

## Tech career fair attracts 97 employers



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador CHAD COWAN, AN admissions counselor for Dallas Theological Seminary, hands his business card to Stephanie Acosta, a junior social work major from El Paso, during University Career Services' career fair at the Overton Hotel on Wednesday.

## Red Raiders network with company reps

#### By STEVIE DOUGLAS STAFF WRITER

Students filled the conference room of the Overton Hotel for the annual career fair Wednesday afternoon hosted by University Career Services.

The event brought 97 employers from across the nation to meet with Texas Tech students looking for opportunities after college.

# Soldier's Calling



Texas Tech Veterans Association hosts cell phone donation service for troops

#### By TERRY MOORE STAFF WRITER

Carrying the "leave no man behind" mentality of the armed forces, the Texas Tech Veterans Association, in collaboration with other university groups, is accepting old cellphones to help troops stationed overseas call home.

Their booth will be located outside the Student Union Building for the remainder of the week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are asked to bring what they can.

The donation service the group has partnered with, Cell Phones for Soldiers, receives old cellphones from various collection sites from across the country and sends them to ReCellular, a phone recycling company. In return, Cell Phones for Soldiers uses the money acquired from ReCellular to pay for calling cards, which are sent to troops around the world.

The nonprofit organization has raised more than \$7 million to date from the collection service, according to its website. This money translates to more than 90 million minutes of talk time soldiers can use.

"I think (soldiers) will greatly appreciate it," said Valerie Rogers, a recent graduate from Keller and event coordinator of the Veterans Association. "Personally, I've been on the receiving end of the work from nonprofit organizations. It's a great thing: You can easily run up your cellphone bill pretty fast. Every little bit helps."

Although the deeds come unexpectedly, the generosity of organizations like Cell Phones for Soldiers does not go unnoticed, said Christopher Beck, a graduate student in architecture and treasurer of the Veterans Association.

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### Disability Services works on new methods to serve

#### By TYLER MYATT STAFF WRITER

"Everything." That is what Logan Lamberth said Student Disability

### Program development a priority

Services has done for him at Texas Tech.

"If it wasn't for Student Disability Services, I don't think I would have made it through college," the exercise and sports sciences major from Batson said. "It's been a really successful program for me."

Lamberth, who is legally blind and works at Student Disability Services, said he likes the interaction he gets with new students who might be nervous the first time they come in.

"Sometimes they feel more comfortable talking to another student who has kind of 'been there, done that," he said.

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PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

GRANT GOMEZ, A freshman communication family and addiction studies major from Austin, talks to Nate Zeiger, a senior energy commerce major from Salt Lake City, and Valerie Rogers, a Tech alumna, about Cell Phones for Soldiers, a program that involves donating old cellphones to provide cell phone memory cards to soldiers.

## Panel showcases women military attorneys

### JAG Corps members speak

By GLORIA LERMA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech University School of Law's Military Association presented the "Women in the Judge Advocate General's Corps" Wednesday, which included an open panel specifically aimed at law students and provided an inside look at the careets of women in the military.

The law school's Lanier Auditorium opened its doors to a team of Fort Bliss attorneys, which comprised Maj. Sherilyn Bunn, Maj. Temidayo Anderson, Capt. Jennifer McKeel and 1st Lt. Amber Wagner.

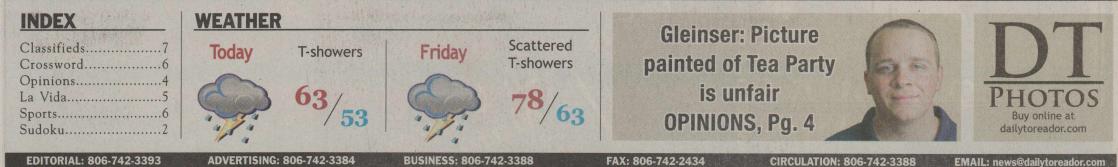
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THE PANEL AT the Texas Tech University School of Law's Military Association's "Women in the Judge Advocate General's Corps" discusses careers in the military Wednesday in

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### Community Calendar

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Annual Art Faculty Exhibit Time: 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Arts Gallery, School of Art building So, what is it? Enjoy the First Friday Art Trail.

Fiestas Patrias 2011 Time: 7 p.m. Where: Guadalupe Park, 1st street and avenue P

So, what is it? Celebrate Mexican Independence from Spain. Enjoy the "Cry for Freedom" ceremony in which Irene Ramonez will portray a wealthy woman who stood against the Spanish government.

Women's Self Defense Classes Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: UMC Activities Center

So, what is it?

Enjoy this self-defense class and learn the difference between mental and physical self defense, and the importance of mental awareness.

Free Coffee Shop on Campus Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Where: Human Sciences, Canvon Room (lobby of HUSMCI 169)

So, what is it?

Enjoy free coffee, tea and Italian sodas with live music. Come hang out or just take a break from studying with a free drink.

El Grito: Mexico's Independence

Time: 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, North Plaza So, what is it?

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demic Advancement Center as they host "El Grito: Mexico's Independence." The event will feature quest speakers, Mariachis, ballet folklorico dancers and more.

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#### FRIDAY

#### David Schalliol Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Art at the Tech School of Art So, what is it? Enjoy an exhibit from David Schalliol's photography series, "Isolated Building Studies: Revealing Meaning through Recontextualization."

Art History's Lecture Series, Museum of Texas Tech Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon Where: Museum at Texas Tech University, Helen DeVitt Auditorium So, what is it? Friday begins the first Art History Series at the museum.

Feminist Forum: "The Feminist Teacher" Time: Noon to 1 p.m. Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center, Room 153 So, what is it? Enjoy this forum hosted by The

Women's Studies Program.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

## Tech professor develops new psychology test

#### By GLORIA LERMA STAFF WRITER

A new test developed by a Texas Tech professor may be able to more accurately predict prospective college students' chances of success in higher education.

The Personal Growth Initiative is a test developed by Christine Robitschek, a Tech psychology professor, to evaluate an individual's capacity for personal growth. The test is said to be more accurate than the SAT because it can predict a prospective college student's ability to use resources to aid their personal growth throughout their college career.

