# Student senate votes to table oversight bill

By JOEANN BON-JORNO STAFF WRITER

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Fewer than five Texas Tech student senators raised their hands during the student senate meeting Thursday when asked if they had ever seen a copy of the SGA budget, despite the constitution stating every senator has the ability to see a copy.

The questionnaire was part of the discussion for hotly debated Senate Bill 45.12 that suggested a senate review of the budget each year.

Senators voted to table the bill to revisit it at another date. Sen. Mac Smith said the bill is an unnecessary check. He said the bill is going to add two to three more

hours a week to executive officers' already busy schedules because it would require the officers to meet with committee chairs and explain the budget.

"Adding another layer is too much," Smith said. Administrative leaders have not displayed behavior that warrants such a bill, he said.

According to the bill, there is no oversight between the executive and legislative branches of the student senate in terms of the budget. The bill called for executive officers to present the maximum budget of each project to the committee chair council for approval at the beginning of every semester.

do with this year's executive branch and said she

thinks the bill is a good idea.

"It makes sure there is never a problem," she said. Sen. Tyler Patton, a co-author on the bill, said senators need to put the power of accessing the budget on

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their own shoulders. Sen. Colton Smith said the executive branch is elected and senators should trust the people for whom they voted. He said he trusts the executive branch and administration with handling the budget.

"We should have full trust in our executive officers," Smith said.

Sen. Drew Graham, another co-author on the bill, Sen. Jenny Mayants said the bill has nothing to said he trusts the executive officers as well, but wants to put preventative measures in place for the future.

"I thought as the student government we were students representing the students, not the administration," Graham said. Sen. Amelia Martin said the money involved in the

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budget belongs to everyone. "This is not just the executive officer's money," Martin said, "it's my money and the kid that sits next

to me in class' money." Sen. Ashley Larkin said there are people paid to

manage the budget and as a senator she is not qualified to deal with the budget in such a manner. "We have people who are paid to manage the budget that have training and knowledge," Larkin said.

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# AGANSTAWA

Tech hopes to contain OSU's Anderson in crucial game

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Mike Davis and the Texas Tech basketball team know they have to play Oklahoma State better in Lubbock than they did a month ago in Stillwater, Okla.

That means containing OSU's star guard James Anderson, who reeled off 25 points against the Red Raiders — in the first half.

"We'll still have our eye on him," Davis said. "He's a good player. He got on a hot streak last time, so hopefully this time we're able to contain him and come out with a

Tech started strong in its Big 12 onference opener against Oklahoma State on Jan. 9 in Stillwater.

At the time, just one Big 12 team had lost on its home floor, and it looked like Tech might make OSU the second team, leading 21-15 more than halfway through the first half.

But as the Red Raiders' scoring pace slowed, Anderson caught fire in an 81-52 drubbing of Tech.

Tech will have a chance at revenge when the two teams square off at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

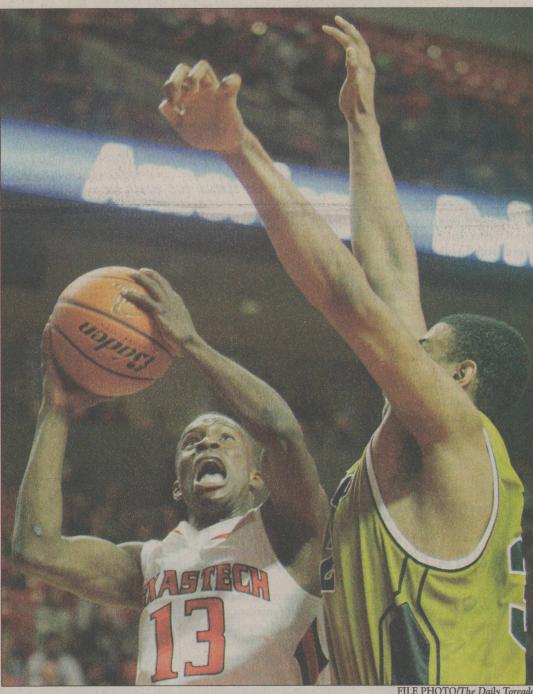
OSU coach Travis Ford said he's lucky to have a player such as Anderson on the floor every week.

"It's been a work in progress," he said Monday during the Big 12 coaches teleconference. "We have so many new players with six freshmen and one transfer. So there's no question we need him. There's no question James Anderson is one of the best players in the country and one of the best players on our team."

Tech guard John Roberson pointed out it's not only the Red Raiders who have struggled with the year. Tech's top scorer, forward Anderson, a 6-foot-6 junior, in the Mike Singletary, has 324 points

Anderson scored 24 points in the first half against No. 9 week, Tech (14-7, 2-5 in Big 12 Stillwater.

He leads the Cowboys in scor- nine regular season games. ing with 501 points, averaging 22.8 points per game. No one else on the Cowboy roster ranks anywhere been less than stellar this season, near him. OSU's Obi Muonelo and that they have been getting ranks second with 279 points on outrebounded.



DAVID TAIRU AND the Red Raiders have a shot to avenge their 81-52 loss to Oklahoma State earlier this season in Stillwater, Okla., when they take on the Cowboys at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

this season.

With no midweek game this Texas in a 72-60 loss Monday in play) took some time to consider what can be improved in the final

The Red Raiders recognized that at times their defense has shore up its deficiencies and players should not be many surprises expect to come out stronger against since the two teams already have the Cowboys (16-6, 4-4).

Saturday's game presents the Red Raiders with their first rematch going to try to do to us," Roberson opportunity of the season as Big 12 said. "They kind of caught us off teams from the same division play guard down there in Stillwater. I home-and-home series every year. think we're going to be ready for

second meeting with OSU this have a lot of counters to what season will be a more competitive they have on defense." game with Tech playing in front of a >>michael.graham@ttu.edu

So Tech has used the time to friendly crowd and the fact there played each other.

"I think we know what they're Roberson said the Red Raiders their defensive pressure, and we'll

# House agrees to \$1.9 trillion more in debt

By ANDREW TAYLOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Thursday voted to allow the government to go \$1.9 trillion deeper in debt — an increase of about \$6,000 more for every U.S. resident that provided a vivid election-year reminder of the nation's perilous financial condition.

The huge debt increase, approved 217-212, is only enough to keep the government afloat for about another year as it borrows more than 40 cents of every dollar it spends on programs like defense, health care, feeding the poor and protecting the environment. The budget tops \$3.7 trillion this year and the deficit's approaching \$1.6 trillion under the budget submitted by President Barack Obama this week.

The huge increase — to \$14.3 trillion — in the cap on federal borrowing was designed by Democratic leaders to ensure that the rank and file won't have to vote again to run up another increase before facing voters increasingly angry over government spending and debt in the November midterm elections.

Already, the accumulated debt amounts to roughly \$40,000 per person.

"This debt is being piled on the backs of our kids and grandkids with no relief in sight," House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said.

Economists warn that the rapidlyrising debt could force interest rates higher and, if left unchecked, could have even worse consequences for the economy.

Passage of the bill sends it to Obama, who will sign it to avoid a first-ever, market-rattling default on U.S. obligations.

"I can't think of a more reckless or irresponsible act. Defaulting is not an option," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass. "If the United States defaults, investors will lose confidence that the U.S. will honor its debts in the

Thirty-seven Democrats, mostly from GOP-leaning districts, voted against the measure. So did every Republican, even though they routinely supported prior increases in the borrowing cap when their party controlled Congress or when Republican George W. Bush was president.

Senate approval last week on a party-line tally was only possible because Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown had yet to assume office. Brown was being seated Thursday.

# 10 Americans charged in Haiti with kidnapping

By FRANK BAJAK THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Ten U.S. Baptist missionaries were charged with kidnapping Thursday for trying to take 33 children out of Haiti to a hastily arranged refuge just as officials were trying to protect catastrophic Jan. 12 quake. children from predators in the chaos of a great earthquake.

The Haitian lawyer who reprenine of his clients as innocents caught up in a scheme they did not understand. But attorney Edwin Coq continued to represent her.

They had no idea what was going Coq said.

on and they did not know that they needed official papers to cross the border," Coq said. "But Silsby did."

The Americans, most members of two Idaho churches, said they were rescuing abandoned children and orphans from a nation that UNICEF says had 380,000 even before the

But at least two-thirds of the children, who range in age from 2 to 12, have parents who gave them away sents the 10 Americans portrayed because they said the Americans promised the children a better life.

