## ental taste for Lubbock theater

By EMILY MOSER STAFF WRITER

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creative individuals willing to discuss the liberal side of issues in a city known for its conservative citizens.

the non-profit organization called the Experimental Artists Theatre. The group's goals are to expand the boundaries created by traditional theater and provide an outlet to discuss real-world issues. The theater's Artistic Director Paul Fillingham said there creativity. is a genuine need for this outlet specifically in a city like Lubbock.

"The thing about Lubbock is there's just a fear in of the work." Lubbock," he said. "There's just an eminent fear to talk about anything in Lubbock.'

Fillingham, a doctoral student at Tech, said body image, abortion, sexuality, gay and lesbian issues are some of the topics presented at the Limelight. He said he attributes the lack of discussion of these to be the cause of problems in Lubbock such as high rates of sexually transmitted diseases. The need for an outlet of these issues is echoed by the theater's webmaster and photographer Jacie Hood.

issues and how to deal with them.

Hood, a public administration graduate student, said she believes the acknowledge- Lubbock where they had the privilege to experience this ment of these issues to younger audiences is important. She said younger audiences need to learn about these

"I think the biggest thing is it provides an avenue to younger audiences," Hood said. "That is pretty much untapped."

Fillingham describes audience at Limelight to theater's director said the audience doesn't necessarily come to the theater to be shocked but rather for considered taboo.

While standing outside the theater before a performance, Ambra Cole described reasons she enjoys attending the theater's productions. Cole, a senior human development and family

studies major, said there is a unique freedom where discussions on restricted topics are acceptable.

"I like that you could go there," she said, "that you can be that free."

the theater's resident playwright, Margie Pignataro.

He said he believes he's never seen a playwright write with such abandonment as Pignataro does.

"She doesn't look and say we need to use people," he The Limelight Theatre is the home to a group of said. "I think traditional theater underestimates their audience and Margie doesn't."

Fillingham said the theater has had actors play The group that resides in the Limelight is part of angels, demons, mermaids, rooster, books, HIV and other nontraditional parts. Pignataro, a doctoral student, said she writes very little stage directions and doesn't tell anybody what they're supposed to do; she just writes lines. The playwright believes this opens up

"Some playwrights treat script like its set in stone," she said. "It's very horrifying to me. I can't be possessive

The theater's associate artistic director, China Young,

said plays written by Pignataro are always rewarding to performers because the playwright doesn't write any extraneous character. Each character is important. Young, a Tech graduate, said with her work, the actors don't have to strain themselves to find the character. She allows the characters to morph for each performer.

Pignataro's abandonment and deviation from traditional theater is part of the experiment theater movement. Young said most of the theater group has all spent time in areas outside of

movement away from traditional theater. "This is what we're doing throughout the world," she

said, "and Lubbock deserves a taste."

Being in Lubbock, the group gets to experience being the only one of its kind, but Fillingham said the Experiment Arts Theatre's goal is to move to Austin within a year. The theater group believes with the be primarily anyone 35 years old and younger. The move they would be able to see their contemporaries

'We're definitely different and unique in Lubbock," a safe place to discuss topics that otherwise would be Fillingham said, "but when we take it Austin how are we there?"

Although the theater group plans to move to Austin, one of their goals while in Lubbock is get people to come see theater that normally wouldn't. The director said he knew a theater can't realistically compete with the productions and special effects of a movie, but he hopes people would attend one show at the Limelight and see what the theater is all about.

"I wish people would come and give us one shot," Fillingham credits the openness of Limelight to Fillingham said, "to see if it's something they're in to." >>> emily.moser@ttu.edu

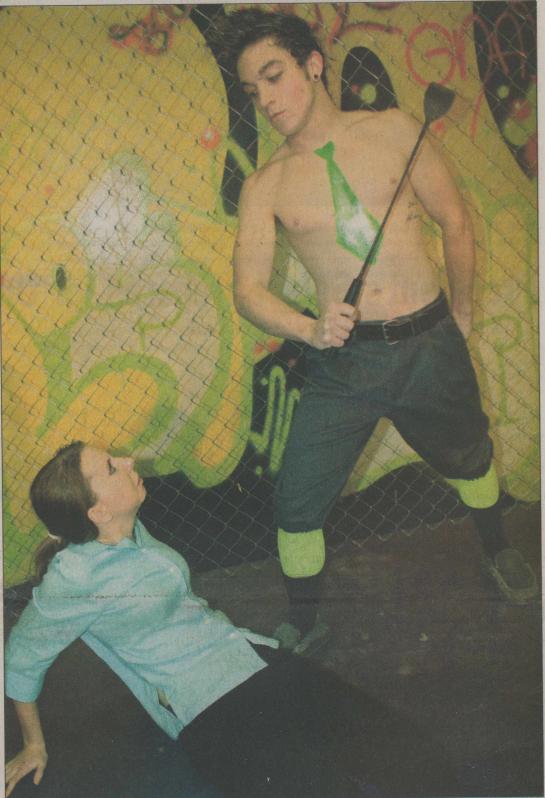


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TINK (BRAD ROTHWELL, right) tries to whip Wendy (Christina Jones, left) after yet another argument in Neverland in the play Phallus Pan.

## Democrat: GOP wants sick to 'die quickly'

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans say it's payback time for the recent reprimand of one of their own for heckling President Barack

They want a Democratic lawmaker to apologize or face a reprimand for saying the GOP wants Americans to "die quickly" if they get sick.

Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla. — a first-term congressman known for a provocative style - refused to back down on Wednesday.

As Republicans threatened to introduce a resolution disapproving of his remarks, he returned to the House floor and mocked their outrage by citing research showing that nearly 45,000 people die each year for lack of health insurance.

"I would like to apologize ... I apologize to the dead and their families that we haven't voted sooner to end this holocaust in America," he said, citing a

study being published in the American Journal of Public Health.

Grayson's initial remarks came Tuesday night as he criticized Republican health care proposals as a "blank piece of paper.'

"If you get sick, America, the Republican health care plan is this: Die quickly," he said on the House floor. "That's right. The Republicans want you to die quickly if you get sick."

The rhetoric wasn't spontaneous: He reinforced his point with signs saying the same thing.

Republicans immediately called for an apology, likening the comments to Rep. Joe Wilson's widely criticized shout of "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's address to Congress earlier this month.

Seeking payback from the Democratic-led scolding of Wilson earlier this month, they say Democrats should at least insist that Grayson apologize just as they insisted Wilson, R-S.C.,

Rep. Tom Price of Georgia, who

heads the conservative Republican Study Committee, drafted a "resolution of disapproval" that mirrors the one Democrats approved against Wilson, saying Grayson's conduct was "a breach of decorum and degraded the integrity and proceedings of the

Price said he was withholding resolution to give Grayson more time to consider an apology, but that the measure could be introduced later this week.

'The American people want open and honest discussion," said Price, whose efforts had the backing of Republican leadership. "They want respectful discussion."

Democratic leaders have so far have been quiet. Grayson said he spoke with them about the incident and that none had asked him to apologize.

Behind the scenes, Democratic aides point to comments that Republicans have made in recent weeks alleging that Democratic health care legislation would kill people.

## Aid flows to tsunami-hit Samoas; death toll at 119

By AUDREY MCAVOY AND ROD MCGUIRK ASSOCIATED PRESS

APIA, Samoa (AP) - Police in green reflective vests searched a ghastly landscape of mud-strewn streets, pulverized homes and bodies scattered in a swamp Wednesday as dazed survivors emerged from the muck and mire of an earthquake and tsunami that killed 119 in the South Pacific.

Military transports flew medical personnel, food, water and medicine to the islands of Samoa and American Samoa, which were devastated by the wall of water triggered by Tuesday morning's undersea earthquake. One cargo plane from New Zealand brought in a temporary morgue and a body identification team — with officials expecting the death toll to rise as more areas are searched.

Cars and boats—many battered and upside down — littered the coastline. Debris as small as a spoon and as large as piece of masonry weighing several tons were strewn in the mud.

Survivors told harrowing tales of vided food and water, while clergymen swamp.

encountering the deadly tsunami.

