



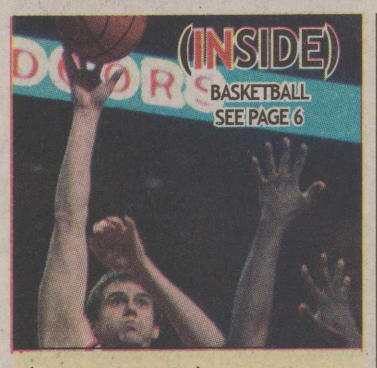



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### STATE

**Perry wants more troops on border**

EL PASO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday he has asked Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to send resources and "1,000 more troops" to the border in Texas as violence continues to mount in northern Mexico.

"I've been in direct contact with Secretary Napolitano ... and I've asked her for a substantial amount of technology, in the form of aviation assets as well as 1,000 more troops that we can commit to different parts of the border," Perry told reporters after meeting with state, local, and federal authorities at the Chamizal National Monument, just across the Rio Grande from Ciudad Juarez.

### NATION

**Burris refuses call for his resignation**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Roland Burris refused to resign on Tuesday, rebuffing a call from the Senate's No. 2 Democrat who made it clear the embattled Illinois lawmaker has little hope next year of winning the seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

"I told him that under the circumstances, I would resign," fellow Illinois Sen. Richard Durbin told reporters after an hour-long meeting with Burris. "He said, 'I'm not going to resign.'"

"I can't force him," Durbin added.

Burris, also a Democrat, was appointed by disgraced former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was impeached and driven from office after he was charged in a federal criminal complaint of trying to sell the Senate seat.

### WORLD

**Diplomats: Syria puts missile facility on hit site**

VIENNA (AP) — Syria has revealed that it has built a missile facility over the ruins of what the U.S. says was a nuclear reactor destroyed by Israel warplanes, diplomats said Tuesday.

Citing comments by Syrian nuclear chief Ibrahim Othman at a closed meeting Tuesday, the diplomats said the new structure appeared to be a missile control center or actual launching pad. The two — both from Western delegations to the IAEA — demanded anonymity for divulging details about what Othman told the International Atomic Energy Agency's 35-nation board.

### DEATH TOLL

**4251**

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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JOEY KENWORTHY, slides into home plate in the fourth inning of Texas Tech's game against New Mexico Tuesday at Dan Law Field. UNM won the game 13-10.

# Lobos topple Tech

## Red Raiders suffer first loss in Dan Spencer era

By MIKE GRAHAM
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Texas Tech first baseman Chris Richburg's glove web busted in the first inning of Tuesday's game against New Mexico, allowing an easy out to get away.

It foreshadowed what would be in store for the Red Raiders (4-1).

Tech fielders, freshman reliever Louis Head and senior Brian Cloud (1-1) allowed New Mexico a six-run seventh inning with all UNM batters in the lineup getting at least one appearance at the plate.

The disastrous top of the seventh inning cost Tech not only a 10-4 lead, but also gave UNM a lead it never relinquished as the Lobos won 13-10 Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

"When you get into the seventh with a five-run lead, you're supposed to win these games," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "We let one get away."

The seventh inning started with a single and two UNM batters were hit by pitches from Head to load the bases. A single by Kevin Atkinson brought in a runner, and in the next at bat, a fielding error by Kellen Monreal allowed two more runners to cross the plate, cutting Tech's lead to 10-6.

After a wild pitch and a walk to the next batter, Head was replaced by Cloud with runners at second and third base.

A wild pitch allowed another runner to score before Cloud struck out UNM's Justin Howard. But a walk to UNM's Chris Juarez reloaded the bases with just one out. The next batter, Daniel Gonzalez, singled and batted in two more runs to tie the score 10-10.

A ground out by Mike Brownstein scored the go-ahead run for UNM.

Cloud allowed two more runs in the ninth inning and UNM closer Clinton Cox faced the top third of Tech's batting order, sitting them down in order for the save.

"We feel like the seventh, eighth and ninth is the time you really gotta put some runs together, pitch and play defense," Richburg said. "We really didn't do any of those things tonight."

Tech pitching was shaky for most of the day.

Starter Nate Karns gave up five runs, two walks with two strikeouts in the first two innings before being replaced by Ben Flora.

Flora pitched 2 1/3 innings with strong numbers for the Red Raiders.

During his time on the mound, he allowed just one hit and no walks while delivering four strikeouts.

Flora handed the ball to Head after he struck out a batter for the first out of the fifth inning. Head had 1 2/3 shutout innings before the seventh-inning collapse.

"Unfortunately, those are lessons every young guy has to learn," Spencer said. "It just stinks when they have to learn them while getting beat. But shoot, it's a baseball game."

Offensively, the Red Raiders had strong showings in the first, second and fourth innings when they brought in three, four and two runs, respectively. In addition, five Tech players had at least two hits.

The Red Raiders scored on three different UNM pitchers, racking up eight RBI and sending most of their base runners home with 10 runs on 14 hits.

Richburg hit his second home run of the year, a shot just over the left field wall. He finished the day with three hits and four RBI.

Tech's Scott LeJune also had three hits with one RBI, while catcher Kevin Whitehead, third baseman Justin Berry and shortstop Joey Kenworthy each had two hits.

New Mexico continued a four-game win streak that started in Albuquerque, N.M., with three decisive victories against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Tech will try to avenge Tuesday's loss at 2 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

"We're going to be fired up," Whitehead said. "I don't think there's anybody that was satisfied or even close to happy with this."

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# Officials: Most troops to leave Iraq by mid-2010

By PAMELA HESS and ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plans to remove all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by August of next year, administration officials said Tuesday, ending the war that helped define his upstart presidential campaign — although a little more slowly than he promised.

The withdrawal plan — an announcement could come as early as this week — could help Obama turn his attention to another campaign pledge: Deploying more troops to Afghanistan, a region he calls the central front in the war on terrorism.

The timetable is a compromise. Removing so many people and tons of equipment presents logistical difficulties. Some commanders and advisers worry that security gains could backslide in Iraq if troops are brought out too soon, while others think the bulk of U.S. combat work is long since done.

Obama built enormous grassroots support for his White House bid by pledging to withdraw troops from Iraq 16 months after taking office. That schedule, based on removing roughly one brigade a month, was predicated on commanders determining that it would not endanger U.S. troops left behind or Iraq's fragile security.

Obama expects to leave a large contingent of troops in Iraq, between 30,000 and 50,000 troops, after August, 2010 to advise and train Iraqi security forces and to protect U.S. interests, according to two administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public. The contingent will include intelligence and surveillance specialists and their equipment, such as unmanned aircraft.

The withdrawal of American forces is set to be completed by December 2011, the period by which the U.S. agreed with Iraq to remove all troops.

A senior White House official said Tuesday that Obama is at least a day away from making a final decision. An announcement on Wednesday was unlikely, he said, but added that Obama could discuss Iraq during a trip to North Carolina on Friday.

About 142,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq, roughly 14 brigades, about 11,000 more than the total in Iraq when President George W. Bush announced in January 2007 that he would "surge" the force to put down the insurgency. He sent an additional 21,000 combat troops to Baghdad and Anbar province.

Although the number of combat brigades has dropped from 20 to 14, the U.S. has increased the number of logistical and other support troops. A brigade is usually about 3,000 to 5,000 troops.

The White House considered at least two other options — one that followed Obama's 16-month timeline and one that stretched withdrawal over 23 months, The Associated Press reported earlier this month.

Some U.S. commanders have spoken more optimistically in recent months about prospects for reducing the force.

Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, who just left his job overseeing U.S. operations in Anbar Province, said Tuesday that he saw violence drop to an almost "meaningless" level over the past year.

Kelly told reporters Tuesday that in the area that was the home

# NKorea satellite incites fears of missile testing

By JEAN H. LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea declared Tuesday it is making "brisk headway" in plans to send a satellite into orbit as part of its space program, a launch regional powers fear is a cover up for testing a long-range ballistic missile capable of striking Alaska and the western United States.

Analysts called Pyongyang's announcement yet another bid for President Barack Obama's attention as he met in Washington with Prime Minister Taro Aso of Japan, a key ally in the regional push to get North Korea to give up its nuclear program.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood told reporters Tuesday that North Korea should focus on its commitments to international negotiators working to rid the North of its nuclear weapons.

"Intimidation and threats are not helpful to try to bring about regional stability," Wood said.

North Korea's declaration came just days after U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, on a trip to Asia, urged the country to put an end to "provocative actions."

"The North has sent the ball back into the U.S. court," said Kim Yong-hyun, a professor at Seoul's Dongguk University, calling the threat a tactic to pressure Washington into opening negotiations surrounding Pyongyang's nuclear program.

The U.N. Security Council passed a resolution prohibiting Pyongyang from engaging in any ballistic activity following a missile launch in 2006. North Korea could face additional sanctions if it violates the resolution.

In New York, U.N. deputy spokeswoman Marie Okabe said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was "monitoring the situation very closely."

North Korea hinted at a plan to launch a satellite last week when it marked autocratic leader Kim Jong Il's 67th birthday by asserting North Korea's right to develop a peaceful space program — words the regime has used in the past to disguise a missile test.

A statement carried Tuesday by state-run Korean Central News Agency said "preparations for launching experimental communications satellite Kwangmyongsong-2 by means of delivery rocket Unha-2 are now making brisk headway" at a launch site in Hwadae County in the northeast. The statement called the upcoming

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POLICE BLOTTER

# Profane and racial comments written on vehicle in parking garage

**Feb. 16**

At 3:45 p.m., two officers investigated a hit-and-run accident in the C-2 parking lot in which an unattended vehicle was struck. No injuries were reported.

At 5:55 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z5-B parking lot in which a vehicle was scratched.

**Feb. 17**

At 8:20 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student in the Z3-J parking lot for prohibited weapons and an outstanding warrant.

At 12:13 a.m., an officer detained two students for disorderly conduct in Chitwood Residence Hall.

At 12:40 a.m., an officer detained a student for possession of drug paraphernalia in Weymouth Residence Hall.

At 12:56 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in the Z4-R parking lot, where the driver's side mirror had been damaged.

At 2:42 p.m., two officers investigated a accident in the C-11 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

**Feb. 18**

At 1:52 a.m., an officer arrested two students for public intoxication in the lobby of Murray Residence Hall.

At 12:10 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a backpack containing a Macbook laptop and other items in the first floor of the Student Union Building.

At 2:09 p.m., two officers investigated the theft of an iPhone in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

At 5:29 p.m., an officer documented damage to a vehicle, which was suspected to have happened in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.

