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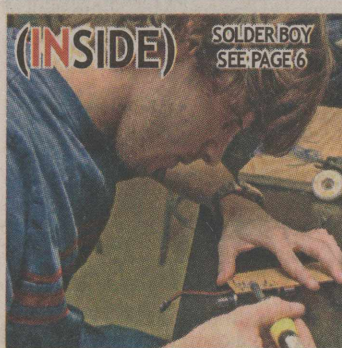
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Texas A&M settles decade-old lawsuit

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University agreed Tuesday to pay \$2.1 million to settle a lawsuit over the collapse of a bonfire tower that killed 12 people and injured dozens more nearly a decade ago.

The families of four students killed and several of those who were injured sued the university and construction contractors hired to help build the 59-foot-tall tower of logs that fell apart in November 1999.

NATION

Authorities: skinhead plot wasn't fully formed

BELLS, Tenn. (AP) — Two white supremacists charged with plotting to behead blacks across the country and assassinate Barack Obama while wearing white top hats and tuxes were likely too disorganized to carry out the plot, authorities said, and their planning was riddled with blunders.

Paul Schlesselman, 18, of Helena-West Helena, Ark., and Daniel Cowart, 20, of Bells are accused of dreaming up the plan. While authorities say they had guns capable of creating carnage, documents show they never got close to getting off the ground.

WORLD

Iraqi Cabinet authorizes reopening of US talks

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi Cabinet on Tuesday authorized Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to reopen talks with the United States on a security pact that would allow U.S. troops to stay in Iraq for three more years after their U.N. mandate expires Dec. 31.

With a week to go before the American presidential elections, the Iraqi decision could delay the key agreement that provides the legal basis for the U.S. to operate in Iraq past the end of the year.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said members of the Cabinet proposed unspecified "essential" amendments and gave them to al-Maliki to offer to American negotiators.

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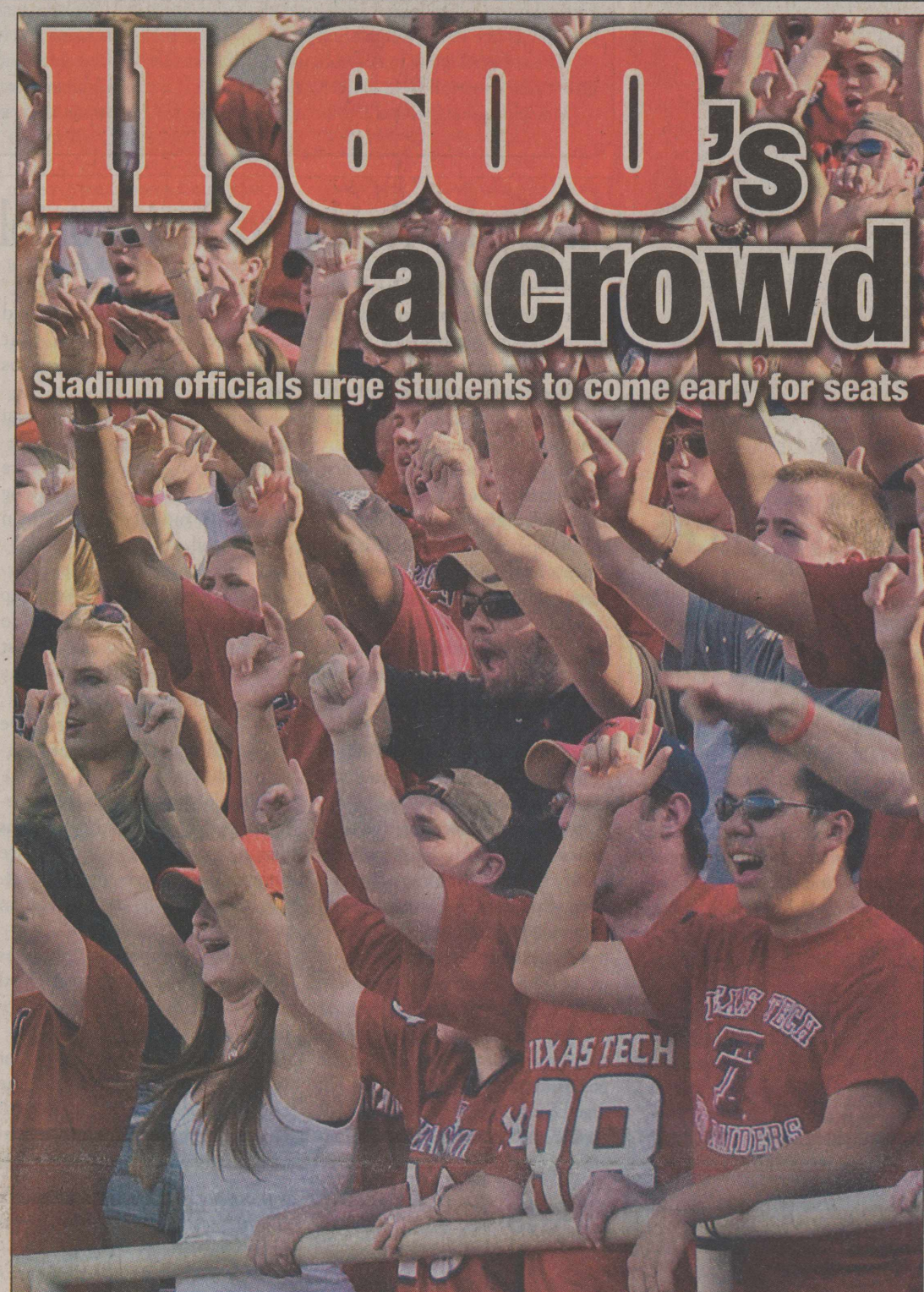
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11,600's a crowd

Stadium officials urge students to come early for seats

PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador

THE STUDENT SECTION at Jones AT&T Stadium will have room for 11,600 students during Saturday's game.

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
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Texas Tech students may want to consider leaving RaiderGate or other pre-game festivities earlier than usual and have their ID's handy for Saturday's showdown between The Associated Press' No. 1 University of Texas and No. 5 Tech at Jones AT&T Stadium.

With anticipation building around Saturday's game including a visit from the popular pre-game

television show, ESPN's College GameDay, visiting Tech this weekend, a large crowd is expected to attend the game. Tickets to the game are sold out.

In 2006, the last time Tech hosted Texas, the Jones AT&T Stadium attendance record was broken with 56,158 fans spectating a Texas 35-31 victory.

Jarod Huddleston, the director of ticket operations in the Tech athletics office, said the student entrance gates will open at 5 p.m. Saturday for the first 11,600 Tech students.

Huddleston recommends students queue up in the line to enter the student gates around 4 p.m. Saturday.

To get into the student section, students will need their Tech ID, Huddleston said. Students will have their IDs swiped by event staff to be granted access into the student section. The student section takes up all the seating behind the south end zone and runs along the visiting team's sideline in the lower section

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Peace Corps expects funding shortages, possible delays in volunteer departures

By **TINA L. ARONS**
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Life is calling, and the Peace Corps catch phrase asks Americans, "How far will you go?"

But, with economic uncertainties looming overhead, perhaps the question should be, "How long will you wait?"

The humanitarian assistance program, which sends thousands of Americans abroad every year, plans to delay or cut between 300 and 400 volunteer positions as a result of the rising cost of food, fuel and other commodities.

"We're currently in a financial situation that leaves us feeling the pinch of inflation abroad and steep currency losses due to the dollar," said Peace Corps spokeswoman Josie Duckett from the agency's Washington D.C. headquarters. "With a small budget like ours, those hits have a great impact."

Officials estimate foreign currency-related losses at \$9.2 million for the fiscal year 2008 alone, and she said the agency is preparing for an \$18 million shortfall in the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

Duckett said the agency's managers have asked regional offices to cut their budgets by 15.5 percent and it even plans to discontinue providing copies of Newsweek magazine to volunteers in the field. "We're trying to

remain as lean as possible, but we're not cutting back everywhere," she said. "We're not closing any posts or taking any volunteers out of the field."

Grant Weldon, a senior Spanish major from Lubbock, said he began his application process in September and is scheduled to leave for Latin America in July.

"There's just always been something about Latin America and the culture and the people that I've been attracted to," he said. "The opportunity to teach English and learn more Spanish and learn more about the culture and live with the people — that's what the Peace Corps offers."

But he said he is aware that his departure is not certain.

"That's why they call it a 'nomination,'" he said.

Volunteers become nominated and placed on a list, which contains information about themselves and where they would like to go. They are chosen based on the opportunities available and their qualifications.

Volunteers whose departure is delayed by budget cuts will have to wait longer before they can begin providing humanitarian aid overseas, Duckett said, but it's a continual process of matching up.

"We'll do everything that we can to increase the number of volunteers in the field," she said. "We want

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Lubbock ranked as safe from recession

By **MATT COBB**
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Even if the national economy takes a drastic turn for the worse, some experts believe the city of Lubbock could remain relatively unaffected.

Lubbock was ranked among the 20 safest cities to live in the U.S. during a period of recession, according to a report published by BusinessWeek.

All of the cities ranked in the report have a large portion of their population employed in "anticyclical" industries, which include health care, education and agriculture, according to the report. These typically are more stable industries, and they could provide a cushion if there is a national economic downturn.

"(Lubbock's) economy has a lot of components that are not subject to the ups and downs of the national economy," said Gary Lawrence, president of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance.

Most of the industries that are predominant in Lubbock rely on non-discretionary income, he said. Non-discretionary income is money that is allocated for indispensable items like food and health care. Since these items are required to live, the industries that produce them typically remain stable during a recession.

Even though Lubbock has a large number of stable industries, the city is not exempt from feeling the effects of a suffering economy, Lawrence said. The effects would just be minimal, compared to the

national scale.

"People in the health care industry, let's say, could experience a 5 percent or 10 percent layoff," he said, "but it would not be anything like a 40 percent layoff."

The industries that maintain Lubbock's economy also hold it back, Lawrence said. During times of national growth and economic expansion, Lubbock's gross domestic product does not significantly change.

"We are generally remote from national trends," said Eddie McBride, president and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. "Lubbock typically doesn't get the suffer the depths of a recession or celebrate economic highs."

Other factors that help make Lubbock a "recession-proof" city include its conservative banking system and its stable real estate market, he said.

"We don't have massive layoffs in this town that oppress existing home prices," Lawrence said.

