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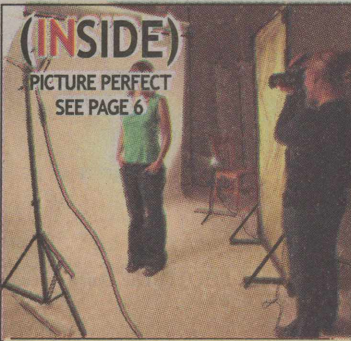
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STATE

Perry keeps up bailout criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry is keeping up his criticism of federal bailout programs with a new Web site his campaign launched that asks Texans to join an online petition.

The site urges viewers to help "stop the bleeding" in Washington, D.C.

"Sign this petition and add your voice to a growing chorus of Americans who are fed up with Washington and sending a simple message: 'STOP!'" states the site, which was paid for by Perry's political campaign.

Perry has been critical of federal bailout and economic stimulus bills pushed during the administrations of former President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama.

NATION

GM cuts jobs, trims employees' pay

NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors Corp. is planning to slash another 10,000 salaried jobs this year, saying the cuts are unavoidable with a government restructuring deadline looming and industrywide sales in one of the worst downturns in history.

The Detroit-based automaker said Tuesday it will reduce its total number of white-collar workers by 14 percent to 63,000. About 3,400, or 12 percent, of GM's 29,500 salaried U.S. jobs will be eliminated.

Most of the company's remaining salaried employees will have their wages cut.

WORLD

Sri Lanka: 16 killed in hospital shelling

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — At least 16 patients being treated at a makeshift hospital in the northern Sri Lankan war zone were killed by shelling, the Red Cross said Tuesday, as the military accused rebel fighters of killing 19 other civilians fleeing the area.

The United Nations, meanwhile, said it was outraged by the "unnecessary" deaths of hundreds of people inside rebel territory and urged both sides to avoid fighting in civilian areas.

The government accuses the Tamil Tiger rebels of holding civilians hostage in the war zone to use as human shields against the military's offensive. The rebels deny the accusation.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Sen. approves \$838 billion stimulus

By ANDREW TAYLOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate sailed to approval of its \$838 billion economic stimulus bill Tuesday — but with only three Republicans signing on and no time to celebrate. The White House plunged into compromise talks with congressional leaders on a final version.

Within hours of the 61-37 Sen-

ate vote, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, Budget Director Peter Orszag and other top aides to President Barack Obama met in the Capitol with Democratic leaders as well as moderate senators from both parties whose support looms as crucial for any eventual agreement.

A top priority for Obama is to restore money to build and repair schools and to give cash-starved states more help with their budget

problems. Almost \$60 billion for those two programs alone was cut at the insistence of GOP moderates last week in a bargain that was crucial to getting their votes.

The moderates—Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania — are demanding that the final bill resemble the Senate measure, which devotes about 42 percent of its \$838 billion in debt-financed costs to tax cuts,

including Obama's signature \$500 tax credit for 95 percent of workers, with \$1,000 going to couples.

The \$820 billion House measure is about one-third tax cuts.

The GOP moderates also want the final bill to retain a \$70 billion Senate plan to "patch" the alternative minimum tax, or AMT, for one year. The provision would make sure 24 million families won't get socked with unexpected tax bills more than

a year from now during the 2010 filing season.

The AMT was designed 40 years ago to make sure wealthy people pay at least some tax, but is updated for inflation each year to avoid tax increases averaging \$2,300 a year. Fixing the annual problems now allows lawmakers to avoid difficult battles down the road, but economists say the move won't do much to lift the economy.



Ranch Horse Team provides students chance to develop, showcase equestrian talents

By CAYLOR BALLINGER
STAFF WRITER

It's not all horsing around with Texas Tech's Ranch Horse Team; hard work is involved too.

Kris Wilson, an animal food and science professor at Tech, founded the team in 2005.

"When I came to Tech I thought it would be good to have a traveling ranch horse team," he said. "Tech was the first team in the nation to do that."

Wilson said he grew up in a household with horses and ranching, and it always has been a part of his life — a part of his life he wanted to share with his students.

The team provides students with travel opportunities, a chance to make new friends and work experience.

Wilson said the team has become a part of a Department of Animal and Food Sciences class at Tech that focuses on training ranch horses.

The class is split into two sections; the "green" section which includes beginners and the more experienced traveling team. Wilson said the traveling team, which is the Ranch Horse Team, goes to several contests to compete throughout the year.

Both sections of the class work on different skills such as reining, working cows, stock horse pleasure riding, and versatility trail skills during class and team practices.

"Our students make our team the best," Wilson said. "I have never been to a competition where someone has not told me how great our students are, and I don't think I could find a better group at another school."

Jennifer Richards, a senior from Marble Falls, has been riding horses for 13 years and has competed on Tech's traveling Ranch Horse Team for the past three years.

Richards, a psychology major, said some of the competitions are "scary", and the November national stock horse competition was no exception.

"The day before I was in tears because I was so stressed," she said. "It's basically the judge's opinion, and it can be really discouraging."

Richards said she had not previously considered a job dealing with horses because it was more of a hobby than an occupation, but she said she began to consider a career with horses after joining the Ranch Horse Team.

"It's not all about the glory of winning," Richards said. "A lot of time and effort goes into it. You have to be devoted and have real love for the animals."

Richards said her mother loved horses and shared the love for horses with her. However, she said she credits her success and perseverance on the team to Wilson, her coach.

A tragic incident caused her to consider quitting the team, she said, but Wilson helped her overcome the difficult experience.

"My other horse got really sick and died on me, and I thought I was done after I had to put my horse down," Richards said. "Kris told me I have to ride, and pushed me to stick with it."

Richards said each member's horse is his or her responsibility, and students spend about 10 to 15 hours per week practicing

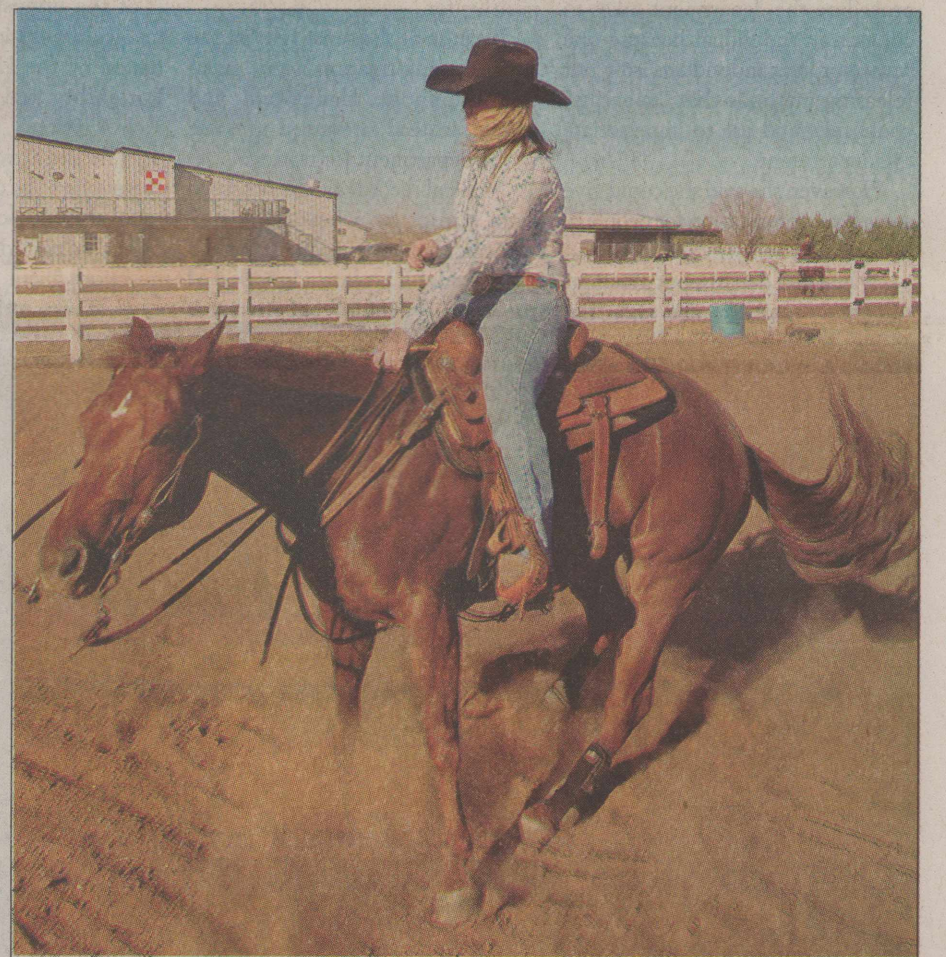


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

JENNIFER RICHARDS, A senior psychology major from Marble Falls, and her horse, Uno, demonstrate pleasure riding moves Thursday at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center.

and riding their horses.

Alicia Daugherty, a junior agricultural communication major from Alpine, won the all-around division title for Tech's team during a competition earlier this month. She

is a third year member of the Tech's traveling Ranch Horse Team who has worked with horses since childhood.

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Merket Alumni Center accepts \$500K donation

By MATT COBB
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech announced a \$500,000 donation was made to help fund an expansion project for the Merket Alumni Center during a press conference hosted Tuesday afternoon at the center.

Michael and Barbara McKenzie, who are both Tech graduates, made the contribution to the Building on Tradition capital campaign for the Peggy and Bill Dean Expansion of Merket Alumni Center.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity to give back to a school that's meant so much," Barbara McKenzie said.

Michael McKenzie said he was even more inclined to make the contribution when he learned the facility was in honor of Peggy and Bill Dean.

"This is such a great place for the alumni

to meet. This is really the only place we can all get together," Michael McKenzie said. "This is just such a good place to see everybody, and it's going to be better because it's going to be larger."

The \$4 million expansion project will double the size of the facility through the addition of several new rooms that will include a Grand Ballroom, a serving kitchen, and three banquet rooms.

The campaign already has raised \$2.25 million to help fund the expansion since the project was announced last October, said Nelda Laney, the fundraising chair for the project. The university is raising money for the project by offering naming opportunities to rooms, bricks and other objects located throughout the new facilities.

Numerous naming opportunities still are available through donations, she said.

"We have some dining rooms left, a bride's

room, a marketing suite, and an accounting suite still available," Laney said.

The new facilities also will have a large replica of the Tech class ring so students will have another location to take memorable graduation photographs, she said.

Rex Isom, chair of the project steering committee, said the project is not solely geared around expanding the facilities, but also is about helping others gain an education. The new facilities will help promote Tech and lead to further growth and advancement of the university.

"It's really about the kids, it's about the scholarships, it's about helping students get an education," Isom said. "That's the bigger cause, and that's why we're all involved."