The investigating judge, who interviewed the missionaries Tuesdid not defend the actions of the day and Wednesday, found sufficient group leader, Laura Silsby, though he evidence to charge them for trying to take the children across the bor-"I'm going to do everything I can der into the Dominican Republic to get the nine out. They were naive. on Jan. 29 without documentation,

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# BRIEF

### STATE

## Faith groups meet to help end hunge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Baptists have set the table, Episcopals are hosting, and they're inviting Methodists, Catholics and all other faith groups to join in a quest to end hunger in San Antonio by 2012.

The Texas Hunger Initiative is a collaboration of local, state and federal agencies that have worked together quietly for about a year.

Baylor University's Jeremy Everett leads the initiative, which strives to

wipe out hunger in the entire state by 2015. Texas is No. 1 in childhood hunger and No 2 in food insecurity overall, he said.

Everett says San Antonio's supportive mayor and strong food bank make it an ideal place to start.

The group is holding a Texas Hunger Initiative Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio to explain how churches and nonprofits can get involved.

### NATION

# Toyota woes mount as gov't examines Prius brakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota faced mounting pressure Thursday as the government opened a probe of brake problems with the Prius, a crown jewel of its lineup. The beleaguered automaker said it was "too soon" to decide whether to add the hybrid to the millions of cars it has recalled.

Some owners of the 2010 Prius they press the brake pedal, or that the brakes have an inconsistent feel. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it would assess the scope of the problem and

the safety risk to about 37,000 cars that could be affected.

The investigation comes as safety questions surround Toyota, which has already issued broad recalls for millions of its best-selling vehicles, including the Corolla and Camry, because of gas pedals that can become stuck.

U.S. officials have blessed Toyhave reported their brakes do not ota's solution to that problem, always engage immediately when a small piece of steel designed to eliminate excess friction in the pedal mechanism, but have criticized Toyota for being too slow in responding to customer complaints.

### WORLD

## Officials: Suicide bomb kills 3 in Afghan south

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Officials say a suicide car bomber has killed at least three people and wounded 15 in southern Afghanistan.

Police say the bomber detonated his explosives-packed vehicle near a hotel in Kandahar, the main city in the province of the same name.

Hospital official Mohammad Ibrahim says the three killed included a

The bombing comes as NATO and Afghan forces are preparing for a joint offensive against Taliban militants in the neighboring province of Helmand.

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# Senate

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"The more representation the better,"

Stout said.

Patton said the fact 53 percent of the senators did not think an additional effort to be transparent and accountable to students about how a budget of

the formation of a constitution being

Senate Bill 45.13, which called for »joeann.bon-jorno@ttu.edu

formed for Freshman Council was passed, along with Senate Bill 45.15, which determined the allocation of senators Sen. Laura Stout said student senators per college for the 2010-2011 elections. should be able to see where the money Senate Resolution 45.43, congratulating the Tech Meat Judging Team for winning the 2010 National Western Stock show; Senate Resolution 45.44, which stated the sentiments of the senate regarding the naming of the new women's athletic softball field after Jeannine McHaney; and Senate Resolution 45.45 which stated the around \$215,000 is spent raises larger sentiments of the senate regarding the devastation in Haiti were passed.

### **Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle** museum 5 Drift 5 Drift 9 Caught on video 14 \*First family member 15 Muppet who testified before Congress 16 Spry 17 \*Old street corner singer 19 Director De Mille 20 Keys 21 \*Arthur in a dress 23 Orkan sign-off 23 Orkan sign-oil word 24 Express gratitude to 25 \*Receptacle for choice slips 27 Publisher often seen in PJs 28 Park, in NYC 30 Col. 's superior 31 Valuable rock 32 Mine entrance 34 Cover letter 70 Extra large? Thursday's Puzzle Solved 71 Con 72 Three-part nos. T U R F S E D D Y A T I L T B A R E letters 36 Diamond stat 38 Demonstrate DOWN 1 "Bewitched" role effectiveness, and a literal hint 1 "Bewitched" role 2 Hangdog 3 Lie 4 Actress Barkin 5 Ruby and others 65-Across's "Bravo!" 7 Microscopic organism and a literal nint to the puzzle theme found in the answers to starred clues 42 Farm dweller 43 Musical ability 44 D.C. fundraisers 47 \*Rrit award 7 Microscopic organism 8 Provençal cuisine delicacies 9 Middle x 10 One taking a little off the top? 11 Street going downhill? 2 Fmma's "Sense 47 \*Brit. award 47 \*Brit. award 50 Summa \_\_laude 52 Eastern principle 54 \*Murder, \_\_ Wrote" 55 \*Danseur noble's partner 58 Eucharist plate 60 Culinary author Rombauer 12 Emma's "Sense and Sensibility" story 40 "Do I dare to \_\_\_\_ peach?": Eliot 41 Near-exhaustion Rombauer 61 63-Across hdg. 62 \*Ball honorees 63 Besiege 65 \*Southwestern horseman 67 Musher's wear 68 Abbr. that shortens text 57 Bard's "below" 59 "\_\_forgiven" 62 Lip soother 64 West who said "To err is human, but it feels divine" 66 Repeated nursery rhyme opener 41 Near-exhaustion metaphor 45 Root for 46 Radar guns, e.g. 47 San Luis \_\_\_\_ California 48 Bill for shots 49 Author Leonard 51 Chops finely 67 Musher's wear 68 Abbr. that shortens text 69 Gossip columnist Cassini

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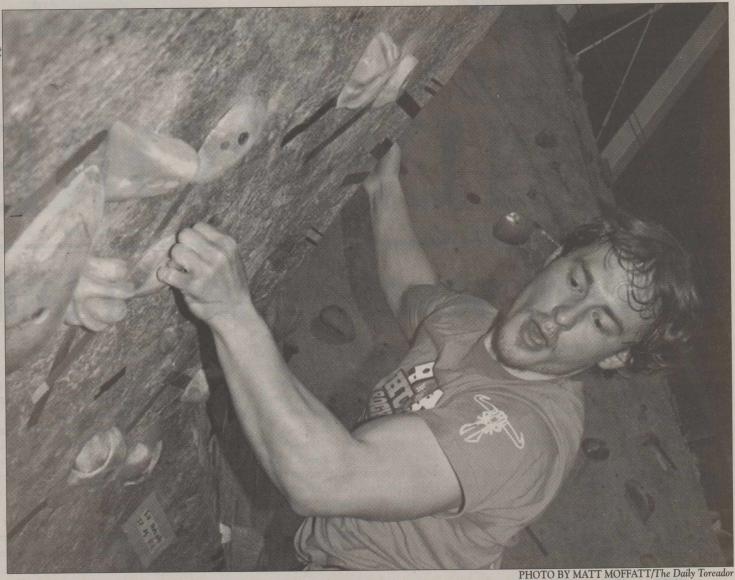
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### **StrengthsQuest Month** Monday, Feb. 8

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# ROCK ON



JOSH TRICK, A graduate student in classical humanitites from Vandalia, Ohio, prepares Thursday night at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center for an upcoming rock climbing competition.

# Senate to take up rare bipartisan jobs bill

next week featuring tax breaks for employers that hire unemployed divided along political lines.

Republicans and it appears to me, Also, lawmakers on the jobs program, they want to worried about work with us," Senate Majority re-election in Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told the midst of reporters. "We do believe very double-digit emphatically that we will be hav- unemployment ing a bipartisan bill."

The Senate will start work on as helping the 7 the bill Monday, Reid said. If the million Ameribill is passed by the end of next cans who have week, when the Senate takes a lost their jobs in President's Day break, it would the recession. hand President Barack Obama a badly needed political victory.

Passage of a bipartisan bill Massachusetts would contrast sharply with the said Sen. Chuck way Congress has done business for the past year, reflecting the Demo-Republican Scott Brown scored a stunning victory last month in helping the middle class." a special Senate election in Mas-

ate leaders plan to pass a jobs bill need at least some Republican support to pass legislation.

Democrats believe a jobs bill workers, a rare bipartisan effort in that includes tax breaks Republicans an election-year Congress sharply support is a good way to break the ice, while also reflecting Obama's "We want to work with the renewed emphasis on creating jobs.