Among the list of safe cities during a recession are Baltimore, New Orleans and Philadelphia, according to the report. The only other city in Texas ranked in the report is Corpus Christi.

Lubbock's unemployment rate also is currently below both the state and the national average.

In September 2008, the unemployment rate in Lubbock was 4 percent, while the unemployment rate for Texas was 5.2 percent, according to information provided by the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance. The national unemployment rate was 6 percent in September.

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No plans for SGA pre-game pep rally

Despite several reports of a pre-game pep rally scheduled for Thursday, the Texas Tech Student Government Association will not host a pep rally before the Tech vs. University of Texas football game.

Because of several other events the SGA will be involved in throughout the week, SGA President Lee Bobbitt said, the association could not organize a pep rally, which she said was frustrating.

Although the association considered the idea for a pep rally for "a long time," she said, it never was discussed outside the SGA and no formal plans were set.

The SGA plans to play an expanded role at RaiderGate before the game, Bobbitt said Monday, and will distribute more than 4,000 pirate eye patches to the first students who enter the Jones AT&T Stadium starting at 5 p.m., when gates open.

The University of Texas, ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press college football rankings, will visit the Jones AT&T stadium Saturday to play No. 6 ranked Tech.

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Stocks surge as Wall Street investors hunt for bargains

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street had another astounding advance Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrials soaring nearly 900 points in their second-largest point gain ever as late-day bargain hunters stormed into the market. The Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 index each shot up nearly 11 percent.

There didn't appear to be any one catalyst for the surge that saw the Dow nearly double its gain in the last hour of trading. Many analysts said investors were grabbing up stocks in the belief that Wall Street had fallen too far in recent sessions; the Dow had dropped 500 points in two days. Some said buying early in the day came from anticipation of an interest rate cut Wednesday by the Federal Reserve, and the market just followed its recent pattern of building on its gains or losses in the last minutes of the session.

"There is nothing fundamental that came out today or yesterday

that would take it up or down. We're all groping for something meaningful to talk about," said Bob Andres, chief investment strategist at Portfolio Management Consultants. "The market is exhausted from going down."

But given the relentless volatility in the market — out of 20 trading days this month, there have been only two that didn't see the Dow close up or down in triple digits — no one expects that stocks are now headed higher for good. After Wall Street's devastating losses that slashed 2,400 points off the Dow in eight sessions, market veterans warned that the recovery would be rocky, including huge gains followed by huge declines.

"I don't think it will be a sustained move," said Matt King, chief investment officer at Bell Investment Advisors, of Tuesday's surge.

It was clear that investors wanted to buy — they looked past news of a sharp drop in consumer con-

fidence early in the session. The Conference Board said its index of consumer confidence has fallen to a record low 38 in October, well below the 51 analysts expected; with consumer spending accounting for more than two-thirds of economic growth, the reading was the latest in a long line of disappointing data.

The market's reaction was notable because it was investors' anguish over a likely recession that had them selling just days ago. But analysts don't necessarily see that change of heart as a sign of health.

"I would like to hope that a little bit of fear is being replaced by greed at this point," said Kim Caughey, equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group. "I'm not that happy, though. There's no big news out there."

The Dow rose 889.35, or 10.88 percent, to 9,065.12. That was its second-largest point gain, coming after the 936 points the Dow jumped on Oct. 13.

Parties pouring cash into legislative races

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrats are pouring money into their effort to take back the Texas House, but powerful Speaker Tom Craddick is dipping into his own multi-million dollar campaign account to shore up his ever-thinning Republican majority.

Craddick's spending — at least \$720,000 — helped give the GOP an edge in most of the 15 hotly contested House races. The Associated Press is tracking, but Democrats were keeping it competitive and spending much more than in previous years.

At least two state Senate races are in play, even if control of the chamber isn't. One of them, in Fort Worth, has seen combined spending approach an unusually high \$2.3 million since Sept. 26, according to campaign reports due a week before the Nov. 4 election.

Fueled by wealthy trial lawyers, the Texas Democratic Trust went through all but \$232 of its vast bank account, shelling out \$2.1 million over the last month alone — five times more than the \$420,000 it spent during the same period two years ago.

The trust gave about \$200,000 to the House Democratic Campaign Committee and about \$1.5 million to the Texas Democratic Party.

Craddick, the first Republican speaker since the Civil War era, has increased his burn rate significantly in the waning days of the election. The new reports show he donated \$500,000 to the GOP-aligned Stars Over Texas committee, and another \$220,000 to the Republican Party of Texas.

"There's clearly a lot of late

money moving through both sides," said Jeff Crosby, a consultant to several Democratic House candidates. "It's not atypical for money to move late in the campaigns, but there seem to be more zeros on the checks this year."

The Stars Over Texas committee, to which Craddick is the largest contributor, focused their contributions on the most competitive races in the state, including \$200,000 to Arlington Republican Rep. Bill Zedler. The seat is seen as one of the most likely pick-up opportunities for Democrats.

Zedler, who has outspent Democrat Chris Turner, also picked up almost \$70,000 in cash from Texans for Lawsuit Reform as well as almost \$60,000 in in-kind mail contributions.

ICC to host international-themed fall festival

The Office of International Affairs at Texas Tech will host the International Coffee House Fall Festival from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the International Cultural Center Hall of Nations.

Laraine McCallum, a Tech international student counselor, said there will be door prizes and plenty of candy to go around. Students also can participate in pumpkin carving and making candy apples.

"It's a great way for students to meet one another," she said. "Coffee House is open to all students and is a chance for international and domestic students to interact together in a fun environment and form relationships."

McCallum said it is great to see students from different parts of the world interact together. The Fall Festival gives international students a chance to see what fall is like in the United States.

"We are even going to decorate with pinecones to give it that extra fall feeling," McCallum said.

McCallum said there will be a costume contest for

those who enjoy dressing up for Halloween, but it is not required.

Robert Crosier, Tech's director of International Affairs, said International Coffee House events provide introductions to other offices and organizations on campus for many international students.

"It's a great way for students to get together," Crosier said. "A campus like ours isn't very similar to what others have experienced around the world."

Crosier said Coffee House events vary month to month and are a cooperative venture funded by International Affairs and other offices.

McCallum said there always are representatives from other student organizations at these events and it is a great way to enhance student involvement.

"We have something for everyone," McCallum said. "Just come and have some fun!"

The International Cultural Center is located at 601 Indiana Ave.

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Analysis: Raid into Syria complicates Iraq's ties

BAGHDAD (AP) — The deadly U.S. raid into Syria may complicate efforts to win approval for a new U.S.-Iraqi security deal by drawing attention to a fact many Iraqis detest — that they can't control everything American forces might do.

Iraq's government offered its first official criticism of the raid on Tuesday, two days after Syrian officials say U.S. troops and helicopters swooped into Syrian territory close to the Iraqi border, killing eight people.

The U.S. command in Baghdad would not comment, but a U.S. military official said American special forces targeted the network that smuggles fighters and weapons into Iraq. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the raid was classified.

In a sign of how sensitive such attacks can be for Iraq's government, Syria summoned the top Iraqi diplomat in Damascus and demanded that Iraq "shoulder its responsibilities" and prevent the use of Iraqi territory "for aggression against Syria."

On Tuesday, Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the government "rejects" the raid but urged Syria to crack down on what he said are "organizations" on its ter-

ritory that are trying to hurt Iraq.

A U.S. military official said the target was a network that smuggles fighters and weapons into Iraq.

That strikes at the heart of Iraqi criticism over the security agreement — that Iraqis cannot take control of their own country so long as big U.S. military forces remain on their soil.

The raid could also encourage Syria and Iran to step up pressure on Iraqi lawmakers to reject the deal. Parliament must approve the measure before the U.N. mandate expires Dec. 31, and Iraqi Shiite lawmakers have expressed doubts the current version would pass.

"It will be used against the agreement and will give the Iranians reason to increase their interference here against the agreement," Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman predicted.

"Now neighboring countries have a good reason to be concerned about the continued U.S. presence in Iraq," he said.

The Iraqi government has so far issued no formal statement about the raid, but the chief spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh noted that the reported

target was a center of "anti-Iraq terrorist activity."

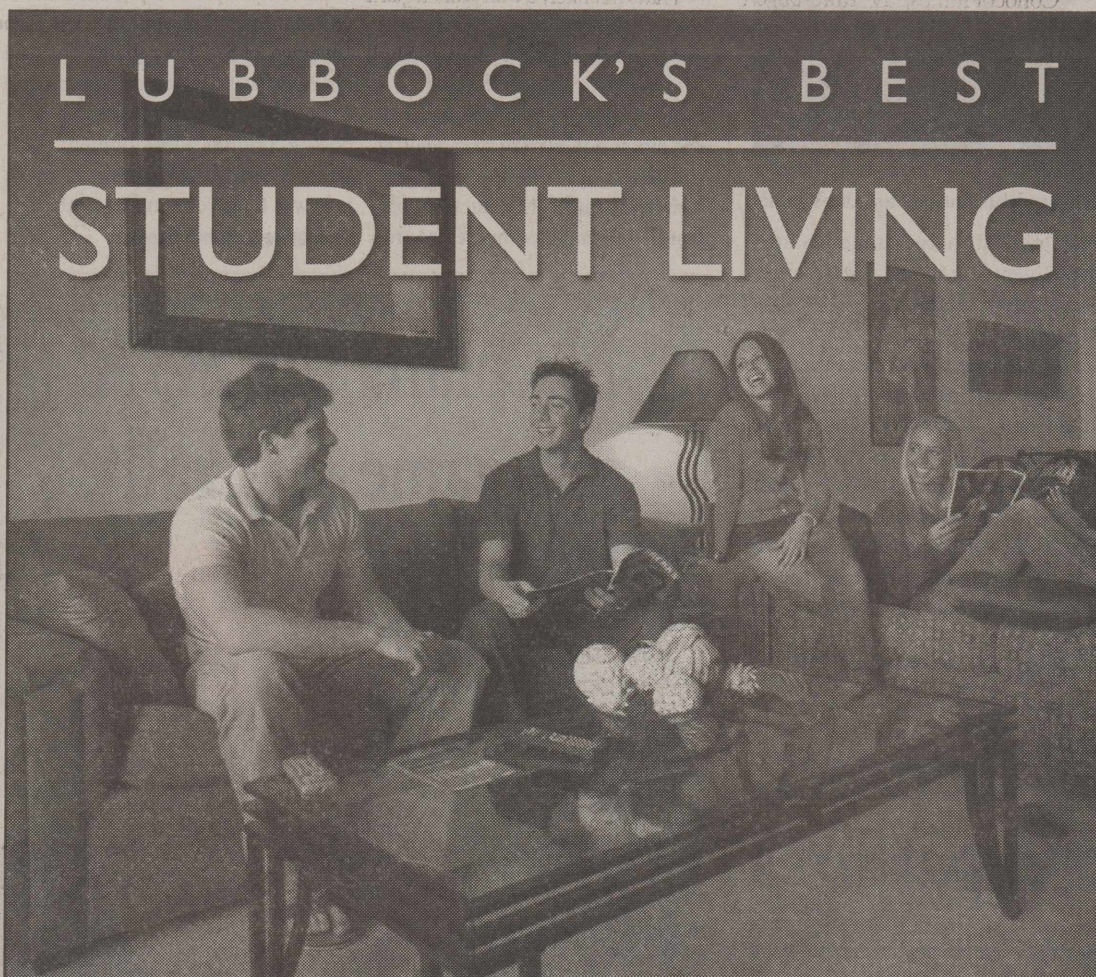
But another lawmaker — this one a prominent Shiite who has not taken a public stand on the deal — said the raid would hurt the security agreement's chances of approval because it sends "a message that Iraq is not in control of its own affairs." He spoke on condition of anonymity because the issues are sensitive.

