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**By MICHELLE ROBERTS** 

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

reversal of support from four years ago, Mayor

Ray Nagin scored heavily with black voters

and was practically abandoned by whites as he

and Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu won spots in a

Slightly more than half of the overall vote

top two candidates, according to a consulting him again," he said.

was attributed to black voters, who favored the

firm analyzing demographic data for the New

Orleans Redevelopment Authority.

runoff election for mayor of New Orleans.

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HIGH 88 / LOW 46

his support from white voters.

HIGH 68 / LOW 42

New Orleans Mayor Nagin faces runoff

Incumbent mayor scores well with black New Orleans voters as candidates whittled down from 22 to two

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A new Rider takes the reins.



#### **QUOTABLES**

A lot of people want to come home. In some cases they were hugging and crying. They hadn't seen each other since the storm."

Ruth Anthon, commissioner at a poll serving voters from the badly flooded Lakeshore area, describing reunions among voters in the New Orleans mayoral election. (AP)

Do you want change? Yes. But what kind do you want? How bad do you fault a man for a few problems during a disaster? There are just a lot of things to weigh and decide."

Rosalie Ramm, 52, on the difficulty of choosing a candidate after Hurricane Katrina. (AP)

We're still citizens of New Orleans. We still want to know what's going on there. I still have my driver's license. My license plate still says Louisiana."

J. Todd Smith, a displaced voter who traveled by

#### STATE

#### College bans use of MySpace on campus

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Del Mar College students who want to surf their online social scene at MySpace.com will have to use computers outside the

The Corpus Christi community college blocked the site recently in response to complaints about sluggish Internet speed on campus computers. An investigation found that heavy traffic at MySpace.com was eating up too much bandwidth, said August Alfonso, the school's chief of information and technology.

Forty percent of daily Internet traffic at the college involved MySpace.com, he said. In one 24-hour period in April, Del Mar computers spent a collective total of 229 hours of Internet browsing at the site.

#### NATION

#### Specter: Immigration bill possible in '06

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said Sunday he believes Congress will be able to work out differences and pass an election-year immigration bill, calling reform too important to neglect.

"I think the committee bill which got to the floor has the key ingredients of a successful bill," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who has pledged to have legislation ready for debate soon after lawmakers return Monday from their two-week recess.

Specter noted that the Senate bill is aimed at protecting the borders, regulating the flow into the country of so-called guest workers and determining the legal future of the 11 million illegal immigrants already here.

#### WORLD

#### Iraq's PM abandons claim on another term

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers were killed Sunday when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb northwest of Baghdad, the U.S. command said. That brought the number of American troops killed in the Iraqi capital area over the weekend to eight. Also, about 20 Iraqis

The latest deaths occurred about 11:30 a.m., said the command, without giving further details.

Five Americans soldiers died Saturday in bombings in the southern area of the

All eight were assigned to the Army's Multinational Brigade-Baghdad which is responsible for security in Baghdad and surrounding areas.

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Top Tuition Increases universities in 2002-03 and in 2005-06.

Universities say it simply costs more to provide a quality educauniversities to adjust their own tion today. And since state funding nationwide isn't growing as fast as enrollment or inflation, students are bearing a bigger share of the

"No one likes higher prices, subcommittee plans to discuss the and I appreciate that," University of Texas System Chancellor Mark

In predominantly white precincts, Nagin traveling hundreds of miles to help decide residents are currently living in New Orleans. trailed behind several other candidates with who will lead one of the biggest urban re- That forced campaigning for the municipal less than 10 percent, according to GCR & construction projects in U.S. history after election to go nationwide and led civil rights NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In a complete Associates Inc. In 2002, Nagin got most of Hurricane Katrina.

> Nagin and Landrieu led a field of 22 could be fair. Nagin will have to go back to some of the candidates, which included a wide range of people who elected him last time and try to other choices, including business leaders, a to characterize whether turnout was better re-win their confidence for the May 20 runoff, lawyer and a minister. Yet voters, as they did or worse than expected because it was such said a political analyst Elliott Stonecipher. in several other municipals races, chose two an unusual election. In the 2002 municipal "His one shot is to get enough of the men already in the political spotlight.

> whites who liked him four years ago to like The election, in which 36 percent of the 297,000 eligible voters participated, was an such expression" of frustration against current Roughly one-third of the city's voters unprecedented experiment in democracy participated in Saturday's election, some because fewer than half the city's pre-Katrina

activists to question whether the election

Political observers said it was difficult primary, turnout was about 46 percent.

"It was normal, natural to expect some

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# GOOD FOR BUSINES

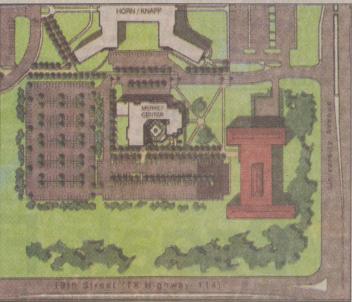
■ The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business is looking to complete its fundraising for a new building to replace the aging B.A. building. The \$60-million facility will feature new classrooms, a career center, a food court, a student lounge and more.



AN ARTIST'S RENDITION of the plaza leading up to the new business building.

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## THE LOCATION



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THE NEW LOCATION of the main building for the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, highlighted above in red, will be at the intersection of 19th Street and University Avenue, near the Merket Alumni Center.

#### **By ANDREW WOOD** STAFF WRITER

The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business took its next step on the Hightower, chairman and CEO of announcement ceremony. "Path to Preeminence" Friday, Celero Energy, and Alan White, announcing plans to construct a chairman and CEO of the Plain-

\$60-million facility. During an announcement ceremony at the Merket Alumni Center, officials from Texas Tech University and the business school came to-

gether for the announcement. The business college already has received an estimated \$25 million from the university, and has received other pledges totaling more than \$17 million, said Wendell Jeffreys, development officer for institutional advancement.

The college now needs an estimated \$25 million to complete the funding, he said. However, Jeffreys said he is optimistic the college can raise enough money within the next

"We're at \$17.5 million in hard sCapital Corporation. pledges today," he said, "So, yes, we're on our way."

The plan is part of Tech's effort to bring the university "into the 21st Leading the campaign is Jack century," Hightower said at Friday's

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**COURTESY GRAPHIC** AN ARTIST'S RENDITION of the atrium inside the new business building.

# Increases after tuition deregulation mirror those seen nationwide

By LIZ AUSTIN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

tuition deregulation has become a rallying cry for many Texas students as college costs have increased each year since lawmakers allowed

Some lawmakers unsuccessfully tried last year to retake tuition-setting authority or limit the amount rates could grow, and a Senate issue again Monday.

struggling with spiraling tuition rates, and tuition increases here

are only slightly larger than others around the country in that period, an Associated Press analysis found. In AUSTIN (AP) — Repealing fact, all but seven of Texas' 35 public universities charged less than the national average this year.

financial burden.

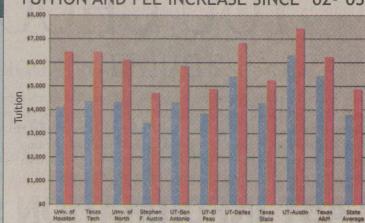
But Texas isn't the only state Yudof said. "But I would say it's our

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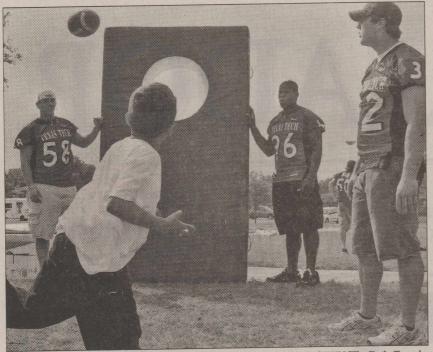
TUITION AND FEE INCREASE SINCE '02-'03



Average tuition and fees for students taking 15 credit hours a semester at Texas' public universities in 2002-03 and in 2005-06. The 2002-03 figures have been adjusted for inflation to 2006 dollars. Source: AP and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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## **BIG-LEAGUE PLAY**



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FROM LEFT, RED Raider football players Chris Wallace, a freshman finance major from Grapevine, Keyunta Dawson, a senior human development and family studies major from Shreveport, La., and Taylor Read, a junior marketing major from O'Donnell, oversee the football toss Saturday morning near the Exercise Sciences Center. The activity was one of several that student-athletes and area children participated in as part of Texas Tech Student-Athletes Play Day.

