like I am vocal on the freshman, court, but (Tech coach Trish I didn't ex-Knight) wants me to be loud," Vaughan said. "That's what I need Vaughan to work on. I'm not usually really, said. "But really loud.'

But it seems like the San An- as a libero I tonio native has a good grip on felt pretty everything else.

As a part of Knight's goal to get because that's the most out of her players during what I've the rebuilding phase that is this been doing season, Vaughan has found her way for the last on the floor early, splitting time at four years of libero with senior Jenn Goehry.

Vaughan's path to joining the It was a lot of Red Raiders did not come by re- pressure, just cruitment, however. She walked because I wanted to play good this case, that theory holds true. on to the team before the 2009 seafor the girls. I feel like I'm getting

son started, which can put a player more and more comfortable."

in the awkward position of not

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high school.

Walking on as a freshman, I didn't expect to play. ... It was a lot of pressure, just because I wanted to play good for the

girls. I feel like I'm getting more and more comfortable.

**TORY VAUGHAN** TECH FRESHMAN LIBERO all-district walk on at Tech. libero for Churchill High School in San Antonio, Vaughan was not a well-

she is not op-

ing in walk-

players.

With her parents, uncle and

Fortunately

known player for Tech's firstyear coach, she picked up 10 digs. Even as a considering walk-on freshman, Vaughan has Knight is from helped Goehry solidify Tech's back Missouri. Knight said ence play.

posed to bring- the freshman's impact as well.

ons because outside hitter Amanda Dowdy in volleyball, said. "She's worked really hard and a lot of play- she does a good job in the game. ers who are I like having her on back row. I not recruited know I can trust her. She gets the are still good

Although Vaughan entered school with a few scholarships for Knight in from her academic achievements, earning one to play volleyball may "It's one of those things where, not be a possibility.

couple tournaments and she was an example of why more players she'd be the libero that would ing out for collegiate volleyball

aunt attending Tech, Vaughan said Although she was a first-team there was no doubt she wanted to

> Vaughan has played in all six matches this season, starting two of them. Playing 19 sets so far this season, Vaughan leads the Red Raiders in digs with 43.

One of her standout games this year was in a 3-0 win against Southeastern Louisiana, when row just in time for Big 12 Confer-

Her teammates have noticed

"It's very impressive," Tech job done."

Knight said the program's fo-Texas, me not knowing the kids cus is on getting more hitters real well," Knight said. "She just next season, limiting the chance wanted to be here. Parents been for Vaughan to earn an athletic

pretty good. Did we know that should be less hesitant about try-

Vaughan said she is glad she done before," Vaughan said. "The »adam.coleman@ttu.edu

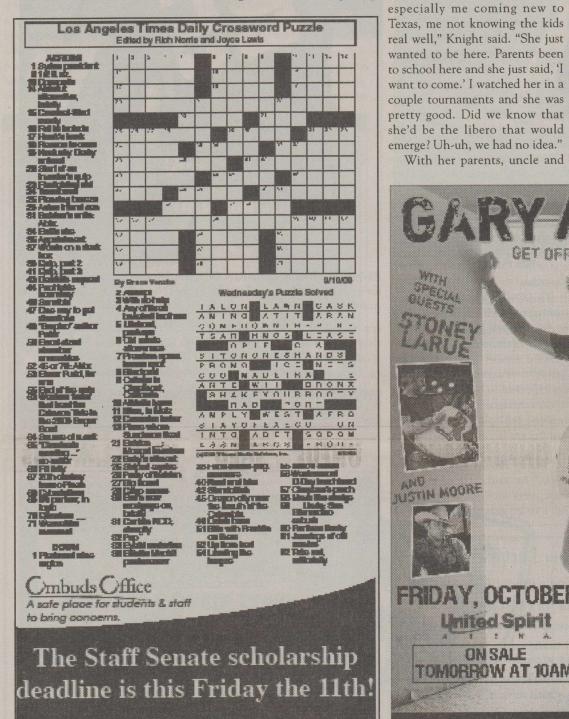


TEXAS TECH WALK-ON freshman Tory Vaughan, pictured, has split time as the starting libero with senior Jenn Goehry this season. The fresh-But Knight said Vaughan is man has tallied 43 digs in 19 sets played this season.

decided to do so.