The proposed deal would allow American troops to stay in Iraq through 2011 to help build up Iraq's own forces and fight the remaining al-Qaida militants and Shiite extremists.

But critics inside Iraq believe the agreement would tie Iraq to American political and military policies in the region. That could harm Iraq's efforts to build good relations with neighbors like Syria and Iran — who aren't on good terms with Washington.

U.S. officials insist the agreement respects Iraqi sovereignty.

But critics maintain that there is no way that Iraq will be anything but a junior partner. That's not an image Iraqis relish, even though many privately hope U.S. troops will stay here until Iraq's own security forces can maintain order.



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of the stadium to about the south 40 yard line. The green Double T area behind the north end zone will serve as student section overflow.

"We're really encouraging students who have had trouble with their IDs to get a new one before the game," he said. "All IDs will be checked and scanned before a student is allowed admission into the stadium. No one

without a (Tech) student ID will be allowed to enter through the student gates."

Dolores Harper, the director of University ID Card program, said the ID office is beginning to see an increase in students visiting their office for new ID cards and expects to see more students as the week moves on.

There are two major problems students could face with their card's magnetic strip, she said, that could potentially keep their cards from successfully swiping and, consequently,

having their access to the game denied.

"You'll have problems if your card is scratched or if it has any type of bend," she said. "But the biggest problem we see for students are the scratches."

A \$52 Student Athletic Fee allows Tech students into any varsity home athletic event, according to the Department of Institutional Research and Information Management. Officials can verify that a student has paid the fee by swiping a student's Tech ID card.

Harper said there is no way for students in doubt to know whether they have paid the fee without visiting the ID office in the Student Union Building.

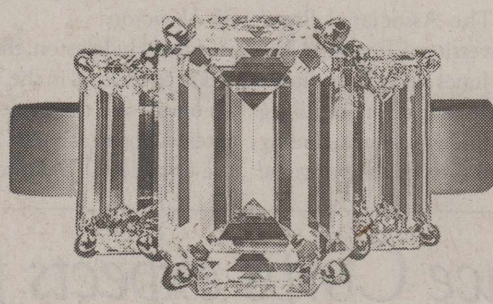
"They have to contact us and we can tell them if they had paid the fee or not," she said.

Huddleston said only the first 11,600 students will be allowed into the game before the gates close and no students outside the 11,600 will be allowed into the stadium without a ticket, but added the student gates have never closed on students before.

Huddleston also debunked a rumor that has been circulating that those who are camping out by the student gates in "Raiderville" will get tickets or vouchers to ensure the campers get seats prior to the gates opening.

"They'll just be at the front of the line when the gates open," he said. "They'll have to run and grab a seat just like everyone else."

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TEXAS TECH POLICE BLOTTER

Student suspected in Tech campus paintball gun shooting

By JON VANDERLAAN
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Oct. 21

An officer documented information about a student's behavior at 9:42 a.m. in the Engineering Center in which the student drew a picture on an exam that was of concern to the professor.

Two officers investigated the burglary of a motor vehicle at 3:05 p.m. at the Range and Wildlife building in which an air chuck and air blower were reported stolen.

Oct. 22

An officer investigated an accident at 10:50 a.m. in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center parking lot. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle at 12:10 p.m. in the Z-3K parking lot in which the passenger-side door handle on the vehicle was damaged.

Two officers investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle at 2 p.m. in the Z-6A parking lot in which the driver-side window was scratched.

Two officers investigated theft at 5:54 p.m. at the Texas Tech University Library in which a bicycle was reported stolen from the west bicycle rack.

Oct. 23

A student was arrested at 12:16 a.m. in Bledsoe Residence Hall for possession of alcohol by a minor, drug paraphernalia and marijuana. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department.

An officer investigated graffiti at 2:10 a.m. at Chitwood Residence Hall in which aerosol paint was used on two doors and the sidewalk on the north side of the building.

An officer responded to a medical call at 10:20 a.m. at the Distance and Outreach Learning Center for a staff member who injured her knees and shoulder after a fall. The staff member was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

A student was arrested at 11 a.m. for a felony warrant from Harris County. The student was transported to the Lubbock

County Jail.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 11:45 a.m. in the Petroleum Engineering building in which a door was damaged from an attempt to pry it open.

An officer investigated theft at 2:27 p.m. in the Electrical Engineering building in which a Hewlett-Packard laptop computer was reported stolen.

A student was arrested at 4:44 p.m. at Murray Residence Hall for an outstanding Lubbock County warrant. The student was arrested during an investigation of a verbal altercation and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer documented a violation of the code of student conduct at 5:28 p.m. in Clement Residence Hall in which the student reportedly fired a paint-ball gun targeted at the Education building from a moving vehicle.

A student was arrested at 7:59 p.m. in the E-1 parking lot for a report of domestic assault in which a female student reportedly pushed and scratched her boyfriend. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated disorderly conduct at 11:18 p.m. at the intersection of 18th Street and Boston Avenue in which a student displayed an air-soft pistol to a bicyclist and the bicyclist believed the pistol to be a real weapon.

Oct. 24

An officer documented damage to a motorcycle at 4:03 p.m. after it was towed by the Lubbock Wrecker Service.

A non-student was arrested at 6:06 p.m. at the intersection of Drive of Champions and Boston Avenue for an outstanding Lubbock County warrant and an instantered Lubbock County citation for disregarding a stop sign. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Two officers investigated assault at 8:15 p.m. that was reported from the Covenant Medical Center emergency room. The assault reportedly occurred in the Market at the Stangle/Murdough Residence Hall in which a student was hit with a fist and suffered swelling on the back of his head.

A student was placed in emergency

detention at 11:12 p.m. in Clement Residence Hall after a report of possible overdose. The student reportedly took an undetermined amount of pills and caused injury to himself with a sharp object. The student was transported to UMC for treatment.

Oct. 25

An officer investigated theft at 11:27 a.m. in the Bledsoe Residence hall in which a bicycle was reported stolen from the bicycle racks in the 2500 block of Main Street.

Two officers investigated an accident at 3:55 p.m. in the 1700 block of Boston Avenue. No injuries were reported and one student was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office for striking a fixed object.

An officer investigated a burglary of a vehicle at 8:30 p.m. at the Equestrian Center in which a purse was reported stolen.

Oct. 26

An officer documented information about an unwanted e-mail at 2:17 p.m. in the Music building.

Four students were arrested at 5:20 p.m. in Sneed Residence Hall and were issued Lubbock County citations for possession of drug paraphernalia. All four students were released pending the filing of charges.

Oct. 27

An officer investigated an accident at 9:38 a.m. in the C-1 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated an accident at 11:10 a.m. in the 2600 block of 15th Street involving a Tech vehicle. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated theft at 3:05 p.m. in Sneed Residence Hall in which a mountain bicycle was reported stolen from the north bicycle racks.

An officer investigated attempted theft at 4:39 p.m. at the Range and Wildlife Center in which an unknown person attempted to steal a two-cycle engine.

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Beyond the blotter: 19 bike thefts so far, police stress prevention

Since the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, 19 bicycle thefts were reported on Texas Tech's campus. However, students may be able to prevent such thefts with a different type of bicycle lock.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said chains and cables that often are seen securing bicycles to racks do not prevent a thief from taking the bicycle, as the two are easily cut.

U-bolt style bicycle locks are the safest, Hoffman said, and he never has heard a report of a stolen bicycle that was secured with a u-bolt lock.

Although he did not have

a report on the number of bicycle thefts in previous years, he said he does not believe an increase in thefts can be attributed to more students riding bicycles in response to gas prices that have been higher than previous years.

The Tech Student Senate passed a resolution Oct. 16 to place more bicycle racks on campus. Hoffman said as long as the racks are placed in areas with plenty of traffic, they could discourage thefts.

The department catches bicycle thieves on occasion, and caught one thief several times, he said. Because of the multiple offenses, the thief spent time in the Lubbock County jail for his offenses.

"It seems like every time this

individual gets out of jail, we start having bikes being stolen," Hoffman said. "But I'm sure he's not the only one to steal a bicycle. They're looking for somewhere to sell it and probably make a little bit of money."

All styles of bicycles are targeted regardless of value, Hoffman said, and bicycles with chains and cables also seem to be targeted as much as those bicycles that are not locked.

A person who is charged with stealing a bicycle would face a misdemeanor theft charge if the bicycle costs less than \$1,500 and a felony theft charge if the bicycle costs more than \$1,500.

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Oil company profits rise, but outlook is cautious

HOUSTON (AP)—Record crude prices this summer are translating into huge profits, as BP and Occidental Petroleum showed Tuesday, but some energy companies are bracing for tougher times, keeping a closer tab on cash and cutting spending.

Oil producers are coming off a quarter during which crude prices reached an all-time high of \$147.27. But prices have since tumbled more than 50 percent, and the global economic malaise has raised questions about energy demand at least into 2009.

