## Serving the Texas Tech University community since 1925 Board of Regents to discuss budget, tuition

By JON VANDERLAAN NEWS EDITOR

gents is meeting today to discuss the system. the system and university budgets

tors ultimately must decide wheth- percent. er to enact a 5 percent budget cut request from Gov. Rick Perry. The cuts would come in the form of not

at being enacted and what kind cutting travel. The Texas Tech Board of Re- of an impact they would have on

The state is expected to en- 2010-2011 academic year. for Fiscal Year 2011 and approve counted a significant budget shortcaps for tuition and fees for fall for the next biennium, and each of the schools in the Tech all state agencies were required to come up with a plan to cut Regents and Tech administra- state-appropriated budgets by 5

plan that was created because of a fif the plan is effected, most of the and fee assessment schedule.

whether the cuts have a chance- ing energy-saving procedures and freezing tuition in 2008-2009.

secretary to the board, while the of Jones AT&T Stadium. Texas Tech Health Sciences Cen-

Also on the agenda for the Potential cuts in the budget also meeting are approving a revised incould affect tuition and fees for the stitutional mission statement, the renovation and improvement of Tuition and fee caps will be ap- the Football Training Facility and proved in Thursday's meeting for practice fields, changing the name Tech and Angelo State University, of a building and re-approving the said Christina Martinez, executive construction on the north endzone

Tech administrators have said ter will approve its final tuition facilities will consist of replacing rearranging lockers. two natural grass practice fields The university raised tuition with artificial turf fields and a run-

### reports may provide a glimpse into filling open positions, implement by 9.9 percent in 2009-2010 after the cute have a change ing energy-saying procedures and freezing tuition in 2008-2009.

• Fiscal Year 2011 budget • Renovations to Angelo State University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

ning hill, as well as renovations to

ing equipment also will be replaced.

• Tuition and fees for Tech, Football Training Facility and practice fields

> · Jones AT&T Stadium north-side construction

The board will meet at 11 a.m. last until 4 p.m. in Administration

Improvements for the football the locker rooms by replacing and and the meeting is scheduled to Existing strength and condition- building Room 201. >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu



## Students enjoy pulling good pranks

By SARAH SCROGGINS STAFF WRITER

On a local TV station durannouncing cancellations read, "The study group basketball tournament was canceled due to the in the spirit of the holiday. snow," and Jacob Fisher laughed to himself.

tion to report the cancellation of paper." events he had made up.

"I just made up a bunch of ridiculous events and reported them to the station and they had to read them," Fisher said.

of his love of pranks.

During October, Fisher and his friends spent the entire month pranksters has been around for they keep things calm."

of their tradition.

Their pranking spirit contingroup decided to turn their friend's room into a giant Christmas tree

"We hung lights and candy canes everywhere," Fisher said.

He said, some of his friends less frequently used items are still wrapped up.

Several months later, he said he may have a few things up his But that wasn't the beginning sleeve for April Fools' Day, but he's not spilling any details.

pranking each other, and in the several centuries, but its origins

process, he said, they renamed are disputed, according to Na- were reported last year, according the month Pranktober in honor tional Geographic's "April Fools' to the Tech Police Department Day Facts: Behind the Laughs."

The most widely believed story ing the snow days, the banner ued through the holidays, and the is the holiday started in France adviser in Bledsoe Residence Fisher, a freshman honors arts "We even wrapped his computer, week, March 25 to April 1, to only pranks and venture away from the and letters major from Wichita guitar, chest of drawers and a one day, Jan. 1. People reluctant typical "kick me" sign or telling Falls, called into a local TV sta- bunch of other stuff in wrapping to make the chance were called his parents he's in jail. fools, according to the article.

Kenny Evans of the Texas Tech them and stick them to the car,"

in the fountain," Evans said. "Ev- morning they would have tons The spring holiday loved by eryone's pretty respectable and of cats everywhere."

No April Fools' Day pranks

daily summaries. However, as a community during the 16th century when Hall, Michael Atilano, a junior Charles IX adopted a new calen- chemical engineering major from dar called the Gregorian calendar. Austin, said he has seen, heard The new calendar switched the and done his share of pranks. He New Year's celebration from a said he tries to be creative with his

"We Oreo-ed someone's car Regardless of its origin, Capt. once — you know, where you lick Police Department said the de- Atilano said. "We also Spam-ed partment rarely has any pranks someone's yard. We took Spam and placed it all over their yard We have the occasional soap so when they woke up in the

FOOLS continued on Page 5

## Obama clears way for drilling off US coasts

By PHILIP ELLIOTT THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) coastline, the eastern Gulf of short term and long term." Mexico and part of Alaska.

outside Washington, Obama the nation's voracious thirst for nesses competitive.

the need to protect America's planned in Alaska.

natural resources," Obama said, according to his prepared remarks released in advance by the White House. "This announcement is part Reversing a ban on oil drilling of a broader strategy that will move off most U.S. shores, President us from an economy that runs on Barack Obama on Wednesday fossil fuels and foreign oil to one announced an expansive new that relies more on homegrown fupolicy that could put oil and els and clean energy. And the only natural gas platforms in waters way this transition will succeed is if along the southern Atlantic it strengthens our economy in the

He added: "To fail to recognize Speaking at Andrews air base this reality would be a mistake."

Obama made no secret of the said, "This is not a decision that fact that one factor in his decision I've made lightly." He addressed was securing Republican support the expected outcry from disap- for a sweeping climate change bill pointed environmentalists by that has languished in Congress. saying he had studied the issue But Obama has long stated his for more than a year and con-support in favor of the "tough decicluded it was the right call given sion" to expand offshore drilling

The plan modifies a ban that energy and the need to produce for more than 20 years has limited jobs and keep American busi- drilling along coastal areas other than the Gulf of Mexico. It allows "We're announcing the ex- new oil drilling off Virginia's shorepansion of offshore oil and gas line and considers it for a large exploration but in-ways that chunk of the Atlantic seaboard. At balance the need to harness the same time, he's rejecting some domestic energy resources and new drilling sites that had been

### UN to pursue Iran sanctions

AND ROBERT BURNS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) -Six major world powers agreed together proposed new sanctions on Iran over its suspect nuclear opposition.

against Iran, signaled its willing-Council sanctions resolution.

step toward getting the entire the United Nations. U.N. Security Council on board U.N., told CNN.

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nuts and bolts of negotiations. That's what's necessary," Rice said. "We will be working intensively in the coming weeks to build the strongest possible agreement to a set of sanctions that will put real Wednesday to begin putting pressure on Iran and clarify the stark choice that it faces."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodprogram after China dropped its ham Clinton said the five permanent members of the U.N. Security China, long a holdout against Council and Germany, known as fresh international penalties the "P5-plus-one," were unified.

"There will be a great deal of furness to consider a U.N. Security ther consultation, not only among the P5-plus-one but other members "China has agreed to sit down of the Security Council and other and begin serious negotiations member nations during the next here in New York ... as a first weeks," Clinton told reporters at

China's change of position with a tough sanctions regime improves prospects for passing a against Iran," Susan Rice, the resolution aimed at pressuring Iran American ambassador to the to scale back its nuclear ambitions, which Tehran insists are limited "We're gratified that now to developing nuclear power for

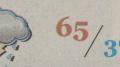
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### BRIEF

#### STATE

#### Hutchison ends back and forth on her career plans

Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison said Wednesday she is staying in the U.S. Senate, ending a series of back and forth announcements during the last year about her career plans.

The state's senior senator, flanked by Republican leader Mitch Mc-John Cornyn, told reporters in San Antonio that she will serve out her third term, which ends in 2012. She had previously said she would resign her seat in 2010 regardless of the outcome of the March primary battle for governor against incumbent Rick Perry, which she lost.

our country that no one could anticipate," she said, noting "massive debt," health care legislation she opposed and the general direction change.'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas of the nation. "It has caused me to look at the resignation in a differ-

The 66-year-old had previously cited her young children as motivation for returning to Texas full time, but she said Wednesday that her concern for the nation led her to believe Connell and junior Texas Sen. her children were better served by her staying in the U.S. Senate and fighting for what she believes in.

> She ended the 10-minute news conference, hastily called in San Antonio because McConnell was in town, without taking questions.

The decision comes after Republican Senate colleagues urged her to "Something has happened in stay and 20 Texas Republican House members signed a letter lauding her years of service, which they said were needed in this period of "sweeping

#### NATION

#### Gov't set to ban texting by truck, bus drivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mitment to making our roads text messaging at the wheel by interstate truck and bus drivers, following up on its call to reduce distractions that lead to crashes.

The proposal would make permanent an interim ban announced in January by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, applying to drivers of buses and commercial trucks over 10,000 pounds. The drivers could face civil or criminal penalties.

