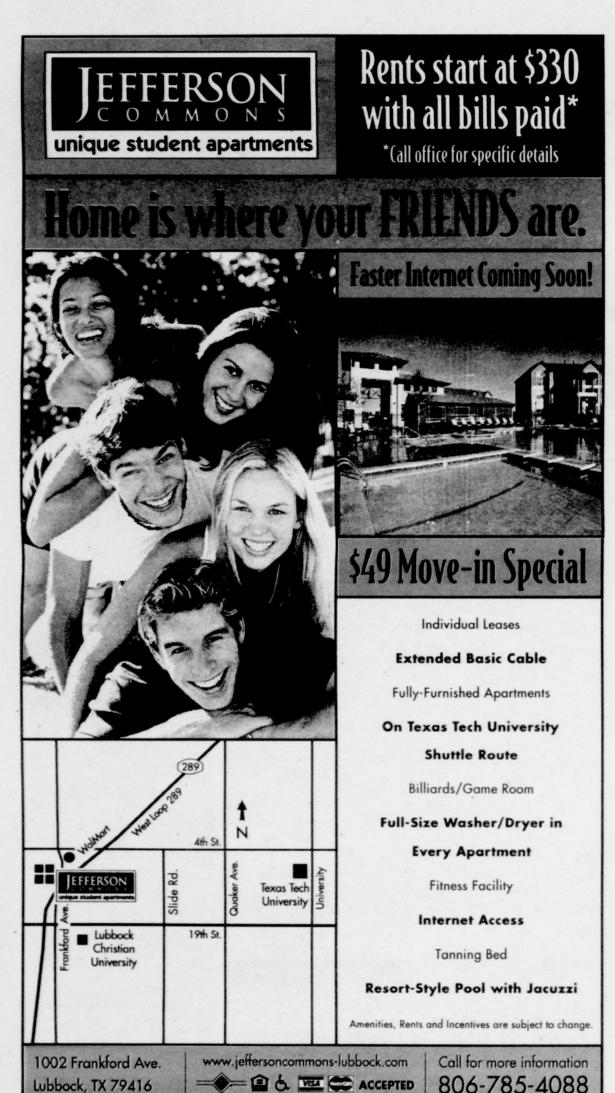
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### Raiders earn national, conference honors

was the first Texas Tech baseball player since 1999 to be named to the All-America list released by USA Today/Sports Weekly.

He led the Big 12 with 19 homeruns, is ranked second nation-.356 average. Brady also leads the Big 12 in stolen bases with 30. With

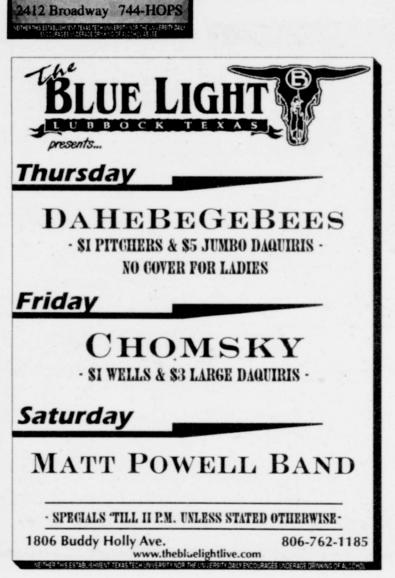
Junior first baseman Josh Brady those statistics, he was selected as the second-team first baseman behind New Mexico State's Billy Becher.

The last Red Raider selected for All-America status was Josh Bard.

Along with those honors, Brady was selected for first-team All-Big ally in RBIs with 84, and batted a 12 with teammates junior shortstop Cameron Blair and junior outfielder Michael Mask.

> Senior third baseman Josh Haney received second-team honors for the league coaches along with senior relief pitcher Corey Gerstner. Junior pitcher Dallas Braden earned honorable mention.







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# Search continues for missing Lubbock teenager

By Lorraine Railsback/The University Daily

The search for 16-year-old Joanna Kathryn Rogers continues into its fourth week with few leads, despite a 500-person manhunt through the surrounding area, an Amber Alert and the entrance of cadaver dogs.

According to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department, she was last seen on at 12:20 a.m. on May 4 when she returned home from her job at a local sandwich shop. She had a brief conversation with her mother before retiring to her room. At 7 a.m., there was no trace of

Joanna. Her mother immediately contacted local authorities and a regional Amber Alert was issued on May 6.