"I was scared. I was shocked," said Didi Afuafi, 28, who was on a bus when the giant waves came ashore on American Samoa. "All the people on the

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EARTHQUAKE SURVIVOR

bus were screaming, crying and trying to call their homes. We couldn't get on cell phones. The phones just died on us. It was just crazy."

With the water approaching fast, the bus driver sped to the top of a nearby mountain, where 300 to 500 people were gathered, includ-

ing patients evacuated from the main said Ioane, who was carried by hospital. Among them were newborns with IVs, crying children and frightened elderly people.

A family atop the mountain pro-

led prayers. Afuafi helped evacuate some patients, and said people are on still on edge and feared another quake.

"This is going to be talked about for generations," said Afuafi, who lives just

outside the village of Leone, one of the

hardest hit areas. Suavai Ioane

was rattled by the violent earthquake that shook his village of 600 people on Samoa—but he didn't have much time to calm down. "After the

shaking finished, about five or 10 minutes after, the wave very quickly came over us,"

a wave about 80 yards (meters) inland from his village of Voutosi. He knew he was lucky to be alive; eight bodies were found in a nearby

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YLONDA JAMES, LEFT, the donor care supervisor for United Blood Services, places a needle in the arm of Chelsea Larson, a freshman early childhood education major from Dallas, as she donates blood Wednesday at Chitwood Residence Hall.

## **President's Select prepares for University Day**

By ZACH QUINONES STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech University Day, organized by President's Select, provides prospective students looking to attend Tech the chance works as a liaison between the more than to find answers to what Tech has to organizations and departments just a tour for offer, what the student community that participate. is like and what opportunities are available to them.

portant days for students because it campus, booths of organizations to convince has the most college aspect," said at United Spirit Arena are ready students to Caleigh Aycock vice president of when the visitors arrive and a rep-choose Tech. athletics for President's Select. resentative from President's Select like on campus."

President's Select is a student answer any inquiries, he said. ambassador program for the uni-

and Texas Tech Athletics.

Christopher Hearon, the vice attenda president of admissions for President's Select, said the organization sity Day is

President's Select ensures tha students, he visitors are able to make their said. Its main "I think it's one of the most im- transportation from the airport to purpose is "You actually get to see what it's is available at every access point in its highest enthe tour to direct the visitors and rollment num-

Rex Oliver, president of the students as reversity that is involved in three organization, said the response the ported during

departments: The President's Of- tours are getting has been positive fice, Undergraduate Admissions from the more than 1,000 students pus, they're wanting to know per year who

prospective

Tech is at ber, 30,049 a news conference Monday, and the goal is to continue to grow and reach 40,000

students by

2020, Oliver said.

Despite the success of Univer- a.m. Oct. 19 and tours will sity Day, he said, Tech students can begin from the Visitor's Center always contribute to encouraging with groups leaving every 30 those attending the tour to come minutes.

"When people come on cam-

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— it greatly

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chances of

what it's like to be a student here," You can spit facts Hearon said. at people as much facts at people as much as you want and as you want and what it what it has to has to offer, but what offer, but what they want to know is what they want to know it's really is what it's really like to be a part of this like to be part of community here. Getthis community ting good contact with here. the students

> **ADMISSIONS** them attending Tech." University Day starts at 11

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## BRIEF

### STATE

### 3 Texas commissioners looking into arson dismissed

DALLAS (AP) — A report concluding a faulty investigation led to a Texas man's execution won't be reviewed by a state board as planned Friday after Gov. Rick Perry abruptly removed three people from the panel, forcing the meeting's cancellation.

Perry, who has said the execution was appropriate, replaced the head of the Texas Forensic Science Commission and two of its eight other board members Wednesday. The upheaval

on the commission came just 48 hours before it was to consider a report critical of the arson finding leading to Cameron Todd Willingham's execution for the deaths of his three daughters in a 1991 fire.

Baltimore-based arson expert Craig Beyler, who was hired by the commission, concluded the arson finding was scientifically unsupported and investigators at the scene had "poor understandings of fire science."

### NATION

### GM to shut down Saturn after Penske walks away

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Co. said Wednesday it would shut down its Saturn brand after an agreement with Penske Automotive Group Inc. to acquire

Penske, citing concerns of whether it could continue to supply vehicles after a manufacturing contract with GM ran out, ended talks with GM Wednesday to acquire the brand.

GM CEO Fritz Henderson said in statement that Saturn and its dealership network will be phased

"This is very disappointing news

and comes after months of hard work by hundreds of dedicated employees and Saturn retailers who tried to make the new Saturn a reality," Henderson said in a written statement. "PAG's announcement explained that their decision was not based on interactions with GM or Saturn retailers."

In a statement, the Bloomfield Hills, Mich.-based auto retailer says an agreement with another manufacturer to continue producing Saturn vehicles after GM stopped making them fell through, leading Penske to terminate talks with GM.

### WORLD

### US diplomat met with Cuban dissidents in Havana

HAVANA (AP) — Two Cuban dissidents say a senior U.S. diplomat took time out of unannounced talks with Cuban officials this month to meet with 15 opposition activists.

The dissidents say the meeting with Bisa Williams happened during a Sept. 21 lunch at the U.S. Interests Section, America's diplomatic mission in Cuba. Williams is the U.S. deputy assistant cal views.

secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs.

Martha Beatriz Roque and Vladimiro Roca told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Williams was intereted in learning how Cubans who oppose the government cope with the hardships of daily life.

Roque and Roca have both spent time in jail for their politi-

## **Corrections**

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a story, please call Editor-in-Chief Kevin Cullen at 806-742-3395 or e-It is The DT's policy to correct mismail kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu.

## UN fires top US official in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon fired the top American official at the U.N. mission in Afghanistan Wednesday after a widely publicized dispute with his boss over how to deal with widespread fraud charges in the country's presidential election.

U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said in a statement Ban decided to recall Peter Galbraith, ending his appointment as the U.N.'s deputy special representative.

the head of the mission, Kai Eide, over how the U.N. should handle the

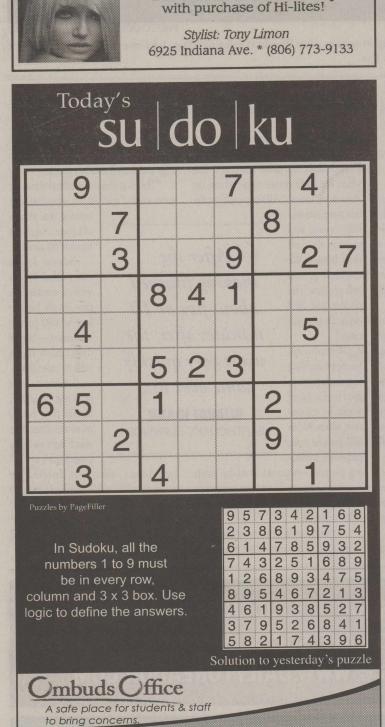
disputed election.

The secretary-general reaffirmed "his full support for Eide" and made his decision "in the best interest of the mission," Montas said, refusing to elaborate.

Galbraith told the Associated Press he was "surprised" by the decision and worried "insufficient attention was given to how this might impact in Afghanistan, or on the reputation of the United

"I find it quite astonishing that the Galbraith said he disagreed with U.N. would remove an official for being concerned about fraud in a U.N.-supported and U.N.-funded election," he said.





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## **POLICE BLOTTER**

## Damage reported to four cars within three hours

8:41 a.m., an officer arrested a student for criminal trespass at the Texas Tech Student Leisure Pool. The student went swimming after the pool was closed and after refusing to leave, the student was issued a criminal trespass warning and taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

9:58 a.m., an officer investigated a Next Power Climber bicycle theft. The bicycle was stolen at the racks on the north side of Hulen Residence

10:29 a.m., an officer investigated the theft of six metal letters taken from the outside wall of the Agricultural Pavilion.

12:46 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 900 block of Texas Tech Parkway.

12:59 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a cell phone from an unsecured laboratory in the Chemistry building.

2:30 p.m., an officer investigated a reported burglary at Jones AT&T building. Clothes and other items were reported stolen from the Double T Zone.

11:24 p.m., an officer detained and released two students pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana in the 1700 block of Flint Avenue.

