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Meet speed (aka Joel Filani). He's only one part of Texas Tech's Fantastic Four. Who are the other three members?

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Red Raiders try their hand at Casino Nights.

#### **QUOTABLES**

He's having problems with, you know, his problem that he had. I was hoping we could get counseling and work it out, you know? Right after he came home from rehab, we started to have a few problems."

Kim Mathers, wife of Eminem, one day following the rap artist filed divorce papers about an apparent reference to the sleep-medication dependency for which he was hospitalized last summer. (AP)

I am sorry that this misunderstanding happened at all and I regret its escalation, and I apologize. There should not have been any physical contact in this incident."

Rep. Cynthia McKinney, apologizing for an altercation in which she entered a Capitol building unrecognized refused to stop when asked by a police officer and then hit him. (AP)

#### STATE

#### FEMA to close last five help centers in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The last five Federal Emergency Management Agency help centers in Texas for hurricane victims will close April 15, the agency announced Thursday.

The disaster recovery centers are in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Beaumont and Orange.

Refugees from hurricanes Katrina and Rita used the centers to apply for federal assistance, find housing and look for jobs. There were 27 centers simultaneously open at the height of the agency's response in lexas, FEMA spokeswoman Hannan Vick said.

About 420,000 people have visited the centers since Katrina swamped the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29. Katrina was followed by Rita, which hit the Texas coast Sept. 24.

#### NATION NYPD detectives convicted of murders

NEW YORK (AP) — Two highly decorated former detectives were convicted Thursday of moonlighting as hitmen for the mob in one of the most sensational cases of police corruption in New York history.

Louis Eppolito, 57, and Steven Caracappa, 64, could get life in prison for their roles in eight murders committed between 1986 and 1990 while they were simultaneously on the payroll of both the NYPD and Luchese crime family underboss Anthony "Gaspipe"

Federal prosecutor Daniel Wenner described the case as "the bloodiest, most violent betrayal of the badge this city has ever seen.'

#### WORLD

#### Cuban coast guard shoot at migrant smugglers

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban coast guard shot at three suspected migrant smugglers from the United States who refused orders to halt their boat as it neared the island, killing one, official media reported Thursday.

The Communist Party daily Granma said the confrontation occurred Wednesday near Cuba's southern coast in the western province of Pinar del

The coast guard official in charge ordered officers to open fire after the three-man crew aboard the 40-foot boat failed to stop and instead launched "violent sudden attacks" on the coast guard vessel, damaging the craft, the report said.

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# Libby testifies Bush, Cheney OK'd CIA leak

By PETE YOST ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney authorized Cheney's top aide to launch a counterattack of leaks against administration critics on Iraq by feeding intelligence information to reporters, according to court papers citing the aide's testimony in the CIA leak case.

In a court filing, Special Counsel Patrick authorizing his chief of staff, I. Lewis Libby, to leak the CIA identity of Valerie Plame.

administration critic Joseph Wilson. Cheney, rization that it be disclosed.' according to an indictment against Libby, knew that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA Robert Novak.

Fitzgerald quoted Libby as saying he was

he has gathered, raised the possibility that government experience when he disclosed a criminal investigations at their behest to hunt the vice president was trying to use Plame's document to a reporter that was effectively down leakers. CIA employment to discredit her husband, declassified by virtue of the president's autho-

over the disclosure of a CIA operative's status, surveillance program. as early as June 12, 2003, more than a month Bush said he wanted to get to the bottom of before that fact turned up in a column by the affair. "I want to know the truth," he said roles of Bush and Cheney.

Fitzgerald stopped short of accusing Cheney of authorized to tell New York Times reporter and the vice president in the awkward posisified information," said Senate Democratic Judith Miller that Iraq was "vigorously trying tion of authorizing leaks. Both men have to procure" uranium. Fitzgerald said Libby told long said they abhor such practices, so much

But the prosecutor, detailing the evidence him it "was the only time he recalled in his so that the administration has put in motion

The most recent instance is the administration's probe into who disclosed to the Times In 2003, when the public furor erupted the existence of the warrantless domestic

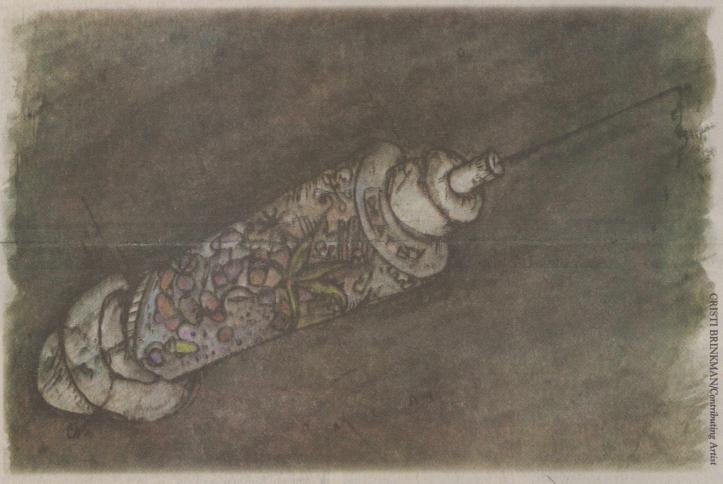
On Thursday, Democrats criticized the

"President Bush must fully disclose his Libby's testimony also puts the president participation in the selective leaking of clas-

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#### PART V: DRUG ABUSE

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Every day in Lubbock there are stories that go untold, pain that goes unheeded, cries that go unheard. This is the beginning of an answer to those cries. This is the final story in a daily five-part series about social problems in Lubbock, such as homelessness, prostitution and abuse. This is the side of Lubbock few people ever see, these are whispers barely noticed, lives lived out in the shadows. This is Lubbock in the Dark.

By RUTH BRADLEY FEATURES WRITER

few days before his high school graduation, Cliff Holdridge decided to take a road trip. He often traveled to Lubbock from his home in Lake Travis to party with the fraternity he hoped to join one day.

Holdridge said he remembers the drive well, remembers "drinking and drugging the whole way." He also remembers the accident.

Holdridge crashed head-on into a single-cab pickup, totaling both vehicles and injuring the four passengers in the other vehicle.

"When I got in the back of that cop car, I was crying," said Holdridge, a senior history and political science major. "It became real clear to me that there were serious consequences to your actions."

highly correlated to drug abuse said Lisa Karnes, crime analyst for the Lubbock Police Department.

Violent incidents like this are

"When people use drugs, they don't think clearly and do other crimes," she said.

Tony Menchaca, a lieutenant in the criminal investigations department of the Lubbock Sheriff's Of-

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### City downsizing prairie dog population

KICKING UP DUST

By MICHELLE CASADY STAFF WRITER

Lubbock is viewed by many as a safe haven for

Prairie Dog Town is Lubbock's fifth-largest tourist

"We have a prairie dog town where they are en-

couraged to live, but we also have the farm where we keep treated water," said Thomas Adams, Lubbock deputy city manager.

Adams said prairie dogs are attracted to live on the prairie dogs. To accommodate these, what some think farm because of the abundant water supply and also of as lovable animals, the city has Prairie Dog Town. the availability of fresh grasses.

"The farm is mainly a grass farm used to grow grass attraction. For many years, however, problems have used in livestock feed. So since we water there and arisen when the prairie dogs venture out and settle keep the grass green, they are naturally attracted to on the 10,000-acre farm the city has where effluent live there," he said. "And they aren't skinny prairie

PRAIRIE DOG continued on Page 2

### Emotional impact of 9/11 attacks grows during Moussaoui trial

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The stories and photos of four young fected a look of boredom during the children, all of whom lost parents in the 9/11 attacks, brought witnesses watched the ex-mayor intently as to tears and visibly affected jurors he described Terry Hatton, who was Thursday at the death penalty trial born May 15, 2002. Her picture with of al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Giuliani flashed on the screen. Moussaoui.

towers. They also showed videos their eyes with tissue and sniffled. of people plunging more than 80 photos of loved ones.

Former New York Mayor Ruwas not until he spoke of the daugh- him. ter of one of his closest aides, Beth Petrone Hatton, that Giuliani's Terence S. Hatton — who earned 19 medals in 21 years — died without knowing his wife was pregnant.

One female juror looked stricken. The rest hung motionless on Giuliani's every word.

Even Moussaoui, who had afshowing of video of falling bodies, "Terry's going to grow up without

The second phase of the sentenc- a father ... without a very special ing trial — to determine whether father," Giuliani said. "You can't Moussaoui deserves execution or replace that. ... There's no way that life in prison — opened Thursday. money, camps and scholarships, Early on, prosecutors played videos which is very important and which of the two hijacked jetliners hitting we raised, can replace that." Giuthe gleaming World Trade Center liani aides in the audience dabbed Then came retired firefighter

stories to their deaths and punctu- Anthony Sanseviro, whose coated their presentation with family worker and friend Danny Suhr died after he was hit by a body falling Each hour the emotional impact from one of the towers: "It was like a missile coming in."

As a photo was shown of Suhr dolph Giuliani retold the now- with his daughter, Briana, Sansefamiliar tale of his own harrowing viro described how Suhr's wife and experience in debris-choked lower childhood sweetheart, Nancy, has Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001. But it struggled to bring her up without

He was followed to the stand by James Smith, a 21-year veteran of voice quaked and broke. Firefighter the New York Police Department with a 6-year-old daughter, Patri-

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# Senators near compromise on illegal immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans and Democrats closed in on a last-minute many of the 11 million immigrants living in the the struggle to provide them an opportunity United States illegally.

President Bush praised The American the lawmakers' efforts, noting the details were unfinished, and encouraged them "to work hard and get the bill done." Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said he had been assured the president supports the emerging measure. As outlined, it would provide for enhanced border

> - STATEMENT SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY

beoble have made their voices heard in their churches, in their schools and in the streets and the Senate has listened.

the country unlawfully. "We've had a huge breakthrough" overnight, said Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Democratic leader, agreed, but cautioned that the agreement had not yet been sealed.

security, regulate the future

flow of immigrants into the

United States and offer legal-

ized status to the millions of

men, women and children in

Even so, the presence of both leaders at a an appearance Thursday in Charlotte, N.C., celebratory news conference underlined the Bush said he was pleased that Republicans and expectation that the Senate could pass the most sweeping immigration bill in two decades, and act before leaving on a long vacation at the end of the week

Wednesday, when it appeared negotiations had compromise Thursday on legislation opening the faltered. The key sticking point involved the 11 way to legal status and eventual citizenship for million illegal immigrants in the country, and

> to gain legal status without exposing lawmakers to the were advocating amnesty for lawbreakers.

