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Saturday **Mostly Sunny** High 90/Low 65



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T-Storms



View next week's forecast in Tuesday's paper.

Man escapes in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal courthouse was locked down Thursday and the courtrooms sealed after officials announced a man had escaped from U.S. marshals inside the building.

Officials announced over intercoms that they were searching floor-by-floor. It wasn't immediately clear if the man was armed.

Larnell Rogers, who was accused of lying to an ATF agent and scheduled to appear in court, fled after learning a warrant had been issued for his arrest, U.S. Marshals spokesman Kim Widup said. Authorities instructed court officials to lock all doors in the Everett M. Dirksen Federal Building "out of an abundance of caution," Widup said.

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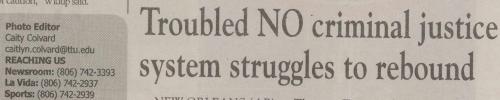
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U.S. missile defense limited,

rejects talk of pre-emptive strike

United States said Thursday that a U.S. and preparations are very far along,"

National Security Adviser Stephen said. "Now what they intend to do

Hadley underscored U.S. calls for — which is what a lot of people are try-

North Korea to abandon any plans for ing to read — of course we don't know.

testing the missile believed capable of What we hope they will do is give it up

and not launch."

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The criminal justice system was rav- legal hell is slowly being cleared courthouse was flooded. Files were trials have begun. ruined, evidence contaminated. Judges and lawyers lost their offices fix a system whose long-neglected and homes. Witnesses and victims flaws were ruthlessly exposed by fled for their lives.

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The

missile-defense system under develop-

ment has "limited operational capabil-

the long-range missile North Korea is

said to be near firing.

reaching U.S. soil.

ity" to protect against weapons such as not imminent.

Ten months later, this vision of aged by Hurricane Katrina. The away. Judges are back in court and

It's going to take much longer to



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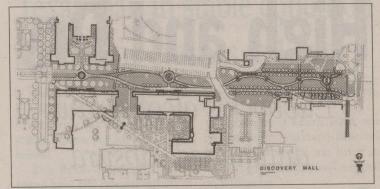
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FRONT PAGE STORY: MASTER PLAN



Graphic courtesy of Facilities Planning and Construction

TEXAS TECH FACILITIES Planning and Construction have plans to improve the campus in several different areas. The diagram above is a rendering of the Discovery Mall, located in between the Mass Communications and Engineering buildings, stretching to Murray Residence Hall.

Coming soon

Construction at Tech to accommodate a more pedestrian-friendly campus

By STEPHEN MONAHAN SENIOR STAFF WRITER

pedestrian-friendly environment had and the ice storms that we've had for Texas Tech students and faculty, over the last 20 years, have really hurt Facilities Planning and Construction those trees." has slated three projects to improve that atmosphere around campus.

Pfluger Fountain within the past week a fall, rustic feel — a setting she said may have witnessed workers elimithe circle has yet to provide. nating the fully matured trees around Memorial Circle and the planting of they are going to create a beautiful their younger replacements in the four quadrants of the circle.

Scholarship Donor Recognition we'll be able to get benches in there Walk, is among the three projects where people can sit and read or visit that are currently under renovation, with someone." with the third being the Discovery Mall. These projects are what the the Scholarship Walk is currently facilities committee envisioned when being constructed at the south edge they had the campus master plan of Memorial Circle. The walk will adopted by the Board of Regents in be a path of granite bands with the November of 1997.

The 2006 senior graduating class, aided the project funding. with aid of the Student Government Association, donated 80 Oak trees for planting at Memorial Circle. The oaks replace the Siberian Elms previously inhabiting the circle because the elm trees have been ravaged from inclement weather and disease throughout the years.

'What's happened is that the trees that were there over the years have either had disease and were removed," said Theresa Drewell, as-

sociate vice chancellor of Facilities Planning and Construction. "Because they are kind of a weak wood tree, In an attempt to solidify a more that all of our windstorms that we've

Drewell said the oaks should create a canopy of shade over the quad-Those who have walked near rants in the circle and eventually add

"I really think that as they mature, canopy," Drewell said. "They are going to create a beautiful shaded space This project, along with the that people can enjoy, and over time,

> Included with the tree restoration, engraved names of the donors who

> "Here at the Administration Building, when you walk across the street toward the circle, right there at that point, up to the Pfluger Fountain

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Senate endorses Bush Iraq policy, rejecting Democrats' withdrawal plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Saddam Hussein. GOP-controlled Senate gave an dent Bush's Iraq policy on Thursday, soundly rejecting Democratic demands to withdraw troops from American forces in the war zone. the three-year-old war that has grown increasingly unpopular.