8:52 a.m., an officer documented information about a medical call in which a non-student suffered a seizure in an elevator at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Emergency Medical Services responded and took the non-student to the emergency room at University Medical Center.

11:15 a.m., an officer documented damaged property at off-campus Tech property. While using a weed edger, a grounds maintenance employee hit a rock that shot off and shattered a vehicle window.

11:40 a.m., an officer documented an accident in which a staff member tripped on a curb and injured her nose. The staff member refused to be transported to the emergency room

1:33 p.m., a non-student in the Psychology building was voluntarily transported to UMC for evaluation for suicidal thoughts.

2:30 p.m., an officer documented Stadium on the west side of the a damaged pickup which had a dented tailgate in the HSC C-2 parking lot.

3:30 p.m., an officer documented information about a female student receiving unwanted communication from a male student.

10:50 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief on the 10th floor

of Weymouth Residence Hall. The person or persons damaged six ceil-

10:52 p.m., a student was arrested for criminal trespass at the Student Recreation Building. The student also trespassed at the rec Sept. 23 and was taken to the Lubbock County

Sept. 25

1:28 a.m., an officer arrested a male student for public intoxication in the Z5-C parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

2:00 a.m., an officer released a student pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Z5-C parking lot. The student was released to a responsible party.

3:20 a.m., a student was released by an officer pending the filing of charges for possession of a fictitious driver license in the 1100 block of Akron Avenue.

9:25 a.m., an officer investigated a harassment case in Chitwood Residence Hall. A female reported receiving unwanted texts, e-mails and phone calls.

12:26 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the C-1 north parking lot. No injuries were reported.

3:10 p.m., an officer investi-

gated the theft of a Seagate Free Agent Go external hard drive from a computer room in the Carpenter/ Wells Complex.

Sept. 26

2:36 a.m., a student was released by an officer pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Coleman Residence Hall restroom on the ground floor. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

2:58 a.m., an officer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated in the 3700 block of 4th Street. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

4:24 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z6-A parking lot. A vehicle was scratched with an unknown ob-

4:30 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z6-A parking lot in which vehicle was damaged. A side mirror was knocked off the vehicle.

6:15 p.m., an officer investigated a damaged vehicle in the Z6-A parking lot. The driver side mirror was knocked off a vehicle.

7:17 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z3-K parking lot in which a vehicle's side mirror was knocked off.

8:40 a.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the R-7 parking lot. A parked vehicle was struck in the right rear quarter by an unknown vehicle.

10:07 a.m., an officer documented a shattered vehicle's windshield as a result of being hit by a baseball from the Dan Law Field.

10:19 a.m., an officer documented a damaged vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. The front bumper was struck by a lawn mower.

2:10 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a bicycle that was secured by a cable lock from the south bicycle rack of Bledsoe Residence Hall.

7:12 p.m., an officer documented a confrontational argument in the R-5 parking lot between a student and a University Parking Services employee.

8:21 p.m., an officer investigated debit card abuse in which the student's card was used to purchase items on the Internet.

10:42 p.m., two officers investigated the theft of an unattended backpack and its contents from the University Library.

Sept. 29

9:35 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 1600 block of Akron Avenue involving a car and bicycle. The bicyclist was taken to the UMC emergency room.

11:30 a.m., an officer investigated the theft of an unattended Apple laptop in the Student Union Building.

12:28 p.m. an officer investigated an accident in which an unattended vehicle was struck in the Z2-D park-

3:43 p.m., an officer documented information about the damaged left side of a pickup truck that occurred at an unknown location.

4:20 p.m., an officer documented information concerning the left rear window of a vehicle in the Z3-G parking lot. The window had several cracks in it.

4:29 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a PalmPilot from an unsecured desk at the Physicians Medical

4:50 p.m., an officer documented a student's report of a lost wallet and its contents in Holden Hall.

7:15 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a Next bicycle from the north bicycle rack at Wall Residence

10:31 p.m., a student was arrested on the east side of Bledsoe Residence Hall for an outstanding Lubbock Police Department warrant. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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## West goes to Iran talks, readies sanctions

GENEVA (AP) — The U.S. and results at Thursday's gathering. five other world powers go to the table Iranian diplomats.

day's talks, the U.S. and its allies of anonymity because of the private were contemplating new and tighter nature of the talks. sanctions on Tehran, in a clear signal of expectations that the negotiations

may again end in failure. Rodham Clinton suggested all six official said. — the five permanent U.N. Security Council members and Germany were of one mind on the need for Iran to meet international concerns on its refusal to stop uranium enrichment and heed other U.N. Security Council

demands. "We support what the international community has said with a unified voice," she told reporters at the United Nations.

Iran's choice, she said, is to agree to measures that "would guarantee that what they're doing is solely for peaceful purposes — and the alternative track, which is greater isolation and international pressure."

With the stakes raised by Tehran's revelation last week of a secret uranium enrichment site, a move by the U.S. to break precedent and meet directly with Iran would reflect the Obama administration's determination to get

Briefing reporters in Geneva, a se-

with Iran on Thursday to demand a nior U.S. official raised the possibility freeze of its nuclear activities, and a of a meeting between the Americans, senior U.S. official said Washington represented by William Burns, the may seek rare face-to-face talks with under secretary of state for political affairs, and Iran's chief negotiator Even as they prepared for Thurs- Saeed Jalili. He spoke on condition

Such one-on-one negotiations would "offer an opportunity to reinforce the main concerns that we'll U.S. Secretary of State Hillary be emphasizing in the meeting," the

Also Wednesday, Iran's foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, made an unusual visit to Washington after being granted a visa with striking speed by the State Department. The U.S. and Iran have not had formal diplomatic relations since the 1980 Iranian revolution.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley played down the significance of the U.S. move, saying Mottaki visited a Pakistani government office that represents Iranian interests in Washington and had no meetings with U.S. officials.



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## Bank of America CEO Lewis leaving by year's end

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Lewis, had said he would stay on as CEO until were far more than expected, and Bank cumbing to nearly a year of strife that several years. followed his company's acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co.

Wednesday that Lewis, 62, would retire vulnerable. as CEO and also leave the company's by the time he steps down Dec. 31.

The news, coming after shareholders had stripped Lewis of his chairman's title earlier this year, wasn't surprising because of the intense pressure he came under after the Merrill deal. Lewis was learned that Merrill Lynch's losses and paid out in December.

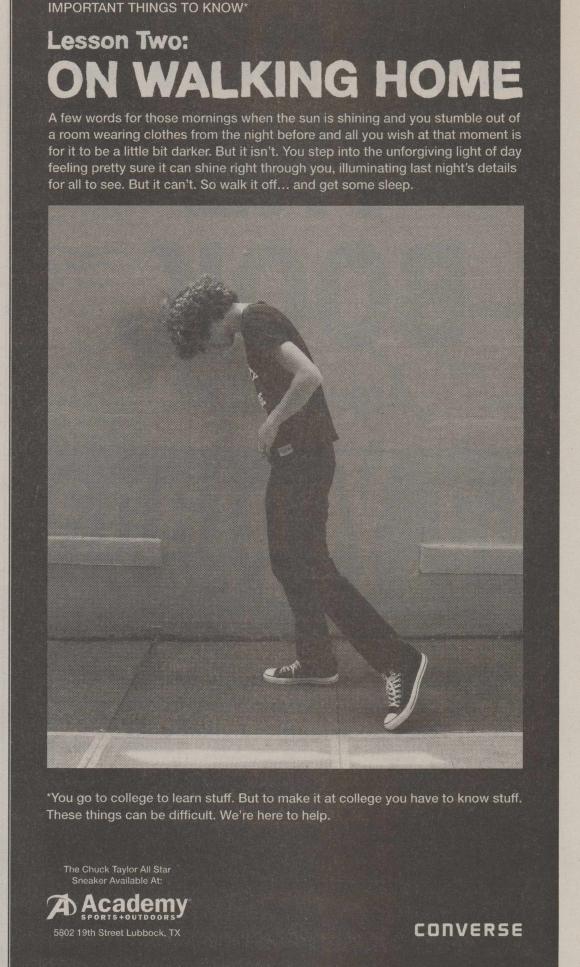
heavy criticism from government of-The bank said in a statement late ficials, Lewis was increasingly seen as

board by the end of the year. The comfor the whole Merrill Lynch deal, and I pany said his successor will be selected can only imagine the emotional stress he's endured "said Alan Villalon, senior research analyst at Minneapolis-based First American Funds, which owns Bank of America stock.