The proposal "keeps our com- or cell phones.

Transportation Department on safer by reducing the threat of Wednesday proposed a ban on distracted driving," LaHood said.

> As navigation systems, cell phones and mobile electronics have become ubiquitous in cars and trucks, safety advocates and the government have pushed for restrictions. The Transportation Department reports that 5,870 people were killed and 515,000 injured in 2008 in crashes connected to driver distraction, often involving mobile devices

#### US Navy plane crashes in Arabian Sea

U.S. Navy aircraft crashed in the Persian Gulf region on Wednesday and one of the four crew members was missing, the military said.

under way, the U.S. Navy said in a statement. Three crew members ishment ship. were rescued.

The E-2C Hawkeye, which is primarily used to detect incoming aircraft with its 24-foot diameter radar, crashed in the North Arabian Sea after the it "experienced mechanical malfunctions," the statement said.

The plane was used for command and control functions and operated operations.

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A from the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Helping in the search for the missing crew member were the Eisenhower and several of its air-Search and rescue efforts were craft, helicopters from guided missile destroyer USS Carney and a replen-

> The Navy is investigating: The E-2 Hawkeye is a twin en-

gine and turboprop plane that can carry up to five crew members.

The Hawkeye provides all-weather airborne early warning, in addition to surface surveillance, combat coordination and search and rescue

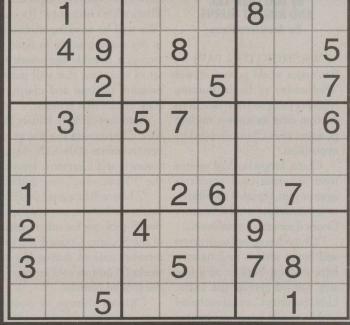
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## Center for Campus Life hosts Greek Awards

By KESLEY HECKEL STAFF WRITER

The Center for Campus Life hosted the Greek Awards on Wednesday at the Overton Hotel to honor members of the four greek councils and to recognize sororities, fraternities and individuals for the work they have done throughout the year.

"The fraternities and sororities are eligible if they are a member of one of the four councils," said Jason Biggs, assistant director for the Center of Campus Life. "The awards are a way to recognize the great things that our greek students do.'

mines the awards by involvement, recognized and recognized individual member organizations. scholarship, service and leadership shown by the sororities and fraternities.

The four councils are the Interfraternity Council, which organizes fraternities; the Inter-Greek Council, which is comprised of the traditionally multicultural fraterni-Pan-Hellenic Council, which for PH. is comprised of the traditionally African-American founded fraternities and sororities; and the Panhellenic Council, which organizes sororities.

Three of the councils preaward within their council and greek community.



Biggs said the council deter THE CENTER FOR Campus Life hosted the Greek Awards on Saturday in which all the greek councils were

then came together to vote on the winner of the Dean's Cup of Excellence for Greek Life, an award that is offered to only one sorority or

Chapters of the year were Kappa Delta Chi IGC, Phi Gamma Delta ties and sororities; the National for IFC, and Kappa Alpha Theta

To qualify for the Dean's Cup of Excellence for Greek Life, the chapter had to have won one of the chapters of the year awards presented by the councils. The award was presented to Kappa Alpha Theta for sented a chapter-of-the-year outstanding excellence within the

"We try to make sure our girls are well rounded by being involved on campus and in Lubbock in general," said Danya Askins, a junior speech, language and hearing science major from Lubbock and Kappa Alpha Theta scholarship chair.

A check for \$1,700 was presented to the Boys and Girls Club at the banquet as a result of earnings from Greek Weekend and T-shirt and button sales within the sororities and fraternities.

"Each year we choose a charity that we would like to make ties to," said Nina Stromberg, vice president of the Panhellenic executive council. "We reached out to the Boys and Girls Club and have really tried to be involved and active with them."

Stromberg also presented the awards from Greek Week at the banquet. Kappa Delta won the most spirited sorority for having 10 percent of their sorority buy T-shirts and buttons. Delta Sigma Phi won most spirited fraternity for also having 10 percent of their members purchase shirts. Delta Gamma won the overall award for Greek Week coming in first place in the appetizer/dessert competition and for participating in the raffle held among the chapters.

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## Pegasus to help future Red Raiders

By KATHERINE ROWE STAFF WRITER

Pegasus, a Texas Tech organization supporting first-generation college students, is raising money and awareness this week through the Hope Chest fundraiser to help high school graducare transition into college.

organization, said Hope Chest is a service project for the Pegasus program.

"During the spring semester, our students collect funds in front of the (Student Union Building) to purchase items for foster care students as they transition from high school to college," she said. "During the week, we are

director, Elizabeth Teagan, said the dorm rooms. organization is trying to de-mystify academic and personal goals.

"A great percentage of success is

are first-generation college students, and funds raised this week by the Pegasus the difference can be having someone in members will be paired with the funds your corner or not."

whose background may not include someone who has graduated with a four-

Tony Uduh, a senior accounting and ates who have been raised in foster energy commerce major from Houston, for the Lubbock community joining said the program shows someone cares for together to help first-generation col-Laura Bosh, coordinator for the them at the university and wants to help them transition into college life.

said through the Hope Chest, Pegasus is Sigma Phi have identified Hope Chest collecting donations to help foster care as their recipient of their community students going to college. The money service project of the 2009-2010 year," will be used to help them buy things for she said.

hoping to raise at least \$1,000 to help awarded free tuition from the state, they things for the organization. The do not have money to buy essentials, company helps sponsor two students The organization's founder and such as towels and bedding for their and gives a 10 percent discount to the

"There are some college and universithe college experience by giving the ties that provide free room and board to ing essential items freshmen in college students someone who supports their foster care graduates," she said. "But where might need in stock, Teagan said. do they get the money to live on?"

Bosh said Pegasus is committed to and so capable," she said. "Our mission confidence," Teagan said. "We have community service of various types but is to help them find their place in this some of the most talented students mostly focuses on working with first- world. Our goal is to have a minimum

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campus and the community. They encourage

raised by a committee that benefits She said the program helps students the organization. This will all come together on the first of May during the celebration picnic and shopping day with the graduating students.

Teagan expressed her gratitude

"The Lubbock City Council of the Uduh, a mentor in the organization, international service organization Beta

She said the Wal-Mart on the Teagan said although the students are south Loop also has been doing great students participating in the shopping day. They have also committed to hav-

"Foster care students are so bright you could imagine here at Tech who generation college students. She said the of \$500 per graduate. Our goal of the donation drive is \$1,000."

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### Police: NJ teen sold stepsister, 7, for party sex TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — It

started with a party invitation to a 15-year-old girl from some men she knew. She took her 7-year-old stepsister to an apartment down the street from their home near the Statehouse, where the girls had been hanging around outside on a Sunday

For the younger girl, police say it quickly descended into a horrifying ordeal in which she was gang-raped by as many as seven men as her sister not only watched but got paid by those who did it.

Their parents, none the wiser, thought maybe they had run away.

"We're talking about a kid who told her sister to go into an apartment and let people rape her," said Trenton police Capt. Joseph Juniak. "It's unfathomable."

The teen has been charged with aggravated sexual assault, promoting prostitution and other crimes. Her name was not released because of her age, but the county prosecutor plans to ask the court to try her as an adult. In the meantime, she is being held at the Mercer County Youth Detention

The 7-year-old had wanted to tag along because she was worried about the 15-year-old's safety, Mayor Doug Palmer said.

When the girls didn't return home by 4:30 Sunday afternoon, their parents called police, believing the older one had run away from home and taken her younger sister with her.

In fact, they were down the street inside a 13th-floor apartment at Rowan Towers, a high-rise complex so dangerous that police are hired as security guards at night.

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#### **CHECK MATE**



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STEVEN STECH, A freshman with no declared major from Fredericksburg, and Surinder Aulakh, a freshman with an undeclared major from Euless, congratulate each other on a game well played Wednesday on the chess tables outside of the Student Union Building.

### UN official expects no climate deal until 2011

AMSTERDAM (AP) — A new legal agreement committing nations around the world to curb greenhouse gas emissions is unlikely to be completed before the end of 2011, two years later than originally envisioned, the top U.N. climate official said Wednesday.

Yvo de Boer, executive secretary of the U.N. climate change secretariat, said countries need to restore confidence in U.N. negotiations following the dismal results of the Copenhagen summit in December, which ended in a vague agreement of principles and a pledge of finances for poor countries most threatened by climate change.

"There was a great deal of frustration at the end of the Copenhagen conference in terms of process," de Boer said in a conference call with reporters from his office in Bonn, Germany.

The next annual conference in Cancun, Mexico, beginning in November should get negotiations "back on track" among the 194 participating nations, with the aim of agreeing on the main elements that could be enshrined in a binding agreement a year later in South Africa, de Boer said.