Despite a 71 percent jump in third-quarter profit, Occidental Petroleum said Tuesday it likely would not increase capital spending next year from its current \$4.7 billion level. Refiner Valero Energy Corp., which also reported July-September results Tuesday, said it was scaling back spending by 33 percent this year and cutting its 2009 budget.

"You can expect us to maintain our balanced approach by investing in growth projects, paying off debt, buying back stock and increasing dividends, but clearly we intend to hold much more cash than in the past," said Valero chairman and chief executive Bill Klesse.

ConocoPhillips, the third-largest U.S. oil company, also has said it likely will keep capital spending at \$15 billion

next year. It's vital that oil companies spend money on new exploration and production if they want to grow.

"The bigger you are, the less chance you're going to cut your capital spending," said Brian Youngberg, an analyst with financial services firm Edward Jones. "You generally have a stronger balance sheet and you tend to look through the ups and downs of commodity markets."

But demand for fuel is falling away amid a broad economic downturn.

The U.S. Department of Transportation last week reported the largest monthly decline in miles driven since World War II.

In the month after gas prices peaked at \$4.11 per gallon, Americans drove 15 billion fewer miles in August 2008 than they did in August 2007 — the biggest single monthly decline since the data was first collected regularly in 1942.

Youngberg noted some smaller exploration and production companies are eliminating or delaying projects because they rely on credit markets for funding. That credit isn't available right now, he said.

That's not likely a worry for oil giant BP PLC, Europe's second-biggest oil producer behind Royal Dutch Shell

PLC, which said Tuesday its third-quarter earnings rose to \$8.05 billion from \$4.41 billion a year earlier.

Revenue jumped 45 percent to \$103.2 billion from \$71.3 billion the previous year.

"The high oil price of the third quarter obviously helped our absolute result," said chief executive Tony Hayward.

Hayward said he was confident the company would continue to do well even though oil prices could dip further.

"I believe BP is well-positioned to cope with such volatility," Hayward said, noting the company had not committed as much money as its rivals to some higher-cost means of producing oil, such as mining tar sands.

"We think the current turmoil may in fact create opportunities for us," he added.

BP's U.S. shares rose \$6.37, or 15.9 percent, to close at \$46.52.

Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum said net income for the three months ended Sept. 30 rose to \$2.27 billion, or \$2.78 a share, versus \$1.32 billion, or \$1.58 per share, during the same period a year earlier.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters had been expecting earnings, on average, of \$2.71 per share.

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Value means more than money

I recently met a kid named Carlos: 8 years old, oversized jacket, selling pies and cookies for a school fundraiser. He came to my door and I ordered an apple pie for 10 dollars, and thanked him. He was back the next day.

"You want to buy something from me?" he said.

"I just bought a pie from you the other day!"

"Oh yeah."

As he said this, I could see him gazing at the half-eaten cookie I happened to be holding in my hand. His eyes lit up. "Do you want to buy cookies?" he asked, suddenly brandishing a laminated cookie brochure. "They're only \$11."

It sounds like a feel-good story, the beginning of a lesson for Carlos (not his real name) in the value of a dollar. But, standing in the doorway with him, I had to feel skepticism about a system that would send such a youngling — he was so small as to look miniature — out working as a door-to-door salesman (the money goes to the grown-ups; he earns a talking robot). The ability to sell one's self may be a valuable skill in our society, but I am not sure it is a morally good one.

We mimic successful people. It is how we learn to function. But this means we are products of our society — so we should be careful how we measure success. Do we mimic the Donald Trumps of the world, or the Rachel Carsons? It is telling that the phrase "very successful" means what it means — rich.

But I do not have to tell you what has happened to the reputation of



Eric Braden

money these last few weeks. It is as if a Wall Street trader suddenly yelled, "Beetle Juice, Beetle Juice, Beetle Juice." The hallucinatory money disappeared, so people decided to stash away the real money.

To get their hands on the real money, they sold stocks. It is the equivalent of the neighborhood kid who, having lost badly at soccer, runs home and takes his ball with him.

Greed did it, yes. I think it would be a crime if we did not internalize this. We must remind ourselves that the "Wall Street" character Gordon Gecko — "Greed is good" — was meant to be a cautionary character, not an inspirational one.

Aldo Leopold said, "All history consists of successive excursions from a single starting-point, to which man returns again and again to organize yet another search for a durable scale of values."

If this is the time for one of those excursions, we could begin by re-examining who we reward and who we punish.

In America, the wealthy are considered the best of us. The upper class is rewarded with privilege and respect, and their legacies live on in the names of school buildings and hospital wings. The poor, meanwhile, are held in low esteem, and, rather than awarded for anything, are pun-

ished their whole lives.

We conflate dirt with sin. This has been true for so long that it seems right — it isn't. The poor are not lesser; perhaps they are unluckier, perhaps less ruthless, even. We should not judge based on class. Nor should the wealthy exclusively receive good health care, a good education, and healthy food.

It is a question of value. There are not many Americans who would commit murder, but there are many comfortable Americans who would rather let people die — or at least struggle to live good lives — than pay higher taxes. It gets worse when you start to look at non-humans.

Because few people will pay to save something with no monetary value, there has been a push within the environmental movement to turn nature into "economic opportunity" — re-branding wilderness as a kind of bio theme park. But let us not kid ourselves. Grizzly bears and black-footed ferrets — alive and well, anyway — have no monetary value.

However, we don't need to attach a price to something in order to value it. While we value our basic needs first — food, shelter, etc. — we must value also the right of all other creatures, human or otherwise, to the same. There is value in preserving the of eons of evolution represented in a diverse ecosystem. This is something that is free, after all, and beautiful, if we only go look for it.

Carlos has come by the house a few more times, without the sales pitch. He has told me more about himself; He has a brother in prison, a sister in the Army, and is being raised by a single

mother. He also wants me to teach him guitar. In other words, he is a typical American child, and a nice child.

He told me that in a recent mock presidential vote, almost his entire class voted for Barack Obama, including him.

"Why do you like Obama?" I asked him.

"Well, I don't know," he said, frowning his brow. "We've never had a black president."

Kids are mimics, just like all of us. What we do and say is important. I could sit the kid down and talk to him about "value" and "humanism" and "land ethic" — all of which would bore him greatly — or we could go for a walk and look at birds. Next time he comes by, I will. To show him, perhaps, the value of curiosity, which I consider more precious than anything.

In Carlos's future I saw myself. Or perhaps I recognize in him some piece of who I was at 8 years old. In that spirit, I'm planning a camping trip this weekend. I will bring a sleeping bag, water, a book, and not much else.

I will not think about diversifying. I will not think about dividends. I won't even think about the presidential election, or any of the stuff in this column.

If you recently lost a job on Wall Street and are at a loss, you're welcome to join me. It will be cold. We can look at birds.

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Sharing shouldn't just be for children

When I was young, my mom always told me to play nice with others and always share.

Lately, I've been wondering if other peoples' parents neglected to teach them the same thing. Going to class each day reminds how important that lesson really is.

Maybe it's been too long since I had classes in another place on campus, but every day I walk into the Mass Communications building, I wait for the inevitable disappointment. After ten minutes frustration hits, and by the end it's just plain resentment. This happens in each and every class.

As a Communication Studies student, I often see an incredible disparity between the shoddy equipment we have to utilize and all the expensive equipment surrounding us. Call it envy, but for some reason, we Communication Studies students have been made to feel like the unwanted guest of the Mass Communications building. Many students, including myself, have been asking why? Why are many of our classrooms filled with nice equipment we have no way of using?

In fact, we've been told "no" outright.

Flat screen TV's, projection and audio systems, and even improved Internet connections have all been denied from our professors. They have been exclusively kept and used by the professors and classes associated strictly with the College of Mass Communications.

Granted, it is their equipment, donated by alumni of the college, but since when is it OK to refuse numerous requests to share?

According to Texas Tech Operating Policies, "Academic space and facilities of the University are intended to primarily support the ongoing instructional programs of the institution." I believe it would be incredibly supportive of my education to be able to have my classes taught using higher-quality equipment. And it's simply polite to share. Especially when other people on campus do.

It's not just the mere principal of it all, but also the inconvenience. Professors have to lug around our equipment from one room to the other, upstairs and downstairs using valuable time and



Janine McCord

energy. I personally move our cart from one class to the next three days a week.

We have to carry the cart up steps to the back of the lecture hall in order for the projector to be large enough to view properly. It takes at least ten minutes of our class time to get this done. It's a distraction and a disgrace, especially when there is adequate equipment staring us right in the face.

So armed with the aforementioned resentment (and a notebook) I took to finding out just exactly why this situation was happening. It's amazing what a quality line of communication can accomplish.

It seems that previously there had been gross mishandling of equipment in that building. This made the powers that be a little gun shy about allowing others to operate their newer and much more expensive machinery. I consider this completely reasonable. Once the intention of the Communications Studies department was clearly established, we were able to come to an understanding.

Professors will be allowed, after being fully trained, to use the equipment for classroom purposes, (student use is prohibited, though). According to my sources, the intention was never to exclude our department. They were more than happy to discuss the issue and were extremely agreeable in helping propose a solution, which is all we were seeking in the first place.

It's often said that the smallest good deed is worth a thousand grand intentions. I would consider this a good deed to be sure, and it's good to know people do still play nice and share.

I have faith that the College of Mass Communications will hold true to their word. I'm happy to have helped clear the air and open a new line of communication between our two entities. I look forward to not having to push around a cart much longer.

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Why sexy people nail job interviews

By SHANNAN SCARSELLETTA
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Nothing makes me feel more like a failed sexual predator than the interview process.

I first discover this cute little business on Careernet, the Match.com of the desperate and jobless. Her description catches my eye with words like "exciting," "experienced" and "willing to take any major" (you saucy minx, I know what that means). After exchanging a couple e-mails explicitly describing how my past experience has prepared me to fulfill her every need and each secret desire, she coyly holds off for a few days.

Do I call her? Did she forget about me? Am I not good enough? Once I begin to convince myself I never needed her in the first place, the cheeky dame offers to meet me somewhere — somewhere private.

Like a pick-up artist readying to drop some of his target lady's favorite movie quotes or band names, I prepare for our little rendezvous with late nights of internet stalking. As she is intriguingly without-Facebook, I am reduced to Googling her name, discovering that she has an intricate Web site complete with pictures and graphic descriptions of what she expects in an employee.