The deal was first questioned after it

the embattled CEO of Bank of America after the company's financial problems of America asked for and an additional Corp., is leaving the company, suc- were resolved, a process expected to take \$20 billion from the government, in part to offset those losses. The brokerage lost However, with the bank also under \$15 billion in the fourth quarter and more than \$27 billion for the year.

But Lewis came under even greater attack when it was learned the invest-"He's had a big target on his chest ment bank with the knowledge of Bank of America executives gave billions of dollars in bonuses to employees even as it asked for more bailout money from the government. The deal was forged a year ago at the height of the financial crisis and closed Jan. 1; the bonuses, which would normally have been paid in January, were moved up



# PINIONS

## Ben Webb is local law hero

n June, Ben Webb, a Lubbock attorney, was asked to testify in the 140th district court. However, this was no ordinary testimony.

Judge Jim Bob Darnell and the prosecution asked Webb to violate his attorney-client privilege and testify against his former client. Webb denied, citing the privilege that has been the law in court houses across this nation. Most everyone, and especially everyone in law, understands that what you say to your attorney is privileged, as is any information right was right," Webb said. you gain from that relationship.

This privilege is critical. If you are on trial, you need your defense attorney to know all the facts that you know that show your innocence. Some of the facts regarding your alibis or your personal life are things that you may have to share. The privilege allows an individual to share these things without fear. Without this protection, the concept of a fair trial goes out the window because now clients no longer trust their defense attorneys.

When Webb had his day in court on Tuesday, the courtroom was packed full of defense attorneys to show their support for their fellow colleague.



According to The Lubbock Avalache-Journal, Ben Webb felt "pride and vindication."

"It feels good to know what I felt was

The Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association stated, "We would like to commend Ben Webb for his courage and fortitude.'

What Webb did was very courageous. Rather than break the privilege, he stood up for what was right, both ethically and legally. It was a shame that Darnell did not see this. In a world where one lawyer can break the privilege, any lawyer can break the privilege.

Darnell argued since the question was not about direct communication between Webb and his client, it did not break the privilege. This very narrow interpretation of the privilege is dangerous. in the things that they can report to » paul.w.williamson@ttu.edu

The privilege should be that anything Americans and as a news reporter; they privileged.

Any other interpretation leads to informed electorate. a slippery slope where attorneys will be called to the stand to testify and be coerced into throwing their client under the bus for fear of jail time.

Even the perception of a loss of the privilege is bad. There needs to be a 100 percent protection in the law for this. If there is a perception that the privilege is lost then clients will not trust their attorneys. They lose their right to a fair trial and our legal system will be broken.

protect speech that increases justice and societal well being. This includes privileges between attorney-client but also journalists and their sources. Right now, there exists no federal shield law for reporters. A reporter can now be stand up for what is right. forced to give a court their notes and give up their sources or face criminal

This means they are constrained

learned in the relationship between a have a duty to the citizens of this nation lawyer and his or her client should be to inform them of what is going on. A democracy cannot work without an

> The Free Flow of Information Act of 2009 intends to end this practice. It seems like this law is going to get through the House easily, especially now that George W. Bush is out of office. He threatened to veto any such legislation while he was in office.

Gö figure. Bush not wanting to protect the rights of Americans.

For a democracy to work, there needs to be fewer restrictions on the things we We have freedom of speech in are able to say. Without the attorney this country. This needs to extend to client privilege or federal shield laws for reporters, the very fabric of our democracy goes away.

I commend Webb in his fight to protect his rights as a lawyer. The United States needs more people like him to

Williamson is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Crosby.

## Don't ignore current news, today's politics

e are all in college now and most of us no longer live with the families we grew up with. The house rules have changed, the responsibilities have expanded and the need to become our own person is now

The adults we grew up admiring have taken a step back to allow us to grow independently and become adults ourselves. I think as young adults, we should keep an interest in things that could have great effects on our futures.

I would encourage anyone who has not been keeping up with current events in the news months. The world is changing more rapidly than most could ever imagine.

is under a microscope. Our military has been overseas fighting striking distance of numerous foreign U.S. bases. Meanwhile, our economy is still yet to make be looking for very soon. a turn for the better.

selves out and do not affect the welcome to World War III. average person.

cans it is important to have a going on. good understanding of what undergoing.

do not require much medical at- patriotic. tention. I suppose this is why so many of us do not take the time **Ellington is a junior business** to fully understand what is going major from Midland.

The uninformed ear might hear "public option" and think as long as there is a public option they will be able to choose the best health care for themselves without

any outside interference. This

idea couldn't be any farther from

the truth. A public option would

desecrate the idea of choosing the

best health care for oneself. A public option would drive to begin doing so in the coming out all the competition of the free market by allowing a government of bureaucrats to make medical and financial decisions which Our entire health care system outside competitors will not be able to compete with.

Thus, major employers will in wars for more than eight years look to ensure employees with (with violence continuing to whatever insurance is cheapest grow). Middle Eastern countries for them (who can afford to offer with extremist views are devel- cheaper insurance than the govoping nuclear missiles within ernment?). This could have huge affects on the "perks" that come with the job offerings we will all

As for the wars being fought Many students who do not overseas, Yogi Berra may have keep up with politics on their said it best: "The future ain't own tend to take the political what it used to be." Iran developstance of the people they grew ing nuclear warheads capable of up with or come from the same destroying many lives during an background as. Or worst of all, ongoing feud with Israel (whom they listen to their parents we support) could have major without knowing the facts for consequences and repercussions. If themselves. I hate to call the Israel wanted to slow the growth of worldly news of our country Iranian military forces, what bet-"politics" because of the idea ter way to do so than by attacking that politics tend to sort them. them? Enter United States and

There are much bigger issues Although I understand the going on than many people realize. idea that there is not much need This isn't just politics as usual. I for an average person to keep encourage everybody to take pride up with day-to-day political in their country when it comes operations, I think as Ameri- to current events. Know what is

Bashing the president and is going on with our country. the current administration (that Many people do not understand has yet to succeed or fail) is not the magnitude of the changes helpful by any means. Having this country is very close to an understanding of the issues at hand while being capable As young adults, we do not of offering suggestions on how worry much about health care we can succeed is much more simply because we are young and respectable, commendable and

with this debate in Washington. >>> travis.ellington@ttu.edu

## Katrina victims still suffering, in need of need help

By KATE LARRABEE UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN (U. KANSAS)

ore than four years have passed since disastrous Hurricane Katrina ripped of demolished buildings and home- 8 Housing. But what options remain less families have faded from our for the families who do not qualify for minds and consider it old news.

But the nightmares are still a reality for the more than 14,000 families in dard of living adequate for the health New Orleans still living off Disaster and well-being of his family, including Housing Assistance Program vouchers food, clothing, housing, and medical and the countless internally displaced care and necessary social services." ac-

Unfortunately for those 14,000 Declaration of Human Rights, families, the DHAP vouchers expire this month. According to Amnesty International, the government estimates that about half of those families could be eligible for Housing Choice Vouch-Section 8 Housing?

"Everyone has the right to a stan-

If more than 7,000 families lose their homes, the United States would be failing to uphold this clause.

Now is not the time to place disaster relief in New Orleans on the back through New Orleans, and the images ers, allowing them to live in Section burner, but it seems that many Americans have pushed it to the back of their

> "I think it's definitely not on everyone's minds anymore just because the shock value is gone now," Hannah pens in a few months." Nusz, co-director of the Alternative Breaks program, said.

The program directors have decided cording to Article 25 of the Universal to send a group of students to help clean proof that reconstruction and rehabili-

up and build housing in New Orleans this winter break.

Alternative Breaks has gone to New Orleans in the past but had no programs there last year. This year, Nusz said the program felt as if something was missing.

