

# **New Student Government officers elected**

SUCCESSFUL SELECTION: Nash, Harmon, Worley to take over positions for SGA; graduate vice president not yet determined.

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

nnouncement of the Student Govyielded a surprising turn of events for school senate seats also will be held. one executive position.

basement of the Student Union building, it was an- SGA internal vice president. nounced a glitch in the SGA election vote recording system failed to tally any votes for vice president of graduate affairs.

John Hanson is the only candidate running for vice president of student affairs; however, another election for the position will be held March 1-2 because of the ernment Association election results computer malfunction. A run-off for one of three law

Nathan Nash was elected as president of the SGA Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. in the with 65 percent of the votes. Nash currently serves as

"I am very excited about this opportunity," he said.

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**President:** Nathan Nash (65 percent of votes)

**Internal Vice President:** Casey Harmon (84 percent of votes)

**External Vice President:** Ryan Worley (56 percent of votes)

Vice President of Graduate Affairs: John Hanson — only candidate running; computer glitch causing another election for position.





STEVE LEWIS/The Un

\*Election results based on Internet voting by Texas Tech students.

LEFT: NATHAN NASH, Student Government Association president-elect, hugs Casey Harmon, SGA internal vice president-elect, as the two celebrate their victories with friends Wednesday night in the basement of the Student Union building. RIGHT: Drew Slater (center), a junior agricultural economics major from Boerne and candidate, and Jacob Reach (left of Slater), a junior political science and sociology major from Plano, encourage students to vote in the Student Government Association elections outside the Student Union building Wednsday afternoon.

## Abercrombie lawsuit causing no problem for Lubbock store

**By Brittany Barrientos**/ The University Daily

been plaguing a popular clothing the retailer discriminated against store, but local employees say they them. have not felt discriminated against in Lubbock.

ment Opportunity Commission press stores for nearly three years in release, a lawsuit was filed Nov. 11 both Houston and Lubbock and alleging Abercrombie & Fitch stores just received her forms to join the used hiring practices that exclude lawsuits. minorities and women.

by the lawyers who prosecuted the being discriminated against while Abercrombie & Fitch discrimination lawsuits, on Nov. 16, Abercrombie

& Fitch granted an initial settlement of more than \$40 million to Latino, black, Asian and female Discrimination lawsuits have applicants and employees who felt

VANESSA VELA/The University Daily

Ashley Kirker, a junior public relations major from Cypress, said According to an Equal Employ- she has worked at Abercrombie

Kirker said she understands According to a Web site set up how people could feel they are

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## Lubbock's Depot District set to change name

By Katherine Amerson/The University Daily

The Depot District by any other name would still sound as sweet, and maybe even sweeter if the proposed name change to the Depot Entertainment District increases Lubbock tourism.

Owner of Bleacher's Sports Café Kurt Macmillan said he supports the name change.

'The Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau commissioned a private research group to do a study of people coming to Lubbock," he said.

While the Depot District was one of the top five places the bureau visited, Macmillan said, tourists and residents surveyed said Lubbock needs an entertainment district.

"For those people that are just driving down the interstate, they don't know what the Depot District is," he said.

Marcy Jarrett, executive director of the Lubbock Convention and Visi-



#### LINC ARMES/The University Daily

LUBBOCK IS PROPOSING to rename the Depot District. To possibly increase tourism, the name will change to the Depot Entertainment District.

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH had a lawsuit filed against it Nov. 11 for discrimination in its hiring processes. According to employees at the Lubbock store, it has not been affected by the case against the company.

#### By Katherine Amerson/ The University Daily

Teaching an abstinence-only sexually transmiteducation policy in the Lubbock Independent School System, as well as across Texas, has proved to have www.siecus.org, an adverse effect on teenagers, said in 2003, 46 per-Planned Parenthood Development cent of female Officer Tina Brogan.

The unwanted pregnancy rate dents and 57 perand the sexually transmitted disease cent of male high rate in Lubbock is disturbing, Brogan school students said.

"Lubbock has one of the highest having had sexrates of teen pregnancy in Texas, and ual intercourse, Texas has one of the highest rates of as opposed to 45 teen pregnancy in the country," she percent of female said. "I think abstinence-only educa- high school students and 48 percent District, said little can be done to fix

tion is criminal — it's not realistic. of male high school students nation- the situation at a local level. What it leads to wide

I think

is higher rates of ted diseases."

> According to abstinence-only education is high school stucriminal — it's not realistic. in Texas reported

- TINA BROGAN **Planned Parenthood Development Officer** 

tion.

the Lubbock In-

dependent School

"It's a state law that abstinence be Although the a preferred method of instruction," law makes absti- she said. "(The state provides the nence-only sex textbooks). Our textbooks do talk education the ap- about STDs, but it doesn't go into proach taught in birth control or condoms."

According to the Web site, the schools, Brogan Texas Sexuality Education Law does said, comprehennot require sexuality education, but sive sex education if a school district does teach sexuis recommended by the American ality education they must present Medical Associa- abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in Jane Tustin, a relationship to all sexual activity for representative for unmarried persons of school age.

"Quite frankly, abstinence-only

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Thats what As-

pergers does,'

he said. "Jason

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shoved,

Frankenstein.

He dealt with

this on a daily

basis."

## Teen pleads guilty in stabbing

EDINBURG (AP) — A 17-year- torney Juan Villescas asked jurors to give son, because of mental illness, had old has pleaded guilty to stabbing Gonzalez the maximum of 40 years in a problem fitting in with his peers.

to death a fellow student as they prison. waited for their parents to pick them "Nothing can up from an after-hours school event replace a life," he last March. told the jury.

Jason C. Gonzalez pleaded guilty Defense attor-Tuesday to stabbing 15-year-old Li- ney Eddy Trevino anna Nicole Olmeda 15 times outside told jurors Gon-Pharr-San Juan-Alamo North High zalez has suffered School after a drama competition on mental problems March 29. since age 12, in-

Gonzalez was to stand trial for Ol- cluding attention meda's death, but because of his guilty deficit hyperacplea, a jury will determine Gonzalez's tive disorder and punishment. The jury will hear tes- depression. After timony from police officers, teachers, the slaving, Gonwitnesses and family members.

Gonzalez is being tried as a minor with Aspergers because he was 16 at the time of the syndrome, a highmurder. functioning form of autism.

Prosecuting Assistant District At-

zalez was diagnosed

I he evidence will Gonzalez had show that Jason, because lied since elof mental illness, had a until the day this occurred problem fitting in with pushed, teased. his peers. spit on, called

> - EDDY TREVINO Defense Attorney in the **Gonzalez** Case

He asked jurors to consider all the facts and come up with a

"The evidence will show that Ja- "just" verdict.

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## The Rundown





## Foster care reform Funding for AIDS McCain calls for discussed in Senate research tightens permanent bases

AUSTIN (AP) — Young Texans WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) in foster care would continue receiv- funding for AIDS vaccine research The United States needs permanent ing state services until they turn 21 is tightening, the government's top military bases in Afghanistan to under a plan a Senate committee HIV expert warned Monday, even as protect its "vital national security approved to overhaul state agencies he said scientists still must overcome interests" in the region, Arizona Sen. overseeing care for children and the a big hurdle in the hunt: how to har- John McCain said Tuesday after talks ness the body's first defenders to repel with the Afghan president. elderly.

The Senate plan to rework Child infection.

and Adult Protective Services cleared its first big hurdle Tuesday, as the cannot do that, noted Dr. Anthony pirations to cement their influence in health and human services commit- Fauci of the National Institutes of this former al-Qaida stronghold on the tee sent the bill to the Senate floor. Health. They work on a different doorstep of Iran, China and nuclear-"We needed to press forward pathway, one of cell-based immu- armed rivals Pakistan and India.

with this issue as if lives depend on nity. it, because they do," said Sen. Jane Indeed, scientists are approaching Senate delegation that met President Nelson, R-Lewisville, who sponsored a critical crossroads where they must Hamid Karzai at his palace in the

the legislation. Improving Child Protective Ser- alone will prove protective enough, ted to a "strategic partnership that vices is a top priority for legislators said Seth Berkley, president of the In- we believe must endure for many, this session following a number of ternational AIDS Vaccine Initiative. many years." high-profile child abuse deaths. After "If cellular immunity turns out to an El Paso judge reported extreme be quite positive, we've got a series of ciation of Afghanistan, but also we neglect and abuse of elders, Adult candidate vaccines," Berkley said at a believe there will be vital national Protective Services has also come meeting of the American Association security interests in this region for a under fire. Both issues are included for the Advancement of Science. "If it long time," McCain said. in Republican Gov. Rick Perry's list turns out that cellular immunity is not of emergency items.