I find out I need to be a passionate leader, not too forceful but not soft-spoken, ready to take on any challenge and have at least one course in finance under my belt — she's got a thing for numbers.

The morning of the big day, I strap myself into my flyest respiration-restricting skirt and a black pair of three-inch heels, because six feet of woman clearly isn't intimidating enough. I spend hours on my physical appearance, because stacking five layers of concealer under my eyes will clearly help stack five digits of dollars in my bank account.

As she leads me down

the winding hallway, my palms sweat, my tongue dries and my mind races with the usual insecurities: Am I what she expected? Can she tell I really didn't spend last summer breast-feeding orphans in San Jose? Dear God, I think I gleeked on her hand when I introduced myself.

I breathe deeply and remind myself that I have to seem desirable, but slightly unavailable. Don't let on that she's my only option aside from that desperate start-up company in Nesbith who won't take a hint.

I consider leaving my phone on so I can maintain my sought-after façade by constantly ignoring incoming calls. Then I remember I haven't received a call since my mom demanded to know why I bursared \$68 worth of VIBRTR at Gannett's drug store. I turn my phone off.

The dimly lit room contains a small table and two chairs. It's private; it's intimate. I try to avoid acknowledging that my go-go-gadget-legs don't fit under the table by twisting my body into sidesaddle position on the swivel chair. She spots my knees peeking over the table at her and smiles, despite my contortionist efforts. I maintain eye contact to repress the urge to twirl in my swivel chair.

I am prepared to pump her full of gratuitous lies that make me seem off-beat and appealing, lies like, "Yes, my earrings are vintage," "Of course my marketing plan for a hangable dishwasher was a hit" or "because I care deeply that our customer receives only the finest toilet-paper dispensers — I'm just that kind of girl."

I will pretend to like babies, follow the Red Sox and even betray any last floundering inch of moral fiber by laughing at her horrible, horrible pun, in pursuit of second base — the second round interview. I am confident that I'll know when I have her in my grasp, and I'll become ever more aloof, toying with her desire to see me around the water-cooler next year.

But then she attacks with confusing, unanswerable questions: "Will you graduate in May 2009?" Just like it did at after-hours sophomore year, my game dries up and crumbles faster than Michael Jackson in sunlight.

It never fails. I walk into interviews looking as detached and cool as an American Apparel model (maybe two — or maybe just one that ate another one); but once I take the hot-seat, I devolve into this strange cross breed between cheerleader and sea lion, barking my responses in excitable tones, clapping my hands together in desperate attempt to incite an emotional response (laughter? camaraderie? pity?) and cheering praise of the super awesomeness of said company until beads of sweat drip down the high waist of my skirt, puddling into unusually

placed swamp ass. In sweaty frenzies inspired by financial-based questioning, I usually tear a page from the Book of Palin and end my grammatically twisted verbal amble in a wink. It is as endearing as it is involuntary, and I'm pretty sure it would seal the deal if only I stopped using it in phone interviews.

After my vaudeville performance of song and mating-ritualistic dance, I all but tap-dance out the door.

I never thought that feeling of failure during lonely walks from unsuccessful frat parties would haunt my job-search. But, I've discovered that the guy who can hook up with any girl at the bar but can't convert his GPA into a fraction will land a job at Microsoft. The girl who can take home a priest from Sunday Mass is the same girl who gets an I-banking job with a B.A. in Sociology and Flirtation. It's partly about confidence, poise and presentation. But it's mostly about convincing someone that you are a really cool grown up.

The truth is, I'm not ready to be an adult, let alone a sophisticated one. When they ask me what I can contribute to the company, all I can think of is showing up to the office potluck with 15 quarter-cut Nutella sandwiches and three boxes of wine. I can't describe myself in one word, unless it's both hyphenated and a metaphor, like "hurricane-of-ambivalence." I am a member of the Peace-Corps, Teach-for-America, grad-school nation, and as I haphazardly wave our bluish, reddish, yellowish flag of indecision, I am more-or-less proud of it.



After Charlie Brown buried and dug up Snoopy, things got darker and more violent in *Peanuts*.

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Hub City's polling locations to be accessible to disabled voters

BY BRIDGET DE STEFANO
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No matter their ailment or disability, Lubbockites and Red Raiders have a place to vote.

Lubbock County has approved 50 voting centers to be open to the public on Election Day, including two locations that will have American Sign Language interpreters and federally-approved voter accessibilities at each polling site.

Larry Phillippe, managing director of Texas Tech Student Disability Services, said the office was not involved in the decision-making for the accessible voting locations, but he wishes it had been.

Although he said he wishes the organization played a part in the decision on selecting voting sites, he is happy Lubbock is publicizing the voting locations for people with special needs.

"It's a great thing," Phillippe said, "and I am glad they're doing that to make sure that everyone who can vote can."

The majority of voting polls have electronic machines that record votes, he said, but even with newer technology, disabled voters may be hindered regardless.

Auditory machines that commu-

nicate with the voter, Phillippe said, are not as secretive as they could be.

For example, he said, voters could use headphones to keep their ballot private.

"There is such a focus on getting people to vote," he said, "but we need to protect people's confidentiality too."

If a blind voter brings another person to guide them into the voting booth, he said, a disabled voter trusts them to vote according to their wishes. Therefore, liability between a voter and their assistant could be in question.

Frustration stemming from not being able to vote effectively without help or special accommodations, Phillippe said, is something that disabled voters may experience.

He said this is the first time he can recall that Lubbock has publicized voting locations for disabled voters, and designated places to properly accommodate them.

However, accessible voting centers are nothing new to the state of Texas.

Ashley Burton, a spokesperson for the Texas Secretary of State's office, said every polling location in the state requires that all voting systems purchased after Sept. 1, 1999, be accessible for voters with disabilities.

All voting sites also must be curb-side accessible for voters who physically are unable to enter the polling place, she said, and must remain in their vehicle while voting.

Being handicapped can be a sensitive thing, Phillippe said, but a positive aspect of this year's election is that Lubbock is becoming "more proactive" and spreading awareness to the public that there are people who are physically incapable of voting.

"We believe that protecting the rights of everyone," Burton said, "is the most important."

Ruby Icenhour, a worker at the LIFE/RUN Center for Independent Living, said the center is one of two polling places prepared to provide ASL interpreters for any deaf voters.

The center works with people who are disabled, she said. Therefore, the facility will be ready for anyone with special needs on Election Day.

The LIFE/RUN Center will be open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., she said, and is "first come, first serve."

Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center is another Lubbock polling site with ASL interpreters available.

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Today is the deadline to submit mail-in ballot applications.

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Ghost hunters to come to Tech

By HANNAH BOEN
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Get ready for demonic disturbances and sixth-sense encounters.

Chip Coffey and Patti Starr from the A&E series "Paranormal State" will visit Texas Tech at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Allen Theater to share their stories of ghost sightings and unexplained paranormal phenomenon.

The event is hosted by the Tech Activities Board.

The board's vice president of recruitment and retention, Cassidy Ross, said Coffey and Starr will share their real-life mysteries and ghost-hunt stories with students.

Ross, a senior international business major from San Antonio, said the event will give students an opportunity to go on a ghost hunt with the paranormal pair.

Students attending the performance will be eligible for a raffle that will allow 15 audience members to go with Coffey and Starr on a ghost hunt through campus, Ross said.

The 15 audience members selected each will choose one friend to accompany them on the ghost chase immediately following the one hour presentation by Coffey and Starr, Ross said.

TAB member Liz Kocielek from Oakland, Calif., organized the event, and said she is excited to give people the opportunity to experience paranormal activity on campus.

"People like to be scared," said the junior German major, "and this is going to be a fun, scary event."

Students wishing to attend this event may pick up free tickets with their student I.D. in the basement of the Student Union Building.

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'Daily Show' writer, comedian uses humor to encourage voting

By GREG GENTILE
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Comedian Jeff Kreisler delivered laughs to a crowd of about 50 students in the University Rhode of Island Memorial Union Ball Room Monday night.

A political satirist, Kreisler writes for "Indecision 2008," a segment on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

Brian Drugan, president of the URI College Democrats has been trying to get Kreisler here since he saw him perform last February at Roger Williams.

"This is our first big event and we are real excited to have him here," Drugan said.

"You see how ridiculous politics can be. It can be good once in a

while to laugh about it, Drugan said."

Kreisler said the point of his comedy is to bring laughter to politics.

"If we take things too seriously, nothing will get done," said freshman Roger Bacon who attended last night's show.

The show started as Kreisler sipped a bottle of Aquafina and cracking jokes about URI's recent water contamination.

He continued with fast paced rants on the emergency system in New York, and politicians who prefer American voters to be ignorant.

He spiced things up with hits on the Bush Administration by comparing Dick Cheney to the Wizard of Oz. In another joke he pointed out how Bush makes fun of himself, saying, "Bush did wave at Stevie Wonder."

Research shows negative advertisements bring several more voters out to polls on Election Day

By LINDSEY MEAUX
THE DAILY REVELLE (LSU)

With eyes glued to televisions in homes across the country, voters are watching presidential, senatorial and congressional hopefuls make their final bids for office with just one week until the Nov. 4 general elections.

But often candidates' final pleas are one last handful of mud to sling — a move Bob Mann, mass communication professor and former press secretary for former Gov. Kathleen Blanco and former Sen. John Breaux, said increases interest in campaigns and voter turnout by

raising hot-button issues, as shown in new research exploring the effects of negative campaigning.

Although Mann said negative advertisements "create a more robust debate over the issues," four university professors have joined more than 100 others from across the U.S. in signing a petition requesting both Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama's campaigns "halt blatant misrepresentations of their opponents' positions."

Results of a recent AARP analysis released Monday indicate "undecided and leaning" voters tend to show greater support for candidates

who focus on issues rather than mudslinging.

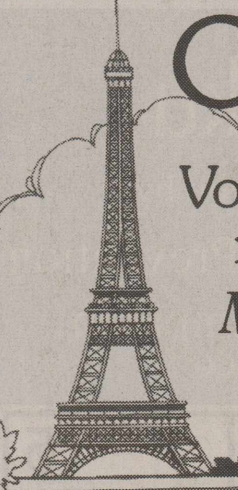
"Candidates who focus on issues and do not stir up partisan anger are rewarded with greater support from the swing voters they need to attract to win the election," according to the news release.

Chavanne Fontenot, LSU engineering freshman, described herself as "undecided" with regard to the upcoming presidential election.