# Weekend car chase ends in arrests; scenario becoming common tale for Lubbock officers

By PAUL ROBERTS

Lubbock police officers have had their hands full recently with problems on the road.

The problems don't stem from speeding or parking tickets, but from car chases and

Two Lubbock men are behind bars after leading Lubbock Police Department officers home burglaries, Lubbock Police Sgt. Mary in a car chase Saturday afternoon, police officials said.

Angel Rodriguez, 20, and Robert Trevino were arrested by LPD after police observed the two allegedly attempting to burglarize a

At 1:30 p.m., police observed the two at 201 Indiana Ave.

Rodriguez and Trevino allegedly sped off in the vehicle, and police chased after them.

The two suspects drove to the 2700 block of 27th Street and got out of the car and ran, continuing the police chase, according to criminals," she said. police reports.

exited the vehicle. The two suspects each face the two were responsible for a string of luxury

evading arrest charges and burglary of a vehicle car thefts, police officials said.

chase that ended in Slaton.

Police observed the two suspects, one 17

The car reportedly is linked to several

our officers," she said. The suspects led LPD to Slaton where they

eventually crashed their vehicle, but continued Lubbock Police, Slaton Police and DPS officers found the two suspects hiding in a trash

bin in Slaton and made the arrests. Sgt. Mcguire said she has seen young adults

burglarize vehicles before. "Its not kids being kids, but rather kids being

Lubbock police arrested two teenagers Police caught the suspects shortly after they March 18 for alleged auto theft and believed

Police found a 16-year-old boy asleep in a Last week, police arrested two Lubbock men stolen BMW, and his 15-year-old accomplice after leading Lubbock police officers into a car turned himself in shortly after, Sgt. Scott

Farmer of the Juvenile Division said. The two suspects allegedly stole numerous and one 19, in a stolen 2002 Jeep Liberty on luxury vehicles between March 3 and March

After the suspects would find an easy target to steal, they also allegedly would steal a license plate from a separate car and attach "The stolen vehicle definitely stood out to it to that vehicle they were wishing to steal,

Police also found several stolen car keys, credit cards and wallets in the stolen BMW. The two alleged car thieves are being held at the Texas Youth Center on charges of unauthorized use of motor vehicle, a third-degree felony offense.

Sgt. Farmer said in these cases, the owners should gain more responsibility.

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

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made because people could repeatedly apply for and collect

as 900,000 of the 2.5 million applicants who received aid under FEMA's emergency cash assistance program — which

In February, audits by the General Accounting Office and

Also in February, the Justice Department said federal

prosecutors charged 212 people with fraud, theft and other

ba.ttu.edu.

# FEMA wants 625 people in Texas to pay back a total of \$1.26 million in Rita aid

BEAUMONT (AP) — The federal government is asking 625 people in Texas to pay back a total of \$1.26 million in FEMA payments, or multiple people from the same houserecovery aid they shouldn't have received after Hurricane hold received the \$2,000.

from the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the agency would complete the process and stop sending due to incomplete information in the application process.

Most of the money FEMA wants, \$1.14 million, was for FEMA money under federal law.

tion, would include a career center, a body, Hightower said.

grand auditorium, hall of honor and an fundraiser by the end of the 2006-07 aca-

office for study abroad, Hightower said at demic year and the facility constructed

by 2009

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facility, which will be located at the 19th

Street and University Avenue intersec-

food court, rooms for students groups, a

student lounge and various study areas.

ference centers, an advising center,

Friday's announcement ceremony.

nicate with their faculty and staff.

There also would be academic con-

Hightower said the new facility will

be a better place for students to commu-

Business

In other cases, the same person received multiple \$2,000

FEMA began the process called recoupment, which is Texas families have received more than \$592 million similar to an audit, in mid-March. Vick did not know when the September storm, but the agency is sending out letters letters. A similar process is ongoing for payments made after Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.

People who receive a letter requesting repayment have incorrectly paid for damage to homes that were not the 30 days to repay the amount in full or set up a payment plan. owners' primary residences, FEMA spokeswoman Hannah After 30 days, 2 percent interest begins accruing. Residents Vick said. Damages to secondary residences are ineligible can appeal FEMA's decision to seek repayment, but interest still would start after 30 days.

"My concern is to get their butts in

Although new facilities are im-

portant, he said he believes students'

coming in there for an education, but we

a new facility, Stevenson said, and it

building that was has been up for almost

The business college is in need of

education is the No. 1 priority.

"Let us not forget the most important" more about students and not all about

While the university is planning to the seat," said Stevenson, whose main

thing in terms of (students) interacting the new state-of-the-art facilities.

Hightower said he hopes to end the have to contribute," he said.

Federal auditors have faulted FEMA for much of the benefit abuse after last fall's hurricanes, citing an inadequate accounting system. The federal Government Accountability counts in scams related to Gulf Coast hurricanes.

residents asking for repayment of \$4.7 million in benefits.

after a disaster must be returned because payments were made

Sometimes, FEMA workers improperly approve payments.

Normally, 2 percent to 3 percent of FEMA funds paid

he said. "Everyone wanted to have a new center somewhere."

Fellow councilman Jim Holcomb

said he agrees. "We have an obligation to provide education to people," he said. "One of our goals is to build a new quality busi-

ness building, which will serve to attract "I'm more concerned about students high-quality students." Holcomb said he believes this project should not just be a tool to bring in distinguished students, but also should be a place where average students can

become "high-quality" students. is unfair for students to go to class in a "We don't want to raise our levels so high that the average person cannot get a quality education in Texas," he said. "Every 40 to 50 years, as I understand "The State of Texas does not have all

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it, a new building needs to be developed," the funds, and the private sector has to provide funds."

In Mississippi, FEMA has sent letters to 2,044 Mississippi Office has said thousands of inappropriate payments were

improperly, FEMA officials have said. Sometimes errors are the Department of Homeland Security found that as many

Cases of suspected fraud or misrepresentation in the included \$2,000 debit cards given to evacuees — were based

addresses and names.

application process are turned over to law enforcement on duplicate or invalid Social Security numbers, or false

After the construction at the new business college is completed, the business college might give its current facility to another college, Stevenson said.

More information about the new business building's campaign can be found online at www.rawlsbusiness.

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with the faculty," he said.

In addition to new classrooms, the match approximately \$25 million in focus is providing money for scholar-

it also needs support from the student

effort," he said, while talking about the

support he wants to see from students.

funding raised by the business college, ships

"What we need now is a grassroot

Bobby Stevenson, member of the

Rawls College of Business Advisory

Council, said he believes the project is

A call comes in. It's the Lubbock Fire Department. There's a fire south of town. It began small, but now is roaring out of control. It's possibly the biggest story of the year ...