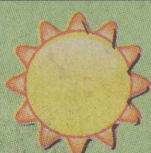
The center's Grand Ballroom will be named the "McKenzie Ballroom" in honor of the family and their contribution.

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MICHAEL AND BARBARA McKenzie speak at a reception to commemorate their donation of \$500,000 toward the Peggy and Bill Dean Expansion of the Merket Alumni Center Tuesday at the center.



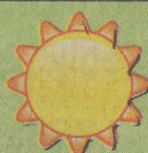
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TxDOT announces local traffic pattern changes

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
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The Texas Department of Transportation announced Monday it will begin performing a series of traffic changes along the Marsha Sharp Freeway in West Lubbock in the near future.

Dianah Ascencio, the public information officer for the Lubbock TxDOT office, said significant changes will be made to the westbound joint road consisting of U.S. Highways 62 and 82, commonly known as the Marsha Sharp Freeway. Westbound traffic from the freeway will be re-routed from its present location near the highway to a newly constructed westbound frontage road that runs west of Toledo Avenue to Chicago Avenue.

"By moving the westbound traffic on that road," she said, "it will change a lot of the traffic in the area."

When the highway has made the shift to the frontage road, 29th Drive and

34th Street also will see traffic changes, Ascencio said. Northbound and southbound traffic on 29th Drive no longer will be able to travel across the Marsha Sharp Freeway. Motorists will have to turn onto the respective frontage roads. The traffic light controlling the intersection between 29th Drive and the frontage road will be removed, which will lead drivers onto the frontage road with no delays.

Ascencio said 34th Street, between Slide Road and Bangor Avenue near the Marsha Sharp Freeway, will be turned into a one-way, westbound frontage road for the freeway. Traffic on 34th Street near the freeway runs both eastbound and westbound, but after the westbound highway is redirected onto the westbound frontage road of the Marsha Sharp Freeway, eastbound 34th street no longer will be directly connected with Slide Road.

"Eastbound traffic will be diverted onto the eastbound frontage road of the freeway," she said. "From there, they can make their connection back to Slide

Road turning at the first turn off the frontage road and then heading back to 34th. We will have a U-turn around the 34th Street bridge in the future."

Ascencio said new sets of traffic lights will be added to the intersection of Slide Road and the westbound frontage road in the near future.

Construction was expected to begin this week but may have to be pushed back due to the rain earlier in the week, she said.

TxDOT engineers were not immediately available for comment.

Ascencio said she was not aware of what was being done to inform drivers in the area about the changes but the signs would lead drivers to where they need to get to.

"This is a process," she said. "(The roads) are not all going to be (finished) at the same time but traffic will run much better in the area after work is complete compared to what it used to be like."

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CONSTRUCTION ALONG MARSHA Sharp Freeway Tuesday.

Caller poses as health dept. in HIV hoax

By **SARAH REIMAN**
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An unidentified person or persons have been posing as the City of Lubbock Health Department, incorrectly informing residents they are HIV positive, according to a news release from the department Monday.

The messages the department has heard do not follow the accepted protocol, and it was determined that the messages are not from the department.

Nancy Haney, executive director of the Lubbock Health Department, said she could not share the exact procedure the department takes to contact an individual because one way to protect individuals is by not releasing methods that "copycats" could take and use to impersonate the department.

However, she said she could give some basic information for people to distinguish the false messages.

When the department attempts to contact someone, she said, they

try to avoid leaving a message. If a voice mail is left, it will contain only a name and contact number of an employee at the department.

Haney said correspondents of the department never disclose test results in a message for the privacy and comfort of the client because they would not want someone to overhear such personal information.

The department often performs "contact tracing," she said, in which the department attempts to contact possible sexual partners of the tested positive person. The department prefers to contact someone in person if their sexual partner may have given them a disease they tested positive for.

Because of the sensitivity of the situation, information is not given over the phone, Haney said, and people, instead, are urged to come to the department for testing.

Medical records can be obtained from clinics by a positive visual identification of the client by the professional who last administered the exam, she said. Proof of driver's

license and often an identification number granted by the clinic may identify an individual to their personal records.

Becky Brawley, public health coordinator at the Lubbock Health Department, said minors' medical records also are protected.

Anyone 13 years of age or older will be the only person who can obtain their records, unless they sign rights over to a guardian, if they are tested for a sexually transmitted disease.

Ron Cook, public health officer for the Lubbock area, said the confidentiality of medical records is of the utmost importance to medical professionals and is protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

The department encourages the public to be aware of this protocol and contact the original facility that performed testing when questions about health arise.

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Crime, drugs, economy loosely related

By **SARAH REIMAN**
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Although crime can be attributed to many causes, statistics from the Lubbock Police Department reflect an indirect connection between drugs, the poor economy, and crime in Lubbock.

Capt. Greg Stevens, public information officer for the department, said many factors influence crime, and poor economies is just one of those factors.

One problem with comparing crime rates and the causes, he said, is the definitions differ. The qualifying factors for theft and burglary are different in state, county and college campuses.

Stevens said, from more than 20 years being an officer, he has found economic factors affect crime, but poor economies have more of an affect on crime rates in suburban cities than more rural ones.

Layoffs usually are responsible for a small percentage of individuals who turn to crime, he said, because some become desperate and revert their attention from job applications to crime.

A spokeswoman from the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office crime analysis

FOUR YEAR CRIME STATS

Year	DWI	Theft	Drug	Robbery	Total
2008	822	4617	1501	311	7251
2007	940	4594	1739	282	7555
2006	831	4493	1196	378	6898
2005	507	4766	821	285	6379

Number generated by the LPD crime analysis department

department said it is difficult to speculate exactly what factors affect crime rates in a big city.

According to statistics formulated by the Lubbock Police Department, no obvious trend correlates crime with the state of the economy.

Arrests for drug-related crimes have increased by 680 arrests since 2005, according to the report generated by the Lubbock Police Department. Instances of theft decreased by 273 reports since the 2005 high of 4,766. Although this category has increased every year since 2006, it still has not exceeded the high in 2005.

Angelica Guitron, a crime analyst for the Lubbock Police Department, said the

factor that most affects crime is the drug business. When drugs are difficult to obtain, she said, people commit other crimes to make up for the drug sales income.

Driving while intoxicated statistics are not affected by drug sales typically, Guitron said. DWI arrests are controlled by factors that are difficult to detect, she said, and was not sure if the economy would affect these numbers.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, said he would not be surprised by an increase of theft because of the poor state of the economy.

He also said that when drugs dry up in a city, other crime rates increase.

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Students learn black history while competing for money

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
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Students who attended the Thinkfast game show Monday night in the Allen Theater had the opportunity to win \$200 and learn black history and pop culture facts.

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Student Diversity Relations co-hosted the event, and students who attended participated in multiple rounds of trivia in hopes of winning the final prize.

"I heard about the event by hearsay," said Brittney Roberson, a freshman Texas Tech student from Euless. "I wasn't going to go because none of my friends were, but the money was an incentive."

Roberson's decision paid off; she won the game's grand prize of \$200.

She said she was nervous but felt the questions were fair, and she was excited to be the winner.

Allen Sutton, assistant director of the Office of Student Diversity Relations, said he wished the turnout was better but was pleased the students who did attend had fun.

"It's a fun way to learn history," Sutton said.

The game show was unique, he said, because it was an interactive way to get students involved in black history, and the pop culture questions were included for fun.

It was the third time the student diversity relations worked with the production company Thinkfast, Sutton said, because the company is good at catering to students.

Students who played were given remote controls to enter their answers to trivia questions displayed on large screens on stage. Participants'



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

ALLEN CONRAN (RIGHT), the producer and host of the Thinkfast game show, consoles **Rosie Owusu-Hemeng**, a sophomore from Arlington, after she lost the dance competition Monday in the Allen Theatre in the Student Union Building.

names appeared on the screen next to their number of points.

The top four contenders from the audience of the two trivia rounds earned a spot on stage to compete against each other for a slot in the final round.

Keidric Wesley, a junior exercise sports science major from Houston and president of Phi Beta Sigma, said he thought the event went well but would have liked to see a more diverse audience.

It was the first time the fraternity worked with the Office of Student Diversity Relations, he said, and he hopes the two organizations will work together in the future to con-

tinue to reach out to students.

Mark Schockley, a junior political science major from Edmond, Okla., said the game show was a good idea, but he was skeptical at the choice of a white host.

He said he did not understand why an African-American would not host a black history themed show.

Shockley was one of the winners of the first trivia round open to the audience and was able to compete on stage with three other students.

"I was kind of nervous," he said, "but I just wanted to win the money."

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"We're together so much," Daugherty said. "Some of my teammates are my best friends."

Daugherty said her favorite thing about being on the Ranch Horse Team is the traveling she has been able to do.

She said she traveled all over Texas and was able to spend a summer in Europe.

During the summer of 2008, coach Wilson, Daugherty and three other students taught horsemanship clinics in Frauenfeld, Switzerland; Prague, Czech Republic; and Wollbach, Germany.

Daugherty said she would not have had the opportunity if not for the team.

Sophomore Adam Schwalm competed in his first competition on Tech's team last weekend and won first place in the pleasure division and took second in the double reserve.

"I found out about the team after taking Ranch Techniques class with Kris

Horse

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"I've shown horses since I was eight," Daugherty said. "So, joining the team was the logical thing to do."

She said team members are not required to have a background with horses, but it is helpful and most members do have previous experience.

Also, members are not required to have their own horses, Daugherty said, because some horses have been donated.

"It's a good program and has gotten a lot of outside support," she said. "We would not have been able to do a lot of things otherwise."

Daugherty said the team competitions have been great.

In the spring, which is the busiest part of the season, the team will compete in about one to three shows per month, which she said can be challenging but worth it.

"We are kind of like a family since

"We are kind of like a family since we're together so much."

Some of my teammates are my best friends."

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Event to provide opportunity to experience minority oppression

Texas Tech University Student Housing and the Tech Residence Halls Association are giving students, faculty and staff the opportunity to put themselves in the shoes of minority groups on campus such as homosexuals.

The Tunnel of Oppression will be open to all members of the Tech community from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building.

Craig Kuehnert, a residence life coordinator for student housing, said members of the Student Justice Education Committee—a group that promotes awareness social justice issues on campus—designed the tunnel.

He said the event will give participants the opportunity to see what life is like for groups who are often the victims of ignorance and stereotypes.

"The real overall purpose is to raise awareness for minority groups on campus who are not necessarily viewed as minorities," he said. "We aim to enlighten about what these different groups are going through."

The tunnel will consist of nine stations presenting common stereotypes. Kuehnert said tour guides will lead participants through the tunnel to the different stations where they will learn about minority groups on campus and in the Lubbock area and the stereotypes associated with them.