While final details were not available, in general, the compromise would require illegal immigrants who have been in the United States between two years and five years to return to their home country briefly, then re-enter as temporary workers. They could then begin a process of seeking citizenship.

Illegal immigrants here

longer than five years would not be required to return home; those in the country less than two years would be required to leave without assurances of returning, and take their place in line with others seeking entry papers.

Standing before television cameras after

Democrats were working together. "I appreciate their understanding that this

needs to be a comprehensive immigration bill," the president said. "I recognize that there are

The developments marked a turnaround from still details that need to be worked out. I would encourage the members to work hard to get the any, Democrats had received from the White the way toward bipartisan agreement on the bill done prior to the upcoming break."

Not everyone was satisfied.

"I'm not impressed," said Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, who has criticized earlier versions of the measure as too lenient on lawbreakers. political charge that they Sens. John Cornyn of Texas and Jon Kyl of Arizona joined him in criticizing the measure, as did Georgia Republicans Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson.

> Beyond the illegal immigrants, there were other thorny issues to be clarified. Senate leaders had yet to publicly unveil draft legislation to make sure that only legal workers were hired in

with the Republican-controlled House later this year. The House has approved legislation limited to border security, and while GOP leaders have signaled support for a broader measure, days that they will be pressured to make unacceptable additional concessions to achieve a final compromise.

The breakthrough occurred overnight, after rights for immigrants. Frist had unveiled a revised Republican proposal that he credited to Sens. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Mel Martinez of Florida. Officials said McCain and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy,

Nor was it clear what type of assurances, if D-Mass., who have long been trying to show House and Republicans about compromise talks issue, spoke by phone several times to review potential changes.

"Our plan is tough and fair, and I'm encouraged that the President now supports it," said Kennedy in a statement. "The American people Democrats have expressed concern in recent have made their voices heard in their churches, in their schools and in the streets and the Senate has listened," he added, referring to the large rallies in recent weeks by protesters calling for

The closed-door negotiations proceeded as the Senate moved toward a test vote on an earlier, Democratic version of immigration

### Details of immigration and border security compromise

- Allows illegal immigrants in the country five for permanent residency. years or more to remain and continue working. The immigrants can apply for legal permanent residency after working six more years. They must pay fines and back taxes, learn English and clear a background check. After five years of legal permanent residency, they could apply for U.S. citizenship.

a change in status. They would then have to go to a border port of entry, and return as temporary workers. Aides referred to this as "touch base and return, since individuals covered would know in advance they would be readmitted to the United States. In the

-Requires illegal immigrants who have been in the

U.S. for less than two years to leave. They could apply for temporary worker visas or legal permanent residency from their home country.

estimated 1.5 million immigrant farm workers, who could potential total of 25,300. — Illegal immigrants in the country for two to five—also earn legal permanent residency. Illegal immigrants years have three years to gather material to qualify for who can show they've worked seasonally in U.S. agriculture for three to five years could apply for this program, as could foreigners who have never worked in the U.S.

- Provides 325,000 temporary visas for future

fourth year as legal temporary workers they can apply cards, those available for workers whose employers file other criteria.

petitions on their behalf, from 290,000 to 450,000 per year. Formerly illegal immigrants can compete for those green cards but they could not jump ahead of people already in line for them.

Adds up to 14,000 new Border Patrol agents - Creates a special guest worker program for an by 2011 to the current force of 11,300 agents, for a

 Authorizes unmanned vehicles, cameras and sensors to monitor the U.S.-Mexican border.

 Authorizes additional detention facilities for apprehended illegal immigrants.

- Allows states to charge in-state tuition to illegal immigrant students with high school diplomas - Increases the number of employer-based green or GED and no criminal record. They must also meet

A PRAI-RIE DOG poses for a picture at Prairie Dog Town last year. Currently, a plan is underway to kill the animals to level out the

popula-

tion.



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#### Prairie Dogs

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 dogs either that live out there. They're

In 2002 the city implemented a

plan to control the population of the prairie dogs residing on the farm.

"The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality came out and deep into the ground before the speculated that the prairie dogs might plants catch the nutrients," he be causing some of the water contami- said. nation problems," said Sheri Stevens, water utilities chief operating officer.

Stevens said though those claims could not be substantiated, as a result of the TCEQ findings, the city do cause some harm so something implemented its plan to control the

began to affect our ability to use the said Ashley Newbold, a sophomore land as it was intended to be used,"

The plan currently in place calls for downsizing the prairie dog population fulness of the program. in the fall and winter months through the use of chemicals. Officials must wait until the burrow owl migrates in them," he said. "Give it a few more order to use the chemicals.

when the owl returns, we stop the to come.' operation," Adams said. "Their bur-

rowing creates a habitat for the owls so in order to help the owls we keep the prairie dogs alive and

Besides possible groundwater contamination Adams said he believes a large prairie dog population could cause other problems.

"As they burrow that could allow waste water effluent to flow

Some Texas Tech students are concerned about the methods used in population control.

"It seems like the prairie dogs needs to be done. But it is scary that they are using chemicals that can "The population was so large it be harmful in other ways, as well," nursing major from Dallas.

Farm Manager John Hindman said he doubts the overall success-

"We've had some success, but they multiply just as fast as we limit years though, this is going to be an "They are a protected species so ongoing management issue for years

> All officials made very clear their intentions are not to eradicate he prairie dog population, only to control it.

"We don't plan on exterminating them; we just want to manage them at a reasonable level," Adams said. "We want to co-exist with them, and we do."

Adams said though the plan does kill some prairie dogs, they are in no danger of extermination.

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### Joy ride turns in to felony charges for two local teens; prompts police warning about car security

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

For two Lubbock teenagers, the joy of riding in a BMW cost them a ride in the backseat of a police cruiser.

Lubbock police arrested two teenagers March 18 for auto theft and believe the two are responsible for a string of luxury car thefts, police officials said.

Police found a 16-year-old boy asleep in a BMW after responding to a call of a suspicious vehicle, said Sgt. Scott Farmer of the Juvenile Division. LPD gained probable cause to search the vehicle and discovered the vehicle vehicle, Farmer said. was reported stolen.

Once the other teenager heard of his partner's arrest, he turned himself in Farmer said. He said the names of the boys would not be released because of their age.

Police found a variety of stolen property in the vehicle, along with sets

of keys to a stolen 1999 BMW, a 1999 thieves currently are being held at Toyota Camry and a Lexus.

phones all were found inside the ve- the court judge and the district attorney hicle," Farmer said.

He said he matched evidence found the juveniles, Farmer said. in the stolen BMW with at least 16 reports of vehicle theft, all taking place should gain more responsibility. between the dates of March 3 and 17.

"What they would do is wander up and down the block searching for an easy vehicle to steal, walking up people's driveways and sometimes entering a garage" Farmer said. They targeted vehicles with keys left inside,"

The teenagers' plan allegedly then became more elaborate.

After finding their target, the teens' next step was to appropriate a license plate to attach to the stolen vehicle. Then, return to the vehicle, switch the plates, and drive away with new license plates that did not match the stolen

"Once they were done with vehicle, they would ditch the car and start the process all over again."

The majority of the owners of the stolen property were notified, and the stolen items re-

turned. The two alleged car the Texas Youth Center on charges of "A BlackBerry cell phone, PDA, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, a 22-caliber, rifle and numerous cell third-degree felony offense. It is up to to establish a reasonable sentence for

He said in these cases, the owners

"It starts with the owner," Farmer said. "The more protective they are, the less likely a burglary will occur."

He listed a number of tips to protect a person's vehicle and their belongings and urged people to report stolen

"Remove your CD faceplates and keep purses out of sight," Farmer said. "People believe locking their cars is enough, but it's not. Any 12-year-old kid can smash a car window and runaway with valuables from inside."

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# Big Apple: New software might convert PC users

By CARLOS BERGFELD SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Windows PC users

Apple announced Wednesday run within the operating system. really," said the introduction of software allowing Mac users to load Windows big overhead," Durrett said. an instructor XP onto their now Intel-based "You've got to have lots of pro- of advertis-

"It seems to make sense. The core (operating system)," said John the fiercest of systems, he said. Durrett, an associate professor of tive sciences.

Although he works mainly with dows XP separately. UNIX and Linux-based systems, practical purposes.

cessor-based Macs allowed Apple's operating system. programmers to create the dual-

questioning whether to switch to cessors, previous Macs had to plications. rival Apple's more aesthetically employ the various software emuconscious systems may have less lators available, like Microsoft's it'll open Virtual PC, to enable Windows to the market

> "That's a no-brainer — that's Joel West, cessing power."

Emulators running an operating used a Mac more flexibility you've got — I'm system within an operating system for years. able to pick what I really like as a can considerably bog down even

The Boot Camp software does using Wininformation systems and quantita- not emulate Windows, but instead dows whenever possible, boots either Mac OS X or Win- but believes the increased

Durrett said he has to dual-boot at startup, Mac users can choose to the past mistakes of other com- on the Apple system. or use emulators sometimes for load Mac OS X or Windows XP panies. after downloading the free beta

boot software, called Boot Camp. have long shunned Windows, the West said. Formerly using PowerPC pro- development still may have ap-

> ing who has He said

he avoids

By holding down the option key developments if Apple can avoid Windows drivers for all hardware

The recent arrival of Intel pro- software and installing Microsoft's use Windows on machines run- lation and partition can both be I've seen today — it smokes," he

ning OS/2, users simply switched removed. For devout Mac users who to Microsoft's operating system,

> installation process of installing installation. tion of their his own PC.

installation. support may promote more Mac burns a CD with the required

If users want to go back to only change. When IBM made it easy to Mac OS X, the Windows instal-

Moussaoui

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officer, was bringing a woman with knees.

asthma down from the third floor of

"Moira was a gung-ho police"

officer, who took chances and

was born," he said. "She went from

Asked to describe the loss felt

do with her mother, the first day his dad.

of school, the relationship with

police officer.'

her mother ...'

