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Tech's Siberian Elm trees fail under pressure



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

WORKERS WITH THE Texas Tech Physical Plant fill a truck with broken tree branches outside the Administration building Friday.

By RALSTON ROLLO STAFF WRITER

Trees on campus and throughout the Lubbock community were damaged by the weight of ice on their branches during Thursday's winter storm, said Gene Gibson, Texas Tech Grounds Maintenance director.

The hazard presented by falling frozen tree limbs on campus was probably a major influence in the decision by administrators to cancel classes Thursday and Friday,

Tech administrators primarily were concerned with hazardous road conditions and the potential for falling tree limbs to injure students and faculty, Tech President Guy Bailey said in an interview with The Daily Toreador on Thursday.

Grounds Maintenance employees work hard to keep trees pruned and healthy, Gibson said, but Thursday's storm brought a large amount of ice in a short amount of time.

The majority of Grounds Maintenance employees are cleaning up the damages caused by the storm, he said.

"Trees were damaged all over campus, and right now we're working to clean up fallen branches and clear trees of hanging limbs," Gibson said.

The process of cleansing campus of the aftermath of Thursday's

storm will not be a cheap one, he said, and could take several days to complete.

Labor and property damage, Gibson said, likely will account for much of the costs involved with the

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, said falling tree branches often lead to power outages if branches are near overhead power

Since classes were canceled Thursday and Friday, he said, many emergencies probably were

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# Gubernatorial candidate speaks at Tech

By KELSEY HECKEL STAFF WRITER

Texas Republican Gubernatorial candidate Debra Medina joined the Texas Tech College Republicans meeting Monday night to discuss her campaign goals and answer questions from fellow Republi-

Medina, who started her campaign in February, is the first of the Republican candidates to speak on the Tech campus and said it is still only one of many places she plans to visit if she is elected into office.

"I said to begin with that I wanted to travel to as many places as I can and I'm going to," she said. "It's important to involve everybody."

By traveling to different locations, Medina said she is able to find new people to help her campaign.

"Just today someone came up wanting to know what they could do to help," she said. "That's the kind of wisdom you can only find by getting out there."

Aaron Diaz, a Tech Republican member and recruitment chairman,

said he hopes Medina will not be the last of political speakers to come to Tech and the meetings.

"In the future I would like to have the senatorial candidates come," Diaz said. "We are also looking at people like Michael Williams, Roger Williams, Susan Combs and some local candidates."

Medina said the platforms she runs on appeal to college students in ways that they might not even recognize.

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PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreadon DEBRA MEDINA, A Texas Republican Gubernational candidate, speaks at the Texas Tech College Republicans meeting in the Student Union Building Monday.

# Tech, AT&T investigate siren malfunctions

After two malfunctions in the last week, the Texas Tech Police Department disabled two emergency sirens on the Tech campus and the Physical Plant is fixing connections that caused the sirens to malfunc-

According to a Tech news release, the sirens on the Industrial Engineering building and Central Heating and Cooling Plant II building malfunctioned because of a faulty phone circuit.

Sally Post, a spokeswoman with the university, said the university is working to fix

"There's a mechanical or electrical issue somewhere that we're looking to solve," she said. "We want to fix it, but we don't want students to get desensitized to it."

The siren system will be used only in weather emergency situations, Post said, and the sirens always will be accompanied by a TechAlert phone call, text message and e-mail notification.

The system also is tested during the spring, she said, but the university takes out advertisements and sends a TechAnnounce message to warn students, faculty and staff of the

testing before it happens. Tech also tries to educate incoming freshmen about the system, Post said, so students are aware of the siren system and its uses.

According to the release, the sirens will be disabled until the Physical Plant can determine the cause of the problem with AT&T and find a solution.

Other siren locations are the Texas Tech Museum, Drane Hall, the Chemistry building and the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreadon

TIM KOHTZ, MANAGER of Inkfluence Tattoos, talks about tattoos during an interview Wednesday at his

# Tech's Body Art Team find tattoo demographic changes

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Tattoos once were marks of toughness for sailors, but their demographic has changed slightly since

Sociology Professor Jerome Koch and the Body Art Team have done extensive research into every aspect of tattooing and piercing, who gets them and why. The Body Art Team has published 23 works,

and their research has been featured in National Geographic, Time Magazine, Cosmopolitan and The Washington Post.

Throughout the research, Koch said, one of the biggest findings was people with only one tattoo are no different from the rest of the population.

"Twenty percent of well-integrated, mainstream college students have tattoos," he said.

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# BRIEF

#### STATE

#### Census chief tries easing immigrant fears in Texas

large white vans rumbled down the unpaved road toward the ramshackle houses, where illegal immigrants are among hundreds living in a slapdash colonia called San Carlos.

U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves emerged from the caravan Monday with a message: You can trust us.

His entrance didn't convince ev-

"When they saw the uniforms of the sheriff's department? Some got scared," said Maria Aguirre, a longtime resident

LAREDO (AP) — Police cars and of San Carlos, which she said has about 300 people.

> That anxiety among immigrants illustrates one of the biggest obstacles facing the Census Bureau this year: persuading those residents most afraid of the government to participate in the decennial count.

> The stakes are high. An accurate head count in the 2010 census could mean millions more in federal dollars for a community or redrawing legislative boundaries. Undercounting could leave other

#### **NATION**

#### Fewer troops fired in 2009 for being openly gay

Defense Department last year dismissed the fewest number of service members for violating its "don't ask, don't tell policy" than it had in more than a decade.

The 2009 figure, a sharp decline from the previous year, comes from President Barack Obama's first year in office. He opposes the policy but has done little to reverse it.

The lower number continues a

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trend since 2001 in which fewer troops have been dismissed as the services struggle to fight two

> According to figures released by the Pentagon on Monday, 428 service members in 2009 were fired for being openly gay compared to 619 in 2008. In 1997, 997 service members were dismissed.

> Overall, more than 10,900 troops have been fired under the policy.

#### WORLD

#### Haiti PM: US Baptists knew removing kids was wrong

(AP) — Haiti's prime minister said Monday that 10 Americans who tried to take a busload of undocumented Haitian children out of the country knew that "what could be prosecuted in the United

Prime Minister Max Bellerive that his country is open to having doing was wrong."

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti the Americans face U.S. justice, since most government buildings — including Haiti's courts — were crippled by the monster

"It is clear now that they were they were doing was wrong," and trying to cross the border without papers. It is clear now that some of the children have live parents," Bellerive said. "And it is clear now also told The Associated Press that they knew what they were

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# Some states seeking to ban mandatory health insurance

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) two-thirds of the states are forging ahead government health insurance mandates.

The proposals would assert a state- in states. based right for people to pay medical bills health insurance.

plans pending in Congress. But instead of backing away after a Massachusetts elecefforts with new enthusiasm.

The moves reflect the continued Although President Barack Obama's push political potency of the issue for conserfor a health care overhaul has stalled, vatives, who have used it extensively for conservative lawmakers in more than fundraising and attracting new supporters. The legal impact of any state measures may with constitutional amendments to ban be questionable because courts generally have held that federal laws trump those

Lawmakers in 35 states have filed from their own pocketbooks and prohibit or proposed amendments to their state penalties against those who refuse to carry constitutions or statutes rejecting health insurance mandates, according to the In many states, the proposals began American Legislative Exchange Council, as a backlash to Democratic health care a nonprofit group that promotes limited government that is helping coordinate the efforts. Many of those proposals are tion gave Senate Republicans the filibuster targeted for the November ballot, assuring power to halt the health care legislation, that health care remains a hot topic as many state lawmakers are ramping up their hundreds of federal and state lawmakers face re-election.

# Learning Center offers writing tutors

By JOEANN BON-JORNO STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Learning Center has made writing tutors available to students this semester.

Michael A. Brown, unit coordinator for the Learning Center, said this is which served as the first semester the center is offering writing tutors and he thinks the service will benefit Tech students.

"This gives students another re- rise so we can source to provide them with writing have more tuhelp," Brown said.

The center has two writing tutors, he said, and he hopes to get a graduate asmore tutors throughout this semester. sistant for the He said research shows peer tutoring Learning Center, is more effective because students said the writing usually feel more comfortable with tutors are not

"Having undergraduate tutors takes intimidation out of the way,"

The writing tutors selected went through the a job interview process and had a GPA of 3.4 or higher along with a letter of recommendation from a professor about their writing ability she said, but help any Tech students student is working on. and ability to communicate and teach needing assistance with writing.

others, Brown said. Anyone can apply to be a tutor by turning in an application benefit from this tutoring. Students will make the writing twice as good." that includes listing writing classes taken benefit from peer tutoring because some-

A staff retreat

was hosted Jan. 9 for the tutors, "We're hop-

Jessica Ezell, content or class

specific. She said

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times it is easier to relate to a peer than to a professor, and tutors will benefit by having what

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on the individual eral help with writing and help at student's needs. Evans said tutoring con-

"This can cut a student's time work- >>> joeann.bon-jorno@ttu.edu

Ezell said the tutors and students will ing on writing in half," Evans said, "and

Evans said he has not seen a large response from students, and he hopes the service becomes more utilized by students in the future as the word gets out about this service being available at Tech.

Ezell said the writing tutors are available only at certain times and students by teaching it to needing help should either call the center at 806-742-3664, stop by, or go to the "Any student center's Web site, www.lc.soar.ttu.edu, and look at the tutor schedules for John Evans and Jessica Ruguley. Any student who has issues with a tutor or how a tutoring session went will be directed

The Learning Center is located in one of the two writing tutors at Holden Hall Room 80. Office hours for the center, said the center are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday the tutoring sesthrough Friday. The center offers a sions are focused variety of free services to all enrolled Tech students including peer tutoring, individual academic counseling, any stage of the writing process. sists of anything from formulating an idea online tutoring, peer academic men-The writing tutors originally were hired and brainstorming to editing a paper. He toring, a on-site licensed professional to help with the Transfer Acceleration said there is no set time limit for tutoring counselor and a study lounge with Program and Texas Success Initiative, sessions as the sessions depend on what a furniture to accommodate individual or group studying.