"(Knight is) teaching us a lot of different things that I've never

first two weeks were really hard for me but the girls have been super cool."



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### UT's Acho brothers hit big time

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In many of the top high school players in the country, private schools are talent pool.

The kiddie pool, if you will. But every once in a while, players schools

with big-league talent emerge from the prep schools. Texas brothers Sam lightweights. Sam Acho, who goes and Emmanuel Acho are two of them by the nickname "Macho Acho" is and both are starting on defense for the No. 2 Longhorns.

Sam Acho, a junior defensive end on Texas' revamped line, forced one fumble and recovered two more in the Longhorns' 59-20 win over as the Longhorns (1-0) prepared for Louisiana-Monroe last week. Em- Saturday's game at Wyoming (1-0). manuel, a sophomore linebacker, also forced a fumble.

schools in separate athletic leagues with exceptions for two large Catho-

same state championships. The state's reputation as a high school football factory rests with the churn out top-division players every year. Some of the largest schools have more than 5,000 students.

By comparison, private school Texas, which annually produces football is generally regarded as quaint and genteel.

The Achos went to the private considered the shallow end of the St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas. They are the only two Longhorns scholarship players from Texas prep

Neither would be considered 6-foot-3, 260 pounds, and his younger brother is 6-foot-2, 235 pounds. People try to knock private

schools, but a football player is a football player," said Sam Acho said "Whether you go to a big school

or small school, you can still come Texas keeps public and private up and get to where you want to go," Sam Acho said.

After two seasons as a reserve, lic schools in Houston and Dallas. the Longhorns needed Sam Acho They may meet in regular-season to emerge as a playmaker this year games, but they don't compete for the after losing three starters on the defensive line, including consensus All-American end Brian Orakpo.

Sam Acho can play tackle and University Interscholastic League end. The Longhorns expect he can be and its 1,300 public schools that a top pass rusher as opponents concentrate on protecting quarterbacks from Sergio Kindle, who doubles as a linebacker and defensive end.

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### Prosecutor: No charges in alleged Ark. rape case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Three University of Arkansas basketball players investigated after a female student claimed that she was raped at fraternity party will not face charges, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

The female student's complaint came after a party at the Phi Gamma Delta house during the first week of classes at the Fayetteville school, prosecutor John Threet told The Associated Press.

But Threet said witness interviews and statements from the woman didn't show that she was unaware a sex act occurred or that she was unable to say no - circumstances that could lead to sexual assault charges.

"There's a misconception with some people that if somebody's been drinking and someone has sex with them, there's a rape. That's not the law," Threet said. "The law makes you actually go further than that ... and based on the statements of the people that were there, and some people who had contact later, there was just insufficient evidence."

John Bass, a Springdale lawyer representing the female student, said her family would "continue to explore all options until this matter is resolved."

"I cannot speculate as to what that may entail at this time, but may have a more detailed comment at a later time," Bass said in a statement.

### Kipsang's win gives cross country new leader

BY ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

With it being Gladys Kipsang's senior year, it was only right that the Texas Tech women's cross country runner started it out on the right foot.

Kipsang led the women's team in emphatic fashion by winning the Texas Tech Ruidoso Open on Friday with a time of 16 minutes, 42.24 seconds.

The win for Kipsang, a senior nursing major from Keiyo, Kenya, was the second of her career and also the second time she has finished first in the Ruidoso Open.

"As a senior I'm ready to go out there and give my best," said Kipsang, who brings a wealth of experience after competing at the NCAA Championships and earning All-Big 12 Conference honors in 2008. "It means a lot because this is the last year and you want to do good because there is not going to be another year."

In the first win of her career last season, Tech competed against Wayland Baptist and New Mexico in Cloudcroft, N.M.

Tech coach Jon Murray said

this win for Kipsang shows him how hard she has worked and that she is ready to

elevate her performance and be a

leader for the team this season.

