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Three convicted for 19 immigrant deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge sentenced three people convicted in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt, exceeding the maximum recommended prison term in two of the cases.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore sent Emma Rodriguez to prison for 15 years Monday for her part in the 2003 deaths of 19 illegal immigrants who were transported in a truck trailer and abandoned about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Rosa Sarrata Gonzalez, who was convicted partly by the testimony of her two sons, received the recommended maximum sentence of 12 years and seven months. She smuggled one person into the trailer.

NATION

Oil lowest since March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil prices fell by almost 3 percent Tuesday, dipping below \$64 a barrel as worldwide demand and supply threats ease. After a seven-day selloff, crude futures are at their lowest level since late March.

Falling oil prices are not uncommon at this time of year, when gasoline consumption traditionally tapers off and win ter fuels demand has yet to ramp up.

WORLD

Explosion kills seven

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - An explosion in the southeastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir Tuesday evening killed seven people and wounded more than 10 others, television station CNN-Turk reported.

Most of the dead were said to be children. The state-owned Anatolia news agency confirmed only six dead, saying five of them were children. It said 16 people were wounded.

The cause of the explosion near a parking lot was not immediately known, but authorities were looking at the possibility it could have been a bomb left in a package, an official from the governor's office said on customary condition of anonymity.

Diyarbakir is Turkey's largest Kurdishmajority city, and the blast came as Kurdish rebels fighting for autonomy in the region have stepped up their attacks.

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lilitants attack U.S. Embassy in S

By SAM F. GATHIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

foiled an attempt by suspected al-Qaida-linked battled Syrian security forces repeatedly in killed in Tuesday's attempted bombing in a militants to blow up the U.S. Embassy on Tuesday, exchanging fire outside the compound's walls with gunmen shouting "God is great" who fiercely despise President Bashar Assad's office and residence are located. A fourth tried to storm in with automatic weapons and hand grenades.

assault could highlight the Syrian regime's sect of Islam. DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian guards weakening grip on militants, who have recent years.

regime because of its secular ideology and attacker was wounded and arrested. because his father, the late President Hafez

heavily guarded neighborhood of Damascus Sunni Muslim extremists such as al-Qaida where several foreign embassies and Assad's

The rapid response by Syrian guards won

attack, which came amid high tension be- of Hama in 1982. They also reject Assad's terrorism in its backing of Hezbollah guerrillas tween Washington and Damascus. But the rule because he belongs to the Shiite Alawite and Palestinian militants. The U.S. withdrew its ambassador from Damascus last year to pro-Three attackers and a Syrian guard were test Syria's alleged role in the assassination of a prominent politician in Lebanon.

"I do think that the Syrians reacted to this attack in a way that helped to secure our people, and we very much appreciate that," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said.

White House spokesman Tony Snow also

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ne Texas Tech School of Nursing has begun podcasting lectures for nursing students.

By CARRIE CAMERO

STAFF WRITER

Patricia Allen, associate dean of undergraduate programs in the School of Nursing, said courses for second- and third-year nursing students are on WebCT, the online course system. Students can download lectures to their MP3 players or computers and listen to them at their convenience, she said.

Cathy Collins, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, teaches a class that podcasts lectures. She said it is not difficult to podcast, and it is easier for the students because they have access to the lecture at any time.

"They can listen to lectures in their car or when they work out," Collins said. "If they miss something they can go back and rewind. It's good for the students to have the repetition."

Collins said if students have an MP3 player with video capabilities, they can download a PowerPoint lecture to their MP3 player. For those who have heard the term but still do not understand its meaning, podcasting delivers audio content to iPods and other portable media players on demand, so that it can be listened to at the user's convenience. Because podcasts are typically saved in MP3 format, they also can be listened to on nearly any computer.

School of Allied Health also have started looking into podcasting lectures, Collins said.

Renae Schumann, a professor at the University of Texas Nursing School in Houston, said their nursing school was the -first to podcast lectures in Texas and she was the first professor to upload lectures. She said the podcasts benefit both her and her students.

Schumann said podcasting has helped her because she is able to listen to herself and find mistakes made during the lecture. She said if she finds a mistake, she will send a message to her students to correct the error.

She said students benefit because they can listen to the podcast while following along in their notes, and they seem to enjoy using the podcasted lectures to study.

"Students can listen to the podcasts to help them study for tests or before they go to the hospital," Schumann said. Patrick Sherlock, a senior nursing major from San Antonio,

said he has not had a class that podcasts lectures yet, but said he believes it would really help him study for tests in the future.

Schumann said the University of Texas Nursing School in Houston uses the MP4 file format to podcast lectures. MP4 can store both audio and video to help students learn the lecture. Students can watch video and listen to the professor on one side of the screen, while the corresponding PowerPoint appears on the other side.

Schumann said she believes podcasting lectures will become an expectation for students in all areas of study in the near future. > carrie.camero@ttu.edu

High Tech closes shop

BY JOSH HULL STAFF WRITER

The High Tech retail store in the Student Union Building, known to students lill

for its discounted software and computer equipment sales, will close permanently Friday.

The store, which was closed Monday for inventory, is having a closing sale for the remainder of the week to liquidate their current stock of computer programs and accessories.

Matt Ducatt, managing director of the Student Union and activities, said the decision to close the store was made quickly to eliminate possibility of a painful closing process that could have drawn out for the rest of the semester.

"The decision was made just last week." Ducatt said. "It has been a discussion the organization has had for some time, mostly about the viability of the retail side with software licensing and availability of products."

He said he wanted to reassure students that the store would be honoring any previous transactions, as well as selling the rest of its inventory at a further discounted

Ducatt said he believed the closing of the store was essential to keep the Student Union as strong as it can be.

'We were trying to make a smart decision," he said. "The retail became more difficult with what we could sell and what the demand was. Trying to stay whole was a fiscal challenge."

While the retail side of the store will be closing, Ducatt said the computer repair side of the store will stay open. The remaining employees of the retail store will be relocated to different departments within the Student Union.

"We wanted the whole process to be pretty seamless," he said. "There are still services that we need that those students can provide.'

Ducatt said the focus is now shifting on how to effectively use the space in the retail corridor to provide the students with a useful service that will benefit the Student Union as a whole.

Jewel Downing, assistant director of the Student Union, said she hopes the space will provide an opportunity to put something new the students will find exciting and practical.

'We really hope to get the right vendor in that space," Downing said. "We have a lot of traffic in that area and we hope to get something useful for the students."

Ducatt said a lot of ideas have been proposed, but nothing official

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Sheriff's department to open training academy, gun range

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office was granted property Monday to open a new training academy and gun range for the sheriff's department. The property was a public shooting range before being seized by the federal government after a 2004 criminal investigation.

from the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper and Ronnie Carter, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas discovered Spivey was illegally sell- ally made it easier for us." division of the Bureau of Alcohol, ing guns and drugs while he was the Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, owner of the Lubbock Shooting said Carter of the Dallas division transferred the deed of land to Lub- Range.

bock County Sheriff David Gutierrez during a press conference Monday. The news release states the land is 40 acres with two shooting ranges. Sheriff Gutierrez announced the new name of the facility will be the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office Training Academy Gun Range.

Capt. Don Carter of the sher-

iff's office said the newly acquired seized the property of his shooting training facility will be put to use not only as a gun range, but also as a full academy for complete officer him where it counts," he said. training. He said some of the land crucial aspect of police training.

"Besides the shooting range, we officers' physical fitness training."

but other agencies as well.

"It is going to be very beneficial," he said. "Any and all other Spivey admitted guilt to selling the means better protection of the agencies are certainly welcome."

property will be small, and taxpay- transactions. ers will not lose a penny for the acquired property.

"All we are paying is just back taxes," he said.

He said the property was given to them by the Dallas bureau after it seized the property in 2004.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire- Sheriff's Department because not arms and Explosives said the prop- only do the they have access to According to a news release erty was taken from Leslie Wayne the training facility, but all sur-Spivey Jr. after an 18-month in-rounding law enforcement will as vestigation. Garcia said during the well," he said. "All at no cost to intense investigation, bureau agents

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- CAPT. DON CARTER

of the Sheriff's Ofice

our complex inpaper," he said. "Once Spivey in and seized his property."

it was impera- the facility as well. tive for Spivey ishment, so they great," he said.

Garcia said Spivey was contribwill be remodeled and used for a uting to the black market of weapons by selling guns off-paper.

"We know of at least 15 guns he and a maintenance shop. will install an obstacle course on sold that have been used in a crime the land," he said. "To enhance our scene," Garcia said. "We knew the derstands cooperation among guns were getting into the criminal different levels of law enforce-Carter said the addition of a new element. He was a source for other ment, which is crucial for a safe training facility is a huge plus for dealers on the black market. He community. not only the Sheriff's Department didn't belong in the gun business, so we took him out."

According to the press release, prescription drug Diazepam and for Carter said the price tag for the keeping false records in weapons

Garcia said presenting the property to Gutierrez and the sheriff's department was a thrill because now the shooting facility will go to use without costing

"I was pretty excited when Felix Garcia of the Lubbock we presented the property to the the taxpayer. The criminal actu-

According to the press release, of the Bureau of Alcohol, To-"Through bacco, Firearms and Explosives. "The success of this investigation vestigation, we is two-fold. It benefitted the learned he was community by putting in prison dealing guns a person illegally selling firearms and drugs off that ended up in the hands of criminals. It also benefits local law enforcement by having a was arrested, place to train to enhance their the ATF went expertise and safety."

Garcia said the local agency plans to take full advantage of the Garcia said sheriff's department and utilize

"Anyone from federal agento receive the cies to local police departments maximum pun- will have access, which is pretty

The property located at 2108 North County Road 1100 near "We wanted to make sure we hit the Reese Technology Center and the Lubbock Police Department training center has two ranges and two buildings that will be used for an education center

Garcia said Gutierrez un-

"I am a big proponent of cooperation, as well," Garcia said. "A better trained police officer public."

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Texas Tech police blotter

The filing of charges with Judge released to a responsible party.

The entrance to a dorm on campus was the site of a student being and the student was transported to phernalia and possession of alcohol detained for possession of alcohol by a minor. Two Tech officers detained the student. The officers released a Lubbock County citation.

County citation and released.