No sign of forced entry was reported, and the family's two dogs were not alerted to any intruders. Rogers' belongings — debit card, keys, shoes, clothes and

Rogers

cell phone - were left in her room, according unteer search on May 15 and 16 covered a 10-

County authorities have analyzed both Rogers' and her mother's computer hard drives. They also have interviewed friends, coworkers, her boyfriend and anyone else who might have information of her whereabouts.

In the following weeks, an extensive search has taken place in Lubbock and surrounding areas. Volunteers from as far as Fort Worth have come to help find missing Rogers. Captain Bill Drewell of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department says the most recent volmile radius from Rogers' home.

The United Response Search and Rescue Team, an organization involved in 30 searches during the past year with an 87 percent recovery rate, took part in the search as well. The organization is working on the case daily and is focusing on Rogers' daily patterns and routines to find more information. Dana Ames, co-founder and director of operations, said this case is different from most on which she has worked.

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### Runoff set for Council race

By Christine Hauser/ The University Daily

The Lubbock City Council ended May 15 by keeping some old faces, welcoming in some new ones, and with one seat still up for grabs. Lubbock voters also overwhelmingly voted in favor of seven bond propositions for improvements throughout the city.

The Council race in District 2 between incumbent T.I. Patterson and Floyd Price will go to a runoff, despite Patterson having almost 43 percent of the votes. The District 2 race was unique in another way as well; 130 ballots in two of the district's precincts were misplaced on election day. According to from the city, the incident was noticed after the judges turned in votes.

The Texas Secretary of State was

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GOV. RICK PERRY, right, with Mayor Marc McDougal, speaks at City Hall Thursday about property taxes, the state budget shortfall and education funding reform. The visit came the day after Lubbock residents received their latest property appraisals.

## Texans talk Taxes

By Lorraine Railsback/The University Daily

Gov. Rick Perry discussed appraisal and property tax issues at City Hall Friday with Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal and other City Council members.

Perry, who proposed a 3 percent cap on property tax appraisals, began the conference by commending the Lubbock City Council and taxpayers, deeming their recent actions regarding taxation "fiscally responsible." Perry was referring to the Council's resolution last month supporting a cap on appraisals and a reduction in property rates to counteract considerable increases in valuations. Specifically, the resolution reduced property taxes by 2 cents per \$100. He said resolutions like these are the greatest protection taxpayers of Lubbock have.

The conference was timed almost perfectly, since Lubbock County residents received their appraisals by mail early last week. Preliminary land values have increased 8 percent from last year, according to the Lubbock Central Appraisal District.

Cynthia Jobe, a local homeowner for 30 years, ex

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### Economist: rising gas prices not cause for concern

By Megan LaVoie/ The University Daily

Ginger Fulchers, a manager at Advanced Delivery, said delivery services in Lubbock are headed toward rocky times because of the soaring gasoline prices sweeping across the United States this summer.

"We held out as long as we could,"

our delivery rates to compensate for the rising gas prices."

Fulchers said Advanced Delivery raised its delivery rates 40 percent delivery services in Lubbock have within the past few weeks.

Advanced Delivery, a company that specializes in transporting blood and lab specimens is not the only delivery service feeling the effects of

she said. "But we were forced to raise high fuel prices. Fulchers said many delivery services in Lubbock are in the same boat.

> "As far as I know, all the other had to raise their rates too - it's unfortunate," she said.

According to the American Au-

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GAS PRICES HAVE been on the rise for several weeks, getting close to the \$2 line.

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#### Search

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"It certainly is a rarity because we don't know if we are dealing with an abduction by a friend, family member, or stranger," Ames said. "There are very little clues as to who is involved."

Even so, she says the support of the community allows her to remain hopeful Rogers will be found. Typically, most searches for missing persons involve 70 to 200 volunteers. Lubbock, with some 500 volunteers, has been the largest voluntary response that she has witnessed.

"I am blown away by the support of the Lubbock community and the undying commitment that has been given by the Sheriff's Department," she said.

People can help in other ways.