Robitschek's intention with the PGI was to measure depression levels and their ability to affect GPAs, according to Texas Tech Today. But after tests and measurements, Robitschek discovered the PGI could actually explain "22 percent of variability" in GPAs - more than 10 percent higher than the SAT's

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As a speech pathologist in a public school, Larry Phillipe, the disability services' managing director, saw the need for extra support at the higher education level.

"For many years, I watched these students struggle through elementary, junior high and high school with these kinds of issues," he said, "and not getting really good, comprehensive support.'

Student Disability Services at Tech has been recognized nationally several times, Phillipe said, and is often at the forefront of developing new programs and exploring new areas in helping students with disabilities.

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TECH PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR

of the test.

The test

does not provide multiple-choice answers, but rather uses answers of "Strongly disagree," "Disagree," "Agree"

"For our department, we're always looking for ways to be innovative and creative," he said. One of those innovations is

the coming implementation of what is known as the JAWS program, Phillipe said, which helps blind students by reading text on computer screens to them, allowing them to take online classes.

JAWS can also provide Braille instead of, or in addition to, its voice output system, according to its website.

Phillipe said he will always remember helping a blind student get through law school by converting all his reading material to Braille. The student made it through school, and even challenged some standards, he said.

"In fact, he even set a new precedent with the State Bar of

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and "Strongly agree. Ingrid Weigold, a Tech alumna for change," she said.

and assistant professor of counseling at the University of Akron, worked with Robitschek

in developing the PGI and has used her research. "The more I continue to research, the more information and

developments are made to continue to prove the quality of the PGI test," Weigold said.

Currently, Robitschek is preparing to test the PGI on a small group of people to replicate the accuracy

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Texas on how to evaluate students with visual impairments," Phillipe said.

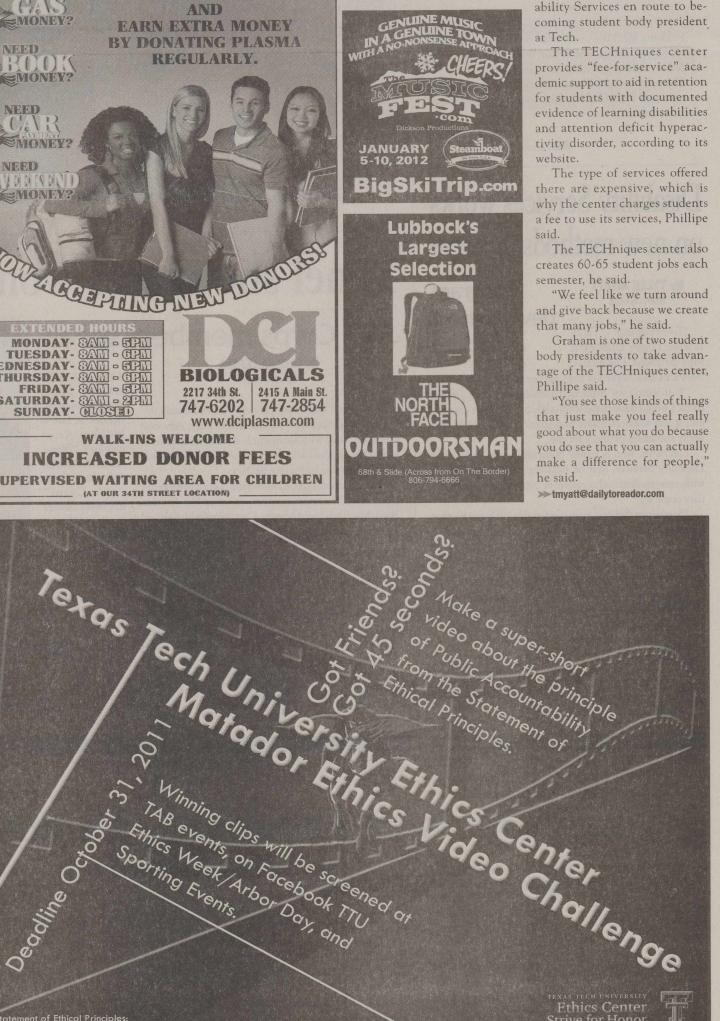
Hearing-impaired students are among the fastest growing segments in the programs offered by Student Disability Services, Phillipe said, which Tech's progress in the area reflects.

"Our program is much further along than a lot of them are, especially in Texas," he said.

Marijane Wernsman, wrote her master's thesis about allowing greater accessibility for disabled patrons of Tech's Community Theatre in 2007, she said, and did so for a personal reason.

"The reason I focused my thesis on the theater was because, as I got older, I began to go deaf and blind on my right side," Wernsman, assistant dean for student affairs in the College of Mass Communications, said. "And so I knew someday I was going to have to take advantage of these technological advances.'

Lamberth said one of the only



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It would be beneficial to have a combination of something to measure academic abilities and the student's capacity for personal growth, Kaila Weeks, a junior exercise and sport scithe PGI test in ences major from Brady, said.

The PGI tests personal attributes in four categories.

The first is the readiness for personal change. Secondly, it tests a student's awareness of changes needing to be made and their ability to develop a plan to carry out the changes in their life. The third attribute tested is whether students can use their resources and the environment around them to help them improve. Lastly, the PGI tests intentional behavior, or the student's ability to carry out the plan, Robitschek said.

Because of her growing research in the PGI test, Robitschek was named an American Psychology Association fellow.

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times he has encountered any difficulties is with inexperienced professors who might not have ever encountered a disabled student.

Wernsman gave some advice for inexperienced professors dealing with disabled students for the first time.