Nelson's bill calls for hiring ad- period" to a useful vaccine. ditional CPS caseworkers and suptechnology to reduce their work load. U.S. funding. The bill would privatize certain CPS functions, but not administration creases in the 1990s, the NIH next investigations unit that works closely just half a percent. created by the bill.

The plan calls for more APS Diseases, did not say how much of that clearly defining intervention strate- an AIDS vaccine, although he said it himself to expressing thanks. gies and stronger independence and remained a top priority. Fauci said



McCain's remarks were the latest Today's leading vaccine candidates indication of American and British as-

McCain, part of a five-member determine if that cellular approach Afghan capital, said he was commit-

"Not only because of our appre-

Asked by reporters what such a very useful ... it's a much longer time partnership would entail, he identified "economic assistance, technical assis-That question looms just as re- tance, military partnership including port staff and implementing new searchers face tough new battles for - and this is a personal view - joint military permanent bases and also After years of record budget in- cultural exchanges."

McCain, the No. 2 Republican on or investigations. A special CPS year expects its total budget to increase the Senate Armed Services Committee, did not elaborate on what kind of with law enforcement would also be Fauci, head of NIH's National American military presence he was Institute of Allergy and Infectious advocating.

Karzai did not address the issue caseworkers with improved training, allocation is expected for research into at a joint news conference, limiting

"It is because of help from the guardianship functions of the court. Of the \$600 million to \$700 United States that Afghanistan has Under a guardianship, another per- million invested in AIDS vaccine what it has today, be it in reconstrucson is given legal authority to make research worldwide last year, the tion, be it in economy, in elections, in financial and other decisions for an United States provided \$582 million, the very fact that this is a country that is now owning itself," he said.

Asked about McCain's comments

elderly client.

# **Traveling ranch horse team established at Tech**

By Kelly Gooch/ The University Daily

The first traveling ranch horse team in the United States was started Odessa, at Texas Tech this semester.

Kris Wilson, the ranch horse coach, said the team has 12 members horse and they meet for class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Caprock Equestrian Center. Attending the class is the only requirement to be on the team, he said.

Ranch horse team members work on classes at different competitions, Wilson said, including Western Pleasure, Trail Reigning and Working Cow Horse.

Wilson said the ranch team had its first competition two weekends ago in College Station and won 21 different awards.

He said he started the ranch horse team and is coaching the team this semester because he wanted to give students a unique opportunity.

"It's something I've wanted to do for while," he said.

Professors from other colleges including New Mexico State, Wilson said, have talked with him because they want to start their own ranch horse team.

He said he is going to a clinic in a couple of weeks in said. and the ranch horse team will have professional trainers come to their class including Mark loves being a member of the ranch horse team.

> Stowe from Slaton. Wilson also said the 12 members of the of her favorites.

ranch horse team have all improved.

he said.

has

All entry, lodging and travel fees have been he said.

Kevin Burns, a freshman animal science major from Clovis, N.M., said the ranch horse team horses. improved his cow horse skills.

"It's improved my overall skills as a rider and trainer," he said. "We have a pretty good coach."

All events at the competitions are individual, Burns said

Another member of the ranch horse team, Colton Daniels, got fifth place in the overall non-professional at the last competition, Burns

Janene Evans, a senior animal science major from El Paso, said she

Evans said she has ridden horses her whole life, but this class is one

Being on the ranch horse team has improved her reigning and she "It's been a really good experience for them," has never done cow horse before, Evans said. However, she got second and fourth place in cow horse at the competition.

Evans said she chose to take this class and join the ranch horse team donated by different corporations or individuals, because she needed an agriculture elective, and a friend told her the team was starting.

Evans said she enjoys the class because she gets to ride her own

"I would recommend it to anyone," she said.

Wilson said the team has a competition next week in Abilene, one on March 25 in Fort Worth and one on April 9 in Lubbock.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands most scientists believed the water had (AP)—Images relayed by a European evaporated into the atmosphere early

scientists said Tuesday at a conference cent: it appears to still be there, covered

in the Netherlands. The existence beneath a layer of dust and ash," John

of water or ice would significantly Murray of Britain's Open University

increase the chance that microscopic told the Associated Press in a telephone

graphs - not yet published - taken showing what ESA scientists said was

last year by the European Space the most direct evidence yet of water in

Agency's Mars Express probe currently the form of ice on the red planet have

interview.

"The point is that the ice is very re-

Photographs from the Mars Express

been sent back and analyzed over the

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Sea of ice found on M

space probe reveal the existence of a in the planet's history.

sea of ice close to the equator of Mars,

The evidence comes from photo-

life may also be found on Mars.

orbiting the red planet.

# U. Florida groups host PETA parody

By Kylie Craig/ Independent Florida Alligator

fire were on sale, and visitors were event." given fliers listing "problems" with

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, the PETA organization. Rho was asked Fla. — Hungry University of Ashley Black, secretary of the to help host the Florida students ate more than 100 UF College Republicans, said she event because pounds of meat in less than two wanted the event to help people the event, in hours at Tuesday's People Enjoy- recognize the "extreme" views part, is about of PETA. supporting agriing Tasty Animals, or PETA,

Barbecue. The barbecue,

which was hosted by UF's College Republicans, was held to raise aware-

ness about the

used by extreme efforts the consumption of meat is not received.

inhumane, according to a release.

where visitors snacked on beef, event. pork, venison and bratwurst.

Students paid

for cleaning

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) -

Some University of Michigan students

are cleaning up - in more ways than

one

joining it culture-based. because "A lot of our of its nice guys do work in person appeal, the beef indusbut it's not nice try," fraternity

at all. It's a bunch of ex- president Antremists," Black said. Hunter Williams, chairman of said, adding he

People for the Ethical Treatment the College Republicans, said no did not know of of Animals and demonstrate that complaints about the event were any members of the fraternity who were vegetarians.

Instead, a letter was sent from The event took place at the Al- PETA to the College Republicans the public, brought in a variety of this," Black said. "We thought 100

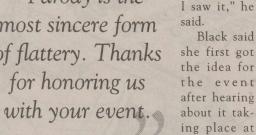
pha Gamma Rho fraternity house, thanking them for holding the UF students and other members of pounds of meat would be enough the Gainesville community.

T-shirts displaying a cartoon the most sincere form of flattery. mand, 22, said he was amused more."

picture of a pig roasting over a Thanks for honoring us with your by the play on words that made parody of the vegetarian orga-Williams said Alpha Gamma nization.

> Parody is the most sincere form "A lot culture, and he of flattery. Thanks of peo- knew the fraterple are nity was agrifor honoring us

> > - PETA ORGANIZATION Statement to the U. Florida



**College Republicans** 

the event's success at UF.

The event, which was open to

The letter read, "Parody is UF law student Arturo Ar- having to make two trips to get

Scientists have long theorized past few months. after hearing there was once water on Mars, and Murray co-authored a paper detailing about it takdata from NASA's Mars Rovers has the findings which was to be published ing place at other colleges, adding that it has been done many times before.

"It's all

in good fun.

I had a good

laugh when

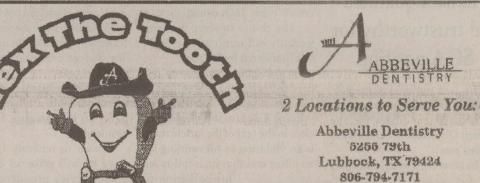
She said she was impressed with

"We didn't expect anything like

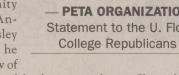
for two hours but we ended up

recently appeared to confirm it. But in the March 17 issue of Nature. Go Dark, with SunSational ing Semester Tanning and Nails Special!! One 8.5 oz Bottle of **"Brown Envy Tanning Accelerator FREE** with Purchase

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the idea for the event



drew Walmsley

keeping their dormitory rooms presentable and available for tours by prospective students and their parents. Eighteen students in nine residence

They are getting cash payments for

halls are participating in the Michigan Campus Day tour program, according to Randi Johnson, the university's housing outreach coordinator.