Each station will have an interactive and active element, Kuehnert

said. The active component will include a play or skit, and stations will address topics such as sexism, racism, sizism and heterosexism.

Jarrett Thompson, a member of the Residence Halls Association, said he will be performing in a sketch about heterosexism.

The junior psychology major from Gary, Ind., said the tunnel is an opportunity for students to experience what other groups are sometimes subjected to.

"It's important students engage in this event to open their eyes to the different experiences," he said. "It gives you a sense of being in the other peoples shoes, and it gives students the opportunity to broaden their horizons."

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'Sopranos' actor Pastore settles assault suit

NEW YORK (AP) — Vincent Pastore of "The Sopranos" fame settled a \$5.5 million lawsuit accusing him of assaulting his ex-fiancee.

The settlement was announced Tuesday just before Pastore, 62, was to testify for the second day in Manhattan's state Supreme Court in the assault trial filed by Lisa Regina, 47.

Lawyers for both sides said the terms of the settlement were confidential.

Pastore, who played gregarious, genial mob killer Salvatore "Big Pussy" Bonpensiero on the hit HBO series, said little as he left court.

"I think I just want to say, 'Thank God it's over,' and

leave," the actor said. "How can anybody be happy about something like this?"

Regina, a writer, actress and acting coach, said she was "just glad there's closure and I can move forward."

She declined to disclose the settlement terms. "What I got, you can't put a price on — peace and closure."

In her 2006 lawsuit, Regina said that Pastore attacked her on April 2, 2005, after they began a car trip to New Jersey, punching her, grabbing her hair and forcing her head down on the car's gear shift.

Pastore pleaded guilty later that year to attempted assault and was sentenced to 70 hours of community service and anger

management therapy.

Pastore was the only witness to testify so far in the trial that began on Friday. He said he began fighting with Regina when she tried to call a former boyfriend, and wept when he concluded that she didn't love him.

He said the couple yelled and cursed at each other in the car on a street in Manhattan's Little Italy neighborhood. When he got out to open the passenger-side door, Regina started yelling at onlookers, "Big Pussy's beating me up! 'Sopranos!'" Pastore said.

Pastore said he yanked her out of his car and dumped her and her luggage on a street while she tore at his clothing, pulling down his pants. He denied hitting her, but said that he had pulled her hair.

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25 Things about everyone

Facebook has achieved ubiquity. Maintaining a Facebook profile, for people my age at least, is like having a cell phone (and before that, a mailing address); if you abstain, you do so at the risk of social and professional isolation.

Facebook is what's called a social networking site, which means it's a way for people to stay connected, but also to keep tabs on one another, learn about relationships blossoming or wilting, flirt, and hear about parties and gossip. Facebook makes these things more efficient.

Some people — OK, a lot of people — see this as a bad thing. They see it as part of the great ongoing downfall of civilization. We're too connected. We're too vain. It's not just Facebook abstiners that feel this way. Lots of people who use Facebook every day do so with an air of mild derision.

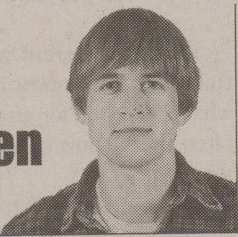
Witness, for instance, a recent Facebook phenomenon: the "25 Things" chain note.

Unlike a chain letter, a Facebook note isn't exactly sent out, but is "posted" to one's profile. In the case of the "25 Things" note, someone posts a note with 25 facts about them and then tags (informs) 25 of their friends.

The note invariably says this: "Rules: Once you've been tagged, you are supposed to write a note with 25 random things, facts, habits, or goals about you. At the end, choose 25 people to be tagged. You have to tag the person you tagged you. If I tagged you, it's because I want to know more about you."

For at least several years people have been filling out personal

Eric Braden



questionnaires and posting them to MySpace pages or blogs, and asking their friends to do the same. But never before have so many people decided to participate in something like this at the same time.

What's more, the "25 Things" note has elicited some unusually private items. I've learned things about people that only their best friends and family knew previously. Part of the popularity of "25 Things" surely stems from a sense that it's fun. But there also seems to be catharsis in it, like a good psychiatrist session. Either way, people saw the "25 Things" note on their friends' profiles and many said, "I want to do that too."

But in spite of its popularity, even those who took part did not embrace the "25 Things" phenomenon fully. One of my friends called his list "25 Shameful and Earnest Things," while others went with the insider-like "25." Others noted that they had "resisted, but ..." or "I know, I know, I know."

Facebook's omnipresence has occurred quietly and suddenly. Humans are skeptical and distrusting of things like that — things that change drastically and quickly. It's much easier to accept what one grew up with, and what has been around for a while.

Until recently, after all, drastic changes in human life were rare,

and often not-so-sudden.

As the rate of technological advance speeds up, the concrete past one might feel nostalgic about becomes just another day in a rush of new days. Perhaps this is why the youngest of us are the least caught up in old battles and the most comfortable with new ways of doing things. Is this not evolution?

Nostalgia, while pleasurable, is relative and arbitrary, after all. For every person who misses gasoline-powered cars when they finally go, there will be the ghost of some old-timer cursing the advent of the engine itself.

There also exists a natural instinct that "real" life is strictly reality-based events, like kissing, concerts and cotton candy. Online profiles, text messages, Twitters, etc., are "fake." Everyone is familiar with this, if abstractly.

In one true sense, Facebook is superficial, is "fake." Users carefully tend their profiles so as to best encapsulate not themselves, but a certain image of themselves. Facebook also seems to emphasize defining oneself based upon consumer choices, or at least one's taste.

But humans naturally cultivate an image. We still have with us physiology and psychology that developed during our early evolution, when food and sex were the only forms of currency. Facebook is just the newest format of the social three-ring circus in which humans exist.

Imagine the earliest communities, the brutal striving and displays of character. If early man had used Facebook, he would have used it to talk about his love of hunting

saber-tooth tigers and doing cave paintings on rainy days.

One friend complained to me about the "self-indulgence and mundanity" of the "25 Things." She said, "What about revealing things to each other slowly, relevantly, intriguingly, artfully? There's not a shred of mystery left in anyone, it seems, and no one wants it anyway."

Perhaps, even when voluntarily taking part, we are hesitant because Facebook is no more than a new lens viewing the very same biological architecture — our inherited need to be noticed, to be loved, to be beautiful and cool — that we've always had.

Or maybe it is just that we all wanted to say the same things, but were afraid to say them, until we all spoke up at once.

On the one hand, it is odd to tell the world about very personal things, and what does one do in "real" life when encountering these people? Act as if such things are common knowledge and talk about them openly, or feign ignorance?

On the other hand, personal anecdotes tell us way more about someone than the fact that they watch "Mad Men" and listen to Radiohead, right?

If indeed Facebook is simply the living digital form of human socializing, then one can always do what folks in ancient times did when the din became too much: leave for a while, go on a mountaintop. Or, you know, unplug.

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America needs to be more FDR-minded

It is a well-known fact that President Barack Obama idolizes Abraham Lincoln. After all, Obama even swore in on the same Bible that Lincoln did.

However, as wonderful as President Lincoln was, Obama needs to do more than just have a team of rivals; he needs to channel a different United States president: Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Not only does Obama need to be as pragmatic as Roosevelt, but Congress does as well.

The status of our country now eerily is parallel to America in 1933, when the country transitioned from Hoover to Roosevelt. Now, as was true then, our banks are failing, job losses are through the roof and the economy is getting worse in every way.

The economic environment during Obama's first days as president is so similar to what it was when Roosevelt took office for one reason: the preceding presidents — George W. Bush and Herbert Hoover — saw an economy crash before their eyes, because of their failed policies, and then did nothing to stop it.

The problem with these two presidents is they both stuck to ideology instead of being pragmatic. Hoover and Bush were elected after campaigning with the philosophy that the market will take care of itself and government should have no part in it. If the economy under these men would have stayed stable, then perhaps this economic philosophy would not have been so terrible. This, unfortunately, is not the case.

Under Bush and Hoover, the economy collapsed. Banks failed due to faulty loans, people lost their jobs and homes at unprecedented rates and the president stuck to his economic ideology. This is, quite frankly, irresponsible and bigoted. The philosophy that the government should play absolutely no part in the financial system was disproven right in front of them both, and yet they did nothing to change their ways. This practice of ideology before pragmatism has led us to the place we are now.

Now America is facing economic challenges that most of us have not seen in our lifetime. What are we to do? The way I see it, there are two options: the Hoover approach, or the Roosevelt approach.

Obama must take the Roosevelt approach. I do not mean that his first 100 days needs to just be spectacular; they must be spectacular in the right ways. So far, Obama has done just that.

As thoroughly discussed in

Mackenzie Maxwell



Adam Cohen's book, "Nothing to Fear," Roosevelt filled his cabinet with people who not only had differing ideologies than himself, but than each other as well. Obama has done this by appointing Republicans and Democrats to cabinet positions.

Of course, this is from the playbooks of both Lincoln and Roosevelt. Like both of these great presidents, Obama has made an effort to put aside ideology in order to fix our country. However, Obama needs to do more than that to be as successful as Roosevelt.

The proposed stimulus package Obama is pushing is very similar to Roosevelt's New Deal, and every bit as important. However,

many congressional Republicans oppose the bill and are making it difficult to pass. It is true that this stimulus package would spend an unprecedented amount of taxpayer money. However, here is the harsh reality: we need to spend this money or the

economy is going to collapse.

If Congress sits around and does nothing, as Hoover did, the economy only will get worse; people will lose more jobs and homes. This is not just my opinion; this is what happened under Hoover. If the government does nothing, things will get worse.

If anyone thinks the New Deal was not expensive, they are kidding themselves. Also, if anyone thinks the New Deal was unsuccessful, they are lying. In the same spirit that Roosevelt and the Congress of his time passed bills that put the hand of the government directly into people's lives and spent lots of money, Congress needs to pass this stimulus plan. The only other option is to sit around and watch things get worse.

Now is not the time to sit on our hands and adopt the Hoover philosophy of "the economy will level out." The deregulation theory has been disproven.

The United States needs to act now. We need the Congress to be full of people who think like Roosevelt, not like Hoover. Roosevelt promised in his first inauguration speech, "action and action now." That is exactly what we need. If Americans set aside our ideologies and adopt Roosevelt's pragmatic way of thinking, we will see that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself."

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Third baseman A-Rod joins the list of steroid abusers

**STAFF EDITORIAL
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)**

The hits keep on coming for Major League Baseball. On Saturday, Sports Illustrated broke the story that perennial all-star Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs during the 2003 season.

Faced with these allegations, A-Rod quickly took the path of former Yankees Jason Giambi and Andy Pettitte by admitting to his use of steroids. In explaining the doping, Rodriguez cited the pressures of his peers and the new \$250 million contract he had inked that year with the Texas Rangers — which at that point was the largest deal in the history of professional sports.