When you're rebuilding communities, rebuilding homes and peoples' lives, that takes time," Nusz said. "It's definitely not something that just hap-

Nusz is completely right. The current quagmire that will leave many Katrina victims without housing is tation efforts in New Orleans are not yet finished.

If only there were other forms of assistance that victims could turn to when federal aid runs out. Groups such as the American Red Cross, Oxfam America, Louisiana Disaster Recovery and the NAACP Disaster Fund have helped since the hurricane hit. At least one of these organizations, Louisiana Disaster Recovery, is still offering support, but the thousands of families who risk losing their homes at the end of this month need a larger relief effort.

Alternative Breaks does more than assist Katrina victims; it also provides a new perspective for the students involved. If more organizations still showed the interest Alternative Breaks is investing in the problem, New Orleans could make great strides forward.

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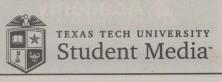
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site advertises a wide selec-

tion of guns, blades, vari-

ous accessories and jewelry

for the ladies. Since it runs

all day, you can exercise

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

Pint Night •Fox and Hound has a bit of a pub feel, so you can utilize the opportunity to meet some new people and have a pint. Maybe if you're feeling generous you can buy a round for everyone like in the movies.

WHEN: 9 p.m. WHERE: Fox and Hound, 4210 82nd St. COST: \$2 pints all

## **FRIDAY**

Boyz II Men Boyz II Men has been around since 1988, before some Tech students were born. To prep for the show you can dust off your cassettes from the '90s. Some people say "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday,' so just don't.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Where: Panhandle South Plains Fair COST: \$7 adults, \$2 children, \$3 parking

### **SATURDAY**

The Komen Lubbock Area Race for the Cure According to the American Cancer Society 192,370 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. The Race for the Cure and initiative at the Jones will raise money to lower this stat in the future.

WHEN: 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. WHERE: Lubbock Civic Center

your Second Amendment right for hours on end. WHEN: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday

WHERE: Lubbock Civic COST: \$5 adults, children

### MONDAY Homecoming kickoff and SO Sing

• Kick off the week of spirit by snagging a free T-shirt. Then, enjoy (or cringe) while various student organizations show off their pipes and maybe even do a little softshoe.

WHEN: Noon to 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

WHERE: Student Union North Plaza and United Spirit Arena COST: Free

### TUESDAY

Candidate Showcase •To bring excitement to a normally mundane event, Tech's improv comedy troupe Alternative Fuels will preform skits with the candidates. Now instead of hearing about world peace or beating K-State, you can laugh at candidates' expenses.

WHEN: 8 p.m. WHERE: United Spirit Arena COST: Free

### WEDNESDAY "Year One"

· After reading the reviews, you probably skipped out on this movie. But now, since it's free, you can see for yourself if the Jack Black and Michael Cera combo really fell flat. We'd give you a heads up, but we didn't see it either.

WHEN: 8 p.m. WHERE: Student Union Allen Theatre COST: Free

## Naughty Dog's "Drake's Fortune" brings uncharted fun

COST: \$25

I don't know about you, but I played a whole lot of "Uncharted: Drake's Fortune." I actually played through the campaign five times and got to the point where I was blazing through Crushing difficulty in six to seven hours. I know some people found serious faults with the game, but I loved it more and more with each playthrough.

Except for the zombie part. God dang do I hate the zombie part.

Anyway, I think it goes without saying I am more than mildly interested in "Among Thieves," "Drake's Fortune's" inevitable sequel. I've been like a sponge, soaking up everything the Internet has had to offer regarding Naughty Dog's upcoming release.

Unfortunately, out I know some of laziness, cheapness and overall lack of people found good fortune, I've been missserious faults with ing out the crowned jewel the game, but I of "Among Thieves" preloved it more and views: the multiplayer beta. more with each The demo, playthrough. however, dropped this Tuesday with

a smattering of additional maps, making it your blood-bound duty to download the demo and play the snot out of it.

Upon starting up the demo, I was greeted with that familiar "Uncharted" score and felt like I was finally home, à la Russell Crowe in the ending of "The Gladiator." I jumped for the matchmaking option and was soon greeted with an

Note found in antique

Timothy Poon

unwelcome experience: waiting. I'd heard during the beta that games were fast and easy to find. Now, however, the demo brought at least four to five minutes of searching for any game to connect to, let alone optimal games. Perhaps it was a lack of players (I found only 7,300 at most the day of the release) or overburdened servers, but it was still a sobering experience.

> After finally finding two other people to play. a co-op match with, I was dropped into a plaza with the simple goal of "capture the treasure." through the first round and it became amazingly apparent how

much teamwork would be required for continued success. Unfortunately, one player only spoke rapid Spanish and the other mixed German and English like it would yield the secret to alchemy, so teamwork was out of the question.

However, despite my lack of trilingual abilities, I had tons of fun. I probably would have paid

standalone PSN title. Perhaps this is because I have unwavering love for everything "Uncharted" at this point, but the vertical gameplay of the single player fare translates amazingly well to multiplayer shenanigans.

If you feel overwhelmed at ground level, have a buddy climb up a building and start sniping the tougher baddies. If some guy is hassling you from a ledge, track him down and given him a headbutt farewell straight to the ground. Unlike every other multiplayer shooter around, going vertical is always an option, and usually a good one at that.

Things that bothered me from watching preview videos and demos from trade shows still bother me now, though. It may just be me, but I feel as though characters stumble over minute obstacles much more than in "Drake's Fortune." It may be to enhance the "everyman" theme of the game, but it severely slows down gameplay. And I really liked how Nathan used to wriggle around. Now, however, he looks like he's about to frog splash every wall he comes across and seems horribly unnatural to me.

Then there are the things that bother me now I didn't notice before, such as the ability for enemies to choke you to death if they catch you unawares. At that point, you have about 20 seconds of mashing triangle while you wait for your astoundingly deaf cohorts to save you. Then, you have about another 20 seconds of waiting for the co-op revival that never comes due to distance or incompetence.

Once you are actually dead,

for this demo had it been sold as a though, the true fun begins as you get to wait for either a 60-second respawn or upwards of five minutes before everyone else dies. Don't think about dropping out of a game, though, because not only does that lose you all your match booty, but your buddies also get screwed out of their personal progress since the whole session quits

upon a single connection loss. However, if you stick to the non-cooperative game types like deathmatch or only play with your friends, you don't have to concern yourself with most of these issues. Unfortunately, I also find those modes a lot less entertaining, so I guess you win some, you lose

Naughty Dog was also kind enough to enable store functionality for purchasing just a few of the many weapon upgrades and "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare"-esque character boosters. It's unclear as of now if your demo stats and purchases will carry over to when the game finally releases, but I appreciate it either way that your through the air when leaping cumulative results are persistent in the demo.

It may sound like I fo dislike with the multiplayer demo of "Among Thieves," but those problems are really just issues inherent with online gaming. People ragequit and play like idiots, but people are also really fun to shoot with M4s; it's definitely a givetake sort of activity. Thankfully, the demo has shown that even the multiplayer from "Uncharted 2: Among Thieves" has much more to give than it has to take.

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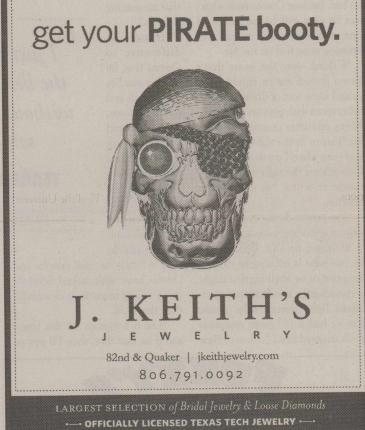
## Timberland to sell eco-friendly boots

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Wyclef designed by Haitian children, and a new support reforestation of the singer's going to Jean's Yele Haiti foundation.

Timberland also will sell T-shirts activism.