Vice President Dick Cheney encourage the terrorists by doing leave. exactly what they want us to do, which is to leave.'

But Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said, "De- proposal fell on a 86-13 vote. manding a change of course is not irresponsible. It's not unpatriotic. It is the right thing to do." He plan and no end in sight."

The administration has repeatedly said that U.S. troops will stay in Iraq until Iraqi security forces lines. can defend the country against a lethal insurgency that rose up after

election-year endorsement to Presiagreed with the president and turned back two Democratic proposals to begin withdrawing most of the 127,000 of Nebraska.

Kerry and supported by 12 other campaign, was the only Republican Democrats but no Republicans, would supporter of the resolution. criticized the Democrats' position, have required the administration to saying on CNN, "Absolutely the start pulling troops out by year's end. tions, Reid said his rank-and-file were worst possible thing we could do at It also would have set a deadline of united. "Every Democrat agrees that this point would be to validate and July 2007 for all combat forces to the direction of the war in Iraq must

"Redeploying United States troops is necessary," said Kerry, D-Mass.

Minutes later, the Senate defeated administration to begin "a phased recriticized Bush and Republicans in deployment of U.S. forces" sometime Congress as being "content with no this year. The resolution would not have set a deadline for the end of the U.S. presence in Iraq.

were six Democrats — Sens. Mark sional efforts to put a timetable on the 2003 U.S.-led invasion toppled Dayton of Minnesota, Mary Landrieu the effort.

of Louisiana, Mark Pryor of Arkansas, In back-to-back votes, the Senate and three running for re-election this fall: Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Bill Nelson of Florida and Ben Nelson

Sen. Lincoln Chafee, who also is The first, offered by Sen. John in the midst of a difficult re-election

Despite the Democratic defecchange, and change now," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee, for his part, said Demo-Most senators didn't agree, and the crats backed "cut and run" plans for surrender. "The Senate defeated a bad policy that threatens our national by 60-39 a resolution to urge the security and poses unacceptable risks to Americans," Frist said.

> The maneuvering occurred on a \$517 billion military measure that the Senate later passed 96-0.

At a Pentagon briefing, the top That vote was largely along party U.S. commander in Iraq said he expected reductions in U.S. forces this Siding with all but one Republican year but did not agree with congres-





VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

Making sense of Texas toll debate

By GARTH HEUTEL DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — The debate over Central Texas toll roads consists of a whole lot of pandering the influence of the Austin Toll Party and its founder, Sal Costello.

While citizens ought to be engaged in transportation planning, they ought also to act with reason and thoughtfulness, consider arguments about costs and benefits, and refrain from inane attacks. The Austin Toll Party has failed to do any of this. Instead, it has added confusion and mischaracterization to the issue and has fed off knee-jerk reactions to sustain its illadvised agenda. Costello would have you believe that among the freedoms have the same level of support opposthat Travis and Bowie died for is the ing the Trans Texas Corridor if it was right to drive anywhere across the state without having to toss in a nickel.

align disparate groups of voters, in- loads of concrete and a potential cluding anti-tax conservatives and pro-environment liberals. It has done this by creating a unified issue — being tolled? No opposition this shrill anti-toll-roads — through confoundwith a dash of shrieking, and the main ing two separate issues — being in the past. By leeching off of the reason the debate has sunk so low is anti-toll and being anti-roads. Both anti-roads sentiment, the Austin issues have their merits but should be addressed separately.

Good reasons for being anti-roads include the environmental impact they are or however they are built. of laying more concrete, and the potential for corruption and sweetheart deals to donors or relatives of policymakers. The Toll Party even since there are plenty of good arthrows a bone by saying it doesn't guments against tolling roads. Toll oppose "traditional" toll roads, only roads are likely to be regressive, the new-fangled monstrosities called "double-tax tolls."

That's hard to believe. Would they a freeway instead of a tollway? Where was their opposition over the I-35/Ben hurts me every time I hear it.

The Toll Party has managed to White interchange, a project with boondoggle to builders, but one that had the good fortune of not being has arisen over any non-toll roads Toll Party is mischaracterizing its true aim of trying to avoid having to pay tolls on highways, wherever

> Framing the debate as being just anti-toll instead of also anti-road would help the Austin Toll Party, since the poor will have to pay just as much as the rich to drive. The Toll Party, though, prefers to focus on the argument that tolls are a "double tax," despite the fact that this argument is so much baloney it

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High and Dry

Lubbock's alcohol laws antiquated, absurd

Tt may come as a surprise that Lubbock is known to some for the unique wine Lathat comes from this region. Of course, Lubbockites aren't actually allowed to drink the stuff, heaven forbid - at least we're not allowed to buy a bottle inside

In fact, despite the award-winning aged alcohol sales inside the city limits.