While we applaud him for taking the route of honesty rather than elongating the investigation, as other players have chosen, the striking nature of this report is deeply troubling both to Major League Baseball and sports in America as a whole.

Professional athletes are paid to

approach the physical limits of the human body, but it is the natural pursuit of excellence that spectators adore, not the artificial and chemically-induced performance that anabolic steroids and other drugs can produce. By fundamentally altering the body's capabilities, steroids undermine the basic appeal of sport.

In addition to compromising the integrity of the game, these substances also have many deleterious health effects. While enhancing aerobic and strength capabilities in the short term, performance-enhancing drugs have

been shown to cause many longer-term health conditions like heart disease and liver damage — problems that should not affect professional athletes or the youngsters who aspire to imitate their sports heroes.

Major League Baseball must not forget this blow to the integrity of the game — which is especially painful because A-Rod was previously considered by many to be the savior of the steroid era in baseball — but move forward with better testing and prevention.

Although 2003 is not too far in the past, it is important to note that

over the last six years the league has succeeded in cleaning up its reputation by instituting harsher penalties for substance users and more rigorous testing. Hopefully MLB will use this recent splash in the steroids mix as an impetus to intensify the campaign.

It should be seen as little surprise that Alex Rodriguez has joined the list of great players who have taken steroids. While his figure has not attained the Herculean proportions of Jose Canseco or Barry Bonds, the sheer prevalence of steroid use in Major League Baseball that A-Rod and others have described makes A-

Rod's drug use more predictable than shocking. His tale is simply one more on a sordid list from an era inexorably tainted by the stain of performance-enhancing drugs.

Thankfully, A-Rod has chosen to take the contrite and honest road in reaction to the allegations. Although the pinstripes he wears may prevent him from ever being a fan favorite in Red Sox Nation, through his openness and regret, he still has the chance to salvage his legacy. Now Major League Baseball must demonstrate similar accountability if it hopes to save its own.

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BEN MILLER, A junior chemistry major from The Woodlands, swims Tuesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to rehabilitate his leg.

Scientist develops brain-controlled robots to help people with physical disabilities

By **ARIEL SENA-CALVILLO**
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The classic sci-fi author's proliferation of robots assisting humans was made a reality Monday morning as José Del R. Millán explained his research and creation of brain-controlled robots to about 50 Colorado State University scientists, professors and students.

What started first as a keyboard controlled by brainwaves has evolved into Millán's creation of a wheel chair designed to receive and interpret the rider's directional thoughts and move in the requested directions.

"The main thing is to help physically handicapped people," Millán said, explaining that the technology best aids people with severe physical disabilities like Muscular Dystrophy.

The earliest of Millán's robots using the same brain-controlled technology was a virtual keyboard and computer game — an early 1990s project dubbed 98-01 ABI — that would "type" whatever the user thought.

It was at this time Millán started to experiment with placing flat pads — known as nodes or non-invasive electroencephalograms — directly on the surface of the cerebral cortex,

the part of the brain responsible for thought, memory and perceptual awareness.

The nodes are designed to interact and communicate with a person's brainwaves to an outside stimulus — in this case, to between seven and 12 nodes positioned on a cap worn by the user. The information received by the cap is then communicated to the machine's robot, which moves accordingly.

Several years ago, after deciding the technology was sensitive enough for wheelchair application, Millán, a professor at Switzerland Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, and his team built the first MAIA 04-07 prototype designed to navigate based on user needs.

When designing each wheelchair, Millán's team conducts a series of tests to analyze the individual's brainwaves and, based on the data, programs the robot to react to three physical movements: from a finger or hand twitch to a specific facial movement.

The greatest challenge, Millán said, is trying to convince observers that "it is the person driving the program" and not the robot driving by a pre-determined set of directions.

The team's future goal is to make the program more sensitive and quicker to react to brainwave commands.

Gain Philips, a University of Colorado scientist who works in a lab to improve technology for people with physical disabilities, supported Millán's research.

"I work with a lot of people with a lot of different disabilities," he said of his interactions with quadraplegics, people with Multiple Sclerosis and those who cannot speak in addition to their physical disabilities. He further explained that brain-controlled wheelchairs are an advantageous substitute for voice-controlled wheelchairs in this situation.

H.J. Siegel, professor of computer engineering and director of The Information Science & Technology Center at CSU, the program responsible for hosting the ISTeC Distinguished Lecturers series, said Millán's presentation served two higher purposes.

"(Millán's work) was very inspirational and showed our students and faculty how beneficial our high-tech research can be," Siegel said. He added, "This prompts students and faculty to communicate with each other and work together ... to be able to do what (Millán) is doing."

Siegel said Millán's work is characterized by contributions from experts across a range of scientific fields and that this idea is necessary for the success of CSU students and faculty.

Check out the DT's bloggers online

LIVIN' LA VIDA: Q&A with Shane Hinees

By Tina L. Arons, features editor

Corey Smith, a country-folk artist from Athens, Ga., will headline a show featuring indie rock band Shane Hines and The Trance at 8 p.m. today at Bash Riprock's 2 in the Depot District.

The touring bands have been on the road this month, performing in College Station and Austin before heading to the Hub City. While driving to Austin for a show Tuesday night, Hines gave me a call and answered a few questions.

Q: Where did you get your start?

A: Same as most people. I met up with some people and formed a band. With my first band, we decided we'd up and move to Georgia. (Getting a start) is more about making opportunities for yourself.

Q: Do you have any crazy fans?

A: I always appreciate someone's passion for our music. Some people are a little bit more vocal, but I don't feel like we have any crazy fans per se.

To learn more about Hines, check out the rest of the interview at blogs.dailytoreador.com.



Legal music downloading service shuts down

By **ALEXANDRA FINKEL**
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When Ana Valdez logged onto www.ruckus.com Saturday, she got the following message from the college-only digital entertainment service: "Unfortunately the Ruckus service will no longer be provided. Thanks."

"I thought it was a joke," the Northwestern University sophomore said. "I had just downloaded a John Mayer and Wilco album the day before."

Ruckus was launched in 2004 as a legal alternative for downloading music. It began as a subscription service to 82 select colleges, but when it failed to garner enough users, it was relaunched as a free service to anyone with a ".edu" e-mail address. As of January 2009, the service had exclusive partnerships with 250 schools nationwide, providing access to more than 3 million tracks.

On Friday evening, Ruckus first shut down for site main-

tenance, but returned an hour later with the farewell message. The details behind the company's shutdown are unknown and Ruckus Networks could not be reached as of Monday night.

Several legal music download sites including www.cdigix.com and www.allofmp3.com have also ceased their services in the past year. Colin Chisholm, a security analyst for Northwestern, said the school had experienced an overall decrease in illegal downloading activity because of services like Ruckus and other initiatives.

In August, NU implemented the Be Aware You're Uploading (NU-BAYU) system, which informs students when they upload or download content from file-sharing sites.

"A lot of students don't understand that it's not the downloading that gets them in trouble with the (Recording Industry Association of America), but the uploading, which comes simultaneously," Chisholm said. "The legal complaints only happen when the user distributes content which is what uploading

is."

The university gets an average of six complaints a week and is required to act on all of them under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Chisholm said.

"We have to take the steps to limit or stop the activity, whether it's quarantining accounts or putting a hold on NetIDs," he said.

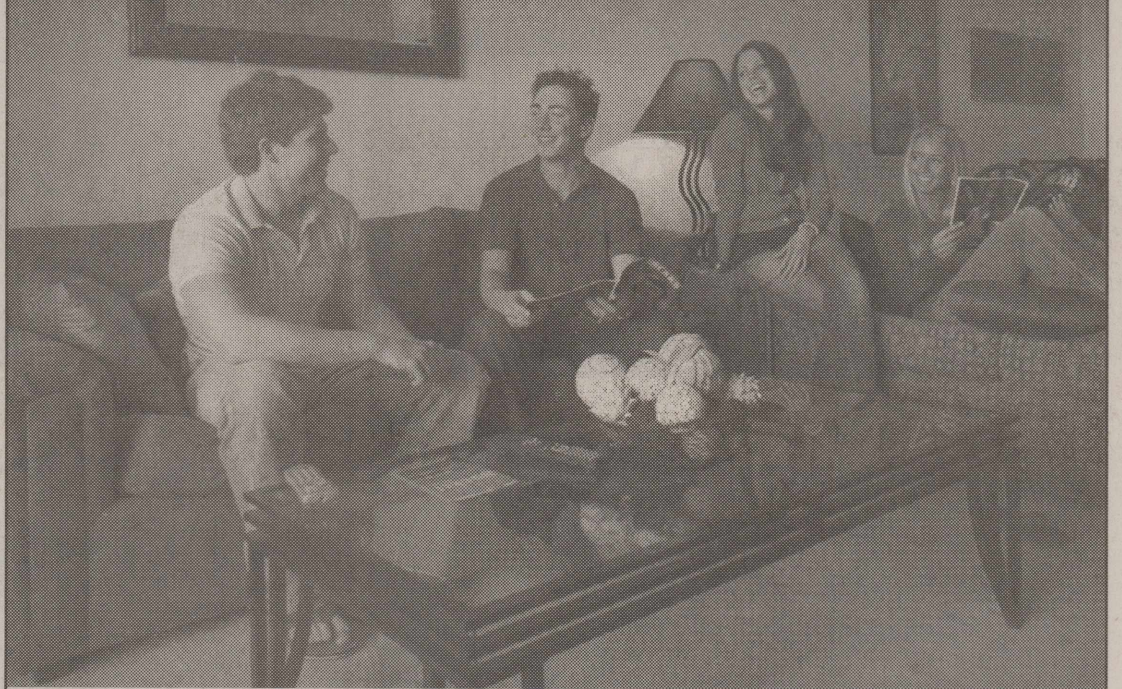
Christopher Lee began using Ruckus last winter after he was put on probation for illegally downloading music from sites like LimeWire and BitTorrent.

"One day, I got a notice that my Internet had been suspended and that I should contact the Office of Judicial Affairs and set up an appointment," he said. "The first time it was a warning, but the second time they put me on probation."

Since then, Lee has downloaded between 20 and 30 albums from Ruckus.

"It hurts when they take away a service like that," the Weinberg sophomore said. "People will have to find alternatives, and it may encourage them to download illegally."