Sept. 8

Sneed Hall received some unwanted decoration in the form of graffiti. A Tech officer investigated the markings from a permanent marker on the walls of the bathroom.

A vehicle accident without injuries occurred in the Z4-P parking the basketball courts and the arrest sengers in the vehicle, were detained lot. A Tech officer investigated.

cious activity in Serenity Center the Lubbock County jail. was issued a criminal trespass warn-

The observance of a disabled the R1 parking lot. The student was on the 1800 block of Tech Parkway. mischief. The vehicle was towed by a local

the Lubbock County jail.

the student after issuing the student stop in the Z3-F parking lot. One room on campus. The student was is-A Tech officer detained a student while intoxicated and possession and subsequently released. Three for consumption of alcohol by a mi- of drug paraphernalia, while the other students were detained for nor which occurred in a dorm room. other student was arrested for pos- consumption of alcohol by a minor The student was issued a Lubbock session of marijuana and possession and all were released after being isof drug paraphernalia. Both were sued Lubbock County citations. transported to the Lubbock County jail, and the vehicle was towed by arrested by a Tech officer following a The first floor men's bathroom of a local company to an impound traffic stop in the Z4-M parking lot.

A nonstudent was arrested for public intoxication by two Tech officers following reports of a fight in A local company towed the student's front courtyard of Murray Hall by two other students, who were pas-A nonstudent involved in suspi- The nonstudent was transported to minor and both were issued Lubbock

A student's parked vehicle in Blackburn's office are pending vehicle led to the arrest of a stu- the Z5-C parking lot received damagainst a student for public intoxi- dent for public intoxication. The age to the driver's side mirror, gas cation. The student was arrested by student was arrested by two Tech door and left rear panel. A Tech two Texas Tech police officers in officers who observed the vehicle officer investigated the criminal

> A student was detained by a Tech company to an impound tow lot officer for possession of drug paraby a minor. The incident occurred Two students were arrested by following the observance of an odor a Tech officer following a traffic of marijuana coming from a dorm student was arrested for driving sued two Lubbock County citations

Three students were detained or One student was arrested for driving while intoxicated and was transported to the Lubbock County jail. progress. The fight occurred in the vehicle to an impound tow lot. The was made in the Z6-A parking lot. for consumption of alcohol by a County citations and released.

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Karr leaves Colorado jail in custody of California authorities

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — John the 6-year-old beauty queen in her but he left the country before he Mark Karr, who was briefly a suspect Boulder home in December 1996. could be tried. Prosecutors decided in the JonBenet Ramsey slaying, left the Boulder County jail Tuesday in DNA tests showed Karr could not surfaced last month as a suspect in the custody of California officials, be the killer. authorities said.

charges in Sonoma County, Calif. pending against Karr in Sonoma court in California. He was released to Sonoma sheriff's deputies, said Boulder County arrested him and seized his com-Sheriff's Lt. Phil West.

rested Aug. 16 in Thailand after he images of children. made phone calls and wrote e-mails

Five misdemeanor counts of child

since April 2001, when authorities puter, alleging that the hard drive his right to a speedy trial as they Karr, a schoolteacher, was ar- contained five sexually oriented tried to get a judge to invalidate the

The case disintegrated when to pursue the charges after Karr the JonBenet killing.

It was not immediately clear Karr faces child pornography pornography possession have been Tuesday when Karr would appear in

During preliminary hearings in 2001, Karr's public defenders waived search warrant that allowed Sonoma Karr pleaded not guilty to all sheriff's deputies to enter Karr's in which he claimed to have killed counts and was jailed for six months, home and seize his computer.

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Bush invokes memory of 9/11 victims to argue for war in Iraq

although there were "three or four battle in the streets of Baghdad." sentences" in the president's 17-minute had to discuss the dominant issue of Iraq, any demands of Congress.

"This was not a speech that was Democrats objected to the tone. designed to single out anybody for parpartisanship.'

control of Congress from the president's Republican Party, charged that Bush was will be time to debate this president's using a national day of mourning for policies in Iraq. September 11th is not partisan gain. Senate Democratic Leader that time." Harry Reid of Nevada said Tuesday that year politics."

"The American people deserved better last night," Reid said in a statement. "They deserved a chance to reclaim that years ago.'

interested in protecting the terrorists after the president's speech. than protecting the American people," he said at a news conference. "They certainly don't want to take the terrorists on and defeat them."

time on the fifth anniversary of the terror enemy still determined to kill Ameriand make partisan points," he said. cans, perhaps with weapons of mass destruction if they get the chance.

now, we will leave our children to face mies before they could harm Americans a Middle East overrun by terrorist states meant removing the Taliban from power and radical dictators armed with nuclear in Afghanistan, pursuing members of weapons," Bush said. "We are in a war al-Qaida and seeking regime change that will set the course for this new in Iraq, Bush said. At least 2,670 U.S. century and determine the destiny of servicemen and women have died in millions across the world."

Bush began with a two-minute tribute to the nearly 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, but most of his 17minute speech was devoted to justifying his foreign policy since that day. With his party's control of Congress at stake in elections less than two months away, Bush suggested that political opponents who are calling for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq would be giving victory

to the terrorists. "Whatever mistakes have been

WASHINGTON (AP) — The made in Iraq, the worst mistake would White House quarreled with Demo- be to think that if we pulled out, the crats Tuesday over whether President terrorists would leave us alone," Bush Bush was trying to win political points said from the Oval Office, with a photo by using a Sept. 11 anniversary speech of his twin daughters and the American to defend the war in Iraq and his war flag behind him. "They will not leave us alone. They will follow us. The safety of Bush spokesman Tony Snow said America depends on the outcome of the

While Democrats have been usaddress Monday night that could be ing public opposition to the Iraq war considered controversial, Bush took to argue for a change of leadership in pains not to be partisan. He said Bush Congress, Bush's prime-time address showed how he has been able to use but he wasn't "picking fights" or making the power of incumbency to command public attention and make his points.

"The president should be ashamed tisan reasons, but gave the president's of using a national day of mourning honest reflections and reactions to to commandeer the airwaves to give a what has happened since September speech that was designed not to unite 11, 2001," Snow said. "The president the country and commemorate the decided that yesterday wasn't a day for fallen but to seek support for a war in Iraq that he has admitted had nothing to do Democrats, in a campaign to win with 9/11," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said in a statement. "There

On Monday, dozens of lawmakers Bush was "more consumed by staying from both parties put aside the camthe course in Iraq and playing election paigning and joined on the steps of the Capitol to remember the attacks. Together they sang "God Bless America" as they had five years ago.

"Partisanship would have been sense of unity, purpose and patriotism the one casualty the American people that swept through our country five would have accepted following 9/11, but it remains the one thing the president House Majority Leader John Boeh- refuses to give up," Illinois Rep. Rahm ner, R-Ohio, shot back at Democrats Emanuel, chairman of the Democratic Tuesday: "I wonder if they're more effort to win control of the House, said

Snow noted that Emanuel, Kennedy and other Democrats attacked the speech shortly after the president was finished speaking, suggesting they In the speech broadcast in prime were the ones who injected politics. "It appears that there had been a desire attacks, the president described a brutal immediately after the speech to go ahead

Bush said Iraq is part of the United States' post-Sept. 11 approach to threats "If we do not defeat these enemies abroad. Going on offense against ene-

County Commissioners increase tax for all residents

By ANNA SCHUMANN

Lubbock residents.

The increase will primarily middle of 2008. benefit the new county jail, county commissioner for Precinct 3, said in a phone interview.

creased taxes. Gutierrez said the year. increase was not his choice.

The increase, he said, indi-

of increased property taxes.

"For a \$100,000 home," he said, "property taxes will increase will increase taxes to pay employees keep more of the money so taxes anna.schumann@ttu.edu

\$24.14 per year. This funds 32 differand other departments which have don't increase." ent departments."

The total amount paid in taxes The Lubbock County Com- is estimated at \$32 million, \$12.7 missioners approved a tax increase million of which will fund the new yesterday that will affect many county jail, which has an undecided cannot afford it. The commissioners attorneys so the state can win more completion date sometime in the

Gutierrez said all nonelected employees and the hospital discounty employees will benefit from \$100,000 home. trict, Ysidro Gutierrez, county pay increases. The only elected county employees who benefit from hospital bill was unanimous. the increase are judges, who again This year is the second straight will make what they made prior commissioner for Precinct 1, said the year the commissioners have in- to supplemental pay decreases last primary reasons for the tax increase

The new county jail will require "You're talking to the one more than 100 new employees to be tion. With an increase in population county commissioner who voted hired, which is why, Gutierrez said, against this increase," Gutierrez he wanted to wait another year to court cases.

year we had a choice."

increasing needs.

The hospital district requested ing Lubbock county taxpayers an for the safety of Lubbock citizens. approximate additional \$4 for every

Gutierrez said the vote for the

Bill McCay, Lubbock county were to account for the county's growing population and jail popula-

"A growing pain of a growing in the past year. "Last year we had no choice but county is a growing cell popularectly affects everyone who does to raise taxes because of the new state tion," McCay said. "We are working has increased on average from 42 to not live on Tech campus because voting regulations," he said. "But this towards getting the state legislature 50 arrests per day," he said. "A tax Gutierrez said the new jail alone or getting them to let the counties the new jail."

assistant district attorneys also benefit from a pay increase, McCay money from the county commission- said, to enable the offices to keep hirers to help provide care to those who ing better qualified assistant district gave the hospitals \$13 million, cost- cases and put more criminals in jail

> He said state law requires counties to increase funding for increased jail occupancy.

> "I did not want to vote for a tax increase — it made me uncomfortable — but I need to comply with state laws," McCay said. "We had no other options. Money has to come from somewhere."

Maj. Jerry Baggs of the Lubbock comes an increase in the number of County Sheriff's Department said the number of arrests has increased

"Since last year our arrest rate to increase fees, fines and court costs increase was necessary because of

House Republicans promise tough border security measures

a path toward legal status.

A Republicans-only forum year. on border security confirmed Senate approach of combining enhanced border security program and a means for illegal eventual legal status.

"The state of our borders is Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., at the meeting of GOP leaders and committee chairmen. The American people want, he said, "immediate, targeted legislation specifically designed to secure the border, protect our homeland and vigorously enforce our immigration laws."