These prohibition-reminiscent laws and generally bad for society are just one to buy a six-pack or a bottle of wine at more example of government trying to individuals. Worse, they are ineffective at alcohol aisle next to the chips. making our roads any safer, and are basically just plain ridiculous.

I mean seriously, what kind of city thinks it's OK to sell firearms but not a bottle of white wine to cook chicken They believe that somehow, if we can piccata with?

In a recent study of 39,000 alcoholrelated accidents in Kentucky published in Accidents, Analysis and Prevention, analysts found that residents of dry counties were actually more likely to be involved as the beverage of choice, and numerous in alcohol-related traffic accidents. The cities (like Dallas, Odessa and Austin for study concluded that prohibiting alcohol within city or county limits does not alcohol along with their eggs and bread. improve traffic safety.

One possible reason for this is that when people drive farther from their The only difference is they're just a little homes to get alcohol, the chance of expo- bit freer. sure to impaired driving increases.

by the 20-minute drive to the Strip to get at sara.hughes@ttu.edu.



wine industry in these parts, Lubbock is the alcohol, or B) will actually wait 20 minutes largest city in the U.S. to not allow pack- to finish driving home before they kick a heer back?

What are city legislators afraid might steeped in the belief that alcohol is sinful happen if people were actually allowed the grocery store? Some people are truly control what we can and cannot do as shocked at the very idea of having an

It's as if people truly believe that by allowing people to buy alcohol inside the city rather than outside, we will create a sinful society full of beggars and drunks. just keep alcohol beyond the city limits, the world will be a better place.

In fact, though, there are entire continents (Europe for example) where wine is almost as popular as Coca-Cola example) all allow people to pick up some

Shockingly, these places are somehow just as wholesome and clean as Lubbock.

This makes sense when you think Brinker is a graduate student about it; how many alcoholics do you from Levelland studying music know that are: A) deterred whatsoever history and literature. E-mail her



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NEWS

Texas man in stable condition after plane crashes in Okla.

Federal Aviation Administration is ers said. investigating the crash of a singleengine airplane that left a Texas man transported to Parkland Hospital injured.

tained head and external injuries in on Wednesday. the Tuesday night accident north of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported.

As Spannagel was taking off from the airstrip, the 1965 Cessna 172f fixed wing plane he was piloting failed to the crash, officials said.

MARIETTA, Okla. (AP) — The gain altitude and struck a tree, troop-

Spannagel, of Keller, Texas, was in Dallas, where he was listed in Dale Robin Spannagel, 39, sus- stable condition, the patrol reported

Douglas Richard, a passenger from McGehee Airstrip near Marietta, the Haslet, Texas, was treated at a Marietta hospital and released.

The FAA's Oklahoma City Flight Standards district office will investigate

Galveston officer indicted after woman says he attacked her

GALVESTON (AP) — A Galveston indictment Wednesday. police officer has been indicted on aggravated kidnapping charges after he was area of a beach, handcuffing her and forc- a police officer in uniform drove up in his ing her to perform sex acts.

placed on administrative leave without beach, handcuffed her and forced her to pay following his arrest last week and his perform unspecified sex acts.

The 43-year-old woman told police she was sitting in her parked car on Galveston's patrol car. According to police reports, the Kenneth Deshun Woods, 27, has been officer drove her to a secluded area of the

Perry requests drought relief

state officials said Thursday.

The U.S. Department of Ag- Pecos counties. riculture has already approved

Texas counties hit by drought ties, a news release from Gov. Rick assistance from federal officials, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live nels, Taylor and Terrell counties. Oak, Mason, McMullen, Nolan and

The agriculture department has 254 counties.

AUSTIN (AP) — Ten of 24 assistance for the other 14 coun-approved assistance for Armstrong, Bosque, Brewster, Calhoun, Frio, conditions this year are still Perry's office said. The pending Gillespie, Hamilton, Johnson, awaiting word on disaster relief requests are for Dimmit, Duval, McLennan, Oldham, Potter, Run-

In 2005, the USDA approved assistance for all but nine of Texas'

Friedman, Strayhorn on ballot as independents

Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn got the news they'd have enough to make the ballot. Those signing the indepenbeen waiting for Thursday — that they each collected enough voter signatures to make the November election ballot.