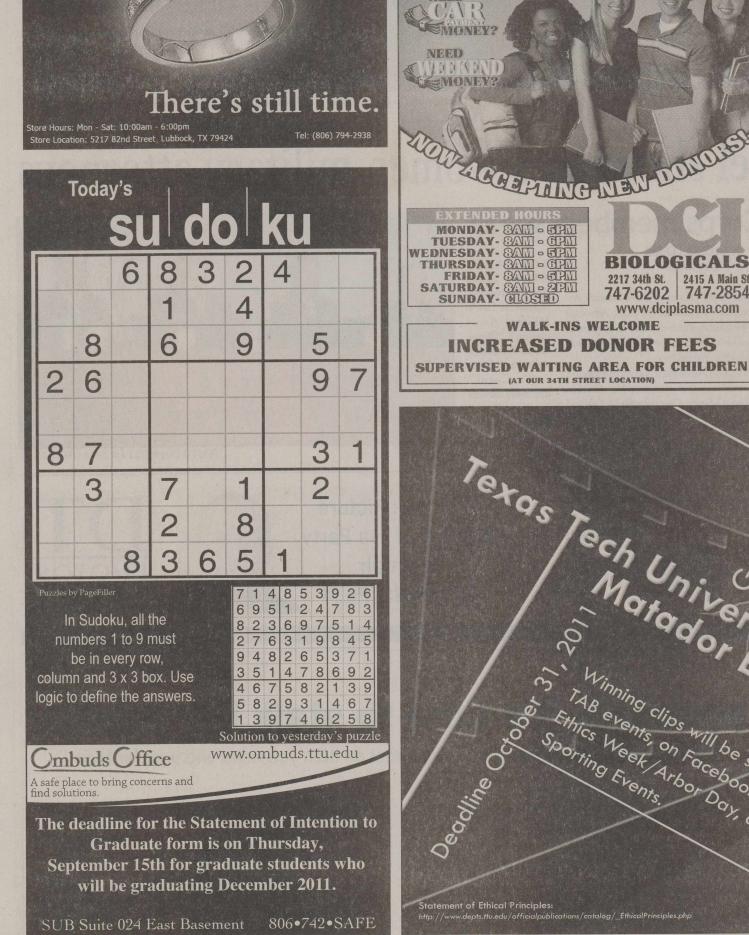
"There are just some common sense things like, 'Ask the student,'" she said. "They've been dealing with this disability longer than anybody else on campus."

Professors inexperienced in dealing with students with disabilities could go overboard, Wernsman said, by either giving a student too much help or not enough.

Her advice for those teachers is to do research and to try to find a balance in making the student's treatment equitable to everyone else's, she said.

One of Phillipe's favorite success stories is Drew Graham's, he said, who used the TECHniques program offered at Student Disability Services en route to becoming student body president

The TECHniques center provides "fee-for-service" academic support to aid in retention for students with documented evidence of learning disabilities and attention deficit hyperac-



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### SEPTEMBER SHOWER



STUDENTS GET RAINED on while crossing 15th Street during a small rain shower Wednesday.

## Fair ← CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"I graduate in May," Chelsea Chumbley, a senior political science major from San Antonio, said, "so when my adviser forwarded me the email about the career fair, I decided it was time to figure out what I'm going to do later on in life."

Stephanie West, the associate director of the University Career Services, said the program has been a valuable resource for students since the 1940s. The career fair has an average of 95-100 employers and up to 1,000 students in attendance each year, she said.
"Networking is the No. 1 way that students get jobs," West said. "What better way to network than to come to a career

fair and meet people in person?"

Tech Career Services offers career counseling, resume building and an extensive list of job postings on the Raider Jobs website.

"Aleesa Ross in the Mass Communications career center has stepped up to help me in any way," Alexis Rice, a senior journalism major from Lubbock, said. "She helped me learn how to network and how to set up my resume. But when it comes to events like this, I think it's your personality that makes you stand out."

Stephanie Biefeld, the human resources specialist at McLane Company, Inc., said the initial meeting at job fairs is what makes a student appealing or not.

"We look for students who are serious about getting a job, whether they be a senior or a sophomore," she said. "Potential applicants have to be outgoing. If you are too shy, you can't really represent yourself in a positive manner."

While the event attracts nearly 100 companies each year, there is not always a representative for every major field.

"So far, I haven't found anything that would apply to my major or minor," Rami Saad, a senior marketing major from South Lake, said.

At each entrance, the University Career Center set up booths for students to sign in at and then presented each with a nametag detailing their major and expected graduation date.

This effort acts as an initial icebreaker for both employers and students, West said. "We get a lot of our prospec-

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said.

tive employees from job fairs,

specifically the one for Tech,"

Trent Ware, vice president of

Armor Wealth Management

and a Tech alumnus, said. "We

are looking for people who are

friendly, outgoing and profes-

ter hosts specialized events for

each major as well as career-

planning workshops periodi-

cally throughout the year, West

website, the career center will

offer an engineering fair Sept.

27, a business fair Oct. 5, a mass

communications fair Oct. 13

and an education fair Nov. 1.

They will also host workshops

exploring different aspects of

the job hunt throughout the

According to the program's

The University Career Cen-

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"I didn't know about the drive while I was over (in Iraq)," he said, "but I did receive some phone cards. They were helpful. We enjoyed getting those and not having to pay out of the pocket. Anything a soldier can get for free is nice."

Caroline Tapp, a junior geophysics major from Dallas and secretary of the Veterans Association, said the differences present between civilian life and military life are all in the technology.

"One of the things we constantly forget here, living in America, is we have access to data, the Internet and Skype," she said. "What you realize when you get overseas is not all countries have the same liberties and luxuries that we have. All they have is payphones, so those phone cards are what really help."

The numerous situations where calling cards can be used, Tapp said, are what is so appealing about this drive.

"It's not just for when there's incombat situations," she said. "It's for anywhere when (soldiers) don't necessarily have access to send an email."

Another positive thing about donating cell phones is the environmental relief, Diana Fabing, coordinator of

#### the Tech Activities Board, said.

"Not only are we helping Cell Phones for Soldiers make money to be able to help these soldiers call home," she said, "but we're helping to recycle."

Cell Phones for Soldiers has gathered and recycled more than 7.5 million cell phones since 2004, which has alleviated overcrowding in landfills, according to the organization's website.

Opportunities to donate are not just limited to outside the SUB, Tapp said. Cell phones can be dropped off in Room 108 of Doak Hall, the University Medical Center information desk and the Tech Activities Board office in the SUB.

The Veterans Association has received a helping hand from many groups, she said, including the Army and Air Force ROTCs and the Young Conservatives.

"The Veterans Association is very thankful," Tapp said. "We had other student organizations that helped us on campus. We're really appreciative that Tech let us have the opportunity to support the troops."

With the assistance the association has gained, it expects future drives, Rogers said.

"We'll see how things go," she said, "but I'd like to see this happen every year."

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"The purpose for the event was to showcase women in these powerful positions that have combined their interests — being an attorney and (being) in the JAG Corps," James Garret, president of Tech Law's Military Association, said. "These are successful attorneys in the military who show a different side of what the military is perceived as."