"My hope is that Cancun will deliver what I had hoped Copenhagen would deliver," said de Boer, who is resigning July 1 after nearly three years in office. Negotiators will convene in Bonn

next week for the first time since 120 heads of state and government met in the Danish capital. The weekend conference was expected to do little more than set a timetable for several more preparatory conferences leading up to the Cancun conference.

In talks in London, Britain proposed a possible two-track process for a new global emissions pact, in hopes of reviving the stalled talks.

The country's Energy and Climate Change Secretary Ed Miliband suggested that if nations continue to founder in negotiations on a single binding pact there could be two treaties, rather than one.

Miliband suggested the 1997 Kyoto Protocol — an emissions reduction pact which is due to expire in 2012 — could be extended to set binding targets for the countries signed up to the process. A second treaty would cover countries who have never signed up to Kyoto, including the United States and China, he said.

"We are interested in trying to break the deadlock and find ways through some of the issues raised in Copenhagen," Miliband said Wednesday, as representatives including White House economic adviser Larry Summers met.

"We do not want to let a technical argument about whether we have one treaty or two derail the process. We are determined to show flexibility as long as there is no undermining of environmental principles," Miliband said.

De Boer urged the negotiators at next week's Bonn meeting to stop discussing key issues in isolation and to take a holistic approach toward adapting to climate change, deforestation, transferring technology to poor countries and curbing carbon emissions.

Formal U.N. negotiations were set in motion in 2007 to reach a deal within two years that would succeed Kyoto, which set targets for 37 industrial countries to cut carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions blamed for raising the Earth's average temperature.

Scientists warn that global warming will cause disruptions in agriculture, increase water shortages and could lead to a dramatic rise in sea levels and coastal flooding if the arctic ice sheets melt.

The Copenhagen Accord, a threepage deal salvaged in the closing hours of the summit, set a goal of limiting global temperatures to less than a 2 degree Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) increase above preindustrial levels, but didn't say how that should be achieved. It pledged \$3 billion over the next three years for poor countries to adapt to climate change and asked countries to submit pledges for curbing their carbon emissions.

#### POLICE BLOTTER

## Stolen vehicle recovered at Tech

7:40 a.m., medical call in Murdough Residence Hall.

8:20 a.m., accident without injuries

in the Z6-A parking lot. 11:09 a.m., criminal mischief in the

Rawls College of Business building. 1:20 p.m., theft of a computer in

Holden Hall.

3:11 p.m., medical call in the 1000 block of Akron Avenue.

4:13 p.m., accident without injuries in the C-16 parking lot.

7:13 p.m., medical call in Murray Residence Hall.

9:11 p.m., criminal mischief in the Z3-E parking lot. 11:38 p.m., non-student arrested in

the 400 block of Flint Avenue for an outstanding warrant in Brady. March 25

1:14 a.m., fire alarm in the Chemistry

building. 3:47 a.m., student arrested for driving while intoxicated in the Z6-A parking lot.

12:45 p.m., criminal trespass at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences

1:08 p.m., theft of exams in the Foreign Languages building.

1:35 p.m., verbal altercation between employees in the Gordon/Bledsoe Residence Hall dining room. 3:50 p.m., accident without injuries

in the C-11 parking lot. 6:33 p.m., documentation of a poten-

tial gas leak in the Biology building. March 26

1:46 a.m., public intoxication, possession of alcohol by a minor and pos-

session of more than one valid driver's license in Chitwood Residence Hall.

1:59 a.m., public intoxication in Chitwood Residence Hall.

2:57 a.m., non-student arrested for an outstanding Lubbock County warrant and criminal trespass at the HSC.

11 a.m., criminal trespass in the Student Union Building.

11:45 a.m., unwanted phone calls at the Texas Tech Physicians' Medical

12:09 p.m., accident without injuries

in the C-14 parking lot. 3:04 p.m., terroristic threat in the

Z2-B parking lot. 5:39 p.m., theft of an iPhone at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation

7:34 p.m., criminal mischief to a vehicle in the F-2 parking lot.

8 p.m., public intoxication in the 1800 block of Flint Avenue.

March 27 3:37 a.m., criminal mischief in Mur-

ray Residence Hall. 4:50 a.m., criminal mischief in Wey-

mouth Residence Hall. 1:54 p.m., criminal mischief in the

Z4-P parking lot. 2:38 p.m., accident without injuries

in the C-11 parking lot. 3:05 p.m., documentation of a

student receiving unwanted electronic communication. 4:53 p.m., damage to a vehicle in the

parking lot of the softball complex. 6:08 p.m., accident without injuries in the C-1 parking lot.

9:43 p.m., accident without injuries in the 3300 block of Fourth Street.

10 p.m., criminal mischief in Coleman Residence Hall.

March 28

2:29 a.m., driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor in the R-18 parking lot.

11:56 a.m., non-student arrested for an outstanding Lubbock County warrant and failure to identify in the 1400 block of Flint Avenue.

6:02 p.m., theft of an iPhone in

11:39 p.m., theft of a toilet paper dispenser and two exit signs in Wall Residence Hall.

March 29

12:38 p.m., theft of a TI-84 calculator in the Student Union Building.

4 p.m., recovery of a vehicle that was reported stolen from Tulsa, Okla., in the 2800 block of 19th Street.

March 30

9:57 a.m., accident without injuries in the 3500 block of 19th Street.

10 a.m., documentation of a family's concern about a student whom they had not had contact with in almost a

3:15 p.m., criminal mischief to three vehicles in the Z5-C parking lot.

4:21 p.m., theft of a portable radio in the University Library.

6:42 p.m., medical call in the rec

March 31

1:36 a.m., theft of an exit sign in Weymouth Residence Hall.

2:06 a.m., non-student arrested for an outstanding Lubbock County warrant in the 1200 block of Flint Avenue. >>> ralston.rollo@ttu.edu

### NKorean defector calls for SKorea-US trade accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — The under which he lives in South Korea highest-ranking North Korean official ever to defect to South Korea said Wednesday that Washington and Seoul should settle a stalled free trade accord as a way to thwart the North's efforts to weaken their alliance.

Hwang Jang Yop, speaking to reporters and academics during a rare visit to Washington, also said he has no regrets about defecting from the North in 1997. He said the heavy security

to protect against assassination is better than "a life of servitude as a high-ranked slave" in the North.

"Everybody other than (leader) Kim Jong Il in North Korea are slaves, serfs," Hwang said through an interpreter.

Hwang, the North's former parliamentary speaker, said he decided to flee the North after Kim's policies led to mass starvation in the mid-1990s.

His visit to Washington comes as

negotiators work to restart international talks meant to rid the North of its nuclear weapons program.

The best way to isolate and frustrate the North, Hwang said at the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, is for the United States and South Korea to strengthen their sometimes rocky alliance by ratifying the free trade agreement that has languished since the countries signed it in 2007.

### Lawmaker facing husband in election

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — An eastern Missouri lawmaker is facing an election challenge from her own husband, whom she accuses him of physical violence.

He denies the allegations. Democratic Rep. Linda Fischer obtained a protection order against John Fischer last week. Three days later, he filed as a Republican candidate for his wife's state House seat, becoming her only challenger in the November election a day before the filing

deadline passed. Linda Fischer said Wednesday that she was not going to question her husband's motives, refusing to say whether she believed he filed as retaliation.

"It is a political campaign, and that's how I look at it," said the first-term lawmaker from Bonne Terre, adding that it was unfortunate that elected officials' private lives are potential theater

for disclosure. Linda Fischer, 39, filed court documents Friday accusing her husband of grabbing her arms and waist to try to wrestle away her cell phone and of sending her harassing text messages. She said she was so afraid that she has been sleeping in her daughter's

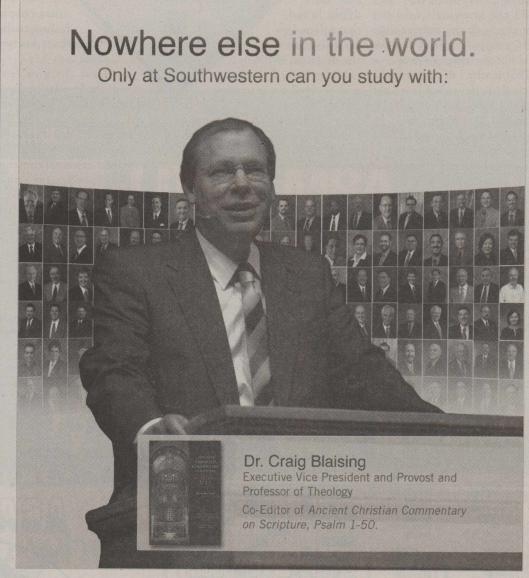
room with the door locked. "John has made statements within the past week that after he gets done with me there won't be anything left but ashes," Linda Fischer wrote in the court filing

seeking the protection order. The order issued that same day in St. Francois County was the second she had sought against her husband. A protection order was granted to Linda Fischer against John Fischer by neighboring Jefferson County in October, but it was dismissed the

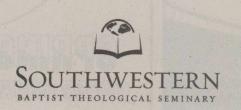
next month. John Fischer, 51, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he had a verbal confrontation with his wife in March, but he denied any physical confrontation. He said he has asked for a polygraph test to determine if he is lying.