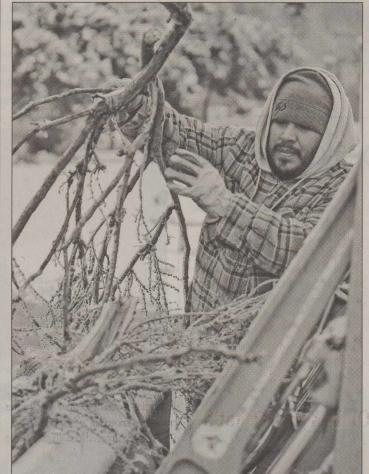


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreado A WORKER WITH the Texas Tech Physical Plant fills a front-end

#### Trees

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"It's a good thing that they closed school because it probably cut back on a lot of accidents," Hoffman said.

Although the police are concerned with the hazard presented by falling branches, he said, no injuries were reported.

This winter's weather, Hoffman said, has been much more severe than that of the recent past.

Cynthia McKenney, an associate professor in the Plant and Soil Sciences Department, said many of the tree failures on campus were due to the weak qualities of the Siberian Elm tree.

"I would never recommend Sibe-

rian Elms for this part of the country,"

While grounds maintenance crews continually engage in corrective pruning of the trees to prevent failure, McKenney said, it is inevitable an ice storm like Thursday's will cause damage to many of the Siberian Elms on campus.

Damaged trees will need to be examined thoroughly and individually by certified arborists, she said.

Those arborists should determine whether the tree remains on campus based on concerns involving safety and appearance, McKenney said.

If it is deemed likely a tree will continue to fail or will be unattractive due to the damage, she said, the tree will be removed or replaced as necessary.

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# UN says nations' greenhouse gas pledges not good enough

nations are a step forward but not toward. ... Before we would just talk." enough to forestall the disastrous ef-U.N. officials said Monday.

Janos Pasztor, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's top climate adviser, said the goals, submitted to the U.N. as part of a voluntary plan to roll back emissions, make it highly unlikely the world can prevent temperatures from rising above the target set at the Copenhagen climate conference in

Fifty-five nations — including China, the United States and 27-member European Union — met a Jan. 31 deadline to submit pledges to the U.N. for cutting those emissions. Together they produce 78 percent of the world's greenhouse gases stem-

More such commitment letters reductions. were expected to continue trickling in over the next several days.

of analysts, that if we add up all those figures that were being discussed around Copenhagen, if they're all implemented, it will still be quite diffi-

told the Associated Press. Earth's average temperature from rising two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees deadline for that action was set. Fahrenheit) above the levels that

ly," Pasztor said. "The negative part is of this year.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — that it's not good enough. The positive Goals on reducing greenhouse gases side is that for the first time, we have a announced by major industrialized goal, a clear goal that we're all working

The commitment letters, which fects of climate change by midcentury, largely reaffirm previous pledges, were intended to get an idea of how far the nations most responsible for global warming might be willing to go, toward a legally binding pact at the climate conference planned for Mexico City at the end of China has pledged to reduce its emis-

> sions growth — not make absolute cuts — by up to 45 percent from 2005 levels by 2020. India also pledged to reduce emissions growth by up to 25 percent from 2005 levels by 2020.

The United States stuck to President Barack Obama's pledge to cut its absolute carbon emissions by about 17 percent by 2020 below 2005 levels.

The European Union has pledged ming from fossil fuel burning. The to cut its carbon emissions 20 percent deadline had been set at the Copen- below 1990 levels by 2020, and to cut 30 percent if other nations deepen their

The Copenhagen Accord, brokered by Obama and more than two dozen "It is likely, according to a number other world leaders, fell far short of the legally binding treaty sought from the two-week conference.

The accord, however, included collective commitments by developed cult to reach the two degrees," Pasztor countries to provide billions of dollars to help poor countries adapt to climate The "two degrees" refers to the change. Nations also were encouraged Copenhagen target of keeping the to formally "associate" themselves with the accord after the conference, but no

The U.N.'s climate chief, Yvo de existed before nations began indus- Boer, said the pledges sent in by Jan. trializing in the late 18th century. It 31 should at least help to reinvigorate would be no more than 1.3 degrees C negotiations toward a stronger agree-(2.3 degrees F) above today's average ment on climate — a legally binding treaty. The hope is that such a treaty "That is the bottom line, but you can be completed at the U.N. climate can look at it negatively and positive- conference in Mexico City at the end

# Female suicide bomber in Iraq kills 54

suicide bomber detonated her explostruggling against a possible rise in age is one of the largest. violence before key elections next

bomb-detection squads such as stash- Shiite figure. ing explosives deep inside the engines and frames of vehicles.

Gen. Raymond Odierno, after a two-day wave of suicide car bombers struck three hotels in Baghdad and beneath an abaya — a woman's black the city's main crime lab, killing at cloak worn from head to toe — as she least 63 people.

concerned that insurgents such as alneighborhood of Shaab, said Maj. before March 7 parliamentary elections, which are seen as a critical step

The latest attack was another blow serving sherbet and tea.

BAGHDAD (AP) — A female — but not entirely unexpected.

Shiite pilgrims are easy targets for sives inside a way station for Shiite bombers who can mingle with the pilgrims Monday, killing 54 people crowds streaming on roads to shrines and rattling security officials who are and other sites. The current pilgrim-Hundreds of thousands of people

are walking this week toward Kar-The attack was the third major bala in southern Iraq before the strike by suspected Sunni insurgents in culmination of religious events Fria week and left Baghdad's top security day — marking the end of 40 days of official acknowledging that extremists mourning following the anniversary are adopting new methods to outwit of the death Imam Hussein, a revered

Iraqi security forces have promised to protect the pilgrims with expanded A similar warning about new patrols and checkpoints. But Monday's tactics came last week from the chief bombing shows the huge challenges of U.S. military commander in Iraq, trying to find a single attacker among

The bomber hid the explosives joined a group of pilgrims on the out-U.S. and Iraqi officials are deeply skirts of Baghdad's Shiite-dominated Qaida in Iraq could step up violence Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, Baghdad's top military spokesman.

The bomber set off the blast in reconciliation between the major- described as a huge fireball — as she ity Shiites and the Sunnis who lost lined up with other women to be control with the toppling of Saddam searched by female security guards at a checkpoint just inside a rest tent

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# **MARIMBA MADNESS**



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SEONG WON, A graduate student in percussion performance from Seoul, South Korea, practices "Orpheus"

# on the Marimba on Monday in the Music building.

# Obama budget would impose host of tax increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — While on oil and gas companies. President Barack Obama is proposing to of other taxes on businesses and wealthy individuals

The budget proposal released Monday would extend Obama's signature Making Work Pay tax credit — \$400 for individuals, \$800 for a couple filing jointly - through 2011. But it would also impose nearly \$1 trillion in higher taxes on couples making more than \$250,000 and individuals making more than \$200,000 by not renewing tax cuts enacted under former President George W. Bush. Obama would extend Bush-era tax cuts for families and individuals making less.

Obama revived numerous proposals for business tax increases that didn't fare well in Congress last year, including a scaled-down plan to increase taxes on top Republican on the tax-writing House investment fund managers and those U.S. companies with major overseas operations, and plans to increase taxes budget features too many new taxes, too said. "We just can't afford it."

cut some taxes for companies that hire some businesses and wealthy individuals workers, his budget would raise a host by a total of about \$1.4 trillion over the billion tax cut that Obama wants next decade, while cutting taxes for Congress to include in a new jobs bill. middle-class workers and other businesses 
It would give companies a \$5,000 tax by about \$330 billion. The bottom line: credit for each new worker they hire in Tax receipts would increase by about \$1.1 trillion over the next decade.

Congressional Democrats praised most of Obama's initiatives, but their extra Social Security payroll taxes they lukewarm response to some of the tax increases suggests a tough fight for the administration. Obama's proposal to increase taxes on international businesses would be better addressed as part of a package overhauling the entire tax system, said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the tax-writing Finance Committee.

Ways and Means Committee, said, "This making over \$250,000 a year," Obama

much new spending and too much In all, Obama would increase taxes on new debt."

The budget accounts for a \$33 2010. Businesses that increase wages or hours for their current workers in 2010 would be reimbursed for the

The tax increases on wealthy families would fulfill a campaign pledge by Obama, who has blamed Bush's tax cuts and Medicare prescription drug program for swelling the government's debt by \$7.5 trillion.

"While we extend middle-class tax cuts in this budget, we will not con-Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the tinue costly tax cuts for oil companies,

# Medina ←

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"I have a friend who works with numbers. apartments who says he pays a taxes. Without them, he could lower rent prices by up to 25 percent. College students live in and something that you can think only would need, but I know there are ar-

effects your parents."

Medina also said more people would be able to afford college licans group tries to facilitate a because of the absence of a prop- venue for young Texans to get "Take property tax," she said. erty tax would increase enrollment opportunities to see speakers

Despite her thoughts that Texas third of his income to property has some of the best university sys- that we have it all figured out," tems, she said Tech probably could he said. "We are still learning host some improvements.

pay for apartments — this isn't enough to know exactly what Tech

eas to improve in," Medina said.

Diaz said the College Repubsuch as Medina.

"We think as college students though and we do that by having "I haven't been in Lubbock long government officials come speak about politics."

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# **ODDBALL DAILY**

#### Video: Man playing with chicken on NYC subway

NEW YORK (AP) — New York to side, kissing, hugging and lifting the City's transit agency is investigating a video posted online that shows a man kissing and snuggling a live chicken aboard a subway.

The subway rider who took the video said Thursday that it was one of those New York moments she felt compelled

Kylie Kaiser, a 27-year-old architect from Brooklyn, and two friends boarded the uptown No. 6 train at the 33rd Street station at around 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"He was on his back, rolling from side like he had found it somewhere."

chicken up in the air," she said.