The purpose of the forum was to share results from some

WASHINGTON (AP) — 22 hearings Republicans held enforcement of immigration laws ing to the converted and said that, steps to stop the flow of illegal recess to press the importance of enforcement authority. immigrants, House Republicans the border security issue. House in the country should be given a more comprehensive bill would Security card. be unlikely to clear Congress this

Rep. Adam Putnam, R-Fla., the House's rejection of the chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, is charged with putting together legislation in the contract to be awarded this fall with creation of a guest worker coming weeks. It was unclear that would "essentially prevent package, represents an agricultural immigrants to move toward be a stand-alone bill — which years through a combination of there's interest in creating a guest the Senate — or be attached to a aerial surveillance and patrols. a security crisis," said House spending bill that Congress must pass this year.

> John Boehner, R-Ohio, said at a policy to create a guest worker merce in favor of comprehensive news conference Tuesday that "we program and set up a procedure by will send President Bush a series of which the 11 million to 12 million border initiatives this year."

be addressed include more border eventual citizenship. patrol agents, additional fencing along the border, stricter gust hearings as episodes of preachtion," he told the forum.

Congress should take tough in 13 states during the August and enhanced state and local law as long as there is a demand for

agreed Tuesday, while putting Republicans initiated the hear- Chairman David Dreier, R-Ca-

chairman of the Appropriations curity, spoke of a \$5.5 billion game." Homeland Security Department might face strong opposition in electronic surveillance, unmanned worker program for farm workers.

Bush, while not specifically endorsing the Senate bill, has long But House Majority Leader advocated changes in immigration owners and the Chamber of Comillegal immigrants in the country prehensive approach to immigra-He said that areas that must can work toward legal status and tion, securing our borders is the

foreign labor, the security-only House Rules Committee approach won't work.

"They haven't even told us off the question of whether ings as it became apparent that lif., pushed for efforts to establish what they are planning to propose, undocumented workers already compromise with the Senate on a smart, counterfeit-proof Social which shows that this is not a serious legislative thing they are Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., proposing," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., in a telephone news subcommittee on homeland se- conference. "This is a political

Putnam, while responsible for putting together a border security whether the final product would penetration" within the next five district in central Florida where

> He is scheduled to attend a rally Wednesday outside the Capitol being staged by farmers, restaurant immigration legislation.

"While there must be a comfirst, and most pressing, problem Democrats dismissed the Au- demanding our attention and ac-

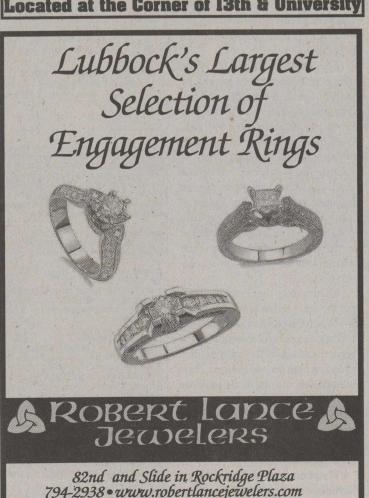














OPINIONS



Oppose the war?

Either with Bush or against him, or part of the KKK

y original intent for this week was to write an open Letter pushing for renaming the moon. After all, it's unfair that our moon gets to be named the moon, especially when there are so many other possible names. Personally, since America owns the moon (we claimed it when that astronaut on the one-quarter to one-half of this page). we going to spend that money on, there), I say we rechristen it in the I don't mean Franklin Roosevelt. I never would want to name the moon after a communist cyborg (he decided to have robotic legs attached to increase his power, but the technology was not ready yet, so he had to settle for a robotic wheelchair).

I, of course, meant Herbert Hoover. At one point, there was a movement to feature him on the \$10 bill (which currently features Alexander Hamilton, best known for being the founder of deficit spending and also for being shot by Dick Cheney), but that's not even close to being a large enough honor for the greatest president of all time. I had every intention of writing that the moon should be renamed "Hoover's Interimportant has happened.

I don't normally like to write about politics. In fact, rarely do my importance is completely ignored by take over and govern Iraq." the mainstream liberal media. This realm of aggrandizement and quasi-



MTV commercial planted our flag And while normally I would just education? Health care? Anyone let the real news filter to one of the that thinks the Iraq War is wrong name of our greatest president. No, other much more talented columis crazy. And not only are they nists, it seems that mass liberalism crazy, they also are a member of has taken over, and it has fallen to the Ku Klux Klan. me to report the news.

States fought a war in the Persian out in vocal opposition to the Gulf to show Iraq that it cannot Iraq War, going so far as to hold invade another country for its oil. That war was fairly popular and included troops from many countries, including the mighty forces of should instead be protecting our the Netherlands and Canada (two borders from invasion by illegal imcountries known for their barbaric migrants that are crossing into the mercenaries, who often drank the United States from Canada. blood of their victims in vampiric rituals of pagan hedonism). At the become very clear the world we time, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said, "And the question in my mind is, how many additional with the Texas Tech pass defense). American casualties is Saddam As President Bush said, "You're stellar Space Sphere." But I didn't worth? And the answer is, not that either with us or against us," and for one main reason: something more damned many. So, I think we got it if you're against us, then you're right, both when we decided to expel with the KKK. Either back Bush or him from Kuwait, but also when the back terrorism and bigotry. Those President made the decision that are the only two choices. Anyone columns have anything to do with we'd achieved our objectives, and actual societal issues. Every once in we were not going to go get bogged a while, however, a story of great down in the problems of trying to that lets the terrorists (those mur-

Some people might use that but murder on their minds) win. in turn causes me to abandon my quote as evidence that we should normal course of action and write never have been in Iraq (for a secabout something (as opposed to the ond time), and that the entire war education major from Mineral was fought for the "wrong reasons." outrage with which I normally fill What they don't understand is that r.glidewell@ttu.edu.

Iraq II (Electric Boogaloo) was not a war fought for oil or revenge or any other fairy tale reason. Rather, it was fought because Dick Cheney changed his mind and the United States had \$320 billion burning a hole in our collective pocket. Besides, what else were

According to an Associated On Aug. 2, 1990, the United Press report, the KKK has come a protest at Gettysburg. In this protest, they proclaimed that U.S. Troops are being misused, and they

Since Sept. 11, 2001, it has live in is black and white (the shades of gray disappearing along that thinks otherwise is just a naïve person living in a pre-9/11 mindset derous murderers who have nothing

■ Glidewell is a senior music Wells. E-mail him at jeremy.

Back up words with rational thought

moment I never will forget occurred two weeks ago. One of the joys of taking a once-a-week class is self explanatory - you only meet once a week. The downside is you have a week's worth of information crammed into your brain. After the second hour, you check your watch every five minutes, praying to God the minute hand will go a little faster. And when it doesn't, you lean back in your chair, let out a sigh and

Friday class. Those 50 minutes fly by. Even better is when it's the first day of school. The professor explains the syllabus, begins to explain the course objectives, then, realizing the anxiousness of the students, he lets the class out early to the delight of all.

does not take place in a once-a-week

My once-a-week class, though, is different. I love it. The topics of conversation make one feel uneasy, mostly because they hit so close to home. My science and society class, taught by three professors, "deals with contemporary issues in science and their relationship with the political, social, moral and ethical fabric of American society." Throughout the semester, we will discuss "the use of genetics in modern society,"

"Science and religion in general" and "should science have a special status in society?" What's even better is this class meets once a week.

Discussions never are ended by the 50-minute tick on a clock. This class encourages you to question authority and be skeptical of what you read. For many students, the heat is too much to handle.

The course forces you to defend your beliefs; many times you will be outnumbered. But at the end the day, if you fight the good fight, your beliefs will be much more solidified, knowing they withstood an avalanche of criticism and skepticism. And as a Christian, being asked to defend your book in the face of genetics and evolution might seem like having to climb Mount Everest. How can they co-exist in the same world, much less in the same classroom? This is the setting I look forward to every Tuesday

at 6 p.m.. It's also clear that not everybody has the same enthusiasm for the class as I. When the professor explained the course's material and objectives, some became squeamish. You could tell they never had been the odd man out. Their uneasiness continued as the professor and several students made clear their views on science and religion. Most of these students would drop the class the next day. One, however, would not leave without a fight.

The professor asked, "Does anybody have any questions for us?" A student,



who had been quiet all class, raised his hand, and — without missing a beat asked "So, are you a Christian?" Suddenly, the eyes of students darted toward the student/professor's area, for the details of scripture." continue the struggle of trying to pay they were no more than 10 feet from each other. The professors stated their in this class, that people are thinking Thankfully, you do not experi-religious affiliations, and then moved less of me because I am a Christian. ence this in a Monday, Wednesday, on. They handled the situation well, a But you know what, what doesn't kill lot better than I would have.

Asking a professor for their religious orientation, without cause, has to be one of the rudest questions possible. I do not have a beef with the question, but I do wonder about the student's reason for asking it. In the student's Unfortunately, said occurrence mind, was he trying to justify not taking the class? If the professors are not Christians, then can their views not be credible? If so, how pathetic.

> Even more, what does the student mean by "So, are you a Christian?"

There are some sects of Christianity that do not consider Catholics to be Christians. A Christian myself, I am extremely offended the student implied that all Christians think the same. As I stated in a previous column, outside of a few unequivocal truths, Christians can have different views on Scripture. Billy Graham said in last month's Newsweek magazine, "sincere Christians can disagree about

Sometimes, I do feel out-numbered you makes you that much stronger. I defend what I believe, and it's tough trying to rationalize how you can be a Christian and believe in evolution. However, I firmly believe if you do not want to defend your beliefs, then why have them at all? Going through life in a bubble would be a sad way to live.

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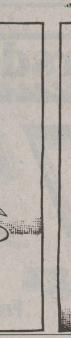
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Spacewalking astronauts begin installing addition to space station

nauts resumed construction on the ing problems. international space station Tuesday for the first time in more than 3 the outing a success, even though the addition, Tanner said. a small bolt floated away.

NASA is supposed to do," lead the mechanism, managers at an space station flight director John afternoon news conference said McCullough. "This is what we're they are certain that the bolt flew here to do."

The spacewalk to attach a new 17 1/2-ton box-like truss section said. "It didn't go inside." included the connecting of 13 wires or tubes and the tightening or loosening of 167 bolts.