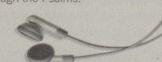


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# JPINIONS

## Death of local volunteer huge loss for city

Thope that we've all been lucky enough to know Lat least one person who always seemed so much better than the rest.

I'm not talking about through wealth or other earthly possessions, but those who are willing to help dedicate their time and energy to causes that make the of Lubbock Board of Directors. world a better place for some in it. It can be done through many needed.

an extremely involved person, facilities. serving as a registered nurse, terms as president of the Hospice their needs. It takes a very special nice) and stressed the impordeveloped a cough which she first others, and try to make things a >> cole.shooter@ttu.edu



For those who don't already know, Hospice of Lubbock is eighth grade or different ways, such as having a possibly one of the best chariso, after parwonderfully positive outlook on ties anyone could hope to be ticipating in a life, working through charity or involved with. The organization just being there when they're offers a certain type of physical and emotional care for termi-Last week, Lubbock lost one of nally ill people and their families, tion. Despite these wonderful people. Evelyn which allows them to experience the fact we Cash spent a majority of her 75 an improved quality of life at the were just some years on earth working to make end of their lives, often at the kids who had things better for others. She was patient's own home or at other raised a few

various music boards, Republican ability to pay, and the group hosts to my organization as though she was involved. political organizations and three fundraisers regularly to help meet we were adults (which is always

what they're doing is good for so go toward.

many who may not have much left. Cash was that type of person.

I met Cash when I was in fundraiser for the local Hospice organiza-

type of grief all the time, and doing, and the truly good works tests revealed that she had lung still keep their head up, knowing the proceeds we had raised would cancer. She had breast cancer in Goodman, whose views are nor-

> When such a selfless person goes United Methon to their great odist Church here in Lubrewards, I think it's bock, and I good to consider the legacy that we'll a positive out- in awe of. leave as well. look and demeanor, and

hundred dollars going door to to be working constantly for one Nobody is turned away for in- door for the group, she talked of the organizations with which

type of person to deal with this tance of the work we had been thought to be fairly innocuous, but bit better for those around us. Over the prognosis, Cash beat the odds and

> to keep her head up. In a December 2009 interview

legacy that we'll leave as well. We shouldn't change who we are completely, but it never hurts to **Shooter** is a senior political About two years ago, Cash consider how what we do affects science major from Lubbock.

Syndicated columnist Ellen 1971, and despite a fairly poor mally completely wrong, preached truth when she said, "I have never years, I got to lived to fight many more days. This been especially impressed by the know Cash and time though, she found herself on heroics of people who are conher husband the other side of the hospice care vinced they are about to change Bob through to which she dedicated much of her the world. I am more awed by choir at First life. Even then, she still managed those who struggle to make one small difference after another."

Cash worked around pain with KCBD news, she said, "It's and death regularly, and still been a good life. And if it ends managed to continue doing always was tomorrow, OK. It's been good, it because she knew that her pleased to be and I've been happy." Even while work for these people was more around them. facing death, she handled life important than any sadness she Cash had such with an optimism that I'm still felt. Cash's legacy is cemented as being a wonderfully selfless When such a selfless person and caring person who managed goes on to their great rewards, to find cheer throughout even I think it's good to consider the the darkest of times. What will yours be?

## Health legislation leaves many questions

fter searching for more than an hour on possible topics for my column this week, I was left with fewer ideas than I started with.

There already has been plenty of opinionated coverage by The Daily Toreador on the passage of the health care bill with an abundance of supporters, as well the legislation a chance to think years ago? as critics, depending on which about the Conservative dismay. side of the aisle you tend to lean

I have not had time to read the newest piece of legislation have over this piece of in enough detail to formulate a legislation. I have to lengthy opinion on the issue.

Being a proud American, I put in quotations forth all my trust in our political because it leaders to do what is right for our appears country and what is best for our to be the country. I have faith that they last of a would not knowingly lead our dying breed great nation down a permanently that will no londestructive path from which we could not reverse or recover.

That is why I decided to take publican Party is headed the time to offer valuable insight with Sarah Palin as its cataon behalf of those rightfully lyst. concerned Republicans, who are educated enough to respectfully Coffee Shop Campaign against disagree with the legislation, as socialized medicine, Ronald Reawell as give those in support of gan quoted House of Representa-

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Allow me to take this time to introduce some of the concerns "Conservatives" put conservatives ger exist based on the direction the Re-

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

tive Aime Forand's statement, "If is not enough and want to take we can only break through and get this one step further? I am sure our foot in the door, then we can Starbucks is not happy about extend the program after that."

This is a question for all those who are in support of this legisla- idea behind displaying food tion. Do you feel like this is the contents evolve over time. "foot in the door" that Reagan There hasn't always been a warned us about nearly forty label on everything you eat

I think that is the biggest concern of most of the people who oppose this legislation.

who look to the

How do you feel In 1961, during the Operation the amount of calories on the menu boards and drive-through displays so customers will be fully

> aware of the nutritional contents of the food they are preparing nists who have done a great such a big deal, but what if years I trust our leaders to do what from now, they decide simply dis-

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

this little piece of legislation.

We have seen the whole or drink to give the consumer an idea of how healthy or unhealthy an item is.

My number one concern The possibilities are now is the constitutionality of the endless for the govern- legislation. The 10th amendment to control the ment clearly states; "the powlives of every- ers not delegated to the United one they in- States by the Constitution, nor sure. This prohibited by it to the States, is a very are reserved to the States reslippery spectively, or to the people." s lope I do not believe there is anythat people thing in the United States Constitution about providing future are worried health insurance to every legal citizen.

How do you feel about about the legislation forc- Congress ignoring the Bill of ing franchises to clearly state Rights to pass a piece of legislation that was neither delegated to the states nor voted on by the people?

I respect my fellow columjob voicing their opinions on At first, this doesn't seem like these issues. As I stated before, is right for our country. Our playing the nutritional contents leaders are some of the most intelligent men in the world.

These are just a few questions I have.

**■ Ellington is a junior business** major from Midland. >>> travis.ellington@ttu.edu

### Sight unseen, fans hear 'iPad' and think 'iWant'

SEATTLE (AP) — People who lined who make applications for Apple devices. up to buy the first iPhone knew what they were paying hundreds of dollars for: a new cell phone that promised to be better. Apple Inc.'s newest gadget, the iPad tablet computer, falls into a category that's early investor in Google Inc. and Amazon. foreign to most people.

happily dropped \$500 or more for a device the future." they've never seen, in the hopes it will be some previously unidentified missing link why people already equipped with powerin their digital lifestyles.

"If Apple sold groceries, I would buy groceries from them," says Matthew Rice, who works for pharmaceutical company Merck & Co.

Apple won't say how many iPads it has asts will camp overnight and swamp Apple warm on Apple gadgets. stores when the doors open Saturday at 9 That happened even though people could for the iPad.

Rice won't be ripping open any boxes which won't ship until late April.

He has owned four iPhones and just rabid fan-boy-ness.' about every model of iPod ever produced. He uses an iMac computer at home and a MacBook Air laptop on the road. He jokes about giving Apple his credit card number and having the company just ship new Rice can find holes for the iPad to fill.

It will be perfect for carting around PDF versions of scientific articles he needs to read for his job, he says. And Rice, an avid photographer, hopes it will be a way to hand people an "album" and let them flip through photos of his travels.

On Wednesday the Silicon Valley venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins Caulion to its fund for investing in developers fit in my pocket," he says.

The firm began its "iFund" two years ago with \$100 million and has invested in 14 companies.

Kleiner Perkins partner John Doerr, an com Inc., said the iPad is "going to rule And yet plenty of them have already the world. It feels like you are touching

But even Doerr has trouble explaining ful laptops, lightweight netbooks and fancy mobile phones will feel compelled to buy an iPad. "I don't think we can anticipate the great new applications and uses that will be created," he said.