She said the man was oblivious to everything around him and didn't respond to onlookers.

"It was definitely an only-in-New-York situation," said Kaiser, who moved to the city about three years ago from Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Kaiser said the man looked like he was homeless because he had a shopping cart next to him full of cans and was wearing a shirt with an MTA patch that "looked

NYC Transit spokesman Charles Seaton said no passengers reported the incident. He said only service animals and those in containers are permitted in the subway system.

Kaiser took video and photos with her Blackberry, got off at the 68th Street stop with the man still on the train and later posted video and photos on her blog. The post was picked up by Gothamist, a local blog network, and others.

"I knew it would be a story people would want to hear," she said.

#### Safety fears mean barren bleachers at SC games

CENTRAL, S.C. (AP) — Well, because of safety concerns. at least there won't be any heck-

The bleachers will be barren Friday at a high school basketball doubleheader between two rivals in northwestern South Carolina. School officials say no fans will be allowed in

Attendance at the boys' and girls' varsity games in the town of Central will be limited to players, coaches, officials, game personnel, school administrators, police and

Seneca Police Chief John Cov-......

ington says he supports the decision because disturbances and violence have recently been spilling into the parking lot and neighborhoods after

School officials say they met with police and the South Carolina High School League on the decision.

#### Plane through: Cessna lands on Houston golf course

near the 11th hole at a Houston golf course provided a smooth landing spot after a small plane ran out

of fuel and glided on to the grass. The Cessna 170 was expected to be moved from Hermann Park on Tuesday. The unplanned landing of

Monday night on a flight from Lafavette, La.

Veteran pilot Brendon Ford says an apparent gauge problem led him to believe he had more fuel than he actually did. Ford was bound for Columbus, about 70 miles west of

HOUSTON (AP) - An area the single-engine plane happened Houston, when the engine started sputtering and gave out, at about 2,000 feet.

He spotted two fairways. He says there was just one person on the site he chose, so he flew over the top of him and landed. No one was injured.

#### Mass. home hit by driver eating chili to be razed

Massachusetts house struck by a lumber truck whose driver said he passed out after choking on chili will be demolished.

Police said Monday that structural engineers and city building inspectors determined that tear-

truck, which has been lodged inside the house since Friday.

The truck driver claims that he choked on the chili he was eating when his truck hit a bump. The flatbed truck veered off the road and slammed into ing down the entire home is the the home in Lowell, which is drugs have been ruled out.

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) - A only safe way to remove the about 25 miles northwest of Boston.

> The driver was hospitalized with minor injuries. A woman in the home was not hurt.

> The driver has not been charged, but the investigation continues. Police say alcohol and

#### Australia: Man vs. marauding crocodile over shark

SYDNEY (AP) — A group of Australian mates on an annual fishing holiday was not going to let anything come between them and their prize catch — not even a marauding crocodile.

The friends landed a small shark on a beach recently in the tropical north of Australia — also home to wild saltwater crocodiles known to attack humans.

As they dragged the shark ashore with the help of a hooked pole, a croc about 6-feet (2-meters) long emerged from the water, ran up the beach to the flailing shark, and opened its jaws

Unperturbed, the fisherman holding

the hook banged it down on the head of the crocodile, which turned tail and scrambled quickly back into the water. The incident was captured on video

and posted on YouTube, where it gained a popular following and attention from Australian media.

"He was full on," Bob Callan, one of the anglers told Nine Network television Friday, describing the croc's lunge. "He was going for that shark right or wrong, then it was — bang — hit him on the snout and away he went."

After dispatching the reptile, the video shows the anglers lined up behind the shark on the beach for photos with their backs to the water. One casts a nervous eye over his shoulder, and another jumps as his neighbor gives him a sly pinch on the leg. Callan said the friends, from the

New South Wales town of Inverell, travel to the north every year for a fishing holiday, and the shark - like all the fish they catch — was released back into the wild.

#### NM road crash turns into 238-pound pot bust

TUCUMCARI, N.M. (AP) crashed car to the nearby bridge overpass on New Mexico's I-40 just didn't look right to officers.

State police say that officers patrolling the stretch near Tucumcari Saturday found that

Tracks in the snow leading from a El Paso, Texas, had lost control of his sedan and crashed into a snow pile.

> Then they noticed tracks-leading back and forth from the trunk to the bridge.

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40-year-old Henry Alan Lowe of hidden under the overpass were large plastic wrapped bundles and inside was about 238 pounds of raw marijuana with an estimated street value of more than \$642,000.

Police say Lowe was arrested af-They allege that partially ter treated for a gash to his head.

#### Coast Guard flies 2 turtles from Oregon to Calif.

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Two rare sea turtles stranded last fall on separate beaches in the Northwest took flight Thursday on a Coast Guard airplane bound for San

The C-130 airplane based at the Coast Guard Air Station in Sacramento flew to Newport, Oregon, to ing flight. 

pick up the turtles, named Myrtle and Maude.

The plan is for them to finish their recovery at the SeaWorld turtle rehabilitation center and ideally be released back into the wild.

The Coast Guard crew combined the good deed with a train-

Cmdr. Todd Lightle says the mission gave the pilots practice getting in and out of a small airport and handling a unique loading exercise.

The olive ridley turtle, Myrtle, was found on Newport's Agate Beach and the Green, Maude, on Washington's Long Beach Peninsula.

#### PETA proposes robotic groundhog for Pa. festival

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — keep the animal in captivity and Punxsutawney, a tiny borough about ney Phil with a robotic stand-in.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says it's unfair to

Day festival to replace Punxsutaw- thousands of revelers each Feb. 2 in animatronic model.

An animal rights group wants orga-subject him to the huge crowds and 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. nizers of Pennsylvania's Groundhog bright lights that accompany tens of PETA is suggesting the use of an

# Mexican mayor fears massacre was random

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — The mayor of a violent Mexican border city said Monday he fears a shooting that killed 16 people in a working class neighborhood may have been random because many of the victims were "good kids" with no apparent ties to drug gangs.

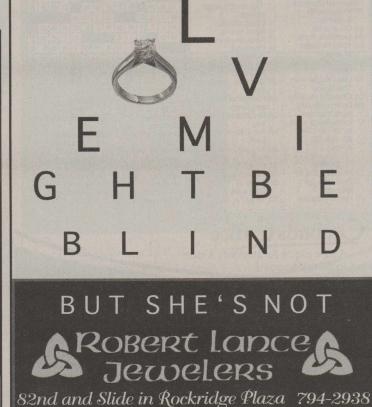
The dead included at least eight teenagers, the youngest a 13-year-old girl.

Mayor Jose Reyes Ferriz said police were pursuing all lines of

investigation. But he said none of the victims of the attack Saturday night had criminal records, and the teenagers were "good kids, students, athletes."

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# Choosing change still challenge for Obama

uivering under the lights and the eyes of Americans, President Barack Obama gave his State of the Union address Wednesday, along with several other pivotal speeches across the nation last week, to calm the nerves of millions of people about the recov-

ized himself and spotlighted people ute about what we are — what we isn't going to around the country with real issues represent as a people. — domestic issues he believes the of particular idea or project.



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right kind of change? Some people may want to re-

vamp the entire system, but that's like throwing the baby out with the bath water. No matter how

feel quite right.

A baby isn't going to dry any try to squeeze him or her like a towel, either. these? Are they

innocent baby in the bathtub?

With a majority encumbered for the people. against the GOP this long, it is

He has the time

piece of legisla-

[Obama] has the time and energy to iron out a solid piece of legislation rather than quickly scribbling up a plan and proclaiming it the tablet with the 10 Commandments on it.

answers to our we are considered a gentle species, So, maybe Obama cares, maybe he well-planned bills that have been problems" just sounds too good a species with communication and doesn't. He obviously listened, but hung out to dry long enough to be to be true, and I refuse to assume who has woken up and smelled the major from The Woodlands.

to have bills drawn up that are go- but if I still see a grape, I'm going surprising he has ing to affect every citizen of this to call it a grape. rushed so many country, it needs to be read, debatbills through the ed, rewritten and thought through in the direction that Obama has legislative proby every member of our legislative wanted, but the grape is not yet cess without the bodies — out in the open, too, not a raisin. Which is precisely why blink of an eye. behind closed doors.

and energy to dislike secrets, but because this the hills" - he still needs them. iron out a solid is a democracy. One of the best Otherwise, all of the progress that benefits of being in a country has been made thus far will stay tion rather than like ours is that we can and have there in limbo as a half grape-half quickly scrib- been building upon other's ideas raisin. bling up a plan to create brilliant solutions since and proclaim- the foundation of this country happens when the government ing it the tab- was laid. Remember the Articles doesn't finish what it starts: things let with the 10 of Confederation? Yeah, it wasn't are worse then they were to begin Commandments so awesome in terms of being the with, and the band-aids that deon it. "Herein framework of a new country, but velop from the mess cannot fix a lies all of the from that evolved a masterpiece: broken arm. the U.S. Constitution.