At 10:24 p.m., an officer detained a student under the suspicion of the theft of two cell phones.

**Feb. 19**

At 12:16 p.m., an officer documented information about an attempted kidnapping. A student reported she was walking along Akron Avenue, between 19th Street and 30th Street, and a white male pulled next to her in a mini-van and attempted to grab her by her hair. She was able to escape and informed local officials.

At 12:47 p.m., an officer arrested a student in Gates Residence Hall for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

At 4:13 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a backpack and its contents that was taken from the University Library.

At 11:50 p.m., an officer detained a student and issued a citation in Murdough Residence Hall for possession of alcohol by a minor.

**Feb. 20**

At 12:16 a.m., an officer arrested student for driving while intoxicated after an observed traffic violation in the 2800 block of 18th Street and a subsequent traffic stop in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue.

At 6:00 a.m., an officer documented information concerning profane and racial comments written on a student's vehicle on the second floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.

At 8:20 a.m., an officer investigated the theft of a laptop in the University Library.

At 8:48 a.m., an officer investigated a criminal mischief in Stangel Residence Hall. Decorations were taken or damaged on different floors.

At 9:30 a.m., an officer documented information concerning a faculty member receiving faxes and e-mails from a fake company attempting to scam the university.

At 9:36 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief on the first floor of Murdough Residence Hall. A windowpane was shattered.

At 12:08 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a Canon camera in the Music building.

At 11:42 p.m., an officer detained a student and issued them a citation in Murdough Residence Hall for possession of alcohol by a minor.

**Feb. 21**

At 1:10 a.m., an officer arrested a student in the east side of Horn Residence Hall for public intoxication.

At 1:35 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student after an observed traffic violation in the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Fourth Avenue and a subsequent stop in the 300 block of University Avenue for driving while intoxicated.

At 1:47 a.m., an officer detained a and issued a citation to a non-student after an observed traffic violation in the intersection of Broadway Avenue and University Avenue and a subsequent stop in the 300 block of University Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 2:08 a.m., an officer detained two students at the front of Clement Residence Hall. One student was issued a citation for possession of alcohol by a minor, and the other for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

At 2:22 a.m., an officer arrested two students in Coleman Residence Hall for assault and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 12:41 p.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident in the 1800 block of Flint Avenue. No injuries were reported.

At 1:02 p.m., an officer arrested a student after a traffic stop in the 3000 block of 15th Street for possession of marijuana.

At 2:31 p.m., two officers investigated a traffic incident in the 1800 block of Flint Avenue. No injuries were reported.

At 5:19 p.m., two officers documented information concerning a robbery of a pedestrian on the bridge near the Jones AT&T Stadium.

At 11:16 p.m., an officer detained a student and issued a citation after an observed traffic violation in the 1300 block of Flint Avenue and a subsequent traffic stop in the 1300 block of Flint Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and released.

**Feb. 22**

At 1:30 a.m., an officer detained a non-student and issued a citation on the first floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

At 2:19 a.m., an officer arrested a student after an observed traffic violation in the 3100 block of 18th Street and a subsequent traffic stop in the Z4-R parking lot for driving while intoxicated.

At 4:13 p.m., an officer documented the unauthorized use of a credit card in Weymouth Residence Hall.

**Feb. 23**

At 9:20 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief at the Tech Health Sciences Center in which unknown persons may have disconnected the rubber connection from a carbon dioxide bottle to an incubator. The mischief may have interfered with an experiment.

At 9:46 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief to a Tech vehicle in the R-19 parking lot of Wiggins Dining Hall in which the driver-side mirror was knocked off the vehicle.

At 11:45 a.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident in the R-18 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

At 3:45 p.m., an officer investigated an accident involving a Tech vehicle in the C-5 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

At 5 p.m., two officers investigated theft at the HSC Medical Pavilion in which an unsecured pack of Sony DVD+R was reported stolen.

At 8:40 p.m., two officers arrested a student in Coleman Residence hall for possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 10:45 p.m., an officer investigated an assault in Murray Residence Hall in which a student punched his roommate in the jaw. The student was released pending the filing of charges.

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## BEYOND THE BLOTTER: Purchasing hoax affects ESS building

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Even state universities are not immune to the occasional phone call scam.

An administrative assistant in Texas Tech's Exercise Sports Sciences building contacted the Tech Police Department the morning of Feb. 20 and reported contact from a company was attempting to sell printer toner to the office, said Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the police department.

Hoffman said it was reported an individual first called Feb. 16, and claimed to be with a company called IDCSERVCO. The caller offered the employee a deal for printer toner; a one time payment of $349 for one year's worth of toner.

The employee reportedly declined the offer and explained the office had a contract with another company, Hoffman said.

The call seemed strange to the employee, Hoffman said, because most vendors do not typically call directly to advertise offers.

The administrative assistant later was contacted again by the company, who claimed the office owed a balance of $349 for the product that was first offered, but was not accepted or received, Hoffman said. The representative wanted the office to pay the bill, but the employee declined again and requested a hard copy of an invoice with a tracking number.

The bill was sent by e-mail as a past due invoice to the employee's e-mail address. Mail and faxes also were sent to the office from the same company. Tech police determined that the situation was a hoax, Hoffman said, adding that a similar hoax was circulating a couple of years ago.

Beverly Cotton, interim vice president of finance at Tech, said this type of scam is not new, and similar scams also were prevalent when she answered phones at a job she had several years ago.

Ray Moran, assistant vice president of the Office of Procurement Services, said departments within the university hold several contracts with offices and supply companies.

Although some situations differ, he said this type of hoax is a "recurring scam." Some cases consisted of an item being sent without a request, and the company would charge an unreasonable amount for the service.

In other cases, the wrong item is sent or it is sent damaged and a problem would arise from a lack of warranty.

Some offices are given a university-issued purchasing card, Moran said, and are asked to purchase necessary items. As a preventive measure, employees are instructed to buy only from an approved list of vendors found on a contracting Web site, Moran said.

"There is nothing that can be done to prevent it," Moran said.

He said he hears about similar hoaxes at least once or twice a year. Policies and procedures are put in place to protect employees, Moran said, and prevent fraudulent behavior.

"We will do everything possible to protect them if drawn in," Moran said.

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# Obama: US economy will survive 'day of reckoning'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Standing before a nation on an economic precipice, President Barack Obama warned anxious Americans Tuesday night the U.S. faces a dire "day of reckoning" but can emerge ever stronger by pulling together, sharing sacrifices and confronting hard choices head-on.

"The time to take charge of our future is here," Obama said, delivering his first address to a joint session of Congress.

Balancing candor and can-do, Obama acknowledged the battered economy, shaken confidence and the "difficult and uncertain times" that are all too real in homes and businesses across the country. But, he said, "The weight of this crisis will not determine the destiny of this nation."

He said both political parties must sacrifice on favored programs while uniting behind his campaign promises to build better schools, expand health care coverage and move the nation to "greener" fuel use.

"Tonight I want every American to know this: We will rebuild, we will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before," he said, according to excerpts released by the White House in advance of his speech.

Just five weeks after his inauguration, Obama was set to address an ebullient Democratic congressional majority and an embattled but reinvigorated GOP minority as well as millions of anxious viewers at home as a popular leader wielding significant clout to advance his agenda. Despite the nation's economic worries and the lack of support for his plans from all but a few Republican lawmakers, Obama enjoys strong approval ratings across the nation.

But he spoke in the House as bad economic news continues to pile up. Some 3.6 million jobs have disappeared so far in the deepening recession, which now ranks as the biggest job destroyer in the post-World War II period. Americans have lost trillions of dollars in retirement, college and savings accounts, with the stock market falling nearly half from its peak of 16 months ago.

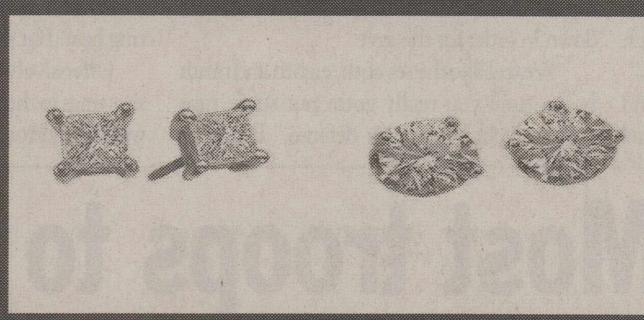
And new polls — some with his public support rising higher and others with it dropping — show that the political climate can be as precarious as the economic one. Aware that his and his party's fortunes will suffer if he cannot right the economic picture, Obama sought to blend the kind of grim honesty that has become his trademark since taking office with a greater emphasis on optimism.

"Those qualities that have made America the greatest force of progress and prosperity in human history we still possess in ample measure," he said. "What is required now is for this country to pull together, confront boldly the challenges we face and take responsibility for our future once more."

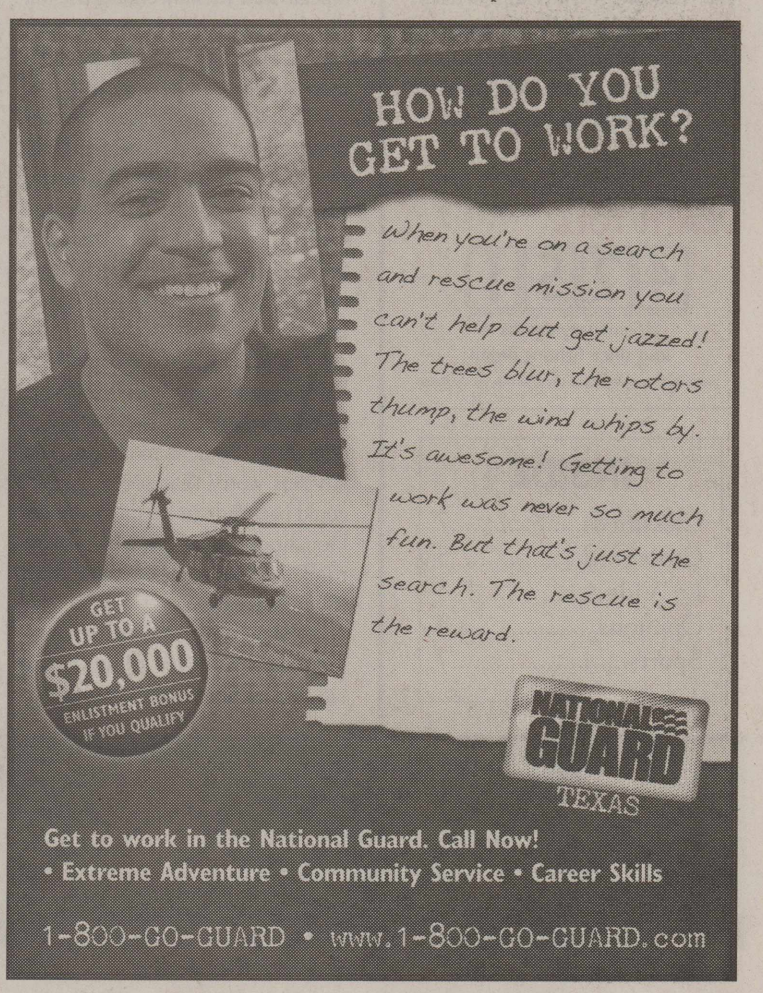
The central argument of his speech was that his still-unfolding economic revival plan has room for — and even demands — simultaneous action on a broader, expensive agenda including helping the millions without health insurance, improving education and switching the U.S. to greater dependence on alternative energy sources. This is the big lift of his young presidency: bringing the public behind what are sure to be enormous outlays on contentious issues.