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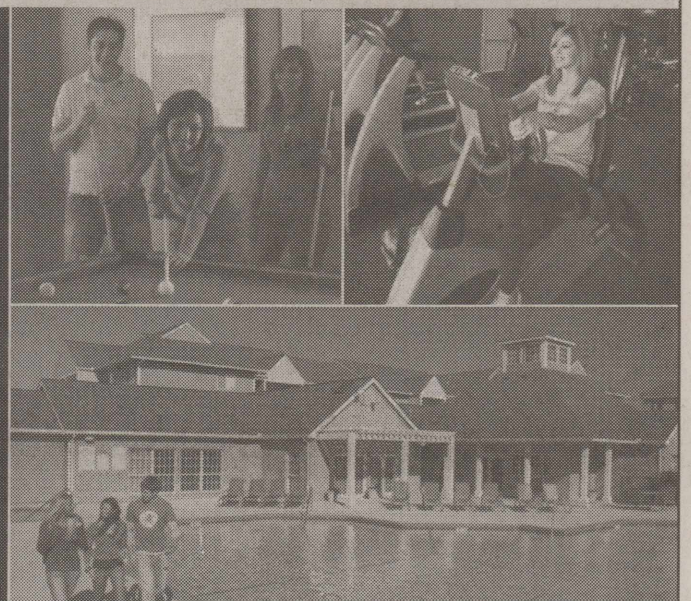
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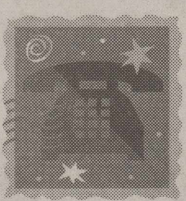


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- Corey Smith featuring Shane Hines and The Trance will perform at 8 p.m. at Bash Riprock's 2 in the Depot District.

Thursday

- Dirty Charley Band will perform with Burgundy Haze at Jake's Back Room. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost \$5.
- Manny Rodriguez will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.

Friday

- D.G. Flewellyn will perform from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.

Saturday

- A Singles Awareness Party featuring Crimson Envy will be hosted at Jake's Back Room. Come dressed as a storybook character. Doors open at 8 p.m.
- Manny Rodriguez will perform from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.
- The Lubbock Chorale Valentine Concert will be at 7 p.m. at the Lubbock Country Club. Tickets can be purchased through Select-A-Seat.

Tuesday

- Jr. Vasquez will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.

Composed by features editor Tina L. Arons, tina.aron@ttu.edu

Fashion world's birthday gift to Barbie: 50 frocks

NEW YORK (AP) — You've got to be at the top of your game to be a one-name model: There's Iman, Naomi, Gisele — Barbie.

The 11.5-inch plastic doll is still on top as a high-fashion muse as she approaches her 50th birthday, and will make her New York Fashion Week catwalk debut on Saturday in 50 outfits by the country's top designers.

Barbie's life-size stand-ins will strut in a red carpet-worthy gown by Marchesa, a hot-pink wrap dress by Diane von Furstenberg and an outrageous green party dress by Betsey Johnson.

The fact that Barbie is just shy of her 50th birthday — officially marked

on March 9 — doesn't seem to matter in a fashion industry that worships youth. (Being made of plastic, she can even avoid the indignities of Botox.)

"There's been an epic display of unity around Barbie as a muse," says Richard Dickson, general manager of the Barbie brand at Mattel. "Barbie is 50. What's the next chapter?"

Hello Kitty is also getting her own Fashion Week party, but there's little doubt about who's top doll. Barbie even knocked down the Bratz girls last year, resulting in a legal decision that essentially will end sales of the edgier tween dolls.

"A majority of designers have had some run-in with Barbie," says Carmen

Marc Valvo. "She's an American icon, and there has to be an interesting association between play and Barbie, and creativity and fashion."

Valvo insists he's never had his own Barbie, but he was surrounded by his sisters' as a kid, and his very first design was a Barbie dress — a Renaissance gown for a school project. It's proudly displayed in his office, even though the dress is lacking properly cut armholes, a skill he did not yet have.

Valvo's new life-size Barbie dress is a frothy black strapless cocktail dress with pleats that reminds him of Barbie's early wardrobe of gowns. This one will be worn with hot-pink Christian Louboutin shoes: "It looks like a Bon Bon."

Nicole Miller's checkerboard trapeze dress and swing coat is the third outfit she has done for Barbie, filling a childhood void from a time when her French-born mother wouldn't let her have one of the dolls.

"I always envision Barbie in that '60s mode — I made her mid- to late-'60s mod," said Miller. It's a version of a dress Miller put in her very first runway show, worn by Linda Evangelista. "It was the season she was a blond. I immediately thought of that outfit."

Tommy Hilfiger, who will put Barbie in a hand-beaded white minidress, sees her Barbie as an American pop-culture icon that translates to other cultures and countries. There have been countless Barbies produced in the traditional dress of faraway lands, including a Korean bride in a hanbok and a Kenyan doll wearing wooden bead necklaces.

PICTURE PERFECT



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

Kristen Shaw, a senior photo communications major from Hobbs, N.M., models for Lauren Colvin, a junior electronic media and communications major from Lubbock, Thursday in the photography studio in the Mass communications building. The students were working on a project for their studio lighting class.

First lady Michelle Obama is Vogue cover model

NEW YORK (AP) — It's official: Michelle Obama is the first lady of American fashion, appearing on the cover of the March issue of Vogue.

Every first lady since Lou Hoover — save Bess Truman — has been featured in the high-fashion magazine, but Mrs. Obama is only the second to grace the cover. She appears wearing a magenta silk sheath dress by Jason Wu, who also designed her inaugural gown.

Vogue's editor at large Andre Leon Talley called his interviews with Mrs. Obama ahead of President Barack Obama's swearing-in

ceremony "one of the best experiences of my life."

"She's so accessible, natural and normal. There's nothing affected about her," he said.

Much of the eight-page feature inside is devoted to Mrs. Obama's self-described role as "mom in chief" to 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha.

"I'm going to try to take them to school every morning, as much as I can," she said. "But there's also a measure of independence. And obviously there will be times I won't be able to drop them off at all. I like to be a presence in my kids' school.

I want to know the teachers; I want to know the other parents."

Being Vogue, though, the conversation eventually turns to clothes.

Mrs. Obama said she is aware of how her wardrobe is being scrutinized, but she makes no apologies for her choices — even the Election Night combination of ripped-from-the-runway, fashion-forward dress and plain-Jane cardigan.

"I'm not going to pretend that I don't care about it," she said. "But I also have to be very practical. In the end, someone will always not like what you wear — people just have different tastes."

'Grey's Anatomy' co-star: Heigl, Knight leaving

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Grey's Anatomy" cast member James Pickens Jr. says the medical drama will be saying goodbye to Katherine Heigl and T.R. Knight.

Pickens, who plays Dr. Richard Webber on the ABC series, told Us Weekly magazine that

Heigl and Knight are leaving.

Pickens says he wishes Heigl "nothing but the best," the magazine reported online Tuesday. He says his other co-star, Knight, wants to pursue other "career paths."

Publicists for Knight and for series creator Shonda Rhimes

declined comment. Requests for comment from Heigl's publicist and ABC were not immediately returned.

Heigl, who plays Dr. Izzie Stevens, starred in the films "Knocked Up" and "27 Dresses," and has another movie, "The Ugly Truth," coming out.

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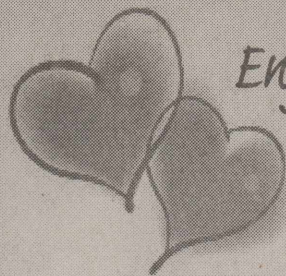
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'Lew' chant begins: Freshman exceeds expectations with recent surge

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

Attend a Red Raider basketball game in the United Spirit Arena and you might see a tall, baby-faced man-child make a play underneath the basket. Then for some unknown reason, boos ring out from the crowd as he runs down the court.

But actually those aren't boos at all. They are drawn out, baritone versions of the nickname "Lew," which belongs to 6-foot-10, 240-pound freshman Robert Lewandowski.

"It clicked instantly, I knew what it was," he said. "My friends were like, 'Why are they booing you?' I was like, 'Well, it's my name.'"

Yes it is, but the crowd howls it because the freshman from Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park, Kan., has exceeded expectations during the toughest stretch of the season.

In his last five games, Lewandowski is averaging 14.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per game, solidifying his position as one of the top freshman in the Big 12 Conference. Although Tech has struggled, winning only two of its last nine games, Lewandowski had 20 and 16 points in hostile environments during losses at Texas A&M and Missouri, respectively.

Also, of all players in the Big 12 who have totaled more than 20 minutes in each of their last five games, Lewandowski's 63.3 field goal percentage is second to Oklahoma's Blake Griffin (63.4 percent).

"I think he plays with tenacity," Missouri coach Mike Anderson said. "He understands what his role is on that team. He's getting an opportunity to play."

And he is making the most out of those opportunities, something Tech coach Pat Knight and teammates thought would happen much later in his career.

Of course, guidance from an experi-

enced source has helped Lewandowski build an array of post moves and settle in down low.

The advice has radiated from 6-foot-8 Steve Downing, the senior associate athletic director for Tech who had a brief stint with the NBA's Boston Celtics after playing for Bob Knight at Indiana in the early 1970s.

When assistant coach Stew Robinson had quadruple bypass surgery in September 2008, the coaching staff needed someone to step in when full workouts began in October. So Downing was cleared by the NCAA to substitute until Robinson returned, and he immediately put his expertise to work by coaching Tech's post players.

But Downing admitted that prior to being a substitute coach, he already had seen Lewandowski in action, and his assessment was not pretty.