Not only Apple die-hards have been sold in advance of their debut Saturday, swept up in iPad hype. It has also turned and it's hard to predict how many enthusithe heads of folks who have been luke-

Nick Braccia, a creative director at a.m., as they did for last summer's launch a digital advertising agency in San Franof the most recent version of the iPhone. cisco, uses a BlackBerry phone and music player that connects to the Rhapsody "pre-order" the device, just as they can subscription service rather than Apple's

"If anything, I was always kind of Saturday, but only because he chose an 'anti," Braccia says. "I get a little annoyed \$829 iPad with a "3G" data connection, with people standing outside for an operating system update. I have no patience for

Braccia, 34, says he thought the iPad would be too expensive for him to even consider. When he learned that the starting price was \$499, he was sold. It didn't hurt that the iPad will come with products as they're released. But despite electronic book-reading software, and can his near-complete catalog of Apple goods, be used to replace the Nook e-book reader from Barnes & Noble Inc. his girlfriend

Braccia thinks he'll use his iPad for surfing the Web over morning coffee, for reading books and maybe watching movies. And he justifies it as a smart purchase for work, because his clients make video

"Professionally, I feel I should have at field & Byers said it is so excited about the least one of those products in my pocket. iPad's potential that it is adding \$100 mil- Or my bag. Because an iPad isn't going to

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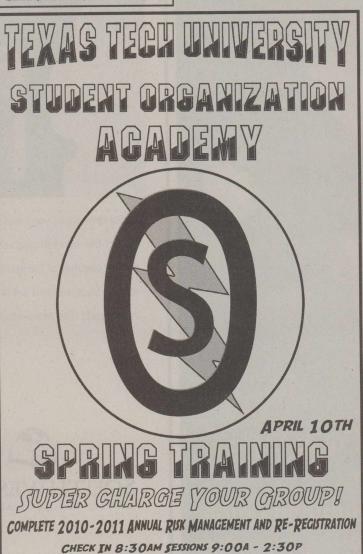
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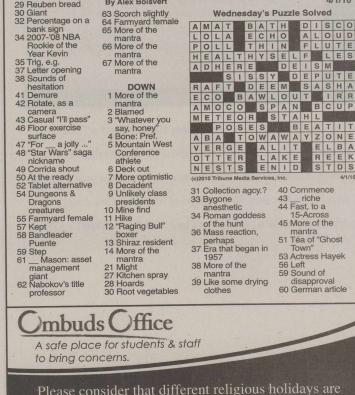
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aroma of fresh-cut grass and beautiful flowers all around our gorgeous Texas Tech campus. It's about baseball and sunshine. We become that much closer to summer vacation, and we can ponder upon the really fascinating mysteries the season brings, such as who will win the final spot in the pitching rotation for

while I get to cruise around in my brand tube that spring. new ... er ... slightly used 2005 Chevy Malibu.

please check out my suggested top 10 all time songs (in no real order) for the spring season.

"Good Vibrations" by the Beach in a field of flowers. Boys — Some may tell me, "But Noel," this is a summer song." To which I'll re- — Five words: Boston Red Sox home spond, "In Houston you only get spring/ games. Don't know what I mean? Google summer for two months, and that's it. This song is part of a great tradition March and April. After that, you reach unbeknownst to me until my friend Zach the fifth season of the Houston-area enlightened me. calendar year: hell." So let me enjoy this upbeat tune now, before my shirts be- remember it as if it were yesterday. My come permanently ruined by a mixture friends and I, armed with a Spanish of humidity and 110-degree sweat.

favorite one-hit wonder from 1996, I remember listening to this song on the Spain, last spring. For obvious reasons, radio in my garage as we played the most this song reminds me of joy and easy intense kickball games on the block in living in the spring time. my front yard with neighbors.

about the direct graphical relationship awesome 11/8 and 7/8 time signatures. between his money and his problems.

end nights cruising around town in a road-trip song. convertible with the honeys all up in the back seat, right?

"Next Year" by Foo Fighters — critic. E-mail him at noel.bry-Before college, there was this hilarious ant@ttu.edu



and charming television show on NBC But spring also reminds us of rebirth called "Ed." It was about a bowling and the seemingly newfound love for alley owner/lawyer who comes back life that a bit more sun exposure can to his hometown to win back his high give you. For me, I get to break out of school crush. I watched every episode my seasonal depression and immediately of that show one spring, and still to this sport a wide grin again, and I can also day the Foo Fighters' "Next Year" (the pop in some happy, colorful and above show's theme song) conjures up many all hopeful tunes into my dashboard memories of good laughs in front of the

"Kate" by Ben Folds - I could have easily put "Rockin' the Suburbs" If, like me, you want to get excited or a number of other upbeat piano about the new baseball season, or the driven Ben Folds pop classics, but this pretty girls, or the end of school, then grooyin' song about a special gal who is "everything I want" and yet "everything I'm not" has witty lines about daisies and dandelions and makes me want to frolic

"Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond

"Baba O'Riley" by the Who — I classical guitar and an electric keyboard, "How Bizarre" by OMC — My jammed to this song almost every day after class in the Tech Center in Seville,

"Here Comes the Sun" by the "Mo' Money Mo' Problems" by Beatles — The mother of all happy Notorious B.I.G — Nothing says springtime songs, this Beatles classic is happy, cool and carefree more than an not only fun and carefree, it also boasts overweight rapper with bling telling me of super nerdy and therefore musically

"Ain't No Mountain High Enough" "Ride Wit' Me" by Nelly — It may by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell just be me, but I'm pretty sure everyone This one doesn't really need explanadreamed about the warm spring week- tion. It's the perfect spring getaway

■ Bryant is *The DT's* music

## Springtime bringing Audience pours in to witness back good vibrations first drag show at Texas Tech

**By SARAH SCROGGINS** STAFF WRITER

Jonathan Martinez thought Lubbock was open-minded when he moved here eight months ago. Now, his perception has changed.

Martinez, a professional drag queen, said Lubbock is less accepting than he originally thought, but the Residence Halls Association and the Gay-Straight Alliance organizations at Texas Tech are working to change that.

"I think it's really cool that Tech is starting to do something different," said Martinez.

Martinez, also known as Geneva Lush, has been performing drag for almost three years. He started performing after one Halloween he dressed up as a Vegas showgirl and he realized how much fun it was for him to dress up. Now that he's been as drag queen for a while, he said he likes to switch up his character and take his time making operation. The organization's them come to life.

"I'm very diverse in the songs cided to try to that I do. One weekend you'll see me do a rock song with Mo- organizations hawk and another I'm in a eve- in dealing ning gown doing a slow Spanish with diversity song." Martinez said. "From start at Tech. He to finish, if I'm getting ready pitched the for a show, it can take me up to idea of a drag three hours to get ready.'

CHAMPS hosted the first drag took off from show at Tech on Wednesday night at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion to educate and en- contacting tertain the community about a number of homosexuality. Jesse Saldivar, different drag a sophomore accounting major queens," Salfrom Corpus Christi and the divar said. president of RHA, said the "We decided organization planned to set out to add an amabout 150 chairs, but quickly ateur portion added more as people came that would allow students to dress pany, which is best known for its planet. They deserve respect." pouring in.



TEXAS TECH'S FIRST drag show, hosted by the Residence Halls Association, the Gay-Straight Alliance and Project CHAMPS, featured amateur and professional drag queens and kings.

Saldivar was the leader of this perform a song."

members deinclude other show to the RHA, GSA and Project GSA and it there.

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**JESSE SALDIVAR** TEXAS TECH STUDENT

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oped for more donations. than enter-Friends of speaker at of homosexu-

Although the show was free to However, the show was devel- the public, CHAMPS accepted

"We really wanted to raise tainment pur- awareness about diversity, so we poses. A group didn't want it to be one sided," said called Parents, Kimberly Stewart, a sophomore Families and journalism major from Lubbock. "We wanted everyone to get the Lesbians and full experience of the life of a drag Gays, had a queen and drag king."

Ashley Liles, a sophomore nursthe show to ing major from Katy, and Stewart explain and performed as drag kings at the inform the au- show. Their performance consisted dience about of two other girls dancing to "Bye the hardships Bye Bye" by 'N Sync.

"I want the audience to have ality in Lub- lots of fun, I want them to laugh bock. Also in and I want them to be entertained attendance and enjoy being there," Saldivar to speak was said. "I also want the audience to the CHAMPS understand that gay people are research com- just as regular as any person on the up as the opposite gender and research on AIDS in Lubbock. >> sarah.scroggins@ttu.edu

#### Fools ←

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1** Even though he tries to change it

up, Atilano said he's not against using some of the classic pranks. He believes the most successful prank he's pulled was wrapping a friend's car in cellophane. He took the prank a little further

by getting the keys to the car from the friend's mom and loading the car with random items for them to clean up after they finally got into their car.

"They were impressed we got the keys," Atilano said. "It wasn't too bad of a mess for them to clean up."