KIPSANG

"In the past Gladys has played more of a support role in cross country, but I really think she is going to step up this year and be one of our front runners," he said. "It shows where her fitness level is and it's always nice to win, but at the same time, running that well she knows she's in pretty good shape.'

Kipsang is one of six Red Raiders from Kenya. Along with Kipsang are newcomers Purity Biwott, Caroline and Winrose Karunde, Gilbert Limo and Silas

Kipsang said running in Kenya is more a way of life than purely competition and that she enjoys both aspects of the sport.

Limo said running is not all about winning, but it is about dedication, hard work and fulfillment. He said Kipsang embodies all those characteristics.

"From what she has been doing over the summer she is more optimistic about her senior year," Limo said. "We run to compete, we run to kill ourselves, to kill ourselves if nothing to get the times. It's also more academic too. We have running, school and you have to plan and manage time and Gladys is no different.'

Kipsang and fellow teammate Michelle Edman are the lone seniors on the women's team. Kipsang is a silent leader on the squad, who seems to lead by the example of her hard work and dedication to the team.

"Running is much about fun," Kipsang said. "You do have to do intense running but it's also fun. It's about giving your best than winning, it's much about giving all you've got but winning is nice."

Kipsang and the rest of the Red Raiders look to build off their success from the last meet in the Texas Tech Open on Sept. 18 in the Athletic Training Center.

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### After saving Spurs, The Admiral sets sail for Hall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Long before Tim Duncan, the four NBA championships in nine years nio business baron, literally banked and Tony & Eva, there was David Robinson.

When he first swung by the San Antonio Spurs locker room to say hello, all he got were scowls.

"Most people felt like, 'Who is this guy who thinks he's going to save our team?" Robinson recalled. "I think it was more of a contempt than anything else. Plus, I think they kind of saw me as a goody-two shoes."

From Saintly Savior to Hall of Famer. That's The Admiral — a 7-1 Navy officer brought to rescue a franchise that seemed one good offer away from packing up and leaving town.

On Friday, Robinson will take part in the enshrinement ceremony, six years after he retired with practically an entire city still feeling indebted.

pick in 1987. Red McCombs, the former Spurs owner and San Antohis money on Robinson changing everything.

"I wouldn't have bought the team back if it wasn't for David," McCombs said.

Robinson enters the Hall of Fame plenty decorated. Two NBA championships. A landslide MVP award in 1995. Ten All-Star nods. And the NBA even renamed its community assist award for Robinson, who has given \$11 million to his San Antonio private school, The Carver Academy.

The 44-year-old will be overshadowed on a weekend belonging to Michael Jordan. John Stockton, another Hall inductee, will be feted as the NBA's assist king. Rounding out the Hall's NBA class this year is Jerry Sloan, who has set a record for coaching longevity in Utah.

Robinson holds no major re-Former Spurs general manager cords. He knows he won't even go Bob Bass practically jumped from Jown as the greatest Spurs player; his seat upon winning the No.1 draft the prodigious Duncan already was ent Robinson.)

wresting that distinction away when Robinson retired in 2003.

In San Antonio, his legacy to many will be having kept the Spurs in the nation's seventh-largest city.

"I don't want to belittle David the basketball player," said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, a longtime San Antonio politician who was the city's mayor in the early 1990s. "But what David did for this city was incredible."

In a city now spoiled by success — the Spurs are the NBA's winningest team this decade — San Antonio without the Spurs is a strange alternate reality.

Robinson came to the city at a time when, according to McCombs, "we were really in a low spot and needed something."

The Spurs hadn't had a winning season in six years. Attendance wilted. The city was starving for a superstar ever since George Gervin left town in 1985. (Gervin, the only other Spurs player in the Hall, and former coach Larry Brown will pres-

### Wickmayer beats Bondarenko in Open quarterfinals

NEW YORK (AP) — The 9-yearold girl put labels on the furniture she

planned to take to America. Yanina Wickmayer's mother had died of cancer a week earlier, and she decided — all on her own — that she needed a fresh start: leave her native Belgium to attend a Florida tennis academy. She did research on the Internet and informed her father they were moving.

No matter that she had only recently begun playing the sport, or that neither of them spoke English.