I know I'm not the only one Gartner is a junior finance

Washington to do what's truly best what he states is the "gap between rhetoric and reality." He can call a Seriously, now, if Obama wants raisin a raisin any day of the week,

So, yes, progress has been made Obama wants his followers, par-I feel this way not because I ticularly now, not to "run for

After all, we all know what

# Lubbock needs appreciation

ubbock is a great place to live. People are friendly, sunsets are beautiful, the cost of living is low and the cowboy culture is alive and well on the South Plains. If given a choice between Lubbock and New York, I would say, "Give me that West Texas horizon any day."

must borrow culture from other country road. sources.

citizens as country doctors

We have a thriving economy. Insult agriculture all you want, but our success as a town is based on cotton. Farm proceeds support the university, the hospitals and

The character of the South

For some reason, however, I the Llano Estacado more to me consequences here on the South believe many do not like Lubbock. than spending an evening after a Plains. The local wineries recently They think, if they were lucky, hard day's work in cowboy boots, have suffered losses because people Lubbock could grow up to be Dallas sipping cool lemonade on the want to buy the finest French or Fort Worth. The reason is quite patio and watching the sun set, wines in town, not local wines, obvious: We do not know our own glad you haven't seen another car even though our Lubbock wines heritage. Therefore, we believe we to ruin the scenery on your small have been rated some of the best

Perhaps this hatred for the local Lubbock has a beautiful history: comes from the idea that conser- Have you seen any local restau-Comanche Indians, Conquista- vatism has become somehow un- rants or stores yet? You probably dors, Ciboleros and Quakers. We popular as of late. True, Lubbock is have not, mainly because there are have local heroes, such as J.T. conservative. However, Lubbock's few along the major roads of Lub-Hutchinson and M.C. Overton, own brand of conservatism is not bock. We go crazy over doughnut who took care of the pioneering necessarily anti-Liberal. We just chains - which frankly do not value hard work and believe that taste that good — while we ignore one man can hoe a cotton field just fresh, delicious chicken fried steak as good as the next, regardless of and okra from the Home Café, his personal circumstances.

pean fashions and espouse Euro- fake interstate culture? pean politics. Why do we want to be like Europe? I lived in Europe enon because many of the other

nanny-states, and I came back with a knowledge that I want to live in Lubbock the rest of my days.

I don't want to be like Europe. I don't want to be like New England or Santa Fe or Houston. I want to be like Lubbock.

The way we reject our local culture causes many unintended in the country.

Take a drive down the Loop. whose owners are from right here Many here appear to use Euro- in Lubbock. Why do we imbibe

This is an interesting phenomthis attitude. If you head to Ralls, Slaton, Levelland or even Buffalo Gap, the pride for local establishments is present. I remember downing a delicious steak in a small café in Quitaque and learning the space was the local social center, where people came to listen to music and dance on Saturday nights.

I call upon all Texas Tech students to support Lubbock. Let us spend our money in local establishments so the money does not leave the Llano Estacado. Let us be proud to support our neighbors and friends. If we help to develop the local economy, we can see the local flavor to develop into a mature Lubbock. We can avoid cookie-cutter metropolitanism and embrace the High Plains Heritage.

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# Many Chinese unfazed at possible Google exit

An online chat session to discuss the problem attracted 32,000 indignant gamers. Tens of thousands filed complaints with China's consumer rights agency — in one day. An Internet addiction expert who defended the shutdown on national television found himself bombarded with angry phone calls and death threats.

similar popular protest since online unknown reasons. giant Google said it might shut down its google.cn search engine and cease operations in China. In fact, many users appear to greet the news with little more a shrug.

marketing in Beijing. He said while Google's search results are more "international," most of what he wants can be found on Chinese competitor Baidu. "For locals, Baidu is enough."

The indifference of many Chinese points to a telling challenge for Google in the world's most populous Internet market. The Chinese Internet world is youthful, with people under 30 making up 61.5 percent of the online population. While the company is drawing kudos in the U.S. and elsewhere for battling China's Internet censorship, the cause isn't generating much popular support among China's wired teens and 20-somethings.

can't use Yahoo search anymore," said T.R. Harrington, CEO of Shang-

BEIJING (AP) — When the hai-based Darwin Marketing, which at Chinese-language searches and don't care."

> Mountain View, California-based company threatened three weeks ago to shut down its search engine citing cyberattacks from China, a few dozen Chinese laid flowers outside Google's Beijing headquarters. A few hundred

Beijing may yet be interested in seeking an accommodation. Blocking stance, accusing the U.S. government of Google sites could encourage more being behind the dispute U.S. Secretary of the country's 384 million Internet Chinese to seek ways of getting around of State Hillary Clinton called on China Internet controls. That's what happened last year when two government agencies led to Google's threat to pull out. "If Google leaves China, we'll prohibited Chinese sites from offering lose one search engine. But we still World of Warcraft while they battled and more negative," said Rao Jin, an onhave other choices," said 28-year- over the right to regulate the lucrative line entrepreneur who recently launched old Deng Zhiluo, who works in online game. Local stores started selling google-liar.com. "Google and the CIA access cards that allowed Chinese fans to definitely have links." play the game on Taiwanese servers.

> are known for their consumerism and disdain for politics. Most just aren't interested in scaling the "Great Firewall," according to Kaiser Kuo, a Beijing-based 2008 and aimed at exposing alleged bias technology analyst. Their favorite in Western media reports. It still receives online activities: listening to music, 1 million page views a day. chatting with friends and playing video

For many sites blocked by the government — including Facebook, You Tube and Twitter — there are readily available government-approved Chinese substitutes: Youku and Tudou for videos, Kaixinwang and Renren for social networking. Sina.com, the larg-"It's like in the U.S. saying, 'You est Internet portal, runs a Twitter-like big impact on China," he said. "But if microblogging site.

Baidu is known for being better on itself."

online fantasy game "World of War-specializes in China's search engines. searching Chinese sites. The Nasdaqcraft" was yanked from China last year "What would people say? 'So what? listed company runs a popular message because of a bureaucratic turf battle, I'll use Google more, and I'll try Bing board, online encyclopedia and vast the millions of Chinese players were and I might try a few other ones ... I mp3 library. Baidu has 58.4 percent of China's search engine market, com-Some Chinese do admire Google's pared with Google's 35 percent, accordstand against censorship. After the ing to Analysys International, a Beijing research firm.

Also hurting Google is the official media's ability to shape public opinion. Reports in state-run media, the only media there is in China, have glossed over Google's allegations about China-based joined a "Don't Go Google" Web site, hacking attacks. Many young Chinese But there's been little evidence of which has since been shut down for believe Google wants to leave because it's being drubbed by Baidu. State media recently hardened its

to investigate the cyberintrusions that

"Google's image is becoming more

Rao's views may sound extreme, but Chinese in their teens and 20s the 25-year-old has been successful in tapping popular sentiment in China. He is the founder of anti-cnn.com, launched during ethnic rioting in Tibet in March

Some of the anti-Google articles Rao posted on google-liar.com were in fact found with the help of Google, and he and his friends use the company's Gmail e-mail service. But they are preparing to switch to a Chinese e-mail provider,

"If Google left, the world would keep turning. ... It actually wouldn't have a Google left, it would have a big impact

# Fewer troops fired in 2009 for being openly gay

ber of service members for little to reverse it. violating its "don't ask, don't

decline from the previous year, wars.

WASHINGTON (AP) — comes from President Barack The Defense Department last Obama's first year in office. He year dismissed the fewest num- opposes the policy but has done service members in 2009 were

tell policy" than it had in more trend since 2001 in which fewer service members were dismissed. troops have been dismissed as

According to figures released by the Pentagon on Monday, 428 fired for being openly gay com-The lower number continues a pared to 619 in 2008. In 1997, 997

Overall, more than 10,900 The 2009 figure, a sharp the services struggle to fight two troops have been fired under the policy.

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#### Plains is laid back. Nothing says for two years, in one of those cities around Lubbock do not share **Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle** ACROSS 1 Weary comment 5 Rx's 9 By oneself 14 Square fare? 15 Film beekeeper 16 Defunct filer with a blue-globe logo a blue-globe logo 17 Links goals 18 Laundry room device 20 "Four Quartets" poet 22 Leavening agent 23 Havana residue 24 Organ with a hammer 25 Some daisies 27 Nonmember's club amenity 30 "\_\_\_ Beso": Anka song 31 Printer brand 32 Cone maker 33 Zoomed 34 Place for a dip on the road 38 \_\_-date: current 41 Harem chamber 42 Like Homo By Bruce Venzke 4 "Anything \_\_\_?" 5 Stan "The Man" of baseball 6 Matador's Monday's Puzzle Solved sapiens 46 Arafat's gp. until 46 Aratat's gp. until 2004 47 Patient strategy 50 Jones or Johnson 52 West in old films 53 Swaying direction 54 Crete peak: Abbr. 55 Mental blackout 57 Indisputable ingredient 8 Triton's realm INGARUCKUS REE TRICK 9 Perform on stage 10 "\_\_Theme": "Doctor Zhivago" melody 11 Basic dance 12 Ilie of tennis 13 Ambulance initials 19 Rescued evidence 59 Okra units 61 Mortise's mate 62 1993 Nobelist damsel's cry Morrison 63 Land east of the 21 "... \_ man put asunder" 23 Some lie about 64 Lead singer with theirs 25 Partner of hop 65 Graceful molding 66 Dorm unit, and word that can follow each word in 18-, 27-, 34-, 47- and 57-38 Co. with brown and jump 26 Groundskeeper's nickname 51 F-series camera 40 Trattoria dessert 43 Crime family member buy 28 Artsy Manhattan area 29 Key equivalent to B 33 Punch hard 35 Without exception 36 Falco of "The Sopranos" member 44 Medium with much talk 45 Prefix with natal 47 Walking in the shallows 48 Protected by shots, perhaps canvas 57 Bourbon et al.: DOWN 58 Pontiac in a '60s hit song 60 "Casablanca" pianist 1 Roadie's load 2 Prepares, as Imbuds Office A safe place for students & staff to bring concerns TONIGHT!!

StrengthsQuest month opening presentation:

Guest speakers Mark Pogue & Tom Matson

with Gallup. Allen Theatre 7 p.m.

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# Students receive help building resumes

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

Preparing students for potential job opportunities, Texas Tech University Career Services hosted the second of two resume critique days Monday in its of-

The center provides yearround help for students searching for a job. They critique resumes and cover letters, help prepare students and alumni for job interviews, and provide services that help people learn their strengths.

"It's a day that we all just block off on our calendars so that students can just walk in between class and whenever they're available and come over and help out with their resume at whatever stage it may be in," said Amanda Schaefer, assistant director of the center.

The center provides students with anything they need to put together a professional resume, she said.

Between the many handouts and online resources, Schaefer said, the center's staff is willing to help students any day of the week.

On the center's Web site, students and alumni can find various

Quest and Optimal Resume, a Web site that helps people create a professional resume; both links provide students with a chance to prepare before looking for a job.