Although he wouldn't explain exactly what he may be planning for April Fools' Day, he said some people might want to check their mailboxes. » sarah.scroggins@ttu.edu

#### **5 EASY PRANKS**

- Fill a manila folder with whipped cream or shaving cream, slide the open end under your friend's door and stomp on the other end of the folder to make the insides explode in the room.
- Take a little scoop out of your friend's deodorant and fill in the hole with cream cheese. No cream cheese? Place a thin layer of Icy Hot on your friend's deodorant, doorknob, toilet seat, pillowcase, etc.
- •Staple 20 or more cups together, place them in front of your friend's bed or door, and fill them with water.
- •Squeeze toothpaste into the toe part of your friend's socks.
- •Block off a door with plastic wrap. When your friend tries to walk through, they will bounce off the wrap. This works on toilets as well.

SOURCE: prankspace.com

### Sarah Palin show drops LL Cool J

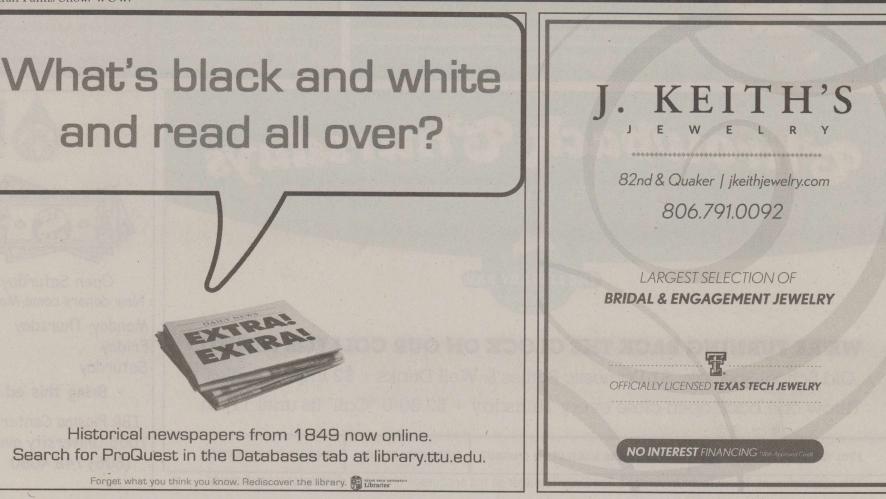
NEW YORK (AP) — An upcoming Fox News Channel special hosted by Sarah Palin is titled "Real American Stories."

But rapper-actor LL Cool J says his participation in the show was bogus.

In response, the network has snipped him from the program.

In a Twitter posting late Tuesday, the entertainer wrote that "Fox lifted an old interview I gave in 2008 to someone else & are misrepresenting to the public in order to promote Sarah Palins Show. WOW."





### THE 7-DAY WEEKEND...

### ... because the Easter Bunny doesn't exist. We think.

**TODAY** Fifth Annual International Talent and Fashion Show •Sure, you've been to a talent show, and maybe you've even been to a fashion show. But have you ever been to one that incorporates both talents and fashions from all over the world? Doubtful. Here's your chance as Students for Global Connections presents a show to thrill even the most seasoned globetrotter. And not the kind from Harlem. Your ticket purchase will help international students buy some furniture so they, too, can become couch potatoes.

WHEN: 7 p.m. WHERE: Lubbock High School Auditorium COST: \$4 with student ID

Just kidding, but they actually

need furniture.

**FRIDAY** First Friday Art Trail •Oh the First Friday Art Trail. I (Electronic Media Editor Jon Arnold)

must confess that I have never attended, despite overwhelmingly positive reviews from peers and a love of art. I suspect a lot of busy Tech students are the same way, but with the long weekend you have a perfect chance to right that wrong and check out the latest local creativity. Also, is it possible to find a more perfect storm for a date? Cheap and cultural, Mc-Donald's can't compare. WHEN: 6 p.m.

WHERE: Underwood Center COST: Free

**SATURDAY** 68th Annual ABC Pro Rodeo

• The trailers have been parked outside the coliseum for few days, and the rodeo promises to be a (corny, old westtype adjective here) good time. So make sure you wear your (stereotypical Western attire) and (cliche about event enjoyment). If you're lucky, you'll even get to see a really good (rodeo event). Mad-Lib included free of charge; rodeo tickets are \$12. WHEN: 1:30 p.m. and

WHERE: City Bank Municipal Coliseum COST: \$12 at the

**SUNDAY** Buffalo Springs Lake Easter Fiesta

•Celebrate the risen Lord with a fiesta. Buffalo Springs Lake has one of the best radio advertising campaigns (If you haven't heard the radio jingles, you're truly missing out. They're not on Youtube. I've looked.) and is one of the best places to enjoy the outdoors. With the weather we've been having lately, you can bust out the paisley shorts and have an Easter to remember.

WHEN: Noon WHERE: Buffalo Springs Lake COST: Adult day admission \$6

**MONDAY** Elisabeth Tonnard: The Man of the

Crowd • This exhibit centers around an Edgar Allen Poe story. You have the day off of school, but this exhibit will give you the opportunity to still do something educational and intellectual. Your parents will be so proud, and your friends will envy you, even if they call you a nerd. But it's OK, we know you're not a nerd.

WHEN: 8 a.m. to 5

WHERE: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art COST: Free

TUESDAY Laser Tag and Bumper Cars

•Read the event name again. It's laser tag AND bumper cars. It's on campus. It's free. What qualms could you even have about this? The laser tag course is billed as a wrecked space station with fog and strobe lights. Plus, you've been wanting to shoot your roommate all semester. This is legal, and you can do it multiple times. Plus, after you shoot your roommate, you can give them whiplash in a bumper car. WHEN: Noon

WHERE: Student Union Building Ballroom COST: Free

WEDNESDAY Charlie Todd: Founder

of Improv Everywhere • Todd is the founder of the group which is known for brilliant pranks like sending a group of redheads to protest Wendy's logo, crowding a bunch of shirtless dudes with normal body types into an Abercrombie and conducting a mass "freeze" in Grand Central Station. Todd has a book out, so if you're not funny and you want to be, Todd should be a teacher. And yes, we hear you muttering that we need to attend. Not cool.

WHEN: 8 p.m. WHERE: SUB Allen Theatre COST: Free

### Series of unfortunate events brings CLIQ XT to pocket

Due to karma, a puddle of water and a resultant malfunctioning phone with a penchant for engorging batteries to an alarming size and temperature, I finally left behind my rapidly aging BlackBerry 8320 and list a vacancy in my pocket.

Luckily, some other choice events happened to align with my Lemony Snicket series of mishaps, and I finagled a discounted Motorola CLIQ XT on its everything back under control, but left release day. So three to five business days later, I had a brand new phone.

the original CLIQ from November of imperative to make sure a person's latest last year were largely limited to nixing Facebook picture appear next to his or the slide-out keyboard for a more svelte her name. profile, the XT's display still looks remarkably good for being just a 3.1" HVGA screen. It seems exceptionally crisp and manages to maintain its superb display qualities even in direct sunlight.

Its capacitive touchscreen, in combination with Motorola's MOTOBLUR version of Android, also works pretty an Android phone, if there's anything

a force quit situation.

Having some of the more connected excellent anyway. MOTOBLUR features going actually can be blamed for some battery issues qualms, a fix is out there. Hardware-wise, as well as dips in performance. Under moderate daily usage involving about 15 minutes of talk, 40 text messages, and light gaming and Web browsing, I only get karma'd out of a working phone managed to crank two to three days or so like me. of juice out of the 1420 mAh battery.

I had to go through some customi- Poon is The DT's tech critic.



unfettered.

Your contacts list seems to be es-Although the physical changes from pecially connected, as if it were deadly

> Aside from the surprisingly good 5MP camera, the input options also stand apart as highlights on the XT. Included are a standard Android keyboard with haptic feedback and the Swype keyboard, which is now my input method of choice.

The best part is that since the XT is you don't like, you can change it. If not Under normal usage with just a few you personally, there are plenty of apps in apps running at a time, things remain the Market that can fix whatever you like largely pleasant. However, if you leave including a new media player, Twitter and programs running all willy-nilly, you Facebook apps, alternative browsers, and probably will be unwillingly dropped into even different keyboards, although the stock options with the XT are generally

> Pretty much, if you have any software you'll have to just live with it or wait for a Snapdragon option down the line like the HTC Desire, pending you don't

zations and a few menus to wrangle >> timothy.poon@ttu.edu.