The announcement by Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams sets up a historic four-way race for the fall election with the two independents, Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Democrat Chris Bell.

The last independent candidate elected Texas governor was Sam Houston in 1859.

Both Strayhorn and Friedman turned in far more petition names than the 45,540 required by the May 11 deadline.

did not cast ballots in the Republican or Democratic primaries this spring. Strayhorn submitted some 223,000 signatures, and Friedman submitted 169,574.

Both campaigns acknowledged some signatures probably

AUSTIN (AP) — Maverick candidates for governor Kinky wouldn't hold up during verification but predicted they would dents' petitions could only sign for one of the two candidates.

The Texas Secretary of State's Office began making final checks of the signatures Monday after the petition names were entered into an electronic database by the private firm TELA Technologies.

State election officials cross-checked to make sure none were duplicated on both petitions. They also checked to see if the names are on voter registration rolls and determined whether the voters cast primary ballots.

Earlier this year, Strayhorn sued the secretary of state The signatures had to be from registered Texas voters who claiming that his plan for examining the signatures individually was discriminatory. Strayhorn's campaign wanted state election officials to do a faster statistical sampling of signatures, in which only a portion of the total names would have to be



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7 Marines, 1 sailor charged with murdering Iraqi man

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — The wife of one of that case are still under way, and no criminal charges have seven Marines charged along with a sailor with premeditated been filed. murder in the shooting death of an Iraqi man said Thursday that her husband was shocked by the allegations.

and a great Marine. His being in prison doesn't make any sense," Erica Thomas told CBS's "The Early Show."

She said her husband, Marine Cpl. Trent D. Thomas, sounded scared at first and had been going through a roller

tough guy and I know we'll get through this," she said.

Thomas and the other servicemen were charged Wednesday in the death of Hashim Ibrahim Awad, who was pulled from his home and shot while U.S. troops hunted for insurgents. They could face the death penalty given military defense lawyers.

All eight also were charged with kidnapping. Other charges include conspiracy, larceny and providing false official statements.

Col. Stewart Navarre, chief of staff for Marine Corps Installations West, announced the charges at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base, where the eight are being held. The troops are members of the Pendleton-based 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Regiment.

Haditha last November. A pair of investigations related to explosive device.

The U.S. military in Iraq announced that murder charges were filed against a fourth Army soldier in the shooting "He's just a great person, a great father, a great husband deaths May 9 of three civilians who had been detained by

Some or all of the troops being held at Camp Pendleton could face the death penalty, though Navarre said "it's far too early to speculate on that right now."

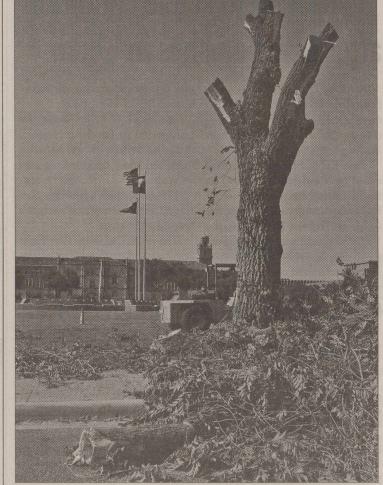
Lt. Gen. John Sattler, the senior commander at Pendle-"It's been a rough two or three years for him, but he's a ton, will decide whether and how to proceed with preliminary hearings known in the military justice system as Article 32 proceedings. That in turn could lead to courts-martial for some or all of the men.

All eight have hired private attorneys and also have been

The Pentagon began investigating shortly after Awad was killed April 26 in Hamdania, west of Baghdad.

A charging document provided to The Associated Press by Jane Siegel, an attorney for Marine Pfc. John J. Jodka, alleges that the Iraqi was shot by five of the Marines and that an AK-47 assault rifle was placed in the victim's hands, apparently to make it appear he was an insurgent.

A senior Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the The case is separate from the alleged killing by other matter publicly, has said a shovel was also planted at the Marines of 24 Iraqi civilians in the western Iraqi city of scene to make it appear the man was trying to plant an



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreadon

WORKERS CUT DOWN the remaining trees in Memorial Circle in preparation for 80 new trees to be planted. The trees were given to Texas Tech by the Class of 2006, and it is one of several ongoing projects to improve the university.

Construction

corridor, linking the engineering key

with the clock tower at the Grover E.