"It will build a resume for them," said David Kraus, director of the center. "Obviously, the computer has to get the information from somewhere and that has to come from you, but it does allow them in a very simple way to move things around, bold things and see what it will look like very easily."

StrengthsQuest, another one of the free services provided to Tech students, gives people their top and bottom personality traits. After taking a questionnaire, the program generates answers telling them what they would succeed at in the work force. Schaefer said StrengthsQuest Month will kick off at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre with two guest speakers.

"A lot of students will use their strengths will help write their bullets on their resume," Schaefer said. "A lot of those students will even put their strengths at the top of their resume because so many companies

are using it now."

resources including Strengths- center's Web site allows students to have a mock interview and maintain an online portfolio.

> The online portfolio stores students' work if their physical portfolio is too large to take with them or to submit to a company. Although the center can host mock interviews for students, those who are too shy and nervous about it can take one online to build courage.

"We've had quite a few students do the mock interview and practice on their computer and then come in and have a mock interview with one of us, so that's very helpful," Schaefer said.

The center builds students' chances of getting a job after graduation, Schaefer said. With their willingness to help, the center's staff knows building a good resume is one of the most important things a student can do while in school.

"A resume is something that every student is going to need. be it now or three or four years from now," Kraus said. "I think it's something that they learn the basics of what one should little bit."

Another feature found on the always realize the courses and the right track.

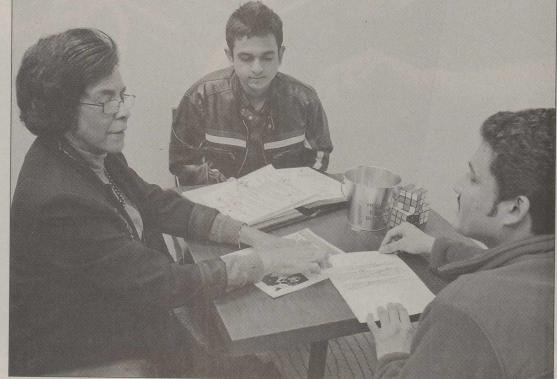


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CAROL TRIGG, A lead counselor with University Career Services, helps Srinivasan Krishnan and Sesha Krish, both graduate biotechnology majors from India, improve their resumes during a resume critique session Monday in the Wiggins Complex.

activities they are a part of during look like. It's also to help them school will play a role in building learn how to help themselves a their resume. Getting involved Kraus said students don't their major helps put them on

times underestimate what they've employers are going to see them. the end of the world." Students have to toot their horn >>> alexandra.pedrini@ttu.edu

"I think students can some- a little bit. Their resume is important, and we're here to help them done," he said. "They take it do it. If they couldn't do it today, in organizations pertaining to for granted and that's the way we're here tomorrow too, it's not

# Fans search on Waikiki Beach for answers to 'Lost'

It's captured

HONOLULU (AP) — What is that black smoke monster? Will Jack's plan to rewrite history work? Will Sun be reunited with Jin? Will the real Locke please stand up? What happens to the island? What does it all mean? How

Thousands of fans traveled from around the world to the home of "Lost" in a quest to get some answers to the questions that have piled up in the first five seasons. And they finally got what they were searching for — sort of.

A crowd of about 12,000 — some wearing bikinis — on Waikiki Beach were treated this weekend to a special screening of the season premiere, which airs Tuesday night on ABC (8 p.m. EST) and kicks off the sixth and final season of the castaway drama.

Stars and directors of "Lost" made an island-style, red-carpet appearance and

bid "aloha" to the fans and each other. Actor Josh Holloway soaked it all in amid a chorus of screaming, photo-snapping women packed 10 deep behind metal gates.

like being a senior — getting near the last days of school," said Holloway, who stars as hunky, bad-boy In 16 epi-

sodes, the emotional journey will be ending for the characmost of whom were unknown before "Lost."

"I was a struggling actor

in the U.K. I came to Hawaii and now I'm on a hit show, so it's changed my life totally," said Henry Ian Cusick, who

Nestor Carbonell, who plays Rich-"It's like being in high school. It's ard, the ageless Other, called it "an

> that he's not so certain he wants Jorge Garcia, people the way who portrays the tormented Hurno other show ley, said he's pretty sure he'll shed a few tears when

> > it's all over.

"Right now,

it's just a lot of

savoring the mo-

ment," he said.

"I think when

incredible ride,"

them. STEPHEN MCPHERSON

has captured

ABC ENTERTAINMENT

**PRESIDENT** 

at my house, that's when the sadness

that last script gets dropped off of personal reinvention and discovery.

jailbird Kate, said it'll be an "end of an era" for her personally. She was 24 when she joined the show and will be 31 when the show wraps this summer.

"This show has carried me through some significant years and I'm going to miss it," she said. "I'm also excited. I'm excited for the freedom and opportunity it'll bring. But it'll be bittersweet."

ABC Entertainment President Stephen McPherson said the loyal and passionate fan base of "Lost" is a testament to the creative writing and

compelling characters. "It's captured people the way no other show has captured them," McPherson said. Viewers are passionate about other ABC series including "Grey's Anatomy" and "Desperate Housewives," he said, but "Lost" has a different "sense about it," with fans drawn in by its exploration

Even as head honcho, he said, he doesn't know how it'll end. The actors Evangeline Lilly, who stars as sexy are also left guessing.

# Attorney: Rip Torn heading

court records.

The 78-year-old actor was wearing

Torn, who did not enter a plea, was released on \$100,000 bond a few hours later and waded through a phalanx of media to a friend's waiting vehicle. He smiled and wished onlookers a nice day but did not answer questions

He is expected to enter an alcohol

as early as Tuesday, according to his

in a Connecticut drunken driving case and allowed to enter an alcohol education program. He completed the first stage of that program.

"The history here is clear that there's an alcohol issue that needs to be addressed," his attorney, A. Thomas Waterfall, told Bantam Superior Court Judge John W. Pickard on Monday.

The "Men in Black" actor is accused of breaking into the Litchfield Bancorp branch through a window Friday night in Salisbury, where officers responding to an alarm found him wandering in the lobby and nearly incoherent.

#### Tattoo 🛑 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Despite the rebellious stigma tattoos carry, one study found religious tattoos are on the rise. In the South, people who considered themselves religious had tattoos just as often as people who didn't have any, one report showed; and 44 percent of those who had a tattoo had a religious

"Instead of religion suppressing body art," Koch said, "it's a way for students to use body art to express their religion.'

Another finding was that more than half of the people surveyed with tattoos were women. Tim Kohtz, a tattoo artist and manager at Inkfluence, said he knew why, at least among college students.

"Women get smaller tattoos, which are cheaper, and in college no one has money," he said.

Male students are more likely to get larger, more expensive tattoos, Kohtz said, an expense that could come out of their parents' pockets.

"Students are afraid of getting (financially) cut off from their parents," he said of why there weren't as many males getting tattoos.

As far college students, in a town like Lubbock, most people assume Tech students provide the majority of business for places like Inkfluence, but Kohtz said that isn't the case since most college students still have strong ties with their parents.

Although parents may not approve of it, all of the studies pointed to a wider acceptance of people with tattoos. A study

ports said 75 percent of college students had a close friend with

"Just having a tattoo is no longer sufficient for admission to the body art sub-cultural and/ or to make a legitimate claim on out-group status," according to one of the Body Art Team's reports in The Social Science

every age and social status.

The report said the tattoo industry was going through a sort of "renaissance" among middle and upper class.

Inkfluence sees all kinds of people coming to get tattooed. he has not seen a renaissance,

"We see a lot of everyday folks," Kohtz said, "It's on TV shows that are really popular, (tattoo culture) has been brought

Making tattoos so normative

Although Kohtz said he didn't see customers covered in tattoos as any different from those getting one small tattoo, the study showed an upswing in "deviant" behavior (defined in the study as cheating, binge drinking, sexual activity and marijuana use) for

According to the study, it

published in Psychological Re-

Instead, according to a Body Art Team report in Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing, tattoos are becoming an accepted "tradition" for people of

As the years passed, Kohtz said but he has noticed a slight change in the demographic of the customers.

into people's living rooms."

has been a downside for some Social Science Journal report.



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWELY/The Daily Toreador TAMARA STROUD, A sophomore business major from Hamilton, talks about her tattoo of a Christian fish and the reasons she decided to get it.

takes more time and effort for a person to get the "tough" stereotype or be a part of the "tattoo who consider tattoo subculture subculture" that is stereotypito be exclusive, according to the cally associated with "deviant behavior."

Almost half of people with tattoos have religious tattoos.

It is easier, however, for people who do not want to be a part of the subculture to get permanent body art without experiencing as much of the stigma and stereotyping that went on in years past, according to the study.

In a Body Art Team study people who had four or more published in The Archives of Dermatology, a survey showed "negative comments" or "experienced stigma" were two of the least likely reasons for tattoo removal.

Whether someone has a dolphin on their ankle or a full body color design, Koch said, tattoos can be looked at objectively the

"What a tattoo is, is it's not categorically different from a hat," he said, "It's just another way for people to present themselves to others in everyday

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• Keith Kohanek contributed to this article.

# to alcohol rehab after arrest LITCHFIELD, Conn. (AP) — Rip rehabilitation center in New York

Torn was so intoxicated when he broke into a Connecticut bank carrying a loaded gun that he thought he was home, taking off his hat and boots and leaving them by the door, according to

the same battered boots Monday when he was arraigned on several charges after spending the weekend in a police holding cell near his hometown of Salisbury, in northwestern Con-

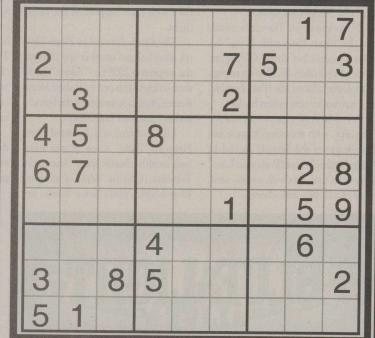
about the arrest.

attorney. Torn was given probation last year

He also has two previous drunken

driving arrests in New York.