Astronaut Joe Tanner was working with the bolt, which had an attached spring, when the washer holding it in fell off. The bolt and spring floated over the head of astronaut Heidemarie Stefa- planned for later this week. nyshyn-Piper and skittered across

space safely, Tanner worried the told the crew when the spacewalk unfurled on Thursday.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. bolt and spring could get into the ended late Tuesday morning. (AP) — Two spacewalking astro-truss's wiring and tubing and caus-

way to Mother Earth right now and mundane construction tasks, put-1/2 years, and NASA pronounced not on its way" to a crucial joint in

> Even though NASA didn't have off into space harmlessly.

Space debris can be dangerous or spacesuits and can jam crucial NASA managers downplayed mechanisms. However, spacewalk- ers. an astronaut's concern about the ers have a long history of losing 1 1/2-inch bolt that came flying material in space. In July, Discovery participated in any of the 159 U.S. that floated away.

otherwise successful and speedy six- are too big for most women, said hour, 26-minute spacewalk Tuesday Piper, who is 5-foot-10. "If you morning. Two more spacewalks are fit in a suit then the easier it is to

"You did a phenomenal job and set the bar very high for the rest dition includes two electricity-While the washer went out into of the assembly," Mission Control generating solar arrays that will be

Wearing bulky suits and gloves, Tanner and Piper zipped through "I just hope that bolt is on its a jam-packed list of arduous but ting NASA ahead of schedule in connecting the addition. With extra time, Mission Control as-"I felt today like this is what any video showing the bolt missing signed them eight extra jobs of bolt removing and cover unlatching that would have been part of a Thursday spacewalk.

> Atlantis astronauts Dan Bur-"It's pretty trivial," McCullough bank and Steve MacLean will head into space on Wednesday.

The spacewalk was a first for if it punctures space station walls rookie astronaut Piper, who joined an elite club of female spacewalk-

Only six other women have spacewalkers lost a 14-inch spatula spacewalks, and only one has gone on any of the 118 Russian space-The free-flying bolt marred an walks. A major reason: Spacesuits work," she said.

The 45-foot, \$372 million ad-

mtvU encourages eco-friendly schools

By LIZ BOYD STAFF WRITER

magination Challenge on Sept. 5, encouraging students to make Center. their campuses more environmentally friendly.

excited about this challenge," said Stephen Friedman, general Friedman said. manager for mtvU. "If anyone ment, it's college students."

The college-themed MTV around the nachannel has partnered with tion connect." General Electric to create the challenge.

Friedman said mtvU wants entertain college colleges to green their campuses students with by devising plans for protecting new music, but the environment.

The current controversy over wants to create global warming is part of the an environment reason why the challenge is in which stuimportant, he said, and coming dents can learn up with practical ideas to protect and contribute the environment is relevant.

According to the UN's statistics Web site at http://www.un- create a laboraincreased 15.6 percent since fresh ideas," he said.

be encouraged among college ment. students.

viewers and students are smarter tive changes would be good." than we are, so we leave it up

an Earth Day concert as well as conserve energy.

\$25,000 to implement their plan. H. Ewalt Student Recreation devise a plan."

"We want students to get nects university newspapers and been devoted to service projects. publications on the Internet,

man said, "which helps universities their lives."

He said mtvU's goal is to the channel also

General Manager for mtvU "We want to

stats.un.org, the United States' tory for learning that encourages will decide the winner. emission of carbon dioxide has college students to give us new and

Friedman said interest in history major from Moriarty, N.M., and television, Friedman said. global warming and other en- said she thinks Tech does a good vironmental issues needed to job of protecting the environ-

'We wanted to do some- with the environment," she said, thing," he said said. "But our "but I definitely think some posi-

McKenzie said she thinks alternative ways to produce energy information on the challenge and Ideas must be submitted by might be a good way for Tech Dec. 1, and the winner receives to protect the environment and site at http://www.mtvu.com.

"I know Texas Tech has a great mtvU has been available at wind-energy department," she said. Tech since its launch in 2004 "Maybe some of those departments MTV announced its Eco- and can be viewed in the Robert on campus could help students

> Friedman said 2006 is the first mtvU also purchased College vear for the Ecomagination Chal-Publisher, a program that con- lenge, but he said mtvU has always

"We had a group of students recently go to Darfur and take cam-"Texas Tech is also a part of the eras to document what they saw," knows how to help our environ- College Publisher network," Fried- he said. "The experience changed

> Friedman said the Ecomagination Challenge is something that could impact a campus and produce real change.

> The top-10 ideas submitted for the Ecomagination Challenge will be put on the mtvU Web site where student votes

If anyone knows

how to help our

environment, it's

college students.

- STEPHEN FRIEDMAN

mtvU wants to create a unique atmosphere that includes articles, Scarlett McKenzie, a junior video and music through the Web

"College is the one time in your life that you can do whatever you want," Friedman said. "So, I "Tech already does a good job encourage Tech students to take charge, and not only participate in our Ecomagination Challenge, but make changes they feel passionate about on their campuses." More rules can be found on mtvU's Web

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DFW Airport enlists help in Wright Amendment fight

including two former Federal Trade congressional leaders last week to say the restrictions are part of a necessary compromise to end a decades-long fight over Love Field.

regime that prevails today — and that not taken an official position. will continue to prevail if the legisla-

ers of legislation to shrink Dallas International Airport. It was signed west Airlines Co., DFW Airport and Love Field and bar long flights there by former FTC chairman Thomas B. the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth. It for eight more years have enlisted Leary, former FTC member Christine would eventually repeal a 1979 law help in countering the charge that Varney, and two other private anticalled the Wright Amendment. their proposal violates antitrust trust lawyers, Harry M. Reasoner of Four experts in antitrust law, McDavid of Hogan & Hartson LLP. would remain for eight more years and

Commission members, wrote to a letter written two weeks ago by gates to 20 gates, which could block nine university antitrust experts, who other airlines from competing with criticized the DFW bill pending in incumbents American, Southwest and Congress. It also followed the leak of an unsigned memo from the Justice The proposed legislation, they Department's antitrust division, which would be interested in serving Love said, "will be far better for airline said the bill would violate antitrust Field, near downtown Dallas, but not competition and consumers than the laws. The department, however, has the more remote DFW Airport.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, called the DFW bill "anti-competi-The letter was released Tuesday and modeled on a deal cut by AMR tive and anti-consumer."

GRAPEVINE (AP) - Support- by officials of Dallas-Fort Worth Corp.'s American Airlines, South-

Critics, however, complain that re-Vinson & Elkins LLP and Janet L. strictions on long flights at Love Field The letter was intended to blunt that Love Field would shrink from 32 Continental Airlines Inc.

JetBlue Airways Corp., has said it

The Consumer Federation of The bill was introduced by Sen. America and Consumers Union



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has been started to replace the store's space in the Student Union. Ideas from other universities will be taken into consideration, but he hopes to find something unique that will serve students' interests.

"We've thought of everything from a hair salon to a travel agency," he said. "We're just nowhere near the decision-making stage."

Some students are not as enthusiastic about the loss of the store, or the prospect of filling the space with a new retailer.

Lindsay Fincher, a senior English major from Lockney, said she does not think the Student Union will be able to replace the store with something that caters said. "I think (the High Tech store) to the students.

'I'm disappointed," Fincher up educational material."

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STUDENTS WAIT IN line to purchase goods Tuesday morning at High

Tech Computer Sales in the Student Union Building. High Tech is permanently closing its doors.

is a great place for students to pick

She said the store really helped her by selling programs like Adobe Suite at discounted prices. Now she is not sure how she will afford programs for her photography classes. Erik Arreola, a sophomore busi-

ness major from Kermit, said he does not understand why the store is closing. "I don't like it," Arreola said.

"I don't know why they're closing; they do good business.' He said he did not think the

Student Union would open another store like it.

Ducatt said the closing may seem like a negative move for the Student Union, but he believes the end result will be to the benefit of the students.

"I think it's important to realize that everything we are doing with High Tech and the employees is to provide the best Student Union for the campus," Ducatt said. "In order to do that you have to make tough decisions. The bottom line is this is going to be a very positive thing."

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Lawyers in Iraq murder case ask for new hearing

two U.S. soldiers facing murder penalty if convicted. charges stemming from a deadly were improperly excluded the first

Lawyers for Spc. William Hun-Clagett of Moncks Corner, S.C., last week filed objections and requests for a new Article 32 hearing, for witnesses were denied. Rutizer the military equivalent to a civilian said some witnesses, including the about us not being able to see evigrand jury that determines if there's officer who appointed the lieuten- dence," Waddington said Tuesday. sufficient evidence for trial.

ton R. Graber of Buffalo, N.Y., were available to testify. and Staff Sgt. Raymond L. Girouard, whose hometown was not sion of some evidence, including hearing." available, are accused of illegally an unsworn statement from Clagon a marshy Iraq island May 9. a delay in the case. An Army investigator has recom-

EL PASO (AP) — Lawyers for mended the soldiers face the death with the military Tuesday, did not defense couldn't present its best

The soldiers, members of the request for comment. raid in Iraq have asked for a new Fort Campbell, Ky.-based 3rd Batthey were ordered to "kill all military-age males" on the island.

Rutizer, argued that defense requests able testimony. ant colonel who earlier this month Hunsaker, Clagett, Spc. Jus- recommended the death penalty, reopen the hearing and allow all

Rutizer, who was in transit evidence" before the hearing, the Campbell.

immediately respond to an e-mail case at the August Article 32 hear-

Michael Waddington, Hunsapreliminary hearing in the case, talion, 187th Infantry Regiment, ker's civilian lawyer, argued in an in July by Lt. Col. James P. Daniel saying key witnesses and evidence 101st Airborne Division, claim objection that the government's primary witness, Pfc. Bradley led the hearing, evidence that is In three objections obtained by of lying. Waddington said he was in the hearing included an earlier saker of Missouri and Pfc. Corey The Associated Press on Tuesday, concerned Hunsaker could face the investigation, documents relating Clagett's Army lawyer, Capt. Sasha death penalty based on question- to the rule of engagement given to

She also objected to the inclu- Article 32 officer to make a fair ordered the investigation.

shooting three men during a raid ett, and the denial of a request for by denying "vital eyewitness tes- are expected to stand trial on

ing in Iraq.