> want to be seen bipartisan bill.

the message of Schumer, D-

your focus off — jobs, the economy,

In addition to the tax break for sachusetts. With Brown seated hiring unemployed workers, the bill Thursday, Senate Democrats no under discussion Thursday would longer have a filibuster-proof extend unemployment payments for

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen- majority in the body, meaning they those whose benefits have run out, and would renew a program that offers the jobless a subsidy for health insurance premiums under the CO-BRA program. About \$33 billion in popular tax breaks that expired at the end of 2009, including an income tax deduction for sales and

property taxes

and a business

tax credit for

research and

development,

would be ex-

tended through

Reid has

said he also

wants to ex-

tend at least

three programs

for another

year: funding

for the high-

way trust fund;

2010.

We do believe very emphatically that we will be having a

**HARRY REID** SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

tax breaks for crats' diminished power since focus immediately — and don't take small businesses that buy new equipment; and a bond program to help state and local governments pay for

infrastructure projects. The tax break for hiring unemployed workers would exempt companies from paying the employer's

share of Social Security payroll taxes for new workers hired this year, as long as those people had been unemployed at least 60 days. It would save companies 6.2 percent of the new workers' salaries that are subject to Social Security taxes, and would cost about \$11 billion over 10 years.

The measure is modeled after a proposal by Schumer and Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah. It is an alternative to Obama's proposed tax cut of up to \$5,000 for each new worker that employers hire.

Supporters said the Senate plan is cheaper, simpler and less vulnerable to abuse than Obama's plan, which would cost \$33 billion.

Tax experts, however, question how effective either plan would be as long as consumer demand for

products is down. "There's a feeling among a number of the people that we've talked to and heard from is that this isn't really focused on the real core issue or the core concern," said Rick Klahsen, a tax expert at the accounting firm RSM McGladrey. "In a sense they are saying look, a tax credit isn't going to do me any good if I don't

have the need to bring on a new

# NKorea says it will free detained US missionary

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) tainment came nearly four months from China.

Robert Park, of Tucson, Arizona, slipped across the frozen Tumen Kim Jong Il to close the country's to step down from power, rights activists in Seoul said.

North Korean media reported in a brief dispatch Dec. 29 that authorities had detained an American suspected of illegal entry, but said nothing more about it until

- North Korea announced Fri- after two other Americans, journalday that it will free an American ists Euna Park and Laura Ling, were missionary detained on Christmas released with former President Bill Day for illegally crossing the border Clinton's help after they were arrested at the border and sentenced

Late last month, North Ko-River into the North carrying let- rea's official Korean Central News ters calling on North Korean leader Agency reported the arrest of another American suspected of illegal notoriously brutal prison camps and entry. He has not been identified.

State media in Pyongyang said Friday that North Korea "decided to leniently forgive and release" Park after "taking his admission and sincere repentance of his wrongdoings into consideration."

No further details about Park's Friday, leaving his fate in question release were available Friday but his family in California said they were



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# US war commander sees progress in Afghanistan

employee."

ISTANBUL (AP) — A top U.S. military commander offered a hint of optimism on the war in Afghanistan on Thursday by declaring, in contrast to other officials, that the security situation in the Central Asian state was no longer "deteriorating" but merely "serious."

Gen. Stanley McChrystal's assessment, a modest upgrade to the nine-year war, runs counter to that of officials in Afghanistan and other nations who say they worry the Taliban has expanded its influence and that the situation has become explosive.

McChrystal says he agrees the Taliban has made strides in recent months and said he is "not prepared to say we've turned a corner." Even so, he told reporters, the Afghan government and U.S. forces are making enough progress to leave him more optimistic about the war than he was last summer, when he declared it backsliding.

"I feel differently now," said Mc-

"The situation is serious, but I think we have made significant progress in setting the conditions in 2009 ... and that we'll make real progress in 2010," he added later.

McChrystal's comments stand in contrast to those of officials in Afghanistan and other countries who say the Taliban's influence is expanding and that the situation there has worsened.

Nikolai Bordyuzha, secretary general of the Collective Security Treaty Organization — a federation of Central Asian states created by Moscow — said on Thursday that Afghanistan was "explosive" and "catastrophically deteriorating." His comments were reported by Itar-Tass, the Russian news agency.

Even if slight, any improvement to the U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan would bode well for President Barack Obama, who has staked his presidency on defeating the Taliban by widening the U.S. commitment. While antiwar Democrats say they are skeptical, Obama seems to have convinced many Democrats that more troops — 30,000 more are being deployed this year — are critical to ending the war.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and other Pentagon officials have suggested they need to show clear progress against the insurgents within 12 to 18 months to firm up public confidence in the war effort.

"Right now, the Taliban believe they're winning," Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a Senate panel this week. "Eighteen months from now, if we've executed our strategy, we'll know they aren't, and they will know that they can't."

Ivo Daalder, the U.S. Ambassador to NATO, on Thursday described 2010 as a "year of maximum effort."

"It is a year we are going to do everything we can, so down the road, we have to do less," Daalder said.

McChrystal, Gates and Daalder were part of a senior-level U.S. delegation attending NATO meetings this week in Istanbul. Among the delegation's priorities is ensuring that NATO bridges a shortfall of 4,000 trainers and

mentors needed to work with Afghan security forces, U.S. officials said.

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# Researcher unlocks medieval myth, encourages skepticism

**By JULIE DAVIS** STAFF WRITER

The myth of the chastity belt is a common medieval image, stirring ideas of fantasy and torture in the modern world. Albrecht Classen, a guest lecturer who spoke Thursday evening in the Qualia Room of the Foreign Languages building, said that notion is a lie.

"It's impossible," said Classen, who has published a book titled "The Myth of the Chastity Belt." "Any woman would die. If you think about the practical applications, infections would start within days; what would you even do with a woman who was menstruating? It's impossible. If you just think in normal, reasonable medical terms of what they thought was possible, it's realistically not."

Classen, a proclaimed feminist and advocate of women's studies, said many researchers in the area mistakenly refer to the chastity belt as a prime example of suppression, but the idea is a hoax.

His goal of the lecture was to promote understanding of any argument before choosing a position. He said his message had strong,

rational decisions," Classen said. "My talking exemplifies how that whole school of thought led to misconceptions and prejudices and stereotypes. I'm coming from the rational thought.'

Connie Scarborough, a Texas Tech professor of classical and modern literature and languages and a personal friend of Classen, said she brought the professor to guished position as a researcher.

She said Classen demonstrated passion for it. excellent research in medicine,



PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Toreadon PROFESSOR ALBRECHT CLASSEN of the University of Arizona gives a lecture on the history and myths of the chastity belt Thursday in the Foreign Languages building.

history and culture to produce most a caricature, a very powerful his work, and she wanted people tool and symbol," Classen said. here, especially students, to see "There are many objects identified the relevance of that dedication as chastity belts housed in soin scholastics.

of sources. He went back to origithat preconceived image because nal resources and asked, 'What the more gruesome, the better. do we really know," Scarborough The more death you have, the betunderlying political implications said. "I think we, as scholars, have ter. The more sexual deviation you a tendency to take things from have, people really seem to like "I want our politicians to see previous research, and it's good to it. So the whole concept serves bankers make more judicial and step back and look at what that very well modern researchers. It's research actually is."

ages as removed, Scarborough said, but when they can find and talk about really sexy topics it helps of teaching, and teaching is a medieval perspective. It's a perfect to spark interest in the time. A part of research. He gets a great illustration of what we as research- group of interdisciplinary teach- deal of satisfaction from speakers actual do, and that's teaching ers and administrators are pulling ing about the different topics he to establish a graduate certificate researches and does so weekly in in medieval studies to promote his hometown. research in the area.

in more speakers pertaining to public to see the university is a the arts, languages and classical contributing part of the larger the campus because of his distin- topics like Classen, who excel in society and researchers are as researching and have a personal relevant as engineers and electri-

"The chastity belt became al- »julie.davis@ttu.edu

called torture museums. My book "Dr. Classen took a look at a lot very much deals with the notion of a most natural thing that I want Students often see the medieval to share my research. I appreciate

> the opportunity." Classen said research is a part

He said because he is paid tax She said their goal is to bring money to research, he wants the

# SABER STANCE

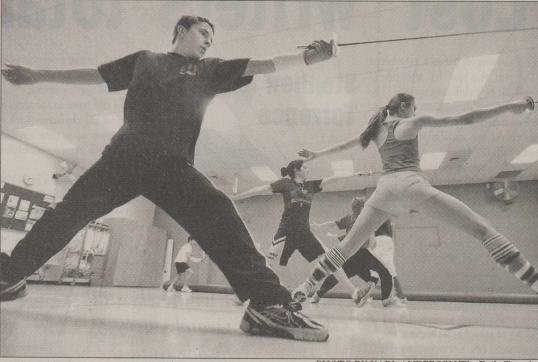


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

DANIEL TILLOTSON, A freshman with no declared major from Dripping Springs, advances with a saber during a Tech Fencing Club practice Thursday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

# Bands rock the house to find a cure

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

Local bands and Texas Tech comedy troupe Alternative Fuels plan on rocking the house Blind Fold Charlie, wanting to Saturday night to help find a cure for Parkinson's disease.