# Today's su do ku



In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use

logic to define the answers.

 
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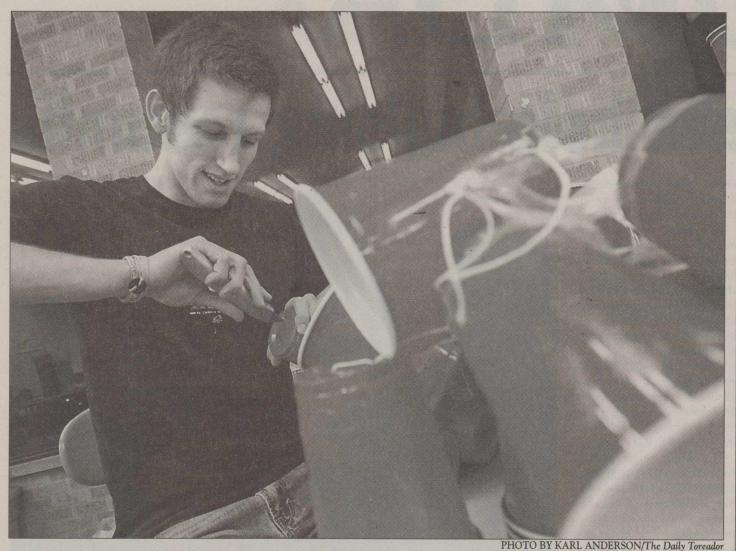
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**TONIGHT!!** 

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with Gallup. Allen Theatre 7 p.m. Suite 024 (East Basement)

# **CUP CREATION**



KYLE BRAUNE, A freshman architecture major from New Braunfels, constructs a space suit from plastic cups Monday in the Architecture

# Change in space for NASA: Renting the Right Stuff

outsourced.

The Obama administration on Monday will propose in its new budget spending billions of dollars to encourage private companies to build, launch and operate spacecraft for NASA and others. Uncle Sam would buy its astronauts a ride into space just like hopping in a taxi.

The idea is that getting astronauts into orbit, which NASA has been doing for 49 years, is getting to be so old hat that someone other than the government can do it. It's no longer really the Right Stuff. Going private would free the space agency to do other things, such as explore beyond Earth's orbit, do more research and study the Earth with better satellites. And it would spur a new generation of private companies — even some with Internet roots — to innovate.

But there's some concern about that — from former NASA officials worried about safety and from congressional leaders worried about lost jobs. Some

ASHINGTON (AP) — Get- believe space is still a tough, ting to space is about to be dangerous enterprise not to be left to private companies out for a buck. Government would lose vital knowledge and control,

> Proponents of private space, an idea that has been kicking around for nearly 20 years, point to the airline industry in its infancy. Initially the Army flew most planes. But private companies eventually started building and operating aircraft, especially when they got a guaranteed customer in the U.S. government to deliver air mail.

That's what NASA would be: a guaranteed customer to ferry astronauts to the International Space Station through 2020. It would be similar to the few years that NASA paid Russia to fly astronauts on its Soyuz after the Columbia accident in 2003.

"With a \$6 billion program you can have multiple winners. You'll literally have your Blackberry, your iPhone and your Android phone all competing for customers in the marketplace," said John Gedmark, executive director of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. The pany. Then in 1996 the Clinton White House has said it will be adding \$5.9 billion to the overall NASA budget over five years; Gedmark believes most or all will go to commercial space.

Mike Gold, corporate counsel at Bigelow Aerospace, which is building the first commercial space station and is a potential spacecraft provider, believes the government should have privatized astronaut launchings decades ago.

"It will force the aerospace world to become competitive again and restore us to our glory days," Gold said.

Last year as part of the stimulus package, NASA said it would give out \$50 million in seed and planning money for the idea of a commercial spaceship. Several firms expressed interest and NASA will soon pick a winner or winners.

American University public policy professor and space expert Howard McCurdy said this is not as radical as it seems. The shuttle was built not by government workers but by Rockwell International, a private comadministration outsourced the shuttle's day-to-day launch and other operations to a private

'This is something that NASA has been drifting toward in the last 25 years," McCurdy said.

But the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, created after NASA's first fatal accident, warned that the existing private rockets are not rated by the government as safe for people to fly on. That has to be addressed with testing and study before jumping into commercial space, the panel said.

It's not that it is impossible to certify these rockets as safe enough for astronauts but it is a long process that is not spelled out, said former NASA associate administrator Scott Pace, now a space policy professor at George Washington University.

Peter Diamandis, founder of the X Prize Foundation, which sponsored a competition in suborbital spaceflight, dismissed safety worries: "We don't fly on U.S. Air Government. We fly on Southwest and JetBlue."

# Tuesdays with Tina: More color, more fun

What a busy week! I've got a few tidbits of exciting news to report.

The biggest and most wonderful news is that the beagle-mix puppy I was fostering went to her forever home Thursday. I had to brave the snow and ice early Thursday morning to get her adoption papers from The Haven, but I'm really glad I

The person who adopted her happened to be a Texas Tech student. When classes were canceled due to snow and ice, it freed him up to spend the snow day getting to know his new puppy.

I'm happy to report it seems like a great match. However, Gaia my 9-month-old Labrador mix misses her little friend. She's been underfoot, begging for attention ever since.

Other exciting news in my life includes three gallons of brightly colored paint. After seeing a bangup decoration job at a friend's apartment last weekend, my boyfriend and I were inspired to throw some color on our walls.

We picked moss green, mac-andcheese yellow and navy blue.

It's the perfect start to my resolution about getting the most out of my youth. Waking up to a cheerful home is much more invigorating than the drab, neutral-colored walls we faced before.

It makes me feel like buying running shoes and going for a jog.

**Arons** 

I probably won't — I hate running outdoors and prefer to stroll leisurely — but it is a nice feeling regardless.

Repainting also has another benefit. My parents are coming to town this weekend. I'm hoping they focus on the brightly colored walls and less on the dog hair, which is almost impossible to remove entirely. It seems to always pool in the corners of our mostly tile floors, no matter how frequently I sweep and mop.

The last bit of news I'd like to share is about my blog. I began writing one when I was the features editor at The Daily Toreador last spring, and I've decided to start it back up again. I began neglecting it after I graduated last May, only occasionally posting links.

I'm hoping to find time throughout the week to update it with photos and interesting things I come across. Please check it out and tell me what you think: http://dailyvida. wordpress.com/

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# Stars gather to cover 'We Are the World' for Haiti

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than 75 mega-stars gathered Monday to re-record the 1985 charity anthem "We are the World" in the same Hollywood recording studio where the original was cut 25 years ago.

Pink, Celine Dion, Natalie Cole, the Jonas Brothers, Kanye West, Toni Bennett, Jennifer Hudson, Akon and other musical luminaries stood shoulder hearts out and hoping to help

Quincy Jones, who produced the 1985 anthem, announced last week that he planned to redo the song to benefit recovery from the deadly Jan. 12 earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

The session was all the talk at Sunday night's Grammy festivities. Music producer RedOne said being asked to participate was "the biggest honor a musician can ever do."

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - A

team of Polish scientists said Monday

they have discovered three Neander-

thal teeth in a cave, a find they hope

may shed light on how similar to mod-

unearthed in Poland before. But the

teeth are the first bodily Neanderthal

remains found in the country, accord-

ing to Mikolaj Urbanowski, an archae-

ologist with Szczecin University and

Urbanowski said the teeth were

the project's lead researcher.

Neanderthal artifacts have been

ern humans our ancestors were.

"Having Quincy, our father of music ... and Lionel Richie asking me to contribute and help, I said of course, because this is not about me," he said. "It's about Haiti."

Written by Michael Jackson and Richie, the original "We Are the World" thundered up the charts when it was released on the radio and in record stores in March 1985.

An unprecedented number to shoulder on risers at Henson of top pop musicians gathered Recording studios, singing their at A&M the night of Jan. 28, 1985, following the American Music Awards, to record the

The song featured 45 American superstars, including Jackson, Richie, Stevie Wonder, Tina Turner, Ray Charles, Bruce Springsteen, Diana Ross, Bob Dylan and Cyndi Lauper.

The record raised more than \$30 million for USA for Africa, a nonprofit organization founded by the singers to fund hunger relief in African nations.

# Review: Travolta plays action hero in 'From Paris with Love'

In the space of just a few weeks, we have movies starring Harrison Ford, Mel Gibson and John Travolta. It's like

the early '90s all over again. Nostalgia is on Travolta's mind, too. In "From Paris with Love," he plays a violent but chatty CIA agent who, while bullets fly, likes to engage in dialogue that recalls "Pulp Fiction" as if written by action film hacks.

It's a kind of return to Paris for Travolta, who memorably gave his travelogue of the French capital in "Pulp Fiction." "From Paris with Love" references that, too, with a wink-wink meal of a Royale with cheese.

The Tarantino comparison (not to mention the title's James Bond allusion) only serves to make "From Paris with Love" appear all the more

The film is directed by Pierre Morel, who helmed another spy thriller, the surprising 2008 hit "Taken." Both were written (this one by Robert Mark Kamen) from a story idea by the French action filmmaker Luc Besson.

Like that film, which starred Liam Neeson, "Paris" turns drama stars into stealth, deadly spies. Alongside Travolta (Charlie Wax), Jonathan Rhys Meyers plays James Reese, an

aide to the U.S. ambassador of France (Richard Durden).

But Reese is also a low-level secret agent for the CIA. He aspires to higher levels of intrigue and gets his shot when he's teamed with the veteran Wax. The two embark on a manic rampage of destruction, racking up double-digit bodies within minutes, in a desperate race to prevent terrorists from blowing up ungrateful politicians.

The not-so-subtle suggestion is that those who underestimate the terrorist threat or worry too much about protocol risk big trouble.

The ceiling for a movie like this is, at best, Guy Ritchie or John Woo territory — which is to say, quite low indeed. But the biggest thing standing in the way of "From Paris with Love" achieving even that standard is the laughable casting.