Jean and The Timberland Co. are team- line of organic shirts and hats will be sold ing up to sell eco-friendly footwear and at Jean's concerts, with a cut of the profits

In an interview with The Associated Jean, who achieved fame with The Press, Jean says he hopes the partnership Fugees before going solo, collaborated will inspire children and put a new face with the New Hampshire-based foot- on his homeland. The partnership is part wear and apparel company on a 16-boot of Timberland's Earthkeepers program, collection going on sale in November. which promotes environmental and social



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### chair spurs treasure hunt ST. LOUIS (AP) - Patty Henken always thought she found great value in the rickety rocking chair when she plunked down \$200 for it at an auction, figuring she could restore the century-old relic to its former charm. Doing that turned out to rock

her world, sending her on a treasure hunt straight out of a mystery novel. Five months after hauling the

chair home last November, Henken spent hours in May prying the seat off it in her garage in Mount Sterling, Ill. A small envelope fluttered from it as she tossed the seat aside — "Finders Keepers" typewritten on it. Inside, a key was taped to a note.

"This DEXTER key (number sign) 50644T will unlock a lead chest," the note began, before spelling out a location in Springfield, III. - 1028 N. Fifth St. - where a chest containing more than \$250 in U.S. gold coins supposedly was buried 12 feet below ground.

The stash, the note claimed, included eight \$20 gold pieces, six \$10 gold pieces, five \$5 gold pieces, three \$2 1/2 dollar gold pieces and two \$1 gold pieces.

The note, signed by a "Chauncey Wolcott," included a request to contact the Springfield newspaper if the chest was ever found. Henken finds that intriguing, thinking Wolcott perhaps has left a confession in the chest or "wants to give us an answer to an old mystery."

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## Leitch's success credited to freshman season

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A full year of experience, the competiintense training and competition can do wonders for an athlete.

Texas Tech women's tennis player Natalie Leitch has taken full advantage of the opportunities she has been given to succeed - her freshmen season.

Leitch, a sophomore from she took her Dallas, made a splash in her debut season for the Lady Raiders posting a 21-12 record, tops on the team. This season, Leitch has continued her success with a 5-1 record and has won four straight matches.

Leitch said last season was uncharted territory and the experience from that year and her hard work in the summer has paid off.

"I trained really hard out here in July, and I know what to expect more," she said. "For the competition, I know what the teams are capable of now and I know what to expect. So, I have more confidence than I

In the Lobo Invitational this opponents. weekend, Leitch swept through

tion, going undefeated in Flight A competition.

Leitch said despite some struggles to adjust to the college game, lessons from it and is now a better player.

In the Midland Racquet Club Invitational, Leitch showed the competitive spirit Tech coach Todd

Petty said is a characteristic he likes to see in his players by taking the No. 1 seed in the tournament, Baylor's Jelena Stanivuk to three sets.

Leitch rose to the occasion during Big 12 Conference play

one loss against conference

Petty said Leitch has shown

she has the moxie since she first stepped on campus and that the success is not a new thing to her. "It's not

but it is coming at a little bit of a higher level now," Petty said. "I think I can contribute that to a

little bit of

a new deal

experience and also to her hard work during the offseason and what she put in last year and what she is putting in this year."

Petty also said Leitch will contribute to the team with her no-nonsense approach on the Friday in Colombia, Mo. last season, recording only court and is the most competi- >> zane.turner@ttu.edu

tive player on the team.

Leitch also has played well in doubles competition with partner Stefanie Peana. The duo has combined for a 3-2 record this fall.

Leitch said tennis is an avenue for her to let loose and really have fun competing. The Lady Raiders welcome Leitch's strong play and hope to see more from the lefty.

Leitch also has been a positive influence for the five freshmen on the squad.

Caroline Starck said Leitch's work ethic motivates her and Leitch gives her all when she steps on the court.

'Natalie is a great leader on the team because she brings 100 percent to practice," said the newcomer Starck. "I know for the freshmen we can look up to her and especially with all of her success lately, she is a good role model.'

Leitch and the Lady Raiders participate in their final tournament of the fall, the Ace for a Cure Tournament starting



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TEXAS TECH'S NATALIE Leitch has proven she can be solid in the lineup for the Lady Raiders this season. She boasts a 5-1 record this fall after a 21-12 campaign last year.

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**CAROLINE STARK** 

LADY RAIDER

TENNIS PLAYER

model.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — If Terrell Owens has any concerns about the Buffalo Bills' offense and his lack of a big-play role in it three weeks into the season, he's going to keep it to himself.

And if reporters don't like that, too bad, because Owens feels whatever he says will be taken out of context, and he has no intention of throwing more fuel on the fire.

"I think over the years that's always gotten me in trouble and created some sort of division in the locker room with guys on the team," Owens said after practice Wednesday. "I try to do the right thing now. And even when I try to do the right thing, it's not the right thing. I'm in a situation where I'm in a no-win

"I just try to do the best I can do without offending someone."

Welcome to T.O. Version 2.0, the one who is refusing to cause a And if Evans has said that he and of dustups with teammates and disruption or say anything that might Owens have approached Edwards coaches, and has also suggested be considered a knock against quar- about taking more shots downfield, Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo terback Trent Edwards or the offense after he had a 185-game reception streak snapped in a 27-7 loss to New and if he said that, then I'll just go

Orleans last weekend.

"Guys, all I can say is that I'm working hard, we're working hard as a team," Owens said, as the Bills (1-2) prepare to play at Miami (0-3) on Sunday. "Myself, I just have to make the best of the opportunities for a high-profile player who is no that are coming

It made no difference to Owens that he has five catches for 98 yards and one touchdown, or that he and fellow deep threat Lee Evans have been mere afterthoughts in what's essentially been a dink-and-dunk

my way.

passing attack.

then that's OK. "Lee is a captain on this team,

the need to say that because if I say it, according to you guys, I'm taking a shot at Trent or what not. So I just tend to not say anything.'

That's a considerable switch stranger to

> controversy. Owens' reputation for being disruptive has grown during his 14year NFL career following several public quarterback feuds. He's criticized Jeff

> > Garcia, was

suspended

by the Eagles

played a role in the receiver being

cut by Dallas.

with that," Owens said. "I don't feel to repeat the past in Buffalo, the team that signed him to a one-year contract in March, days after the Cowboys cut him.

> "My thing is they brought me here to give this team a lift and obviously create some opportunities," he said. "I don't know what else to say. I'm just going to try to stay positive and keep working hard and hope for the best. That's all you can do."

It hasn't been enough so far.

Owens was initially criticized after he refused to address reporters following a season-opening loss at New England. He was questioned again after avoiding the media following a 33-20 win over Tampa Bay in Week 2.

Then came last weekend. After failing to make a catch since Week 6 of his rookie season, Owens went to the postgame podium, where he provided short answers and, on four occasions, said "Just going with the

His responses didn't sit well with two NBC football analysts, former coach Tony Dungy and former safety Owens said it's not his intention Rodney Harrison, on Sunday night.

## **SPORTS SHORTS**

## Video review gives Houston's Towles home run

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Houston's J.R. Towles has been awarded a home run after umpires checked a video replay following his second-inning drive off Philadelphia's Pedro Martinez.

Towles' shot to left-center Wednesday night was initially ruled a double. Astros interim lie Manuel didn't argue.

manager Dave Clark quickly came out to question the call and the umpires went to the

It didn't take long for them to change it to a home run. The ball bounced off the flower bed behind the railing and back onto the field. Phillies manager Char-

## Cowboys LT Adams 3-for-3 on fines

tackle Flozell Adams was fined by the NFL for the third straight week, the latest for kicking at Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers.

Adams was docked \$7,500. He was fined \$5,000 for an unnecessary roughness penalty in the opener and \$12,500 for two plays against the New York Giants. "He just wants to protect the

quarterback," coach Wade Phillips said Wednesday

Running back Felix Jones was problem.

HOUSTON (AP) — Lineback-

er Brian Cushing has been one of

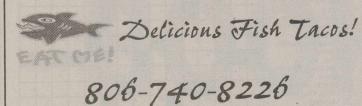
IRVING (AP) — Cowboys left fined \$5,000 for an attempted leg

You would think you would have to trip the guy to get a fine, but he didn't," Phillips said. Iones did not practice Wednes-

day because of a strained ligament in his left knee. Starting running back Marion Barber practiced, but was limited. Defensive end DeMarcus Ware went through the full workout, but was listed on the injury report with a neck

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## Orton embraces 'game manager'

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — His coach, offensive coordinator really my approach going into every and even some teammates shy away from the term "game manager" when talking about Denver Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton, figuring it has a negative tenor.