The panelists discussed topics including their careers and personal lives. Some of the topics were criminal justice, life as a brigade judge advocate, operational law and legal assistance. Additional topics included family life and race in the military.

The panelists also relayed to the audience how their experiences in the military have been in the male-dominated field. Through this, the women were able to shed light on the joys and difficulties of their work.

"To me, it was an amazing opportu- >>>>glerma@dailytoreador.com

nity," Natalie Cepack, a third-year law student from Southlake, said. "That is the career I'm pursuing: to work in the military while continuing as an attorney. It just showed how truly successful women attorneys can be in a male-dominated industry."

The event not only presented women leaders, but it also gave an opportunity for attendees to see a rarely talked about side of the military, Garret said.

"It is important for people (and the) Tech community to see that other side of military," he said, "where educated, professional women are striving."

Although the event showcased women leaders, male students also saw benefits in attending the discussion.

"I just think it is important to publicize that women in the JAG Corps are accomplishing both things: being in the military and (being) attorneys," Austin Franklin, a second-year law student from Brownwood, said. "It was like a day in the lives of successful women."

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rying to find a job in Lubbock is far from finding a needle in a haystack. The same goes with one trying to find themselves in this town as well.

Everyone reaches a time in their life where they are able to sit back, reflect and say things are the way they are because of how they made them. These are the type of things constituting who they are.

Honestly, nobody really knows who they are or what they're about until something tragic happens in their life. It's then when they have to really buckle down the straps and take control.

Making choices you've never made can seem scary. Doing about and, more so, to see what something you've never experienced is terrifying, but experiences grow with you and later become part of this vicious cycle known as life.



I know this feeling a bit more than others because my mother was killed in a car accident three days before I celebrated my 18th birthday.

After, I had no idea if college was in the cards for me. So, what did I do rather than waste time and money? I worked a full year and moved to London a year later. I lived in London for a while to see what life was I was about.

Now, whenever someone asks me, "Do you know yourself?," or, "Who are you?," I'm able to answer without hesitation.

sure it's not as easy to answer.

You're still discovering this person within yourself you are becoming. Trust me, you will with the student. become some-

one far more dependent on yourself than anyone else this, within itself, is far more rewarding than anything. I had a class

once where the professor was talking about picking up an order at a drive-thru restaurant. He

mentioned the person who "In the end, things that people handed him his order was a Tech student who was in a previous class of his. One of the students in our class made a remark about

However, for some of you, I'm how pathetic it was of the student for working at such a place. Then, our professor stopped the class from laughing and agreeing

> I remember he stood there telling the class any job is a job worth working at if it helps you pay appreciate the little the bills. I remember how stern he was on the subject. "Don't let anyone look down on you for doing what needs to be

> > done," he said. say about you won't matter. What matters is that you know yourself and what you're capable of."

ber thinking how he was trying to reach out to the vounger crowd, to the students who were too focused on what their friends said or thought about them. I understand being a certain way in college often feels necessary because of what you're trying to accomplish. You're trying to make friends. You're trying to be what you never were back wherever vou came from.

Yet, you need to remember being yourself is far better than any alternative. Even if you don't like yourself now, or if vou didn't like vourself then, eventually you will come to a common ground with yourself and grow to like what you previously disliked.

Rivers Cuomo of the band Weezer once said, "Trust yourself and your own instincts as much as you possibly can, because the truth is that you

Sitting in his class, I remem- knowing yourself is better than anything else.'

> This quote has been in my memory since I first heard it, and at times it has been something I'll think about whenever I feel this journey of mine becoming too hectic.

> Basically, all I can say - as cliché as it will sound — is in order for you to be truly happy, you really must love yourself first.

> Accepting yourself is a challenge within itself, but it's definitely something you will have to overcome eventually. You are allowed to change, but you need to be able to love it all. It's a process, and even if you don't see it now, you will. You will slowly appreciate the little things you never noticed before, and I hope you enjoy them. Martinez is a senior American sign language major from Austin.

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Reverse racism is wrong policy, does more harm than good

find it a little bit ironic how equal opportunists and political activists are demanding equal rights for all when they're clearly forgetting about a certain subset of people, namely white people.

These days, we have to be particularly careful about what we say and to whom we say it, but I'm a little over this.

Why is it everyone is allowed to be racist but white people?

Now, before all the equal opportunists and minority organizations on campus light their torches, grab their pitchforks and demand my blood, let me ties deal with. explain myself.

have overcome a lot of trials, and, obviously, I would never try to dispute this. We aim for these sets of minority groups fairness. But is it fair I'm labeled a bigot just because my ancestors didn't go through slavery or have their land taken from them?



I'm half Jewish, but I have never been to Israel and I do not practice Judaism. I would never — not even in a million years — consider myself a Iewish-American. Essentially, the only connection is genetics, which is also what most minori-

The majority of people who I understand minority groups are "something-hyphen-Americans" have never been to their "homelands," and, typically, have as much connection to Mexico, Africa, India, Asia and wherever else as I do, yet these groups want special privileges

for being from where they're from.

The other half of my heritage people who also were oppressed. My ancestors were considered to be uneducated, toothless white trash, when in reality they

were those salt-of-theearth people who worked in coalmines building this country. Yet, neither "hon; ky" nor "hill-

billy" is ever censored on television programs.

I became pretty introspective this weekend while watching 9-11 footage, and I wondered, "Why do we all have to be leaked into our higher learning 'something-hyphen-Ameri- systems. Minority scholarships

come from, but don't try and break up where you are.

For years, we have been trying to rebuild this country based on equal opportunity, but it has gone too far.

We legally protect ethnic minorities, religious subsets and anyone else we deem, for We should all be lack of a better word, "dishonored to just be advantaged." But, if a white Americans. Christian male were to claim he wasn't con-

> sidered for a job based on the fact he was white, there would be no case for him.

jority Association for Equality offered white males in Texas a scholarship opportunity, it made national news.

Why is it that we, as students, are so race-conscious? Ethnicity should not be a factor in our admittance to college, and it should not be a factor with receiving scholarships. Scholarships should be based on economic need and admittance to schools should be based on merit alone.