Walt Mossberg, writer of The purchasing a Mac.' Wall Street Journal's Personal the journal Thursday.

partitioning installation took 57 minutes for Apple systems. their hard him to complete, although 40 of

his Mac ran Windows "blazingly tion, a sec- fast," even superior in speed to

West said a significant portion doing it," Carruthers said. formatted of high-end PC users he has known available for the Mac operating The software also system as a reason for sticking with net sites and in blogs. Windows boxes.

he suspects this situation may

"From the benchmarks that >> carlos.a.bergfeld@ttu.edu

said. "It removes one fear factor of

Primarily a PC gamer, Raider The software leads users Technology column, wrote about Gaming League co-founder Jonathrough the his experience with Boot Camp in than Carruthers said the issue with games always has been a roadblock Mossberg said in his article the for him and others in looking at

If the systems can run Windows drive and the minutes were for the Windows even faster than PC setups, he said he would not doubt the possibility In addition, Mossberg said of a PC to Mac migration in the gaming community.

"If there's a real performance advantage to it, people might start

Videos of "Half-life 2" and for the OS X cited the low availability of games other PC games running on Mac hardware have surfaced on Inter-

> The upcoming release of Mac With Boot Camp, West said OS X "Leopard," the sixth major iteration of OS X, will include Boot Camp among its features.

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### Vieira selected as Couric's successor

was introduced Thursday as his new trying to fill this role." "Today" show partner.

morning program.

Vieira has spent the last nine Minutes."

"If you were building a morning television. show host from scratch, she would

NEW YORK (AP) — Already combination of news background she said. flashing signs of an easy rapport with and talk background. She's got intel-Matt Lauer four months after their ligence, grace, humor and those are ability on morning TV, Lauer and first "blind date," Meredith Vieira the qualities you look for when you're Vieira tried to display it at Thurs-

ric announced she was taking a job "The View" studio to where she was stories. as "CBS Evening News" anchor. It's taping shows as host of "Who Wants a decade on television's dominant three-minute ride on Manhattan's through 10 years of this." upper West Side.

years on the daytime chat show "The with tinted windows. Aware that month. View" but also has an extensive news Couric was considering leaving, he background, including a stint on "60" asked Vieira to think about whether eral internal candidates, including she wanted to get into morning weekend "Today" anchor Campbell

be the prototype," said Jeff Zucker, for dinner in December. "It was Brown and Morales had subbed for CEO of the NBC Universal Televillike going out on a blind date and Couric on "Today" while she was on sion Group. "She has the perfect finding out you really like the guy," vacation at the end of last month.

With chemistry as important as day's news conference announcing Zucker began his courtship of their pairing, which will begin in NBC moved swiftly to get Vieira, Vieira last October, when he called September. He flashed mock anger 52, in place one day after Katie Cou- and asked to give her a ride from when Vieira interrupted one of his

"Can I tell the story?" he said. "Is the first on-air personnel change in to Be a Millionaire." It's normally a this going to happen? I've been going

> Vieira said she expects to leave Zucker showed up in a black SUV "The View" at the end of next

> NBC chose Vieira over sev-Brown, newswoman Natalie Morales She met Lauer at his apartment and "Today" newsreader Ann Curry.

Prosecutor David Raskin

It showed a girl, 2 1/2, with long told the jury. dark hair in a red dress that flowed to her ankles. She was wearing a long of lead hijacker Mohammed Atta

the South Tower when it collapsed New York Police Department hands controllers, Atta said, "We have out medals," Smith said. "She's wear- some planes. Just be quiet and ing the medal they awarded Moira, vou'll be OK.' the department's highest honor, the

made a lot of arrests, until Patricia Medal of Honor." The stricken-looking female juror street narcotics to community populled a tissue out and wiped her eyes.

cop also wiped his eyes. An Nguyen was 4 when his father, his sister, Prasanna: "I want to be by his daughter, Smith replied in a Khang Nguyen, was killed at the Pen- with my loving hubby." quavering voice: "The loss to Pat tagon. Prosecutors showed a picture ... I can't begin to describe ... all of the boy at the Pentagon gates a utes later, Moussaoui shouted, "No

said An's mother, Tu Nguyen. "He they were going to hear over the He stopped for a drink of wa- didn't have enough words to express next few weeks. The voices of the his feelings."

showed a photo of Patricia taken decided that he wanted to become jurors need to hear to conclude Dec. 4, 2001, and asked Smith to an astronaut, "so he can go into that Moussaoui should die for his space and look for his daddy," she crimes, Spencer said.

Later, jurors heard the voice blue ribbon looped around her neck aboard the jet that hit the first cia. His wife, Moira, also a police and attached to an object below her tower in New York. In a broadcast intended for passengers but "That was Valor Day, when the mistakenly transmitted to air

The brother-in-law of a Sept. 11 victim testified that his sister committed suicide a month after her husband, Vamsi Pendyala, was licing. She decided that she wanted A male juror nearby appeared to be on killed on the plane Atta hijacked. to be a mother even more than a the verge of tears. The burly, balding Chandra Kalahasthi read to the jury the suicide note written by

Leaving court at day's end minthe things she'll never be able to few days after the attack, looking for pain, no gain, America."

Prosecutor Rob Spencer braced "He became heartbroken, quiet," jurors for the painful testimony victims of the attacks and their When his dad was in heaven, An anguished families should be all

rest of your

summer.

### Green Berets march for recruits on campus

By PAUL ROBERTS STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students involved in a

The campaign entailed working prizes," McPherson said. as a professional in the marketing industry, helping promote the U.S.

challenge this weekend. "This experience allowed us college education and utilize them said. in a real-world atmosphere," said Taber McPherson, a senior marketing and management major from Wellington. "I had

a blast." McPherson was one of 16 students chosen to organize a marketing strategy to help promote the Army forces.

The main event will be Saturday when the marketevent for U.S. Army Special Forces from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Special Forces. Center with the theme of "Are you up to the challenge?"

will provide a unique opportunity to perience as quite a workload. learn more about the Special Forces and the Green Berets, also known as a budget and weekly reports telling the "Quiet Professionals."

three contests, and males between meet the objective of the Special

the ages of 20 and 30 can choose to Forces."

marketing strategy campaign invite body who comes out, and the win- to be annoying, but in the end it gets students to answer that question. ners of the contests will receive things done."

to restaurants such as Chili's and and beneficial. Army Special Forces and hosting Friday's, movie and bowling passes, promotional events like a triple and free rounds of golf to local

courses to name a few. to test our skills learned from our show up on Saturday," McPherson tions) side of things.'

McPherson and Francis how this weekend goes.

Giron, two of the 16 this event is a portion of the semesterlong project the Excel Marketing Group has

been working on. Edventure Partners, an education marketing company based out ing group will host a promotional of Berkeley, Calif., visited Tech and asked the 16 marketing students to form a campaign for the U.S. Army

McPherson and Giron, a senior marketing major from Katy, discussed McPherson said this weekend the reality of the hands-on work ex-

"We faced constant deadlines, us the value of our work," McPher-The event Saturday will include son said. "We wanted to be sure to

do one or all three. Punt, pass and Giron said successful communikick, homerun derby, and a 3-point cation was imperative throughout Are you up for the challenge? shoot-out are all contests available. the semester, "or else things would "There will be free food to any- go crazy," she said. "Sometimes I had

> Giron and McPherson both The prizes range from gift cards agreed the 13-week project was fun

> "It has been a blast to get to know my 15 co-workers that I did not know before this began." Giron said. "Plus, "Our target is to have 700 people I enjoyed seeing the (public rela-

McPherson said her highlight was The student-operated Excel Mar- working with such an amazing group keting Group will host the event. of students, and she is anxious to see

> "We really came together as an members of the mar- organization," she said. "I suspect keting group, said the results will be good."

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# ying is wrong yet useful for getting through

this February, and it was all Trevor Cobb by chance. While driving & Eric Straw back from a hot air balloon festival we saw smoke ahead. As we neared a pile of burning cars, we could sense something from the car as the fire consumed it. was wrong. After surveying the area for a minute or so, it became clear there by reciting poetry, while Trevor used his condemnation. But lying isn't all that had been an accident. There were some nursing skills on the man until EMS arbanged up folks standing around, but rived. After we exchanged names with no one looked in that bad of shape. For the man and reunited him with his Celine a second, it appeared our refined Boy Dion box set, we asked him if there was all the good lying has to offer, you can a Tootsie Pop in the first place. Scout training would have to be saved for another day. But then, from a turned over car, we heard a cry.

to see a fire rapidly approaching from anbeautiful story. other car. I (Trevor) said, "I'm on it" as I ran to quell the inferno. I (Eric) thrust out and the Boy Scout training). It's not even the needy than tell the truth. my hand and said, "Come on, she's gonna a fabrication, just a straight up lie. In Take my hand!" He did and I pulled him urinating on the bookman statue. On she was having a seizer and I was giving



I (Eric) kept back the swelling crowd anything else we could do for him.

He said, "Actually, I'm an editor for The Daily Toreador and I've been look-We rushed to the vehicle to help ing for two new columnists." We knew the driver. We started to free him when where he was going and told him, "You

the final shake we cleyerly said, "That's her mouth-to-mouth. This lie effectively boring and no one likes you (except other discover America. Washington didn't arrested. No, wait, that's a lie too. In fact, ing to her dad's satisfaction. about 43 percent of our articles are lies or gross fabrications of real events.

Recently, all this talk about morals and ethics has given the lie a negative bad. Lying is an art. But, it can be grossly misused and abused just like art can (Thomas Kincaid). Yet, if you can harness turn a potential bad quality into a positive aspect of your personality.