"Whenever [advertisements] are attacking things I have moral issues with, it definitely grabs my attention," she said.

In the final days leading up to the election, Fontenot said she

would like to hear about candidates' stances on issues. Constant less informed public, she said.



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Hate crime legislation still needed

By LAURA SIMMONS
THE BG NEWS (BOWLING GREEN STATE U.)

Little more than 10 years after Matthew Shepard was pistol-whipped, tortured, tied to a fence post and left to die in the country outside of Laramie, Wyo., there still is no federal hate crime legislation inclusive of sexual orientation or gender identity.

"I think people expected a ton of change and progress to happen in the wake of his death, and that just didn't happen," said Cathy Renna, an expert on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights and managing partner of Renna Communications, an LGBT advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

Shepard, then 21, was studying political science at the University of Wyoming and was openly gay. Because of his sexual orientation, Shepard was specifically targeted by Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney on the night of Oct. 7, 1998. Both men are serving two consecutive life-sentences in prison for his kidnapping and murder.

"We can't get a federal law through - it's called the Matthew Shepard Act for God's sake. ... It's a no brainer, and somehow it can't get passed," Renna said. "So we're

waiting for new administration, for a decade later, to try and get a piece [of] federal hate crimes legislation passed that includes sexual orientation and gender identity."

Although the U.S. House and Senate passed the Matthew Shepard Act in 2007, it never made it into law. Initially part of a larger bill authorizing increased pay for military personal, the Shepard Act was dropped from the bill's final version.

It remains stalled in Congress, though the House and Senate are set to hear it again in early 2009.

According to Julie Haught, a Bowling Green State University professor in LGBT studies, Capitol Hill isn't the only place where legal equality for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders has stalled out.

"I would argue that here, in this century, we've been seeing some backlash," she said. "And I think it's best evidenced by the way in which right wing forces have used gay marriage initiatives to rally their bases for elections. Classic choice and example, I think, is 2004."

In that year there were 13 separate state ballot initiatives to ban same-sex marriage, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, an advocacy group that

tracks LGBT initiatives and legislation among other things. All of them passed. Two more states joined the list in 2005, and eight more in 2006.

Currently, only four states allow gay marriage or civil unions. California became one as recently as May, although an initiative to ban same-sex marriage, Proposition 8, will appear on that state's Nov. 4 ballot.

In terms of hate crime legislation protecting LGBT people the numbers do go up - slightly.

Eleven states and the District of Columbia have hate crimes laws protecting on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. An additional 20 states have laws protecting only sexual orientation.

But Haught and Renna argue that legislation isn't the most effective way to gauge cultural acceptance.

"There's been an effective kind of backlash, but I think the general movement of the population is towards inclusion," Haught said. "At least verbally."

"Cultural progress always precedes political progress and legislative progress. And so the fact is that culture has moved some, not a ton, but some," Renna noted.



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador
SENIOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING major from Katy, Bryan Fonseca, solders together pieces to build an amplifier for a project in his lab class in the basement of the Electrical Engineering building.

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to continue to insure high-quality volunteer experiences."

The Peace Corps is functioning on a revolving budget, she said. The approved budget for fiscal year 2007 totaled \$330.8 million, but the budget for this year has yet to be approved. The House Appropriations Committee that funds the program signed off on the agency's \$343.5 million budget request, but its Senate counterpart only approved \$337 million.

If the proposed budget is approved, the "increase would be pretty significant," Duckett said.

For now, the program must limit its spending to the previously approved budget until lawmakers and the president come to an agreement.

Duckett said these "troubling" numbers will not affect the competency of volunteers or lower requirements in areas such as safety and training at foreign posts.

Although the economy may affect his departure, Weldon said, he is determined to go.

"The lifestyle that you live in Peace Corps is something that you can't get from too many other organizations," he said.

About 190,000 volunteers — 374 of which attended Texas Tech — have served in 139 countries since President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961 to promote world peace and friendship, according to the agency's Web site. The agency currently supports 8,079 volunteers in 74 countries.

This reflects a growing number of volunteers — more than the annual number of volunteers in the

last 37 years — but it is fewer than President George Bush's goal of 14,000 volunteers by the 2007 fiscal year, which he set in his 2002 State of the Union Address.

"It would be sad if a group of people or a city has to get cut back, but that's part of the tragedy of what's happening right now," Weldon said. "Unfortunately, whenever we get into an economic situation like this, we have to stop funding the things that are doing the most incredible things. It's sad for so many people."

Charles Lucking, a Peace Corps regional recruiter from Dallas, will visit Tech Nov. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Human Sciences Room 222. He will be available in the university library Nov. 11 through Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To RSVP, call (214) 253-5475 or e-mail rsvp@peacecorps.gov.

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Reeves takes stand, says he didn't run into paparazzi

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Keanu

Reeves says he slowly moved his Porsche forward to get a paparazzo to move out of the way, but never hit him.

Reeves took the stand in his civil trial Tuesday morning, testifying about his recollection of a night

in March 2007 when a photographer claims the actor seriously injured him with his car.

Alison Silva is suing Reeves for damages and lost wages. He claims the actor pushed him to the ground with his car while Silva was taking photographs.

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By Barry Silk
McLean, VA
10/29/08

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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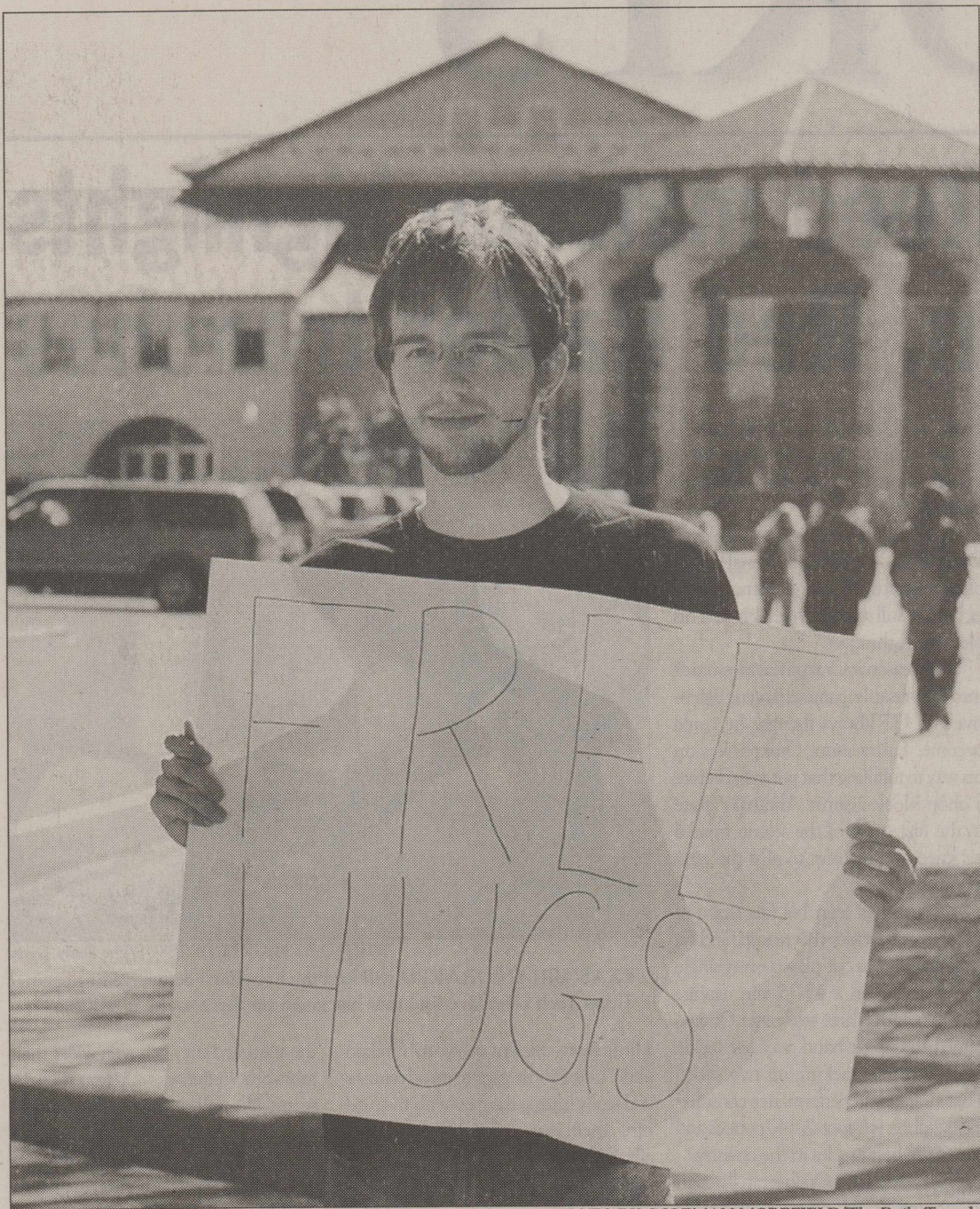


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CORY MINCH, A freshman biology major from Hurst, walks around campus with a sign that shows he is dispensing free hugs Tuesday afternoon. The idea stems from the Free Hugs campaign online started by Juan Mann.

Authors, publishers settle suit against Google

NEW YORK (AP) — A settlement has been reached in the lawsuit against Google over the Internet search engine's use of copyrighted material. According to a statement issued Tuesday by the Authors Guild, the Association of American Publishers and Google, the agreement "will expand online access to millions of in-copyright books and other written materials in the U.S. from the

collections of a number of major U.S. libraries participating in Google Book Search." If approved by a federal court in Manhattan, the settlement will end the legal action, taken against Google two years ago, that had been closely followed by the publishing industry as it debates how copyright law should work online. Under the Google Print Library Project, millions of copyrighted

books are to be indexed on the Internet. Google has called the project an invaluable chance for books to receive increased exposure. But in papers filed in 2006 in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, the publishers association cited the "continuing, irreparable and imminent harm publishers are suffering ... due to Google's willful (copyright) infringement to further its own commercial purposes."