Marc Wickmayer said yes.

A decade later, he came to America to watch his daughter reach her first Grand Slam semifinal. Yanina Wickmayer beat Kateryna Bondarenko 7-5, 6-4 at the U.S. Open on Wednesday.

"This is a great moment," Marc

Wickmayer said. "But every moment with Yanina is a great moment."

Ranked 50th, Wickmayer had never made it past the second round at a Grand Slam tournament. The 19-year-old player joins fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters in the semis and is guaranteed to face another teen — American Melanie Oudin or No. 9 seed Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark.

### Tweet Up! Fans, drivers connect, in person, too

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Hours before the race, under a large white tent in the midway at Chicagoland Speedway, things are already moving along briskly at Vision Racing's "tweetup."

A fan has a question for Tony

"When are you going on Dancing with the Stars?" she asks.

Another wonders what Ed Carpenter would do if one of his young children decided to become a driver.

On and on it goes, the questions

coming in rapid succession. There's laughter and a few groans after the occasional playful tweak from the drivers.

None of the 150 fans at this event before the IRL PEAK Antifreeze and Motor Oil Indy 300 last month are tweeting their questions. After getting connected through Twitter, they're now meeting each other and some drivers in person.

"It's really fun to have the IndyCar community come and embrace Twitter as a tool to have that contact, and we didn't have that before," says Pat Caporali, Vision's media and public relations director. "We'd have autograph sessions and that's great, but it doesn't give a chance to have a dialogue and be able to kid around."

Now, the fans are getting a peak at the workings of the team and at the drivers that wasn't available in the past. There's a dialogue that simply didn't exist. An interaction that an autograph session or other brief encounter couldn't provide.

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### Survey: NFL ticket prices up

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According to Team Marketing Report's survey released Wednesday, 21 teams either kept prices the same

for the percentage increase was the cost \$1.2 billion to build.

The average ticket to a Cowboys game costs \$159.65, a record for the

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL or lowered them. The main reason to 1991. The New England Patriots previously had the priciest ticket in new Dallas Cowboys' stadium that pro sports and that cost remained the same at \$117.84.

Eighteen teams maintained ticket prices, and the Lions, who were 0-16 Fan Cost Index survey, which dates in 2008, dropped prices 1 percent.

### USC-Ohio St. share spotlight with ND-Michigan

(AP) — The Southern California-Ohio State game will have to share the spotlight Saturday with an old and storied rivalry being played just to the north that became far more interesting after the first week of the season.

Before the third-ranked Trojans and No. 8 Buckeyes begin their rematch of last year's USC romp, No. 18 Notre Dame plays at Michigan earlier Saturday.

Few coaches entered the season facing as much scrutiny as Charlie Weis and Rich Rodriguez. But after thoroughly impressive victories last week, there is he let on," Rodriguez said. "But he didn't

Irish and Rodriguez's Wolverines.

Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen might be throwing to the best group of receivers in the country, with wideouts Golden Tate and Michael Floyd complimented by tight end Kyle

At Michigan, freshman quarterback Tate Forcier appears to be the perfect fit, a shifty and nimble run-pass threat, for the spread offense.

"He probably was more nervous than

reason for optimism for Weis' Fighting act like it, and he didn't seem like it on the sidelines or in pregame. He had a big smile on his face."

The last two seasons Michigan and Notre Dame have both been unranked when they played, turning one of the great college football rivalries into a black comedy. This is more like it.

USC turned last season's much-hyped meeting with the Buckeyes into a laugher. The Trojans won 35-3, but many of the stars of that game for USC - Mark Sanchez, Rey Maualuga — are now in

### Stars offering premium pricing for tickets

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas If the Stars are Stanley Cup con-Stars are pegging some of their ticket prices to the whims of the marketplace.

The team said Wednesday it will be the first NHL franchise to offer a flexible pricing plan that goes beyond the notion of charging more for games against better opponents. As with airfares, buying tickets early can help, and it will matter where the teams are in the standings.

The price charts won't be spinning like the big boards on Wall Street, but they'll be changing during the season in an industry known for setting prices long before the first game and leaving them alone.

tenders, fans will have to contend with a bull market.