Murray Residence Hall. The north/south

corridor will link the Carpenter Wells and

Murray complexes with the English and

that pedestrian feel to the campus, get

the pedestrians out of the way of cars, just

reduce the conflict," Drewell said. "We're

trying to provide the bicycle paths and

everything along with this program. Some

of it takes a little bit more time as money

becomes available, but the intention is

that the students and faculty can traverse

four-project bid for the Tech campus, with

the fourth being the construction of the

Memorial Garden on the northeast side of

the Preston Smith Library on the Health

Combined, the four projects cost

\$673,000. The tree-planting project,

with a cost of \$70,000 and the Scholar-

Sciences Center campus.

across the campus in a safe manner." These three projects are part of a

"So what that does is just continue

Philosophy buildings.

Jury selection beginning in Yates retrial

HOUSTON (AP) — Some of the 120 potential jurors in the second murder trial of Andrea Yates questioned the state's legal definition of insanity Thursday as jury selection

Several said they disagreed with the insanity defense in general. The suburban Houston woman who drowned her five children in the family bathtub five years ago this week is once again pleading innocent by reason of insanity.

State district Judge Belinda Hill began the proceedings by questioning the jury pool as a group, and attorneys were to begin individual questioning in the afternoon.

Yates, wearing a dark blue flowered dress, stood after her defense team was introduced to the jury pool, smiled slightly and quietly said, "Good morning," before sitting down. She sat quietly throughout the morning, frequently gazing toward the judge.

ship Walk with a cost of \$130,000, began June 6 and are scheduled for an Oct. 3 completion date. The Discovery Mall, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 costing \$332,000, is to begin July 6 with will be the Scholarship Walk," a completion date set for Jan. 2. The Drewell said. "It's a very wide walk and HSC Memorial Garden, with a cost of it's brick and concrete and granite. It \$141,000, is set to start Aug. 5 with its will have some lights on the pathway on completion March 3.

Drewell said the cost of these projects The Discovery Mall is an east/west will not add additional fees toward tuition because all the funds were donated to the

With the completion of these projects, Drewell said she feels the campus is on the right track to creating a safer venue for pedestrians in the future, and that the campus will provide a more studious and memorable atmosphere for current and prospective students.

"I know everybody's upset about seeing the trees coming down," the vice chancellor said. "I hope they realize that with what we're planning that we're not just tearing them down, we're planting something to replace, and a lot more of them, and really, we're building upon the history and the heritage of the university.

"As they grow, they'll come to realize that it's a good thing. I think it's the right path. I think the university has a great vision for the future of the campus, to provide the facilities and the environment that allows the students to study and get their degree, and move on in life.'

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At least 'Fast' lives up to name

hankfully "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" lives up to its name. The film is only a little over an hour and a half long.

The second sequel to the 2001 racing film plays like a porno for car enthusiasts. It's loud with Kid Rock music serenading race scenes, and in the end is about as intelligent as the comes along, and I'm reminded of why people who gather in front of a television every Sunday to watch a shiny car go around in circles for four hours.

Universal Studios just does not know when to stop beating a dead horse. They're stretching the "Bring it On" franchise into a third film, but unlike the brainless cheerleading film, "The Fast and the Furious" is getting the grand treatment of being unveiled in theaters instead of direct-to-video.

Justin Lin directs the film and though he has mild talent, the movie serves one purpose, action. I love action movies. I think the action genre is one that always gets raped by film critics just because the movie doesn't have a deeper meaning. Then something like "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"



the genre is always under attack.

The writing is just as bad as the directing. Amazingly it took four writers to pen the script, which answers the age-old joke of how many writers does it take to screw over a film.

In the sequel, which features no one from the previous films for the exception of a brief cameo by Vin Diesel, Lucas Black ("Friday Night Lights") heads to Tokyo because it's either that or go to jail. I didn't know the judicial system started exporting criminals.

Once he reaches Tokyo, this rebel without a clue hooks up with Bow Wow, formerly Lil' Bow Wow, but now he's grown up.

A new type of racing rules the street scene in Tokyo: drifting. It's where the

car drifts out of control for turns. Americans call it fishtailing.

Black gets drawn into this world and gets into a love triangle with the wrong person. Sound familiar? Why does the main character always have to get into a love triangle? Why can't he just drop the girl and pick up one of the million other Japanese girls hanging all over him?

There are a lot of questions this movie raises. When will Zachery Ty Bryan ("Home Improvement") stop playing a high school student? Since when did "off the hook" become a reason for doing dangerous things? And why is it that not one police officer shows up the entire time they are racing in Tokyo?