Not Orton.

He embraces the term and doesn't see it as an insult at all.

"Not in my mind. I mean, that's my No. 1 job description as a quarterback is to manage the game and it's tough to win games if you beat

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yourself," Orton said. "So, that's

Orton's style is a far cry from his predecessor, Pro Bowl passer Jay Cutler, who famously bragged that his arm was stronger than Hall of Famer John Elway's and often seemed intent on proving just that.

Orton isn't nearly as exciting as Cutler, but he's certainly been more efficient and effective so far.

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the only bright spots on Houston's NFL-worst defense this season. The rookie is leading the team with 26 tackles despite missing the entire preseason with a knee injury. "He's been exceptional," coach Gary Kubiak said. "All of our line-

backers have played well. He's been an impact player."

Cushing had eight tackles and knocked down two passes against ......

the Jaguars. It was the third game that he has led or tied for the team lead in tackles this season.

Cushing, the 15th overall pick in the draft, was a four-year starter at Southern California last season. He led the nation's secondranked defense with 101/2 tackles

As good as Cushing has been, Kubiak doesn't even think he's scratched the surface of his potential.

## Madeleine Pickens' foundation gives mustang to SMU

Rookie linebacker shines for Texans

Pickens' Wild Horse Foundation is giving Southern Methodist University, home of the Mustangs, an actual mustang.

Pickens, wife of Texas billionaire T. Boone Pickens, said Wednesday that during the Oct. 17 SMU vs. Navy football game, the school will be presented with a trained Mustang. There will also be a tribute to the armed

DALLAS (AP) - Madeleine forces and country singer Michael Martin Murphey will sing "Wildfire."

> Pickens says that with the event she is hoping to get word out about her foundation, which has a goal of creating a permanent home for America's wild horses.

Football coach June Jones said that the yet-to-be named mustang will join Peruna, a pony that's the school's mascot.



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hockey in the workplace, I am met with a roar of laughter from my coworkers and a Canadian joke about athletes with no teeth or fake team names that have the word "ice" in them (i.e. Texas Ice Sparrows. You know who you are).

However, I'm going to make my best attempt to pretend that you watch hockey on Versus — yes, the same network National Hockey League, which kicks off the 2009-2010 season tonight.

The Central Division has been one of the weakest in the league during the last several years, home to the unproven Columbus Blue Jackets, the playoff-plagued in franchise history. Chicago Blackhawks and St. Louis Blues were sold and moved to Hamilton, On- with Derick Brassard, Nikita Filatov and tario. Think of these three teams as the Jakub Vorucek hoping to break into the Denver Nuggets circa mid-90s, all you NBA fans. With an injection of new, offensive upside to the roster, the Blue these teams now are threatening to steal and in the future. points from the Detroit Red Wings, who for the last 10 years.



that airs Professional Bull Riders and playoff appearance in franchise history in one of two bright seasons in Chris Mason's those dogs you can fit in a purse. Whitetail Revolutions — and discuss 2009, are led by Rick Nash, a hulk-like relatively average career. But defensive the division primed to be the best in the forward with a penchant for sounding stalwarts Erik Johnson and Eric Brewer favorities in the division since the midthe goal horn, and 21-year-old Rookie of rying a roster littered with youngsters, with these two monsters blocking shots seeable future with offensive dynamos the Blue Jackets hope to continue their and leveling forwards into submission. Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk climb up the standings for the first time

league full time and bring an incredible

last in the league following that year, Red Wings last season, capping the best »jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

surprised many critics last year with the Blackhawk season since the 1994-1995 sure goaltending of Chris Mason and the lockout-shortened season in which offensive talents of young forwards David they also lost in the Conference Finals Backes, David Perron, T.J. Oshie, Brad to the Red Wings. Boyes and Patrik Berglund, each of whom are younger than 25 years old and scored non-factor in this division is the Nashmore than 40 points with the exception ville Predators, who missed the playoffs of Oshie, who scored 39.

The Blue Jackets, who made the first by the team, the 2008-2009 season was slightly more dangerous than one of will be guarding the blue line, so whoever 90s and have won four Stanley Cups the Year goaltender Steve Mason. Car- is in goal in the coming years can relax since, will be contenders for the fore-

come to power during the last few years Nash and Mason will remain the are the Chicago Blackhawks, who made hands of these younger, more offenand the Nashville Predators, who almost faces of the team for years to come, but a triumphant return to the Conference sively potent Central Division teams, Finals behind second-year pros Jonathan and that will show in the standings Toews and Patrick Kane. The team also when for the first time in nearly 10 boasts one of the most outstanding sup-years, the Wings will be challenged as porting casts in all of hockey with Patrick the dominant team in the division. young talent during the past five years, Jackets only strengthen the division now Sharp, Ben Eager and Dustin Byfuglien — who plays the game as big and daunt- Detroit-Pittsburgh Penguins finals The Blues, who were playoff-deprived ing as his last name. But the Hawks round ... again. have won the division title every season since the 2004-2005 lockout and finished were defeated by the more experienced Wanderlaan is The DT's news editor.

The only team that could to be a in 2008-2009 for the first time in five Despite this offensive power displayed seasons, and are beginning to look

The Red Wings, who have been Rounding out the teams who have entering the prime of their careers.

However, they will suffer at the

All I'm saying is, don't expect a

## Football players part of Sweetwater gang

lice say some players on the town's high ment further. school football team are part of a gang the last several months.

No one has been arrested or depolice Chief Jim Kelley.

disagreed that the group is a gang. He about.

SWEETWATER (AP) - Local po- declined to name his clients or com-

"We are fully cooperating, and we're that has beaten up several teenagers in going to allow the system to run the course," he said.

The mother of the 17-year-old tained in the attacks - one in August football player, Kristi Graham, wants on a 17-year-old football player from authorities to pursue felony charges. the high school in nearby Roscoe and She said her son, Riley Gilmore, was at the other in June on several teens from a dance in Sweetwater when he agreed a nearby town, according to Sweetwater to meet and fight a teenager with whom he had an ongoing disagreement. She John Young, a Sweetwater attorney said her son, who through his mother representing three of the juveniles declined to be interviewed, hasn't been allegedly involved in the attacks, clear about what the disagreement was



## Robertson fitting in well as new women's golf coach

**By ZANE TURNER** STAFF WRITER

A new coach means a new pionships.

Texas Tech women's golf hopes son, hired to to continue in the right direc- replace Stacy tion, as first-year head coach Jojo Totman on Robertson has brought a winning June 25, also attitude to a program hoping to was instrube on the rise.

having some structure at practice, titles. those kinds of things.'

golf at Oklahoma State - where ready. her brother also played at the This fall the Lady Raiders them coming in but they have really understand what you're Championships and four straight last.

Top-10 finishes at the NCAA Cham-

Robert-

mental in the

good things here," Robertson Ten Female Athlete of the Year squad and the reception she has job," said Dominguez, who said. "I feel very fortunate to and Purdue women's golfer Maria received from Tech. have had the experience I had Hernandez, who won the 2009 at Purdue. What I hope to bring NCAA Championship and the everything Tech has to offer," experience means a lot because to Tech is a sense of hard work, last two conference individual she said. "The people are great she knows the competitive

ROBERTSON

Robertson, played collegiate seemed to rub off on Tech al- I am extremely happy with this you have people like that in a

same time — and spent five years have shown great improvement done everything that has been going through." as coach at Purdue. During her with a fifth-place finish in the asked of them and more.' tenure with the Boilermakers, Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic Sept. Robertson led Purdue to back- 14 and 15. In the same tourna- man, Beverly Mendoza and Heather Fall Memorial Tournato-back Big Ten Conference ment a year ago, Tech finished Gabby Dominguez are the four ment Monday in Boulder, Colo.

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player shoot at least one round on the team. under par, a feat that Robertson was pleased to see considering has been a positive influence she has such a young team. There for the team and has kept the are four freshman on this year's players focused on improving

Tech continues to improve its overall play and can owe it to the or so, but I think we're really teaching of Robertson.