First, think of a world without lies. There would be no home-run records, we heard a small child yell out from the can count on us James. You can count landings, Social Security systems, battles no good. crowd, "Senors, behind you!" We turned on us." It was a lovely moment, and a at the Alamo or European Unions.

Like, one time, I (Trevor) was makblow." The driver said, "I can't." I then reality, we were judicially ordered to write ing out with my friend Erin and her dad replied, "Damn it man, there's no time. for The Toreador after we were caught walked in. Thinking quickly, I told him

the end of that chapter," before we were explained the oral contact and the shak-boring people).

Most people believe a little-white (like some politicians and CEOs) believe the saying means it's OK if a person lies

Jeffery is the undisputed master of this.

Basically, if the lie's humorous then you got offended when we said Lubbock the WNBA; this country was formed on from Carrollton. E-mail him at

Now there are two general types of can get out of hand. Recently, I (Eric) lies. The first are the lies that are com- introduced myself as an exchange stupletely self-serving or harm the victim. dents named Sergey from the Ukraine Blatantly lying with no purpose but to at a party. The charade was going fine make yourself look better is an example. until someone started speaking Russian Or when people say, "Well, I was going to to me. Instead of giving up, I went on to give you one, but I'm not anymore." But, convince him (in my fake accent) that you know they weren't going to give you my Ukrainian language was fairly different from Russian.

For 30 minutes, I explained my lie is not wrong. This is fine unless you hometown of Sletsvia, how long I'd been in the U.S and what I liked about it. I pretended to understand and speak campaigns, low-fat candy bars, Moon as long as they're white. These lies are rudimentary Russian. He kept remarking on how good my English was. Had he not The second type of lie is clever BS been drunk, I would have been screwed. Sometimes lying is necessary. Lets face that has funny consequences and is to be All my friends got a kick out of it and I Yet, it's all a lie (except for the festival it; in some situations we'd rather help figured out by the recipient. Our friend guess it was pretty damn funny. But, he was a nice guy and I felt bad.

Good or bad, right or wrong, like it **Straw is a sophomore envi-**

chop down a cherry tree. Geronimo never Now sometimes well-intended BSing jumped off something while yelling his own name and we'll be damned if Abe Lincoln never told a lie.

> We're all guilty of the bad and annoying lies, and that won't change. But, try to use some more of the second type of lie in your everyday life. Throw some humorous BS in your next conversation, application, tax form or term paper. Not only will you be a better person for it, but you'll also keep those around you on edge. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised with how far the lack of integrity, professionalism and flat out disregard of reality will get you.

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only boring people get offended. Like, if or not, lies are a major part of life. Like ronmental conservation major

### VIEW FROM THE BIG 12 Awareness not enough, problems need action

By CHAD OLIVER OKLAHOMA DAILY

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age, one frequently hears platitudes such as aware of some problems that it is time to "These will be the best years of your life" and begin the more serious discussion of how "You're only that age once."

They are correct, of course, but they are example of this. referring to how fun college is. But these also apply to aspects of our lives other than proportions occurring in northeast Africa, having fun.

For instance, these are almost certainly years of political independence.

When we are young children, we rely on our parents to care for us, and they in turn rely on the government (to extremely varying extents) to care for them.

We are insulated from many of the issues and forces that drive the political process, and we thus we can focus on the issues we

believe should drive the political process. College affords us four (and maybe six or seven) years to be idealists.

Truly, this is a great time in our politius to dream about ways to vastly improve

freedom, and dutifully we are there to raise awareness of any problems.

Indeed, our generation has become merely identify them.

expert at raising awareness about societal ills across the globe.

For some issues, though, it is time to (U-WIRE) NORMAN, OK — At this move past awareness. Enough people are to deal with those issues. Darfur is a good

> Yes, there is a human tragedy of epic and certainly action is required.

But we should not congratulate ourselves the best years of our lives in terms of our for knowing that action is required. We political development. These are our first must now intelligently discuss options such as NATO troops, no-fly zones and how to fund aid efforts.

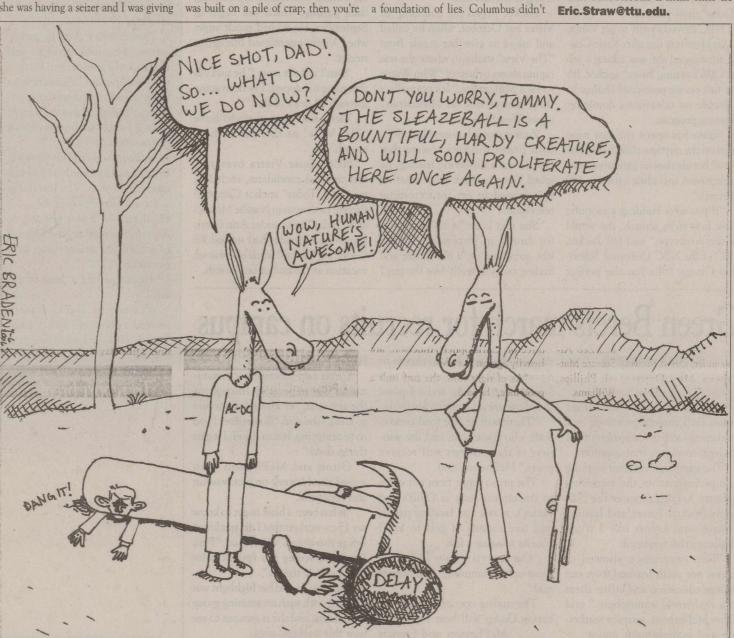
Raising awareness is good and noble thing, but serious action requires serious

"Please do something" will elicit much less of a response from our leaders than "This is a problem, here is why it matters to us and here are the reasons our solutions will fix this problem. Please implement them."

Our idealism is wonderful, but we cannot expect our utopian dreams cal development, as it is the ideal time for alone to convince our political leaders to implement change

In 20 years, we will have control and Not everyone, however, possesses this be forced to make weighty decisions.

Now is the time to learn to develop solutions to problems rather than to



# ning pets in college unnecessary

Thave a cat. She's a black and named Chiyo. I adopted her more than a year Lago through PetSmart and the Lubbock Pet Project. At that time I had no idea about why I was in store, but as time went on, I learned about the responsibility of owning a pet.

I had become a fan of Animal Planet. My favorite shows were the ones when cats and dogs were rescued from dangerous and deplorable situations. I knew there were numerous places in Lubbock where I could adopt pets that were not wanted, and I felt I needed to help. A friend of mine told me about the Lubbock Pet Project and that I could adopt a pet from PetSmart. I knew that I could never get away with having a dog in my apartment, so I decided on a nice little

Traditionally, I would consider myself to be a dog lover. Dogs are dependable, loveable and can be trained. At my parents' house, I have a Labrador named Rascal. He's a guard dog, a comforting friend and just all around cute. Although my dad said he was my dog, they did most of the work. I just had to play with him every couple of days. So it came as a bit they heard I adopted a cat.

When I adopted Chiyo, I thought I knew what I was doing. She already was litter trained, and she was five months old. The minute they let her out of the cage, she was up on my fiancé's shoulders and purring. I thought I was getting a good pet and a good deal. I did all the new pet owner things like change her name (her name was Samara, and having seen the "Ring," there was no way in hell It seemed like no matter what I did, she I was going to have a cat named Samara would scream at me. If I wasn't available Morgan!), buy the food and toys, and get for her 24 hours a day, she would throw her shots. However, I was in for shock. a fit. She'd howl if I went to school, she'd What I really wasn't ready for was the how when I was home, she'd even how life to the veterinarian, toys, foods, litter, A.Morgan@ttu.edu.

My mistake was

adopting a cat without researching it, ignoring the rules of my apartment complex and not being able to provide a comforting place for my cat to live. My stupidity resulted in a miserable situation for my cat and myself.

of surprise to my friends and family when everyday responsibility of caring for her. the world I rambled on about my cat for enough room or people to care for them. her litter box, but I had to pay enormous care is important. My mistake was adoptamounts of attention to her, or else she made me suffer for it.

Cats are very temperamental animals actually mental would probably be more accurate when describing cats, especially mine. First there was the howling. Oh my God in Heaven how do they make such loud noises come from their little bodies?

cat with no junk in her trunk get the Love Jones? The vet said it was hormones! She still had them, and she recently was a happy cat. spayed, so I just had to endure while "kitty

hook up" season passed. the night at friend's places when I knew her do the simple things cats love to do. Soon we moved in to an apartment with plenty of room to play and even a balcony improved drastically.

the rules of my apartment complex and not being able to provide a comforting place for my cat to live. My stupidity your better judgment; no good can come populations.

should consider, like the cost of a pet. I

I was as leep or in the restroom. I thought pet rent and pet deposits, all add up. I. I bought a demon cat! I talked to the vet, think in the span of one year, I've spent and they said Chiyo was in heat. In heat? close to a grand. That's books for two But she's spayed? How in the heck does a semesters! I'm not a rich person, so much of my monthly income went toward my darling little Chiyo. I'm broke, but I have

Most importantly make sure you have time for your pet. I didn't know kittens Next was Chiyo getting into places need a lot of attention or else they act up. she didn't belong. When I adopted It's almost like having a child, except you her, I lived in a cave of an apartment. I didn't make it. You have to discipline, wasn't allowed to have pets, so I hid her show affection (even when you are upset) as best I could. That meant us spending and respect them when they don't want to be disturbed. Currently we are workmaintenance or the exterminator was ing on teaching Chiyo that toilet paper coming. It also meant Chiyo couldn't sit is not a chew toy. It takes a lot of work or look out of the windows. Of course, and you have to be consistent. In the the very places I didn't want her were end you grow from loving your pet as the places she wanted to be, and most an owner, to loving your pet as a family often was. It was a miserable time for member. Perhaps if more people had that both of us. I hated not being able to let attitude toward domestic animals there wouldn't be so many animal abuse and

I have one final note for anyone she could lay out on, provided she was considering adopting a pet. Please, get supervised. After the move, her behavior your pet spayed or neutered. I don't mean to sound like Bob Barker, but there really I am sure you are wondering why in are too many homeless animals, and not Sure, I remembered to feed her and clean the majority of an article. The point is pet All of this could be avoided with a simple day trip to a veterinarian. Some places ing a cat without researching it, ignoring do it for free when you adopt a pet. The only people who should have pets that are not spayed or neutered are breeders, and they are certified or licensed, or at resulted in a miserable situation for my least they should be. If you truly love your cat and myself. Don't let the need for a pet, please take advantage of the services companion or the need to help override available to you and help control animal

> There are things every pet owner Morgan is a senior Psychology major from San Anhad no idea cats were so expensive. Visits tonio. E-mail her at Raven.