The Irish actor Rhys Meyers ("The Tudors," "Match Point") likely has some fans somewhere, but his pasty, hollow-cheeked look has always seemed more model than actor. But even his defenders would acknowledge he's not quite action

That needn't be an impediment; the fish-out-water is a standby of many a thriller. But in "From Paris With Love," his character, though inexperienced, quickly adapts to the carnage. (He does blink for one pseudo-poetic moment of reflection in front of a

Reese, it turns out, is a tough, too. Contrary to his manicured appearance, he boasts that he's from a hard New York neighborhood. One foresees South Bronx crowds cackling in the

Having more fun is Travolta. With a shaved head, a thick goatee, an earring and a leather coat with an upturned collar draped by a scarf, he resembles a biker from Soho.

He throws himself fully into the film, but it never feels like anything more than action movie dress-up.

"From Paris with Love," a Lionsgate release, is rated R for bloody violence throughout, drug content, pervasive language and brief sexuality. Running time: 95 minutes. One star out

#### unearthed in the Stajnia Cave, north of the Carpathian Mountains, along with flint tools and the bones of the woolly mammoth and the woolly rhinoceros, both extinct Ice Age species. The researchers also found a hammer made of reindeer antler and bones of cave bears bearing cut marks, indicating they were eaten by the Neanderthals, Urbanowski said. "The cave bears were big, danger-

ous animals and this supports the view the Neanderthals were really efficient hunters," he said.

The findings were reported by the German science journal Naturwissenschaften in an online article dated

**Scientists say 3 Neanderthal teeth found** 

The article focused mainly on one of teeth, providing evidence for the claim that it is the molar of a Neanderthal who died around age 20.

Urbanowski said that tooth has undergone the most analysis but the team is nearly certain the other two also belonged to Neanderthals who lived 100,000 to 80,000 years ago.

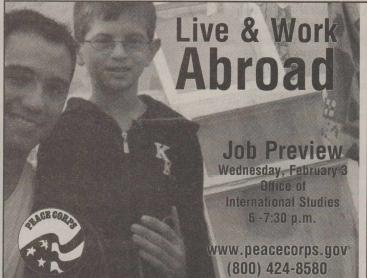
The placement of the teeth along with flint tools has led the team to hypothesize that the site could have been some kind of primitive burial site, which would point to a belief in the afterlife.

Jeffrey Schwartz, a professor of physical anthropology with the University of Pittsburgh, said the find is significant because it establishes that Neanderthals lived in a region where so far little evidence has been found. However, he said there is not enough evidence at this point to draw any conclusions about a possible burial site.

"No one ceremoniously buries one human tooth," said Schwartz, who was not involved in the research, but reviewed an early version of the paper.

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#### Kristen Bell, Dax Shepard are engaged

NEW YORK (AP) - Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard are engaged.

Bell's publicist, Marcel Pariseau (puh-REE'-see-oh), confirmed the couple's engagement but said Monday that no other details are available.

The 29-year-old Bell and 35-yearold Shepard appear in the romantic comedy "When in Rome."

The actress was a presenter at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday. Her TV credits include "Heroes" and "Veronica Mars."

# February with bye week

season this weekend, the Texas Tech pointed," he said. "There are things men's tennis team will use the off we have to get better, but still we week to its advantage.

Tech coach Tim Siegel points to conditioning work, among other ing into their home opener against things, the No. 40 Red Raiders will McMurry, which will be followed by work on now that they do not have a match against Abilene Christian a match until Feb. 13.

going to put a lot of time in the weight comment. room, in the conditioning, because we have the weekend off. We are against ranked opponents, and the really going to work hard this week road does not get any easier, even and really break each player down after the home opener. specifically."

the Red Raiders.

Tech fell to No.33 Cal on Saturday in the ITA National Team Indoor Tennis Center in Austin, but the either way. Red Raiders surged Sunday with a nessee State.

ed in the performance of his team.

"For us to be that competitive matches." with a Top-25 team, with as young >>> joshua.koch@ttu.edu

After suffering its first loss of the a team as we have, I was not disapcompeted hard, competed well."

The Red Raiders are 3-1 headon the same weekend as a part of a "Each player has specific weak- double header. The off week started nesses that we are going to address with a little rest, too. Players had off individually," he said. "We are really Monday and were not available for

So far this season, Tech has played

February's schedule has three of Not all was bad this weekend for the six matches against ranked opponents including TCU, Arizona and

The season is still young but Siegel Championship at the Penick-Allison said his team's start could have gone

"I think we are about where victory against No. 56 Middle Ten- I thought we would be," he said. "We could be 1-3. Every match we Siegel said he was not disappoint- play is going to be against Top-50 teams. They are all going to be close

# Women's tennis 2010 class ranked

The Lady Raiders class of 2010 Abby Lewis. recruits was recognized by Tennis Recruiting Network as the No. Newcombe Academy in New 20 ranked class in the nation Braunfels. She has posted a 44-

work begins at the recruiting stage nisRecruiting.net. and Texas Tech coach Todd Petty said credit goes to assistant coach while playing tennis at Blue Valley Todd Chapman.

the university has received across ships. the country. The Class of 2010 ranking illustrates the direction a 2009 graduate and is comes in our tennis program is taking."

Tech is one of three Big 12 Confering 2009. ence teams ranked in the Top 25, in the nation in recruiting — the through voting from a panel of others being Texas at No.19 and Oklahoma at No. 21.

stars for the fall — Samantha nation are included in the vote.

Adams is coming from John 22 record overall in her career, For every successful team the according to the Web site Ten-

Fournier posted a 35-12 record North High School in Leawood, "I believe this national recogni- Kan. She also was named a high tion is a credit to Todd Chapman's school All-American this year, diligence with our recruiting," he and finished her high school casaid. "It's also a credit to Texas reer with seven combined team Tech and all the positive exposure and individual state champion-

Lewis, from Wichita Falls, is with an 18-11 record. She also According to the news release, was a 4A state qualifier in singles

The rankings are decided junior tennis experts. Journalists, tournament directors, referees, Tech is bringing in three new and ranking chairs from across the

Adams, Haley Fournier and >>> joshua.koch@ttu.edu

# Tech men's tennis begins Missed free throws hurting Lady Raiders

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

shadowed by bigger problems during nonconference play,

part of the game — free throw

7-for-18 from the line in a and working at it."

11 Oklahoma on Saturday. "As much time as we spend on it, we'll just keep working on it, keep putting them in pressure situations. If we can keep competing

and con-

tinue to

stay posi-

tive, good

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We've just got to

focus on the line

when we get there.

Focus, follow

through and be

patient with it.

**ASHLEE ROBERSON** 

things are going to happen." Tech's 12-2 start this season seemed to cover up the team's by a combined 58 points.

opponents.

The Lady Raiders have shot a much bigger role in some improvements.

went 5-for-18 from the stripe, before the shots begin to fall. which is a season low in condouble-digits.

to pile up for the team.

homa, both in the United Spirit Arena, Tech went a combined 18-for-36 from the foul line — Fundamentals can be over- the Lady Raiders lost both games by a combined nine points.

Although the struggles seem maybe even conference season to be most evident in crucial situations, players believe it is not But it is a fundamental just a psychological matter.

"It's mental and something we shooting — that has haunted need to keep working at," Tech the Lady Raiders through Big guard Jordan Murphree said. "You 12 Conference play to this can always improve on your free throws. I think there's a lot of "The most glaring thing of us that are shooting a lot lower the whole night is free throws," than we were last year. We know said Tech head coach Kristy we're capable of shooting better Curry after her team went so just keep getting in the gym

problems begin with the team's starting five.

Of the group, senior Tilmila Martin has had the least making 85.5 percent of her free throws. None of the remaining four surpass

80 percent,

ing second.

The only other players on the off the bench. Not to mention But it has been a much difthe two have combined only for a ferent story against conference total of 22 free throw attempts this nounced Tuesday the sophomore center keep Talley around as a member of the season — two in Big 12 play.

Players and coaches stressed due to numerous knee problems. 62.8 percent since the start of dedicating more practice time

But Tech forward Ashlee Rob-

"We just need to work on ference play thus far. That them more and more in practice loss, however, was decided by and continue to just stay positive," she said. "We've just got where the misses have begun there. Focus, follow through and be patient with it."

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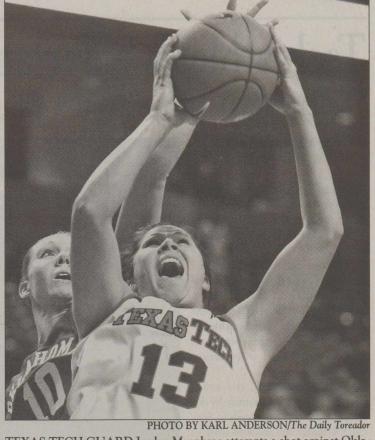
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amount of TEXAS TECH GUARD Jordan Murphree attempts a shot against Oklatrouble, homa's Carlee Roethlisberger Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

# Tech center Talley's career over because of knee injuries

The Big 12 Conference poses some ing her to sit out the entire season. The with Kierra of the better post players in the nation, same happened a year later before the Mallard's 77.6 percentage com- making size in the paint a key for many beginning of the 2008-09 season, only teams' success.

68 percent free throw percent- team who shoot above that mark of Kaylan Talley a tough one to take for in rehab all season without seeing any age, considering the two losses are Jordan Barncastle and Mary the Lady Raiders. Standing at 6-foot-5, to Tennessee and Tulane were Bokenkamp; both of who come she was the tallest player Tech had on

Tech head coach Kristy Curry an-

But furthermore, Curry said it was had to deal with overall. "It's a sad situation because she was a

In a loss to Nebraska, Tech erson said it is a matter of time big part of our future plans on our front this soon," she said. "I just had to make at my career and it's one of the saddest as much as I can. It's something so It's in the close contests to focus on the line when we get situations I've ever been a part of."

cruciate ligament in her right knee prior much as I can." to the start of the 2007-08 season, forc- >>> jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu

that time, it was in her left knee. She That's exactly what makes the loss had surgery on the left knee and was playing time. Coaches and teammates supported

the decision, considering what Talley's been through. The team also will will be unable to continue her career team as she continues her education

In the end, Talley said the deci-Big 12 play, which has played to free throws in hopes of seeing one of the tougher predicaments she's sion was made for her health down the road.