"Hopefully I'm bringing some development of last year's Big impressed with the effort of her think she is doing a really good

the campus is beautiful, the golf stage and she knows mostly Some of that success has course is all you can ask for and everything about golf. When team. I didn't know much about situation like that, then they

freshmen on the team this fall. >> zane.turner@ttu.edu

The Lady Raiders had each There are seven players total

Dominguez said Robertson their skills.

"It's only been two months having a lot of progress with Robertson said she has been our game in progress and I finished seventh in the Ptar-"I have been so impressed with migan Ram Fall Classic. "Her

Robertson and the Lady Raiders Deborah de Villa, Kim Kauf- resume their fall season with the

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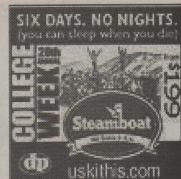
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# SPORTS

**By MIKE GRAHAM** STAFF WRITER

The players who don't regularly make the starting lineup can be some of the most valuable members to the team.

Senior defender Megan Hoffert and junior goalkeeper Colleen Pitts prove that point as vocal leaders of the Texas Tech soccer team and as key members in Tech Athletics' community outreach programs.

The two players are the team's ambassadors to Tech's Student Athletic Advisory Committee, a committee of student-athletes responsible for community out-

"It's just giving back to the community is all it really is," said Pitts, the soccer team's second representative. "It's just an overwhelming contribution for the sports teams to reach out to the community to say, 'Thank you for coming, thank you for being with us and being a part of us. Thank you for supporting us."

Hoffert heads the organization, having served as the president since her junior year.

"I'm responsible for handling all the events," Hoffert said. "It's great experience for me, and it's just fun to get to know athletes on other teams on a personal level."

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee is most notable for its efforts in setting up Red Raider Play Day during the spring semester, allowing an opportunity for children to interact with Red Raider athletes outreach event.

the student-athlete's voice for com- in wins. municating information between athletes, coaches and the administives are not playing as many min-ship qualities while pursuing their trative staff. In addition, members utes as some of their teammates, respective careers. Hoffert, an exervote on athletic department issues Stone said their presence on the cise sports science major, hopes to to better enhance the student- team is invaluable and it helps the become a strength and conditioning athlete experience at Tech.

Both Hoffert and Pitts said the they use at committee meetings. value they take to the Student Athwere learned on the soccer field.

season, just three games and only and say, 'Good job. Keep up the too." has one start.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SENIOR DEFENDER MEGAN Hoffert, an ambassador for Tech's Student Advisory Committee, tries to win possession in a game agaisnt Northwestern State earlier this season.

Pitts started the season splitting do it here at Tech.' time with freshman goalkeeper Erin decided to keep Wikelius in for six a big role for us. Colleen's role will The committee also serves as three games - both starts resulted

team in the same diplomatic fashion coach. Pitts is a junior public rela-

"Meagan and Colleen know good work, or that's not how we >> michael.graham@ttu.edu

Meagan's void will be a tough Wikelius before coach Tom Stone void to fill because she plays such and is arguably the Tech Athletic consecutive full games. However, get bigger this year and next year, Department's largest community Pitts found her way back to the and we'll miss them both greatly starting lineup for two of the last after they graduate because of what they do here."

> After graduation, the two vocal Although the two representa- leaders hope to use their leadertions major.

"It is important to be able to letic Advisory Committee meetings the ropes of this program," he communicate effectively," Hoffert said. "They're both very proactive. said. "That's a quality I'll take with Hoffert has played sparingly this They stay on our younger players me, the leadership experience,

# Tech soccer's Hoffert, Pitts Volleyball drops match showing off-field leadership to No. 14 Iowa State

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Beating No. 14 Iowa State is already a tough task.

But the Texas Tech volleyball team made it a little bit tougher to beat the Cyclones, as the Red Raiders' mental mistakes led to their 42nd consecutive loss to a Big 12 Conference team.

Tech (2-10, 0-3 in Big 12 play) looked poised to pull off the upset in the early going, but Iowa State (11-3, 3-2) proved to be too strong, defeating the Red Raiders 3-0 Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders kept pace with the Cyclones in the first set, forcing eight lead changes and seven ties to keep the match

Tech's mistakes proved to be the difference as ISU grabbed the momentum, winning the set

Junior outside hitter Alexxa Roberts said it was Tech's concentration that allowed ISU to pull away in that set.

"We need to just not settle," she said. "We need to keep the next point in mind instead of what just happened. Instead of looking back on the point, if to gain."

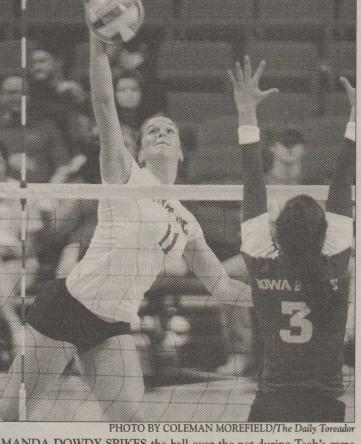
for the Red Raiders Wednesday.

Roberts led Tech with six kills. The usual leader in kills, outside hitter Amanda Dowdy, had time tunities as usual.

ISU's high-ranking offense pulled symptoms. through to wear out the Tech defense.

Tech's defense kept the set close third set. for a while, until mental errors once again cost the Red Raiders, win in the third set, 25-17. who lost the second set 25-14.

ing them back.



AMANDA DOWDY SPIKES the ball over the net during Tech's game against Iowa State Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

"For the first 15 points of every match, we played well and we stayed we just lost it, we need to focus with them," she said. "Then we on the next point we're going just made some mistakes and they They let little things bother them, is not an excuse to lose. they haven't learned how to not play frustrated yet."

There were concerns the reat middle blocker, preventing her cent flu outbreak would slow the from getting as many kill oppor- Red Raiders down. Tech players missed last week's practices with For the rest of the match, the majority of them having flu-like it's a process," Roberts said. "We're

illness were not to be seen as they

ISU closed the match out with a

The flu, along with the off time, place in the Big 12 standings. Tech head coach Trish Knight was not to blame for the loss, said said her team's mistakes are hold-senior libero and defensive specialist Saturday, in Norman, Okla. Jenn Goehrv.

"It definitely hurt to miss a week of practice," she said. "We're two matches behind other teams and we have some girls who are just now accumulated. Our players haven't getting back in it. They're fighting The offense was not evident figured out how to fight hard yet. through it, but at the same time it's

Tech players believe signs of growth are evident, and before they end the losing streak to Big 12 teams, they have to get past the mental blocks. "We're all getting it together and

getting there, it's just a mental However, signs of any lingering thing. But we're getting there." ISU will go back home for only

Despite the Cyclones' talent, came out and pushed ISU early in its third home match all season for a match against Kansas State.

The focus for Tech will now shift to Oklahoma, which stands in fourth

Tech plays the Sooners 3 p.m. >> iose.rodriguez@ttu.edu





## Agency: Michael Vick re-signs with Nike NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Sponsorship Symposium. Michael to the field in Week 3.

two years after the company severed Vick's agent, Ioel Segal, who said: ties over the quarterback's involvement in a dogfighting ring.

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with Nike and is excited to be part of dogfighting ring. the Nike team again," Segal said.

for Vick as he seeks to rehabilitate his career and his image after serving 18 months in federal prison. On Sunday, game since December 2006.

ment Sept. 3, saying he could return performs on the field.

Vick participated in 11 plays, accounting for 30 total yards, in the Eagles' 34-14 win over the Kansas City Chiefs, as Philadelphia tries to use him

Nike, which signed Vick as a rookie Segal would not reveal terms of the in 2001, terminated his contract in August 2007 after he filed a plea agree-"Mike has had a great relationship ment admitting his involvement in the

Vick agreed to a \$1.6 million deal The deal is the latest step forward with the Eagles, with a team option for the second year at \$5.2 million. The club has received little backlash - protests have been limited, and Vick played his first regular-season the Eagles' sponsors have stood by them. That experience could make The former Atlanta Falcons star companies less wary about adding signed with the Philadelphia Eagles Vick as an endorser, though the bigon Aug. 13. NFL commissioner Roger gest determinant may be no different Goodell gave him his full reinstate- from any other athlete: how well he

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