His hope was to begin to persuade the country that those longer-term items on his presidential agenda are as important to the nation's

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# Old-school meets modern with Street Fighter IV



**Britton Peele**

When discussing things that are awesome, "Street Fighter" should always come up.

I don't mean the delightfully awful film with Jean-Claude Van Damme or the upcoming sure-to-be-box-office-disaster "Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li" starring Kristen Kreuk, I mean the video games.

Whether you're a big fan of the fighting game genre, chances are you have fond memories of "Street Fighter II" if you grew up playing video games.

Maybe you experienced "Championship Edition" in the arcades or maybe you played hours of "Turbo" on a friend's SNES, but "Street Fighter" is one of those games that really affected people and video games.

Even now, more than a decade after its release, people still are playing "Street Fighter II."

Some crazy people, instead, choose to play "Street Fighter III: Third Strike," but you should shun crazy people.

Developer Capcom even released a remade, newly drawn "Super Street Fighter II Turbo HD Remix" for consoles late last year.

So fans of the series should rejoice when they hear the newly released "Street Fighter IV" for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 is just like "Street Fighter II" and maybe even better.

The graphics in "Street Fighter IV" are 3D, giving the game a nice, high-tech look while still maintaining a very stylized, cartoonish style that fans associate with the series. However, Capcom's strongest area was game play.

Game play is entirely 2D. You can't quite say, "This isn't your daddy's 'Street Fighter,'" because, well, it sort of is.

People who have been playing "Street Fighter II" for the last 12 years will be able to jump right in without a problem. Moves are similar, if not the same.

Ryu's Hadouken? You pull it off exactly how you want to. As a rather humorous sketch available on YouTube would remind you, "Crouch, crouch forward, walk a little bit, then punch."

This isn't to say that newcomers aren't welcome.

"Street Fighter" always has been one of the easier fighting games to pick up, and "IV" is no exception.

Ken, Chun-Li, Bison, Dhalsim, Blanka — all of your favorite characters are here, as well as several new characters.

All of the modes you would expect are here as well: arcade, versus, training, challenge and online play.

Also, Capcom has announced it will be releasing a free update in the future that will add "Championship Mode," which will add features such a recording and downloading replays as well as a point system to help with tournaments.

Arcade mode, as usual, has players guide one fighter through a set of matches with a specific story, leading up to the end boss. These are extremely short, and while the stories are nothing to write home about, the intros and endings are well animated in a nice anime style.

Challenge modes can bring a bit of longevity to the game, because it provides a variety of different tasks for players to perform in fairly traditional fighting game environments.

Survival modes, for example, task you with defeating a certain number of opponents without being knocked out, while time trial modes are all about dispatching fighters quickly.



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One of the most highly anticipated features, though, is online play. Thankfully, this seems to work extremely well. In the more than 30 matches I played before writing this review, only a few fights were marred with horrible lag.

There is also a neat online feature with which you can opt to have players online challenge you while you're in the middle of Arcade mode.

This can, no doubt, get annoying sometimes, but the key here is the nostalgia factor. It's exactly as if you were playing your way through the game in an arcade, and that creepy kid with long black hair walked up and put his quarters in the machine to challenge you.

All in all, "Street Fighter IV" is an outstanding achievement that does everything fans were hoping for.

Fighting games aren't nearly as popular as they used to be, but I hope this new game sparks new interest into the hearts of gamers everywhere. It can be a blast to play either alone or with a group of friends.

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## Mystery ends: Agatha Christie's country home opens

LONDON (AP) — The house has everything an Agatha Christie fan could want — except a body in the library.

The stuccoed Georgian villa where the writer spent her vacations is opening to the public for the first time beginning Saturday after a $7.8 million restoration. Visitors can see the bedroom where Christie slept, the dining room where she entertained, and the drawing room where she thrilled friends with readings from her latest whodunit.

Craftsmen worked for two years to restore the 18th-century home, Greenway, and the rooms are much as they were when Christie lived there, complete with books, papers, boxes of chocolates and bunches of flowers. Even the scratches on the bedroom door made by the family dog remain.

"It does feel very much in a time warp," Robyn Brown, who manages Greenway on behalf of the National Trust heritage group, said Tuesday.

That is exactly the way the trust likes it — the group preserves Britain's historic properties with a rigorous attention to detail. The cream paint in the bedroom and the mushroom-colored library walls are as close as possible to the shades chosen by Christie herself. The sofas and chairs come from her childhood home.

Christie's grandson, Mathew Prichard, said he hoped the renovation would let visitors "feel some of the magic and sense of place that I felt when my family and I spent so much time there in the 1950s and '60s."

## Cowboy poets gathering in Alpine

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — High noon in Alpine, and a tumbleweed rolls across a deserted road in front of a shadowy figure with a five o'clock shadow.

A horse whinnies as the figure reaches toward his belt.

Then there's a click.

His pen is loaded. His guitar is tuned.

He invokes his muses — his heart takes the reins — and the 23rd annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering has begun.

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# OPINIONS

## Politics invade comic books

By SHAINA RUBIN
COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR (COLUMBIA U.)

Art is reproducible and mass-marketed, but even the "lowest" media incorporates the prevalent issues of the day and sometimes even change the minds of those involved.

Art is a medium—it represents a culture and its ideals. However, art can be both high and low, and nowadays, the low culture seems to be winning out. Comic books are a "low" art form, and yet they are a distinctive means of communication. They are reproducible and able to reach the masses, and maybe that is why they are so looked down upon.

Last weekend at the New York Comic Convention (also known as ComicCon) this base society of comic books showed that even the "lowest" art form reflects the society upon which it is based on. Art is reproducible and mass-marketed, but even the "lowest" media incorporates the prevalent issues of the day and sometimes even change the minds of those involved. Comics reflect society, regardless of class, age, and gender.

Comic books are not impressionist paintings or classical Greek sculptures. They're mostly not one-of-a-kind and priceless (though who wouldn't want the original Superman strip?). Many people can afford to buy a comic book, and that is why the medium is considered below other art.

However, mass availability has its advantages. Comic books have created obsessive fans and complete genres of entertainment, and movies are a prime example. Movies bring millions of fans together to enjoy one experience. The people's recognition of comic books give them and their characters the power to reach greater populations and influence their opinions to some extent. Everyone knows the X-Men. Everyone knows Clark Kent.

People think that all comic books are about superheroes and frivolous adventures, but nowadays, the world of comics has welcomed more serious material into its lineup. Though everyone associates comic books with Spider-Man, Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman, there's much more teeming beneath the surface. Spider-Man is no longer just a hero fighting bad guys in an imaginary world.

The new Marvel Spider-Man issue pictures President Barack Obama on the cover. In the story, Spider-Man meets Obama and even talks basketball with him. The comic-book art form allows everyone from an adult to a toddler to enjoy a one-on-one session with the president. A comic book reader feels more connected with the president by seeing him chat with his favorite superhero.

The mass production of comic books has allowed even politicians to reach more supporters. In the past, comics were the satirical enemies of public figures—now politicians are patrons of the medium. Indeed, a writer and artist even hitched on to Obama's staff during the election tour. They documented everything that happened so they could put it into graphic novel form. Throughout the book, Hillary Clinton, John McCain, Joe Biden and many others are featured. Both Clinton and McCain have eerie lines and angles on their faces which make the audience cringe — the visual informs its readers while also subtly shaping their attitude towards different political figures. For Obama, the great accessibility of graphic novels and comics like Spider-Man helped him win over supporters that he perhaps couldn't have reached otherwise.

Politics have not only invaded comics, but also the associated merchandise. Even without directly drawing the president and the vice president, other comic book producers have taken economic advantage of renewed interest in politics. One artist, John Gallagher, took his likeable teenage hero and put him on a T-shirt in the likeness of the red, white, and blue Obama face. Then the hero, Buzzboy, attracts both the young and the older more informed reader. The merchandise follows the immense popularity of the comics and helps to garner more enthusiasm from its fans.

Not only the artists and writers, but also the retailers have taken on politics. Alex Ross, a famed comic book artist known for his depiction of Superman tearing off his suit, did an impressive rendition of Obama in the same position. The image has been put on T-shirts and sweatshirts as an inside joke: Obama as the new Superman, or maybe even more than Superman. Even at the New York ComicCon, the optimism for Obama's future runs strongly in the air. Though comic books are "low art," their reproducibility and mass market allow them to encompass the current issues affecting our American culture.

## Life is rough for college students

By PAUL BOWERS
THE DAILY GAMECOCK (U. SOUTH CAROLINA)

It's never easy being a poor college student.

I ate Ramen last week - now there's a sure sign you've fallen on hard times. My roommates were all like, "Man, you must be in a tough spot." And I was like, "I know, right?"

I guess I'm used to it, though. My family's middle-class, so I never had the opportunities some of my friends had back in prep school. We scraped by with just enough money to put food on the table, gas in the Tahoe and DirecTV on the plasma.

When my friends were going to Dubai with their families for Spring Break, I was stuck in Cozumel. It was OK, I guess, but what really broke my heart was watching my little sister have to settle for horseback riding lessons when all her classmates got ponies of their own.

I didn't bother applying for scholarships because I figured I didn't have a shot at any of them, and I didn't really have time to fill out the financial aid forms, so my parents said they'd help foot the bill once I got to college. Sometimes they ask me if I want to get a job, but I keep telling them I want to have the full college experience and not be weighed down with work. I think they had to sell the beach house.