More often than not, when I was filling out school and job applications, I was afraid to check the "white" box under "race/ ethnicity" for fear the company or university wouldn't want me. No one, minority or not,

This same phenomenon has should have to feel that way. Now, please don't get me wrong. I think diversity is a

ably wouldn't get us anywhere. However, lately I feel like this idea of diversity is doing more harm than good.

I am not promoting white supremacy and I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I just think if there is to be equal opportunity for all people, it should truly be for all people.

Clearly, this obstacle is not going to be overcome in a day. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "All big changes have been arrived at slowly and through many compromises."

I think if we're all willing to compromise, we can stop being "something-hyphen-Americans" and just be appreciative of each other's cultures as a united people.

can?" We should all be honored to simply be Americans.

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wonderful thing. Without it, been around for decades. But all anyone would know is his Be proud of where you have this year, when the Former Ma- or her own people, which prob-

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## Unfair, inaccurate picture of Tea Party painted by press, politicians

h, how the mainstream media loves to have someone to vilify. Nowadays, one of their favorite targets seems to be the Tea Party.

This political opposition is the leading target in the proverbial witch-hunt, and, like a dog chasing food with its tongue hanging out, the media dutifully follows, eating up every little scrap coming its way.

Gone are the days of good liberal representatives, the ones who used to proclaim, "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it."

Modern liberals, like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and her entourage, have taken a very different approach to their opposition. Instead of respecting their political foes and their views, these new-age liberals tend to do a very nice hatchet



job on them.

Take the Tea Party, for example. Leading liberals denounce the Tea Party as an angry mob or a hostile group of naysayers. Some have spread the word the Tea Party is racist, as seen recently in U.S. Rep. Andre Carson's claim Tea Party lawmakers would like to see blacks "hanging on a tree" while making references to the Jim Crow era.

The term "tea-baggers" even has developed as a derogatory slang term to describe Tea Party members.

So, to clear up any confusion caused by the belittling attacks

made by the media and the political left, I'm going to tell the truth about the Tea Party. It's not a group of uneducated, backwards racists with pitchforks and torches who don't even know what they're mad about — it's much more than that.

The Tea Party is a group of average and patriotic American citizens. These citizens range from libertarian to moderate on the political spectrum. Generally, they have not been overly involved in politics in quite a while and have now been awoken by issues making their blood boil.

They are tired of the out-ofcontrol spending in Washington, D.C. They are tired of politicians doing nothing but lining their own pockets. They are tired of their tax dollars being used to pay for bloated entitlement programs.

They are tired of the arrogance of politicians who disregard the will of their constituencies. They are tired of the Constitution's undermining by those sworn to protect it. And they're not going to take it anymore.

The reigning question now would be why the left is attacking the Tea Party so furiously. They don't attack mainstream conservatives in this way, so what makes the Tea Party different?

The answer is liberals are afraid of them. Though the leftists may deny it, the Tea Party is gaining a great deal of traction in contemporary politics. Liberal representatives are afraid of the influence of the Tea Party and its effects on their agenda, so they resort to mudslinging and smear campaigns.

Some may argue the Tea Par-

ty's demands are causing progress to come to a halt. What's coming to a halt is not progress, but simply business as usual. For those of you who think modern politics is simply a group of people debating issues and then honestly voting on them, you are sorely mistaken.

It's all about making deals. It's about saying, "OK, I will vote for your bill if you promise to vote for mine," or "I will vote for your bill if you add something onto it for me."

Personal beliefs and the will of constituents get pushed into the background. So, instead of impeding progress, the Tea Party is standing up for what needs to happen instead of letting the everyday agenda reign free.

It's true the debt deal may have been completed sooner if not for the Tea Party, but at least a group of people spoke up and demanded the government cut spending to try to curb the skyrocketing deficit. Realistically speaking, it's unlikely the government would have done much of anything on its own.

So, in actuality, the Tea Party is not just a group of rabblerousers as the mainstream media and political left would have you believe. They are a group of average, patriotic Americans who are trying to inject some common sense into the political picture.

Their main message is our elected officials have no business continuing to do whatever they like. Representatives must answer to their constituents. We don't work for them. They work for us.

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## Tech student sets up fund to help mother

#### **By PAIGE SKINNER** STAFF WRITER

Rachel Albers, a sophomore communication design major from Mt. Home, Ark., has watched her mom struggle with a bladder disease her whole life.

prescription, Albers insisted it wasn't the right medicine for her mother and that she should try something new.

Through research, Albers found Elmiron, a new medication to treat interstitial cystitis, or IC, the disease Albers' mother has, but the cost was too much for the family to afford.

She said her mom called her crying after learning from her doctor the medicine would cost \$5,000 a year.

"I hung up the phone and just said, 'I can't let her go through this,' and I refuse to, so, that's why I set up the fund," she said.

The fund Albers set up is the Never Lose Heart Fund, which benefits her mother, Karen Gebhard.

Albers said IC is not a rare disease, but it is very unknown. There are about 700,000 people with it in America and about a million worldwide.

She said she came up with the name of the fund because it is something she and her mother just by DNA makeup, and I love

always tell each other.

"When I was a little girl, right when my mom's disease started getting worse, I walked into the bathroom in the middle of the night, and she was crying on the bathroom floor," Albers said. "And I told her, 'Never lose heart,' be-After years of using the same cause Jesus loves her. And so that's always kind of been our little thing. I would tell her when she would have a flare-up.'

Albers said she talks to her mom often and will be visiting her in about two weeks.

However, her mom knows nothing about the fund setup to help her. Albers wants to surprise her with the money once it's all raised.

Bruce Venable, associate pastor for university life at First Baptist Church of Lubbock, said he got to know Albers recently and got to hear her story.

"From what I understand, her mom doesn't know about the fund," he said. "She was kind of like, 'We can't do this. It's not going to happen.' So, Rachel's just trying to get this to go."

Venable and Albers plan on meeting once a week so he can be supportive and encourage her. "Knowing her whole story, she's

handling everything amazingly well," he said. "I am an encourager

to hear and see people who have extreme adversity in their life that doesn't keep them down, and she's one of those. She's gone through a lot, and it would be warranted for her to have an angry outlook on life, but she's chosen not to do that. She's handling it really well."

Albers said she uses Facebook to advertise the fund, as well as emailing her professors and her mom's old high school friends. She's also written letters to several churches.

Albers said people have been supportive. So far, the fund raised \$670 within the first week of being created.