The movie, hopefully, will serve as the end of the franchise; sort of like a rotten cherry on top of melted ice cream.

1 out of 6 — Awful

■ Reynolds is *The DT's* movie critic. E-mail him at Jeremy. N.Reynolds@ttu.edu.

Big Easy music

Musicians fill air with sounds from the streets of New Orleans, jazz

By JEREMY REYNOLDS

The dampened canal-like streets of New Orleans may be hundreds of miles away, but the sounds that have out the years is a steady increase in made the region popular filled the Lubbock air Thursday night.

Twenty musicians, including Texas Tech professor Alan Shinn, performed in the 23rd Annual Jazz Festival at Tech.

"Jazz is truly America's music,"

The music that was born in the United States never will be as popular as some other mainstream music, Shinn said, but in Lubbock, the sound has formed a following.

"I think once you hear good jazz you're taken to it," Shinn said.

The festival, which is based around the summer music program at Tech, was held in the Hemmle Recital Hall on campus. However, for future jazz festivals, such as the music people had a good time, then Shinn department's larger, all-day festival in and Leali knew they did a good job. the spring, Shinn is looking at area theaters for a suitable venue.

The summer time recital typically does not bring in many guest performers, if any at all, but on Thursday night, Reggie Thomas joined the Tech musicians on the piano.

Thomas, who has a CD out now called Ivories on the Avenue, won stream artists to perform. second place in 1994 for the Ameri- >> jeremy.n.reynolds@ttu.edu

can Jazz Piano Competition.

"We put on the concert for Tech and the local community," Shinn

One thing he has noticed throughjazz from the Lubbock citizens.

"I think (Lubbock citizens) are just looking for something else," Shinn said.

Brad Leali, director of jazz studies at Tech, said putting on the concert is extremely important because it is a way for the jazz department to connect with the community.

"I think people enjoy good music,"

The concert, which consisted of three sets, each set being about 35 minutes long, is a way for the Tech jazz program to simply entertain the community, Leali said.

The department did not charge admission to the event, they never do, and in the end as long as the

Both men performed along with the big band during the concert.

Leali said one of his main goals for the evening was to get as many people as possible out to the festival.

The department puts on five jazz festivals every year, and in the spring, Shinn is hoping to bring more main-

Rihanna to appear on 'All My

opera, another R&B/pop diva.

J. Blige will make a cameo on ABC's appear on "All My Children."

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Rihanna, whose debut album, last year's "Music of the Sun," has platinum certification, will perform songs including "S.O.S." from her latest disc, "A Girl Like Me," at the opening of a club called ConFusion in the fictional town of Pine Valley.



Lowe gets approval for dream Montecito estate

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) Rob Lowe narrowly won approval from planners for a massive dream the process. I'm obviously pleased with estate on his \$8.5 million Montecito lot despite a neighbor's complaint the mansion would spoil his panoramic

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"I've always been a big believer in the outcome," the 42-year-old former star of "The West Wing" said after Wednesday's 3-2 vote by the Montecito Planning Commission.

The vote came after a daylong commission debate over whether the proposed 14,260-square-foot estate would overwhelm the Picacho Lane neighborhood, which is also home to mystery writer Sue Grafton.

Lowe's proposal calls for a 24-foothigh privacy hedge that would screen the estate from neighbor Fred Gluck, former head of the international consulting firm McKinsey & Co. Gluck said the hedge would partially block views of the Pacific.

Two of a kind

Seals, Rumph commit to Lady Raiders, Curry

By STEPHEN MONAHAN SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Kristy Curry has spiced up the start of the Lady Raiders 2007-08 season with her first commitments as coach.

South Plains College Lady Texans' Dominic Seals and Alana Rumph orally committed last week to play for Curry and the

Seals, a 6-foot-2 post from Dallas, committed and signed with Tech originally during her senior season at Lincoln High School, but because of her grades, opted for the junior college route in Levelland.

But Seals said she wanted to stick with her first commitment, despite thoughts of transferring to Louisiana Tech. After the departure of Marsha Sharp and the hiring of Curry, Seals said her high school coach told her that Curry was an acceptable coach to play for, so she made her decision to stick with Tech.

"If you commit to something, stay with it," Seals said. "Plus, I wanted to stay in Texas. I was going to go to Louisiana Tech, but then they had some issues with other schools, so Tech was all the way.

Rumph, a 5-foot-9 wing from Keller Fossil Ridge in Fort Worth, said she admires the atmosphere the Big 12 brings to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. the collegiate level, and because of her admiration for Curry, she said it will be the best opportunity for her to play.