According to an order issued Jr., the investigating officer who Mason, has a documented history classified and could not be used the soldiers before the raid outside 'We have serious concerns Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, and other documents.

The objections have been sent to "What we are asking is that they Army prosecutors, who did not immediately respond to e-mail requests this ... evidence in, to allow this for comment, and other officials who

The soldiers have been jailed Waddington also argued that in Kuwait since their arrests. They timony" and classifying "relevant murder and other charges at Fort

HP chair resigns after company leak probe

Hewlett-Packard Chairwoman rial precisely when she leaves." Patricia Dunn took the fall Tuesday who was leaking boardroom secrets Board of Directors to the media.

rose to a 52-week high.

scandal that has rocked Silicon Commission. Valley's biggest and oldest technology company, led to investigations by state and federal authorities, and America.

Dunn, who initiated the probe in which private investigators board after giving up the top job on Jan. 18. Hurd will add chairman range of \$25.53 to \$36.73. to his existing positions of chief pany announced early Tuesday.

Director George "Jay" Keyworth II, who acknowledged sharafter refusing to do so in May.

Some analysts said Dunn's demotion sent a message to investors that HP was ready to move on, while others said she should have by the end of this quarter. been removed completely.

become a liability to the company "But just removing her from the the company at this point." chairperson role and keeping her on the board is a half-measure at best and probably not appropriate.

that could come down on the com- have no place in HP," he said. pany," he said, "and the issue is still festering with her there."

sociates, had a different take.

leave solves most of the problem," of reporters and company directors.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — he said. "I don't think it's that mate-

The pressure on Dunn to step after admitting she authorized an down rose sharply when Congress investigation that relied on "inap- and federal investigators joined the propriate techniques" to uncover probe of the scandal involving HP's

On Monday, the FBI, the U.S. CEO Mark Hurd, who has the Attorney for Northern California respect of Wall Street and is un- and the House Energy and Commerce tainted by the investigation at the Committee all requested informacomputer and printer maker, will tion on HP's investigation, which take over, vowing that its methods was already the subject of inquiries "have no place in HP." HP's stock by the state attorney general, the Securities and Exchange Commission It was the culmination of a and the Federal Communications

HP's stock, meanwhile, remained immune to the spying scandal. It continued a steady climb that began raised questions about one of the not long after the company revealed most powerful women in corporate the questionable tactics of its leak investigation in a regulatory filing

Shares of Hewlett-Packard Co. impersonated HP directors and rose 87 cents, or nearly 2.4 percent, journalists to access their personal to \$37.23 in afternoon trading on the phone logs, will remain on the New York Stock Exchange. Before Tuesday, they had traded in a 52-week

Frank Gillett, vice president and executive and president, the com- principal analyst at Forrester Research, said the market seems unfazed by the problems on HP's board.

"I'm not hearing anything or ing company information with seeing anything that makes me reporters, resigned from the board concerned about the success of the products," he said.

> Hurd has won praise from Wall Street for a cost-cutting campaign that will have cut some 15,000 jobs

"It makes perfect sense to give "She needed to go — she had (Hurd) the chairmanship," Kay said. "He has the character, personality whether she liked it or not," said and chops to do it. I can't think of Morningstar analyst Mark Lanyon. anyone else you would want to run

Hurd said in a statement he was "taking action to ensure that inappropriate investigative techniques "There are still legal matters will not be employed again. They

Dunn was angry about media leaks of confidential board discussions and Roger Kay, who follows HP as commissioned an unnamed outside president of the market research firm to identify their source. The firm Endpoint Technologies As- investigators used Social Security numbers and other personal informa-"I think the fact that they made tion to get phone companies to turn the statement that she's going to over detailed logs of home phone calls

TEXAS TECH 'PLAYBOY' BUNNIES



MARIN NOBLE, LEFT, A Texas Tech graduate of communication studies from Austin, Susana Rose, a sophomore business major from Arlington, and Whitney Lane, a sophomore business law major from Arlington, sign copies of Playboy Magazine's Girls of the Big 12 Conference issue Tuesday afternoon at the Hastings.

Attack

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make the choice of fighting against States. terrorists."

criticism of the United States, blaming cion immediately fell on a little-known its policies in Lebanon, Iraq and the al-Qaida offshoot called Jund al-Sham, Palestinian territories for increasing Arabic for Soldiers of Syria. Islamic militancy.

sentiment," the Syrian Embassy in responsible. Washington said in a statement. "The root causes of terrorism and broker a by Jund al-Sham. comprehensive peace in the Middle

its duties" under the Geneva Conven- our embassy. But exactly who was retions to protect the embassy.

since Israel's 34-day blitz of Hezbollah in Lebanon that ended nearly a thanked Syrian officials and called month ago, on top of turmoil in Iraq one of them an explosives-laden for Damascus to "become an ally and that many here blame on the United

But Syria responded with a sharp responsibility for the attack, but suspi-

Syria's ambassador to the U.S., "It is regrettable that U.S. poli- Imad Moustapha, told The Associated cies in the Middle East have fueled Press it was too early to say but "it's filled with pipe bombs rigged to gas wounded as well as 10 civilians and a extremism, terrorism and anti-U.S. logically possible" Jund al-Sham was canisters, - pulled up to another gate Chinese diplomat who was watching

If confirmed, it would be the bold-U.S. should ... start looking at the est and most sophisticated attack yet

At the State Department, deputy spokesman Tom Casey said: "Clearly, It curtly said that Syria "performed it was an organized terrorist attack on sponsible for it and who they might be

been rising across the Middle East are, are things that we'll just have to detonating it. The driver was shot look at as the days go on.

The attackers came in two cars, explode. There was no immediate claim of and three gunmen burst out. Shout- car used by the gunmen. ing "Allahu akbar" — "God is great" automatic weapons toward the gate over the embassy's white 15-foot-high

15-minute gunbattle. At the same time, the truck on the other side of the triangle-shaped the gunbattle from the rooftop of the

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Anti-American sentiment has affiliated with and what their motives erupted, the driver ran away without

After the attack, blood was splatpickup truck. The first car pulled up tered on the sidewalk outside the in front of the embassy's entrance embassy, along with the burned-out

The three attackers, who were all — they threw hand grenades and fired killed, tried to throw their grenades and a Syrian guard post, sparking a walls, but none made it over. One blast peppered the wall with pockmarks.

Three Syrian security agents were compound. But when the shooting Chinese Embassy across the street.

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Braff's 'Last Kiss' a dark journey

By JEREMY REYNOLDS STAFF WRITER

said even though he didn't direct his upcoming picture, "The Last Kiss," Tony Goldwyn.

"Inherent in being a director is me a lot." having a very strong opinion about things," Braff said. "When I started making this movie with Tony, I was a really collaborative director, 'cause mode. otherwise I think we would have driven each other crazy.'

Audiences will have to wait until Friday to first see Braff's first liveaction movie since 2004's "Garden State," but Braff said he suspects a lot of people will be going into the theater with the wrong idea.

not going to make 'Garden State 2," he said. "I think this is a darker movie. I mean, I don't want people to be surprised and think they're going into a lighthearted romantic comedy."

The film is a coming-of-age story for anyone who didn't come of age until after their 20s. Braff stars 49") as a 30-year-old who is beginning to contemplate marriage with his girlfriend, Barrett.

The film focuses on that major cornerstone in someone's life when things start to be planned out and around the turn for Braff is Rachel Bilson ("The OC"), who starts to inspired "The Last Kiss." make him rethink the relationship with Barrett.

toward stalker material.

"The film takes you to a very dark place," Braff said.

Zach Braff is the type of actor who and airy character Summer on "The knows what he wants out of a film. He OC," said switching gears and playing someone so dark was a challenge.

sued a man like she does in the together for your entire life," Braff film, although she suggests calming said. very lucky that he liked 'Garden breaths as a solution for anyone who State' and respected me a lot and was finds themselves falling into stalker

who is both lost and confused, he said he does not go out searching for these roles — they simply come to him.

"I'm lost at every age," Braff said. "I always feel like I'm lost. Maybe that's the kind of story I'm interested

"This isn't 'Garden State 2,' and I'm in telling right now. I don't know." After reading the script, Braff said he felt the story was right for him.

"I read it, and it felt like a movie I would want to go see and a movie that was speaking to me and my friends and sort of what we were going through," he said.

alongside Jacinda Barrett ("Ladder make the transition to the silver the differences between the two screen, said she was attracted to the movies. He said he is interested in project when she heard Paul Haggis working on films from a variety of ("Million Dollar Baby") was writing genres at this point in his career. the script and Braff was slated to star alongside her.

youthful spontaneity fades. Waiting and loved it," she said, referencing are people out there that have very "L'Ultimo Bacio," the picture that different tastes in movies and music

For Bilson, taking on the role of a "Fatal Attraction" type of woman As Bilson and Braff grow closer in came as a challenge. She said she had the film, her character begins to lean to tap into her "darker" side for a lot

Braff said he was attracted to the story because he liked the idea Bilson, who is known for her fluffy of examining marriage. He said the divorce of his parents and others left a lasting impact on him.

"I think it's a movie about just, "I had Zach behind the camera you know, examining this concept he still gave little pointers to director saying mean things to me to put me in of marriage and what it means in the character," she said. "He helped today's world where people don't stay married very long and (there is) Bilson said she'd never purthis romanticized concept of staying

> Unlike "Garden State," the film "The Last Kiss" does not end in the familiar and tidy fashion that people While this is second movie in have become accustomed to. Braff which Braff has played a character said Haggis decided to change the ending from the original.

"They wrapped their ending really sort of neat," he said. "We just figured that we would end slightly more ambiguous."