Still, Albers is managing the account by herself.

"I have a lot of support, but I'm pretty much doing it all on my own," she said.

The Never Lose Heart Fund is set up on GiveForward.com, a website Venable said is legitimate.

"The advice I've given her is: in the process of doing it, just make sure people understand the legitimacy of the fund," he said. "I gave her some suggestions that would help people know it's the real deal, and not just somebody doing something not out of a necessity. And she had covered the bases. She's using the site PayForward.com, and it's a legitimate site."

As well as PayForward.com, Al-

PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL ALBERS

RACHEL ALBERS, A sophomore communications design major from Mt. Home, Ark., started a fund, "Never Lose Heart" to help raise money for her mother's, Karen Gebhard, medications to treat Interstitial Cystitis.

bers is selling bracelets with "Never takes to help her mom. Lose Heart" printed on them.

Albers refers to herself as her mom's "rock." She said her mom's family left when things got bad, but Albers is willing to do whatever it said. "(She's) very driven and she

Venable said he tries to help

this.' with her spiritual growth and just

to encourage her. "She's a neat young lady," he

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## NYC TV meteorologist admits false attack claims

NEW YORK (AP) - A TV meteorologist admitted Wednesday she'd made up claims of being repeatedly attacked by a stranger on the city streets, allegations that sparked an extensive investigation before police said she told them she'd invented the story to get attention.

Heidi Jones, who has worked for stations in New York and Texas and filled in on ABC's "Good Morning America," pleaded guilty to misdeclaims, prosecutors said. Jones is due stances of her departure. to be sentenced Oct. 26.

Jones wanted to take responsibility for the episode and express "her deepest regret and her apologies for any inconvenience that was caused," said her lawyer, Paul F. Callan. Jones declined to comment outside court, where her remarks were limited to yes-and-no answers to a judge's questions.

"Hopefully, this resolution today will make it possible for her to move on with her life and to make amends. Callan added.

Jones, 38, told police Dec. 1 the same man attacked her while she was running in Central Park last September and again outside her Manhattan apartment in November, authorities said.

After she provided a detailed description — including the alleged detectives spoke to possible witnesses and canvassed the area to look for a suspect.

much stress at work, with my personal weather coverage during about five life and with my family," she said, according to the document.

Callan declined Wednesday to discuss what prompted Jones' fake claims. Jones anchored weekend evening years at New York's WABC-TV. She previously worked in cities including Albany, N.Y., and Houston, where she once delivered a forecast while running a marathon.

Unemployed and struggling financially since her arrest, she has had to give up her former apartment, Callan said.

"She's paid a high price for the crimes she pleaded guilty to," he said.

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meanor false-reporting charges.

Her plea deal calls for three years' probation, continuing psychiatric counseling and 350 hours of community service — the amount of time police spent looking into her phony

Suspended after her December arrest, she no longer has her job at New York's local ABC station. Callan declined to comment on the circum-

Ultimately, when a detective interviewed Jones again around midnight on Dec. 13, she admitted she'd concocted the assaults, according to a court document prosecutors filed in January.

"I made it up for attention. I have so

### Court orders tossing of lawsuit over 'Bruno' scene

lawsuit accusing Sacha Baron Cohen of causing injuries to a woman during the filming of "Bruno" should be dismissed because the comedian was exercising his right to free speech when the mishap occurred, an appeals court has ruled.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal said Monday that the finding prevents Baron Cohen from being sued by the woman who tried to force him and his crew from an event being filmed.

Richelle Olson sued Baron Cohen in June 2009, claiming she fell and hit her head moments after struggling with the comedian and

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A his crew as she ordered him to leave a charity bingo game.

Her injuries were serious enough to require Olson to use a cane to walk, according to the lawsuit.

Olson initially allowed filming at the game in Lancaster, Calif., but ordered Baron Cohen to leave after he started equating the numbers with the homosexual relationships of his character in the film about a gay Austrian fashionista.

The court ruling states that the comedian's behavior was protected because the comedian was trying to offer commentary on gay stereotypes, culture and homophobia. His conduct was closely tied to those issues, the ruling states.

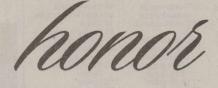
Olson's attorney Marjorie Marenus did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

The unscripted scene did not appear in the final version of "Bruno," which was released in July 2009.

It was the latest legal victory for Baron Cohen, who has been unsuccessfully sued over his movies' inclusion of participants who aren't familiar with the comedian's outlandish characters.

Another Baron Cohen film, "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," became a hit in 2006.

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# SPORTS

## Red Raiders seek their third straight tournament victory

#### **By CHOIS WOODMAN** STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team has won its past two tournaments and is looking to win another in Arlington on Friday and Saturday at the UT-Arlington Tournament.

Tech coach Don Flora said winning this weekend will be very important to continue the team's momentum as Big 12 Conference play gets close.

"Winning is a really important step in showing our growth and our development," Flora said. "If we play well and we get beat, that's fine, but I think these are teams where we can play well and we can come out with some 'W's."

The Red Raiders carry a ninegame winning streak into Arlington. In order to keep the streak alive, they will have to knock off Prairie View A&M on Friday, and then Louisiana-Lafayette and UT-Arlington on Saturday.

The Big 12 schedule will be tough, so it is important for the team to have momentum and confidence going toward Big 12 play, Flora said.

"We start Big 12 play right off the bat in two nationally ranked teams in Iowa State and Oklahoma," he said. "When you look at that, that's a pretty daunting start to the Big 12, but I think with a little mojo and digits in kills. with stuff going right, we're going to be alright."

The offensive play of the Red Raiders is the strongest part of the team right now, Flora said.

"Miara Cave, Breeann David and Amanda Dowdy, offensively, can spread it out and really cause problems for teams," he said. "If we can be more efficient in our hitting decisions, we're going to be really tough to stop."

Reigning Big 12 Rookie of the Week Breeann David said the award is an honor, but she still sees places to improve her game.

"There are so many other deserving freshmen out there. It's really an honor," David said. "I can improve in every area of the game. My passing is getting better every day, and I'm

learning with my blocking. With my hitting, this isn't high school where I can just put the ball down anywhere anymore because there are actually good blockers now."

David has had four different matches where she reached double

David also said winning at the tournament this weekend is crucial for the team moving toward Big 12 play.