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# What constitutes mature content in games?

Study explores rating system and accessibility despite law-abiding practices by sellers

> By CARLOS BERGFELD SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A study released Monday found 81 percent of Mature-rated video games included "mature" content not indicated on the game's packaging.

Led by Associate Professor Kimberly Thompson of the Harvard School of Public Health, and published in Monday's Archives of Pediatrics and which 22 percent of boys in third through sixth domly sampled 25 percent of the 147 Mature-rated video games for current-generation consoles.

A warning to parents and physicians, the report games are intended for older gamers.

are more accessible to teenagers than people currently play M-rated video games," Thompson think.

"They're very popular among kids under 17," Thompson said.

who tell her about playing Mature-rated games

The researchers further justify their report by citing a 2002 survey by the Federal Trade games "have content that may be suitable for per-

secret shoppers aged 13 to 16 were able to buy

FTC released a follow-up to the survey Thursday, and 42 percent of the adolescent secret shoppers nationwide were able to buy M-rated games.

The report also cites a Canadian survey in 10th grade listed M-rated games in their Top 3 the box," she said.

presents a paradox in that Mature- or M-rated lead to restrictions on children's exposure to the any number of mature themes without descriptors published to verify ratings. content in these games, the limited existing data on the packaging. However, the authors said Mature-rated games suggest that many children younger than 17 years says in the report.

The Entertainment Software Rating Board, a non-profit, self-regulatory association under In her studies, Thompson spoke with children the Entertainment Software Association, assigns content ratings to video games after receiving them from game publishers.

According to the board's Web site, M-rated

contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content, and/or strong language."

Commission, which said 69 percent of the FTC's tertainment Software Rating Board President them in their decisions, Thompson said. Patricia Vance said it would be impractical and age-appropriate rating.

However, Thompson said telling parents what is in a game should be a priority and not difficult for the board to implement.

"In the context of these things that we're play them." Adolescent Medicine Special Issue, the study rangerade, and 50 percent of boys in seventh through finding, you would add one or two descriptors to

Thompson said the board needs to make it

The study also presents criteria for what constitutes as violent or sexual content separate from that of the board's, which Vance says explains the board's current definitions.

The study's authors present their results as a call for increased clarity from the Entertainment tronic media, said this is understandable, although

Software Rating Board when assigning ratings.

sons ages 17 and older. Titles in this category may everyone has to do their part," Thompson said.

Parents have to take an active role in determin-In the rebuttal to the Harvard report, En- and having more clarity in descriptors would help of which was published March 29.

The authors also say the board does not play superfluous to label games with every possible games before assigning a rating; instead, raters parents with children gamers were aware of the However, this number has since dropped — the content descriptor in addition to providing the watch game-play videos and read material sent by game publishers.

"We think we can get 95 percent of the (objectionable) content (identified) within an hour," Thompson said. "I think it is important that they

However, part of the board's system for rating games may involve playing early versions of the games before rating them and always involves "While the M-rating should theoretically clear to parents if all M-rated games could contain playing final versions of the games after they are

> For the recorded game-play, "publishers must provide a videotape capturing all pertinent content, including the most extreme instances, across all relevant categories including, but not limited high number of exceptions found in the report, to violence, language, sex, controlled substances although Thompson said her report mirrored the and gambling," according to the Entertainment Software Rating Board.

Ed Youngblood, an assistant professor of elecperhaps game developers could try to be more "If we're going to have an effective system, then thorough in giving the board descriptions of their

The board provides a yearly report to the public ing what content their children can have access to, on the quality of its rating system, the most recent

Conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, the study showed 83 percent of American board's game ratings, and 74 percent of the parents use the ratings when buying games.

Thompson has led prior research on games with T for Teen and E for Everyone ratings in prior years, with results showing fewer discrepancies in the rating system for games targeted at those

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#### M rating quick facts

Mature-rated video games are some of the top game on the market.

• In October 2004, "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" (rated M) sold more copies in America

than any other video game (The NPD Group). "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" is expected to sell 15 million copies (Forbes.com).

• "Mortal Kombat: Deception" another M-Rated Game was ranked third (The NPD Group).

# Laid-back SGA senate meeting discussions go late night

pass the resolution), because it's not

The resolution failed, and the SGA will not recommend the turf be used

Also, before the 11 p.m. adjourn-

Building's lounge should be renamed

after the late Lewis N. Jones, who was

Tech's first dean of students from 1969

and Senate Resolution 41.36, which states no-smoking signs should be

placed near buildings, because it would

be more likely to keep smokers more

than 12 feet away from the entrances

have its first meeting April 20, when

the new executive officers will begin

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The SGA senate's 42<sup>nd</sup> session will

By ANDREW WOOD STAFF WRITER

Thursday night.

It was a "laid-back" senate meeting was in attendance, provided food for Band's practice field.

the senators meeting were former SGA President Zeb Alexander, who expressed their Kelli Stumbo of the Lubbock Cham- opinions about the proposal. ber of Commerce, who came to speak about the organization's new Giant no longer is usable. Side of Texas campaign, and Michael Shonrock, vice president for student turf has been tore up," he said.

voted on possible recipients for the "Outstanding Senator Award."

The nominees included Zeb Alexander, David Kidwell, Suzette Matheavily against the idea. thews, Marc Orgass, Seth Phillips, Drew Slater and Natalie Williams.

Although this year's senate was not still were a few debates toward the on the Goin' Band's practice field student organizations.

The American Institute of Chemi-Collegiate Horsemen were some of the yet been well studied. organizations whose allocations were

While the Budget and Finance researched enough," he said. Committee believed some of the or-Turf for the Goin' Band and more ganizations should have more money, money for student organizations were they also believed some others, includtwo hot topics discussed at the Student ing the American Institute of Chemi-Government Association student cal Engineers, had been given too ment, Senate Resolution 41.33 senate's final meeting of the 41st session much. The organization's allocation which stated that the Student Union dropped from \$4,500 to \$450.

Other debated resolutions included for the few there at the meeting. As a one to bring Jones AT&T Stadium's way of expressing his gratitude, Texas old AstroTurf, which was ripped up to to 1978 — was passed unanimously, Tech President Jon Whitmore, who be replaced by FieldTurf, to the Goin'

However, this sparked a debate The other guests at the senate among the different senators, including

Alexander said he heard the old turf

"This may be a worthless bill if the

Sen. Tyler Bridge, who also repre-Also at the meeting, the senators sents the school that presides over the Goin' Band, the School of Visual and Performing Arts, said he and the band's director, Christopher Anderson, are

> "As of right now, the turf isn't a good idea," he said.

Ralph Pettingell, SGA journal as uptight for its final meeting, there clerk, disagreed and said FieldTurf resolutions, including the amount of was approved by Mike Ellicott, vice money that should be given to various chancellor for Facilities, Planning and

Construction. Sen. Kidwell closed the discussion cal Engineers, Freshman Ag Council, and said the senate should not pass the Knights of Architecture and the Tech resolution because the turf issue has not

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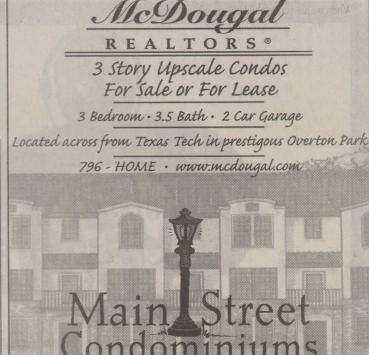
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### Drug Abuse

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1** fice, said use of illegal drugs greatly

increases crime. "Drug abuse is a nexus for just about every kind of crime you can imagine,"

It especially increases the violence of said. "You don't own crimes, he said, and the aggression of the it, it'll own you." perpetrators. Because of this, drug abuse

community as a whole. "We have a pretty big drug problem include cocaine and here, and there's a great deal of money crack. Sometimes involved," he said. "And that's causing these are transported

tons of problems." Sgt. Gilbert Arredondo, of the Texas

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ics Division, said narcotics officers is," he said. "These guys are making tons other hallucinogens. Just a year after he

And it seems to be growing.

"Our arrests and seizures for narcotics Drug abuse is a have probably tripled the last couple nexus for just about said. every kind of crime

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years," Arredondo The problem has become so large that the Lubbock

do much in-depth work, Menchaca

said. Instead, they are struggling to addiction is a combikeep up with the calls that come in on nation of disorders, a daily basis about problems in various affecting health, neighborhoods.

"They don't have the time to do life. long-term investigations," he said.

The causes behind drug abuse are of them that says 'I varied and complex. Mary Gerlach, can't live without behavioral health director for the Lubbock Regional Mental Health Mental their best friend," he Retardation Center, said some people said. begin abusing in an attempt to selfmedicate mental problems, such as comes a point where depression. Children who grew up in users no longer can a home where abuse was accepted are control their needs. more likely to become addicted as well, Gerlach said. And for many, drug abuse to quit and you can't starts as an attempt to belong.

"While it's not an accepting peer group, it's the closest thing they ever have to one," Gerlach said.

For Holdridge, who began experimenting with drugs at age 14, this was exactly what drugs offered.

"I always felt a little different," he said, recalling having trouble fitting in problems caused by their actions. This during his years in middle school. But is why so many former addicts go back to the first time he got high, that feeling drugs, even after years of being clean.

"I felt like it filled in my awkwardness," he said. "(It) kind of brought me out of my shell. I felt like it helped me to be me - whatever that was.'

So Holdridge continued to do drugs,

"It's a humongous business, it really experimenting with pot, mushrooms and more drugs," he said. "I was just kind of first tried drugs, he started selling drugs to other students, and doing drugs on a

> "I loved being high," Holdridge said. "I spent all my time trying to be high." The feeling of being high becomes

both a physical and a biological need, said George Comiskey, associate director for the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery.