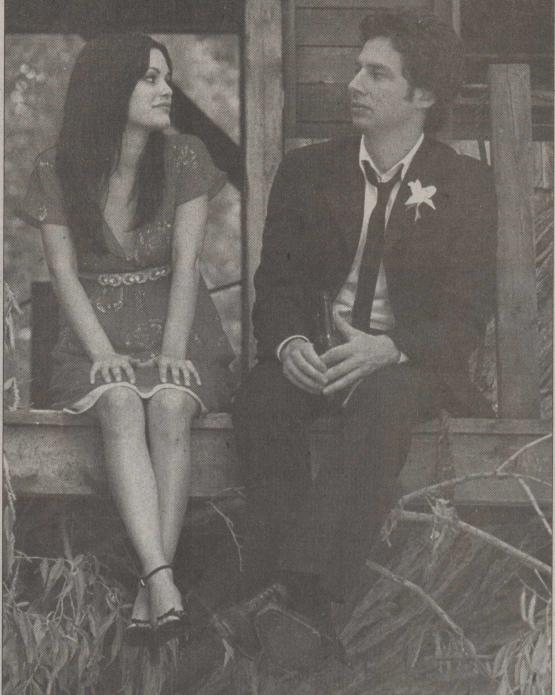
After two movies of being lost and facing that young-adult crisis, Braff said he still doesn't fear he is being typecast as the same character, because his role in "The Last Kiss" is a world away from his part in "Garden

After each question regarding "Garden State," Braff began his reply Bilson, who is just starting to with a heavy sigh before explaining

"I mean I'm 31, but I feel like I'm 25, and I just share with people "I saw the original Italian film what I like," he said. "I think there than I do. Obviously, that's why there's gangster rap and 'Herbie the Love Bug.'

> "The Last Kiss" hits theaters Friday.

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COURTESY PHOTO/Dreamworks Pictures

RACHEL BILSON, LEFT, and Zach Braff star in "The Last Kiss," which releases in theaters Friday.

Apple unveils online movie store, gadget that connects online video to TV

homes, Apple Computer launched its long-awaited online movie service matter of time before more distribution deals are inked. Tuesday and showed off a device that will make it easier for consumers to watch the videos on television.

The iTunes Music Store, however, will initially carry movies only from the studios of The Walt Disney Co., where Apple CEO Steve Jobs is a board member. By contrast, Amazon.com Inc.'s movie service launched last week with distribution deals with seven studios — but not Disney.

ney Pictures, Pixar, Touchstone Pictures and Miramax. New releases will far dogged online video providers and other companies looking to expand be priced at \$12.99, when pre-ordered and during the first week of sale, or \$14.99 afterward. Library titles will be sold for \$9.99 each.

Other online movie services already exist but haven't attracted many customers. Apple, however, is already being cast as a leading competitor

Several sources at Hollywood studios said disagreements over pricing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Seeking to further push digital media into and other issues remain unresolved, but some analysts expect it'll only be a

Part of the reason is the credibility that Apple has gained already with have been downloaded since they first became available on iTunes less than television in the living room," he said. a year ago, and more than 1.5 billion songs have been purchased from the online store.

Another reason is Apple's strategy of bringing digital content stored on Jobs said more than 75 films will be available on iTunes from Walt Dis- a computer and playing it back on a television — a challenge that has so digital multimedia into the mainstream market.

As many expected, Apple is tackling that problem.

At a media event Tuesday, Jobs also showed off a slim, compact set-top box, dubbed iTV, that will allow consumers to wirelessly send movies purchased online — as well as other digital content stored on a computer — to a television set. It will sell for \$299 and be available early next year.

With iTV, digital content stored on computers could more easily be played on TVs, Jobs said.

"We think it completes the picture here. Now I could download content its online music and TV show offerings: more than 45 million TV programs from iTunes. I could enjoy it on my computer, my iPod and my big-screen

> The device, which looks like a much flatter but slightly wider version of the Mac mini computer, will work with Windows-based or Mac computers that use the iTunes software to manage multimedia files. Apple's senior vice president of worldwide marketing Phil Schiller said the product is designed to work best with flat-panel televisions formatted for widescreen viewing. He refused to elaborate on other product details, such as what strain of wireless technology will be used to address potential video delivery-hiccup problems.

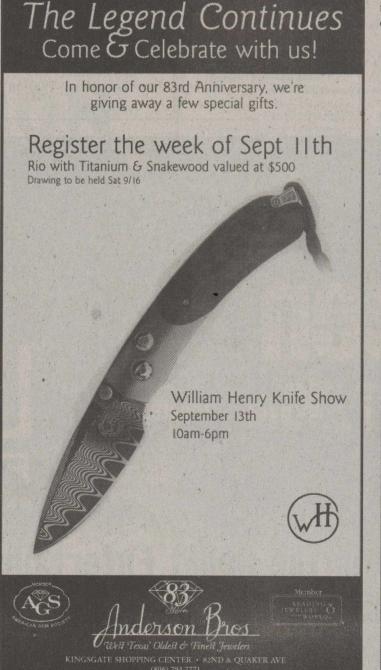
> Similar media appliances that are designed to link a PC to a television already exist, but none have gained much traction, analysts say.

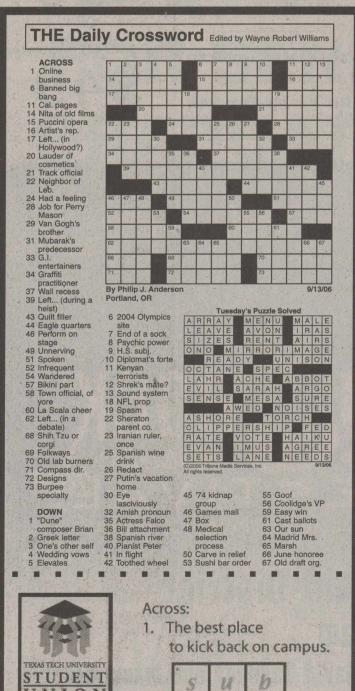
> As a result, relatively few PCs these days are hooked up to television sets. And though others, such as cable providers and startups like Akimbo Systems Inc., have introduced set-top-boxes and services to deliver on-demand videos and TV shows through a broadband Internet connection, full-length feature films from major Hollywood studios either aren't on their libraries, or are only available on a rental basis.

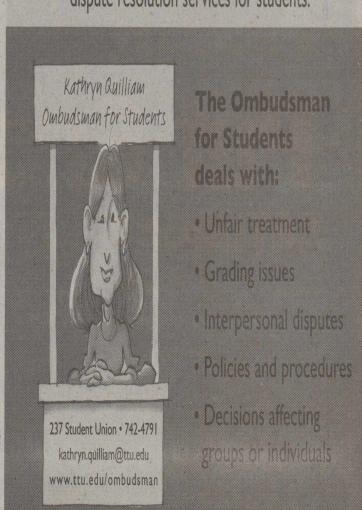
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Volleyball Tech vs. Colorado, 7 p.m.

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Guillen leads Tigers with two solo homers

DETROIT (AP) — Carlos Guillen hit two solo homers, including the game-winner leading off the ninth inning, to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 3-2 win over Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Guillen, who also homered in the second inning, was greeted at the plate by his teammates and manager Jim Leyland.

Marcus Thames tied the score with a solo shot in the seventh for the slumping Tigers won for just the sixth time in 19 games. Detroit, which had a 10-game lead over Chicago and 10 1/2 over Minnesota in the AL Central when play ended Aug. 7, began the day 1 1/2 games ahead of the Twins.

Fernando Rodney (7-3) pitched a perfect eighth and ninth to pick up the win.

Guillen was the only batter

Ron Mahay (1-3) faced. Texas' Gary Matthews Jr. hit a tiebreaking single in the top seventh, but Thames hit his 26th home run of the season in the bottom half.

Tigers starter Kenny Rogers gave up two runs and 10 hits in seven innings for his second straight no-decision after four straight wins.

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New York	86	56	.606	
Boston	76.	67	.531	10 1/2
Toronto	75	69	.521	12
Baltimore	62	81	.434	24 1/2
Tampa Bay	57	86	.399	29 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	86	58	.597	
Minnesota	84	59	.587	1 1/2
Chicago	83	61	.576	3
Cleveland	68	74	.479	17
Kansas City	51	00	275	22

West Division

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Oakland	82	61	.573	_
Los Angeles	77	67	.535	5 1/2
Texas	73	71	.507	9 1/2
Seattle	68	75	.476	14



ROBERT CAVAZOS, LEFT, Shane Costilla and Kevin McKissick are officers of Texas Tech Small Sports. The three of them attend all non-revenue

TECH'S SMALLER SIDE

Three students start club to cheer on, support non-revenue athletic teams

McKissick said because of the low

"We sit in the front row at volleyball

turnout at small sporting events around

games, so they hear us when they're on

the court," McKissick said. "There's no

one there, so they hear everything you

Cavazos said he has dedicated his

assisted in that through a sponsorship.

come out for the games," he said. "We

like to have promotional cookouts with

food provided by Kiolbassa Provision

members were successful in becom-

their next cookout Sept. 27 in the

In 2005, Cavazos and the other

Tech Small Sports will be holding

Co. out of San Antonio, Texas."

Texas Tech.

"Freshman year I told the student-

the players.

By SARAH WHETSTONE STAFF WRITER

Fans fill Jones AT&T Stadium and reason he goes to the games. United Spirit Arena by the thousands to support the Texas Tech football and basketball teams, but the less observed sports at Tech have quite a smaller following.

Robert Cavazos, a junior business marketing major from San Antonio, campus organization called Tech Small

Cavazos said. "I was checking out the athletic Web site and saw that we had many sports events on campus. I decided it would be cool to go to all of them. I enlisted my friends for the first much how it started."

Cavazos, president of Tech Small much fun at the volleyball tournament to join their organization. that they started attending different

just kept going," Cavazos said. "We started going to soccer games and got

friends taking advantage of free en- team members. tertainment on campus turned into the idea to create a group for students game against Iowa State," Jones said. supporting Tech athletics on the

smaller scale. sporting events on campus."

presence of spectators at games and offer personal gratitude to the members of Tech Small Sports, Cavazos said.

"The athletes really love us," he said. "Whenever they see us on campus, they always thank us for coming to support them and ask us to come back."

from Dallas and vice president of Tech their player's last name was Farr," the

Small Sports, Kevin McKissick, said vice president said. "The player gets a Kansas visits Tech. even though the games are not nation- base hit and he is on first base. We are

"It just became really fun because it's female athlètes from Kansas State was "Competition makes everything fun." him asking him if he was related, and

Shane Costilla, a junior clinical we got a response mid-pitch. He shook lab sciences major from Dallas who his head furiously no, then looked over refers to himself as the "Kelly Johnson" at us when he got back on first. It was expert," said one of the most rewarding really funny." said he is out to change that with a experiences of Tech Small Sports was winning pizza for a year.