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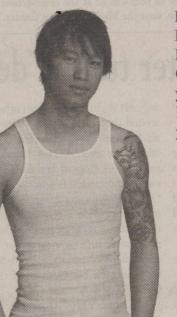
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# CASA run brings out the masses

By DANIELLE NOVY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

dents congregated around the Frazier place as fast as we can." Alumni Pavilion armed with tennis shoes and the mission to support Court Appointed Special Advocates of the South Plains, better known as CASA, Plains region. for its first 5K run.

for Court Appointed Special Advo- and airline tickets. cates of the South Plains, said the event helped more than 1,100 local abused

to CASA," Reno said. "When kids songs like "Dancing in the Streets" and from Tech students, a broader are removed from their homes by CPS "Leader of the Pack" as runners and audience — including throngs of (Child Protective Services), we are an walkers piled into the Tech's roads to elementary school students — also The Texas Tech campus came alive outside voice to speak on their behalf thread their way around the campus. Saturday morning as Hub City resi- and get them to a safe and healthy

helping the children of the South

The event included informational Hundreds of runners and walkers booths about the organization, as well enjoy running, so when you came together for the "Speak up for as a few added bonuses to transform Kids" 5K and health fair, which kicked the run into a family affair, including off at 9 a.m. and was presented by Blue an autographing table featuring former Cross and Blue Shield of Texas among Tech track and field athlete and Olympian Jonathon Johnson and a raffle that Heather Smyth, a junior ac-Todd Reno, development director offered prizes, such as a mountain bike

Saturday morning's sunny atmossupport the cause by running. was a fundraiser intended to collect sphere could be attributed to much money for a cause that already has more than just the blue skies and warm said. weather that accompanied the runners, it was added to by booming speakers "We just wanted to bring awareness that blasted out theme-appropriate

Mary Sturkie, a junior speech pathology major from Amarillo, said she Court Appointed Special Advocates He said the \$15 registration fee was surprised with the event's heavy of the South Plains visited schools participants paid will go directly to turnout, comparing it to a breast cancer to talk about the Speak up for Kids awareness run that recently hit the event. West Texas community.

> "It's a good cause, and I compare the two, it's ideal" she said, deeming the event "a great success."

Sturkie's running partner, counting major from Amarillo, said she was happy to be able to

"It's just a good time to run," she

Meanwhile, other participants had an added incentive to come out Saturday morning besides their desires to support the cause.

Kristen Heath, a freshman biology major from Odessa, said she attended student at Murfee Elementary, said the run as a participant in the Passport Program through the Honors College. She said the Passport Program allows students the opportunity to volunteer and participate in a variety of events he said with a smile, looking down in exchange for credit, which is later at the bronze-colored medallion transformed into a scholarship.

amount of enthusiasm that these running next to me for the cause of people have," Heath said as she pre- child abuse." pared for the run.

was in attendance.

Reno said representatives from

"We want to promote physically and mentally healthy kids," he said.

Alyson Contreras, a fifth-grader at Parsons Elementary School, said she found out about the event through her class.

She said forms were sent out to parents of the school's students to raise awareness.

"I think it's a healthy process," she said of the one-mile run she participated in. "It's good for the whole class; it was also good that they gave us water and Gatorade to help us run."

Manny Bustos, a sixth-grade he also found out about the event through his school, specifically his physical education teacher.

"I feel really proud of myself," the participants were awarded with. "I'm very impressed with the "I felt good to have other people

red for the run.

In addition to the solid support

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**Tuition** 

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ity to maintain a quality education. ... Tuition is our effort to maintain our

universities cost an average of \$4,857 for this school year, according to information submitted by the schools to the iah Warner, a 21-year-old senior at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating University of Houston, where tuition Board. That's 28 percent higher than and fees have increased the most since in 2002-03, the year before deregula- 2002-03. Tuition and fees there averaged tion, once those figures are adjusted for roughly \$6,450 for this school year, up

The average cost of tuition and fees \$5,491 this year, according to the Col-2002-03 after accounting for inflation.

nation's public universities increased sandwich shop last year. 3.5 percent for the 2005 fiscal year, March report by State Higher Education a La Porte native. Executive Officers, a group of top state higher education officials.

but its state funding only increased by from going to college. about 13 percent.

third, if income stays the same, you have less money to spend per child."

Even as the economy improves,

higher tuition is probably here to stay, said David Breneman, an economist and higher education funding expert who is dean of the University of Virginia's education school.

Across the country, higher education is increasingly viewed as an opportunity Tuition and fees at Texas public that mainly benefits — and should be paid for by — individuals, he said.

That's upsetting for students like Isa-56 percent.

The youngest of five children, Warat the nation's public universities was ner is putting himself through school by substitute teaching three days a week. lege Board. That's up 25 percent from Other than subsidized loans, he qualifies for little financial aid because he made Although state appropriations to the too much teaching and managing a

"I'll be lucky to graduate about constant per-student funding was at its \$45,000 in debt, so any increase in lowest level in 25 years, according to a tuition is a pretty big deal," said Warner,

Stories like Warner's trouble state Sen. Royce West, a Democrat from That's because administrators are Dallas who chairs the Senate's higher getting a little more state funding to education subcommittee. He said he'll serve a lot more students, Yudof said. For keep an open mind going into Monday's example, UT-Tyler has 61 percent more hearing, but he wants to know if tuition students this year than it did in 2002-03, deregulation is preventing young people

"I think that it's real clear that the "It's just like a family," Yudof said. "If Legislature wants a more serious look, you had two children and you added a if you will, at raising tuition ... and the impact that it has on accessibility and affordability," he said.

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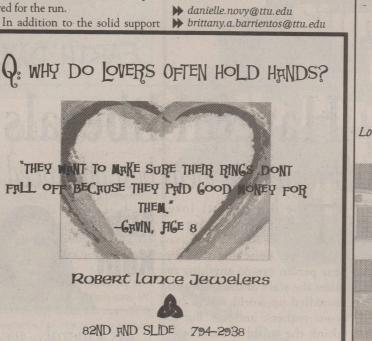
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# Ca'gas'trophe

Rising gas costs, manipulation by oil companies calls for intervention

omeone call the police! There's been a crime. A couple of days ago, as I was gassing up my car, a man approached me from behind. To be quite honest, I didn't notice him until it was too late. I didn't feel him reach into my back pocket and remove my wallet. And unfortunately, I didn't see him take my money out of it; I was too concerned with filling my gas tank.

Daylight robbery? You bet, and with my eyes wide open. Regrettably, my incident at the gas pump wasn't a freak occurrence; it's happening across America, to all of us, and it's pocketbook, and it's about time to reach around to the man taking cash out of our pockets and slap it away.

At the end of last summer, in the week's following Hurricane Katrina, gas prices around the nation soared because of an interrupted gas supply from the Gulf Coast. Prices remained high for a month or so although remaining higher than they were pre-Katrina. Oil executives spoke before Congress and stated they weren't guilty of price gouging, that supply wasn't quite meeting demand, and therefore the prices we were paying at the pump were justified.

happened; companies, like ExxonMobil, posted as \$36 billion profit and rewarded exiting executive Lee Raymond with a \$400 million retirement packhappening again.

Reports indicate with a rise in the price of a barrel of oil rising each day (currently more than \$75 per barrel) gas prices could reach \$4 to \$4.50 a gal-

Much like in the aftermath of Katrina, eyes have been focused on President Bush for an answer, a reprieve or at least an open condemnation of the oil companies' practices. However, all the president can muster, as he stated in the State of the Union and over the weekend, "America is addicted to oil."

That's great, the first step in curing an addic-

tion is admitting you have a problem; the next step is to do something about it. But we're

Members of Congress, including Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said over the oil. weekend Congress would write a letter to President Bush asking him to initiate an investigation of possible price gouging by oil companies. Yet, such a letter probably is fruitless.

In a speech on Earth Day over the weekend, the president stated, "We're going to have a tough summer because people are beginning to drive now during tight supply." He then said, "The American people have got to understand what happens elsewhere in the world affects the price of gasoline."