## Students pledge to stop using word incorrectly

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

The Best Buddies organizapledge to stop using the term major from Odessa. retard in a derogatory way.

to essentially become their thing," Franco said. best buddy, said Gabi Franco, a

the national campaign because their buddies when people use efforts, she said. the word in a derogatory way, said Leah Clara, Best Budcation major from Houston.

a derogatory way," Franco said. and going." "It's in the dictionary, and we is about."

ing rather than using it to refer which helps build these skills. to something as dumb or stupid, Clara said.

retardation," she said.

The group had a large banner

passing by was asked to sign as their pledge. The pledge shows Tech students have the self-control to stop using the word in a negative tion hosted a petition Wednes- light, said Kayla Hudson, Best Budday outside the Student Union dies president and senior human Building asking students to development and family studies

"It's not just the word retarda-Best Buddies is an organization — lots of words are used to put tion that pairs Texas Tech stu- people down and I think people dents with special need adults understand that's not the right

After the group stopps asking sophomore exercise and sports for pledges, they plan on hanging sciences major from Round the sign in the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research to Group members took part of show the community what students are trying to accomplish since they know how much it hurts many of them will appreciate the

"I think if even only a few people come out of this not saying dies activities coordinator and the word anymore, its still making a sophomore early childhood edu- difference," Clara said. "If someone stops saying it then they're going "It's hurtful. We're not trying to say to someone else, 'Hey, stop to end the word, just the use in saying that.' And it just keeps going

The program pairs each student get that but it's the way people up with their buddy to help these use it is what this whole pledge people work on basic social skills. They will take them out to do sim-The club wants people to use ple things once a week like going the term with a scientific mean- to the grocery store or getting gas,

"They are some of the most amazing people you will ever meet," "(People should) use it in a Clara said. "They have such an medical sense when you're say- amazing outlook on life. They think ing that someone has mental of this as something that's probably a lot bigger to themselves."

By the end of they day, the cause, Hudson said. reading "spread the word," which group had more than 200 signastudents, faculty and anyone else tures. Once students realized that how it feels even though they don't >alexandra.pedrini@ttu.edu

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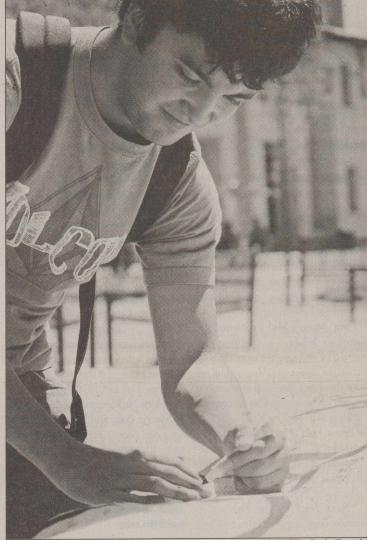


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador JORGE GOMEZ, A sophomore civil engineering major from Dallas, signs a banner Wednesday in the Free Speech Pavilion making a commitment

the group wasn't asking for money, have disabilities," she said. "These they became more supportive of the words can effect your life negatively

to not use the word retard.

"A lot of students understand this by their peers hurt as well."

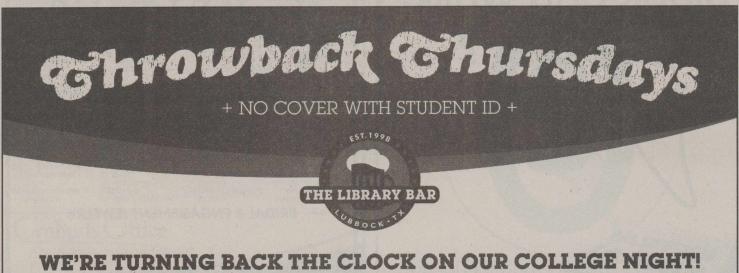
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## Tech baseball begins series against Wildcats

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

rett Barnes and the rest of the Red staying healthy and then coming Raiders find themselves in a familiar prepared for a game on Thursday." spot after dropping three consecu-

streak earlier in the season, the Red 3-0 in Big 12 play) at home could Raiders have been in a hole before be a big boost for the Red Raiders. and have the chance to get out once The Wildcats have only played again when they begin a three-game two true road games all season and series with Kansas State at 6:30 p.m. played the entire month of March today at Dan Law Field.

game losing streak, we were making tan, Kan. a lot of small mental errors," he came together."

losing skid ended.

starts on a Thursday rather than a Midland on Monday. Friday so that players do not have players' routines off a little.

"Everyone has one less day of

said. "Everyone has to be on top of their game and make sure they're Texas Tech utility player Bar- taking care of their business, just

Despite being out of the normal routine of playing Friday through But with a seven-game losing Sunday games, playing KSU (20-3, at neutral-site tournaments in "When we were on the seven- Florida or games back in Manhat-

The Red Raiders could use any said. "We weren't getting the big advantage they can get to snap clutch hits, and in the four-game a three-game losing streak. Tech winning streak, all of those things (12-15, 2-4) started strong against No. 7 Texas with a 12-5 win Friday, Tech bounced back for four con- but dropped the last two contests secutive wins after the seven-game of the series. They followed the series loss with a 6-2 nonconference The KSU series is unusual as it loss against New Mexico State in

But coach Dan Spencer knows to play on Easter, but it could throw KSU is no slouch - especially on the mound.

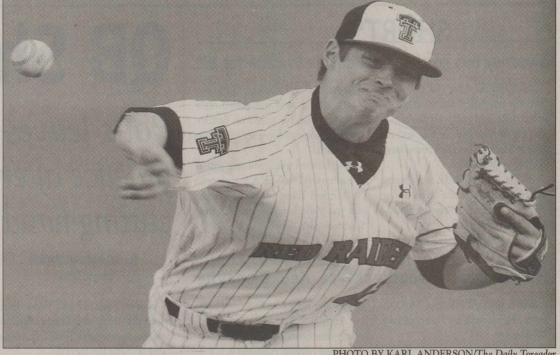
"They're fast and they're scrap-

rest," Tech pitcher Chad Bettis py," Spencer said. "They're rolling pretty good, and they've won a bunch of games in a row. They throw a lot of strikes, they've got a very competitive ERA and they do the little things right. They have a style that keeps the score down early and then they can play offense. They'll be a challenge and a different club than Texas. They'll be a good team."

The Wildcats' pitching staff has an ERA of 3.67 compared to their combined opponents' 9.03.

Ace Kyle Hunter has a 5-0 record through six starts this season and his ERA is just 1.78. He has allowed 30 hits through his 35.1 innings of work. Starting pitchers Justin Lindsey and Daniel Ryan also have ERAs below three through more than 30 innings pitched.

From a hitting standpoint, the Wildcats have eight players who have played more than 14 games with batting averages above .300. Carter Jurica leads all KSU batters with a .409 average and 31 runs in 88 at bats including four can compete with KSU. home runs.



TEXAS TECH PITCHER John Neely and the Red Raiders hope to end a three-game skid when Kansas State comes into town for a three-game series. The first game is at 6:30 p.m. today at Dan law Field.

innings, Spencer believes his club we played well, or even played

"If you think about some of the

well and got beat, we were within striking distance all the time," he If Tech can manage the early games we've had recently where said. "We do need good starts and

we need to see if we can get three good starts and just see if we can play good offense.'

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## Tech softball pitching staff playing at high level

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

When Texas Tech pitcher Karli Merlosses. lich gives up a home run, she flushes it down the toilet.

Metaphorically speaking, of course. "You just have to flush it," she said. "I was taught when I was little—first thing I unless the team is winning. ever learned, first clinic I ever went to — is toilet. And in the toilet you put all the bad 0.91 ERA.

throw your next pitch, it's gone - you Jacobs said. "So I just focus on going in

stuff in the toilet and then you flush it.

silly to some, but her fellow pitching staff is under one that's great." agrees: To be successful, a pitcher must have a short memory.

Perhaps that ability to bounce back has contributed to their early success in the form of 29 wins and only five

Tech pitchers are scattered across the leader boards of the Big 12 Conference in almost every category, but they will tell you the statistics do not mean anything

Senior Ashly Jacobs is in the top 10 bad things are going to happen. You have of the Big 12 in strikeouts and wins, and to look in the outfield and pretend it's a big leads the conference with an astounding

"I mean (the ERA) is good, but at the "And then when you turn around to same time that can change at any time," the game and keeping (the other team) Merlich's metaphor may seem a bit to as few runs as possible and if (the ERA)

> Jacobs leads the Red Raiders with 11 wins, but it doesn't matter how many she

has personally, she said, but rather how many the team has.

As a staff, Tech is second in the Big 12 with a 1.81 ERA, and first with a .189 batting average against. Last year, Tech was dead last in ERA, hits against, earned runs allowed, walks and most importantly wins.

This year, the Red Raiders have just about doubled their win total from

Assistant coach Aly Sartini is in her first year with the Red Raiders and said she did not know what to expect out of her new team. All she knows is her expectations already have been exceeded.