"They always have this promotion Tech, it is easier to affect the minds of 'The idea came freshman year," at volleyball games where everyone lines up on one side of the net and hit the ball over," Costilla said. "There are five pizza boxes on the other side. I ended up getting lucky and hitting one. They opened it up and told me I won say. We yell at (the other team) and volleyball tournament, and that's pretty free pizza for a year. They do that at mess them up." pretty much all of the home games."

He also said supporting the teams college career to encouraging a larger Sports, said he and his friends had so and Texas Tech is an important reason turnout at Tech sporting events and has

"We want more people in the stands," Costilla said. "It's kind of athletes that I knew that I would make "We had such a great time that we depressing that we have such a big it my mission to get more people to stadium and no one is in it."

For Justin Jones, a charter member the idea to form the group in October of Tech Small Sports, support comes in many different forms - including What started out as a group of getting in the heads of the opposing

"We were sitting at the volleyball ing an official student organization at "Since I went to high school in Iowa, Robert (Cavazos) asked me if I knew "We created the Facebook group to anyone on the team, and I told him courtyard of Carpenter/Wells complex give us legitimacy," Cavazos said. "From that I that I went to high school with that point on, we kept going to different one of the girls from Iowa State and was acquaintances with her ex-boyfriend. Athletes who participate in sports Robert was like 'What's his name?' with low fan attendance appreciate the and I told him his name. Robert started bellowing her boyfriend's name across the gymnasium when she was serving. Everyone heard. Needless to say, she served the ball into the net."

McKissick said he was the mastermind behind a similar story.

"We were at the Tech baseball Junior electrical engineering major game versus Kansas State and one of

"Everyone is invited to join us for ally televised, the competition is the sitting right behind him down the first free food and also go to the volleyball base line. I remembered that one of the game," Cavazos said.

For more information about Tech Big 12 competition," McKissick said. named Farr too. So I began yelling at Small Sports, e-mail Cavazos at robert. t.cavazos@ttu.edu.

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TCU getting speedy receiver back on field

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU is getting back one of its fastest players just in time to go against old Southwest Conference rival Texas Tech in a matchup of Top 25 teams.

Speedy receiver Michael De-Priest, who broke his right arm during preseason workouts last month, will play his first game this season for the No. 20 Horned Frogs (2-0) on Saturday. He practiced Tuesday with his right arm in a protective wrap.

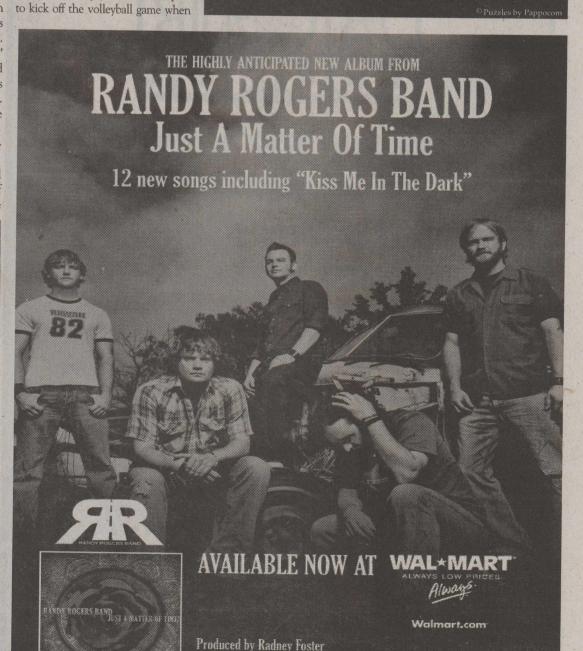
"That's a big lift for us because it gives us another speed guy that can run by people," coach Gary Patterson said. "He's been staying in shape and doing all the things he needs to do to be successful."

No. 24 Texas Tech (2-0) is . traveling to Fort Worth for the first time since 1994. The two teams have met only once since the SWC disbanded after the 1995 season. The Red Raiders erased a 21-0 deficit at home and beat TCU 70-35 two years ago.

DePriest averaged 25 yards on his nine catches last season with three touchdowns. He had an 84-yard scoring catch in the Houston Bowl.

"It's going to be huge to have him back," said Jeff Ballard, 10-0 as TCU's starting quarterback. "To have him back is going to be a big relief off my shoulders, and the team's."

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By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

The sport of soccer has been had its own traditional songs. around for quite a while, and the fans are considered to be an important aspect of the game.

* could always be heard over the announcer's voice. With thousands of people cheering, the individual adopted their own songs for fans been a crucial part of the game." to memorize and recite during games.

team wishes to do the same thing.

freshmen and a new soccer field as Liverpool's team chant. in the making, the Red Raiders adopted a new logo, several chants was made famous by Liverpool fans adopting the tradition, to help his and the formation of a team scarf who called themselves "The Kop." to add to the already long-standing Tech traditions.

the team adopted the new tradi- the tone." tions in an attempt to reinvent Red

McGuire said.

He said the new team traditions In the days of old European can help create a fan base in a soccer, chants and songs of fans place where soccer is not the most

"We are trying to develop socshouts soon create a raucous noise we are using World Cup soccer that cannot be ignored by the op- as a guideline. It (chanting) is a posing team. Powerhouse teams unique language of the entire world. fans out to the R.P. Fuller stadium like Chelsea and Liverpool have Through my lifetime, it has always on Thursday to teach them the

McGuire said the song they adopted for their team comes from The Texas Tech women's soccer a long history of Liverpool soccer. "You'll Never Walk Alone," by With the addition of 15 new Gerry and the Pacemakers, started

"The Kop started European soccer support," he said. "Every club Head coach Neil McGuire said has its unique chant. The Kop set

the Liverpool soccer club at http:// I have no doubt that we can perform He said all the historical teams www.liverpoolmuseums.org, the at the highest level."

in the World Cup had team chants Kop have been chanting for Livand songs. When he played profes- erpool since 1906. The Web site ately bought into the idea. sional soccer in Scotland, his team states the Kop played an important the world.

Coach McGuire said he wants his fans to sing "You'll Never Walk Alone" at the games while waving the team scarves in the air. He said he wants to recreate that historical cer in West Texas," he said. "And feeling of soccer fans chanting for

McGuire invited all the team's new chants and pass out the team

"We had a great turnout," he in the air. said. "It is exciting to see so many fans interested."

During the event, McGuire showed his fans a video of the Kop, Coach McGuire said the chant while stressing the importance of team gain confidence.

'We want our fans to form together," he said. "The idea is that the Kop. I believe it will help us According to a Web site about grow as a team. If this is successful,

When Tech played Prairie View part during the club's glory years A&M Friday, more than 800 fans "So why not the Red Raiders?" when they had the top players in showed up, all wearing a red scarf and ready to sing the new chants.

Each time Tech scored, the fans roared with an "Olé" song, as they watched the Red Raiders dominate the opponent.

When the game ended and Tech shut-out Prairie View 10-0, the Red Raiders ran across the field to meet the fans, with "You'll Never Walk Alone" playing over the loud speakers. The fans matched the team's enthusiasm as they recited the song while waving the scarves

Sophomore forward Chessa Purser, who raked in 5 goals in the game Friday, said it was a great feeling to hear the fans from the field.

She said it helps the team's confidence shoot through the roof when playing behind the screaming crowd.

"I loved it. The fans helped us you become the Kop. You recreate out a lot," she said. "It is so much different from last year. It is great to be a part of a whole new tradi-

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Tech volleyball takes it to Austin's city limits

They are going to

have to get out there

and play tough. We

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serve and pass the

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things in control.

- NANCY TODD

Texas Tech

Volleyball Coach

By LINDSAY RANSON STAFF WRITER

team heads into Big 12 play Wednesday when they travel to Austin to take on the Texas Longhorns.

Raiders are coming off two 30-28, 36-34 and 15-13. tournament championships, Tournament in Edinburg two what to expect.

weekends ago and most recently the University of South Florida Tournament in Tampa, Fla.

Tech had three of its players named to the All-Tournament Team in Edinburg and Tampa.

Last weekend in Tampa, Tech blew through the

competition with consecutive kills, a season high, along with the season.

greatly from their last tournament in Edinburg.

different lineups, and everyone on 99 attempts. got to compete."

weekends. Todd said it's tough to play so much, but the team such odds.

"It's a lot of jumping and do-said. ing various different things, but

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the team is in good shape," Todd said. "They can handle it."

Tech will start Big 12 play The Texas Tech volleyball against the Longhorns (5-2), coming off a tough loss to No. 2 Penn State.

Texas took the Nittany Lions to five games, but fell short in the With a 7-2 record, the Red end with scores of 27-30, 28-30,

Todd said the team will face sweeping the UT-Pan America some good hitters, but they know

> "They are going to have to get out. there and play tough," Todd said. "We are going to have to serve and pass the ball well and keep things in control."

The Red Raiders will head into Big 12 play with strong statistics from last weekend's tournament.

Philister Sang lead the team with 25

wins, earning its second title of a .468 hitting percentage. Amy Charlebois has a total of 45 blocks Coach Todd said the team's for the season, 10 of which came passing and serving improved at the tournament in Tampa. The Red Raiders come out of

the University of South Florida "They had better ball con- Tournament with their highest trol toward the end of the tour- hitting percentage of the year at nament," Todd said. "We had .394 with 51 kills and 12 errors

Todd said the Big 12 is one of The Raiders have played in the top volleyball conferences in tournaments for three straight the nation, and she intends for her team to work hard.

"If you come out to our games has been able to overcome every night, you will see how tough our competition is," she

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Landis attorney wants doping charges dismissed

(AP) — The attorney for one tests attributed to the Tour sociated Press. "It has to make ing forward," Tygart said. de France winner and asking that you wonder about the accuracy doping charges be dismissed.

In a letter sent to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, attorney representatives at the testing of Howard Jacobs disputed the ac- the 'B' sample. curacy of the carbon isotope ratio tests performed on Landis' urine of the French lab that conducted sample at a lab in France.

of a different test, the testoster- Tuesday. one-epitestosterone analysis, "is backup 'B' sample came from a to seek dismissal of cases. sample number not assigned to

of the work."