"This program hasn't had a winning streak like this since 1997," she said. "Our mindset going in is that we can win, so why not? Why not give it everything and beat those teams in the Big 12? So, I think winning has really gotten our confidence up, and we need to continue that."

Junior Miara Cave said the team's confidence is not only because the team is winning, but also because the team is continuing to show improvement.

"The team has improved a lot, but we still believe we can get a lot better," Cave said. "Winning this weekend would be very important and could give us a big boost of confidence going into the Big 12."



AUBREE PIPER, 13, jumps to block the ball as Miara Crave, 4, watches Sept. 3 during Tech's victory against



can have him out there on Sunday."

If Foster is able to play at Miami, Kubiak says he wouldn't expect any

#### **SPORTS**

## Week 2 fantasy football thoughts, suggestions

on't overreact. Yes, you, I am writing to you: the guy with his finger about to click on "propose trade" to send half his team away for some new players.

Don't do it.

Sure, maybe you had Cam Newton on your bench. Maybe you forgot to check your lineup Sunday morning and played Arian Foster. Yes, Peyton Manning looks like a worthless draft pick. No, maybe you shouldn't have listened to the goof who said to sit Ray Rice.

It will all be OK. It is just Week One. Just how one loss doesn't doom you in the NFL, it doesn't doom you in fantasy football.

#### Matchups I Love The Steelers

The Ravens took them by surprise, and no one had a great day on this team. Mendenhall had a bad day rushing the ball, Ben Roethlisberger could not have looked more flustered by the Ravens defense and the defense was atrocious. The good news is they play the unimpressive Seattle Seahawks this weekend, and they will bounce back. Look for Ben and company to make a statement this Sunday.

Matthew Stafford and Calvin Johnson

If some of you had faith in Stafford, it was rewarded last week. He certainly was impressive. Superstar Calvin Johnson made a lot of those big plays. If this tandem is healthy all year, they could put up some very impressive numbers. They play a Kansas City team that was absolutely embarrassed by Ryan Fitzpatrick and the Bills, so Stafford and Johnson should exploit the Chiefs' secondary with Eric Berry out of their lineup.

Cody Stoots

Matchups I Hate antasy Kevin Kolb and ootball Cam Newton WEEKLY These two had

pretty good debuts this past Sunday, but I have trouble thinking they will repeat this weekend. Kolb plays a surprisingly stout Washington Redskins defense and Cam Newton faces the Green Bay Packers. Drew Brees diced up the Packers last week, but he is a veteran quarterback. Clay Matthews and company will be coming after Newton and Green Bay's defensive coordinator will be looking to confuse Newton, the rookie. If he was on your bench this past weekend, keep him there.

Kenny Britt, Larry Fitzgerald and Steve Smith (Carolina)

All have tough defensive matchups this week. Kolb barely found Fitzgerald in the first game and, as I said above, I think Washington could give Kolb some problems passing the ball. Kenny Britt plays Baltimore this week, so that should be a tough matchup for him. Steve Smith got lucky with Newton in Week One. The Packers will be ready for Smith and will give Newton too much trouble for Smith to make an impact in the game and your fantasy teams.

High-Risk, High-Reward Starter of the Week

Chad Henne

I don't think the huge Monday night game was a fluke. Henne put up a great game against a good New England defense, and the Texans' defense is not as good New England's. Take the risk on Henne, especially if you are hurting with Peyton Manning sitting.

#### Fantasy Football Mailbag

Don't forget you can send me questions about your matchups. I will answer as many as I can over email, but the best ones about next week's games will be answered here in the paper.

"After watching the Colts this week, who do you think still has value?"- Nick A.

I don't think anyone outside of Reggie Wayne has real value anymore. The whole team looked bad on Sunday against the Texans, and even Wayne's points came when the game was out of reach. The offensive line did a poor job protecting Kerry Collins, and when he did have time, Collins wasn't exactly amazing. Wayne is the only one who retains even some of his value.

"Steven Jackson is hurt. What backup should I target?"- Scotty B.

Ben Tate is a name coming to mind right away. He had a good game, but that came with Arian Foster sitting on Sunday. Tate should see carries with Foster back, but not near as many as Sunday. Carnell "Cadillac" Williams was not bad when stepping in for Jackson, and if Bradford is out, the load may rest with Williams, so he becomes a good option. Also, I think Jackson could be bothered all year by this injury, so if you can get a good deal for him, I would explore a small trade.

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## **Phillies clinch playoff spot**

HOUSTON (AP) - No champagne. No wild celebration. The Philadelphia Phillies are back in the postseason for the fifth straight year, and that's exactly what they expected.

Roy Halladay pitched his 20th career shutout and Philadelphia became the first team to reach the playoffs this season with a 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday.

The NL East leaders clinched at least a wild-card berth and will take another run at a ring in October. Philadelphia won the World Series in 2008 and took the NL pennant in 2009.

"That's the beauty of being here," Halladay said. "We expect to win. You convert to that quickly, coming from a team where that wasn't the case. We had some big wins last year and come into the clubhouse and that's where we expected to be."

Once the Phillies signed ace

pitcher Cliff Lee last winter to round out a dominant rotation, another playoff berth seemed inevitable. They said this week there would be no big party for wrapping up the wild card, and when Halladay finished off Houston he and his teammates barely cracked a smile.

Phillies players and manager Charlie Manuel simply lined up for handshakes and high-fives following their 95th win, just as if it were any other. The goal this season is a World Series championship, and anything short of that would hardly satisfy.

"It's a great mentality to have," Halladay said. "There's business to be done and until that point, there's not a lot of celebration."

Philadelphia's magic number is four for clinching its fifth straight division title

'We want the World Series and we want to get there in a good position," Manuel said. "We want to win our division and we want to have

the best record. We want to give our players the best possible position."

The Phillies, who had lost three in a row, needed a win over Houston or a loss by St. Louis on Wednesday to wrap up a playoff spot. The Cardinals beat Pittsburgh 3-2.

Shane Victorino doubled in the first inning and scored the only run on Placido Polanco's single to help Philadelphia avoid a three-game sweep.

"We went out today and played good baseball," Victorino said. "Unfortunately, we came up short a couple of innings when we had a chance to score."