I understand, Mr. President. But I also understand that our current upswing of the economy can come to a crashing halt as a result of \$4 per gallon of gasoline and something needs to be done about it. While the president did mention how high gas prices can affect the economy, he failed to state any solution beyond a grin-andbear-it attitude. What else could we expect from a president who frequently seems to be living more in a fantasy world as the

The president frequently



(Oil companies have) succeeded in getting away with a rape of the American happening again. Reports indicate with a rise in the price of a barrel of oil rising each day (currently more than \$75 per barrel) gas prices could reach \$4 to \$4.50 a gallon.

But then a curious thing touts Ethanol, a corn-based gasoline additive, as the answer to our oil woes. However, if oil is liquor, Ethanol is light beer and we're still not getting anywhere. Part of the reason of our current aged. They had succeeded in rise in gas prices is because of oil getting away with a rape of the refineries switching from using American pocketbook, and it's MTBE (the current additive in gasoline) to using Ethanol.

> Car companies, like General Motors, are getting into the act by introducing cars formulated to use a pure form of 85-percent Ethanol, which current cars can't use, called E85. Their "Live green, go yellow" campaign was featured during the Super Bowl and throughout the

> Yet, Ethanol is produced by growing corn, taking it to a refining plant, and is delivered to consumers by trucks (Ethanol is too corrosive to be delivered by pipelines). So every step of

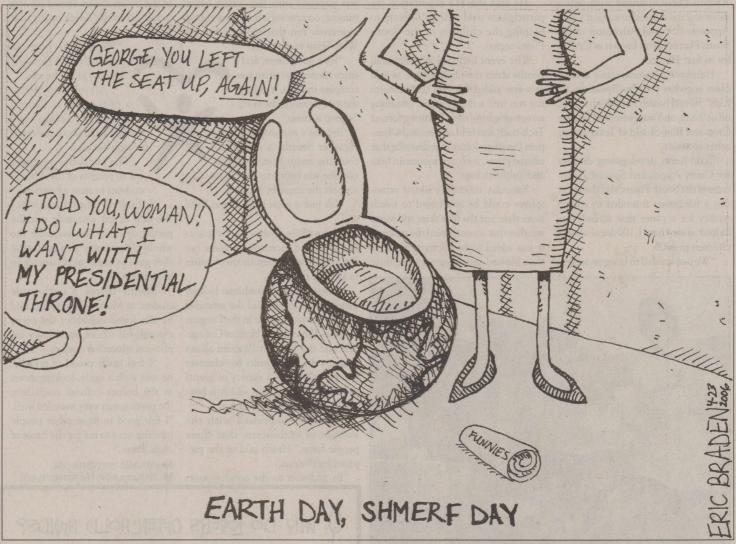
the production process uses gasoline, therefore as the price of gas goes up, so does the price of Ethanol, you can't cut your dependence

foreign oil if your solution requires foreign

In the long run, America needs a new technology and invention to get us off of oil. We've basically been using the same kind of engine and car for more than 100 years. Sure, we're made dramatic improvements over that time, but it's still the same design and idea. For us to cut our dependence on oil, we must make that next technological leap into the un-

In the short term, our hope lies with Congress at this point; President Bush could care less about what the American people think, because he can't run for re-election. Therefore we must turn to the senators and representatives who will be facing election this fall for an answer. With the peak American driving time approaching, and the threat of another active hurricane season, we need an answer and we need one soon. A \$4-gallon of gasoline will all but kill the American economy, unless of course, you're Exxon.

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# Hateful liberals hurt their causes

Progressive ideas best advanced by love and peace — not aggression

The thing that I love about Liberals is that we are idealists.

For me, believing that no one person can do anything to alter the state of things in this muddled up world makes life seem pathetic and sad. But to think the world is capable of change makes me proud to be a Liberal, because our very foundation rests upon the notion that we can change the things that we dislike. Although the cynics of this world tell us we are naïve, I know that ideas are powerful because they have helped to shape our existence. Jesus, Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, the Dalai Lama and hundreds of others have revolutionized the world with ideas.

But I believe my fellow Liberals have gone terribly wrong somewhere along the way. In many of my columns, I myself have been responsible for hurting the cause of Liberals. The problem with Liberals, (I sounded like Ann Coulter there for a minute, didn't I?) is that we have embraced hate.

hate is wrong. Don't hate homosexuals, don't hate different races, don't hate the poor, etc. to love, but underneath it, we hate. We hate Republicans, we hate Conservatives, we hate racists, we hate homophobes, we hate the NRA and religious fundamentalists. We hate. And all of the hate is a disease to our

causes and our ideals. During the Civil Rights other side. movement, blacks were subject to lynching, water hose spraying, beatings and every other can inflict upon another. Yet

method which rejects revenge, into the same trap. aggression and retaliation. The is love."



As Liberals, we preach that hate is wrong. Don't hate homosexuals, don't hate different races, don't hate the poor, etc. Our message is that we should embrace diversity and learn to love, but underneath it, we hate . . . And all of the hate is a As Liberals, we preach that disease to our causes and our ideals.

Our message is that we should tive senator. In our personal embrace diversity and learn lives, who hasn't heard Rush Limbaugh, Michael Moore, Bill O'Reilly or Al Franken lampooning the other side for their ignorance and stupidity? The war of ideas can be annoying and discouraging at best. Mostly, the war of ideas results in hatred and fear of the

For instance, some look at the Taliban and wonder how they can be so ruthless and kind of cruelty one human murderous. How could they kill thousands of Americans Martin Luther King and many and feel no remorse, and in of his supporters and associates 'fact feel joyous at our deaths? felt strongly about loving those It is because they have taken who persecuted them, and re- something good, the Koran, maining peaceful at all times. and twisted it through hate. King once said, "Non-vio- The Taliban hates those who lence is the answer to the have allegedly disrespected crucial political and moral their religion. They hate them questions of our time; the so much that they kill innocent need for mankind to overcome Americans. Christians take oppression and violence with- something good, the Bible, out resorting to oppression and turn it into an excuse for and violence. Mankind must homophobia and sexism. Unevolve for all human conflict a fortunately, Liberals have fallen

Instead of promoting our foundation of such a method noble ideas with respect and dignity, we have joined the As Liberals, we have re- masses in promoting our noble sorted to the meanest and most ideas by hating those who don't unenlightened way of fighting. accept them. Mahatma Gandhi We see it in Washington all of once said, "Democracy must in the time. Some Liberal senator essence, therefore, mean the art is name-calling, accusing and and science of mobilizing the alienating some Conserva- entire physical, economic and

victory. What if tomorrow we persecution we face.

But every Conservative in the country would protest Kopf is a senior sociology major would be scared to lose those Kopf@ttu.edu.

spiritual resources of all the rights. The victory would only various sections of the people be temporary. However, if we in the service of the common could learn peaceful resistance, patience and courage, we could If we, as Liberals, truly de- convince our opponents in sire the common good of all time. Only through these means people, we must get over our- can a victory finally be won. selves. We must not think of Therefore, I apologize to every ourselves as the liberators of Conservative I have alienated the ignorant rednecks, or the and angered. I no longer wish to chosen people who have it, harbor hatred and resentment right. We must humble our, toward those who disagree with selves and not give into the me, but rather develop empathy temptation to fight back. If and understanding. Let every we won everything we desired true humanitarian resolve to through hate, it wouldn't be a erase the hate, regardless of the

somehow we managed to get My hope for myself and emergency contraception in every Liberal, feminist, and every pharmacy, if we guaran- Democrat is that we win people teed the right for homosexuals over by being the bigger and to marry and abolished the better person. Our ideas can death penalty? Sure, we would change this world, just wait and see.

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# New Bin Laden tape: West is at war with Islam, fighters should go to Sudan to fight U.N. force

Laden issued ominous new threats in an to fight us." audiotape broadcast Sunday, saying the West followers to go to Sudan to fight a proposed

In his first new message in three months, the tape. bin Laden said the West's decision to cut off the United States and Europe were conducting "a Zionist crusader war on Islam."