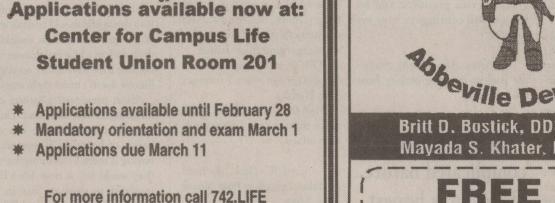
The rules for Campus Day participants technically do not require a clean room. Participants do, however, have to be dressed and out of bed if they are home, and must let tour groups see their room from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

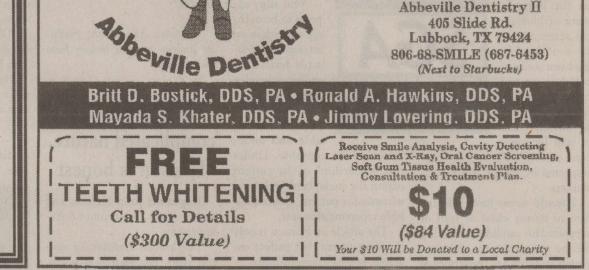




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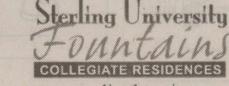
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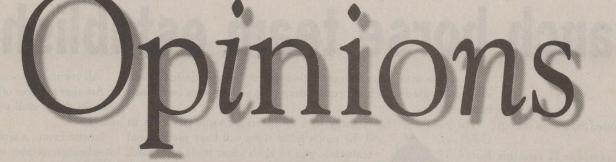
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## TECH TALKS BACK University Daily article regarding Hanson unnecessary, damaging

## Hanson qualified and trustworthy for SGA position

This is in response to the Feb. 23 UD article concerning a vice presidential candidate for the Student Government Association and his past.

I have worked with John Hanon for about

not only graduate students but the entire Texas Tech community.

His ability to serve graduate students will in no way be negatively affected by his past.

It was difficult for me to understand what the editor of The UD was hoping to accomplish by printing a story of this type. It was clear in the text of the article there is no violation in his running for

Finally, graduate biology students who know and have worked with Hanson have elected him to leadership positions in our graduate student organization for the past two years.

This demonstrates my and other graduate students' confidence in his integrity and skills as a leader.

I want to reiterate I still bean office and that he is following lieve he will make an excellent his probation to graduate vice president and he has and will continue to have my support.

he is one of the most honest, diligent, and intelligent people with whom I've had the pleasure to interact.

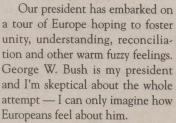
I know Hanson well, and consider him a good friend.

Sex offenses range from heinous acts on one extreme to simple misunderstandings on the other.

In brief, I believe there are a great many people who have been falsely accused of sex of fense crimes, and one should not jump too quickly to conclusions regarding these issues.

# **Bush's agenda** in ol' Europe

ou want to insult me, ignore me and then come on over for a cup of tea? Oh, Dubya, were you not paying attention in Ms. Manners' class? That's no way to win friends and influence Europeans but nice try.



Bush's European tour includes stops in Belgium, Germany and Slovakia. That's it - three countries. That works out to roughly six percent of European countries. You'd think if Bush were serious about extending this olive branch, he would have held it out to more people.

Bush is trying to "normalize relations" with "old Europe." "Old Europe" being Bush's somewhat insulting name for any country who didn't unquestionably support the Iraq war. I don't think I need to be the one to point out he only has to normalize relations because he was the one who made them abnormal.

Our president is focusing his energies talking about Iran and its possible nuclear situation. Bush also plans on having a stern talking-to with Vladimir Putin about the current state of affairs in Russia. He's trying to tell Europeans what they should and shouldn't trade with China. And he'll be mumbling something about global warming. Otherwise, he'll concentrate on sucking up, kissing butt and otherwise brown nosing.

Bush has put considerable effort into selling the Iran agenda. He's try-



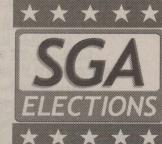
Our president has embarked on a tour of Europe hoping to foster unity, understanding, reconcilitation and other warm fuzzy feelings. George W. Bush is my president and I'm skeptical about the whole attempt — I can only imagine how Europeans feel about him.

government has taken over the free press, restricted citizens rights and otherwise backslid. Who better to be upset about such atrocities as a man who has Fox News in his pocket, pays columnists, supports the Patriot Act, ignores the rights of detainees and does what he wants regardless of principals? The talk should go over quite well.

But mainly, Bush is there to

three years now in the department of biological sciences. He is a valuable graduate student, collaborator and one of my closest friends. In fact, he was my chief of staff for some time and is well

workers.



the letter. This story ap-

pears to be nothing more than an attempt at character defamation and sensationalist reporting. I find this

practice abhor able and unacceptable. Under

the "leadership" of the current editor, the students of Tech have witnessed a pattern of irresponsible reporting this year.

The article on Hanson is only the most recent, but perfect example, of this irresponsibility.

- Alisa Abuzeineh, graduate student studying biology from Wichita, Kan.

Despite offense's complicated nature, Hanson is honest

Regarding John Hanson and the Student Government Association:

I've known Hanson for several years. For what it is worth,

This issue simply does not cross my mind when I interact with Hanson.

Hanson, if elected, will make an excellent VP for graduate affairs.

- Carl W. Dick, doctoral candidate in zoology from Mount Lake, Minn.

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ing his hardest to convince Europe it's a threat and should be dealt with. More specifically, Iran should be dealt with in a bilateral manner. Just because they have funny accents in Europe doesn't make them stupid.

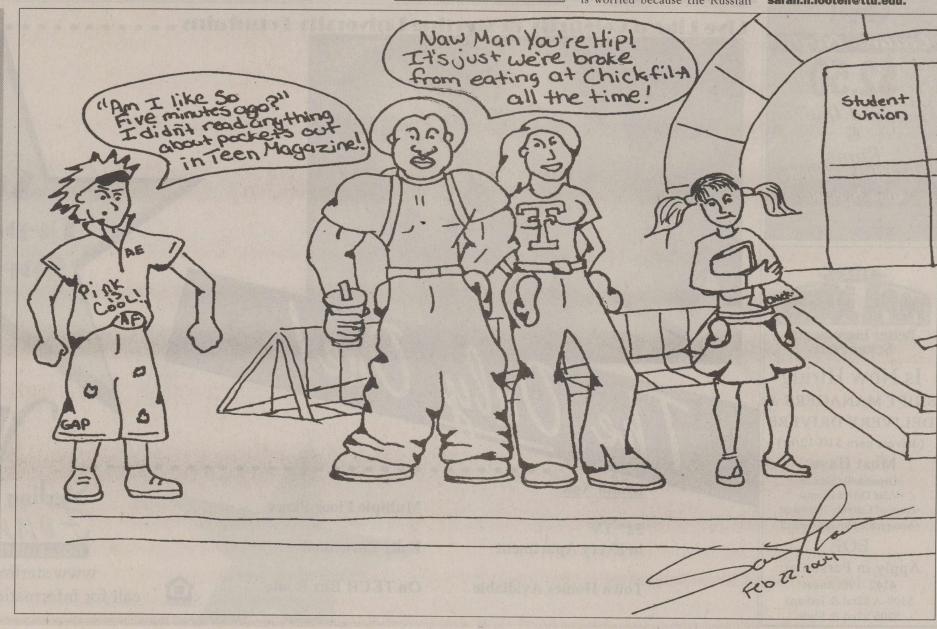
Bush presented a strong case for going to war with Iraq. Unfortunately, the strong case was all a bunch of hogwash. Europe wasn't buying it then. I can't imagine why they would buy it now. It's a little insulting to show up late in the game and go, "Iraq, Iran? What's the difference? Like one letter, that's all. Let's go!"

Bush also will be talking with Putin about the "rolling back of democratic reform" in Russia. Dubya is worried because the Russian

reach out to the Europeans. It's not quite groveling, but it certainly is a far cry from the Mr. Unilateral of a couple of years ago. Frankly it's a little mind-boggling that he is bothering with the whole European mess at all. After all, he does have a mandate and no re-election to worry about. Maybe he really is contrite about the whole situation.

It's nice Bush and his administration are trying to be contrite and do things the right way. I hope it's not too little or too late. Maybe it can be taken for more than it appears to be.

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respected by myself and his co-

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him to be my chief of staff or

supported his candidacy if I didn't

feel he was competent and com-

pletely dedicated to the service of

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# **Changes to SAT will not affect admission standards**

By Meghann Lora/ The University Daily

will have an added stress factor when SAT. preparing for the test.

high school and to include writing, great success.' which is an important skill for suctest include an essay, more advanced grade. math and no analogies.