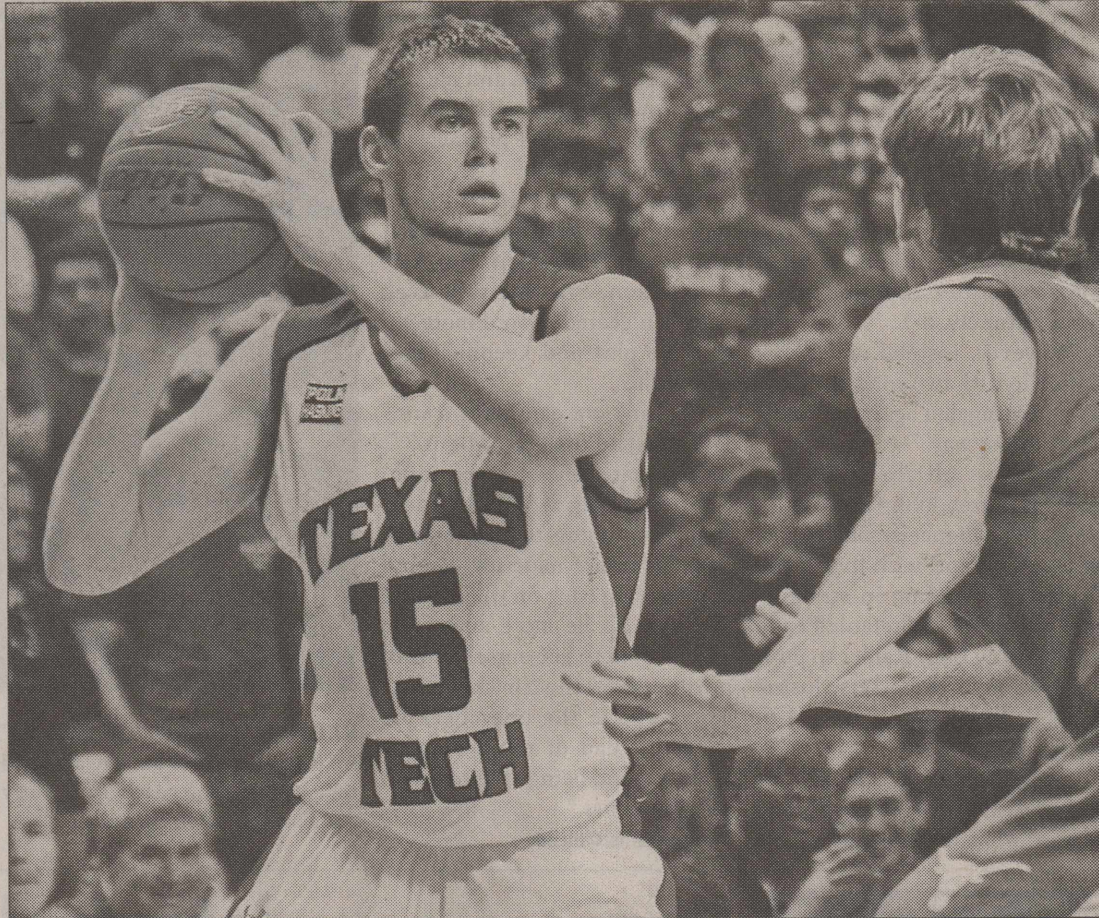
"I'm as surprised as everyone else (at Lewandowski's success) because — I told Robert this — when I (first) saw him I was walking through the (Tech recreation) center in August," Downing said. "I was working out myself, and I saw him playing there. I said, 'They made a mistake on this kid, they're gonna have to redshirt him.'"

"I knew he'd be good, but I thought it'd take time. I didn't know he'd be this good, this soon."

During practices, Downing said he noticed Lewandowski was an intelligent, hard-working basketball player who picks up lessons quickly and applies them even quicker.

Now five months and 23 games later, Downing's pupil continues to chip away at the wall most freshmen hit late in their first season. Lewandowski still asks questions even though Downing can't coach anymore and credits the advice for helping him get to this point.

"He's able to sit me down and tell me rights and wrongs," said Lewandowski,



ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI HAS emerged as one of the Red Raiders' go-to guys, averaging 14.2 points in the last five games.

who gets the pleasure of having Downing travel with Tech on road games. "He's just been a good guy to bounce ideas off of, and he knows what he's talking about."

Downing said he would take credit for his pupil's recent play, but he acknowledged that Lewandowski deserves all the admiration because of an unselfish work ethic and humble attitude that keeps the freshman on point.

"It's not really our staff," Tech coach Pat Knight said. "The kid comes in and works. He works very hard. He'll call

you, want to come in (and) watch tape. He's in here without me telling him to come in."

Probably the most beneficial factor of Lewandowski's game is staying in his comfort zone, Downing said, which echoed comments made by Baylor forward Kevin Rogers after Lewandowski scored 15 points in the 83-76 win against the Bears Saturday.

"If he continues to work, he'll definitely be a great player," Rogers said. "He's very strong, and he really attacks the rim.

He plays within himself, which is the best thing for him."

It helps when you have been running Bob Knight's motion offense since fifth grade, too.

Blue Valley West's basketball coach, Donnie Campbell — who called himself "a disciple of coach Knight's system" — coached Lewandowski for eight years. The particular offense alone was a good enough fit to sway Lewandowski's decision to come to Tech.

"All we did was run the motion,"

Lewandowski said. "Coach (Pat) Knight has changed it up a little bit. We're running the break a little bit more. But it still comes down to half-court offense sometimes."

Campbell, who watched Tech beat Baylor Saturday at dinner with Lewandowski's parents, probably will be on hand to watch his former player when Tech meets Kansas State at 8 p.m. in Manhattan, Kan., which is about a two-hour drive from his hometown.

Campbell said he knows Lewandowski still has a long way to go before becoming a great Big 12 player, but if he continues to limit his mistakes, there's nothing holding him back from becoming a force inside.

"He's probably as unselfish a kid as you'll ever be around," Campbell said. "We always say your biggest strength is your biggest weakness. He needs to be a little bit, I feel, more selfish at times, but that's not his makeup. He's a very unselfish kid. It's all about team."

Another obvious advantage in Lewandowski's favor is his youth.

Pat Knight said he was fortunate enough to recruit a freshman center that will get four years to elevate his game, something Tech's coaching staff has not experienced in a long time.

But the humble Lewandowski refuses to peek at his possible impact on a Tech program that is 28-26 since the 2007-08 season and looking to reverse its fortunes. Instead, he prefers to keep his head down, work hard and let everything fall into place.

"I thank God everyday, especially for my height, there's not a lot of 6-10 guys out there," he said. "It's kind of nice. I know I have a lot of work to do, and I've had my spurts. So has everyone else. I'm just happy to be helping the team any way I can right now. Let the future come when it does."

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Lady Raiders learn from mistakes, welcome A&M for rematch

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From potential upset to disappointing loss: that is one way to characterize the Lady Raiders' first meeting with then-No. 6 Texas A&M on Jan. 13.

Texas Tech was down 53-51 on the road with less than five minutes left in the game.

All the Lady Raiders needed to do was keep their foot on the gas, but all the Aggies needed was Danielle Gant.

Texas A&M went on to score 14 points, putting the lead out of reach. Twelve of those points came from Gant.

"Towards the end, we just let up, thinking that we were in the game," Tech guard Maria Moore said, "so from now on I think we need to just keep playing and not try to take a breather. We need to just keep playing until the buzzer rings. We need to play hard the whole 40 minutes."

After the letdown, now the Lady Raiders (13-9, 3-5 in Big 12 Conference play) know what to expect when they take on No. 12 Texas A&M (18-4, 6-3) at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Before the run, Tech center Dominic Seals and the Lady Raiders seemed to find the answer to defending Gant, as she had four points at the 12:24 mark in the second half.

After the game, Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said he believed Seals' length had a lot to do with the lack of production from one of his key players.

However, with slightly more than six minutes left in the game, Seals went down with an ankle injury, forcing her to get it taped.

Then Tech's opportunity to take the lead late in the game vanished.

However, Tech coach Kristy Curry believes what worked once can work again, but she said defending Gant well has to be a consistent effort.

"I think the biggest thing was we let her post us up a couple of times — easy touch inside here or there," Curry said. "When Dominic went out she had four points, when Dominic went down, she ended up with 18 for the game. When Domino's off the floor, we've got to make sure we do a better job of stepping up and limiting her touches and keeping her off the offensive glass."

Listed at guard and forward, players believe what makes Gant so tough to guard is her ability to play in the paint and on the perimeter.

Seals said in the first meeting between Tech and A&M, the Lady Raiders had Gant right where they wanted her.

"Like coach (Bill) Brock always says, she's a post player playing on the outside. So when she's on the 3-point line, just have to be smart. We know she's a post player, so she's gonna end up on the block somewhere."

But the Texas A&M game is more than coming up with a game plan for Gant.

Tech is coming off a 77-46 loss to No. 13 Texas in Austin Sunday — the worst loss of the season for the Lady Raiders.



TEXAS TECH'S MARIA Moore hopes to lead the Lady Raiders to an upset over No. 12 Texas A&M at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Curry said it seemed like no matter who Texas played that day, the Longhorns were leaving with a win.

Whereas Tech and A&M's first game was early in the Big 12 season, the two teams have not really been able to get on a consistent roll to stand among the conference's best.

Since their meeting on Jan. 13, the Lady Raiders are 3-4, while the Aggies are 4-3.

With eight games left this season and the first and second rounds of this year's NCAA Tournament being in Lubbock, Seals said the push the Lady Raiders have to make for a tourney appearance needs to start now.

"After yesterday," she said, "what coach Brock said made it clear to us that it's a most def, we need to be here."

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Southland Conference suspends 2

FRISCO (AP) — A bench-clearing brawl has led to public reprimands from the Southland Conference for the Southeastern Louisiana and Texas State basketball teams and one game suspensions for two players.

Southeastern Louisiana's Chris Cyprian sat out of Saturday's game with Texas-San Antonio.

Texas State appealed Brent Benson's suspension, asking the Southland Executive Committee to review the tape of the incident that led to the ejections in the Feb. 4 game. The committee upheld the conference's decision Tuesday and Benson will miss Wednesday's game with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

The two were ejected after an altercation in the second half of their game in San Marcos. Players from both teams then rushed the

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Kellogg Co. criticized by pot activists for dropping Phelps

NEW YORK (AP) — Snap, crackle ... pot?

Bursting with indignation, legions of legalize-marijuana advocates are urging a boycott of Kellogg Co., including all of its popular munchies, for deciding to cut ties with Olympic hero Michael Phelps after he was photographed with a pot pipe.

The leader of one of the biggest groups, the Marijuana Policy Project, called Kellogg's action "hypocritical and disgusting," and said he'd never seen his membership so angry, with more than 2,300 of them signing an online petition.

"Kellogg's had no problem signing up Phelps when he had a conviction for drunk driving, an illegal act that could actually have killed someone," said Rob Kampia, the group's executive director. "To drop him for choosing to relax with a substance that's safer than beer is an outrage, and it sends a dangerous message to young people."

Also urging a boycott were the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, Students for

Sensible Drug Policy and the Drug Policy Alliance. They encouraged their members to contact Kellogg to vent their views.

In one sign of the campaign's impact, the Phelps saga took precedence over the tainted peanut butter outbreak in the recorded reply on Kellogg's consumer hot line Tuesday.

"If you would like to share your comments regarding our relationship with Michael Phelps, please press one to speak to a representative," said the recording. "If you're calling about the recent peanut butter recall, please press two now."

From Kellogg's media office, there was no immediate reply to a request for an assessment of the boycott campaign. A Kellogg spokeswoman, Kris Charles, said by e-mail, "Our contract with Michael Phelps was set to expire at the end of February and we made a business decision not to extend that contract."

Last week, the company announced his contract would end and described Phelps' conduct as "not consistent with the image of Kellogg." Kellogg

has been placing images of Phelps on the fronts of Frosted Flakes and Corn Flakes boxes since September, after the swimmer's record-shattering haul of eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics.

The groups calling for the boycott were angry at Kellogg, but also eager to use the opportunity to restate long-standing calls for decriminalization of pot.

"It's not just that Michael Phelps did what millions of other twenty-somethings do," said Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance. "It's that he did what over one hundred million Americans have done at least once in their lives, including the president, former presidents, members of the U.S. Congress and Supreme Court."