"The blockade which the West is imposthere is a Zionist crusader war on Islam," said the speaker on the tape broadcast by the Al-

ity of the people and the governments. While destruction and carnage he's causing the al-Qaida's but noted that international sancthe war continues, the people renew their Muslim nation. He's looking for another tions on the Palestinian government would allegiance to their rulers and politicians and justification ...

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin continue to send their sons to our countries

The voice on the tape sounded strong was at war with Islam and calling on his and resembled that on previous recordings attributed to bin Laden. There was no way to independently verify the authenticity of

"We are aware of the tape and a technical leaders refuse to recognize Israel proved that a U.S. intelligence official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

ing on the government of Hamas proves that Israel to deflect growing Arab animosity al-Qaida is "organizing cells and gathering toward al-Qaida.

"When he attacks Israel, this is something the Arab world can agree upon,"

"Criticizing Israel sounds more politically

Al-Qaida is believed to have no direct links to Hamas, which is an outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood, but they share an anti-Israel ideology that calls for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Recent media reports in the Middle East funds to the Palestinians because their Hamas analysis of the recording is being conducted," have said al-Qaida is building cells in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Sudan.

Israel has indicted two West Bank Israeli government spokesman Raanan militants for al-Qaida membership and a Gissin said bin Laden had decided to attack Palestinian security official has acknowledged supporters," although Israeli officials say the

inroads appear preliminary. A Hamas spokesman said the militant "I say that this war is the joint responsibil- Gissin said. "He has been criticized for the group's ideology is vastly different from naturally cause anger among some Muslims.

## Runoff

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rent officeholders after Hurricane Katrina, Stonecipher said. in those areas. "Instead, we got the opposite."

the results were an endorsement of his plans for the city's future predominantly white precincts. and his previous four years in office.

"I just feel we're on the right track, and people have verified largely lined up behind Forman and other trailing candidates. that to me," he said.

expected to easily win a second term.

It's too early to tell whether voters have forgiven Nagin for observers said. fumbled plans during the storm and later verbal gaffes. Landrieu said Sunday the number of voters who chose can-

didates other than Nagin demonstrated that voters want change. "This city, this great city, calls for change," he said.

Nearly half of voters in predominantly white areas turned out,

compared with about 30 percent of registered voters in those black neighborhoods, which also tended to be the worst hit by flooding. Nagin received 65 percent or more of the vote in predomi-

nantly black neighborhoods, while Landrieu received 23 percent

Landrieu got 30 percent of white voters behind the overall Nagin, a cable executive who first ran for office in 2002, said third-place finisher, Ron Forman, received 35 percent from

Business leaders, who supported Nagin in his first run for office,

Forman had not endorsed anyone by Sunday. Many conser-Before the storm, Nagin, who is black, had been largely varives dislike the Landrieu family, so neither candidate in the nin-off was likely to win over all of the Forman voters, political

Landrieu, who has held office in Louisiana for nearly two decades and is the brother of Sen. Mary Landrieu, has trumpeted his ability to attract a diverse group of voters. His father, Moon Landrieu, was the last white mayor of New Orleans in the 1970s Both candidates will have to expand their voter base to win but is well-liked in the black community for his decision to open high-ranking jobs to black professionals at City Hall. > brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu

# Mexicans see immigration as part of life

ATOTONILCO, Mexico (AP) — They by 2030. name their babies Johnny and Leslie, so certain States. Returning migrants sprinkle English into their speech as they talk knowingly about for Mexico's Central Bank. job markets in U.S. towns.

life they can't imagine changing.

system are built around the assumption that migration and amnesties for undocumented migrants will continue — and that the \$20 coming, and almost certainly grow. Todas d

In fact, the government is counting on continued cash from a Mexican-born U.S. population it predicts will rise from 11 million metaphor of migration as an escape valve for who sells building materials — largely for to between 17.9 million and 20.4 million Mexico's social tensions, but says the country homes being built for absent migrants

"There have been amnesties and reforms million migrants returned en masse. are they that their kids' future lies in the United before, and they will continue to occur periodically," said Jesus Cervantes, director of statistics

President Vicente Fox is one of many America may want to stop illegal immigra- Mexican who considers the migrants "heroes," tion, but most Mexicans accept it as a fact of because they send money to their impoverished home villages, and in some cases risk death Mexico's economy, society and political walking into America in pitiless desert sun.

Many families give their babies "American" names, figuring it will help them fit in job placement network has grown up. Migrants when they make the inevitable trip north. In send word home of a vacancy for a gardener billion they send home every year will keep one central Mexican village, men on a dusty in Los Angeles, a carpenter in Houston or a side road knowingly discuss which Long Island dishwasher in Raleigh, N.C.

towns are best for day-labor work.

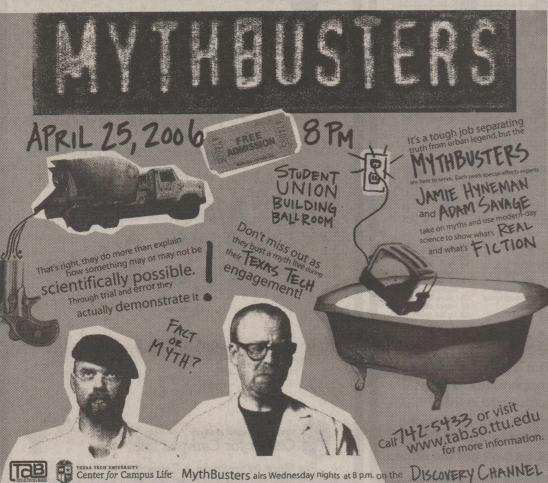
of 105 million people would be in trouble if 11

On the ground, the lure of America is evident. Abelardo Gonzalez, an elementary school director in the southern state of Oaxaca, said of his students: "From the time they are little kids, they have this idea of going north."

So many people have left the farming town of Atotonilco in central Tlaxcala state, 480 miles from the U.S. border, that a sort of U.S.

"A lot of people who leave already have Cervantes avoids using the common jobs lined up," said Daniel Escalona Garcia,







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# Xbox 360's price not expected to fall soon despite affordable upcoming launches from Sony, Nintendo

**By CARLOS BERGFELD** SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Following Microsoft's Xbox 360, Sony and Nintendo will launch their next-generation consoles this year, making it even more expensive for gamers looking to keep their collections current.

For those who want to save money but still have an enjoyable gaming experience, Sony announced an immediate price drop for their PlayStation 2 console, now \$129.99.

systems in the coming months, is there enough at \$299.99. life in current-generation consoles for consumers to buy one?

a sophomore public relations major from Canyon and a lifelong video game fan. "They know that the PlayStation 2 is still going to have support for the next couple of years.'

Hix said Sony's backing of the system with firstparty titles, combined with the lower price, makes buying a PlayStation 2 very practical.

Sony publicly has pledged support for the console even after the PlayStation 3's release, with firstparty games like "God of War 2," the sequel to last said. year's widely acclaimed mythological action game, slated for release on the PlayStation 2 in 2007.

Other practical reasons for buying a PlayStation 2 would be for early adopters of the system whose consoles broke or just stopped working, of which Hix says there are many — himself included.

"I'm actually thinking about it since my old one crapped out on me," he said.

Hix said he purchased an early model Play-Station 2 soon after the system's launch, and the console stopped working last year.

from Microsoft's approach with the original Xbox at the Xbox 360's launch.

Whereas Sony has first-party titles in the works, Microsoft Game Studios still has had no original Xbox titles on the horizon following the launch of

With the arrival of two more next-generation at \$149.99, half the price of an Xbox 360 core system

This seeming lack of support for the system, combined with the console's relatively high price "I definitely think they will," said Brent Hix, in comparison with the next-generation of consoles, gave last holiday's console shoppers really no incentive to buy the system, Hix said.

prised if the Xbox does drop in price."