"It is important for everyone in Lubbock and surrounding areas to be as aware as possible of their surroundings and to take note of any changes,"

Specifically, he asks farmers to check their vacant fields and merchants check any empty storage units or buildings on their property. It also is important to notice any significant changes in the level of traffic coming and going from local businesses and residences.

"Most importantly, people should know that they can call the sheriff's department anytime and that their call will be completely confidential," Drewell said.

Any information that could assist authorities should be reported to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department at (806) 775-1601.



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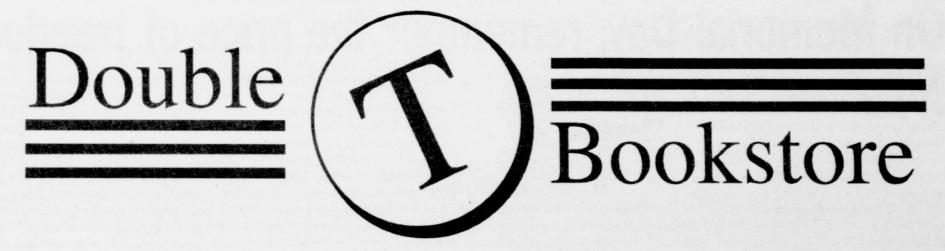
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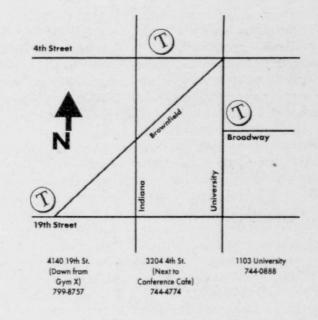
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# On Memorial Day, remember the price of freedom

emorial Day has always been a special time for our nation. Believe it or not, there are other reasons for celebrating Memorial Day than watching "The Day After Tomorrow" or shopping. However, on this day the values of the United States and other democratic nations around the world are being challenged.

This is the time for us to renew our service to our country, our hope for a peaceful future and an appreciation of the heroes among us. As Americans, we all share a common appreciation for the risks and sacrifices suffered by those who have ensured our national security. The combined stories of our war veterans and the civilians who supported them, tell the story of a nation's perseverance and commitment to democratic values.

We must not lose the importance of Memorial Day. Along with our reverence for the dead, this is a time for patriotism. Countless servicemen and women gave their lives for a belief that is still in jeopardy. That belief is



the idea of freedom. America's veterans have created a legacy of bravery, determination and strength. Through the ages, generations of young men have risen to the task before them. Now is the time when we need to follow their example most. Freedom only flourishes when the proper conditions are met. It doesn't just pop up or exist randomly. Despotism will continue to ebb and flow as it has since the beginning of civilization. But the resolve of a free and determined people will always prevail when faced with that of a tyrant.

On Saturday, the World War II Memorial dedication ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C. It was considered the largest gathering of World War II veterans since the conclusion of the war. In a speech given to 140,000 attendees at the ceremonies, former Sen. Bob Dole said, "What we dedicate today is not a memorial to war. Rather, it is a tribute to the physical and moral courage that makes heroes out of farm and city boys, that inspires Americans of every generation to lay down their lives for people they'll never meet."

This is what people must understand. The idea of patriotism does not ensure freedom. It is won with the lives of those on the battlefield. Never is it persuaded or coerced but rather defended by those who have tasted its rewards. It is paramount to remember the lives lost and prices paid to maintain this great nation.

With the mindset that freedom must be won, America has courageously seen the end of the Cold War, the removal of the Berlin Wall, and in time, a free and democratic Iraq.

Our World War II veterans are now dying at a rate of 1,100 per day. With this sad statis-

tic, we all need to play a part in remembering their service in a time of need. Congress realized the need for this when it established the Veterans History Project in 2000. This project collects written accounts and historical information from American veterans of all wars.

As proud as I am of America's strength and ideals, we are only as strong as the people that comprise it. Let us be vigilant of the threats that exist in the world around us. Freedom never lasts too long without being challenged. When the day comes that America must act, we will be ready to answer the call. Prayers and gratitude are continually needed for the current members of our armed services. Through continued patriotism and appreciation for the cost of freedom, we realize Thomas Jefferson was right when he said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

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### Rumsfeld has to go, for Bush's sake

Because of the tortures and murders at Abu Ghraib prison, Donald Rumsfeld must resign. He must leave his position as U.S. Secretary of Defense for the good of his boss, his war, his department and his country. And if he does not, Bush must fire him, which would be a rare demonstration for this administration of the rule that officials are responsible for their wrong actions. Mr. President: there comes a time when blind loyalty, however pigheaded, comes to a fault. That time is now.