The new SAT will have a sepa- of the test would aid colleges in the rate writing section in which stu- admissions process. dents will have 25 minutes to write

and grammar. Gale Latimer, a counselor

at Monterey High School, said High school students taking the students from Texas high schools Scholastic Aptitude Test after March will be prepared for the new

"I think our students, espe-College Board, the creator of cially in Texas, are going to be SAT, has changed the test to better well-prepared for it," she said. "I reflect what students are learning in think our kids in Texas will have

Latimer said students in Texas cess in college, according to www. have been taking standardized tests collegeboard.com. Changes to the with writing portions since fourth

Latimer said the writing portion

"A professor at a college is going an essay on a provided topic, accord- to want a student who can make a ing to the College Board Web site. clear thought," she said. "I think es-The writing section will also include pecially for a college-bound student, dent has to have algebra 1, algebra 2 multiple-choice questions on writing they need to be able to put their

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and geometry," she said. "We encour-

thoughts on paper."

The math section of the SAT will age all our college-bound students to now include topics from third-year enroll in more advanced math." high school math such as exponen- Latimer said the Preliminary tial growth, functional notation and Scholastic Aptitude Test will also

absolute value, according to the have some changes, but there will College Board Web site. not be an essay section.

Latimer said Texas students are Monterey High School is adding prepared for the higher-level math a PSAT prep class next year to assist that has been added to the test. students with preparing for the SAT, "In the state of Texas, every stu- Latimer said.

"We're trying to work with those

changes and do the best to pre- determining which applications to pare the students," she said. accept.

The critical reading section of the test, previously known as will just be another piece of informathe verbal section, will no longer tion for is to use to see if students include analogies, according to should be admitted to the university the College Board Web site. The or not," she said. section will also include short Tech will not make any changes reading passages in addition to to current SAT requirements for

the long passages. Djuana Young, managing until after the evaluation process,

director of the office of admissions, Young said. said Texas Tech would not take the writing section of the SAT into ac- make a determination on what the count for students taking the test next step will be," she said.

this year. She said the writing section Young said she thinks the new would only affect students applying SAT is an improvement and should in 2007.

'Because it is new, we're going to Tech. hold off for one year," she said. "We "I think it's going to be good all

will be evaluating the new test." around," she said. "Hopefully, we will Young said the writing section see stronger students applying to the will assist the admissions office in university."

smuggling deaths trial

HOUSTON (AP) - Issues liams faces such a punishment of race filtered into the first day because he alone had the power of jury selection in the trial of a to free the immigrants in his tractruck driver who could face the tor-trailer.

death penalty if convicted for his An appeal is pending before the role in the deaths of 19 illegal im- U.S. Supreme Court on this issue. A 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Apmigrants.

The question of whether prose- peals panel has said the trial could cutors are seeking the death penalty continue in the meantime.

In Decem-

ber, two other

defendants in

the case were

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The trial of

missed.

because Tyrone Williams is black Williams' trial had been posthas been a key issue. He is the only poned four times since its original one of 14 defendants in the nation's Jan. 5 start date because of appeals deadliest human smuggling attempt over the race issue.

who faces the death penalty.

On Tuesday, his attorneys questioned whether some of the minorities in the jury pool were being unfairly excluded from a seat on

the jury panel. "If they pick a jury like this, they are going to eliminate all the minorities and that is what they are doing," Craig Washington, remains a fugitive. Prosecutors

If they pick a jury like this, they are going to eliminate all the minorities and that is what they are doing.

Williams' lead attorney, said after have not decided whether to seek

dant in the case - CRAIG WASHINGTON is on hold. Five Tyrone Williams' others previ-Lead Attorney ously pleaded guilty. One man

First jurors chosen in Prairie chickens an endangered species

By Kelly Gooch/ The University Daily

ens, unique animals found common in sand hills. near the Lubbock area, do However, prairie chickens chicknot fit the description of the can now be

traditional fowl. in the west-Nova Silvy, region profes- counties of

sor in wildlife and fishery sci- Texas near ences at Texas A&M Univer- Sudan and sity, said he has done research Muleshoe, on lesser and attwater prairie Hewetson chickens since 1975. said.

Prairie chickens are an There are endangered species and thrive greater and only in two Texas counties, lesser praihe said. rie chick-

Currently, 50 attwater ens who canprairie chickens live in the not breed with wild and 200 live in captivity, each other, and Silvy said.

Attwater prairie chickens chickens of each have big orange and yellow species have different sound, whereas lesser prairie said.

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A lek is an area where males Anthony Hewetson, presi- are considered prairie grouse display to attract females, he dent of the Llano Estacado and reside in grasslands. Audubon Society, said prairie Because some Texas grass- said.

Although they carry a chickens are closely related lands are being changed to Lesser prairie chickens are similar name, prairie chick- to chickens and were formerly accommodate farming, the found in short grass prairies preva-

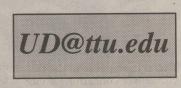
found ern West lence of prairie including Texas, Colorado, ens is declining, Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, Haukos said. Haukos said.

"Prairie Tech did research on prairie chickens chickens in the 1980s, Haukos need large said, including reproduction, areas to where they nest and if it is sucsurvive," cessful, survival, how and why they survive and respond to he said. Cotton changes in habitat.

farming, dair- He said prairie chickens seem ies and pea- to be adapting to grasslands nut farming are well, and it is fortunate to have examples of the prairie chickens close to Lubnew agriculture on bock.

these grasslands, Prairie chickens survive in Haukos said. harsh conditions and have been In prairie around for centuries, Haukos grouse there said.

"We need to continue to do



the male prairie are several species including air sacs and make a booming breeding packages, Hewetson greater prairie chickens, found research on them," he said. in the Midwest, sharp-tailed

chickens have purple air sacs, David Haukos, adjunct pro- grouse found in the upper Midare smaller than attwater fessor, said he has been doing re- west and Canada, and Sageprairie chickens and make a search on prairie chickens since brush grouse found in the West, gobbling sound, Silvy said. 1986. He said prairie chickens Haukos said.

prosecutors had objected to several the death penalty against three of the black and Hispanic individu- others who were recently returned als who were interviewed Tuesday. to the country after fleeing to

But prosecutors said they ob- Mexico. jected because those individuals stated they could not impose the death penalty in the case under any circumstances.

Jury selection ended for the day on Tuesday with attorneys for both sides choosing four of the 12 jurors and four alternates needed. One of the jurors chosen was a black man. Jury selection was to resume Wednesday with the trial expected to begin by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

The first 24 people in a jury pool of 250, including a priest who wore his cleric collar and was later excluded, were questioned.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore asked them basic questions about what they had seen or read about the case and if the coverage would influence them.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers, as well as Gilmore, then questioned them individually, focusing on jurors' thoughts about the death penalty.

Some jurors said their beliefs prevented them from imposing the death penalty on anybody, while others said they had no problems with capital punishment.

Authorities say Williams, 34, of Schenectady, N.Y., was hired by a smuggling ring to transport more than 70 illegal immigrants in his hot, airless tractor-trailer from South Texas to Houston in May 2003.

Williams, a Jamaican citizen, abandoned the trailer at a truck stop near Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston, after the immigrants began succumbing to the deadly heat inside, prosecutors say. Seventeen immigrants died inside the trailer. Two others died later.

He was indicted on 58 counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants. Federal law allows the death penalty in fatal smuggling cases.

His defense attorneys say he is the only one to face the death penalty in the case because he is black.

But prosecutors have said Wil-

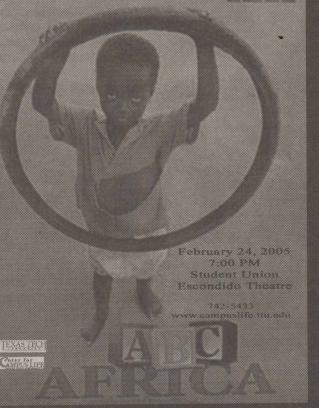
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## Depot

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she thinks the name is fine the tors Bureau, said the commis- way it is, but understands the sioned study was funded by hotel reasons for the proposed name occupancy taxes. change.

"Our visitors were saying (they) want entertainment," give clarification of certain she said, "But they didn't know things," she said. "I really don't they could find it in the Depot see any problem with the name District."

"I guess it's always good to change.'

so far, every-

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name, then

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they should

do," she said.

The De-

"If it's

that.

Surveys were mailed to 1,000 It is important to consult names in a database of people who all business associated with the had previously called to request Depot District, Prose said, and

The more restaurants

that come

and bars

information about the area, Jarrett said, so the behavioraldriven survey was conducted using stratified random sampling.