"There's just a physiological energy Police Department that happens when they put a drug Narcotics division into their system," he said. "You want said he became a Christian, began to no longer is able to that feeling; you want that feeling over attend church and quit drugs cold turkey. and over.'

> Comiskey said "I felt like it filled in my awkwardness. emotions and social (Drugs) kind of "There's a part

this' - it's become

"When you want quit, you are officially

addicted," Comiskey said. Abusers often become even more dependant on drugs as the consequences

of addiction begin to affect their lives. Comiskey said addicts often take drugs not only to get high, but also to forget the emotional and relational

"When life gets overwhelming, that drug is always out there as an option," Comiskey said.

After the wreck, Holdridge said he constantly felt this need to feel better. "I started taking pills, I started taking

on this merry-go-round, this cycle of addiction — it's kind of like self-hate." In the midst of this, Holdridge met

his first serious girlfriend, and, eventu-

an important figure in his life, and he was convicted by this man's lifestyle

"I felt really guilty around him, you know?" Holdridge said. "Because my life

Because of his influence, Holdridge He was able to stay clean for six months,

before he experienced a relapse, while drinking on his 21st birthday.

"I thought I could control it," he said.

The reawakening of his alcoholism quickly led to the reawakening of another old habit. Under stress from whatever that was. work and school. Holdridge slipped back into drug abuse long enough to realize that he

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— CLIFF HOLDRIDGE

Former Drug User &

Texas Tech Senior

He attended a local 12-step meeting, and spent time at Dove Tree Ranch and Faith Center, two private Lubbock rehabilitation centers.

But private treatment centers like this are scarce and expensive in the Lubbock area, Gerlach said. The other alternative, state-funded treatment also is scarce, and the demand so high that story — a story he hopes will bring hope applicants must often wait for weeks before they actually begin the program.

"So when they do get ready to get help they have to wait two to six weeks,"

e said.

By this time, many of them have 

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gone back to their addictions.

"You've got to hit someone when they're ready, or they're not going to do anything," Gerlach said.

Although resources are limited because of funding cuts, Gerlach said Holdridge said her father became MHMR does offer help to those who realize a need. The center provides a 24hour crisis line at (806) 740-1414.

Gerlach said she'd like to see more rehabilitation centers and similar programs started in Lubbock, particularly for the youth. Currently, there are no treatment centers for juveniles in Lub-

"None of the private facilities see a need to open one up," she said.

The nearest youth rehabilitation center is in Plainview.

There is more help available for

Texas Tech students, Comiskey said. The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery offers programs specifically designed to help students through education about the problem, and through accountability. The center can be contacted at (806) 742-2891.

More than anything, people trying to recover need support, Comiskey said.

"You really have to help them change their life," he said.

Since his recovery, this has been one of Holdridge's goals — to encourage

people who are now were he once was. "I was taught that the Lord has given might need addime a gift," he said. "And the only way to

keep that gift is to give it away.' Since his recovery, Holdridge has worked to help users, working with Lubbock's Adult Drug Court, which helps first-time felony offenders of drug-related crimes, and with Christ in

And, most importantly, he tells his

Action to reach those struggling with

"It can be overcome," he said. "It doesn't have to be the end, it can be the beginning."

### U.S. won't seek seat on U.N. Human Rights Council, yet

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United takes shape and amid concerns it would not receive States will not seek a seat on the new U.N. Hu- the necessary 96 votes to be elected to the council. man Rights Council but will likely run next year and pledges to work with the new body, the State Department announced Thursday.

"Our nation has led and must continue to lead at the U.N. and around the world. We will continue to do so," State Department spokesman Sean Mc-Cormack said after announcing in Washington that the U.S. will not be a candidate in next month's

Observers said the United States decided against running because it wants to see how the new body

The council will replace the highly politicized and often criticized Human Rights Commission, which was discredited in recent years because some countries with terrible human rights records used their membership to protect one another from condemnation. Commission members in recent years included Sudan, Libya, Zimbabwe and Cuba.

Elections to the new 47-member council will be held May 9 and its first meeting will take place June

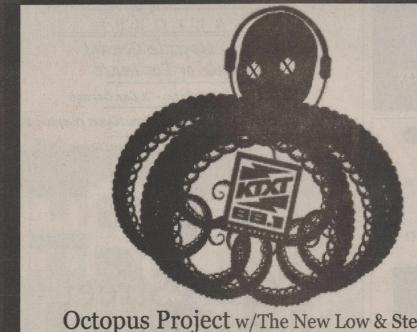
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dacy to be members of the new council, including Cuba

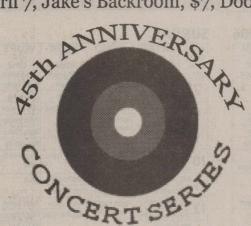
The United States was virtually alone in voting against the council when the U.N. General Assembly approved its creation last month. U.S. officials said not enough was done to prevent abusive countries from becoming members.

Officials also raised the fear of a possible U.S. defeat during a U.S. National Security Council meeting earlier this week, said one person who was at the meeting but insisted on anonymity because it was secret.

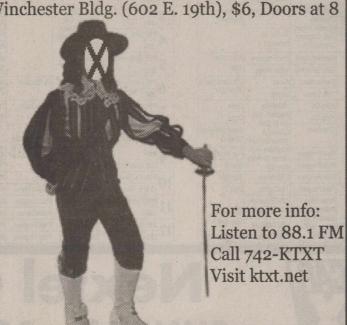
Secretary-General Kofi Annan "is obviously disappointed," U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.



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### Psychology conference attendees getting ready to pick their brain

By ANDREW WOOD STAFF WRITER

Although the 2006 NCAA tournaments are over and the Texas Tech basketball teams had to watch at home, other Red Raiders have a chance to year.' restore bragging rights to the school in

About 70 to 80 students from Tech visibility.' and other students from schools around the state will come together for this undergraduate students to discuss psyweekend's Llano Estacado Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, across the Lone Star state. where the students can win in various search they conducted before the event or at a psychology bowls.

A&M-Commerce, Texas State University and the University of Texas at El Paso will be some of the schools represented at the conference.

David Rudd, professor and chairman of the psychology department, said the event gives people a chance to discuss psychology, and is not all about psychology, agrees. competing.

but the opportunity to discuss interesting ideas and research findings in a stimulating and collegial environment," he said.

Aside from the competition, there end at 4 p.m. Saturday. also will be guest speakers.

"danger in the cockpit and the operating room," while Tech's Christine Robitschek will discuss stories, statistics and strategies of personal growth Saturday.

The students also will give presentations from the research they have psychology majors.

will speak about will include a report of (at the conference) cuts across a wide feature binding errors when recreating range of topics." display, which will be about recreating display patterns with letters, and the relationship between acculturation and attitudes toward spanking among mothers of Mexican origin, which will focus on the way some parents of Mexican-origin discipline their children, according to the event's program.

Linda Stracener, office assistant for the psychology department, said the conference aims to raise the undergraduates' interest in psychology and enhance their knowledge on different topics.

"It's a conference for undergraduates to familiarize themselves (in psychology)," she said.

The undergraduate research con-

ference is something the psychology department looks forward to annually,

"I believe it's pretty successful," she said. "Everyone seems to enjoy it and learn a lot. We keep doing it every

After four years, Rudd said the event has had "improving recognition and

He said the conference is a forum for chology with other people from schools

"It provides a unique forum for contests, whether it is from previous re- undergraduates to present their own research, learn more about graduate training in psychology, and discover what it LeTourneau University, Texas might be like to pursuer academic and professional psychology careers," he said. "Aside from the formal presentations and poster sessions, attendees have the opportunity to talk informally with some wonderful graduate students and faculty from around the state."

Kay Hill, senior business assistant for

"(There is) more experience from "It's not so much the competition undergraduates with the research pre-

Registration will be 11 a.m. today at the Escondido Room in the Student Union Building, and the conference will

To register, the cost is \$45, which Today, Robert Helmreich from the covers two meals, an event souvenir University of Texas will speak about and a program guide, according to www.psychology.ttu.edu. The meals will include a barbecue Friday at Cagle's Steak House, and a breakfast Saturday

Rudd said the event is not just for

"Psychology is a field with broad ap-Some of the topics Tech students peal," he said. "The research presented

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DANNY GONZALEZ, A junior theater major from Rio Grande City, gives Millie Casillas, a freshman theater major from La Feria, vital information about their mission as she sits on her "jet pack," Jimmy Darden, a freshman English major from Houston, during a game of prop comedy at Jake's Sport's Cafe on Wednesday night. The three are members of Alternative Fuel, a comedy group from Texas Tech

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leader Harry Reid. "The American people must know the truth."

The president and the vice president must be held accountable," Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said from the Senate floor. "Accountable for misleading the American people, accountable for the disclosure of classified material for political purposes. It is as serious as it gets in this

McClellan said the White House would have no comment on the investigation. Attorney General has the "inherent authority to decide who should have classified Iraqi threat, Wilson said. information."

porters about it. The indictment says in Iraq," Fitzgerald stated. Cheney told Libby in June 2003 that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA.

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realization that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction. The failure to find such weapons undermined the primary rationale Bush and Cheney had used for taking the country to war.

According to Fitzgerald's court filing, Cheney, in a conversation with Libby, expressed concerns on whether a CIA-sponsored trip to the African nation of Niger by Wilson "was legitimate or whether it was in effect a junket set up by Mr. Wilson's wife.'

After Wilson's 2002 trip, the former ambassador said he had concluded that Iraq did not have an agreement Presidential spokesman Scott to acquire uranium yellowcake from Niger. The subsequent embrace of information that Iraq and Niger did have a deal for uranium was evidence Alberto Gonzales said the president that the administration had twisted prewar intelligence to exaggerate the

Wilson's public criticism on July Libby faces trial next January on 6, 2003, "was viewed in the office of five counts of perjury, obstruction vice president as a direct attack on the and lying to the FBI about how credibility of the vice president, and he learned of the CIA identity of the president, on a matter of signal Wilson's wife and what he told re- importance: the rationale for the war

Fitzgerald's court papers are an effort to limit Libby's demand that he be The authorization by Bush and given voluminous amounts of classified Cheney in July 2003 for disclosing information to defend himself in his

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# LET IT RIDE



Tech students enjoy night of mock gambling and free food

By LAUREN SCOTT FEATURES WRITER

In the movie "The Color of Money," a character says, "Money won is twice as sweet as money earned."