"I like Coach Curry a lot," Rumph said. "I've always wanted to play in the Big 12. It's a good opportunity, for me to play at Tech, because they are in the Big 12.'

The two teammates, in their first season at South Plains, helped the Lady Texans finish 25-6 en route to an appearance

per game. She also shot 55.9 percent from the field and blocked 56 shots — all team highs. She finished the 2005-06 season with First-Team All Conference accolades in the Western just that when we go over there, well just over there and Junior College Athletic Conference and with a spot on the handle our business." Region V All-Region Team. Seals started all 31 games for the

After her stellar freshman season, Seals said she was recruited during an early signing day period in November. by several other Division I institutions including Big 12 foes

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Rumph, an honorable mention for the All-Conference Team, averaged 9.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per game while shooting 38.7 percent from the field in 25 games.

The two each said the transition to Division I and the Big 12 will be easier since they are current teammates and

"Well, I think that both of us will become better players," Rumph said. "It'll be easier because we already have Seals led the Lady Texans with 19.1 points and 9.2 rebounds chemistry. We'll be going to a bigger school and already know one another and be able to help each other out.

Things should be positive between us," Seals said. "It's

The two will not be official Lady Raiders until they each sign a letter of intent. They will have their chance to do so

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Raiders put on watch list

By STEPHEN MONAHAN

Sixteen athletes from nine Big 12 schools, including two Red watch lists.

Tech senior offensive lineman 54 athletes named in the pre- son. season list for the Outland Trophy - awarded at the end of each collegiate football regular season to either the best offensive or defensive

Senior defensive end/linebacker Kevunta Dawson received preseason accolades for the Bronco Nagurski Trophy, which is awarded to

lineman.

the top defensive player in the nation. Fifty-six athletes from around claimed the award twice. the country were included in the Nagurski watch list.

the Football Writer's Association College Football Awards Show. of America, the Outland Trophy >> stephen.monahan@ttu.edu

has been awarded to the top offensive or defensive lineman in the nation

The FWAA All-American Committee selects the Nagurski winner Raiders, have been named to two from the 11-man All-American 2006 NCAA football preseason Defensive Team at the end of each

Players can be added and dropped Manuel Ramirez is among the throughout the course of the sea-

> Minnesota offensive lineman Greg Eslinger and Louisville defensive end Elvis Dumer-

vil were the 2005 recipients of the two trophies.

Nebraska owns the record for the most winners of the Outland Trophy with seven and former Cornhusker center Dave Rimington is the only player to have

The Outland Trophy will be awarded Dec. 7 in Orlando, Fla., According to a press release by during the 2006 ESPN Home Depot

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Duke player to seek reduction

and he had to borrow \$400,000 to post his Seligmann. son's bond, according to an affidavit.

pared to do everything possible to prevent reduced.

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The father my son from spending time in jail for a of a Duke University lacrosse player crime he did not commit," according to charged with rape says the case has taken a an affidavit filed ahead of a court hearing "horrendous emotional toll" on his family, scheduled Thursday for his son, Reade

Reade Seligmann's attorneys planned Philip Seligmann said he was "pre- to ask that the young man's bond be

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Attention Mays fans: Quit your crying

s I am writing this column, it is Thursday and my hopes for viewing a spectacular day in sports has seemingly run dry.

The United States team lost 2-1 to Ghana this morning, and ultimately I have been red carded for the next four years before I have the opportunity to watch another World Cup match involv- as I would never take my own life no mat-

My only options left are to watch the Texas Rangers possibly allow the Whale's screaming out of my system, I was al-Vagina (San Diego, for those who have leviated of any pain the Mavs bestowed seen 'Anchorman,' and caught my pitch upon my heat... I mean heart, because I of wit) Padres come into Arlington and complete a sweep, causing me to spew my blowhole. Why? Because the Oakland Athletics run of late has them in first place and the Rangers do not need to trail in the American League West come the All-Star break.

from the Dallas Mavericks' Tuesday night of the Year accolades, led his team to a loss in Game 6 to the Miami Heat, left Western Conference Championship and me with some internal bleeding.

The Mays have their own internal bleeding and a bitter taste in their mouths after chalking up four straight games to the Heat — allowing that Semifinals, and trounced the Phoenix franchise to earn their first-ever NBA Suns, led by current two-time MVP and down the stretch in Game 5, after the Championship.