Sticking by your dad's friends is high virtue, but when this individual (A) deserves the boot, and (B) damages the administration and nation's credibility while in office, walking papers are required. Like crazy Old Yeller, who was loyal and faithful but eventually dangerous, Donald Rumsfeld needs to be put down by his master.

But what for? Rumsfeld didn't order the war crimes at Abu Ghraib; he didn't condone them like Rush Limbaugh; rather, he publicly denounced them. And let us assume that it was sheer oversight on his part that Abu Ghraib — a place of absolute evil and symbol for the Hussein regime in Iraq — was not only not demolished but used to house Iraqi prisoners. Let us forget his dodging of the Geneva Convention, his shocking disregard for handling the



unpleasant realities of the job. Perhaps Rumsfeld is a victim of the entire affair — also tortured, but by the media. No matter. Rumsfeld must resign for two very simple reasons: it will show the world the right side of American character, and it is in line with our society's concept of personal responsibility. For the sake of not only preserving our values but also actively practicing them in front of the world, when we badly need proof that we're not self-righteous hypocrites: the secretary has to leave.

Iraqis and other Middle Easterners have grown up under brutal governments where the rulers did whatever evil they pleased and were not held responsible; they got away with more daily injustice than Donald Trump's toupEe consultant. And now here come the Americans, saying things are different.

But boy, it sure doesn't look that way, does it? So much for winning over Iraqi hearts and minds. Rumsfeld, by staying right where he is, sends a message that our preaching of individual responsibility is a sham, that Bush's cronies are as above the law as Saddam was.

America celebrates the individual like no other nation. But the price of personal freedom is responsibility. We live in a country where editors of both The New York Times and USA Today resigned, not for any personal crime, but because lies had been told under their watch. That's all. I read those same papers and I see stories of CEOs and captains of industry who surrender administration, not because they had overlooked murder, rapes, and beatings, but because their underlings stole vast sums of money. If we apply this high standard to the rest of our country, why wouldn't we put it to the man right below the president? Rumsfeld is not directly responsible, but he helped to create the culture in which Abu Ghraib flourished. And he has told us there is worse to come. Given that he has known of it since he woke up at the wheel in January, I take him at his word. He knows this, yet shamelessly, he remains.

Rumsfeld has already damned himself, and now he's damning the rest of us and every American soldier who has to walk a street in Baghdad or Tikrit at night. Mr. Rumsfeld, it's time for you to go.

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#### Gas

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tomobile Association, the national average cost of a regular gallon of gasoline is \$2.05. This average is up higher than last year's average for the same week. The average price of a gallon of gasoline in Texas is \$1.93.

Gas prices did not increase over Memorial Day weekend, however, despite past trends. Gas prices throughout Lubbock actually holiday.

Jeff Edwards, an assistant professor of economics at Texas Tech, said

"Everyone is whining for nothing," he said. "We are not at historical highs, we are nowhere near the 4 cents from last week's and 55 cents prices we were at during the oil crisis of the 1970s and 1980s.'

Americans think gas prices are high because of what is happening in the Middle East, but most people do not take into account that the United State has the largest demand for fuel, and prices are rising because dropped a few cents in time for the the demand for fuel is high, Edwards

for the 7-Eleven on 19th Street, said pany is still making the same profits. they just aren't buying as many galthe increase in gas prices should be gas sales have been affected by the

"People are still spending the lons of gas," she said.

Debbie Rumsey, store manager rise in the price of fuel, but the com- same money value that they used too,









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Saturday, June 12

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**Couples Massage Workshop** 

Thursday, June 24

8:00-9:30pm

Learn a variety of massage techniques for relaxation and stress reduction. Each couple should bring a towel and body lotion. Participants should wear shorts and short-sleeved shirts. Cost: \$5 per couple. Register in the Fit/Well. Limited number of spots available.

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Register for your favorite Specialty Classes now in the Fit/Well Center! Classes begin June 5.