"We're really looking at much more matching the value of the game to the price of the ticket than we are just a carnival game," said Barry Kahn, chief executive of Qcue, the Austin-based software company that is implementing the plan for the Stars.

The plan applies to upper-level seats. Kahn said the Stars would approve all suggested price changes and that fee structures wouldn't increase. He said updated prices would be available in all sales for-

"We could set a computer to change prices every 15 minutes, but there's a manual piece to this ... that is kind of a limiting factor," Kahn said.

Single-game tickets go on sale Saturday. At launch, the most expensive upper-level seats will range from \$36 to \$60. The cheapest will be \$14 to \$15. The team is releasing price structures only for games in October and November.

The Stars and baseball's San Francisco Giants are the two major pro sports teams to sign contracts with Qcue, according to Kahn. He said the company was in negotiations with other teams.

### Dallas' Ware aiming for another 20-sack season

IRVING (AP) — Year after year, Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware has lifted his sack totals, from eight as a rookie all the way up to an NFLbest 20 last season.

Now what?

Ware is only the seventh player to reach that plateau since sacks became an official statistic in 1982. None of the others — not Hall of Famers Reggie White, Lawrence Taylor or Derrick Thomas — ever got there again, much less two years

to begin with and, the year after, you're even more of a marked man. quarterback."

"Now teams are really cheating over to you," he said. "They might stick a tight end, might stick a running back over there. It gets

Of course, he's still aiming to do it, starting Sunday against Byron Leftwich and the Tampa Bay Buc-

"I always just feel like, going into the next season, you've got to try to do something better than last a pressure guy. That's something Ware doesn't need to talk to any that I always harp on. If I don't get of his predecessors to figure out what any pressure in the game, I feel like went wrong. He knows it wasn't easy I didn't play well. I can have 10 tackles, but I've just got to smell the

He certainly knows the scent. Entering his fifth year, Ware's sack totals have gone from eight to 11½ to 14 to 20. If he takes it up again, he'll challenge the NFL single-season record of 221/2 set by Michael Strahan in 2001.

Ware also is in line to challenge the two-year record of 41 set by Mark Gastineau in 1983-84.

Ware already has put together the best two-year run in 20 years. season," Ware said. "I mean, I'm According to STATS Inc., only Gastineau, White, Andre Tippett and Richard Dent have had consecutive seasons with more than the 34 sacks Ware has had the last two years, and they all did it in the mid-1980s.

### Rangers complete sweep of Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — Scott struck out five to win his eighth con-Feldman started the season in the bullpen. He'll end it as a Cy Young award candidate.

Feldman (16-4) pitched seven homer as the Texas Rangers beat the next start and stay prepared." Cleveland Indians 10-0 on Wednesday, 24 hours.

Feldman tied New York's CC Sabathia and Detroit's Justin Verlander for the AL lead in victories despite not entering Texas' rotation until April 25. Verlander was scheduled to pitch

Wednesday night at Kansas City. Feldman allowed five hits and secutive road start, a new club record. His 12 road victories this year are also a new team mark and tops in the AL.

"I think it's a pretty humbling shutout innings, Esteban German went game, so you can't get too high or low," 5 for 5 and Marlon Byrd hit a three-run Feldman said. "I just try to focus on my

Feldman has been one of the bigcompleting a three-game sweep within gest surprises in the AL after entering this season with a 7-13 career mark and a 4.97 ERA. He has allowed one earned run in his last four starts, going 4-0 with a 0.34 ERA.

> "I know he's getting credit in Texas, I don't know if he's getting it other places," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "As long as he keeps going to be huge."

winning ball games, I couldn't care less if he gets (attention) nationally. It'd be nice for Feldman, but it's all about us right now." The victory assures Texas will keep

pace with Boston in the AL wild card standings. The Rangers entered the day two games behind the Red Sox, who host Baltimore Wednesday night. The Rangers, who started the day

41/2 games behind the division-leading Angels, return home Friday to open a nine-game homestand against AL West opponents. Texas is 24-13 within the division this year.

"It's a big one," Washington said. "It's going to be a tough nine days. It's



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