Similar commentary sounded even in mainstream media — including columns in the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal and National Review Online questioning the rationale and effectiveness of U.S. marijuana laws.

Earnhardt Jr. takes on leadership role in NASCAR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. never wanted to be the voice of NASCAR, the one getting all the questions and shouldering the responsibility for speaking for teammates, colleagues and everyone else in the garage.

"I just wanted to drive, but that's not all there is to it," Earnhardt said. Not even close.

Earnhardt has figured that out, evidenced by all he's done leading up to the Daytona 500. He took track promoters to task, suggested ways to make races more affordable to fans and even offered to drive for free if his team needed to cut costs in a foundering economy.

NASCAR's most popular driver the last six years, the guy who gained instant fame because of his iconic father and grandfather, has reluctantly accepted his position atop the sport.

"I feel like I take a big role in this sport," Earnhardt said. "I am glad to be part of this sport. I am glad to represent the sport, either on my good days or my bad days. I love being a part of it

and whatever I got to shoulder that I feel is fair, I am fine with. If it isn't fair, I am not fine with it."

Lately, Earnhardt has found more unfair.

He ripped track promoters last week for demanding more of drivers' time to help sell tickets. Bruton Smith, chairman of track conglomerate Speedway Motorsports Inc., and his chief lieutenant, Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage, criticized drivers for not helping create buzz and fill seats.

"That's not true," Earnhardt said. "We're constantly doing things every week for this guy and that guy to help racetracks. ... They gotta take a little responsibility for themselves."

Earnhardt's annoyance started in the offseason, when promoters at Memphis Motorsports Park offered Earnhardt free ribs for life from the track-sponsored barbecue restaurant if he raced in their Nationwide race. Earnhardt was upset they didn't ask him if they could use his name.

He also took exception with bill-

boards in Texas and Las Vegas that offered rewards for something Earnhardt does on the track.

"I like those kind of things, but damn, you know, notify us a little bit," he said. "Let's get a little more creative."

He thought track owners should do more to try to help fans, too. He suggested they buy or build hotels, so the tracks can control the rising cost of rooms during race events. It's a farfetched notion, but it shows how much Earnhardt wants to see change in a sport struggling to sell tickets at nearly every racing venue.

"I just wish it was easier to go see a race, and I want the fans to have whatever they want," Earnhardt said. "You remember how it was 10 years ago? It seemed like nobody was really complaining about little things like camper parking and traffic, the cost of a parking pass for the infield. Now, these are big issues for some reason. They have to figure out how to fix that."

Confident Red Raiders searching for road win against streaking Wildcats

By ALEX YBARRA
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Texas Tech coach Pat Knight likes to stray from putting pressure on his team, but at least he can dream about piecing together five straight Big 12 Conference wins like Kansas State has done.

"I'm not going there," said Knight, whose Red Raiders play the streaking Wildcats at 8 p.m. today in Manhattan, Kan. "You wish and you hope you get on a roll. They're playing great, what have they won, five in a row? You hope, you go to bed at night thinking if we can just catch fire."

Fresh off a confidence-building win against Baylor, Tech (12-11, 2-6 in Big 12 play) hits the unfriendly road for the fourth time in as many weeks.

Although the Red Raiders have lost all six road contests this season, the last two of those were not so bad. Tech showed toughness and a resiliency not seen in earlier away games in close battles against Texas A&M and Oklahoma State.

In College Station against the Aggies Jan. 28, Tech trailed 66-64 with five minutes to play before losing focus down the stretch, which happened against Oklahoma State a week later. Tech was up 12 points before letting the Cowboys back in the game and allowing guard Byron Eaton to make the go-ahead layup with 30 seconds left in the second half.

The loss to OSU was the Red Raiders' fourth in a row, but they finally got a win to show for their efforts against a Baylor squad that has lost five straight games.

The amount of frustration lifted off the Red Raiders' shoulders was noticeable.

"All it takes is that one win to get things rolling," said Tech point guard John Roberson, who has 35 assists and nine turnovers in his last four games.

Knight said if his team keeps the turnovers down and continues its solid defensive attitude early like it has in recent road games, then anything can happen.

"Really for me it's the first five minutes of the game if (K-State doesn't) knock us out of it," he said. "If we're competing the first five minutes like we have been on the road, it kind of takes the crowd out of it a little bit."

Now Tech faces the hottest team in the Big 12 in Kansas State (16-7, 5-4), who is the second team in conference history to lose its first four league games before reeling off five straight wins.

Knight said he got annoyed by people criticizing KSU coach Frank Martin's run



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH GUARD John Roberson shields the ball from Baylor's Twenty Carter during Tech's 83-76 win Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

to the NCAA Tournament last season because he had the NBA's No. 1-pick in Michael Beasley and another draftee in Bill Walker.

"I knew Frank was gonna have a good team," he said. "You just gotta give him a little talent because he has discipline, he gets after his kids, they defend, they play hard. So it doesn't surprise me."

When his team was buried at the bottom of the standings, Martin never heard his players complain about the dismal season, which is similar to how Knight and his team dealt with a recent four-game losing streak.

"You don't wanna be 0-4," Martin said. "I don't go to bed at night and sleep well while we're 0-4. I've never worried about the team. The players have a good approach. They work, their work ethic is good. They believe in each other. I was worried about our record, but I was never worried about the team."

Now Martin is doing it with Jacob Pullen and Denis Clemente, who average 14.3 and 13.7 points per game, respectively.

Knight, whether accidentally or purposefully, called Clemente "caliente," the spanish word for "hot," during an interview earlier this week.

Knight may have been referring to Clemente's 19.6 points per game during KSU's win streak, which included a 44-point performance at Texas Jan. 31.

"We're gonna have to contain the two guards, Pullen and (Clemente)," Knight said. "I don't know what we'll do defensively. We'll play zone, play man, we'll mix it up. We gotta control the two guards."

On the other hand, Martin showed respect by saying Knight's team is no cellar dweller just because of a bad record.

He noted Tech's win against Baylor as an example, praising the Red Raiders' 12-point comeback in the second half when they held the Bears to one field goal in the final six minutes.

"They're a fun team to watch," Martin said. "I've really enjoyed watching them on tape. I don't know if I'm gonna enjoy playing them on Wednesday."

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SUBLEASE A 4/4 at University Point. Only need 3 contracts to get apartment. \$490/mo/person. Cheaper than signing a 2009 lease at the Point. Email Lauren.day@ttu.edu.

UNFURNISHED

119 B North Troy, 2/1 duplex close to Tech! \$550. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

1619 UNIVERSITY, Farm House Studio Apartment, 1/1 \$650/mo.; 3502 25th, 2/1/1 \$700/mo.; 3509 23rd Street, 2/1 \$700/mo.; 3410 97th, 2/2/2 with 400 sq ft finished basement \$950/mo. 3105A 110th, 3/2/2 duplex \$825/mo. Call Lamberts Properties LLC 806-687-7228 or 806-687-0376. All properties come with appliances & lawn care. Ask about leasing special.

UNFURNISHED

1708 AVE V. Walk to Tech! 1 bedroom garage apartment. \$295. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

1715 B 23rd. Cute 1 bedroom. W/D connection. Fenced yard! \$450. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

1912 A 16th. Remodeled 2/1. Cute & clean! \$495. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

2 BEDROOM 1 bath duplex. 2223 16th. Fireplace. W/D included. Newly remodeled. \$650/mo. \$500/deposit. 806-441-4690.

2207 B 18th. 1/1 duplex close to Tech! Available now! \$325. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

2310 32ND. 2/1. Central H/A. New paint & tile. \$675. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

2436 22ND. 2/1. Walk to Tech! New dishwasher & refrigerator! \$900. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

3 BEDROOM house. 1 block Tech. Central heat refrigerator! \$900. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

3/2 TWO-story house. Hardwood, CH/A, yard, W/D connections, appliances. 2310 28th. \$795/mo., \$400/dep. 787-2323. 544-3600.

NEWLY REMODELED 3/2/3. 3211 28th. \$1200/month. Text: 806-790-1430.

308 B North Chicago. Newer 3/3/2 w/yard! \$795. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

3411 25TH. Completely updated! 3/2 close to campus! \$1050 Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

4807 37TH. Only 2 years old! 3/2. Perfect for roommates! \$995. Castle Property Mgmt. 783-3040.

5834 B 7th. Newer 3/2/2. W/D connection. Security gate. \$850 per month. 806-783-3040.

FOR LEASE. Available February 1st. 2-story 3/3. Nice. 5 blocks from Tech. \$1100/mo. Call Bill 470-7037.

FOR RENT 3/2/1. Central heat/air, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Carpeted throughout. \$990/month with \$500 deposit. 3811 26th. Call 806-798-3716.

FREE RENT

Great houses and duplexes for lease. 2302 17th: Lindsey Apartments 2/1, \$595/month; 2116 14th: 3/2, \$900/month; 3602 32nd: 2/1, \$595/month; 3215 33rd: 2/1, \$695/month; 4814 35th: 2/1, \$575/month; 4817 35th: 3/1, \$650/month; 2605 37th: 2/1, \$595/month; 1911 13th: 1/1, \$395/month. Please call 773-5249.

GREAT MOVE IN SPECIALS

4/1.5/2 huge house, 2 living areas, CH/CA. W/D connections. Appliances. 1725 25th. \$870/mo. \$400/dep. 806-787-2323. 806-544-3600.

UNFURNISHED

HALF BLOCK Tech. Small, remodeled garage type efficiency apartment. No pets. Parking. Serious Students only. A/C. \$335/month, utilities paid. 792-3118.

LYNNWOOD TOWNHOMES. 2, 3, 4 master bedroom suite homes. Garages. Free cable and internet. Lower rate if pre-leased by March 13. 785-7772.

NEWLY REMODELED efficiencies, 3 & 4 bedroom houses convenient to Tech. Call 771-1890.

PERFECT TECH HOUSE

4/2, 2-story. W/D connection, central air, large backyard, storage. Pets ok. \$995. 2218 27th. 214-592-5334.

STUDENT SPECIAL.

Affordable housing. Close to campus. 1 bedroom duplex, bills paid. 2 bedroom mobilehomes. \$200 security deposit. 806-795-0040, 806-786-8711.

STUDENTS CALL on these great properties: 5417 29th, 2608 21st, 2604C 21st, 2608B 21st, 3810A & B 33rd, 5217 42nd. 797-2212.

FOR SALE

100% LEATHER sofa, loveseat and 3 piece table set. Lifetime warranty. Brand new! \$650. 806-549-3110.

1996 ACURA TL 2.5L. \$650! Runs Great! For Listings 800-544-1092 x L359.

5 PIECE microfiber sofa, love seat and cocktail table set. Brand new! Only \$550. 806-549-3110.

500 POLICE Impounds! Hondas, Toyotas, etc. From 500! For listings 800-544-1092 ext L356.

ALL NEW king size mattress set (Pillow top) in package. Warranty. \$250. 806-549-3110.