Sony has said the PlayStation 3 will not be cheap, and combined with Thursday's announced price drop, the PlayStation 2 will look like a good buy for gamers trying to save a few bucks, Hix

the times in terms of game consoles, the imminent launch of the PlayStation 3, even without consideration of price, may be enough to defer a purchase.

"A lot of people have been holding off on buying PSPs," said Salim Aad, about potential buyers of Sony's PlayStation Portable who heard rumors of an updated version of the system.

Aad, a senior math and computer science major from Princeton and an exited PlayStation 3 fan, said Sony's promise of backward-compatibility with Sony's strategy with the PlayStation 2 differs the PlayStation 3 — the ability to play PlayStation 2 and even original PSone games on the system - makes the purchase of a PlayStation 2 superfluous if the buyer is planning on getting a PlayStation 3 down the road.

Other motivations for Sony's price drop may be to entice holiday shoppers away from buying Microsoft also left the price of the original Xbox Nintendo's next-generation system, code-named "Revolution," which Nintendo executives have claimed would be cheaper than any other nextgeneration console system.

This may not be enough to bring gamers to buy Sony's six-year-old system when Nintendo's moderately-priced console releases

"They might look at the price and see how much "It seems like Microsoft's trying to get the Xbox it is, but Nintendo has the Revolution coming out," phased out completely," he said. "I would be sur- said Andrew Young, a sophomore plant and soil science major from Lubbock.

Young said he is waiting for the Revolution's release to buy a next-generation console, although the PlayStation 2's vast catalog of titles works in

Following Nintendo's GameCube, the PlaySta-However, for the people who are slightly behind tion 2 is now the second-cheapest console on the

The price drop may give Sony even more of an edge in console sales, although the company is the current leader with 55.6 percent of sales in the U.S., according to the NPD Group.

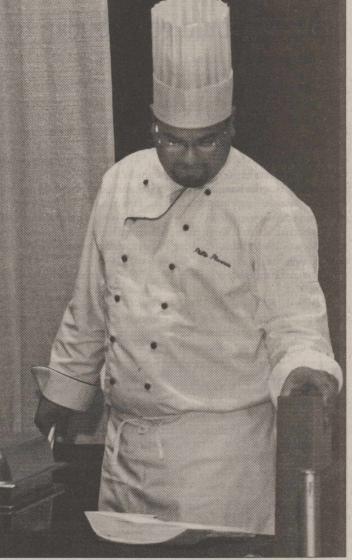
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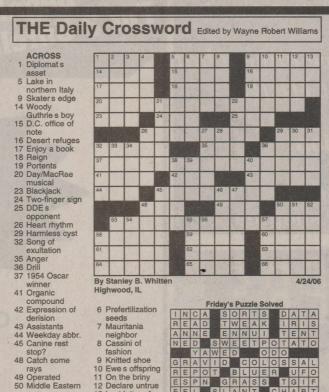
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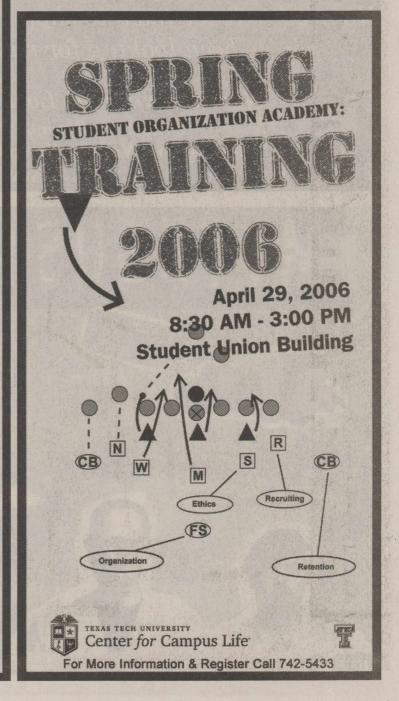
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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Josh Tomlin delivers to the plate during the Red Raiders' 8-2 loss to No. 13 Oklahoma Sunday at Dan Law Field. The loss completed the series sweep for the Sooners and was the first time Tech has been swept by an opponent at home since falling to Nebraska in 2001. The Raiders will end a nine-game home stand as they host New Mexico at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Red Raiders fall victim to Sooner sweep

By TREY SHIPMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into the weekend, the Texas Tech baseball team knew No. 13 Oklahoma was good. After dropping three games to the Sooners at Dan Law Field, the

ers (26-17-1, 6-10-1) to overcome as they took the the game, 5-2. loss, 8-2.

up three runs and seven hits.

However, the Raider offense had difficulty solving Sooner starter P.J. Sandoval who picked up his sixth win of the year by holding the Raiders to one run over

Freshman left fielder Roger Kieschnick did his part in trying to help Tech avoid its first sweep at home since Nebraska accomplished the feat in 2001. The freshman

now has hit safely in 38 of Tech's 44 games this season table for a dramatic ninth-inning comeback. Brian scoreboard in left-center field to put the Raiders up 2-1 in the bottom of the third; though it proved to be the only lead the Raiders would hold in the game.

In Friday's action, No. 1 starter Miles Morgan had Red Raiders found out just how good their conference trouble harnessing the dominating form he has shown in the past as he consistently lived on the edge, deal-OU (32-10, 11-4 Big 12) completed the sweep ing with OU runners in scoring position. He ended Sunday after they pieced together a five-run eighth up allowing four runs, three earned, over five innings inning, which proved to be too much for the Raid- which proved to be enough for the Sooners who took

Saturday was Tech's best shot at taking a game in the Tech hung with the top-ranked Sooners for the series. With the score tied at four runs a piece through majority of the contest behind a solid outing from seven innings, the Sooners took the lead in the top of starter Josh Tomlin. Tomlin went 5 1/3 innings, giving the seventh when first baseman Kevin Smith connected on a two-RBI single.

Though the Raiders wouldn't go away and set the

after he dropped a mammoth solo home run off the Capps came through with an RBI sacrifice fly to right, closing the gap to 6-5.

With two outs and two runners on, Kieschnick stepped to the plate but was unable to deliver as he grounded out to short to end the game.

The three-game sweep was the second in a row for OU after going on the road and downing Missouri last weekend, including a 15-3 victory over No. 1 Rice on

Tuesday will mark the end of a nine-game home stand for the Raiders as they are set to host New Mexico

The eighth-place Raiders will head to Omaha, Neb., next weekend, the site of the College World Series, to do battle with the No. 4 Cornhuskers in what will be a crucial series as conference play winds down. > trev.shipman@ttu.edu



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# Final frame of play not kind to Raiders against 'Huskers



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TEXAS TECH INFIELDER Heather Parker tags out a Nebraska base runner after an attempted steal in Raiders' 10-4 loss to the Cornhuskers Sunday at the Rocky Johnson Softball Complex. The Raiders had a 3-2 lead in the final inning of play before the 'Huskers sent the game to extra innings, eventually sealing the victory in the tenth frame of play. The loss dropped the Raiders to 4-11 in Big 12 play this season.

Walk To Class In Style

By JAY LANGLEY SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Two one-run leads heading into the last inning equaled two losses for the Texas Tech softball team Saturday and Sunday at the Rocky Johnson Softball Complex against , giving up four earned runs in the loss. No. 17 Nebraska.

31, 4-11 Big 12) took a 3-2 lead into the seventh before Nebraska sent the game into to take a 3-1 lead. extra-innings then scored six runs in the top of 10TH for the 10-4 victory.

Tech coach Teresa Wilson said her team Lizzy Aumua. is in a transition period in which all softball team in the nation.

"When you build a program up, one of the natural progressions is you lose bad, which we took care of last year," Wilson said. close, and then you win big.'

Tech took an early lead Sunday on a first-inning solo home run by Montana

Raider senior pitcher Julie Hauck gave home run by Devin Porter. the lead back in the third on an RBI single by Nebraska's Jamie Waldecker.