Turns out getting that full experience is a little bit pricey. Fraternity dues were crazy high this year, and then there are the incidental expenses like booze and Mountain Weekend.

Some weekends, I just have to put my foot down and tell my roommates, "Look, somebody else is going to have to pitch in and buy the case of Natty this time."

Speaking of which, I had to buy almost a whole new wardrobe last week because I threw up in my closet and couldn't figure out how to wash the smell out of all my polos. Like I said: incidental expenses. They really pile up.

I usually eat out, but when I do buy groceries, I always go to Fresh Market because I think it's important to buy organic. I feel good because I'm doing my part to save the planet, but I just wish their products weren't so expensive.

And don't even get me started on textbooks. The bookstore didn't have any used copies of the business book I needed, so I had to shell out something like $150. A guy standing in line behind me told me I could check out places like Amazon for independent sellers - but then there's no telling where that book's been, and I'm just not comfortable with that.

The long and short of it is that I'm going to have to shoot another e-mail to my parents pretty soon about transferring money into my account.

If the economy gets any worse, I don't know how I'm going to make ends meet. Maybe I'll have to cut back on a few things.

But let's not do anything drastic yet.

## Journalism won't die, but industry will transform

By J. DAVID MCSWANE
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Within the industry and beyond, there's been much talk about the future of journalism — or lack thereof. It's scary for those studying it, painful for those forced to leave their once robust profession and a sad reality for the public that appreciates journalism.

But I'm not here to scare you.

I personally find a great deal of the conversation in journals, news articles and in the classroom to be little more than masturbatory self-assurance, but as the newspaper I grew up with faces extinction, I am compelled to join.

The Rocky Mountain News is set to be shut down as a consequence of dwindling classifieds and print ads and the emergence of the Internet, which robs journalists and organizations of compensation for work and public service. And journalism, in its purest form, is a public service.

These pre-existing hardships have been further compounded by a growing economic recession, which has journalists across the country gripping to the presses, terrified that the fourth estate — the mechanism with which citizens hold the branches of government accountable in the court of public opinion — might become an ideal of antiquity.

Oh, and local TV news is in trouble, too. And while I wholeheartedly believe a diversity of news sources promotes self-regulation and is a vital toehold for the democratic process, local TV could use a little purging. Case and point: Tom Martino and Leland Vittert of Denver's KDVR.

Still, I don't buy it. I don't see a journalistic dark age upon us, though things will undoubtedly be changing and challenging. I do, however, see the death of journalism as a capitalist venture ahead and the Rupert Murdochs of the world becoming their own undoing.

The giant infrastructure that was American news media is crumbling. And it might just be the best damn thing that ever happened to journalism.

At least the true believers know what they are up against, and those folks are the vanguard in redefining the industry to once again understand its primitive, unadulterated roots: To seek truth in the public interest and keep the powers-that-be accountable.

Professors and current professionals tell students that we must learn how to do video, blogs, podcasts, take photos and report for the Web on top of the traditional media. It's all about becoming a mobile journalist, "a mojo," who knows a little about a lot, for the bottom line.

There is no harm in knowing that stuff, but the philosophy is a load of crap.

I'd rather not take at face value the advice of professionals who just laid 10 reporters off or the professor who teaches because the industry is so daunting. We need specialization and the dedication of intellectuals to important topics to fulfill our mission as journalists.

After all, media giant Gannett's local investment, The Coloradoan, operates as a "platform agnostic information center," meaning the product is gathered so that it may be presented across new and traditional media. But when is the last time you read an investigation or in-depth story in that rag?

If the future of journalism is to be bright, we must, once and for all, accept the challenge the Web has delivered and, for those who aren't The New York Times, consider the possibility that a public service shouldn't be a profit game ruled by conglomerated media akin to an overextended Roman Empire.

Some of the codgers who run the biz with their failed ideas say my generation doesn't care, that we don't appreciate the news, that we are too ADD to read more than a Twitter submission. I say they can bite me.

That sounds like something the scrappy reporters of yore might appreciate. People like that — well, we're just too stubborn to disappear. Journalism isn't going anywhere.

## A portrait of the modern intellectual

By PETER PETROV
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The world has become complicated — everybody has nuances, and even the simplest man conceals emotions, desires and obsessions of terrifying complexity.

All of our ideas have been entangled, and it's become impossible to write about "intellectualism" — or anything else, for that matter — without getting into politics, psychology and lots of trouble. All over the world, people yearn to live simpler, less complicated lives — they want to be children again. Just think of how many adults have lived out their deepest fantasies while watching "Shrek." It seems, in fact, that "Shrek" has given American men more pleasure than Baywatch.

Since the world is so complex, it's hard to write about intellectuals without at the same time sticking one's nose into a host of other subjects. With this in mind, I trust I'll be forgiven for jumping from topic to topic. In any case, let me start by saying something about school-aged intellectuals.

Young intellectuals love to admire their favorite authors. When a young person enjoys a particular writer, he does everything in his power to convince himself of that author's moral purity. Very few young people can enjoy the work of an author unless they can believe that he's a good and decent man.

Every once in a while, though, young intellectuals run into trouble. Spurred on by some noxious "will to knowledge," young readers often decide to learn about the lives of their favorite writers. And when they do this, they often learn something they'd rather not know — they learn that their favorite author is a racist, a cretin, or a sexual maniac. What's interesting, of course, is that many young people refuse to read their beloved author after they learn these terrible secrets. No matter how beautiful his prose, the prized author gets discarded as soon as his moral credentials come into question. Our children have come to prefer morality over art.

At some point, of course, our children grow up and become sophisticated — they start college, they develop an interest in politics and they learn to tolerate immoral authors. Yet even as they get older, our children retain the belief that art ought to have a moral dimension. No matter how old they get, our children never stop believing that an artist's character affects the quality of his art. Like an intestinal parasite, this belief stays with them for life.

Some will claim that my argument isn't true. They'll claim that no one actually takes morality as seriously as I suggest. But let me tell you something: In our society, morality is taken very seriously, even by the post-structuralists who claim that it doesn't exist. Morality always finds a way to contaminate art, and one has to be an Old Testament magician if one wants to stop ethics from invading the realm of aesthetics. Morality is everywhere. But, in polite society, we don't call it by its name. When we need to refer to morality, we use the word "politics." Let me explain how this subterfuge works.

America's progressive intellectuals have shunned "objective morality" — they've announced that all moral systems are inventions of man. But the very intellectuals who reject morality tend to be quite interested in politics. And what do these intellectuals do? They grapple with moral questions, they separate right from wrong, they condemn evil men, and they do all this under the guise of "political engagement." Morality is thus hidden inside politics, the way a baby kangaroo is hidden inside his mother's pouch.

To create the illusion that they don't care about "objective morality," our intellectuals have simply repackaged morality as politic. Look, for instance, at the latest protestors at New York University. They demanded fairness, accountability, dignity — in short, all the old moral concepts — while pretending to be too political to care about ethics. But enough of this — let's talk some more about art.

> *"In our society, morality is taken very seriously, even by the post-structuralists who claim that it doesn't exist."*

College students have a tendency to look at art with a political eye. Most of us are unwilling to divorce art from politics, and we honestly believe that an artist's ideology affects the merit of his work. As a result, we underrate the work of artists whose politics we dislike, and we somehow expect our artists to have serious political commitments. But what if there are artists who need to ignore politics in order to produce meaningful work?

Some artists work best when they close their eyes to the political world, peer deep into themselves, and discover all kinds of inner riches. It's easy, of course, to accuse these artists of escapism and irrelevance. Yet perhaps the intellectuals who make these accusations — the intellectuals who demand that artists be political — suffer from a lack of imagination. Maybe our intellectuals are jealous that, when they peer into themselves, they find nothing attractive to look at.

Certain intellectuals simply can't tolerate artists who don't care much for ideology or politics. They want to bring artistic imagination within the limits of political orthodoxy — they want the artist's creative impulses to smell of justice, democracy, and rights. Perhaps our intellectuals just want to taint everyone with their anxiety, the way a coward invents fears to scare brave men. "Intellectualism" is used to hide all kinds of anxieties — it's the most effective kangaroo pouch yet invented.

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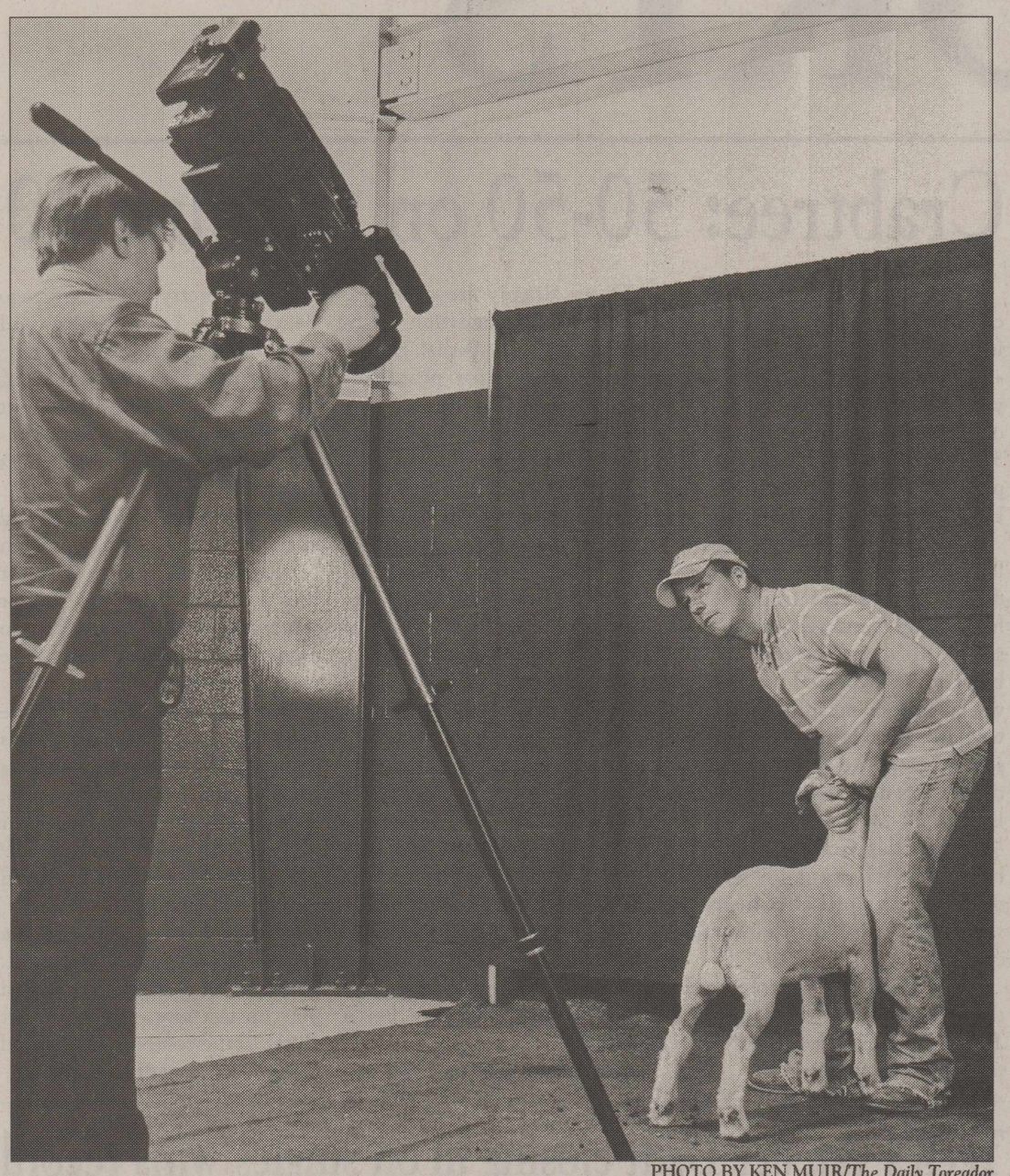