Thursday night, the Texas Tech Acpots real fast." tivities Board hosted a Casino Night, and raffle drawings.

The students plan and host events for all Tech students, Brandon Stokes, a TAB committee coordinator said.

Casino Night is just one of a handful said Stephanie Lancer. of events TAB has planned. The Mythcoming to Tech later this month and "dive-in" movies during the summer at meet people." the pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center are just a couple other events TAB plans.

Although there were more than 20 gambling tables, the Texas Hold 'Em ning," he said. "I'm having a great time tables filled up first. Students like Gary though.' Jones enjoyed the poker game best.

While no real money was at stake from Richardson said. "There are big

Those conservative gamblers who complete with roulette, craps, poker thought the best way to double money would be by folding it in half rather The Activities Board is comprised than betting with it were in luck. When handed fake money to gamble with.

The fact the event was free was an

"Everyone comes out here and has major from Dallas, said. Busters from the Discovery Channel are fun," the freshman marketing major

Casino Night because everything there

Because of everything there was "You don't have to be great to have to do at Casino Night, Lauren Pate, a fun at it," the junior finance major sophomore marketing major from Richardson, said she would attend another TAB event.

"I like the atmosphere here," she said. "And best of all, it's free."

In addition to the gambling tables, raffle drawings were held throughout the of 25 students and two faculty advisers. students walked in the door they were night. Everything from gift certificates to event tickets were given away.

> Gambling and free food weren't the appealing aspect of the evening's events, only reasons people wanted to attend placing their bets at blackjack tables the event, Heather Smith, a senior retail

> > "I want to win a gift certificate to

Casino Night seemed to go off Stokes said. without a hitch. Most student who at-



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FROM LEFT, CHENITA Kendrick, a freshman pre-pharmacy major from McKinney, Lorrainia Belle, a sophomore architecture major from Jersey City, N.J., and Kafayat Busan, a senior pre-pharmacy major from Houston, sit around a blackjack table at Casino Night, as the dealer, Chasity Killian, of Games Plus, sets up the cards. The event was hosted by Tech Activity Board at the Frazier Alumni Pavillion Thursday evening.

in their plates of food, were carefully he said. or were trying their luck with a roll of planned, Stokes said students should

Because of the success TAB had from Austin said. "It's a great way to McAllister's," she said. "That's one of around campus, the organization is he said. "It's there and it's free and my favorite places to eat, and it's even able to put on the events for students. it's something to do. Take advantage Jones agreed. He said he came to better because it's so close to campus." All of the events are worth going to, of it.'

"Even if you don't run the event,

tended the event had their heads buried you know how good it's going to be,"

On a night when an event is go check it out.

"We're here for the Tech students,"

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#### Tech helps students with alcohol screening

Texas Tech addressed alcohol-related ssues through its Alcohol Screening Day on Thursday.

Buchanan, manager of health education for Student Health Services, said it is important for college students to take

the screening. "It's to give students an idea about whether their alcohol-related behavior

could harm them," Buchanan said. First, students fill out a brief question-

naire about their alcohol consumption.

The screening's purpose is to find each person's alcohol patterns and valuate their level of risk for negative consequences. Alcohol patterns include the number of hours spent drinking and the amount of alcohol consumed on a regular basis.

Karissa Adams, a counseling psychologist for the Student Counseling Center, said therapists conduct the screening and then they review and interpret each student's results.

"It's an opportunity for them to learn whether they have safe, risky or harmful drinking patterns," Adams said.

Some students may be referred to on-campus counseling that may be free or for a small student fee.

The entire process takes about 10

## Independent films come to Icehouse Spicing up spring with some bling

By JEREMY REYNOLDS FEATURES WRITER

of students set out into the West- said. ern woods of Maryland to find the

On Saturday evening, the Icethree of the first-ever independent money.' films in Hollywood a theater to

shine in. individuals and not film studios,"

Weiner said. All of the films — "Traffic in that went below the radar back in used today." the days of RKO Studios.

nation, Weiner said.

"There were no independent movies at the time," he said.

These films risked what most Before George Clooney went to would never come near to touch-Mark Cuban to ask him to finance ing. They addressed issues like sex mendous impact on filmmaking an independent film about Edward and drugs when both topics were throughout history. R. Murrow, and long before a group immoral to talk about, Weiner

Blair Witch, independent films had Dwain Esper showed nudity. This to be screening give audiences the exploitation movies. The film heart and soul, but no theater to be was something other film studios opportunity to see film history and

"Dwain is like an Ed Wood,"

Ed Wood was a famous Holly wood director in the Golden Age dialogue.

"You don't watch these films and "Reefer Madness" (1936) "They don't have good filmmak- said. "If anyone is familiar with Da-Weiner said. These are the films camera angles and editing are still it in these films."

resorted to being shown at traveling to see a lot of the same techniques carnivals and festivals across the and police procedures that are used today in television dramas.

tor of the arts center in Lubbock, almost never is shown on televisaid each of the films being shown sion, hearing about it is all most Saturday night has had a tre-students are capable of.

"We're seeing the same process hopped up on drugs," he said. of thought in reality TV today," In the film "Maniac," director she said. "These films we're going ness" as the granddaddy of all what's forming modern work."

Before the presentation of the house on Avenue J, along with film Weiner said. "But he was differ- films, Weiner will give a 10-minute the evils of drugs and has a moral historian Rob Weiner, will give ent because he was out to make discussion on the impact each of message behind it, Weiner said. these films had.

"These films were made by of Cinema who was known for his have a certain kind of a heart to film that a lot of students would be low-budget films and pre-school them that a lot of back-lot-studio familiar with. films lacked.

Souls" (1913), "Maniac" (1934) for good filmmaking," Weiner said. very important in film history," he - are rare movies to see anywhere, ing; you watch them became the vid Lynch's work, they'll recognize ings will bring in anywhere between

The film "Reefer Madness," In the film "Traffic of Souls," which was later produced into a Most of these exploitation films Weiner said the audience is able special on the cable television Saturday at the Icehouse, located channel Showtime, is a cult film at 511 Ave J. among college students. Weiner said a lot of college students have

Kathryn Oler, executive direc- heard about the flick, but since it

"College students are always game to watch crazy people getting

Weiner described "Reefer Madfocuses on a group of teenagers who become addicted to drugs. This movie is meant to illustrate

Dawn Wolf-Taylor, an employee He said since each of the movies of the Lubbock Regional Arts Cen-

> pioneered the way. Typically, these types of view-

"It is very rare to see this film

four and 50 people, depending on the advertising, Weiner said.

The films will start at 7 p.m.

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By RUTH BRADLEY FEATURES WRITER

Baggy pants, big jewelry and backward baseball caps required.

Spring Bling party and concert, to be music scene. held at 9 p.m. Saturday at Old Town, located at 2402 Ave. J.

"The party's called 'Spring Bling,' so we encourage everybody to come out and dress like rappers," said David Stapp, vice president of Kappa Upsilon

Bahama Bucks will provide refreshments for the free event, said Rob attendees will be treated to.

The free event also will include artists Tedashii and Trip Lee.

"It's going to be a dance party, and the rappers are just going to get organization.

Tedashii and Trip Lee are members lease an album later this year. Tedashii performed at Spring Bling last year, able to promote that same cause. and all three artists have performed in Lubbock before.

'They're just really talented artists faith in Christ," Sayles said. that choose to center their music on

Sayles, chaplain for Kappa Upsilon

The artists will perform their own music, and possibly do some freestyle, Wilson said. Both the Dallas natives Students can get their gangsta' on have a unique style, he said, and will at Kappa Upsilon Chi's second annual be a welcome variation to the local

"They bring the word of God like a bunch of us in West Texas have never seen," he said.

Their unique style gives Tedashii and Trip Lee a unique way to witness, Sayles said, and allows them to be involved at the forefront of the hip hop movement.

"I think it's a challenge sometimes was filmed on location, they each ter, said "Reefer Madness" is a cult | Wilson, external vice president for for Christians to integrate culture in the organization. And that's not all our walk and to apply our faith to culture," he said.

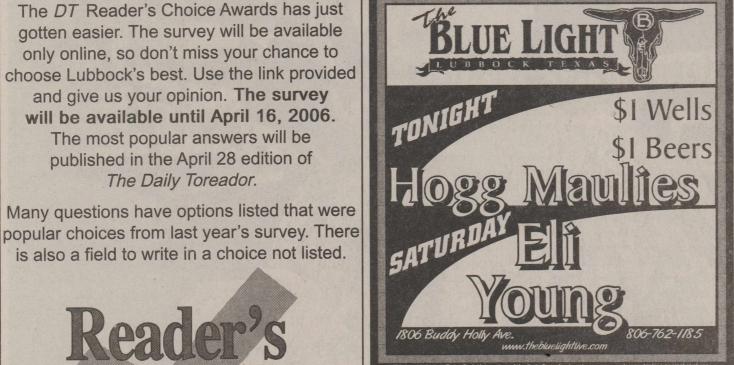
Both Tadeshii and Trip Lee are "They are all regarded as being anymore," she said. "This film performances from hip-hop recording able to find this balance, Sayles said, by applying their talents to what they believe in.

"They're really passionate about up there and keep it going," said Rob hip hop, they're really passionate about Wilson, external vice president for the their faith," he said. "And they kind of connect those two."