"It's weird because this was my last time

so I don't know how to describe it. I was becoming a good team. ready to go. Go out with a bang is what I was thinking."

Losleben (1-6) who pitched 7 1/3 innings

Tech gained momentum in the bottom Riley and an RBI single by Brandy Moulin

Nebraska (35-8, 9-4) cut Tech's lead to one in the fourth with an RBI single by she said she never thinks about records.

programs must go through to become a top seventh, an error by first baseman Jennifer Crawford said. "The last couple of years this Corkin and a hit batsman with the bases has meant a lot more, but I never imagined loaded allowed Nebraska to take a one-run that I would be where I am today." lead heading into Tech's last at bat.

"And then you lose close, and then you win extra innings on a RBI double by Whitney niorday was Amanda Oaks. She said she will

The game stayed tied until the top of the 10TH when Nebraska exploded for six runs off of Losleben highlighted by a three-run

to stay in attack mode for seven innings," Wilson said. "You have to learn to take control of situations and to thrive in pres-

Hauck said. "I've never had that feeling sure situations. That is part of the process of

Saturday, Tech could not hold a 3-2 seventh inning lead as senior pitcher Erin Hauck was relieved in the third by Sarah Crawford (11-16) gave up back to back solo home runs to Waldecker and Crystal Carwile to give Nebraska the 4-3 win.

The game also WAS the last conference Sunday, as part of senior day, Tech (18- of the third with an RBI double by Whitney home game for Crawford who joined the Tech squad as a walk-on in her first season. Although Crawford ranks in the Top 5 in almost all Tech career-pitching categories,

> "When I walked on to this team I was Leading 3-2 heading into the top of the just wanting to play ball and give it a try,"

> The other senior to be honored with Tech managed to send the game into Hauck and Crawford Sunday as part of seuse her experiences with the softball team after she graduates and begins her career.

> "There's little life lessons in the game of softball," Oaks said. "We are on the road with each other every week. You learn to "I think this team needs to learn how deal with different types of people in differ-

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# Tech tennis splits final conference matches

By BRITTANY BARRIENTOS SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

step losses against conference and in-state ourselves and the determination that we rivals Texas and Texas A&M, members of need to finish strong this regular season came out and beat a good Nebraska team," the Texas Tech men's tennis team had their and be prepared for the Big 12 Tournahe said. "No. 1 I'm proud of the team effort work cut out for them.

"(Texas) A&M was probably the second-toughest loss I've ever experienced in conference in the nation. We knew from my 15 years," said coach Tim Siegel. "That Day 1 there were not going to be easy excuse for missing practice last week — his was a tough one.'

The Red Raiders lost that match 4-3 af- in and day out." ter leading 3-1 through the first four matches. That meant a rebound performance was ness stems deep. This match proved that I'm passionate about coaching — coaching a must, and that's what the team delivered for No. 5 Michael Breler, who blanked his Friday when they took on No. 63 Nebraska and came out with a 6-1 victory.

said. "It was one we had to have."

nouncement just weeks away, the Raiders it turned out." were well aware of that.

Coming off last weekend's Texas two-ginning of the season this confidence in for him. ment," Tech's No. 2 player Dimitrio and proud of the way they've practiced Martinez said. "It's probably the strongest without me here."

> Lucky for the Raiders, that competiveopponent, Nebraska's Mark Tate, 6-2, 6-0.

"He was playing the first two games. I great." "This was a tough match for us," Siegel felt like I was the stronger guy ... I didn't think he was as fit as I was," he said. "When With the Big 12 Tournament this I sense someone losing it, I just play solid weekend and the NCAA Tournament an- - see if they make mistakes. That's how

Siegel said he was impressed with the "We've been building since the be- win, but it stems down further than that

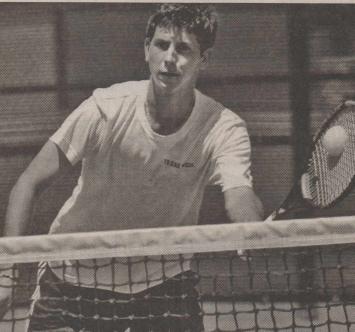
"What I'm more impressed with ... we

One could argue Siegel had a valid matches. We have a competiveness day wife gave birth to his fourth child and first

"All this is very important, no question. is what I do," he said. "Being a dad is who I am — I'm so proud right now and life is

Sunday, Tech took on No. 25 Colorado. The Buffaloes took a late-match win over the Raiders 4-3, bringing Tech's regular-season record to 13-10, and 2-5 in the Big 12. The Big 12 Tournament is scheduled for

this weekend in Waco. ▶ brittany.a.barrientos@ttu.edu trey.shipman@ttu.edu



TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN Sinisa Markovic returns a shot in the Red Raiders' 4-3 loss to No. 25 Colorado Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Raiders also took on Nebraska Friday but emerged victorious in that match, downing the Cornhuskers 6-1. The matches served as the final tune-up for Tech before the Big 12 Tournament in Waco this weekend.

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by his coach. All Tech coaches, athletes and administrators are not commenting on the article. Athletic Director Gerald Myers wrote in a statement that the university needs time to review any questions raised about the Tech

track and field program. An instance in which a coach provides an athlete with cash is a violation of NCAA rules and can result in institutional sanctions including vacating any championships the school

won while the athlete was in participation. Beard, a former sprinter and hurdler helped the Raider squad win the 2005 Big 12 Outdoor Championship.

More details of this story will be reported as they are made available to The Daily To-

—Jay Langley/Senior Sports Writer

Women's Tennis Rounds

**OUT CONFERENCE PLAY** 

The Texas Tech women's tennis team (14-7, 7-4 Big 12) capped off its regular season by securing wins over both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State on Lubbock soil this weekend in a fitting finish to a winning season marked by ample time on the road.

Friday, the No. 57 Lady Raiders rolled over the No. 75 Sooners to add another 'W' to their scoreboard, finishing at 5-2, while Saturday's action with the No. 47 Cowgirls proved to be laced with much more suspense.

After both Tech and Oklahoma State

notched three wins on their respective sides, Lakann Wagley's match-up with Yawna Allen positioned the day's outcome in her hands.

To the sound of cheering fans, Wagley stepped up to the challenge, producing a 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 win in the only match of the day that stretched into a third set, contributing to Tech's 4-3 victory.

Wagley said she was completely conscious of her team's status while on the court, and knew the match's overall outcome was resting on her shoulders. "Getting it to the third set was the biggest

factor," she said in recollection of her feelings in the heat of the match. "I thought 'It's my time' — I just believed I could do it.' In the aftermath of the match, Wagley

said she was proud her team. Coach Cari Groce said she was pleased

for Wagley, as well as the entire team's efforts. She said on any given day, every single person contributes to the strength of the program. "I think we always fight to the bitter end,"

she said. "Today that really paid off." Still, amid the celebration. Groce said she

already is looking toward what the immediate future holds for the team. "Hopefully when next week's rankings come out we'll be in the 40," she said. "We've

positioned ourselves and done everything we needed to do — we feel good about our

-Danielle Novy/Senior Sports Writer

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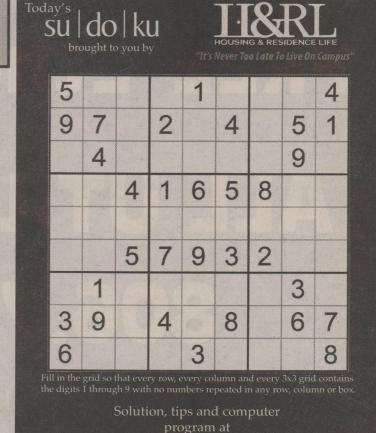
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crack of thunder and a glimpse of impending rain on the horizon started Athe night off. A packed house of rockers stood waiting as other bands filled the stage at the Lone Star Pavilion Saturday night.