After struggling with the disease herself for five years, Event Coordinator Lisa McKinnon enlisted the aid of her son and his band to help find a way to raise money and awareness Flavor, The Warehouse Pilots for the disease. Even before her diagnosis in 2005, she worked with the Parkinson's Society of Lubbock because her mother suffered from the disease as well.

for a long time, but I've mainly geared my focus for it towards younger people because there's no sense in gearing it towards 70-year-old people because they really can't do anything, but younger people can," McKinnon said. "They can bring it, and I think that's where the cure is going to come from."

will take place at the Lubbock Cooper Performing Arts Center

tickets cost \$5.50 in advance and \$6.50 at the door.

The idea of a benefit concert came from her son's band, get involved in some kind of charity. Because the band knew members from other bands, they decided to reach out and ask for their support as well.

The bands playing include Blind Fold Charlie, Newest and You Said It! Instead of the having the concert feature one genre of music, these groups all have different styles, said Blindfold Charlie guitarist Joe McKinnon, which will attract "I've been an advocate for it a larger audience and entertain a larger crowd.

"We're really trying to appeal to our generation," said Lathe Hinch, bassist for You Said It! "It's just a really good cause and it'll be a really fun deal."

McKinnon wanted to bring in awareness to the community the improve troupe Alternaabout it, they can learn about tive Fuels to keep the audience entertained, she said.

"I-was trying to figure out Rock the House, Find a Cure someone to have in between bands and Joseph said, 'What about Alternative Fuels?" she

at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, said. "I thought it's a great idea and got Tech involved."

After the improv troupe performs, she plans to show videos about Parkinson's disease and the Michael J. Fox foundation where all the proceeds will go. She said she hopes these videos will help people learn about the disease and how important it is to find a cure.

"I know that it affects more than just the people that have it," Hinch said. "Just from talking to Joe about the concert, it's not just a show to him, it's more of a really cool benefit concert."

The original goal was to sell \$2,000 in tickets, but because of the partnership with Citibank, Lisa McKinnon said, the group already has raised \$5,400. For two days, Citibank donated its ad space in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal to run advertisements for the concert.

"It's going to be a sell out, In between the bands, Lisa so everybody needs to get their tickets because they're selling fast," she said.

One out of 10 people get Parkinson's disease and it's up to the younger generation to find a cure for it, Lisa McKin-

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# Adventures in Spain: Enjoying family time

It's been about a month since we arrived in this country of narrow streets and never-ending shade, and I think it's safe to say my host family has become my absolute favorite aspect of this experience.

I cannot speak for my fellow students, but I have fallen in love with my new family. Our mama's name is when we mess things up, like when I Esperanza Castillo Villanueva and she has two children, one daughter named Rocio and a son, Juanma. Her husband died from cancer no more than two of being lonely.

It breaks my heart, but she has to make us feel like part of the family. For instance Wednesday was Julianna's birthday. They told her she is now entire family came over (our extended host family), and we had a giant feast during which I gained at least one flights to Paris. It is much more difmore pound.

They gave her presents, and then pulled out another package from under the table and passed it to me. They gave me a present on Julianna's birthday because we won't be in Spain for mine. How sweet is that? They are great, and constantly help Julianna coming in already. and me in whatever way they can.





accidentally forgot to tell Mama Julianna wasn't coming home for lunch. She spanked me.

For my family, at least, being toyears ago, and she told us she entered gether is most important. We eat every into this program because she was tired meal together. Even if someone has to eat and run, it's always together.

Well anyway, on another note I such a loving heart. She always tries am still attempting to plan trips for the remainder of my time here. Why I continue to obsess over spending time

> ficult than I thought to plan these weekends. On top of flights you have to find a decent place to stay, make tours, etc. I can feel the gray hairs smell the crabgrass.

Two days ago I went on a jog near Thornton is a DT reporter.

appreciate its magnificence. If you walk on the stone walkway next to the river, you will see the hidden jewels of Seville:

The concentration of the rowers gliding by on the river's smooth surface is intense, and I was so impressed that I knelt down by the river's edge and watched their graceful movements for a full 20 minutes. Colorful and detailed graffiti splatters the cement wall supporting the distant street, and this anonymous artwork stretches on

Bicycles and joggers running at much higher speeds than myself flew past me, and I spotted a small park with bright green crabgrass where children pushed each other around on swings. I sat down in the park's far most corner in other places while I'm living in this and admired the river as the setting sun a woman, not a bebé. Anyway, the beautiful city is beyond me, but it's like set the drops of water on fire. I squinted from the twinkling light until I noted I am searching for affordable the grass was damp and my butt was wet, and continued on my way.

On my way home I made a promise to myself I would do that sort of thing more often. My greatest regret would sure your inexpensive flight takes you be to spend these four months worryto the correct airport and not one an ing about what to do next, and not hour outside of town and schedule taking the time to bend down and

And they also make sure to let us know the river and finally took the time to >> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu.

# Bestselling author to speak at series

By DEVIN SANCHEZ STAFF WRITER

Author Richard Florida will be the speaker at the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series on

Florida is the bestselling author of "Who's Your City?" and "The Rise of the Creative Class." Florida, the director of Martin Prosperity Institute at the Roman School of Management at the University of Toronto, founded the Creative Class Group, which is expected to create more than 100 million jobs in the next decade.

Steven Pedigo, a Creative Class Group speaker and facilitator, described the impact of the Creative Class as the core of economic growth in our future economy.

"The Creative Class is on 30 percent of the workforce," he said, "yet, it is crucial to the economic growth."

Jo Moore, administrator of the Presidential Lecture and Perfor-

mance Series, said she is thrilled to have Florida visit the Tech campus and the community of Lubbock because his theories will impact them.

"He has worked with communities all around the world to help lead them to economic prosperity," Moore said. "He really talks about what to do to increase business in the community."

Many city leaders, including the mayor, and the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance will be in attendance to hear Florida's ideas on how to make Lubbock a more appealing place for students to reside after college.

"Richard's really going to stress to the students the importance of place, where you live," Pedigo said. every other aspect in their life."

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Florida's theories of the Creative Class are taught all across campus, including in the Department of Theatre and Dance and the College of Architecture.

"He is very visionary," Moore said, "He talks about the future and what he sees happening globally."

The Presidential Lecture and Performance Series strives to inform, engage and entertain, not only students, but also the Lubbock community, she said.

"He is an academic, whose ideas are very progressive," Moore said. "It's a chance for students to hear a worldclass speaker, that they may not have had the chance, otherwise."

Florida will have a book signing immediately following the lecture, "Where a person lives really affects. and copies of his books will be available for purchase.

# Pneumonia, drugs killed Brittany Murphy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia, but anemia and prescription drugs also played a role, coroner's officials said Thursday.

The primary cause of death was community-acquired pneumonia, with contributing factors of iron deficiency anemia and "multiple drug intoxication," according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

The death was ruled accidental.

Coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey declined to specify what types of drugs were involved but said they were all prescription medications. Details about the drugs the "Clueless" and "8 Mile"

star had in her system will be released in several weeks when a complete report

Murphy died Dec. 20 at age 32 after collapsing at her Hollywood Hills home. Her mother and husband have said the actress didn't abuse prescription medications or have an eating disorder.

Attempts to reach them for further comment were not immediately successful Thursday.

Murphy's husband, Simon Monjack, and mother, Sharon Murphy, told investigators the actress had been experiencing flu-like symptoms in the days before she died.