Halladay (18-5) escaped trouble in the second and seventh, finishing with seven strikeouts and one walk for his first shutout of the season. The two-time Cy Young Award winner gave up six hits and threw 114 pitches for his eighth complete game of the year, tops in the NL. The game took just 2 hours, 6 minutes.

## Lynx open playoffs, favorites to win WNBA championship

(AP) — Minnesota talked about winning the WNBA championship during training camp four months ago. The Lynx then had such a dominant season they lost consecutive games just once and won 22 of the last 26 to set the franchise record for victories.

Now, they know they'll need to keep up their intensity when they open the conference semifinals Friday night against San Antonio — a team the Lynx went 4-0 against during the season. "So far we are right on track to do

what we set out to do in the beginning of the season," rookie Maya Moore said. "Every time we step out on the court, we're working for a championship, we're working to win."

Minnesota (27-7) started out with three losses in their first eight games, then had just four more the rest of the way. The Western Conference champions finished nine wins better than their previous franchise-best and return to the playoffs for the first time since 2004 and the third time overall.

However, the Lynx also aren't getting ahead of themselves, and know they need to beat the Silver Stars (18-16) in the next step toward their goal. They swept San Antonio, but two wins came on last-second shots.

"We'll take it one game at a time," veteran point guard Lindsay Whalen said. "We're just focused on San Antonio this weekend. We had a great regular season and that's over now. So on to the playoffs. We'll have the same pressure as everyone to win and stay alive."

## Foster back to practice for Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston the field after dealing with the injury running back Arian Foster returned to practice Wednesday after missing the season opener because of a left hamstring injury.

Coach Gary Kubiak said Foster took the normal repetitions for a starter in the workout.

"I guess the key probably is how he comes out of practice (Thursday)," Kubiak said. "Does he feel good? But

for so long.

"It felt good," he said. "It was pretty fluid, but you've got to ease along hamstring injuries, so I'm just going to take it day by day and see how I feel."

Foster, who ran for 1,616 yards last season to lead the league, has been bothered with the injury for a month. He believes the time off has helped, but wasn't prepared to say he'd definitely be

there," Andre Johnson said. "He looked good today on the carries that he got, so hopefully as the week goes on he'll keep getting better and we can have him out there on Sunday."

If Foster is able to play at Miami, Kubiak says he wouldn't expect any limitations on how he is used.

"If he can play, you play. There won't be being careful with him," Kubiak said. "You may say this is how many times he's going to touch it, but you can't do something half speed out there. We'd have to see, but if he's ready to go, he puts us at our best and he'll be out there.'



everything was positive today at practice, so we'll see."

Kubiak was encouraged by how Foster looked in his return Wednesday.

"I think it's about him getting his confidence back and just cutting it loose," he said. "I just told him to be smart today, but he's on top of his stuff."

ready to play Sunday. "That's the plan, but you never

know with hamstring injuries," he said. 'They're tricky man, sometimes they sneak up on you."

Foster's teammates were excited to have him back.

"Arian is a big part of our offense Foster was happy to get back on and it would be great to have him out ankle and was wearing a walking boot.

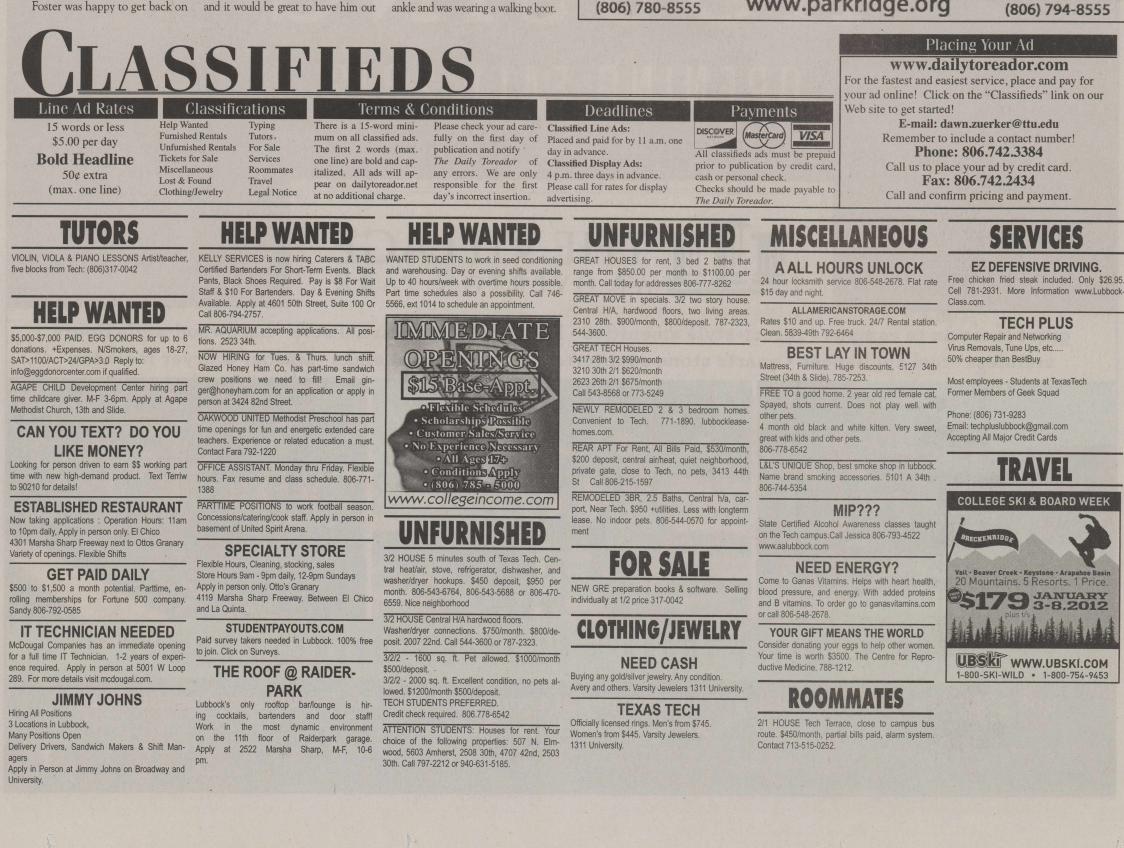
The Texans are also dealing with an injury to backup Derrick Ward, who started last Sunday. Ward didn't practice Wednesday because of a sprained right



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