It's been a long time since I've seen a concert where everyone in the crowd was not only feeling the music, but lived it as one moving and breathing body.

would support live music, hence why some musicians such as Gretchen Wilson and Pat Green Lubbock supports a certain kind of music. canceled their shows earlier this year. Well, I've



#### CONCERT REVIEW

I once heard how Lubbock residents never Trapt and Blue October this semester alone. After seeing all of these bands, I've learned one thing:

The Chesney concert was all right for the

right notes at South Beach last week, but staring they're doing this headfirst. But, at the concert glory God gave them, and the packed stadium of the crowd all night if they so choose. chanting Staind and Drowning Pool, I realized the Hub City in a long time.

great time on a Saturday night.

Crowd surfers typically have a short life on seen Kenny Chesney, Sugarland, Nickelback, brief time I stayed, and Blue October hit all the a few seconds they're hitting the ground; usually Massachusetts group.

out onto the wave of crowd surfers, women on Saturday night, the waves for the surfers were just

Unlike the United Spirit Arena, the security no other musician has had this kind of effect on officers at Lone Star did not hand out armbands firmly stating NO MOSHING. When Drown-Staind, along with Texas-band Drowning ing Pool started in on its bread-and-butter song and their fallen lead singer Dave Williams and Pool, gave Lubbock what I'd been dying for: a "Bodies," no one would have been able to stop stepping off the stage. the violence.

The crowd might have shown up for Staind, the hands and shoulders of the people around but it gave more love to Drowning Pool. The

With the horizon that looked and sounded put on a good show. as bleak as some of Staind's more popular songs, didn't show in quality. The band hit all the popular songs, a few under the radar gems and Pantera's "Cowboys of Hell" before toasting to the crowd

because Drowning Pool was playing to its home them. Someone might hoist them up, but after Dallas band simply out played the melodramatic state and had something to prove after its second CD tanked. But, that's not to say Staind didn't meghann.a.lora@ttu.edu

The band knew what the audience wanted guy's shoulders exposing themselves in all the ripe. Someone could live on the hands and arms Drowning Pool was forced to rush through its set and gave it to them without hesitation. They to get the show moving along. But this quick pace played all their hits, which come off with a little more edge in person, while throwing water bottles into the crowd between each song.

Overall the concert did what previous Lubbock shows had fallen short of. It united a crowd of strangers and it showed the one reason why Staind's set lacked the same emotion and Lubbock has such a rich music history: because passion Drowning Pool showed. Maybe that's the people of the city know a good a show when they see it on the calendar.

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On hand for the event was Tommy Martin,

the Masked Rider from the 1970 school year.

Martin, a county police officer, had never at-

"It's an extremely large tradition," he said.

one of Tech's biggest traditions.

"It's been here for nearly forever."

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# Taking the plunge

Aquathlon participants compete in four-mile run, 400-yard swim

**By LINDSAY WHARTON** FEATURES WRITER

Though running four miles and swimming 400 yards may not seem like normal wanted a new challenge," Blanton Sunday afternoon activities, participants said. in Texas Tech's annual Aquathlon were more than willing to take the plunge and not accustomed to the swimming hit the track.

Michael Robison, a senior civil engineering major from Cedar Hill, competed.

"It was harder than I thought," he said. He said he believes the transition from swimming laps to running was difficult lon in the fall semester. Many because his body is not accustomed to the of the athletes who participated quick change in pace.

Robison, an avid swimmer and lifeguard training for the triathlon. at the Tech Aquatic Center, said he is accustomed to competitive swimming. However, som Canyon, participated in many he said, he needed more preparation for the marathons about 20 years ago. He said

Sports, said the Aquathlon was a success. She said the participants seemed motivated difficult than he expected. and determined to finish the event.

"Most of the people once they get out "It made me want to quit." of the pool they know they can run four miles," she said.

The athletes had the option of having a team, or doing the entire event alone.

four-mile run, but the swimming event was not executed well.

"A lot of them are runners that

Most of the participants were event, she said, but their running times were impressive.

Blanton said she believes the Aquathlon is good practice for Tech's annual triath-Sunday said they plan to continue

Kelley Litsch, a man from Ranhe decided to try to work on his physical Betty Blanton, associate director for Rec fitness so he could be a part of marathons again. He said the challenge was more

"It was a marathon for me," he said.

Litsch said he is training for a half

Christy Hodnett, a senior interior design major from Weatherford, watched the event

Blanton said she was impressed with the unfold from the finish line. Her boyfriend was participating in the event. She said her boyfriend was well prepared for the running event but she was not sure about the swimming portion.

"He hasn't swam in a really long time," she said.

Dionna Williams, a junior early childhood development major from Odessa, volunteered at the event. Her job was to cheer on the athletes and show them which direction to run.

Williams said she enjoys volunteering because she said the participants inspire her to work harder in her own athletic pursuits. "They give me my motivation,"

she said. "It's awesome." Williams is an aerobic instructor for the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and said she is impressed by the runner's stamina.

She said she does not believe she is capable of participating in such a physically

Also, she said she was amazed at how many older people participated in the event. ▶ lindsay.l.wharton@ttu.edu

meghann.a.lora@ttu.edu PHOTO: RACHEL MCNEW, a graduate student from Kingwood studying environmental toxicology runs in the Texas Tech Aquathlon. PHOTO BY LINC ARMES/The Daily Toreador

#### Tradition 'reins' as new Masked Rider takes Before Bell took over as the rider, Burgin it takes a little more than good grades and a **By JEREMY REYNOLDS** received farewells from organizations including history with animals, like a written exam and

Masked Rider.

do a good job," Burgin said.

the High Riders and the Saddle Tramps.

After the traditional ceremony was fin-

Bell is familiar with the horse and the

problems and benefits that come with the job.

She served on the Masked Rider Safety Field

Team. But, in order to get the mask and cape

ished, it was time to welcome in the new

FEATURES WRITER

After 14,000 miles, 125 appearances and 10 football games, Justin Burgin retired his black cowboy hat and mask Friday afternoon, removing himself as the Texas Tech Masked Rider.

Burgin, who served as the rider for the every confidence in the world in her ability to nies before. He said he enjoyed being a part of 2005-06 school year, completed his process of retirement when he put a new black cowboy hat and mask on senior animal and food science major Amy Bell.

"I'd like to thank the selection committee," Bell said shortly after receiving the reins of the new rider.

The tradition of the Masked Rider goes back a little more than 50 years. It started as a stunt with a student wearing a black cape and riding a horse; from there it evolved into

After the transfer of the reins ceremony, she went outside to a line of people waiting to take a picture with her next to her horse, Midnight Matador.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity I have," she said.

Bell is not looking to top Burgin's number of appearances. She said she wanted to get out and try to visit places that might not have seen the Masked Rider, like many smaller West Texas towns.

"I'm going to try to get out and see as many places as I can," she said. "We're going to look for new events to promote the Masked Rider

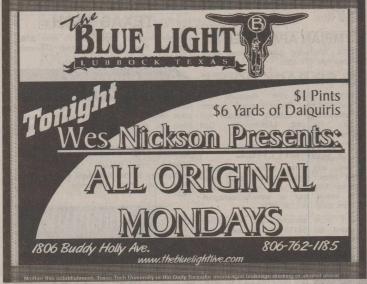
Burgin said he has no regrets about his time as the figure in black. He appeared at more events than almost any other rider

"It's been great," he said. "It has truly been



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JUSTIN BURGIN, THE 2005-06 Masked Rider, rides Midnight Matador and gives a Guns Up at a home football game. Amy Bell was named the 2006-07 Masked Rider Friday.

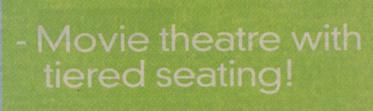


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