LL Cool J quits as opening act for Jackson's tour

NEW YORK (AP) — In another setback on her "Rock Witchu" tour, Janet Jackson lost her opening act: LL Cool J. The rapper's publicity firm announced he has dropped out as the headliner for Jackson because of unnamed scheduling conflicts. It's the latest problem on Jackson's tour, her first North American outing in seven years. The 42-year-old singer was forced to cancel a string of earlier concerts because of a bout of migraine-associated vertigo. She recently resumed while being treated for the illness, which

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For puzzle gurus, time to get stuck on 'World of Goo'

Britton Peele



Do you remember when you were a child, and you would play with goo? You would roll it, mold it and marvel at how sticky and easy it is to shape. Then you would stack a bunch of it together to form crazy goo structures in order to reach a pipe that would help the goo escape imprisonment as a giant corporation's test subjects and enjoy life as a peaceful, life-loving goo species. No? Then either you had an abnormal childhood, or maybe "World of Goo" for the Wii and PC isn't as based in reality as I thought.

species of goo reveal themselves. Rather than just connecting green goo droplets, you might find yourself creating a chain of red goo and lighting it on fire to blow up a wall.

All of this gameplay is extraordinarily solid. Everything just seems to work the way you want it to, and the controls are extremely

be praised for. If there's any downside to "World of Goo," it's that the adventure eventually ends. And when it does, there aren't a ton of reasons to go back. You can replay levels and use all of your excess goo to see how high of a tower you can build (while seeing online how high other goo gurus are building their towers), but this is really the sort of game that would benefit from a level editor, which unfortunately isn't included with the Wii version of the game. However, 2D Boy, the developer of the game, has expressed interest in creating downloadable



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easy to pick up, considering you essentially use one button.

In addition to its formidable, highly addicting gameplay, though, "World of Goo" has a lot of charm. Music can be decidedly epic, which somehow seems to fit really well in a game about little balls of goo.

There is also quite a bit of humor to the story (what little there is of it), and some of the hint signs you read during the game may even make you laugh out loud.

What's hard to believe is that "World of Goo" was developed by a team of only three guys. One of whom wasn't with the other two for the entire project. The game's design, polish and aesthetics are reminiscent of a game Nintendo would make and

levels for the game, which could draw players back in.

It's worth noting that "World of Goo" is a downloadable title, and as such is available for a budget price.

This makes the decision to recommend the game even easier.

Packed with charm, tight controls, great artwork and highly addictive gameplay, it's hard to say there's a gamer out there who should pass on "World of Goo."

It's simply an amazing experience — especially coming from such a small development team — and is one that should be fully supported with your dollar.

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Vikings await possible penalties for 2 players

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Whether or not Vikings stars Kevin Williams and Pat Williams get suspended for reportedly testing positive for a weight-loss diuretic has yet to be confirmed by the NFL.

But the league's policy on anabolic steroids and related substances is quite clear.

Here's an excerpt: "The use of so-called 'blocking' or 'masking' agents is prohibited by this policy. These include diuretics or water pills, which have been used in the past by some players to reach an assigned weight. ... Players are responsible for what is in their bodies."

The NFL has a medical expert authorized to field questions from players regarding specific supplements. It also has a toll-free hotline players can call.

"They get a list of what's in and what's out," Minnesota coach Brad Childress said. "But it's up to them, once again, whether they're reading labels. I mean, strict liability is strict liability."

Fox Sports has reported that the Williamses, who both made the Pro Bowl last season and anchor the Vikings' stout run defense, are facing a four-game suspension for failing a drug test.

The Associated Press has reported that six to eight players around the league are appealing findings that they took a weight-loss diuretic considered a masking agent

for steroids.

Four players have already received four-game suspensions for violating the policy this season, and all of them claimed they unknowingly took products that were illegal. But the NFL's guidelines don't appear to allow for any grace for maintained innocence.

Safety Darren Sharper, the team's union rep, concurred with his coach.

"That's up to us. That's our job. You have to look at the list and see what's on it," Sharper said. "Mistakes can't happen."

Vikings defensive end Ray Edwards, who served a four-game suspension last December for an unidentified substance, said he didn't bother appealing his punishment because he "knew there was no chance" of him winning it. He also wanted to get it over with as quickly as possible so he could return for a possible playoff game.

Edwards also expressed the need for players to be extra careful about what's in the products they take to enhance their bodies, even if there's no intent to cheat.

"This is our job. We just have to make sure we protect ourselves. That's about it. That's all I'm saying," he said. "I had the situation last year. You've just got to protect yourself."

Orakpo-Reed matchup highlights Longhorn, Red Raider trenches

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

From one weight room-loving lineman to another, Texas Tech left tackle Rylan Reed welcomes the incoming competition Texas defensive end Brian Orakpo brings.

"He benches what? 510 pounds? That's not normal," Reed said of Orakpo, who leads the Big 12 Conference with 8.5 sacks and 12 tackles for loss. "So I mean he kind of possesses everything. You gotta watch speed. You gotta watch bull rush, spin moves. You gotta watch everything. He's an all-around player."

It's ironic how the 6-foot-7, 305-pound Reed, who bench pressed a Tech record 625 pounds this past summer, is calling someone else's bench press abnormal. However, he may have a point considering Orakpo's size. The Houston native is 6-foot-4, 260 pounds and can bench 515, squat 600 and power clean 380 pounds.

"I tell you what, it's gonna be a good little match up," said Reed, whose No. 6 Red Raiders play No. 1 UT at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. "There's gonna be a lot of muscle out there on the field, so we'll see what happens."

UT's senior defensive end, known as "Osackpo" to his teammates, leads the Longhorns' dominant defensive line against Tech's massive, nearly impenetrable offensive line.

The match up in the trenches almost seems like destiny.

Texas ranks second in the nation with 29 sacks, and Tech ranks second in sacks allowed, with three in a span of 391 passing attempts.

Reed said this UT defensive line presents the toughest challenge of the season for the Red Raiders front five.

Reed, better known as "Incredible

Hulk," and Orakpo, who goes by "Osackpo," will highlight one of the more exciting matchups in a game filled with playmakers.

"I'm still studying the way he plays," Orakpo said. "He's a phenomenal player, phenomenal tackle, phenomenal blocker, but I'm still studying his habits and his blocking techniques."

This season, Orakpo has blossomed into the versatile, game-changing defensive end UT always thought he could become. Last season, Orakpo was on his way to fulfilling that potential before a chop block against Arkansas State in the first game of the season injured his knee, causing him to miss the next four games.

Orakpo has seen his fair share of talented left tackles this season, and he undoubtedly has out-played every single one of them. In a 45-35 win against then-No. 1 OU three weeks ago, Orakpo gained the upper hand over left tackle Phil Loadholt, racking up two sacks. That's a standout performance considering Loadholt is 6-foot-7, 340 pounds and one of the best tackles in the country.

Two weeks later, Orakpo ran through Oklahoma State's premier left tackle Russell Okung for another sack and six tackles. As a reward, Orakpo gets Reed for an encore.

This year, Orakpo said it is not as simple as just trying to sack Harrell.

UT's defense will have its hands full in trying to stop running backs Baron Batch and Shannon Woods. The tandem is among the top five in the country in production from one position with an average of 190 yards per game from scrimmage this season. Tech's average of 138.5 yards per game is the most since 1999.

"Tech's been doing something different this year, they're running the ball

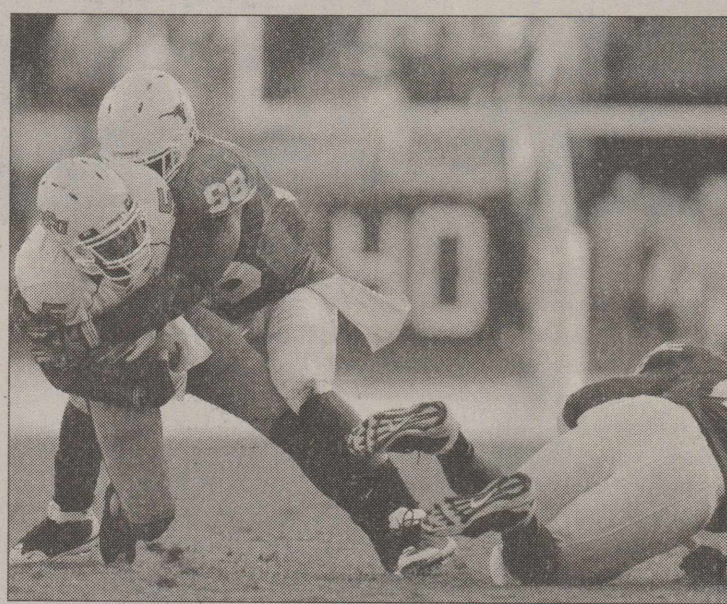


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TEXAS' BRIAN ORAKPO will lead the Longhorn defensive line against a Texas Tech offensive line that has given up three sacks in 2008.

a little more efficient this year," Orakpo said. "Using those gaps to an advantage and really hitting the gaps with the run-

the splits and they get even wider than most other offenses," Orakpo said. "It seems like miles away from Graham Harrell, but we have to use it to our advantage, if that means sinking down and hitting the gaps, that's what we're gonna do. Or just staying on the edge and blitzing, we don't really know."

"I tell you what, it's going to be a good little match up."

RYLAN REED
TEXAS TECH
LEFT TACKLE

whose six sacks are tied for fourth in the Big 12 — and the Longhorns have a shot at wreaking havoc on Tech's Heisman Trophy hopeful, quarterback Graham Harrell.

Orakpo said there is no team in the nation that uses offensive line splits as wide as the Red Raiders, which makes it difficult to get a hand on Harrell. However, he said having experience against Tech is an advantage he hopes UT's linemen can put to good use.

"Tech is the main offense that uses

25th in the nation and tied for second in the Big 12 with 20 sacks this season. Defensive ends McKinner Dixon and Brandon Williams have combined for 15 sacks this season.

"The big line up front there," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "They've got 20 sacks this year, so (defensive coordinator) Ruffin (McNeill) has done a good job, and they're playing a lot better defense. They've forced a lot more turnovers."

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Tech tennis teams wrap up fall season, Carvalho and Rojmar to compete in ITA National Indoors

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

Even though the fall season has come to a close, the year does not really start until the spring in collegiate tennis.

The Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams wrapped up their respective fall seasons at the ITA Regionals last weekend and Monday.

The men, competing in College Station, saw another strong performance from Raony Carvalho, who lost in the semifinals to the No. 14 ranked singles player in the country, Rice's Bruno Rosa.

"I can't say enough about Raony," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "He finished the fall 12-4. I think he had seven nationally-ranked wins. He's one of the best players in the country, that's for sure."