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Boxing Techniques is non-contact emphasizing muscular endurance where participants will learn the basics of boxing by using the heavy bag,

wraps and jump ropes. Tue/Thu 2-4pm. \$30 and \$6 wrap fee.

Fitness Instructor Training will teach you how to become a group exercise instructor. Wed 2:30-4:30pm. \$25.

Jazz Dance A beginner level dance techniques class; no special skills required, just a positive attitude! Mon/Wed 6:45-7:45pm. \$16.

Knockout Jam is an invigorating combination of aerobics, boxing, kick boxing and step moves. This

athletic fitness workout will improve both cardiovascular and muscular conditioning. Tue/Thu 6:30-7:30pm. \$16 and \$6 wrap fee.

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Men's Weight Training introduces you to circuit and free-weight rooms, the selectorized equipment and weight training techniques. Mon/Wed

Spin City get 'cyched' about a group exercise workout class. Enjoy the group atmosphere while spinning at your own fitness level. Great for beginners to advanced levels. Tue/Thu 5:30-6:30. \$16.

Tennis 1-2-3 is a beginning class that introduces stroke techniques and play. Mon/Wed 6-7pm. \$20.

USA Team Tennis For those ready to play games while improving their technique. Mon/Wed 6:30-8pm. \$20.

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### Perry

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pressed discontent at her appraisal last year. It would have required her to pay more than \$300 more in taxes.

"I paid off this house years ago thinking I would live comfortably and now I'm having to pay so much in taxes. It's ridiculous," she said.

Jobe decided to contest the appraisal.

She ended up winning, and her appraisal rates did not increase.

"I simply went in and explained that we hadn't put a lot of excess money into remodeling or improvements, so there was absolutely no reason for the increase," Jobe said.

Councilman Jim Gilbreath said he too has experienced the effect of recent appraisal rate increases, adding his property valuations have increased 27 percent in the past two years.

Both Perry and the Council are concerned about the continuous increase in appraisals affecting middle class families. Perry questions how it is feasible for families with fixed incomes and increasing taxes to remain in their homes.

"The cost of government should not grow faster than Texans' wages," he said.

Perry's proposal of a property tax revenue cap, which allows limited spending, opposes the view of the Texas Municipal League, which believes such

### Election

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then contacted and asked to investigate the incident. It was found the election judges in both precincts had mistakenly told citizens to place the ballots in transfer cases, which hold all of the unused ballots, instead of the ballot box. However, the votes were retrieved quickly and did not have an effect on the outcome of the election.

City Secretary Becky Garza said the misplacement was human error.

Mayor Marc McDougal returned for another term with more than 70 percent of the votes, and he expressed pleasure at the success of the bond election as well.

The runoff for District 2, originally scheduled for June 19, has been moved to June 26. Early voting will take place June 9 through June 22.





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# First wave of summer movies hits theaters

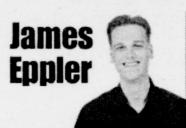
ken. For nearly the entire month of May, I have been forced to sit idly by as Hollywood rolled out the first wave of summer blockbusters.

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But first we need to discuss the month of May.

"Troy" was a Trojan horse-sized disappointment with only a few bright spots. Director Wolfgang Petersen ("Das Boot," "The Perfect Storm") filled the screen with as many warriors as the computers could create, but the battle sequences were rarely impressive.

The war's central focus, the affair between wishy-washy Paris (Orlando Bloom) and boring Helen (Diane Kruger) had the depth of daytime TV, and both were saddled with awful dialogue.



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Achilles he looks more like a runway model than a fierce warrior. Sur-I usually like Brad Pitt, but as rounded by gruff and gritty warriors

muscles glistening in the sun, with shimmering hair that always looks like he came from a salon.

Composer James Horner should cut Hans Zimmer a check for shamefully mugging his "Gladiator" score.

In this \$200 million epic filled with special effects, the best scenes in the film do not showcase any. Leave it to the great Peter O'Toole as Priam to have the best scene in long as it looks cool. the film as he begs Achilles for the body of one of his sons.

between he and Pitt is exciting and well choreographed.

"Shrek 2, "which reunites the original cast and adds a few, is funny

This film finds Shrek (Mike Myers), Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and Donkey (Eddie Murphy doing his best work since, well, the first "Shrek") traveling to the land of Far, Far Away to meet Fiona's royal parents.