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# 'Lost' writers totally lost

I will likely still

watch every

episode until the

series concludes

and then rend

my hair when we

never find out who

(or what) the heck

built the four-toed

statue.

Federal Safety Administration initiatives lagging

Tt's been off the air for the better part of a year, but after one of Lthe best cliffhangers since "The Hatch," "Lost" is back on television. Unfortunately, it seems that after five seasons on the air, the writers have finally run out of ideas.

Let me start by saying I've been a fan of the show since its inception. I was enthralled with its original premise — fifth season I started to enjoy how the culty for us as an audience. Since there not holding my breath. I will likely enigmas as entertainment. J.J. Abrams writers wove the time travel elements are now two timelines in place, which still watch every episode until the carefully crafted a world steeped in mys- into the series' immensely complex plot set of characters are we supposed to care series concludes and then rend my tery and revealed just enough to keep us structure. coming back week after week.

"Lost" built its reputation on the sixth season's preplot twist. Just when you thought you miere this Wedneshad a certain character figured out, the day on Hulu, and show would throw a curveball (he's an it confirmed what Other) or give you something else to I have suspected think about (the tail section survived), and repressed and all of the sudden you were plunged many, many times into blissful confusion once again.

As the series has progressed, how-series; the writers ever, these moves have gotten more have no idea what and more contrived. I had high hopes the heck they're for where the back-story regarding the doing anymore. Dharma Initiative would take the show. Yet it turned out to be just another may be a sci-fi source of mystery. Answers were never trope, but when forthcoming. Ever. And after a while this done carefully and started to get old.

(Oh yeah, spoiler alert.)

The fifth season took a really crazy an entirely new turn as the characters started traveling and intriguing levthrough time. I had always suspected "Lost" to be a science fiction series, but even I had to raise an eyebrow at it you need a good example. employing possibly the most overused sci-fi trope with such flippancy.

a house near Buffalo, N.Y., killing 50

people, the government has failed



Then I saw the throughout the

Time travel correctly it can take a story onto el. I recommend

the brilliant low-budget film "Primer" if so forth).

cided to use their half-cocked time travel ments of the entire series, was practically However, toward the end of the element to explore how the series might ruined in this week's premiere. Rather >>> stephen.torrence@ttu.edu

have gone had the plane never crashed, than being some sort of semi-sentient which just so happens to be the only security system for the island (somereason the show was interesting.

Since by this point in the series we know what all the characters were going to do anyway upon their arrival in telligent demigod of some kind. Los Angeles, this alternate timeline is rather boring.

about? The ones who've been on the hair when we never find out who (or

time or their statue. boring, ignorant doppelgangers in the alternate uni-

There are ers are just making up crap at this point. Many of the plot revelaers and cast have

chat sessions and

For instance, the smoke monster, one Instead of doing this, the writers de- of the most powerful and mysterious ele-

thing for which there has been much evidence over the years), it turns out the monster is actually a vicious, in-

Whatever.

Presumably, in this last season of Additionally, it raises a huge diffi- "Lost," we will get some answers. I'm island the whole what) the heck built the four-toed

> Yet even as frustratingly chaotic as the series has been, there's something tempting about trying to make all the confusing complexity into a coherent narrative. Sort of like waking up from more reasons to a disjointed but exciting dream, we try believe the writ- desperately to make all the disparate pieces fit together.

> And just like such dreams, the enjoyment comes not from the coherence we impose on the chaos, but tions of the recent from the very mystery of the chaos couple of seasons itself. Ironically enough, the more conflict with "in- crap the writers of "Lost" make up, sights" the writ- the greater this effect becomes.

> So maybe all this confusion and revealed in other chaos isn't that bad after all. I just ways (through hope the writers' random, mysterious interviews, Web twists keep going for a dozen or so more episodes. I'm not quite ready to wake up yet.

> > ■ Torrence is a senior philosophy major from Georgetown.

this card reader thing will work which is not always the case on for the Student Government As- both sides.

giving your ID to a person at the sity a better university. front desk and when you are ready to leave you have to come back the SGA staff, because I'm very to that person and sign out to get sure there are some who do work.

Easy, right? Not really. There have been several times where has more to do with just placing students have checked in and your face on a poster, name on a forgot to check out or simply did ballot and running for a position. not bother checking out.

Now, you may say, "Those are ■ Ronald Sanders is a junior

ven though it sounds like studying." I can also say that a great idea, I have my about our senators. "Those are doubts about whether kids who just ran for a position,"

In all honesty, I am convinced I work at the Marsha Sharp that some of our student senators Center for Student-Athletes on ran just to say they had the chance campus and we have something to serve on the Texas Tech SGA similar to what the SGA is go-staff. In reality, our senators need ing to implement. You sign in by to be running to make our univer-

> I'm not bashing all senators or But what I do want to see is a desire to be a part of something that

athletes. They don't care about history major from Lubbock.

# New York AG filing charges against Bank of America

NEW YORK (AP) — The New almost a year of strife that followed the York Attorney General's office said Thursday it filed civil charges against Bank of America and its former CEO Ken Lewis, saying the bank misled investors about Merrill Lynch before it acquired the Wall Street bank in

Civil charges were also being filed chief financial officer.

At the same time Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's office was filing its civil charges, the Securities and Exchange Commission reached a settlement to resolve separate federal charges it brought against Bank of America over similar issues. It is the second time at all times acted in good faith and the SEC and Bank of America have consistent with their legal and fiduciary tried to settle the case.

Bank of America has been accused of failing to properly disclose losses at Merrill and bonuses paid to investment bank employees before the deal closed. Cuomo called Bank of America's acalso the federal government.

The bank received an additional \$20 billion in government bailout funds in January 2009 to help offset losses it absorbed as part of the Merrill Lynch acquisition. In December, Bank of America repaid the \$20 billion, plus the initial \$25 billion it received in won't not be going to trial with the government bailout money.

Bank of America Corp. on Dec. 31 after scheduled for March 1.

bank's purchase of Merrill Lynch. Price became head of the bank's consumer banking division, taking over for Brian Moynihan, who succeeded Lewis as CEO on Jan. 1.

Moynihan is not under investiga-

"We are disappointed and find against Joe Price, the bank's former it regrettable that the NYAG has chosen to file these charges, which we believe are totally without merit," Bank of America spokesman Robert Stickler said.

"The evidence demonstrates that Bank of America and its executives, including Ken Lewis and Joe Price, obligations," Stickler said. "In fact, the SEC had access to the same evidence as the NYAG and concluded that there was no basis to enter either a charge of fraud or to charge individuals."

Bank of America agreed to pay tions "egregious and reprehensible" in \$150 million to shareholders to settle deceiving not only shareholders, but the SEC charges. The agreement still must be approved by U.S. District Judge led S. Rakott.

> In September, the bank and the government agreed to a \$33 million settlement only to have Rakoff reject the agreement.

Stickler confirmed that the bank SEC on their charges, assuming the Lewis stepped down as CEO from settlement is approved. The trial was

### The Feb. 12, 2009, crash is conforms it promised in response to the accident, a government watchdog sidered one of the most significant aviation accidents in recent years tion program was flawed and imporsaid Thursday. Transportation Department In- because it pointed to what many tant questions were not asked. For rule could be years in the making,"

spector General Calvin Scovel said experts say is a lower level of safety example, FAA inspectors observed the Federal Aviation Administra- for smaller regional airlines that more than 2,400 airline-conducted tion has fallen behind schedule or operate short-haul flights for larger tests of pilot skills, but they didn't table for issuing a new pilot fafailed to meet goals on eight of 10 carriers. Regional airlines provide ask airlines whether the pilots actu-tigue rule was "overly ambitious" measures the agency said it would the only scheduled service to about ally passed the tests, Scovel said. take, including new regulations 440 communities in the U.S., acto prevent pilot fatigue and better counting for about half of domestic a self-imposed deadline to propose complex." inspection of training for regional departures and one-quarter of airline new pilot fatigue regulations. Pilot

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FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt countered that his agency Inc. of Manassas, Va., was operat-

Today's

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year and said the law requires FAA to go Continental Airlines. The National for 20 years to update its rules after a regional airliner crashed into through a time-consuming process Transportation Safety Board has said for pilot hours and work days before adopting new regulations.

'We would all love to move to implement most of the safety re- faster," Babbit told the committee.

passengers.

Regional carrier Colgan Air deserves credit for its hard work ing the flight for Houston-based

pilot error caused the crash.