"Even in the fall and that kind of stuff, (the pitching) definitely showed that it's a strong suit for us," she said. "You know all of our pitchers are a little bit different. They have different strengths, which is great and definitely beneficial for us. We can throw any of them at any time and get a different look."

One thing Tech coach Shanon Hays always stresses is the difference between the good teams and the great teams is pitching.

Sartini said she believes this team is well-aware of that, and can reach for the upper echelon of college softball. Although she knows the pitchers can't be perfect each game, she knows they are giving "110 percent" every time

However, freshman pitcher Ashley Brokeshoulder said the staff would not be anywhere if it were not for the offense and defense behind them. The Red Raidscored with 236.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S KARLI Merlich has been one of the instrumental parts of a solid pitching staff for the Red Raiders.

Jacobs, Merlich, Brokeshoulder and pitcher Hillary Phillips are all called on in different situations, whether it's to start or ers' offense leads the Big 12 with a .324 come out of the bullpen. Jacobs, Merlich batting average and also leads in runs and Brokeshoulder agree trusting the other pitchers help them out.

"Having girls to back you up, I mean not all the pressure's on you," Brokeshoulder said. "And you know that if you can't do it that day then you are going to have someone there to back you up." >>> tommy.magelssen@ttu.edu

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#### Sweeney hits go-ahead RBI double in ninth for M's

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Mike allowed four runs and eight hits over of the right-field wall with two outs in the top of the ninth inning and the Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 7-6 on Wednesday.

Willie Eyre walked Corey Pattern and Sweeney followed with his second double of the game. Sweeney finished 4 for 5 with three RBIs.

Texas Rangers starter Rich Harden ers.

Sweeney hit an RBI double off the top 4 2-3 innings and was pulled after giving up a double to Milton Bradley and RBI single to Sweeney in the top

He finished spring training with a 1-3 record and 9.67 ERA in six starts.

Michael Young hit his first home run and Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero each doubled for the Rang-

#### ......

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Justine Henin made another comeback Wednesday.

The former No. 1, playing her fourth tournament since coming out of retirement, rallied to beat No. 2-seeded Caroline Wozniacki 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Sony Ericsson Open.

Henin lost only two of 22 service points in the final set, closing out the 2-hour, 45-minute match with a love

"I didn't play for two years, so it's good to be on the court a little bit longer," she said with a smile.

committed 31 unforced errors in the opening set. She said she struggled early with Wozniacki's wide variety of shots, including an occasional moon ball.

"She's really smart," Henin said. "She never hits two balls in the row with the same rhythm. She pushed me

Henin beats Wozniacki at Key Biscayne to play and work a lot."

> Andy Roddick advanced to the men's semifinals when he beat No. 33-seeded Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 6-3. Roddick committed only 10 unforced errors in 110 points, and he has yet to drop a set in four rounds.

"When play a lot of matches and kind of play a high level, it feels like everything kind of slows down a little bit," Roddick said. "Muscle memory takes over a little bit more. I think I'm at that stage right now. Unfortunately with tennis, you have to start over

Roddick, the 2004 champion, Henin's play steadied after she will play Friday against the winner of Wednesday night's match between No. 4-seeded Rafael Nadal and No. 8 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

The quarterfinals went without No. 1-ranked Roger Federer, who lost to No. 16-seeded Tomas Berdych 6-4, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (6) in a fourth-round match that ended at 12:16 a.m. Wednesday.

#### ..... Glaus, McCann lead Braves over Astros, 10-5

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KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Troy Glaus had three hits and six hits with two walks in four inthree RBIs to lift his spring training batting average to .413, and the Atlanta Braves topped the Houston Astros 10-5 Wednesday in their final spring training

Brian McCann also drove in three runs, and rookie Jason Heyward and Martin Prado scored twice for the Braves. Derek Lowe

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was charged with three runs and nings. He struck out three.

Houston's Chris Johnson hit a two-run homer and finished with three RBIs, and Michael Bourn and Pedro Feliz both had two hits and a run scored. Wandy Rodriguez gave up nine runs and nine hits in 2 1-3 innings in his final start of the spring as his ERA ballooned to 12.10.

## QB Sheffield out for spring

### Potts leaves practice after cutting hand

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Steven Sheffield and Taylor Potts hoped this week would be another opportunity to determine Texas Tech's signal caller on Saturdays this fall.

But now, the two seniors are just trying to stay healthy.

The Red Raiders were hit by their first dilemma this spring when Tommy Tuberville announced Sheffield is expected to miss eight to 10 weeks after re-injuring his left foot in practice Monday when he stepped on a teammate's foot. Sheffield underwent surgery Wednesday morning on the same foot he injured against Nebraska in October.

A few hours after Tuberville broke the news about Sheffield, Potts left the field with a cut in between his fingers on his throwing hand. Tuberville said Potts hit his hand on a helmet, causing the cut. The cut requires stitches and could keep him out until the middle of next week.

"I've seen that happen to them," Tuberville said of Sheffield's injury. "They get a string of bad luck and hopefully this is all his. Maybe he's used it all in one year."

Tuberville said the senior had a screw replaced in his foot, and he should be ready by June, right before fall camp.

As far as coaches evaluating Sheffield and Potts, the injuries may come at TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Taylor Potts throws a pass to running back Eric Stephens during spring practice. Potts left an inopportune time. Tuberville said he plans on running a 40- to 50-play scrim-

There are countless storylines as spring practice continues, but one of the most noteworthy may be the quarterback

Potts and Sheffield virtually took practices. turns at quarterback last year, with both the season. Potts was named starter at the beginning of the 2009 season, but a concussion in the New Mexico game stalled his season and Sheffield's walk-on- two-a-days. to-starter story took center stage.

field was sidelined with the injury.

Since the Oklahoma State game last for 141 yards and a score. year, the two have gone back and forth

practice Wednesday after he cut his hand on the helmet of a teammate and Quarterback Steven Sheffield underwent surgery on his left foot Wednesday. Potts should be back some time next week while Sheffield is expected to be out for eight weeks. standstill in terms of not knowing what Steven can do other than what we saw for

as starter, which has spilled into spring

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Coaches insist Sheffield's injury will players seeing significant time throughout not impact who wins the starting job. Tuberville said at the beginning of spring practices and on Wednesday that the will take most of the reps in Friday's battle at quarterback will go deep into

But after helping Tech cruise past New impressed coaches by completing 18-of-25 routs of Kansas State and Nebraska, Shef- in Tech's first spring scrimmage. Potts was and a touchdown. solid as well, completing 13-of-25 passes

"It's probably going to put us at a you, that's a good thing," Tech offensive

about five practices," Tuberville said.

Now the spotlight is on redshirt freshman Jacob Karam and sophomore Seth Doege.

Tech offensive coordinator Neal Brown said first Doege, then Karam

Doege might be used to this after last It was just Saturday when Sheffield season, when he started against Kansas. Although he didn't finish the game, he Mexico and leading the Red Raiders in passes for 222 yards and two touchdowns completed 14-of-28 passes for 159 yards

> "Doege and Karam are going to both get some reps and to be honest with

coordinator Neal Brown said. "They need it. They need some work. So we'll roll them out there."

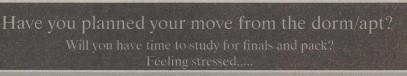
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As a former Tech quarterback, inside receivers coach Sonny Cumbie knows what Sheffield is going through.

Cumbie said Sheffield's situation is a tough one, but considering the senior's experiences last season — and in his Tech career — he should come back with no problems.

"It gets you down a little bit," he said. "But he's overcame a lot. He was a walkon. He was injured last year. He battled back, was able to play in the bowl game. He's tough mentally, and he'll be able to make it back."

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### Twins' Span hits mom with foul ball

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Denard Span's mother settled into her box seat, surrounded by 20 family members and friends, to watch her son lead off for the Minnesota Twins.

Uh oh. Look out!

In a shocking split-second, Span hit a hard foul ball that struck his mom in the upper chest Wednesday. She was treated by paramedics and back in the stands minutes later.

"Tell everyone that I'm all right," Wanda Wilson told The Associated Press hours later by telephone. "Everyone was so worried, he was so worried. But I'm

"We had just gotten there. It happened so fast, you couldn't do anything," she said. "I was kind of in awe. But God is good, I'm OK."

Wilson was wearing a Span jersey and sitting a few rows off the field, near the Twins' third-base dugout. In the first inning against the New York Yankees, Span took a late swing on the sixth pitch of the game and sent a line drive that hit his mother near the shoulder.

"As the ball was in the air, I realized that it was going after my mom," Span said after arriving back at Twins' headquarters in Fort Myers. "When I saw her go down, I just couldn't do nothing but go after her."



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