This is an important part of every of the trio 116 Clique, with fellow Christian's life, Sayles said. By incorporapper Lecrae. The group is slated to re-rating artists like Tadeshii and Trip Lee at their events, Kappa Upsilon Chi is

> "Doing a party like this is a way to relate what's popular in culture to our

>> ruth.bradley@ttu.edu their faith in Jesus Christ," said Tim >> meghann.a.lora@ttu.edu





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### Big 12 road test part II

### Tech travels to take on No. 24 Jayhawks

By TREY SHIPMAN SPORTS EDITOR

put College World Series regulars Texas and Baylor and it's just going to be a good series." behind them, the road for the Texas Tech baseball team can only get easier -not exactly.

In what is turning out to be one of the most competitive Big 12 fields in recent memory, the Red Raiders (22-11, 4-4 Big 12) travel to Lawrence, Kan., ing a 3-4 record. this weekend to do battle with No. 24 Kansas (20-12, 4-5) at Hoglund Ballpark.

With the Jayhawks cracking the Top 25, it will of the Aggies only two conference wins this season. mark the third time in four conference series this season

Tech has gone toe-to-toe with a ranked opponent. With basketball commanding the majority of at-major disadvantage. tention around the KU campus, the fact that its baseball team is enjoying success might come as a surprise to is when you go to someone else's park, you know their some. Not to Raider coach Larry Hays.

they're doing well."

Though Kansas is coming off a mid-week 4-0 loss Kansas never has finished with a winning record in matching the home squad's intensity is key. conference play since going 17-9 in 1994 while still part of the Big Eight.

change the trend.

"Kansas is a really good team," said freshman Roger Kieschnick, whose .399 batting average ranks fifth in Sitting at 4-4 in conference, and already having the Big 12. "They're going to be tough to play at home,

> Serving as the visiting team is not something the Raiders are accustomed to this season. Through 33 games this season, Tech has played just seven contests that were not at Dan Law Field or a neutral site, post-

> The Raiders last road test came against Texas A&M in College Station where they were the victims

> But the third-winningest coach in NCAA history doesn't necessarily buy into being on the road as a

"I don't really think so," Hays said. "The difference team fits their park. You've got to pitch, play defense "They're getting after it," Hays said. "There's not and then adjust to what their team is capable of doing anybody in our league that you need to be surprised in their park, and figure out your edge in that park if you have one.'

Senior third baseman Joey Callender has acto Wichita State, last weekend the Jayhawks took cumulated his share of flyer miles since becoming a ingagainst these guys," Hays said. "They've played well two out of three from then-Big 12 leading Missouri. Raider, and knows when sitting in the visitors dugout, all year, they got some big wins. It's an opportunity for

"Anytime you go anywhere to play a series. It's going to be tough," he said. "They're going to be ready But sitting at one game under .500 through three to play us hard, and we have to be ready to do the



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH PITCHER Josh Tomlin warms up in a game earlier this season.

If the Raiders can find a way to build on their 19-7 overall record against the Jayhawks in Big 12 play, they should have an opportunity to improve their fourth

Tech trails Texas (6-2 Big 12), Missouri (6-3) and Nebraska (4-2). With Missouri and Nebraska crossing paths this weekend, the door is open for the Raiders to

"It's going to be a huge series for us as far as competus to go get after them."

First pitch of the series is scheduled for 3 p.m. today and can be heard on the Tech Sports Network, 1340 KKAM-AM.

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### Raiders brace for storm as Cyclones roll in

They never say

die. They are like

us in that they

scratch and claw

**— TERESA WILSON** 

SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The Texas Tech softball team hosts a two-game series against the Iowa State Cyclones this weekend at Rocky Johnson Softball Complex.

"They are a lot like us," Tech coach Teresa Wilson said of the Cyclone squad. "They have really started to hit their stride over the last month or so. Iowa State is much improved and is starting to show a lot of confidence."

The Raiders (13-23, 2-4 Big 12) head into the Iowa State series after a split with No. 15

Texas A&M last weekend. "I think back to the game against New Mexico (March 19)," Wilson said. "During that game we had no walks or errors. Ever since then I have felt

like we have been playing consistent softball." The Raiders and the Cyclones (16-16, 1-3) come into the weekend series ranked ninth and 10th in team batting average out of 10 confer-

Tech catcher Robyn Wike is carrying the hottest bat for the Raiders as she contributed a game-winning hit and home run in the A&M

series. Wike said she attributes a new hitting philosophy to her new success.

"I am loading back further and keeping my Thursday's high winds were just a preview. balance," Wike said. "But the main thing is that

A cyclone is set to hit Lubbock Saturday and I am seeing the ball better." Wilson said the Iowa State offense is under-

> "They never say die," Wilson said. "They are like us in that they scratch and claw for what Ashley Killeen leads the

Iowa State team with 28 RBIs, good for seventh in the conferfor what they get. Tech pitcher Erin Crawford

(8-9, 2.70 ERA) said the top of the Iowa State order is tough to Texas Tech Softball Coach deal with.

on the Iowa State Cyclones "If we can get the Top 3 hit-

ters out, we should be in good shape," Crawford said. "The key is for us to get ahead in the count. If we control the pace, that will allow us to throw our best pitches."

Wilson said pitching and defense will be the

key ingredients in the two games. "We have to match their pitching staff," Wilson said. "They don't overpower you but they hit their spots. They count on their defense to step up. I have seen their defense make many

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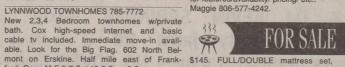
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RED RAIDER SPRING PRACTICE REPORT

INDIVIDUALLY - THEY'RE DANGEROUS. COMBINE THEM - AND THEY'RE POTENT. A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT ENEMY DEFENSES HAVE TO FEAR - AGAIN.

By TRAVIS CRAM SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Speed, hands, agility and jokes.

Those are four ways to describe the powerful lineup of wide receivers Texas Tech will show off this next football season, and they could be considered the best group in

Tech football continued its string of practices this week, moving closer to the annual Red-Black spring game Aug. 15 at LISD's Lowry Field.

One reason to watch is actually four reasons: Jarrett Hicks, Joel Filani, Robert Johnson and Danny Amendola.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Graham Harrell said the flock of Raider wideouts is a pleasure for any quarterback to have, and displeasure for any defense to have to face.

"They're a special group," he said. "For the defense it has to be intimidating, but it's an advantage for you, as a quarterback, to have those guys to throw at."

The corps of receivers are coming off another season as the reigning top passing offense in the country, as well as one of the top scoring offenses.

Since coach Mike Leach's arrival in West Texas, the Tech offense has refused to sputter and seems to breed a new receiver each year.

Hicks became a standout his freshman and sophomore seasons at Tech, becoming a constant target for quarterbacks B.J. Symons and Sonny Cumbie.

Last season produced two more receivers familiar with the spotlight of the endzone in Filani and John-

Filani had his most memorable experience in the clos-role, becoming an instant threat for defenses to ing seconds of Tech's win against Nebraska this season in keep an eye on.

After Amendola kept the game alive by causing a fumble when the ball was intercepted by a 'Husker defensive player, then-Tech quarterback Cody Hodges found Filani in the touchdown as a Raider.

back of the end zone for the game-winning touchdown. following week against Kansas State.

ago but chose to sit out the 2004-05 season before mov- yards since Hicks' 211 yard performance in a 70-28 win

HANDS CLUTCH

ing into the receiver

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year, Johnson pulled in nine receptions for a game-high 129 yards, including a 47-yard bomb from Hodges for his first 2 date against SMU.

Filani followed it up with a 255-yard performance the Sam Houston State, racking up 208 yards on eight recephelp this team click like we're supposed to." tions — the seventh best performance for a wideout in Johnson was a junior-transfer quarterback from two years school history and the first receiver with more than 200

TCU in 2004. 2005 Big 12 Newceived

In his first performance against Florida International last comer of the Year honors but said he still is not happy and he believes he has room to improve before Tech's first Sept.

"Last year was more of a learning experience for me," RoJo's top performance came in his next outing against he said. "I want to slim down, get healthier, get faster, and

One guy who seems to be clicking is Hicks.

The All-Big 12 first teamer became the leading touchdown reception holder last season when he hauled in No.

27 late in the fourth quarter of Tech's 13-10 loss to Alabama

in the AT&T Cotton Bowl Hicks said the loss should be great motivation for the

team to bounce back this year, and knows the knowledge this group brings to the field gives them the upper hand on a number of opponents.

"We've got the experience on our side," he said. "The best thing we can do is improve not just as receivers, but as a team and keep doing what we've been doing."

One player lacking the experience the receivers have is Harrell, but Hicks said there is not a receiver on the field who thinks this quarterback is not ready.

"He knows how to pick it up already," he said. "You watch on the field and how he's directing plays. and it just seems he's on the same level in his second year as some of the other guys were in their fourth or fifth

Although Leach has not made an official decision on the new general of the Tech air attack, Harrell is one of the better quarterbacks Amendola

Harrell and Amendola spent last summer playing together and Amendola said the redshirt quarterback is making improvements everyday.

"All the past quarterbacks are different but a lot alike at the same time," he said. "They know how to make plays and Graham can throw a great ball just like anyone else."

Jokes always are a popular topic for the receving corps on the field, but Hicks said come game time, these guys know when to focus.

"You gotta have jokes and keep it fun out there," he Johnson re- said. "But when we need to concentrate and get down to business, we know what time it is."

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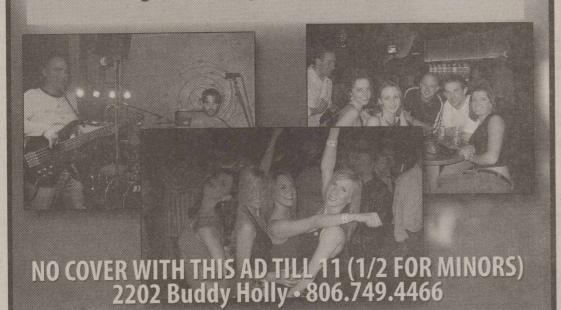
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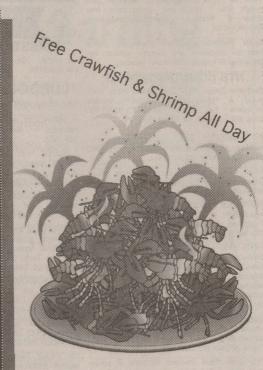
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