"I never imagined it would come line, especially with her size," she said. a decision for myself, for the future. "The kid hasn't quit, I want to make Not trying to be selfish, but I had to that clear. The kid has done everything make a tough, tough decision. I'm goin her power to get back. I look back ing to stay with the team, be around hard to lose and have taken from you; The Waco native tore her anterior so I'm going to try to be around it as

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# Tech athletes entertain with different skills | Auburn's Walker replaces

Talent show succeeds in raising money for Special Olympics

SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech athletes brought smiles to spectators' faces Monday night, and it had nothing to do with 3-point shots, home runs or touchdowns.

The Second Annual Student-Athlete Talent Show took place Monday in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre. The event showcased Tech student-athletes' talents away from the courts and fields in front of fellow teammates

More importantly, the event gave back to the community by donating some of the proceeds to Special Olympics and student-athletes brought canned goods to donate to the local food bank.

With all 15 Tech sports represented in some form, fans saw anything from a rapping golfer to a singing volleyball player.

While giving back to the community, the event also gave athletes from different teams a chance to

"Some people you don't see because we're practicing," said cross country runner Michelle Guzman, who was a part of a play that included dancing to hip-hop music. "But when everyone comes out here, it's all one team, all 400 student-athletes. So it's really fun to do," Karam said. "To do music, on to just see what everybody brings top of that, for a good cause for our to the table. Because we're still university and for a student-athlete competitive no matter if it's on the organization. It doesn't get any betfield or on stage."

If competing against each other on stage was the motive, then well. Tech linebacker Brian Duncan kudos has to go to the top-three came on stage and brought former

and singing performance was good for third place, Tech guard Wally Dunn's singing was second and Tech quarterback Jacob Karam's piano act events similar to the talent show topped the list.

Judges for the event consisted after being diagnosed with cancer. of Brian Shannon, faculty athletics President Suzanne Williams.

Judges based decisions on criteria such as crowd involvement and Skills Coordinator Jason Paysinger creativity, which Karam stole the helped put on the show. He said he show in both.

Feeling" by The Black Eyed Peas of his duties. on the piano. The songs prompted

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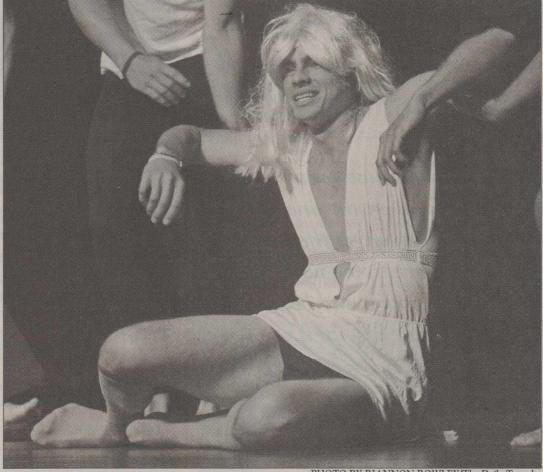


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RAONY CARVALHO PERFORMS with the Texas Tech men's tennis team Monday at the Second Annual Student-Athlete Talent Show hosted in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre.

a sing-a-long from the crowd.

"This is one of my favorite things ter than that."

Karam had an added bonus as CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordina-The women's golf team's guitar tor Angie McKinnell with him so he could sing to her while Karam played the piano.

> McKinnell, who helped head for Tech athletes, left the university

"I was shocked, I definitely didn't representative; Toni Burse-White, see that coming," said McKinnell, assistant director of University unaware a chair was on stage for Career Services; Michael Shonrock, her to sit in while Duncan sang. senior vice president of Enrollment "He mentioned that he wanted to knew it would be a good show," he wore jeans and white T-shirts. Management and Student Affairs; pull me up to say hi to everyone, let said. "It's always fun to see them get Shannon Crossland, assistant direceveryone know I was here. It's kind creative and get competitive, want athletes also contributed to the tor of Student Financial Aid and of funny because someone was like to beat one another. Try to scheme, performances. Paul Corbin sang Student Government Association 'Who's that chair for?' And I'm like 'Oh, Brian Duncan's signing."

This year, new CHAMPS/Life was excited to be part of the talent Karam played songs such as show because helping student-

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PAUL CORBIN, A participant in the Special Olympics, performs at the cond Annual Student-Athlete Talent Show while the judges make a decision on the winner. The talent show benefitted the Special Olympics.

what's that team doing, what's this a song and Christina Cruce sang team doing because you want to the national anthem before the win. It's always fun to kind of make an in-house competition that's fun and friendly and a good cause for the see more success in the future. community, of course."

"Halo" by Beyoncé and "I Gotta athletes in community service is one the crowd entertained all night. it wasn't a lot of people in the The softball team created a light crowd," Duncan said. "But as soon

Some of the Special Olympics show started.

All this indicates the show will

"Last year, we actually got There was much more that kept scared because when we started, ing for bigger, better things. We're





Wylie as strength coach

Tuberville went back to his Southeastern Conference roots to hire Auburn assistant strength and conditioning coach Joe Walker on State and Pittsburgh. Monday. The hire comes after Wylie coach, announced Saturday.

"I'm very excited to bring Joe onboard our staff," Tuberville said in a press release. "I've been around him for several years and been very impressed with his work ethic and the fact that he is able to get maximum light those new hires. The coaches effort from every player. A strength retained from former Tech coach coach is vital to every football pro- Mike Leach's staff are defensive line gram and Joe is a guy that can help coach Charlie Sadler and offensive us win football games."

Walker spent the last two seasons >> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

New Texas Tech coach Tommy at Auburn as assistant strength and Tuberville didn't waste much time conditioning coach. He previously finding a replacement for strength was a graduate assistant at Auburn and conditioning coach Bennie from 2003 to 2005, working under Tuberville during that time. He also has credits at TCU - where he was assistant strength and conditioning coach from 2005-2007 — and Kansas

In addition to serving the football joined the coaching staff at Tennes- program at Auburn, Walker was head see as strength and conditioning strength and conditioning coach for the baseball and softball teams.

> Tuberville's hire is the latest of many since his arrival in Lubbock. Offensive coordinator Neal Brown from Troy and defensive coordinator James Willis from Alabama highline coach Matt Moore.

# For new coaches, recruiting equals damage control time

Kiffin and Derek Dooley, the first Notre Dame football through Weis priority at their new jobs was just and his staff. keeping it together.

Keeping together the recruiting class, that is.

Coaching changes at Notre Dame, Southern California and Tennessee have added intrigue to the end of the recruiting season as three of the nation's marquee programs have

"This is maybe the most suspenseful recruiting season in the 12-plus commitment from Notre Dame to years I have been doing it," said Stanford. Jeremy Crabtree, national recruiting editor for Rivals.com.

The end is near, however. National signing day is Wednesday.

Kelly became coach of the Fighthire in college football after the 2009

switch from Charlie Weis to Kelly was fairly typical, giving Kelly about that for the most part will be Weis' last mark on the Fighting Irish.

lish relationships with players who stuck with the Fighting Irish.

(AP) — For Brian Kelly, Lane had spent months getting to know

"That's probably the most difficult part," said Kelly, who was recruiting before he even had a staff in place.

Kelly and the Irish lost the highest-rated player who had given Weis a nonbinding verbal commitment. Defensive end Chris Martin of Aurora, Colo., is now expected to sign scrambled to hold on to their blue with California. Another highly touted defensive end, Blake Lueders from Zionsville, Ind., switched his

> Lueders said the firing of Weis was a factor in his decision to change his commitment to Stanford, but not the

"It's tough when you're recruited ing Irish last December in what was by one staff and you build a relationexpected to be the most dramatic ship with them and then a completely new staff comes in and tries to act as if nothing happened," Lueders said. The timing of Notre Dame's "It's hard to build a relationship in such a short time."

Quarterback Andrew Hendrix eight weeks to put his stamp on a class of Moeller High School in Cincinnati reconsidered his commitment to Notre Dame after Weis was fired, Kelly's task was to quickly estab- took a visit to Florida, but ultimately

# Soggy start to Super Bowl week

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) indoors Monday. The NFL scrambled to move Tuesday's media day activities under cover. And tourism officials blow of a soggy start to Super Bowl

"Sometimes you need a break from with a 20-percent chance Sunday. the sun," said Nicki Grossman of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention on the field at Sun Life Stadium, the and Visitors Bureau. "Everybody all over the country has weather. And you don't have to shovel anything and coaches from the Saints and Colts that has fallen on us."

Even so, the less-than-Super weather — daylong rain blanketing the region — stirred unpleasant memories of the last time the NFL on a Super Bowl, and it continued throughout the game, chasing some fans away at halftime and sending others into concourses to watch on television as the Indianapolis Colts beat the Chicago Bears.

Although this is the middle of - Rain drove the New Orleans Saints South Florida's dry season, steady light rain also fell during Sunday night's Pro Bowl in Miami. The forecast called for a 30 percent chance of showers Tuestried to shrug off the public-relations day, prompting the media day switch. And, there is at least a slight chance of rain every day the rest of the week,

> Instead of conducting interviews NFL will hold them in an indoor concourse on the club level. All players will still be available for interviews.

"This should not be a major problem," NFL spokesman Michael Signora said. "It just will look different."

The Saints' first practice Monday title game came to town three years was moved 30 miles north from the ago. That was the first time rain fell University of Miami's outdoor fields to the indoor bubble at the Miami Dolphins' complex. The starting time was pushed back while equipment was moved from one site to the other.

> Rain also affected preparation of the playing field, Signora said.



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