BLACK RUBBED counter high dining table, swivel stools. Brand new! List \$1380, sell \$550. 806-549-3110.

CALIFORNIA KING 3 piece pillow top mattress & foundation. Never used. Forfeit \$250. 806-438-0081.

DEEP SLEEP memory foam mattress and foundation. New. Warranty. \$395. 806-549-3110.

DINING TABLE and chairs. Rich cherry finish. Brand new! \$399. 806-549-3110.

EBONY DISTRESSED bedroom set. 5 piece, contemporary style. Brand new! \$500. 806-549-3110.

FRUITWOOD FINISH bedroom suite. Hardwood. Just got this! List \$2450, sell \$790. 806-466-2645.

FULL PILLOW TOP mattress set. \$120. Twin mattress set. \$99 Both new! 806-438-0081.

FOR SALE

MATTRESS, FURNITURE

5127 34th Street (34th & Slide). 785-7253.

MATTRESS, QUEEN eurotop with box spring. Brand new. \$135. 806-549-3110.

TWIN HEADBOARD, frame, new mattress set \$199. 806-549-3110.

CLOTHING/JEWELRY

NEED CASH

Buying any gold/silver jewelry. Any Condition. Avery and others. Varsity Jewelers 1311 University.

TEXAS TECH

Officially licensed rings. Men's from \$495. Women's from \$275. Varsity Jewelers. 1311 University.

WE PAY on the spot for gently brand name clothing & accessories. Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, Lucky, Seven, Juicy & designer handbags. Guys & girls. 806-777-8622.

MISCELLANEOUS

\$5000 PAID EGG DONORS

plus expense. Non/smoker, ages 19-29 SAT\$1100/ACT\$24, GPA>3.0. Contact: info@eggdonorcenter.com if qualified.

SIGET WILL be hosting comedian Esteve Hosstetter for the philanthropy events benefiting new dates on

EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

Telluride
Film Festival

Free Movies! This Friday!
7:00pm Allen Theatre in the SUB
Telluride Mountain Film Festival

Telluride
Film Festival

Sponsored by the OPC, TAB, and the TTFCU

Phone: 742-3351

Website: www.rescsports.ttu.edu

Box 2151

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Residence Hall Dodgeball Tournament Register now - Feb. 20 Tournament on Feb. 25

We are hosting a dodgeball tournament in a couple of weeks! Come to the intramurals office in Rm. 203 and sign up your residence hall team to find out which hall is the best on campus! Teams made up of students from a certain hall or floor are preferred, but no team will be turned away. And don't forget your 5 D's of dodgeball!

Lifeguard Positions!

Looking for a summer job but don't know what there is to do in Lubbock? Check out the Aquatics Center! Starting in March, we will be hiring lots of staff for the new Leisure Pool, which is scheduled to open on June 1! Be part of the first workers that get the privilege of working at Tech's newest attraction! Not only will you get paid, but you will have a great time too! And don't worry if you don't want to be a lifeguard, we have plenty of spots available that don't get in the water!

Raider X2

Just a reminder - Session 2 sign-ups start on February 22! All of your favorite X2 classes and a few new ones, like self defense and Intro to Triathlon will be available!

Intramurals

We are looking for you!! Become a Softball Umpire!

Students wanting to officiate softball are encouraged to one of the two meetings: Monday, Feb. 16th or Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 5 pm at the Student Rec Center (SRC), Room 201. Softball officials make \$9 per game and are thoroughly trained in rules, mechanics, and gamesmanship. Some knowledge of baseball or softball is required. Any questions should be directed to the intramural staff by calling 742-2945, by coming by the SRC's room 203, or by visiting the web at: www.rescsports.ttu.edu

Spring Softball Sign-ups

It's Softball Time at Tech! Get ready to dust off the gloves and warm up the bats, Intramural Softball sign-ups will be taking place Tuesday, February 17th through Thursday, February 19th for the 2009 Spring Softball Season. Remember team sign-ups are first come first serve. For more information, visit the web at www.rescsports.ttu.edu or call 742-2945. Hope to see you on the DIAMOND!

Intramural Badminton and Table Tennis now Registering!

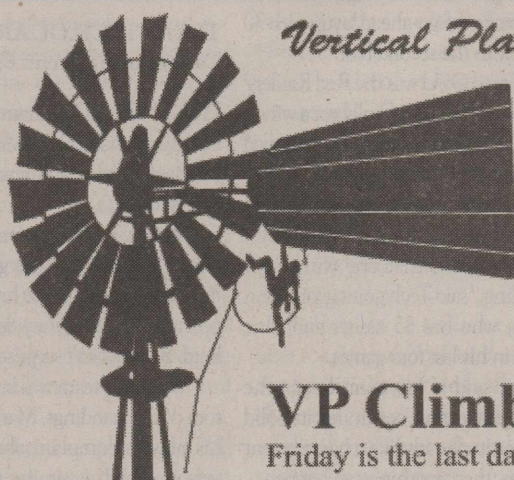
You have until Wednesday, February 18 to sign up for Intramural Badminton and Table Tennis. These two sports will both have league play and a single elimination tournament after the league play. These events are free for everyone at Tech, so have some fun in Intramurals! Sign up now in the Intramurals Office, Rm. 203 of the Rec Center!



Racquetball Registration Extended!

Registration for Intramural Racquetball has been extended until tomorrow, Thursday, February 12. Sign up in Rm. 203 of the Rec Center right now!

Outdoor Pursuits Center



Vertical Plains Climbing Competition

Telluride Mountainfilm Festival

7pm SUB Allen Theatre

Come see movies from the Telluride Mountain Film Festival that range from biking through China to hiking, biking, and climbing!

This event is co-sponsored by TAB and the TTFCU. Free for all Tech Students!

VP Climbing Competition

Friday is the last day to register for the climbing competition on Saturday! Enter at the OPC. Competition is on Feb. 14 all day! Registration forms available online at www.rescsports.ttu.edu

Colorado Ice Climbing Trip

Deadline: Feb. 19

Cost: \$275

Trip Dates: Feb. 26 - Mar. 1

Are you ready to challenge yourself with a new adventure? Colorado Ice Climbing might be for you! This trip has two and a half days of climbing guided by an ice climbing guide. The trip is at a waterfall near Creede, Co!

For more information, call 742-2949.

Wilderness First Responder

Deadline: \$495 before February 20, \$525 after

Trip Dates: March 14 - 22

The Wilderness First Responder course has been designed specifically to meet the needs of wilderness guides, expedition leaders, and outdoor instructors. It is the outdoor education and recreation industry's standard for wilderness medical training. It is the wilderness medicine training course for outdoor professionals...and the course you want your friends to have taken before you travel with them. The course includes WMTA adult CPR & AED certification. For more information, call 742-2949.

Aquatics Center

Register for Swim Fit!

Want more out of your swim? This 10 week program is designed for the advanced swimmer and involves stroke mechanics, strength conditioning, advanced water fitness and more! \$40 for Rec member and \$30 for students.

Register by calling the Aquatic Center at 742-3896.

Tuesdays from February 17 - April 28 7:00 - 9:00pm

Youth Learn To Swim

Got a little one? Our youth swim programs are the perfect start for your child to experience the water for the first time or improve their skills. We offer classes ranging from Parent and Me to Advanced Skills.

Spring Session: Every Tuesday and Thursday from Feb. 17 - Mar. 12 6:00 - 8:00pm

Lifeguard Challenge

Are you currently certified and about to expire? Are you certified by another agency other than American Red Cross? We have a challenge system especially for you! Update your certification by taking this Red Cross challenge course. The cost is \$75 (\$40 for CPR only).

Sunday, February 15 1:00 - 4:00pm

Fit/Well

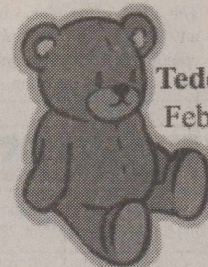
Heart Healthy Valentine Lunch

Friday, February 13 12:00pm

Register by Feb. 12

\$8/person! Cash or check only!

Register by contacting the
Fit/Tech Office at 742-3046



Teddy Bear Drive!

Feb. 2 - March 2

Drop off locations:
Student Rec Center - Fit/Well Office
Student Diversity Relations (024 SUB)
Office of Rural and Community Health
(TTUHSC 2B440)

Wellness Blood Screenings February 19

New Year's resolutions, spring break, and warm weather... Get some solid proof of your health profile and resolve to improve those numbers over the next few months! Covenant Corporate Services will draw blood. Results of Blood tests include Lipid Profile (\$10), Glucose (\$5), Wellness Chemistry profile (\$25), CBC (\$20), Thyroid (\$15), PSA (\$20), H.pylori (\$15), C-Reactive Protein (\$30) and Homocysteine (\$35).

Colon Cancer Screening Kit (\$10) will also be offered but does not require a blood draw. For descriptions, please go to www.rescsports.ttu.edu. Rec Center membership is NOT required. Please register by Wednesday, February 18 at noon by calling 742.3828. Payment (cash or check) is due the morning of the tests. FirstCare participants need to bring a copy of their insurance card. Please come fasting (no food or beverages 10 hours prior). Make a commitment to better health. Begin by learning your current blood levels and continue with exercise, better nutrition and stress management. For more info, email fitwell.rec@ttu.edu.

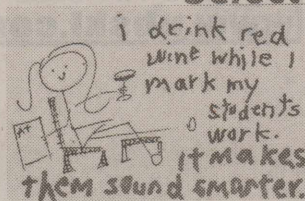
student union

coming together in the union

Post Secret

TTU students can begin picking up two FREE tickets (with their student I.D.) on February 11 at the Student Union Ticket office and Select-a-Seat ticket office in the Civic Center.

The general public can get tickets starting February 25 online and at all Select-a-Seat ticket distributors.



TTU students, get your tickets early as we anticipate this event selling out!!



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Student Union & Activities

Division of Student Affairs

for more information - call (806) 742-3636 or visit www.sub.ttu.edu



activities

whats coming up at the union

Butt Sketch Artist

Wednesday, February 11
SUB Across from Copy Tech | 11:00am

Comedy Night with Dan Cummins

Thursday, February 12
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00pm

Telluride Film Festival --co-sponsored with the Outdoor Pursuits Center

Friday, February 13
SUB Allen Theatre | 7:00pm

Movie -- Changeling

Friday, February 20
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00pm

For more information about activities in the Student Union visit www.tab.ttu.edu

student organization updates...

Student Organization Workshop -- Situation Management

Wednesday, February 11
SUB Mesa Room | 5:00pm

Student Organization Registration Meeting

Tuesday, February 17
SUB Senate Room | 2:00pm