The predicted repercussions of the name change is increased exposure for the area, Jarrett said, and increased business

The name change should help Prose said, because the Deis changed.

that come down here helps com- name, she said, should not be pliment the area," he said. "As much. far as business, I think it could do

nothing but help business."

campaign, but believes Lubbock's approved. image and the Depot District go hand-in-hand.

that the only purpose of the name benefit the city.'

## down here helps complement the area. - KURT MACMILLAN **Owner of Bleacher's** Sports Café

pot District and the Hub City have a

rich history in their names,

attract more people to Lubbock, pot District was where the Ft. Macmillan said, and allow the Worth Denver Railroad Station Depot District to have an in- was located and the Hub City creased presence once the name was like the hubcap for all the railroad spokes.

"The more restaurants and bars The cost of changing the

Jarrett said the estimated cost of changing the name is

Macmillan said he does not not known, and the cost would think the name change is directly include changing road signs related to the Giant Side of Texas and brochures if the change is

"I would not even begin to speculate what the city will "We just want to make sure do," she said. "It's designed to



## **NEWS**

currently serves as a senator for "What is on my mind now is the College of Agriculture and finishing this session strong as journal clerk.

Casey Harmon was elected

internal vice president by 84 per-

cent of student votes. Harmon

and that will spill over into my "I am just impressed by the voter turnout this year," she said. presidency."

Nash said he will work even "I am glad that it is over and I closer with outgoing SGA Presi- am ready to finish the rest of this dent Mitchell Moses in the Senate term."

weeks to come before the new Harmon said she will apterm begins. point new committees at the "We have great senators and first meeting of the 41st Senate

executives this time around," in April. Nash said. "I am ready to get to While Slater was not voted work with them." into an executive office, he was

Ryan Worley was elected again elected as a Senator at external vice president with Large for the 41st Senate term. 56 percent of the vote. Worley "I am just really glad the eleccurrently serves as chief of staff tions are over and I really think to Moses.

Ryan (Worley) will do a great "I can't explain what I am job," he said. "Even though I feeling right now," he said. "I wasn't elected as external VP, I am just so overwhelmed by the have no regrets about my camopportunity to serve the student paigning."

Slater said he now is focused body in this way." Worley said his campaign on the rest of this term as Senawas long and tiresome and he tor at Large and looks forward to was glad to see it finally come another one next year.

to an end. SGA President Mitchell Mo-"Drew Slater was amazing to ses said he believes the elections"

run against," he said. "He is an ran smoothly this year. awesome guy and he does great "This is one of the first years

things in SGA." Worley said the first thing and everyone ran a fair camhe has on his mind entering the paign," he said. "It all came down next term is finishing the work to who the students wanted to on subsidizing the bus fees back represent them and I this is going to the apartment complexes. to be a great year for SGA."

## Abstinence

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 diseases and unwanted pregnancies," he said. "We do not teach

isn't working. The problem is, about any contraceptives." our children are experimenting Teaching about contraceptives with sex," Brogan said. "If not may work for some people, Booe talking about sex and informing said, but condoms do not work our children works, then Lubbock all the time either, which is why wouldn't have such a high rate of Texas school nurses do not hand pregnancy."

out any form of contraception to The problem is not completely students.

dealt with, Brogan said, because "We don't let any speaker an encompassing view would come and talk about contracepincorporate the fact that many tives," he said. children do not have father figures Surveys taken by local parents

as role models.

"The only thing we've seen in school is secondary to sex is a decrease in the amount of education at home, Tustin said, condoms used when they do have which makes it difficult to find a sex," she said. "We're failing our working curriculum. children."

Jack Booe, LISD assistant powerful is the State Board of superintendent for secondary Education," she said. "That's an schools, said teachers are not elected committee, and there are allowed to talk about contracep- some very strong conservatives on tives to students. that committee."

## Lawsuit

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working at the store.

when it was snowing to put on against. a mini-skirt and a spaghetti wearing (the same attire), lenient with our hours." so it's all about the way you Kirker said she believes this is look."

Kirker said the mini-skirt She said when she was hired in prevalent.

against," she said. "But you can agers treat their employees in tell by the location they have Lubbock than in Houston.

you work in the store." Managers from Houston area Abercrombie & Fitch stores could not comment on the situation. Accord-

claim forms sent to all women and minorities employed by

man Resources Abercrombie & Fitch between Department nor the corporate Feb. 24, 1999 and Nov. 16, 2004, offices would comment on the in 2001, the Equal Employment lawsuit settlements, but did Opportunity Commission con- acknowledge the new diversity cluded Abercrombie & Fitch and inclusion section of the Abdiscriminated against minori- ercrombie & Fitch Web site. ties. After lawsuits were filed The new section of the Web in 2003, the plaintiffs went on site contains information on to claim Abercrombie & Fitch increasing diversity throughout

the strategy by which it can be

in the claims if they were not claim forms now are available hired by Abercrombie & Fitch, for minorities and women who disproportionately assigned feel they have been wronged by

the EEOC for an investigation.

Robert Calderon, the direc- "Solving problems internally

Beau Turner, a junior premedicine major from Ballinger, said he has worked at the store in

one under-qualified.""

Lubbock for more than two years "I've been sent home before and has never felt discriminated

"I love working here," he said. strap," she said. "I came back "I'm pre-med and that requires a and didn't see anyone else lot of school, and they are very

another form of discrimination.

ordeal is the only incident of Houston, she was asked to work discrimination she has experi- while shopping in the store. She enced in Lubbock. She said in said people who turned in ap-Houston the problem was more plications and were not asked directly by the managers to be

"Discrimination is real un- hired were not hired as often. der the covers; you don't realize Kirker said she feels more you are being discriminated comfortable with the way man-

"Up here

you are working with your peers and everyone is a Tech student or a recent Tech graduate," she said. "I haven't noticed any discrimination here, but in Houston it's

Major from Cyprus

major." Neither the Abercrombie & Fitch Hu-

covers; you don't realize you are being discriminated against.

ing to the **ASHLEY KIRKER Junior Public Relations** 

discriminated against women Abercrombie & Fitch stores and as well.

The form invites women accomplished. and minorities to take part According to afjustice.com, to positions such as the stock the store.

room, were not promoted in a Calderon said people who fair manner, were terminated believe they are discriminated unfairly or had their hours re- against in the workplace should duced. It also states Abercrom- check the businesses policy on bie & Fitch cannot and will not complaints and decide if they retaliate in any way against the believe it will work. If problems employees or former employees persist, he said people should call who sue.

tor of the EEOC in the El Paso is the better way to go," he said. area, which includes Lubbock "(If they come to us), we take and 53 other counties, said dis- information and decide what

# Discrimination is real under the

we haven't had any complaints

"(We teach) abstinence only

as a way to prevent unwanted

reveal parents feel sex education

"The other place that's very

Catherine Prose, director of

change is for tourism," he said.

the Buddy Holly Center, said

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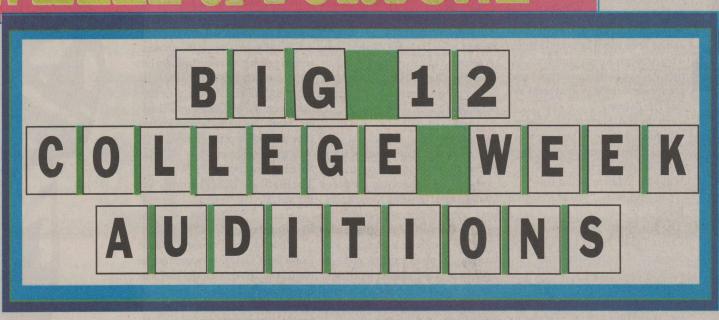
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#### By Clara Cobb/ The University Daily

eslie Brockman jumped out wheel.

Brockman, a sophomore adverwas among many "Wheel of Fortune" hopefuls auditioning for a spot on the show's Big 12 College Week Wednesday.

"I've been watching 'Wheel grandparents," Brockman said. "I thought it would be really awesome to be on the show instead of watching it."

Like many Texas Tech students auditioning to be a contestant on the show, Brockman said she skipped work to go through the selection process at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel on Avenue Q.

"I don't have class today, but I should be at work," Brockman said. "It's 'Wheel of Fortune' though; they understand."

The audition process began at 10 a.m. with a simulation game. Student contestant hopefuls were required to prove they had personality, good projection, good enunciation and excitement to add to the show.

The first game round was fol-

show or any game, reality or rela- h a v e n 't tionship/dating show in the past missed a class year, according to the Web site. all semester.