Scovel said that while the FAA stepped up pilot-training inspections, its inspectors didn't have the background they needed, the inspec-

Scovel also said the FAA missed fatigue was among the errors cited tion President Roger Cohen said Tuesday by the NTSB in its investi- carriers are reviewing NTSB's gation of Flight 3407.

The NTSB has urged the FAA in the case.

to prevent fatigue, but a previous attempt to create new rules collapsed in the face of disagreements between airlines and pilot

"If past is prologue, the new

Babbitt said his initial timeand that writing the regulation has turned out to be "incredibly

Regional Airline Associafindings and recommendations

# Activists want makers to come clean on cleansers

tery under the kitchen sink.

human health or the environment?

to use a 1971 New York state law to judge at a hearing Thursday. force such manufacturers and Procter and Tide.

recently ramped up voluntary efforts

NEW YORK (AP) — It's the mys- want the public to know more.

Exactly what's in floor cleaner? mation so they can determine the kind public's exposure to toxic chemicals. What's stain remover made of? And of chemicals that they are introducing what effects, if any, might they have on into their homes and whether there are product components to asthma, antiany risks associated with them," Keri biotic resistance, hormone changes meaningful way that provides more Environmental advocates want to Powell, an attorney for the environ- and other health problems. The know, and they asked a court Thursday mental firm Earthjustice, told a state industry's major trade group, the Soap

& Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive would require companies to report are safe if used correctly and notes to reveal just what makes up such their contents only to the state. But the that cleaning can itself help stop the household staples as Ajax, Ivory soap advocates hope it will fuel nationwide spread of disease. reform of regulations on chemicals in The cleanser industry — which cleaners and other products.

that the legal case is unwarranted, consumer goods, from the heavy metal and that fears about health risks are cadmium in jewelry to the chemical But groups including the American lawyers argued the cleaning-products last month, offering information on hope the New York law can serve as Lung Association and the Sierra Club case in New York, a Senate subcom- participating manufacturers' Web a model.

mittee in Washington held a hearing sites. New York-based Colgate-Palmo-

and Detergent Association, assails the A victory in the New York case research as flawed, says the products

Federal environmental laws don't require most household cleaning prod-The case comes amid growing con- ucts to list their ingredients, though to unveil product ingredients — says cerns about potential toxins lurking in there are congressional proposals to change that.

Cleanser industry groups unveiled

Members "want access to the inforto examine current science on the live Co., Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble Co. and several other industry Some studies have linked cleaning heavyweights are participating.

"We think we've done it in a information than ever before," Soap and Detergent Association spokesman Brian Sansoni said. Environmental advocates welcome

the disclosures but say they are too selective and vague — some components can be listed simply as "fragrance" or "dye," for instance. "We must be careful about expo-

sures for all household chemicals," said Joseph A. Gardella Jr., a Sierra Club member from Buffalo.

The activists say only regulation bisphenol A in baby bottles. While their own ingredient-listing initiative can insure full disclosure, and they

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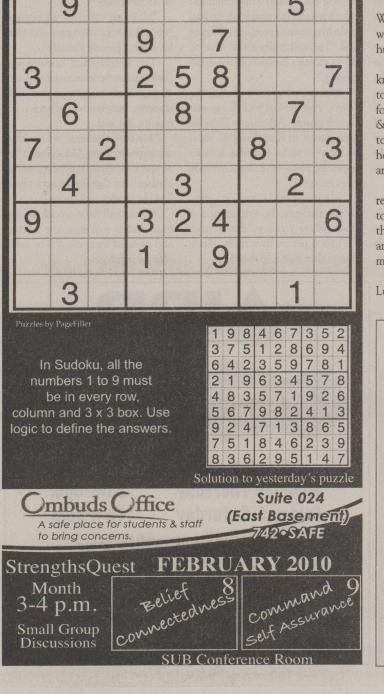
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# SPORTS SHORTS

### Godfrey named offensive player of the year

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Gilmer quarterback Darian Godfrey grabbed offensive player of the year honors on the Texas Sports Writers Associations Class 3A all-state football team.

The 208-pound Godfrey rushed for passed for 3,581 yards (254 of 357) with 42 TDs and only six interceptions. He added 848 yards rushing and 22 TDs in leading Gilmer to the Division I state championship.

Carthage defensive lineman De-Shun Williams was the defensive player of the year. The 270-pounder had 30 tackles for losses in leading his team to the Division II state title.

### US midfielder Torres out with strain in right hamstring

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Pachuca coach Guillermo Rivarola says American midfielder Jose Francisco Torres has an injured right hamstring and could be sidelined for a few weeks.

Torres sustained the injury against Queretaro in the second round of league matches, but the strain took its toll last weekend and forced the U.S. national player to come out during the South Africa.

second half against Atlante.

Rivarola told reporters on Thursday that the player, known as "El Gringo," will be missed, particularly because his play at midfield has been improving. Torres was on the roster for the last two U.S. World Cup qualifies and is expected to be in the mix for a spot on the U.S. team for this year's tournament in

### Rockets recall rookie guard, draft pick Jermaine Taylor

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets have recalled guard Jermaine Taylor from their developmental league affiliate.

The Rockets announced the move Thursday. They assigned the 6-foot-4 Taylor to the Rio Grande Valley Vipers on Jan. 28. He scored ter the Wizards selected him with 30 and 32 points respectively in the 32nd overall pick.

games against Albuquerque on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Taylor has averaged 2.4 points in 13 games with the Rockets this season. The rookie from Central Florida had his draft rights acquired by Houston from Washington, af-

### Texas Sports HOF expands with history of SWC

WACO (AP) — The holes on the No. 20 jersey Early Campbell wore for Texas in the 1978 Cotton Bowl are reminders of the futile attempts by defenders trying to after a 15-month project that has tackle the Heisman Trophy win-

bell bulling over people, are in ton Bowl and nine SWC schools. 

the Longhorns section of the new Southwest Conference wing at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

The museum reopens Saturday

more than doubled its size. The gem of the expansion is a The tearaway jersey, along nearly 10,000-square-foot room with video highlights of Camp- dedicated to the history of the Cot-

### About \$300,000 in Texas no-win BCS items for Haiti

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly \$300,000 worth of clothing ready for sale if Texas had won the BCS championship over Alabama will be sent to Haiti as earthquake

University Co-op spokeswoman Casey Ellis says the 13,000 shirts and 1,000 caps were to be shipped Friday.

Ellis told The Associated Press that the items, printed to hail a UT victory, were made a day or two before the Jan. 7 game in and apparel.

which Alabama beat the Longhorns 37-21.

Ellis says the shirts retail for \$20 each, while the cap price

She says the University Co-op is working with charitable groups to have the donated apparel transported from Austin and distributed in Haiti, which was devastated in the Jan. 12 quake.

The co-op is the main distributor of UT Longhorn merchandise

# Tech women's golf in Puerto Rico for Classic

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Robertson and her team are look- Jackie Smith said. ing forward to doing something other than practicing.

"We're definitely excited," done as we can with some of the Mendoza and Kim Kaufman. bad weather we've had. I think they're definitely looking forward to getting out there with a great this group.

its time in paradise participating in the 2010 Lady Puerto Rico Classic which will begin Sunday and conclude Tuesday at the Coco Beach Golf Course in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. The players haven't played in a tournament since November and Robertson begins her first spring season as Tech's coach.

Robertson said the team is behind her." embracing the opportunity to of which she should recognize.

Tech and Robertson were both in this same tournament last year, only Robertson was the head coach of Purdue and led it during the fall. to a victory. Tech finished 15th out of 16 teams in the competiplayers wanting more. tion last year.

Purdue to four straight Top 10 NCAA Championship finishes, including second in 2007 and fourth in 2008.

hoping for a solid season.

"She definitely brings a lot of experience and we're just excited More than anything, Texas to have her with us, excited to see Tech women's golf coach JoJo what outcomes take place," junior

However, Robertson takes over a young team.

Four of the seven players on Robertson said. "We haven't the roster are freshmen along with played in awhile or competed two juniors and one senior. The in awhile. The girls have been freshmen consist of Deborah de working hard, gotten as much Villa, Gabby Dominguez, Beverly

But the upperclassmen they'll play hard, and I think Smith, Alex Gibson and Rosalyn Kim — have become leaders for

Robertson said she is confident The team will be spending about the group of players she has.