Antonio Banderas nearly steals

cial hair, Pitt is always clean-shaven, in Boots, a hired assassin with a love for catnip and licking himself.

It is probably funnier than the first film, but lacks the depth possessed by the original. The animation, however, is still gorgeous.

"The Day After Tomorrow," opening last weekend, caters to summer moviegoers' sadistic pleasure in watching large cities be annihilated and hundreds of people die, just so

Eerie, isn't it?

But the film does look cool. In Eric Bana also is good as Hector, fact, it's the main reason to see this Paris' older brother, and the fight special effects extravaganza as director Roland "Independence Day" Emmerich rips Los Angeles apart with several tornados that put the ones in "Twister" to shame, floods New York with a wall of water, and then freezes it over for good measure.

> The film features a dopey plot and predictable dialogue spoken by the load of characters straight from the disaster movie cookie cutters - including the homeless guy with a dog.

occur, which will then bring a new ice age. But he's not so good with estimating the time factor: first it's several hundred years from now, then six to eight months, now six to eight weeks, no wait - it's tomorrow!

Quaid is in Washington, D.C., when the storm hits, but his son is in New York. Jake Gyllenhaal, who is dating Kirsten Dunst and would be playing Spider-man this summer had the movie studio not fired and then re-hired Tobey Maguire, plays Quaid's son.

Quaid, inexplicably, decides to risk freezing to death and drives - then walks -to New York to find his son.

The film gets dumber as it careens toward a simplistic ending, ("It's clearing up"), but the effects are what make this film worth watching. "Day" is often enjoyable summer excitement accompanied with more than a few eye-rolls.

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#### Oscar winner Julia Roberts pregnant with twins

car-winning actress Julia Roberts is unidentified sources, said the twins pregnant with twins, according to were a boy and a girl. magazine reports.

"Pretty Woman" star was due to give birth to twins early next year.

US Weekly said Roberts, 36, has been pregnant for about nine weeks

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Os- with twins. Star magazine, citing

Roberts, who won the best ac-People magazine reported Mon- tress Oscar in 2001 for "Erin day night that Roberts' spokes- Brockovich," married cinematograwoman, Marcy Engelman, said the pher Daniel Moder, 35, in July 2002 at her home in New Mexico. The twins would be the first children for Roberts, who starred in 1990's "Pretty Woman."

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# Tech continues play despite losses

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

the fourth must be a disaster in the Red Raiders' book.

After sweeping the Baylor Bears in three games during regular season play May 21 through May 23, the Texas Tech baseball team faced that same team three days later for the first round of the Big 12 conference tournament at Ameriquest Field in Arlington on May 26. That performance was not as pleasing as the other games against the Bears, ending in an 8-3 loss for the Raiders.

Coach Larry Hays said a key ingredient to Tech's success on the field

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was lacking the entire game.

"It wouldn't have been hard to beat If the third time's the charm, then them four times in a row if we had pitched well in that last game," he said.

Senior Steven Thomas took the mound for a little more than four innings, giving up eight hits and six runs, only five of which were earned. Senior Steve Gooch came in to finish the game, allowing Baylor to score two runs on one hit.

Hoping to get his fourth win of the season, Thomas said his performance was not the kind he was expecting.

"I came out last weekend, and I didn't have the outing I would have liked to have," he said. "But I can't look down on that."

In the tournament, the style was winners really deserved their double elimination, so Tech was prize. down but not out. On May 27, the Raiders' next opponent would be Oklahoma, another team Tech defeated earlier in the regular season at Dan Law Field, but the final outcome proved to be different.

Tech fell 3-1 against Oklahoma in front of a crowd of over 8,000 fans, causing its trip to Arlington to be short.

Tech's only run came after junior first baseman Josh Brady hit a solo State (34-22) as the No. 2 homerun in the seventh inning. But one was not enough.

Even though Tech did not finish as the victors of the Big 12 tournament, "last week was not the end junior catcher Cooper Fouts said the of our season."

"Oklahoma State is a good team. We beat them when they we're on fire," he said. "But they came back, and their offense is outstanding, so they are deserving of winning the thing."

The Raiders are still not done with their season. Tech (38-19) will face Mississippi seed at 1 p.m. Friday in the Atlanta NCAA Regional. Fouts said he is happy that



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