Dustin Harbert, a junior me- I thought it of her seat and the crowd chanical engineering technology would be clapped as she got her guns from Alice, said he was excited worth it to up and pretended to spin the to be auditioning for the show audition for because he is a big fan. 'Wheel of

"I got an e-mail saying I'd been Fortune, '' tising major from Flower Mound, selected; I was pretty excited," he said. "I Harbert said. "I couldn't believe I thought it was chosen. None of my friends got would be picked, so I was pretty excited, al- a great opthough I am sure it was random." portunity. I

Harbert said he skipped higher watch 'Wheel of Fortune' since I was 7 with my math for engineers and quad me- of Fortune' all chanics II to be at the audition. the time, so

"It's going to kill me, but I I thought I'd

I don't have class today, but I should be at work. It's 'Wheel of Fortune' though; they understand.

- LESLIE BROCKMAN Sophomore Advertising Major from Flower Mound

give it a shot." Harbert said he is good at weakness is behe did his best good." to make an impression in the first round. "I think I did the regular show in Los Angeles. pretty good,"

The Tech contestant for Big 12 didn't get a let- about that same time. ter wrong, but

Graphic by Frank Vaculin

SHANNON GEACH, A graduate student from El Paso studying audiology, auditions for Wheel of Fortune Big 12 Week Wednesday morning. word puzzles, Matthew Kalka, a graduate student from Yankton, S.D., studying indusbut his biggest trial engineering, waits for his turn.

ing in front of a the spin. I only got one chance, Mo., April 10. crowd. He said versus two, but I think I did pretty

people in mind. The show will

send out letters in two weeks for

Brockman said she hopes she has a good chance. O'Brien said the show had some

If she wins the Tech selection, the first person she will call is her grandmother.

STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

"My grandma is in Flower Mound and she just had knee sur-Harbert said. "I week will be contacted by phone gery," Brockman said. "I'd call her because that's who I first watched The Big 12 College Week edi- 'Wheel of Fortune' with. She'll be I lost a turn on tion will be taped in Kansas City, like, 'Oh, Les, that's great.""



lowed by a 5-minute test to see how applicants solved puzzles under pressure. After the second round, several students were cut from the audition process, and a third round with another simulation game allowed contestant executives to make their final decision.

"A lot of people weren't very excited. From watching the show for so long, I know what people look like when they are on the show," Brockman said. "I just tried to be really excited like I was winning money."

Brockman won a T-shirt and an autographed picture of Pat Sajak and Vanna White for solving the puzzle.

In the first round, students who solved the puzzle during the random-selection simulation game received "Wheel of Fortune" hats, T-shirts, commuter mugs, tote bags and other show paraphernalia.

"I was excited when I solved it, and I hoped it would give me a leg up, but I'm not sure," Brockman said. "I didn't get nervous till I got here. I was like 'I'll be OK,' but I got nervous when I walked though the doors."

Gary O'Brien, contestant executive, said the show made a special trip to Lubbock to select a contestant from Tech. The other Big 12 schools in Texas had auditions in Austin. O'Brien said about 700 Tech students applied online for an opportunity to be on the show.

"College Week is one of our favorite weeks," O'Brien said. "We try to find someone with a good natural presence, who can solve puzzles under pressure and is a good representative of the university.

According to the "Wheel of Fortune" Web site, www.sonypictures.com/tv/shows/wheel, because of the large number of applications, not every applicant will be able to audition. O'Brien said the audition selection is random, and confirmations for auditions were e-mailed to selected applicants.

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#### 'm scared. Oscar night is Sunday, and for the first time in a very long time, not much seems to be certain (except that shafts were plentiful). There are no Hobbits; there is no "American Beauty" or "Chicago." Film geeks' minds are bustling. Will politics or performance prevail?

#### **Best Picture**

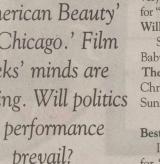
This year finds a two-way race for Best Picture. "The Aviator" and "Million Dollar Baby" are battling hard. We can dismiss "Ray" and "Finding Neverland," as neither deserves to be nominated in the first place. Ray Charles will be honored through Jamie Foxx's win for Best Actor, and the Michael Jackson/J.M Barrie/pedophile/Neverland connections are a little iffy.

chance if voters want to honor a the frontrunner. But those extra nods but don't count on it.



## There are no Hobbits; there is no 'American Beauty' or 'Chicago.' Film geeks' minds are bustling. Will politics or performance

"Sideways" will only stand a which, by the numbers, would make it tory, but he has never won an Oscar. The Big Shaft: Paul Giamatti, ("Sideways") stands a considerable comedy, and the spirit of small but come from the vast technical aspects "Unforgiven," and was nominated Academy). effective films. It would be terrific, of "Aviator." "Baby" does not have all for "Mystic River" last year. He also the extra flash, but it deserves to win. won the Directors Guild award, which Best Actress



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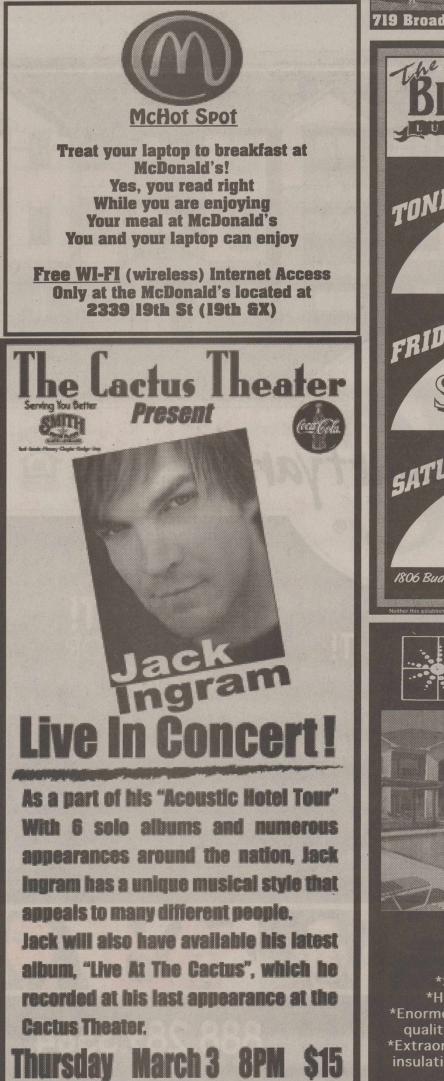
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on characterization, story and terrific continue to live in a world in which direction from Clint Eastwood. Add Scorsese has no Oscar. to that the controversy over the film's Will win: Scorsese ending being raised by radical righties. Should win: Scorsese, based solely and "Vera Drake" a movie about a wom-The Academy loves controversy, but on politics. they also love big spectacles and stories The Big Shaft: Marc Forster, for DVD March 28. Judging on what I know about mental disability. That bodes well Best Picture nominee, "Finding about both films, I believe these two for "The Aviator."

In the end, I believe the Academy will go for substance. "The Aviator" is a Best Actor very good film but not a great one. I look for "Million Dollar Baby" to cash in. Will win: "Million Dollar Baby"

Baby" The Big Shaft: "The Passion of the performance going for him. Besides Best Supporting Actor Christ," "Kill Bill vol. 2," "Eternal being the best, Foxx is playing a mu-Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"

#### **Best Director**

for "Baby" and Martin Scorsese for performance in the bunch. "The Aviator." Scorsese is one the Will win: Foxx "The Aviator" has 11 nominations, finest directors in Hollywood his- Should win: Foxx Eastwood won the Oscar in 1991 for "Sideways" (I'll never forgive you, chance against the veteran actor. But predicts the Oscar winner almost everv time.

> again? I doubt it. Even though "The The two faced off in 1999 with Swank pulling an upset. Aviator" would not rank in the top ("Boys Don't Cry") beating Bening Will win: Freeman five films of the esteemed director's ("American Beauty"). While Swank Should win: Freeman career, I simply believe the time has was amazing in "Baby," I don't think she The Big Shaft: David Carradine, come.

Eastwood, however, has the better I do not believe the Academy is ready

It is the best film of the year, relying film in "Baby." But I don't think I can to make her a two-timer.