"They're great and I couldn't have asked for anything better," she said. "My assistant and I inherited some good players and we're pretty excited about what we have. The freshmen have stepped into a program and have done very well. We've got one senior and (Rosalyn Kim) is kind of our leader but our freshmen are right there, right

There won't be too much activplay against top-notch teams, one ity for this young team, however. The Lady Raiders only have five tournaments before the Big 12 Conference Championship in April. Tech had four tournaments

But success in the fall season has

Month in November after winning Lubbock. the Heather Farr/CU Memorial in Her past success has players the tournament, which was its first right way.

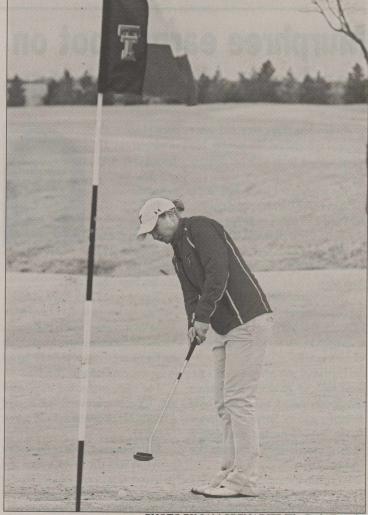


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TEXAS TECH'S JACKIE Smith practices at Rawls Golf Course Thursday in preparation for the Lady Puerto Rico Classic, which starts Sunday and ends Thursday in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

During the fall season, Gibson since the 2007 Jeannine McHaney In her career, Robertson led was named Big 12 Player of the Memorial at Rawls Golf Course in

With Robertson at the helm and Erie, Colo. That win helped lead recent success to build on, players Tech to an overall team win in hope to start this season off the

"We always want to get off to a good start." Kaufman said. "We started really well last season in the fall which is exciting, we also won some. If we just go out and play well we'll be happy.'

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# NFL union leader paints bleak picture of future FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. ing at a 2010 season with no salary deals even if no games are played in

Smith was simple, coming from Cincinnati receiver Chad Ochocinco, March 2011, a lockout that year. asking how serious he viewed the played in 2011.

Smith did not hesitate. "On a scale of 1 to 10," Smith said Thursday, "it's a 14."

With that, the executive director of the NFL Players Association painted perhaps the bleakest picture yet regarding prospects of labor strife

(AP) — The question to DeMaurice cap and, if the collective bargaining 2011. He regarded that as proof owners agreement expires as scheduled in

"I keep coming back to an econompossibility of football not being ic model in America that is unparalleled," said Smith, who often repeated phrases for emphasis. "And that makes it incredibly difficult to then come to players and say, on average, each of you needs to take a \$340,000 pay cut to save the National Football League. Tough sell. Tough sell."

Smith said the NFL would receive

are preparing for a lockout.

"Has any one of the prior deals included \$5 billion to not play football?" Smith asked, referring to previous contracts that were extended or redone. "The answer's no."

Some of Smith's nearly hour-long question-and-answer session during Super Bowl week was spent reiterating past claims, such as team values increasing "almost 500 percent" over the last 15 years. There was also a call in the league, which could be look- \$5 billion from its network television to have all 32 NFL teams open their one side all the way."

books to show who was losing money and how much.

Smith also said he wanted teams to contribute what, ultimately, would be millions into what he called "a legacy fund" that would better support retired players.

Most of his focus, however, was on getting a new CBA.

"I really and truly in my heart believe we'll get a deal done," NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said. "But there's going to have to be some give and some take and not just taking from

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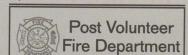
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# SPORTS

# Murphree earns spot on academic all-district team

Jordan Murphree received some ence play) is set national recognition Wednesday, but to take on No. 17 it had nothing to do with her skills on Texas (15-6, 4-3)

The senior guard was named to the in Austin. CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VI first team for her accom- Raiders have the plishments in the classroom. This marks opportunity to end the first time she has been named to the a five-game skid first team after being named to the second against the team

Players must either be a starter or an at their institution in order to be eligible for the selection.

tional ballot for Academic All-America consideration, which will be made up of with Texas. Murphree and Tech forward 41 student-athletes. She also is Tech's first Ashlee Roberson combined for 58 points, Academic All-District first team selection 29 apiece. for the women's basketball team since Erin Grant in 2006.

Murphree is joined in District VI by Lamar's Ashley Crawford, Louisiana-Monroe's Jesse Carrier, Oklahoma State's Megan Byford and two players she will be sharing the court with Sunday — Kathleen Nash and Ashleigh Fontenette home, where they will return to play Texas

at 1 p.m. Sunday

The Lady

that first began that streak. Texas defeated Tech 95-90 in double important reserve, have a cumulative overtime on Jan. 16 in the United Spirit GPA of 3.30 or higher and have one year Arena. In that game, four Longhorns — Earnesia Williams, Brittainey Raven, Nash and Fontenette — scored in double figures The honor puts Murphree on a na- in the win, combining for 70 points.

The high production didn't end

With Friday usually being the day for interviews with the media, players and Tech coach Kristy Curry were unavailable for comment on Murphree's recognition or the Texas game as of press time.

The trip to Austin will be the Lady Raiders' second straight game away from A&M next Wednesday.

Tech (13-7, 1-6 in Big 12 Confer- piose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu

# Lady Raiders at North Texas this weekend

**By JOSHUA KOCH** STAFF WRITER

North Texas is not just where the Texas Tech women's tennis team will face the Mean Green at noon Saturday in Denton.

It's home for one Lady Raid-

"I like it," said Natalie Leitch, a Dallas native. "My family is going to come out and watch and some other friends. So that'll be good to have some people not for North Texas at their home field."

After having a week off, Tech coach Todd Petty and his Lady Raiders are ready for their first road match of the season.

The time off gave the team a chance to rest up and improve parts of its game.

"(We worked) on the midcourt ball, working on being a little more aggressive, a little more attack minded," Petty said. "Spent a lot of time on doubles since we didn't get to play a lot in the first weekend. A lot of heal up and get rested."

But the break is over, and

Tech is getting back to work against a solid UNT squad.

North Texas is 2-2 this season, recording wins against UTSA and Jacksonville. Additionally, there's Irina Paraschiv, who Petty pointed out as a solid No. 1 in the Mean Green's lineup.

North Texas has had some tough losses as well, but both came against top-notch teams.

Its losses came against No. 8 Florida and, most recently, Okla-

The Lady Raiders, on the other hand, sit at 3-0. Tech has wins against UT-Arlington, Tulane and New Mexico. All of the wins were in the friendly confines of the McLeod Tennis Complex,

The first road match of the is a familiar opponent. season can be a crucial test for a team, but junior Kelsey Garland said it's a welcomed challenge.

"Everyone is just really pumped our first road trip," she said. "I think everyone is excited to go 6-2, 0-6, 10-7. down there and play North Texas on the road."

It may help that North Texas was interim coach for the Lady »joshua.koch@ttu.edu



TEXAS TECH'S NATALIE Leitch returns home when the women's tennis team faces North Texas at noon Saturday in Denton. Leitch is a Dallas native.

Tech defeated UNT 6-1 last former coach Cari Groce. vear at home as Garland notched a win against Paraschiv. Leitch may be looking for a little reto be able to travel as a team for demption this time around — she weekend's match will not be easy. lost to UNT's Narine Kazarova

who is an improved team. I think has a little more significance, going to beat themselves. We are the time was spent just trying to everyone is excited to get a win however. It was Petty's first win going to have to go out there and as a head coach. At the time, he earn it."

Raiders following the departure of

Petty said he is prepared for the Mean Green, considering he has seen them before. However, this

"It's going to be mental," he said. "They don't go away. They're The win against UNT last year solid one through six. They're not

# Tech track team spread across country for meets

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech track and field will Nebraska was canceled after poor weather conditions in Lubbock hampered Tech's travel plans.

The bulk of the Red Raiders' team will be in Lubbock for the good enough to rank them sixth nasecond Texas Tech Invitational of tionally. They will look to improve the season at 10 a.m. on Saturday in on that mark against some of the the Athletic Training Center.

It wouldn't

be surprising to see

faster times this

weekend with the

extra preparation

we've had, with

more time to rest up.