As a freshman, Carvalho stood out this fall as the top player on a team Siegel said should be ranked anywhere from No. 17 to No. 23 in the nation to start the spring season.

However, Carvalho and teammate Christian Rojmar still have work to do this fall.

The duo qualified Oct. 11 at the ITA All-American Championships for the ITA National Indoor Championships Nov. 6-9 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va.

The tournament features the Top 16 doubles teams in the nation, Siegel said, and is unpredictable because of how competitive it is.

Carvalho, in advancing to the semifinals at the ITA Regionals, fell one win short of also qualifying for the singles portion of the ITA National Indoor Championships.

As far as the rest of the team

is concerned, Siegel said he was pleased almost across the board with fall performances from his players.

"Christian, Milos (Kustudija), James (Wilson), Joe (Hatrup) — those guys had good falls," he said. "I know Sinisa (Markovic), he didn't have a great fall, but he'll be there for us in the spring. Gonzalo (Escobar) and David (Gonzalez), our two new recruits, have also played very well."

The women's team finished its fall season Sunday in Fort Worth.

Top performers for the Lady Raiders included Simone Templeton and Samantha van der Drift, Petty said.

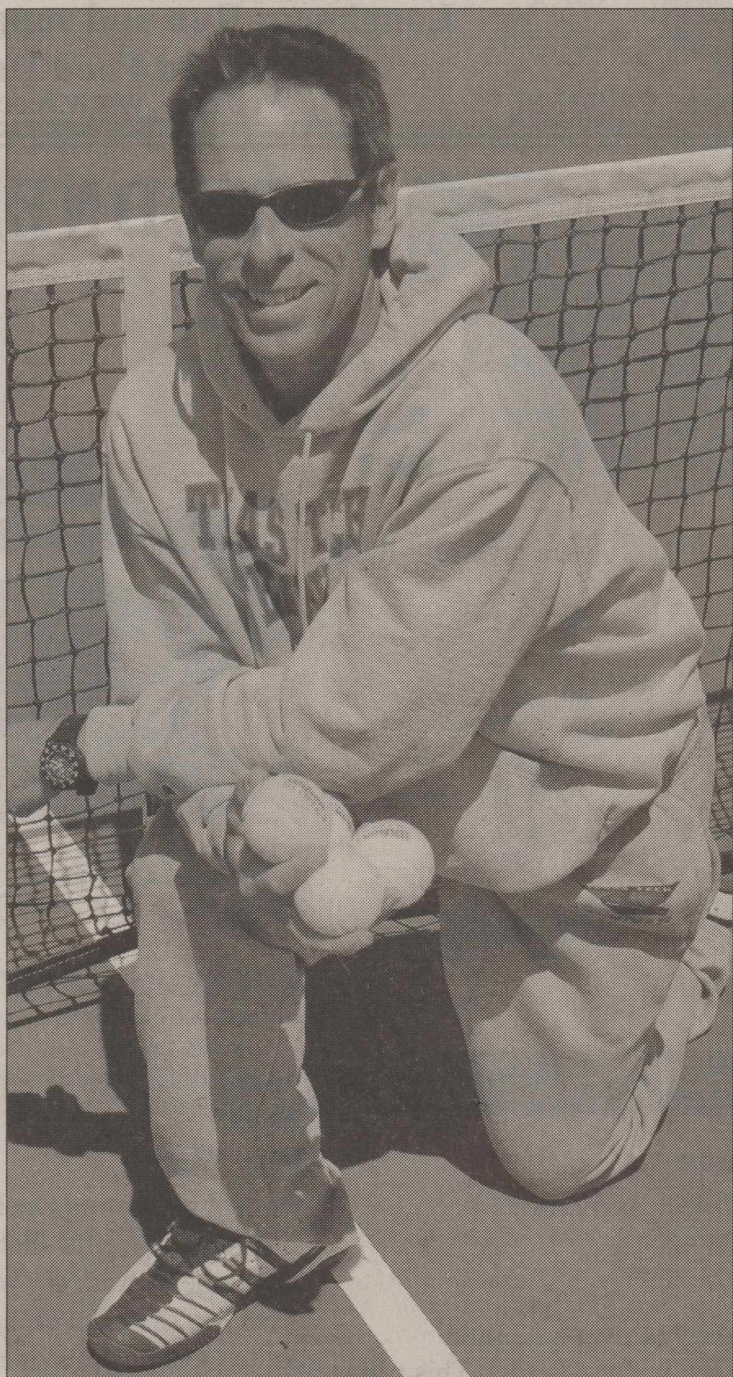
Templeton advanced to the semifinals where she lost 6-1, 6-1 to TCU's Kayla Duncan.

Petty said it is encouraging to see a sophomore perform so well in the last tournament before the spring season.

"Last year she was just kind of a rock for us down there at the bottom of the lineup," he said. "She has the capability of beating some of the top-notch players and for her to come out on the biggest stage and be able to perform like that is a credit to her hard work and her dedication the last couple of months."

After spending the majority of last season at the No. 1 singles spot, van der Drift solidified her place among the best players in the Big 12 Conference, Petty said.

"Sam had a great tournament," he said. "She won one round in the main and then lost to the girl that eventually made the finals and then beat a couple other schools' No. 1s. I think she's proven herself that she's able to take the task or the role of the



TEXAS TECH MEN'S tennis coach Tim Siegel and his Red Raiders now will prepare for the spring season after a successful fall.

No. 1 player in this conference with anybody she plays." kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

New details of overdose episode at Thomas' home in New York

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Officers who responded to Isiah Thomas' home after a 911 call reporting an overdose on sleeping pills found a man passed out on the floor and gave him oxygen until an ambulance arrived.

Authorities have not publicly identified Thomas as the victim, but a person familiar with the case has confirmed it was the former Knicks coach and NBA star. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because of privacy concerns.

On Tuesday, Harrison Police Chief David Hall provided new details about last week's emergency in which officers were handed a bottle of prescription pills at Thomas' Westchester County home.

Hall said the bottle had a name on it, but he would not disclose the precise medication. He said police called the overdose accidental because there was no suicide note and no indication the victim suffered from depression.

Thomas has denied being the victim, and Hall again criticized the ex-coach for saying it was his 17-year-old daughter, Lauren, who required treatment.

"As parents, you try to protect your kids; you don't say they did something when it was you who did it," Hall said. "We know the difference between a 47-year-old man and a teenager."

Thomas' spokesman, Jesse Deris, said, "This continues to be a private family matter and the family respectfully asks for privacy." A call to Knicks spokesman Jonathan Supranowitz was not immediately returned. Thomas, fired as coach last April, still works for the team.

Some of the latest details about the Thomas case were first reported by Newsday.

Hall said the 911 call made late Thursday from Thomas' multimillion-dollar home in the Purchase section of Harrison went first to state police, then to Harrison. Harrison police on patrol nearby got to the scene first, saw a 47-year-old man on the floor and went into "standard operating procedure," Hall said. They administered

oxygen until an ambulance crew arrived and took over, eventually lifting the man onto a gurney and taking him to White Plains Hospital.

He said it was his department's first call to Thomas' house. An emergency services log, with the names of the caller and the patient blacked out, indicates the ambulance arrived at the house minutes before midnight.

Hall said someone at the house gave his officers a prescription bottle, and the officers gave it to the ambulance crew so the hospital doctors would know about it. They then searched the house for other medications that might have been involved but found none, he said.

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DAVID HALL
HARRISON POLICE
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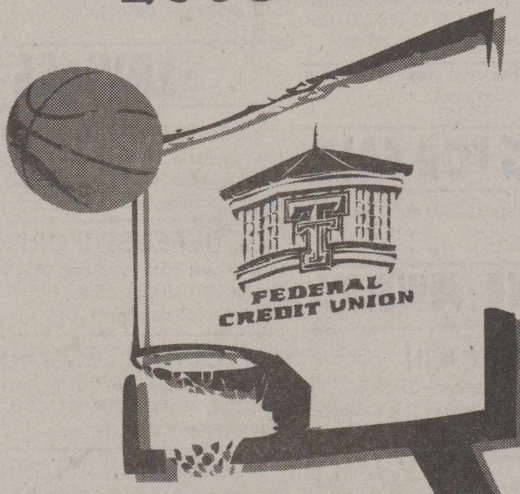
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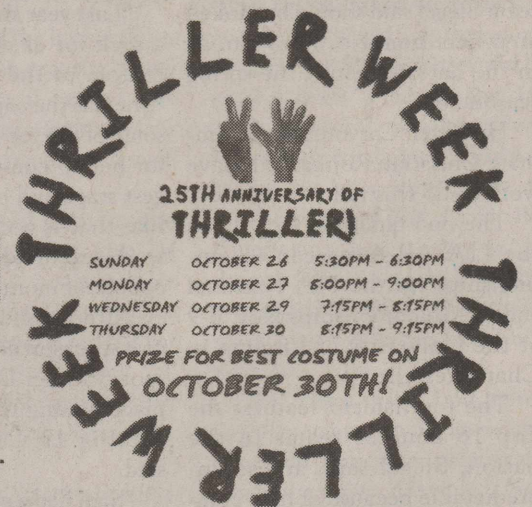
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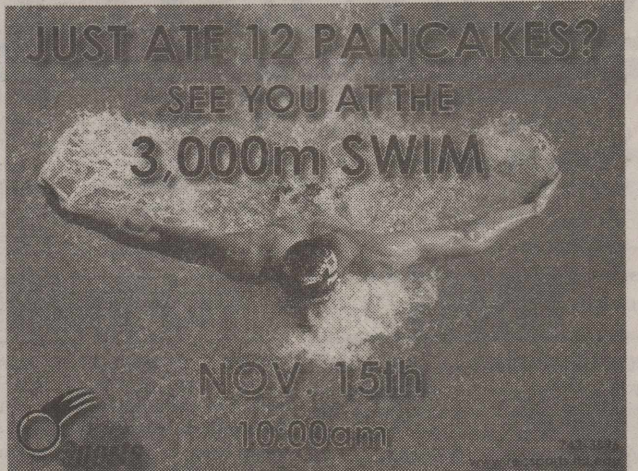


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Saturday, November 1
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Election Day

Tuesday, November 4

Movie -- Pineapple Express

Wednesday, November 5
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Matinee Movie -- Pineapple Express

Thursday, November 6
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Thursday, October 30
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S.O. Registration Meeting

Tuesday, November 4
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