Neverland"

While all of the nominees in this Should Win: Swank category are deserving, save for The Big Shaft: Uma Thurman, "Kill Should win: "Million Dollar Johnny Depp ("Finding Neverland"), Bill vol. 2" Foxx has both the politics and the

Annette Bening ("Being Julia") and But can Oscar shut out Scorsese Hilary Swank ("Million Dollar Baby"). stands a chance. Swank is young, and "Kill Bill Vol. 2"

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Instead, watch for Imelda Staunton ("Vera Drake") to challenge Bening. "Being Julia" opened in Lubbock Friday, an who performs abortions in secret, hits older, more respected actresses will shut out Swank. Watch for a Staunton win to be the surprise of the evening. J. Foxx for "Ray." End of story. Will win: Staunton

While Morgan Freeman ("Million sical legend who died this year- a Dollar Baby") is not doing anything he death was overshadowed by Ronald hasn't done before in movies like "The Reagan's. Look for the Academy Shawshank Redemption," there is no It's a fight between Clint Eastwood to pay homage, and award the best denying that he is one of Hollywood's finest. He deserves the win for his reliable and fine work in "Million," but faces stiff competition. Thomas Hayden Church if Church does win, it will be another huge slap in the face to Giamatti who was snubbed for his leading work in Most feel this is a re-match between "Sideways."

> I also loved Clive Owen's work in "Closer," and he has the chance of

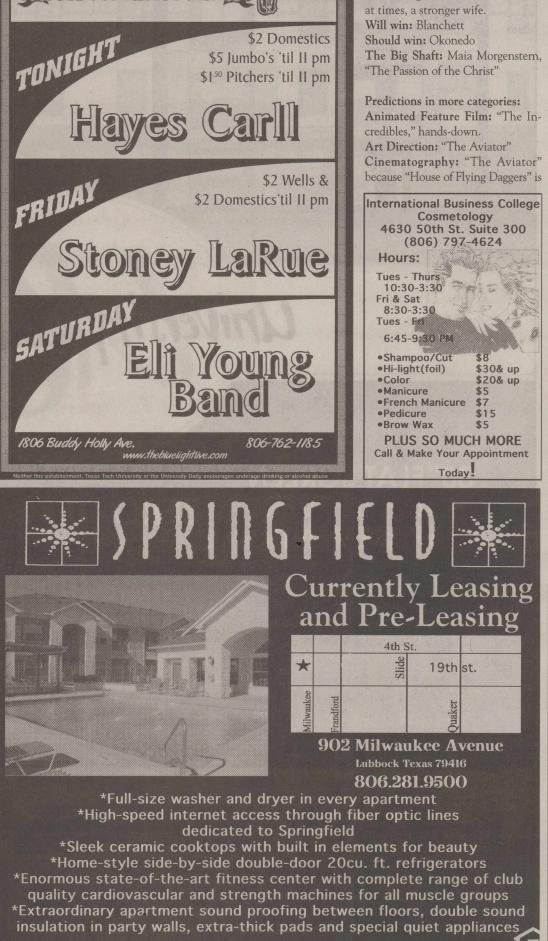
#### **Best Supporting Actress**

Here is another horse race category. Virginia Madsen is getting a lot of buzz for her terrific work in "Sideways," as is Cate Blanchett for her works as Katherine Hepburn in "The Aviator." Blanchett has been nominated before ("Elizabeth") and she is playing a Hollywood icon who won four Oscars. The Academy thinks highly of Blanchett, and I believe she will win.

My favorite, however, is Sophie Okonedo's wonderful work in "Hotel Rwanda." With a wide array of emotions, she blew me away. Her role represents feminine empowerment, and the necessity for a strong husband to have,

too good for voters. Costume Design: "The Aviator"





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Documentary Feature: "Born into Brothels," but "Super Size Me" is my pick.

Film Editing: "The Aviator" Foreign Language Film: "The Sea Inside," to make up for Javier Bardem's snub in the Best Actor category. Makeup: "The Passion of the Christ" because voters will feel the pressure to give Jesus at least one Oscar. Music Score: John Denby, "The Passion of the Christ." OK, give him two. Music (Song): Andrew Lloyd Webber for his add-on to "Phantom of the Opera," which he wrote just to get an Oscar. Voters will fall for it. Sound Editing: "The Incredibles" Sound Mixing: "The Incredibles" Visual Effects: "Spider-Man 2" Writing (Adapted): "Sideways," without question, but I love the "Before Sunset" nod. Writing (Original): "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" because the brilliant Charlie Kaufman is overdue.

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**SPORTS** 

# **Dallas Cowboys reunite Bledsoe, Parcells**

England. Nearly a decade later, the duo will try old gear from the other team." doing it again with the Dallas Cowboys.

the Buffalo Bills. Financial terms were not immediately available.

Bledsoe knew last week he was going to be cut and within days

decided he wanted to be reunited with Parcells. Once the Bills filed the paperwork, the Cowboys quickly showed they also were eager to strike a deal.

Parcells called Bledsoe - and told him he would be the starter — while team vice president Stephen Jones called the quarterback's agent, David Dunn.

and Dunn, and the pair ended up flying to Dal- factor is that I want to stand on the field and las on Wednesday and holding an afternoon hold up that trophy at the end of the season." news conference.

records and reached the Super Bowl as a young Cowboy. I can't wait to go home and dress my quarterback playing for Bill Parcells in New kids with the little stars and get rid of all the

Bledsoe was smiling as his jab at the Bledsoe signed a three-year contract Bills drew laughs, but he also was seriously Parcells, the coach who chided him so much Wednesday, one day after he was released by disappointed about how things turned out in Buffalo.

> He mentioned needing time to get over his anger toward the team for handing

> > his job to youngster J.P. Losman without an onfield competition and later added he hopes to prove them wrong.

"There's no question that is a motivating factor," said Bledsoe, who proved something to the Patriots by throwing for more than 4,000 yards and making the Pro Bowl the season after

they traded him to Buffalo. Then owner Jerry Jones spoke with Bledsoe "It's not the motivating factor. The motivating Jones repeated several themes throughout

"I was very hopeful that this would be the the news conference: That signing Bledsoe opportunity for me," said Bledsoe, already was supported by himself and everyone else in sporting a tie that nicely matched the team's the organization (meaning not just Parcells) colors. "I'm very thankful it happened as and that having Bledsoe makes Dallas an im-

IRVING (AP) — Drew Bledsoe set passing quickly as it did. I'm very excited to be a Dallas mediate contender despite having gone 6-10 last season.

"We think we got the very best option available to us," Jones said.

Bledsoe's attraction to Dallas began with during his first four years in the league that the finale, which is why he quarterback once told his father, "I can't wait until Sundays because I can get on the field and he can't be yelling at me. You're out there in front of 70,000 fans, and it's the quietest it's been on the field all week."

Yet as the years passed, Bledsoe learned to appreciate Parcells' gruff style. They even developed somewhat of a friendship, with Parcells occasionally calling Bledsoe when times were tough — such as 2001, when he was injured, lost his job to Tom Brady and eventually was ten. traded to the Bills.

Bledsoe said Parcells also called him dur- forward to playing with ing his first year in Buffalo to wish him good luck

Parcells, who did not attend the news conference, showed what he thought of Bledsoe by making him the top overall pick in the 1993 draft, starting him as a rookie and letting him throw a league-record 691 passes his second season.

Two years later, the Patriots reached the Super Bowl but lost to Green Bay, and Parcells left for the New York Jets.

Bledsoe led New England to the playoffs longer if he is to become Dallas' quarterback the next two years, but has not started a playoff of the future. game since 1998. The Bills went 23-25 over

0-4 to 9-6 going into the was so upset Buffalo gave up on him.

Now Bledsoe's main emotion is excitement over his new teammates.

He knows Terry Glenn from their six seasons together in New England, and Parcells says he will love tight end Jason Wit-

Bledsoe also is looking running back Julius Jones and receiver Keyshawn Johnson.

"I can't wait to go sit down with Bill, sit down

with (pass game coordinator) Sean Payton, a message for his critics. and start talking about what we're going to do," Bledsoe said.

younger than predecessor Vinny Testaverde, his the story will be written, and I think it'll be a arrival means Drew Henson must wait even story that will have a lot of success involved."

Last spring, the Cowboys outmaneuhis three seasons and never made the playoffs. vered many teams to land Henson when he They came close last season, rebounding from returned to football after three years playing

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minor league baseball. He signed an eight-year deal worth at least \$3.5 million with expectations that he would grow into the job.

Now his path appears blocked, although Jones said he called Henson to try convincing him otherwise.

For reasons ranging from Henson's stunted development to questions about how much Bledsoe has left after 12 seasons, this signing has drawn more than a few raised eyebrows. Bledsoe heard plenty and offered

When my time as

a Dallas Cowboy is

done, then the story

will be written, and

I think it'll be a story

that will have a lot

of success involved.