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**WITH THE HELP of CEV Multimedia, Bryan Bernhard, a senior animal science major from Seguin, helps educate high schools on how to judge livestock by recording video on Monday in the livestock arena.**

# Recession could help women surpass men in workforce

**By CHRYSTAL GRANT**
Staff Writer

Women could be on the brink of surpassing men in the workforce.

The economic recession led to many job losses, but mainly for men, said Mitra Toossi, a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projections economist.

About 82 percent of job losses belong to men, she said, and the percentage of women who lose their jobs hasn't changed much since the recession began.

"Women tend to obtain jobs in areas like services, health care and education, which are laying off less people," Toossi said. "It's not really about gender equality, but more so where the recession is hitting the industry in the area where men are more dominant."

The industries hardest hit by layoffs are dominated by men, she said, such as manufacturing and construction.

Many women who work support families, Toossi said, and women with families are more likely to take jobs that do not require many hours and have little, if any, benefits.

The economy has changed the family dynamic and shifted roles, said Maggie Allen, a Lubbock Economic Development Alliance research specialist.

She said the ongoing recession may challenge gender roles in the household along with budgets.

"Dads are staying at home and playing the caregiver role more than they used to," Allen said.

Experts also believe an increasing level of education among women explains the number of women in the workforce.

### BREAKDOWN OF WOMEN'S OCCUPATIONS

39 percent — management, professional and related occupations

34 percent — sales and office occupations

20 percent — service occupations

6 percent — production, transportation and material moving occupations

1 percent — natural resources, construction and maintenance occupations

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

More women are earning college degrees, which means more women are working, said Perry Carter, an associate geography professor at Texas Tech who studies human, social urban and economic geography.

"Although statistically women in the work force are rising," said Allen who also is a Tech graduate student, "the economy is difficult for everybody right now."

The number of women in the workforce is projected to grow at a faster rate than the number of men, said Sharon Cohany, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics economist, but she believes men are still more likely to hold more jobs in the future.

By the year 2016 an estimated total of about 87.8 million men and about 76.5 million women will be working, according to U.S. Bureau of Statistics employee projections. The annual growth rate between 2006 and 2016 will be an estimated .8 percent for men and .9 percent women.

In January, Cohany said, a total of 75 million men worked and 67 million women worked.

"The numbers are close and it's not impossible for women to surpass men in the future," she said, "but it's not likely."

Dominating the workforce is a continual battle for women, Allen said. Many factors affect the changing industries.

Men are losing jobs in the recession, she said, but women are more prone to be the caregivers, especially when they bare the children.

"There is really no way to give a forward answer about the future," Allen said. "There are many factors constant and unconstant that could affect the work force. I guess we have to just wait and see."

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# *Clooney meets with Obama to discuss Darfur trip*

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George Clooney apparently had a good reason for skipping out on Oscar night: He had a meeting with President Obama.

The Oscar-winning actor appeared Monday on CNN's "Larry King Live" and spoke of his visit earlier that morning with Obama to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Sudan's Darfur region.

Clooney said he told the president of his visit to camps in Chad where 250,000 refugees live, but he downplayed the risks he took to witness the suffering first-hand.

"I don't think people should be going there and coming back and saying how it affected them," Clooney told King via satellite from the White House lawn. "I think somehow we should all know that these people are hanging on by the skin of their teeth."

Clooney, a U.N. Messenger of Peace, said he asked the president to appoint a full-time regional envoy who reports directly to the White House, and to ask China to set aside its business interests in the region and pressure Sudan to prevent atrocities.

The refugees need "what we do best, what we have done best since the start of this country — which is good, robust diplomacy all across the world," he said.

Clooney said he delivered 250,000 postcards gathered by the Save Darfur organization to the president and Vice President Joe Biden. The actor said both were receptive.

Fighting erupted in 2003 as Darfur's ethnic African rebels took up arms against Sudan's government complaining of discrimination and neglect. Nearly 2.5 million people have been displaced by a conflict that has killed about 300,000 people.

Next week, the International Criminal Court is scheduled to rule on whether to proceed with an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir for crimes in Darfur.











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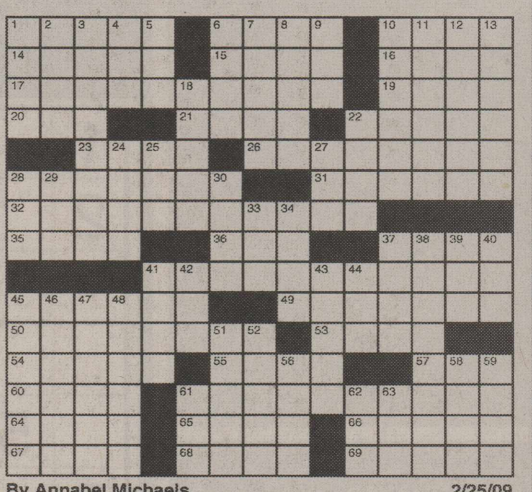
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# SPORTS

## With no Knight, Texas up next

By ALEX YBARRA
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Texas Tech coach Pat Knight has spent all season trying to transfer his philosophy and identity to his basketball team, which became his about a year ago after his father, Bob Knight, stepped down and gave him control.

While the progress obviously has not transferred to the win column — Tech ranks 11th in the Big 12 Conference — Pat Knight said he still takes pride in how his squad exerts just as much effort as any other team.

"The record is not where we want it to be, but I wouldn't trade these kids for anything," he said after a loss to Texas A&M on Saturday. "As long as I coach, I'll always remember this group, that they didn't lay down on me. We're taking some bad punches, but it's like they say, 'It's not how hard you can punch but how hard you can take a punch.'"

And the punches keep coming.

After the Aggies handed Tech its fourth straight loss and 11th in the last 13 games, Pat Knight criticized the referees and later was suspended by the Big 12 for his comments.

Therefore, he will not roam the sidelines when Tech (12-15, 2-10 in Big 12 play) plays No. 25 Texas (18-8, 7-5) at 8:30 p.m. today in Austin, which presents one more challenge the Red Raiders are dealing with.

"There's a phrase in boxing, 'Play it to the bone,' which means play it all the way," Pat Knight said during Saturday's press conference. "We're going to play it to the bone. We've got games left, these guys aren't going to give up, and we're going to play it all the way and see what happens."

Tech assistant coach Stew Robinson and associate head coach Chris Beard will coach against the Longhorns instead.

Texas coach Rick Barnes said Pat Knight called him Sunday to inform him of the suspension, and Barnes put himself in Knight's position, which involved four Tech players fouling out and A&M shooting 51 free throws.

"I know what it's like when you're fighting for every possession and you fight for your kids, you fight for your coaches, you fight for everybody," Barnes said. "At some point in time you hit a point where you feel like you gotta do what you think you need to do. I understand. Believe me, I've been there. I've gone through those situations, and they're hard because you're fighting and scratching for everything."

The Red Raiders will need to scratch and fight as much as possible if they want to alter history today. The Longhorns have won 12-straight games against Tech in the Erwin Center in Austin.

As if it was not already difficult enough, the Longhorns handed then-No. 2 Oklahoma its first conference loss of the season on Monday with a 73-68 win.

After starting Big 12 play with a 4-1 record, UT dropped three straight games before winning three of its last four to climb back into the NCAA Tournament scene.

In Tech's previous meeting with Texas at home Jan. 17, the Red Raiders trailed by six points at halftime, but the Longhorns pulled away in the second half to secure a 71-49 victory.

"We obviously learned, especially from their last run, they're obviously vulnerable," Tech center Robert Lewandowski said. "I know they can be beaten. I know they played well against Oklahoma the other day. It's obvious that we have a chance. We're right there, but we can't give in. We can't let down. We gotta play all 40 minutes."

If Tech wants a chance to stop the Longhorns, who are in the Top 25 for the first time in three weeks, it will need to shut down guard AJ Abrams. Abrams averages 17.1 points per game and had 16 straight at one point during the second half against Oklahoma. He had 11 points against Tech earlier this season.

Tech had trouble shutting down Texas swingman Damion James, who has recorded a double-double in three-straight games. James had a game-high 18 points against the Red Raiders in the previous meeting.

But whatever way the Red Raiders go about trying to slow down the Longhorns, they will have to fight without Pat Knight on the sidelines.

"I think it'll motivate everyone," Prince said. "Maybe just try to do this for coach because he won't be there. Just make us play harder."