After my softball games on Tuesday night, I went to a local bar and threw back a few beers and finished the second half of the game. After it was all said and done, I practically sprinted out the door, hurriedly got into my car, and screamed at the top of my lungs all the way home. I even thought about stopping at a local end of the iron circle.



But I felt that would be too dramatic, ter the disparity I feel inside.

After I returned home and had the started thinking about what the Mavs to win the title. accomplished this season and I, nor any other Mavs fan should complain.

So, to all of you Mavs fans, quit screaming, quit crying.

The "General", Avery Johnson, in his first, and I reiterate, first full season as the But the blow to the stomach I received Mavericks' head coach, received Coach propel his team to a Game 7 victory over the defending champion San Antonio Spurs in the Western Conference former Maverick Steve Nash, in the Western Conference Finals. No NBA referee or Mavs fan can call a foul for those accomplishments. Oh, I think some German dude named Dirk Nowitzki was for a shot to win the game. but drew a third in MVP voting behind only Nash foul. He, unlike Howard, made his free and LeBron James.

Dwayne Wade, but honestly, he kicked of the game, the Mavericks are given basketball court and hanging myself with our tails. Yes, I know some of you are new life in overtime to maybe pull out a basketball net and tying myself to the currently moaning and groaning about a victory. that thought and wondering how I could

even give him credit because of the foul were too complacent after winning the the Mavs had this season in the playoffs, ericks the final two games. Please, let me my e-mail inbox with hate mail.

Wade might have shot more free throws than the entire Dallas team the final two games, but if he had Shaq's touch from the charity stripe, who would really be complaining? Wade made 75 of 97 free throws, and even missed two crucial shots at the end of Game 6, allowing the Mavs a shot to send the game into overtime, and the Heat still held on the franchise and need to be in the lineup

The series saw both the Heat and Mays deadlocked in field goal and threepoint percentage. The Mavs shot 42 percent while the Heat shot 46 percent from the field. Dallas shot 28 percent beyond the three-point arc while the Heat were 30 percent. But in free throw percentage, the Mavs shot 79 percent while the Heat just 60 percent. Yes, the a berth in the NBA Finals. He helped Heat got more attempts than the Mavs, but Dallas could not capitalize from the line in clutch situations.

For example, Nowitzki and Erick Dampier each missed a key free throw team had been perfect throughout the first three quarters. Josh Howard missed two consecutive free throws at the end of the game, allowing Wade to then drive throws. If Howard makes just one of the Furthermore, I hate to give credit to two free throws in the waning seconds

Honestly, the Mays choked. They

differential between him and the Mav- first two games, and before they let the they showed they could beat the league's 13-point lead in Game 3, allowing the state my case and then you can bombard Heat to breathe new life. Choke. Choke. throat for the added effect).

With all of that said, I am optimistic about the Mavs returning to the finals the league, needs to dish out money to Series Champion Texas Rangers?" Jason Terry and Howard to keep them in the lineup. They are both integral parts of

Even so, if the Mavericks' Game 3 Choke (I am holding my hands to my collapse in the fourth quarter did not occur, I could honestly say the series would have been different — at least there would have been a Game 7, and my super next season, but Mark Cuban, as much spectacular sports day would have been as he likes to dish out money for fines to more eventful...can anyone say "World

OK, now let the bombarding begin.

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Knicks fire Brown, Thomas takes over NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks put Larry Brown out of limbosince reports surfaced in May that responsibility for our performance,"

weeks of uncertainty by firing the Hall of Fame coach with four years and a reported \$40 million left on his contract. President and general manager Isiah uncertainty. Thomas will replace Brown as coach.

In Brown's one season in New York, the Knicks stumbled to a 23-59 record — second worst in the NBA and matching the most losses in club history Stephon Marbury and other players.

But the postseason may have been tion. The draft is Wednesday. even more difficult for Brown.

his coaching misery Thursday, ending owner James Dolan was looking to buy Thomas said in a statement released by out Brown's contract. It was at about the Knicks. "This has been a difficult that time that Brown called himself time for the entire organization and a "dead man walking" because of the our fans.

wouldn't accept a buyout, so the Knicks the Knicks did not turn out the way we took their time with the decision. That had hoped and we wish him the best created an awkward situation in which Brown was running the Knicks' work-— while Brown publicly feuded with outs of draft prospects without knowing for Brown, who was bought out by what role he had within the organiza-

"No one in our organization is title, in both of his seasons there.

His coaching status had been in happy with last season and we all accept

"Larry Brown is a great coach, but Brown's agent, Joe Glass, had said he for various reasons, bringing him to

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