Both Landis and USADA had

Jacques de Ceaurriz, the head directly to Jacobs' letter. Jacobs also argued the analysis diate comment, his office said

USADA general counsel Trareplete with fundamental, gross vis Tygart said the doping agency hearing, and USADA has said it about the science, until the scierrors," including mismatched couldn't comment on specific would agree to that. sample code numbers. Jacobs cases but noted it is not unusual said the positive finding on the for athletes and their attorneys reasserting his innocence.

Floyd Landis is questioning the Jacobs said Monday in a tele- those submissions are seriously confirming my innocence," he accuracy of the positive testoster- phone interview with The As- considered prior to any case go-

> A review board is expected to issue a recommendation on Landis' case sometime in the next week. That process could

If the review board recomthe Landis tests, had no imme- mends sanctions against Landis, he is expected to appeal and ask for an arbitration hearing. Jacobs has said he would seek a public

Landis issued a statement ing process," Wadler said.

"Our standard process allows or any other performance-en- then, any assertion is only an

"It's incredibly sloppy" work, to the USADA review board, and very happy that the science is said. "I was relieved, but not surprised, when I learned that scientific experts found problems with the test."

Dr. Gary Wadler, a member of World Anti-Doping Agency be delayed if USADA responds and a spokesman for the American College of Sports Medicine, said Landis' attempt to have the charges dismissed by questioning the science behind the tests wasn't unusual.

> "It's not useful to speculate ence has had its day in the hear-

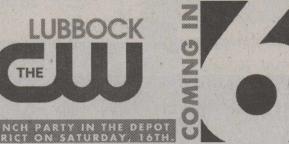
"Only then do I think we can "I did not take testosterone come to come conclusions. Until

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Are you ready for some Romo? IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo think he's ready to be the starting quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys. And maybe he is. Thing is, Romo thought he was ready last year.

And the year before. Probably the year before that, too, even though he was lucky to have made the team as an undrafted rookie.

Confidence is certainly one of Romo's strengths, probably his biggest. He believes in himself more than Drew Henson and Chad Hutchinson combined, which might explain why he's still in the league and those guys, who were blessed with more raw ability, aren't.

Yet bravado, popularity and even a new contract don't make him the best option for the Cowboys.

At least, as Bill Parcells so conspicuously put it Monday, "not right now."

Drew Bledsoe wasn't so terrible in the 24-17 loss at Jacksonville that he deserves getting benched. The bigger factor is that Romo hasn't done enough to prove he deserves to start.

Actually, let's clarify that: He hasn't done anything, period, in the 49 games since he's been on the roster. (Well, he's been the holder a bunch of times, but Parcells hasn't even let him try to throw a pass on a fake field goal.)

Thus, a priority this week should be ending the bizarre fact that Romo has been around for so long, and is already locked up for next season, without having thrown a pass.

It's time to see what he's got. And Sunday night at home against Washington is as good of a time as any — better than waiting for Bledsoe to get hurt or play so badly the decision becomes obvious.

Parcells needs to come up with a plan for breaking in Romo, then stick with it.

Tell Romo he's going to play, say, the first drive of the second quarter no matter what. He's got to put him in regardless of whether Bledsoe is 10-for-10 or the Cowboys take over at their 1-yard line. Maybe even script Romo's first few plays and let him get comfortable with them in practice this week.



Red Raider tennis ready to begin season with \$50,000 Challenger Tournament

STAFF WRITER

Most college tennis teams begin their season with warm-up matches tennis team.

The Red Raiders begin their season players in the world at the \$50,000 Challenger, with qualifying beginning this weekend and the main draw beginning Monday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Coach Tim Siegel, entering his 13th season with the Red Raiders, said this is a great opportunity for some of his players.

"This is the second \$50,000 Chal-"The players rank from 100-250 in the world."

Some notable professionals who to competing." or tournaments, but that is not the will be competing include Robert case for the 2006 Texas Tech men's Kendrick, No. 138 in the world. Kendrick recently had a good showing at Wimbledon, losing to No. 2-ranked playing against some of the best tennis player in the world Rafael Nadal in

> Two other professionals competing include Bobby Reynolds and Sam Querrey, ranked at No. 156 and No. 157 in the world, respectively.

Junior Tech athlete Bojan Szumanski received a main draw spot in the tournament by winning an intra-team tournament earlier this week.

"I think Bojan will represent Texas ski, Martinez and Prpic. lenger we've hosted," Siegel said. Tech very well," Siegel said. "This is his he was injured and is looking forward older and more experienced."

> receive qualifying wild card spots and play on Saturday: Dimitrio Martinez, Adrian Prpic and Sinisa Markovic

Siegel said he feels good about what his team can accomplish this year.

"We have been real successful the last few years, and we didn't lose any players from last year's team," Siegel said. "We've got depth, we've got experience and most importantly we have good, hard workers."

Three players stand out to Siegel entering the 2006-07 season: Szuman-

"I think those three guys are the first tournament back with Tech since backbone of our team," he said. "They're

Szumanski, a junior, was ranked as Three other Tech players will high as 21st nationally his sophomore season. He redshirted last season because of torn ligaments in his ankle. He has played at the top of the lineup the previous two years and Siegel said he thinks sitting out will help him even more and will most likely make him their No. 1 player.

> Tech is also returning last year's No. 1 and NCAA qualifier in Prpic. The junior was No. 7 his freshman season before making the jump to No.

"I don't think that has ever been

done that someone goes from No. 7 to No. 1 and make's the NCAA tournament," Siegel said. "So the improvement he has made has been

Martinez, the No. 2 player last year, earned All-Big 12 honors last

Rounding out the Tech team is senior Teddy DiBlasi along with sophomores Markovic, Christian Rojmar and Michael Breler.

Siegel said walk-ons Jay Wofford, James Wilson and Greg Jones all have worked hard and will get opportunities to play this fall.

Siegel is optimistic about his team's chances of being a top 25 program this year, and this past week has been the

best opening week of practice any of his teams have had in his 15 years as a head coach, he said.

His feelings about his team, along with his wife and three daughters, are reasons he rejected an offer by Texas A&M last month to take over their head coaching duties.

"I think family is what kept me here," Siegel said. "I also love the guys on my team and will have them pretty much for the next two years."

The qualifying rounds for the Challenger will begin 10 a.m. Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center and the tournament will run through Sept. 24. Students can get in free with proper school identification. > jeffrey.t.wall@ttu.edu

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TRIP	Dares	Deadline	COST	Levels
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TAPROCK DAY HIKE	Sept. 17	Sept. 14	<i>5</i> 20	Beginner

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Signed up to show off your pigskin skills? Don't forget TONIGHT's flag football captain's meeting at 7:00pm in Room 116 of the Student Rec Center. Official schedules will be distributed. Teams attending this meeting will receive 1 point towards the sportsmanship goal.

Strapped for cash?

Become a softball official! If you know softball or baseball then this is the job for you! The first meeting for SB officials is TOMORROW (Sept. 14) at 5 pm in Room 201. This meeting will only last 34 minutes. Questions? Call 742.2945.

Frisbee Fridays are back!

The Ultimate Frisbee league is set for Fridays starting on Sept. 15th - just two days away! Be part of the ultimate game! Whether you're a veteran

or a newbie, come out and give it a try. Register your team in Room 203 (SRC).

Got Skills?

Join one of the many sport clubs on campus. Visit www.recsports.ttu.edu and click on Sport Clubs for more information.

FITNESS/WELLNESS

GET ADVENTUROUS with Self Defense and Adventure Fitness Classes! Learn power maneuvers to overcome larger, stronger, more aggressive opponents in Self Defense and power up for the Caprock Adventure Race on Oct. 14th with Adventure Fitness Classes. Register NOW for both classes.

Make sure you have a SUPER Friday by attending the Super Friday Workshop from 3-4 pm in Room 121 - BOSU. Come learn how to develop an individual workout on the BOSU. Experience balance challenges on this new piece of equipment through various fitness activities, such as cardio, strength training, and agility moves. BOSU is offered in

RaiderX classes and can be checked out in El with your student ID. Even better, it's a FREE EVENT. Make sure to get your Xcape Bingo card stamped!

For more information call 742.3828.

Get informed! Nutrition Monday kicks off on Sept 18. from 4-6pm. Come find out What's in your Beverage? This interactive booth will teach you about what calories, fat, etc. are in your fruit, sports, caffeinated, and alcoholic drinks. Learn how substituting 1 glass of water can improve your health. Again, it's a FREE EVENT and you can get your Xcape Bingo card stamped!







Dare to Tri? Don't miss the Rec Triathlon sponsored by Broadway Bikes on Sept. 24th at 7:30 am! The triathlon is great for seasoned triathletes to work on speed and intensity and great for beginners because it is a shorter distance triathlon and it is right on campus! Register for the 440m swim, 11 mile bike & 2.3 mile run event in the Fitness/Wellness center or on-line. For all of your cycling gear check out Broadway Bikes at 2420 Broadway. Visit

www.recsports.ttu.edu or call 742.3828 for more info.

Get Tuned Up for the Rec Triathlon by attending a FREE clinic Saturday, Sept. 16 at 11:15 am. Triathletes of all levels can learn some helpful hints to quicker transitions. Bring your bike, helmet and running shoes. Oh yeah, the Aquatic Center will be open from 10-11:45 am for long course swimming so this is a great time to get familiar with the swimming



Yoga in the park at the Total Rec Experience on Friday! If you missed out on this year's Ultimate Campus Party, be sure to check the other exciting programs and events the Rec Center has to offer! Your source www.recsports.ttu.edu



SWING FOR THE FENCES! Do the names Bohica, Franchise, Three Legged Wade Boggs, and JFH Inc. ring a bell? Well if they don't, these are just four of the 200 teams that will be playing for a chance to be Texas Tech Intramural All-University Softball Champions this season. So if you want a chance to de-

throne these teams, get your buddies and sign up in the Intramural office (Room 203) in the Rec Center. Sign ups for the 2006 Fall Softball season are Tues., Sept. 19th - Thurs., Sept. 21st. Remember to get your team in on Tuesday so you get your top choice of playing times! The divisions are: Men's Open, Women's Open, Co-rec Competitive and Co-rec Recreational. The Co-rec Recreational league is for the non-so-competitive-win-at-all-cost player - better known as the fun league. So, get your friends together, start dusting off that old glove, and sign up for intramural softball. For more information, visit the web at www.recsports.ttu.edu or call 742-2945. Hope to see YOU on the

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