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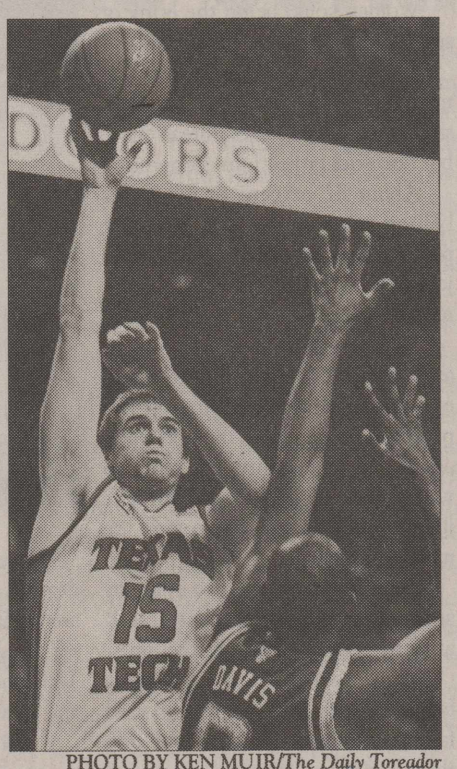


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**TEXAS TECH FORWARD Robert Lewandowski, shoots the ball during the Tech vs. A&M game on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena. Tech lost to A&M 79-73.**

## Crabtree: 50-50 on running 40

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Michael Crabtree might not perform in front of NFL scouts, after all.

The top-rated receiver in this year's draft told NFL Network on Tuesday there was only a 50-50 chance he would run at his personal workout next month in Lubbock, Texas.

On Saturday, doctors at the league's annual scouting combine diagnosed a stress fracture in his left foot and recommended surgery to insert a screw. Rehabilitation is expected to take 10 weeks or more, meaning Crabtree wouldn't be able to work out for scouts before the draft if the procedure was done soon. The draft is April 25-26.

On Sunday, Crabtree changed his plans. He said he would delay surgery until after his personal workout. Now that could change.

"It's 50-50," Crabtree told the television network by phone Tuesday. "I'm going to take some time and evaluate it."

There already are questions about how his condition might affect his draft status. Before the combine, most projected the record-setting Texas Tech receiver to be among the top five picks — and he still might.

But he measured 6-foot-1 — 2 inches shorter than his listed height at Texas Tech, creating a potential concern for teams that thought he fit the mold of a taller receiver such as Randy Moss or Larry Fitzgerald.

There could be additional questions about his durability. Crabtree spent part of last season dealing with a right ankle injury and now there are questions about his foot.

With none of the usual statistics to evaluate — such as the 40-yard dash and 20-yard shuttle — scouts could have a difficult time assessing Crabtree against such receivers as Missouri's Jeremy Maclin or Florida's Percy Harvin.

"He has a history, and his history is pretty good," Chicago Bears coach Lovie Smith said Saturday. "I think he'll be OK."

Over the past two seasons at Texas Tech, Crabtree has put together a resume worthy of being the first receiver selected in April.

He won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver each of the past two years, the first repeat winner since the honor was established in 1994. He also earned All-America honors the past two seasons.

As a freshman, Crabtree caught 134 passes for 1,962 yards and 22 TDs — all national bests and NCAA freshman records. Last season, he caught another 97 passes for 1,165 yards and 19 touchdowns despite being slowed by the ankle injury.

"I suffered this injury in the Texas A&M game," he said. "Initially, we thought that I could play on the foot, but as we got closer to the combine we realized that I have to get this fixed."

## Tech's van der Drift closing in on singles wins record

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

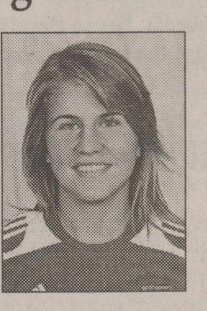
Texas Tech women's tennis player Samantha van der Drift is close to taking a permanent spot in the record books.

With 72 victories credited to her name, van der Drift needs three more to become Tech's all-time leader in singles wins. Janet Durham, who played for Tech from 2004 to 2008, is first on the list with 74 wins.

Although she is excited about closing in on the record, van der Drift said there is another goal that would be a little bit more special if the Lady Raiders can accomplish it.

"I want to make the NCAA Tournament, I don't care," she said. "I'd rather make the NCAA Tournament and not have the record than have the record and not make the NCAA Tournament."

So far this season van der Drift has been playing well, starting off with a 4-2 record with both losses coming to tough opponents. She fell to Denver's Mallory Voelker who is 9-0 this season, 7-5, 6-3 and lost to Arizona's No. 91 Danielle Steinberg taking her to a three-set tiebreaker, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2).



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>
> **TODD PETTY**
> TEXAS TECH
> TENNIS COACH

Junior Kerryn Potgieter, who has the eighth most singles wins in a career, has played with van der Drift for three years and said the honor will be well-deserved when it comes.

"She has always been a leader to me, someone I have always looked up to," she said. "Now as team captain she has been a good motivation for everyone to follow. She is definitely good for both Tech and for the team. She has been a good No. 1, been able to keep us solid up there and set the tone for team."

As a freshman, van der Drift played in the No. 4 and 5 spots for Tech, recording a 16-18 record in the fall and spring. In her second year she was inserted into the No. 1 spot and shined, earning a 24-14 record. In her junior season her play dipped a bit finishing the year with a 17-22 record.

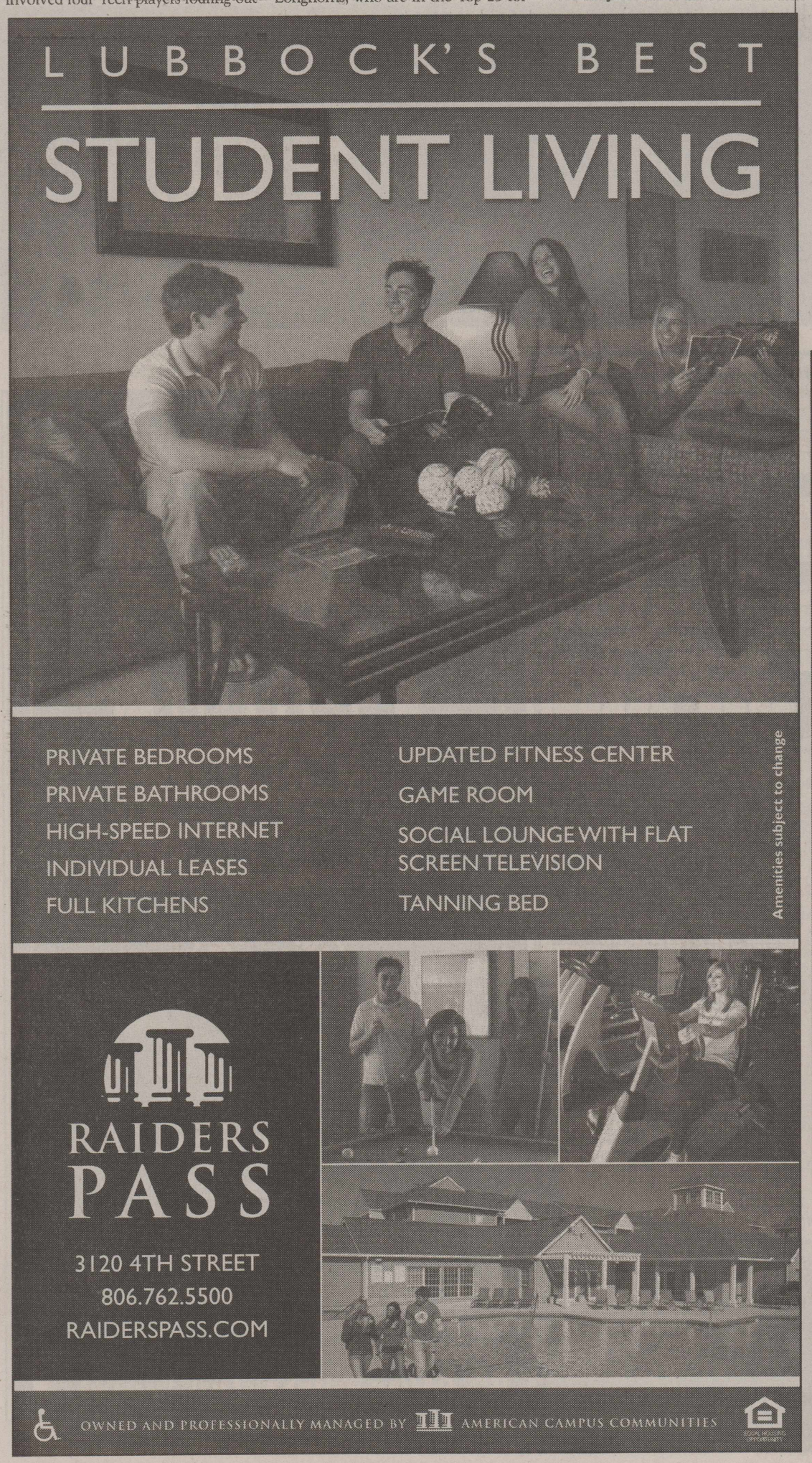
But Tech coach Todd Petty said van der Drift and her accomplishments have meant a lot to the Tech tennis program.

"This just shows her dedication to the game and her dedication to Texas Tech," he said. "Her dedication to this school and to this program so I think that shows that we're headed in the right direction."

The Lady Raiders along with van der Drift will try to improved on their 2-4 start and van der Drift will try to get a step closer to the record against Midwestern State and No. 21 TCU at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., respectively, Thursday at the McLeod Tennis Complex. TCU features No. 12 Nina Munch-Soegaard.

"She gives her all in practice; she gives her all in matches," Potgieter said. "That is what everyone looks up to. Since I've been here she has worked hard. We were always coming out extra doing extra work. She has worked hard and she definitely deserves to get it."

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## *Jones works to improve swing*

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Andruw Jones is finding his groove at just the right time.

Jones homered and doubled in his only two at-bats of the Texas Rangers' intrasquad game Tuesday afternoon, the team's final tune-up ahead of Wednesday's Cactus League opener.

"We've been working on things to get the bad habits out of my swing and getting on a good pace," said Jones, who is trying to find a spot in an already crowded Texas outfield.

Jones, who hit .158 with three homers in an injury-riddled 2008 season, is with the Rangers on a $500,000 minor-league contract that also includes up to an additional $1 million incentives. But first, he has to make the team.

"I'm happy to see him swinging the bat and happy to see him running around playing defense," said Rangers manager Ron Washington. "Tomorrow we start for real and we'll see how things go."

The Rangers said Kris Benson, signed to a minor-league contract on Saturday, will start against the Royals instead of left-hander Matt Harrison.

The 34-year-old Benson has not pitched in the major leagues since 2006 and was 1-4 in 11 starts for the Phillies' Triple-A team in Lehigh Valley last season year before he was released in August.

Harrison, 9-3 as a rookie last season, had been tabbed as the starter last week but Washington said pitching coach Mike Maddux feels Benson's more prepared to pitch two innings at the start than Harrison.