**WES KITTLEY** 

TEXAS TECH TRACK AND

FIELD COACH

However, Tech also will send several competitors to the New Balance Collegiate Invitational in New York City and the New Mexico Classic and Combined Events in Albuquerque, N.M.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said the unexpected week off should help the athletes in their meets this weekend, and he does not ex-

pect his runners to be rusty.

"I think what it allowed us to do, with a lot of kids who were a little bit sore with a hamstring strain running a bit, we got them all fresh again," Kittley said. "We had some hurt as much."

Tech is sending a slew of athletes said. across the nation to compete this

weekend in order to see how they stack up against some of the nation's top competitive teams.

Among the athletes traveling be back in action this weekend to New York City are the women's after last Saturday's dual meet at distance medley relay team of Purity Biwott, Trudeann Clarke, Gladys Kipsang and Caroline Karunde.

The women's team has a time of 11 minutes, 24.10 seconds, which is top teams in the nation, includ-

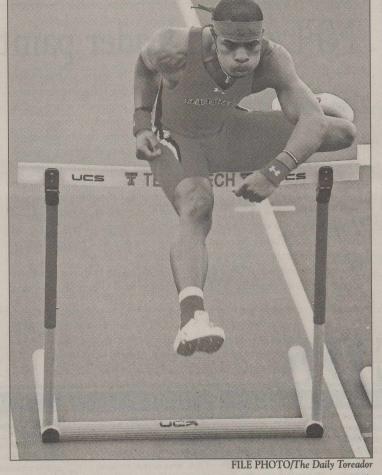
ing defending national champion Tennes-

The men's distance medley relay team of Zach Dawson, Silas Kemboi, Zach Plinario and Gilbert Limo also is headed to the Big Apple to compete against top teams including No. 1 Texas A&M's relay

Tech will face Texas A&M again on Feb. 13 in College Saturday include North Texas, Mc-Station at the Texas A&M Chal-

Staying in Lubbock for the Texas American hurdler Omo Osaghae.

really good practices this Monday faster times this weekend with the not competed since the first meet and Tuesday and so I don't think it extra preparation we've had, with of the season on Jan. 16. more time to rest up," Osaghae



TEXAS TECH HURDLER Omo Osaghae will compete in the Texas Tech Invitational Saturday in the Athletic Training Center. It is one of three meets Tech track athletes will compete in this weekend.

Murry, and reigning junior college national champion South Plains.

Some athletes have had more or with whatever, we planned on Tech Invitational is senior All- than just one week to make sure they are 100 percent healthy. Se-"It wouldn't be surprising to see nior pole-vaulter Brian Porter has

> Porter will be traveling to Albuquerque along with fellow pole-Teams competing in Lubbock on vaulters Amanda Alley and fresh

man standout Shade Weygandt.

Kittley said he expects his team to continue to improve each weekend until the end of the season.

"What we're looking for is consistency with our hurdlers, consistency with our runners and also some better marks," Kittley said. 'They don't have to be fantastically better but I would like to see some improvement."

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# Clippers GM Dunleavy drops coaching duties

Dunleavy stepped down as the Los ing to Los Angeles in 1984. Angeles Clippers' head coach Thurs-

Assistant coach Kim Hughes will be the interim replacement for Dunthe star-crossed franchise in 2003.

The Clippers abruptly announced the moves in an afternoon news tonio, with another once-promising season in danger of slipping away.

"It just seems clear that the team needs a fresh voice, and we hope that our players will respond in a positive way," Clippers president Andy Roeser said in a statement.

Despite a talented roster includ-Gordon and Marcus Camby, the Clippers are in 12th place in the Western with six losses on a just-completed eight-game road trip.

the No. 1 overall pick in last summer's draft, will miss the entire season after breaking his kneecap in Los Angeles' final preseason game.

Dunleavy, who said he had "sever-Donald Sterling about the Clippers' direction, is the winningest coach in two winning seasons in 30 years and of a 2008-09 season.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike only one playoff series victory since mov-

"I've come to the conclusion that day, retaining his job as general this is the ideal time for me to direct my efforts toward the many personnel opportunities that lie before us, such as the trade market, the draft and the free agent leavy, who has led the Clippers to just process," said Dunleavy, who added GM one winning season since taking over duties to his coaching responsibilities in 2008. "We fully expect to be active and productive on all those fronts."

Hughes, a former ABA and NBA release, saying the decision was volun- player who has never been a head coach, tary and mutual. Los Angeles (21-28) has been Dunleavy's assistant since the has lost five of six heading into Sat- start in Los Angeles. He spent several urday's home game against San An- years on the Nuggets' bench before joining the Clippers, and has been a scout in Denver and Milwaukee.

Dunleavy was 215-325 in 61/2 seasons on the bench, and Los Angeles made the playoffs just once in his first six seasons, getting within one game of the Western Conference finals in 2006. The Clippers haven't been back to the playoffs since, ing Baron Davis, Chris Kaman, Eric winning just 42 games in the past two

Dunleavy played for Philadelphia, Conference. Los Angeles dropped a Houston, San Antonio and Milwaukee season-worst seven games under .500 during his career, but the Brooklyn native's entire coaching career has been downhill from his debut season with the Perhaps the Clippers Curse has a Los Angeles Lakers in 1990-91, when he bit to do with it as well: Blake Griffin, reached the NBA finals. After just two seasons with the Lakers, he coached four losing seasons in Milwaukee before a moderately successful four-season run

with the Portland Trail Blazers. After hiring Dunleavy in 2003, the al conversations" recently with owner much-criticized Sterling showed considerable patience, extending the coach's contract through 2011 after that sole franchise history — admittedly not a playoff run — and even sticking with high bar to clear on a team with just him through the Clippers' 19-63 misery

# SKETBALL GAME TOMORROW OKLAHOMA STATE SATURDAY, FEB. 6TH 12:30 PM

# Colt's Manning keeps things on the move

MIAMI (AP) — Peyton Manning barks out the name of the play: "TRIPS behind him — if he dares. RIGHT 255 X BLOCK SLANT H DISCO ALERT 12 TRAP."

starts to call signals for the hike. No. wait!

something he doesn't like. Maybe a line- Colts: Is Manning really changing the backer set to blitz from the blind side. Or play, or just bluffing? a cornerback sneaking up.

"Blue 15! Blue 15!" he hollers.

chaos, really. Manning in motion.

Every defense is a matrix, and no one

"He sees those things so well that I can't even explain it," Indianapolis right ling from end to end, a Civil War general tackle Ryan Diem says. "It's not to say he surveying his front line. has a sixth sense or anything, but ..."

He does this time.

the line of scrimmage. His helmet swivels That's the main thing," Lewis advises. as he scans the whole field.

Darren Sharper might take a look

"I don't know if you want to read Pey-The Colts pivot into position. He cat eyes that'll trick you if you watch them too much," the New Orleans safety says.

Here's what the Saints need to answer The NFL's best quarterback spots Sunday in the Super Bowl against the DeVan says.

Manning sure looks like he's Now begins the Peyton Shuffle. center Jeff Saturday and right guard Shouting. Stomping. Waving his arms like Kyle DeVan. He points once, twice, permit coaches to deliver their message a marionette gone mad. Choreographed three times with his right arm at a via wireless earpiece in the quarterback's defender.

"Pickle!" he yells. "Richmond!" in football solves them like this year's Most he might say. Or "Yo-yo!" or "Sally!" or "Orange!"

Pretty soon, he'll be in full fury, patrol-

Got to do it quickly, too.

Manning shakes his right index finger toward the right side, curls his left thumb and fingers to form a "C." Could be hand ton's eyes too much. He kind of has those signals checking to another play, perhaps "Dice Right Ice Cream Alert 654 Jose."

> "If you want to look at it like a chessboard, he is putting his pieces in place,"

The Colts work without a huddle and Manning calls his own plays, a rarity at any level of the game. Offensive coordinator calling an audible. He gets between Tom Moore usually tells him three plays per snap — two runs, one pass. NFL rules

> "I just give him ideas and he goes from there," Moore says.

Manning often improvises. Exactly how much, no one says.

"He tells me before the game, 'Hey, if you see something out there, you call Star Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis it. You change it and I have your back," grins. He's seen this act plenty. "You've got Manning says. "Some coaches tell their Manning takes six fast steps toward to figure out what's real and what's not. quarterbacks, 'Hey, you can change the play, but it better work.' That is not confidence. That is a threat.