- DREW BLEDSOE

**Dallas Cowboys** 

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"I'm not going to sit up here and defend myself," he said. "The one thing I will say is that While the 33-year-old Bledsoe is eight years when my time as a Dallas Cowboy is done, then

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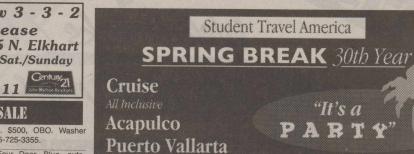
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# Lady Raiders drop Sooners

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) -16 of her 20 in the second half her high-arcing foul shots. as No. 14 Texas Tech

beat Oklahoma 83-70 Wednesday night.

Davis scored six points during a 16-4 surge to start the second half and put Tech in control.

She hit a pair of free throws to start a string of eight straight points for the Lady Raiders

Cisti Greenwalt's miss to make within striking distance. it 59-41.

rebound, Davis scored the Lady Raiders' next 12 points.

She added another offensive brought Oklahoma to 71-63. Erin Grant scored a season-high rebound putback, hit two baskets 21 points, and LaToya Davis had from the post and nailed all four of

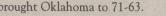
When Greenwalt after. scored to end Da-Teen vis' run, it stretched the lead to 71-52 - Tech's biggest advantage. But the Sooners (15-10, 7-7)

playing on senior night — came back to make it interesting.

Shoush hit a 3-

(20-5, 11-3) and finished the pointer from the left wing to start Oklahoma's Leah Rush decisive spurt with a putback of an 11-0 run that pulled Oklahoma

Erin Higgins scored underneath Beginning with that offensive and Dionnah Jackson followed with a jumper in the lane and a spinning layup before Beky Preston's layup



Tech scored the next four points, and the Sooners would never get closer than nine there-

Greenwalt finished with 19 points, Chesley Dabbs scored 15 and Alesha Robertson eight as Tech's starters combined for all of the Lady Raiders' points.

Tech has won at least 20 games in each of the last 16 seasons.

lackson finished with 23 points for Oklahoma and Shoush had 10.

The Lady Raiders hit 13 of Lauren their first 17 shots and led 34-25 after Davis scored in the lane over

Tech scored on 14 of its first 18 possessions - several times hitting against the Sooners' pressing zone with only a few seconds left on the 30-second shot clock.

The Sooners got within 43-37 at halftime, but they were never as close at any time after the break.

## Women's tennis looks for success in Vegas

#### By Anne Gepford/ The University Daily

Texas Tech's women's tennis team prepare them for years to come, as is not looking for love in Las Vegas this weekend. The team is looking 2007. for something it wants more right now: wins.

The Red Raiders travel to the city of bright lights and casinos looking to improve upon their 0-4 record.

Of the eight teams traveling to in the top 75.

"The thing that concerns me is we need to not get down on vacic said. "We've had almost two ourselves," Groce said. "We want weeks to practice. We're looking for to be playing at that level. You competition with other people. It's take some loss early on. Eventu- a great feeling - the adrenaline, ally, on paper, things start to turn." the pressure. It's the most exciting Groce said the warm weather and typical tourism sites are secondary to the competition the team will face. clude any wins, the Raiders fell to Durham said. "I think singles is

ing weekend," Groce said. "We're Oregon and then-No. 38 Rice. there to take care of business on the tennis court."

Groce said the team's traveling

will face many different national said. "Somebody has to win. All eight Raiders have this year, she said, will

their schedule is already set through of the weekend would turn out dif-

"We need to keep fighting hard," Groce said.

The University of Nevada-Las Vegas Lady Rebel Classic spans three days, from Feb. 25 to Feb. 27.

Katja Kovacic said the Raiders Las Vegas this weekend, coach Cari are looking forward to the competi-Groce said only two are not ranked tion after a break from action last tough," Durham said. "We can't slack weekend.

"I'm excited to play again," Kopart

While their record may not in-"It's going to be another challeng- ranked teams, including then-No. 27

Kovacic said the early losses have a role in how the team plays.

is important because the players getting down on yourself," Kovacic together as a team."

competitors. The tough schedule the teams are really good and playing at a high level of tennis."

> Kovacic said she hopes the results ferent

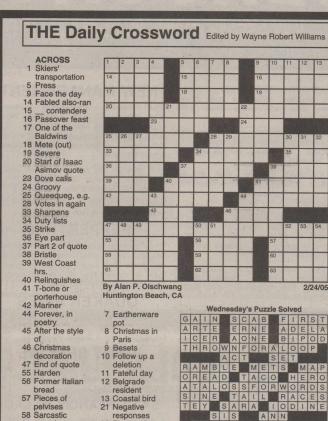
"I think we're ready to bring some wins home," she said. "I know each and every one of us will work hard."

The two weeks off has Janet Durham ready to compete with someone else besides her own team.

"The competition's going to be off at all. There's not going to be an easy match."

Competition includes No. 15 Tulane, No. 21 Fresno State, No. 33 New Mexico and No. 46 UNLV. Durham said the singles points are going to be a key part of the tournament

"We're playing great doubles," going to be a big part of this tournament. We're going to have to put 100 percent effort into every match. We're just going to play our best and "The hardest part's going to be everyone is going to have to come



## Raiders struggle with erratic play following big wins



n the Old Testament, God sent seven of them to the Egyptians, and Lnow in A.D. 2005, he has sent one to the Red Raiders - a plague. But this one is much worse than locusts or the playa lakes running in blood.

Texas Tech's basketball team has been stricken with inconsistency.

Coach Bob Knight's crew finds itself place in the Big 12 Conference, and that by stringing together some wins against

hurried shots; Tech missed five shots in a row and added a turnover to close the game. Good basketball teams find ways to win in the clutch, and Tech failed miserably on this occasion.

Knight's team followed this game with another marquee match up: Knight vs. Alford, coach vs. student.

Alford played for Knight at Indiana, and he must have learned a lot from him because his Hawkeyes ran over the Raiders for an 83-53 win again on national television. Tech never had a chance in this game, and up to this point, back-toback embarrassments could be the only sign of consistency from the Raiders.

But the Raiders have a knack for in the middle of a race for second or third inconsistency and salvaged their pride race would be much more interesting if a soft nonconference schedule. Then the Raiders could string together a series Oklahoma State rolled into town, and the contradiction continued. Tech blew a seven-point halftime lead to lose by 10. Last-second heroics saved them at Kansas State and brought the Raiders back into the limelight and showed promise that they can bounce back from a disappointing loss. But that confidence was short-lived when Texas defeated the Raiders just days after losing its leading scorer to academic ineligibility. Even Metamucil couldn't keep this team regular. Back to the top of their game, the Raiders would climb to upset No. 14 Oklahoma on the road. But this too was short-lived as Tech fell a week later at Iowa State by 11 points. No. 2 Kansas comes to town, and The Raiders were scoreless thanks to nobody (except the students and fans) gave Tech a chance to win this game. Common sense would say the Jayhawks could have rock-chalked and jayhawked all over the Raiders, but Nostradamus couldn't have predicted the outcome. The unpredictability continued in Stillwater, Okla., Saturday when Tech was again embarrassed on national TV by the Cowboys. Oklahoma State handily defeated Tech when the Raiders had a perfect opportunity to force a second-place tie with the Pokes in the Big 12. Tech's rematch with Texas, a team Knight has beaten only once since coming to Lubbock, proved it's a coin toss when it comes to how well the Raiders play. Tech performed well and defeated the Longhorns during the regular season for the first time since 1997. Why is it Tech seems to play well after a huge loss? Darryl Dora says "because we don't want to keep Coach Knight mad. He's really a nice guy when he's happy and smiling." Keep him smiling, Dora, and keep winning. That's what Tech needs if it hopes to make any type of a run in the conference tournament or even the NCAA Tournament. One big win cannot be followed by an unexplainable loss. Knight's team needs to discover what it is like to play 40 minutes of solid basketball, or the Raiders could find themselves coming home very early when the Madness begins.

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of games with solid play and not slip up a few times on the journey to Kansas City and the conference tournament. The first slip up of the season came

immediately when the Raiders followed a 119-55 torturing of UNC-Asheville with a 15-point loss at TCU.

Then, it was back to the winning track for Tech with four more wins until the Raiders looked like they forgot how to play basketball altogether against the General's alma mater. Ohio State.

In Dallas, on national television, the Raiders took on the Buckeyes in a game where Tech tied the game at 71 with three minutes remaining, only to let OSU roll out six points to close the game at 77-71.

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