# Top rebounders on display as Tech takes on No. 6 Baylor

By ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

When the Lady Raiders get a second shot at No. 6 Baylor at 8 p.m. today in Waco, rebounding will not be overrated.

With two of the Big 12 Conference's best rebounders on display — Baylor's Danielle Wilson and Texas Tech's Kierra Mallard — the difference between an upset or a routine win could be who performs better on the glass.

"If we stop and slow down and run through our plays and stuff, I think we'll be good," said Mallard, who was named Big 12 Freshman of the Week Monday. "But most of all, we still gotta have energy and rebound and go to the board."

With a pivotal win at Oklahoma State and the Big 12 Freshman of the Week on their side, it seems everything is headed in the right direction for the Lady Raiders.

But what could be even more impressive is a win at Baylor (21-4, 9-3 in Big 12 play), and Curry said the key for Tech (15-11, 5-7) is to be aware of the little mistakes it made when the Lady Bears won the first meeting 76-64 on Jan. 24 in Lubbock.

"When you go back and look, we gave up two uncontested threes," she said. "We had some miscommunications there. We gave up six middle penetrations the first half. I could go on and on. A lot of little things that we can do better to make a big difference."



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**TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kierra Mallard is one of the best rebounders in the Big 12 Conference, and she squares off against another top rebounder in Baylor's Danielle Wilson at 8 p.m. today in Waco.**

However, Wilson not only put up 17 points in the first meeting, but she grabbed 17 boards as well.

Rebounding has seemed to make a difference for the Lady Bears and they have Wilson to thank.

Baylor is second in the Big 12 in offensive rebounding against conference opponents, pulling down 498 so far this season. Wilson's 59 offensive rebounds against Big 12 opponents are second only to OU's Courtney Paris. She has 116 total offensive rebounds this season.

Against Tech, six of her 17 rebounds came on the offensive glass.

But lately it seems Tech's Kierra Mallard has emerged as one of the best rebounders in the conference.

Mallard averaged 11 boards against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Against conference opponents, she is averaging 9.2 boards a game, which puts her fourth as of Tuesday.

In the first meeting between the two teams, Baylor outrebounded Tech 38 to 33 and Mallard had eight boards.

Baylor left Lubbock with an 11-game winning streak. Since then, the Lady Bears are 4-3, with two losses to No. 2 Oklahoma. Their latest loss to OU was a 66-58 defeat in Norman, Okla. Saturday.

The two losses to OU are keeping Baylor in second place in the conference standings behind a team it has been battling for Big 12 supremacy all season.

Whereas Baylor seems to have no questions concerning an NCAA Tournament berth, Tech is fighting for one.

A 74-70 win at Oklahoma State put the Lady Raiders a little closer to their goal, but No. 6 Baylor is the first of three ranked teams Tech has to face in its final four games.

"It's going to be the same going both ways," said Tech center Dominic Seals, whose 13.8 points a game ranks ninth in the conference. "We're fired up we won. We need to continue to win. They're going to be fired up to play because they loss to OU. It's just gonna be two competitive teams ready to go at each other neck to neck."

Baylor recently has dominated Tech, winning 10 of the last 11, including six straight.

But Curry said a chance at a tournament berth was a driving force for the win at Oklahoma State.

It could do the same in Waco.

"It's just right now, we need wins," she said. "The magic number we think is seven, so that's another opportunity for us to get a win. We feel good about our chances on the road."

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# Rushing to run the 40-yard dash should not be priority for Crabtree

**Landry Locker**



Michael Crabtree has elected to put off foot surgery until after he runs the 40-yard dash at his March 26 workout — which he recently said is not a guarantee — to improve his stock in April's NFL Draft.

However, while it appears Crabtree is feeling the pressure to post a fast 40-time for NFL teams, he has nothing to gain by running for scouts.

The only way Crabtree possibly could benefit from his decision is by running a blazing time. However, he was never expected to post a phenomenal time in the 40-yard dash, so this is very unlikely.

More importantly, even if Crabtree does run a fast 40, he is not guaranteed to go Top 10 in April's NFL draft.

Before last year's draft, Devin Thomas, a wide receiver from Michigan State, impressed scouts with his 4.4 time in the 40 and was predicted to go as high as 11th overall to the Buffalo Bills. Despite all of the hype and an impressive 40, Thomas was not selected until the second round by the Washington Redskins.

In fact, in last year's draft, no wide receivers even were selected in the first round.

Wide receivers generally have not been valued as Top 10 picks in recent years. In the last three NFL Drafts only two wide receivers have been selected in the Top 10: Calvin Johnson, a freakish 6-foot-5, 240-pound physical specimen who ran a 4.35 40 at the combine, and Ted Ginn Jr., who was selected in large part because of his ability to return punts.

One reason NFL teams are hesitant to select wide receivers early is because a large amount of wide receivers drafted in the Top 10 have turned out to be total draft busts.

Since 2000, 15 wide receivers have been selected in the Top 10 and only two are clear-cut franchise receivers: Larry Fitzgerald and Johnson.

The only other two wide receivers selected in the top 10 in the last eight years who could even be considered elite receivers are Braylon Edwards and Plaxico Burress, but both of them have problems that would cause many people to question their statuses as elite receivers.

Peter Warrick, David Terrell, Troy Williamson and Mike Williams are all examples of wide receivers drafted in the Top 10 who never achieved the success they were expected to.

A lot of mock drafts have Crabtree going No. 4 to the Seattle Seahawks, but Seattle could be hesitant to select a receiver that early because the last receiver they selected in the Top 10 turned out to be a bust (Koren Robinson in 2001).

Like the Seahawks, many teams have reservations about drafting a wide receiver early in round one, so even if Crabtree miraculously pulls a blazing 40 time, it does not guarantee he will be selected higher in the draft.

When a prospect has one flaw scouts tend to search hard to expose other possible weaknesses. A slow 40 time is just going to magnify other possible weaknesses for NFL teams.

Crabtree already has measured at 6-foot-1 at the Combine after being listed at 6-foot-3 during his two seasons in Lubbock. Running a slow time could make scouts question his size as well.

If teams begin to label Crabtree as a slow 6-foot-1 receiver, then that also could cause them to view him as a product of a pass-oriented offense with misleading statistics. This could make teams hesitant to draft Crabtree because, with the exception of Wes Welker, players from Mike Leach's offense have not been successful in the NFL.

Running a slow 40 could result in magnifying Crabtree's other possible weaknesses and possibly hurt his draft stock — a risk he should not be willing to take.

If he runs the expected average 40 time then nothing has been lost or gained, and we are right back to square one.

While the 40 is supposed to measure a player's speed, the results can be misleading.

Jerry Rice, Chris Carter and Michael Irvin ran below average 40s, but they never looked slow on a football field during their legendary careers. There also have been a ton of receivers who ran impressive times in the 40, but looked slow on the field.

Crabtree should not feel the pressure to prove anything to an NFL team by running the 40. His game tape should say more about what kind of player he is than a 40-yard dash with no pads and no cornerback in front of him.

Crabtree should have foot surgery and spend time rehabbing instead of running a 40-yard dash that could hurt him more than it could help him.

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## UNFURNISHED

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.

2114 16TH. 3/2. $1000/mo. 806-771-8952. Tritexprop@gmail.

2216 24TH St. 4/2. $900/mo. 806-771-8952. Tritexprop@gmail.

3 BEDROOM house. 1 block Tech. Central heat refrigerated air. No pets. Washer/dryer. $950/month. Bills paid. 792-3118.

3/2/2 NEAR Tech & medical. Large bedrooms. 406 Guneau. Pets okay. 214-543-8545.

3318 GRINNELL. 3/1. $495/mo. 806-771-8952. Tritexprop@gmail.

4/4/3. 1889 sq. ft. $1700/mo. March & April free. 544-7506.

### AFFORDABLE
Nice 1 bed efficiency house. Quite. 2 block off campus on 22nd. Kitchenette, refrigerator, stove. Private parking. Move in today. $265/mo. For appointment to view see Ann or B. J. at 4211 34th.

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 FIRST month rent before May 15. Cute 2/2 house! Upkept & very affordable. Garage & utility! Available ASAP. Call Brittany @ 806-281-3593.

## UNFURNISHED

### 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.

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 REMOLDED 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, 2606 21st, 2604C 21st, 2608B 21st, 3810A & B 33rd, 5217 42nd. 797-2212.

## FOR SALE

00 NO ACHES. New visco memory foam mattress set. In plastic. $395. 806-549-3110.

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

1999 TOYOTA Camry $500! One owner! For listings 800-544-1092 ext. 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.

BLACK IRON canopy bed, rails, & new mattress. $349. 806-438-0081.

BRAND NEW cherry pedestal dining table, chairs and lighted china cabinet. $990. 806-549-3110.

CALIFORNIA KING (long) complete mattress set. Brand new! $250. 806-438-0081.

CHERRY 6 piece dining table with leaf and chairs. Still boxed from factory. $390. 806-549-3110.

## FOR SALE

DOUBLE/FULL PILLOW TOP mattress set. New in plastic. $120. 806-549-3110.

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

FIRM ORTHOPEDIC queen size mattress & foundation. Never used. $125. 806-438-0081.

HUGE 4 poster oak bedroom set. Wife didn't like. $875. 806-466-2645.

KING SIZE pillow top mattress & box spring. Brand new! $250. 806-549-3110.

### MATTRESS, FURNITURE
5127 34th Street (34th & Slide). 785-7253.

UKC BLUE pit bulls. Gotti/razor bloodlines, grey coat, grey temperament, 4 weeks, will take deposits, 10 pups. Must see litter! Craig: 281-788-2331.

## 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.

### THE GOLD STOP
Cash for gold, silver, jewerly, coins, watches, etc. 2423 34th. Open M-F 9am-6pm. 806-747-4653, 790-7074.

### YOUR GIFT MEANS THE WORLD
Consider donating your eggs to help other women. Your time is worth $2500-$3500. The Centre for Reproductive Medicine. 788-1212.

## ROOMMATES

1 ROOM available, $280 month, <2miles from campus, 26th & T, call/text Jerrod 940-368-6331.

## ROOMMATES

FEMALE ROOMMATE needed. 2/1. Close to campus. Cheap rent! Call Liz for more details (806)470-6303.

ROOM WITH private bath. North Pointe Subdivision. Linnie 575-361-3588.

ROOMMATE NEEDED. University Fountains. 3/3 townhome. david.brock@ttu.edu.

ROOMMATE NEEDED: Share 3/2 house + game room for summer/fall. Quiet neighborhood, near Tech. Call Robbie 806-570-4070 or Clint 806-317-8452.

## SERVICES

### AFFORDABLE MOVING
Quick, easy professional moving. Reasonable prices. Local or long distance. Free estimate on the phone. Call 799-4033.

ANDROPOLIS HAIR SALON/COLOR SPA. New client special! Womens haircut/style $20. Mens haircut/style $15. Color services 25% off. Eyebrow/lip wax $10. Limited time offer w/NATALIE DEBELLIS. 806-747-8811.

### EZ DEFENSIVE DRIVING.
Free Chicken Fried Steak Included! Only $26.95. Cell 781-2931. More Information www.LubbockClass.com.

SALON SCULPT @ The Centre, Spring Break Special $40 Brazilian & $100 off hair extensions, call for an appointment today 806-368-8004.

### WAXING
Brazillian, $45. Bikini, $20. Lip & brow, $15. Camille, 797-9777x245, @ Lindsey's 3307 83rd.

## LOST & FOUND

WOMENS WATCH Found. Call: 806-474-8644 to claim.

## TRAVEL

### SKIPAJARITO.COM

### TAKE U THERE TRAVEL
Get Spring discount on all travel. Discount vacation packages, hotels, air, rental car and cruises. Book travel at www.takeutheretravel.net. For company's presentation go to www.takeutheretravel.biz. Call Sonya at 806-765-7533 for more information.

# EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

"Men [and Women] wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honor and recognition in case of success." Sir Ernest Shackleton

**Outdoor Pursuits Center is now hiring for the Trip Program and Climbing Center**

This is your chance to join the Outdoor Pursuits Center. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 4:00 P.M. at the OPC for those seeking more information. The Outdoor Pursuits staff positions are available in the rental and trip programs as well as the Climbing Center. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a learning experience in outdoor recreation and leadership. Qualified applicants don't necessarily need outdoor trip or climbing experience but have an ability to lead people with various backgrounds, teach different activities, a good work ethic, and have a positive sense of humor. Application is available online at www.recsports.ttu.edu! Stop by our office or call 742-3351 / 742-2949 for more information.

Phone: 742-3351 Website: www.rescsports.ttu.edu Box 2151

## Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

### Spring Break Youth Sports Camp

March 16 -19 $40 per child
Limited to 60 children! Sign-up at the Rec Center or download the brochure at www.recsports.ttu.edu

### Feed Your Body and Soul Week

Don't miss out on the last couple of events for Feed Your Body and Soul Week!
Today: 11:00am - 1:00pm
FYBS Fair at the SUB
Today 6:00pm
Feature Film: Disconfigured
Human Sciences Rm. 169

### Registration for the 2nd Session of X2 classes begins going on NOW!

Register for the 2nd 6 weeks of Spin, Boxing Techniques, Dance and Mind/Body classes. New this session is an Intro to Triathlon class, Self Defense and Ballroom Dancing. Check www.recsports.ttu.edu for times and prices. Classes begin on March 1.

### Scuba

Get signed up tiday for this spring's scuba diving class! There are already spots taken on this great trip!
Deadline: March 26 $300

## Aquatics Center

### WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING THIS SUMMER?




The Leisure Pool will be open, and we will need people to work! We need more than lifeguards though! We will need customer service representatives, swim instructors, and lifeguards! Get started on a great summer job by attending one of our four informational meetings! We will train you!

### Lifeguarding Classes

If you do want to be a lifeguard, we have lots of classes available for you to take! Cost is $130 for Texas Tech students and faculty/staff and $140 for the community. Includes the book and all certification costs.
Spring Lifeguarding Classes Start Dates:
Saturday, March 28th - April 5th
Tuesday, March 31st - April 23rd
Wednesday, April 18th - April 26th
Monday, May 11th - May 16th

### 5000 Meter Swim March 7, 2009 10:00am

Think you can eat what Michael Phelps eats for breakfast and then swim this long course? We don't recommend you trying to eat 10,000 calories in a day, but we definitely want you out for this great swim! This event is designed to test your personal limits. The swim is free and T-shirts are available for purchase. (Yes! We count the laps for you!)

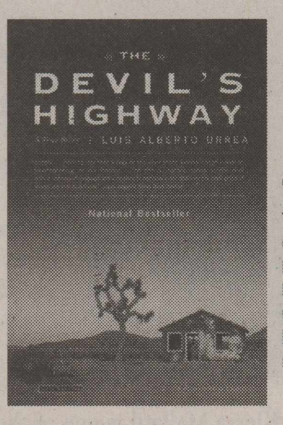
## Outdoor Pursuits Center

### Caprock Day Hike

Deadline: Tomorrow!
Trip Date: February 28
Cost: $20

### Palo Duro Mountain Biking

Deadline: Tomorrow!
Trip Date: March 1
Cost: $20




### The Devil's Highway Bike Tour

**Register by March 5**
**Trip Dates: March 18 - 22**

**Trip Cost: $195** **Bike rental is included!**

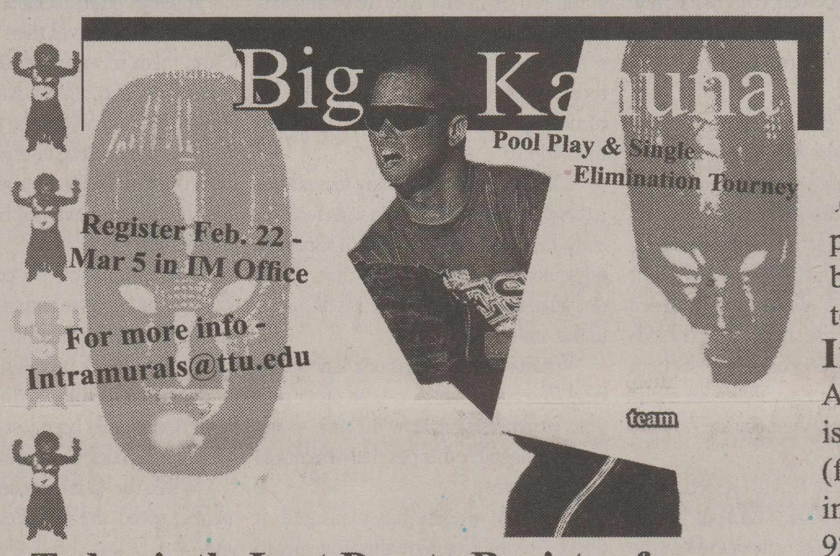
This trip will start in the Big Bend National Park area and proceed north over the course of five days. Over the course of the five days, everyone will be discussing different aspects of the "The Devil's Highway" by Luis Alberto Urrea, the 2008 Summer Reading Program book for the First Year Raider Experience. The book follows 26 Mexican men as they try to come into the United States illegally. Only 12 survive. This book dissects the failings and hardship of border regulations both in the US and Mexico. Join us in a trip that attempts to provide a unique perspective on the immigration issue by riding through one of the harshest areas of Texas not meant to sustain human life.

For more information, contact the OPC at opc@ttt.edu or by phone at 742-2949
For more information on the Summer Reading Program, visit www.summerreading.ttu.edu

### Wilderness First Responder

Deadline: $495 before Febrauary 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 industrys' 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 WMTC adult CPR & AED certification. For more information, call 742-2949.

## Intramurals




**Today is theLast Day to Register for Intramural Badminton and Table Tennis!**

### THE ROAD TO THE SPIRIT ARENA BEGINS SUNDAY!

Intramural basketball playoffs begin Sunday, March 1st at the Student Rec Center. Schedules will be ready today after 2pm. All teams that earned enough sportsmanship points are eligible for the playoffs. Stop by the Intramural Office (Room 203) or check out the brackets on the web (www.recsports.ttu.edu). Good luck to all the teams.

### Intramural Soccer Is Almost Here!

Are you ready to kick the futbol around?. Intramural Indoor Soccer is right around the corner. Bring your friend's socials, $50.00 (forfeit fee), and a smiling face to the Intramural Office room 203 in the Rec Center to sign up your team. Space is limited to the first 92 teams! If you do not have a team but love to play softball, we have a FREE AGENT program just for you. The Free-Agent meeting is set for Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00pm.

## Fit/Well

**$200 GRAND PRIZE REALITY CHECK**

Think you got what it takes? Compete in a health based trivia game and win awesome prizes.

March 2, 2009
Allen Theatre
6 to 9pm

Spring break health fair 6 to 7:30 Game starts at 7

Visit http://recsportsmm.com/AOOGameShow.php for more details.

**CRUNCH FOR KIDS**
BENEFITTING THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK
SUGGESTED DONATION:$1

MARCH 3–5
ALL ABS CLASSES
5:00PM AND 6:40PM

RECEIVE AN EXTRA RAIDER XCAPE PUNCH FOR EACH $1 DONATED
FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL FIT.WELL@TTU.EDU
Rec Sports SPONSORED BY

**Get Ready for Session 2 Classes!**
**Registration Begins Feb 22, 2009**

*CONTINUING CLASSES*
Prenatal Water Fitness
Spin Classes
Belly Dancing
Latin Dance
Swing Dance
Jazz
Meditation
Boxing Techniques
Mind & Body Pass
$40 (Rest Of Semester)

Raider X2

*NEW CLASSES*
Saturday Spin
Racquetball Clinic
Ballroom Dance
Self Defense
Intro to Triathlon

Rec Sports TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

**Classes Start March 1st**
For More Info Email: fitwell.rec@ttu.edu



**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 Helath (TTUHSC 2B440)

## student union

*coming together in the union*




**Student Union & Activities welcomes siblings during Sibling Weekend hosted by the Office of Parent and Family Relations**

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Student Union & Activities
Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

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

## & activities

*whats coming up at the union*

***Tech Price is Right***
Thursday, February 26
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00pm

***Movie -- Role Models***
Wednesday, March 4
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00pm

***Matinee Movie -- Role Models***
Thursday, March 5
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00pm

***Texas Tech ScholarChip Challenge Poker Tournament***
Thursday, March 5-Sunday, March 8
SUB Matador Room

***Lubbock Symphony Orchestra --Bruckner: Grandfather of Film Music***
Friday, March 6-Saturday, March 7
Civic Center Theatre | 8:00pm

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

TECH ACTIVITIES BOARD

### student organization updates...

***S.O. Advisor Meeting - OrgSync 101***
Wednesday, February 25 & March 3
SUB Mesa Room | 5:00pm

***S.O. Registration Meeting***
Tuesday, March 3
SUB Senate Room | 2:00pm