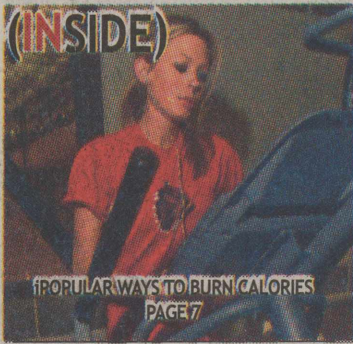


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**Man convicted of killing boy executed in Texas**

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A New York man convicted of the fatal stabbing of his girlfriend's 3-year-old son was executed Wednesday evening. In a brief final statement, Carlos Granados, 36, expressed love to his family and others and addressed Katherine Jimenez, his former girlfriend and the mother of the child he killed more than eight years ago.

"Kathy, you know I never meant to hurt you," he told the woman who also suffered 27 stab wounds during the attack. "I gave you everything and that's what made me so angry. But I never meant to hurt you. I'm sorry."

**NATION**

**Ex-Teacher sentenced for sex with minor**

McMINNVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A former teacher serving an eight-year prison sentence for having sex with a 13-year-old student agreed Wednesday to serve two more years for sending him nude photos of herself.

Pamela Rogers pleaded guilty to two counts of solicitation of sexual exploitation of a minor. She admitted sending the photos, and investigators allege she also received photos and videos from the boy, now 15.

**WORLD**

**Piece of missing jet found in Indonesia**

MAKASSAR, Indonesia (AP) — A fisherman found a piece of a Boeing 737 that disappeared more than 10 days ago, the first hard evidence that the plane carrying 102 people had crashed into the sea off northwestern Indonesia, a top search official said Thursday.

The piece of tail from Adam Air Flight KI-574 was recovered Wednesday in the Makassar Strait, 185 miles off Sulawesi Island's coast, said Eddy Suyanto, the head of search and rescue operations.

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## Bush sending 21,500 more troops to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday acknowledged for the first time he erred by failing to order a military buildup in Iraq last year and said he was increasing U.S. troops by 21,500 to quell the country's near-anarchy. "Where mistakes have been made, the responsibility rests with me," Bush said.

The military increase puts Bush on a collision course with the new Democratic Congress and pushes the American presence in Iraq toward its highest level. It also runs counter to widespread anti-war passions among Americans and the advice of some top generals.

In a prime-time address to the nation, Bush pushed back against the Democrats' calls to end the unpopular war. He said that "to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear that country apart and result in mass killings on an unimaginable scale."

"If we increase our support at this crucial moment and help the Iraqis

break the current cycle of violence, we can hasten the day our troops begin coming home," he said.

In addition to extra U.S. forces, the plan envisions Iraq committing 10,000 to 12,000 more troops to secure Baghdad's neighborhoods.

Even before Bush's address, the new Democratic leaders of Congress renewed their opposition to a buildup. "This is the third time we are going down this path. Two times this has not worked," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after

meeting with the president. "Why are they doing this now? That question remains."

Senate and House Democrats are arranging votes urging the president not to send more troops. While lacking the force of law, the measures would compel Republicans to go on record as either bucking the president or supporting an escalation.

Usually loath to admit error, Bush said it also was a mistake to have allowed American forces to be restricted by the Iraqi government,

which tried to prevent U.S. military operations against fighters controlled by the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a powerful political ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president said al-Maliki had assured him that "political or sectarian interference will not be tolerated."

After nearly four years of bloody combat, the speech was perhaps Bush's last credible chance to try to present a winning strategy in Iraq and

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## PASSPORT PROBLEMS

Passport now required for re-entry into United States

**By NAOMI KASKELA**  
STAFF WRITER

Students planning to travel to Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, South America, Central America or the Caribbean after Jan. 23 will need a passport to return to the United States because of the new Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

The initiative stems from a recommendation made by the 9/11 Commission, said Kelly Klundt, spokesperson for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Only the first phase of the initiative, which affects air travel, will be put in place this month, according to CBP.gov.

The second phase of the initiative will be implemented as early as Jan. 1, 2008, and will require U.S. citizens traveling by land or sea to present a passport when returning to the U.S., according to CBP.gov.

"What this requirement does is make one uniform requirement of all international travel into the U.S.," Klundt said.

College campuses will be a focus in future publicity campaigns, she said.

"You guys are a key audience in this and you guys have been discussed on more than one occasion," she said.

On campus, students will have the opportunity to apply for passports beginning next month, said Sandy Crosier, director of study abroad at the Office of International Affairs.

There is not a passport application office in the Office of International Affairs, but Crosier said the office is creating one. "Start planning early and check the State Department Web site for travel tips and the advisories on going to Mexico," she said, offering advice for students planning on traveling to Mexico for Spring Break.

The price of applying for a passport is \$97, a figure that excludes the price of the passport picture, Crosier said. At the office to be opened on campus in February, two passport pictures can be purchased for \$6, she said.

Klundt said the process of getting a passport can take from four to six weeks, but Crosier said it might take longer.

Students who are planning on going to Mexico or any of the other places that are part of the change during Spring Break should start planning to apply for a passport now, Crosier said.

For those who want to apply before the Tech application office opens can go to the post office on Gary Avenue, she said.

According to CBP.gov, "approximately 70 million citizens hold U.S. passports, 25 percent of the overall population."

Of the individuals traveling to and from the locations affected by the initiative, a large percentage are already in compliance, Klundt said.

"By and large a lot of folks are aware of this; 83 to 96 percent of travelers are already in compliance with this," she said.

There was a 70 percent surge in passport applications recently, Klundt said. Reasons for the new initiative include safety and tightening up the borders, but they are not the only benefits, she said.

"[The initiative] benefits not just safety, but also facilitation," she said.

Andrea Davis, a senior electronic media and communication major from Lubbock, said while the new initiative may be a hassle, it is worth it if it improves security.

"That doesn't really bother me," Davis said, "but I don't travel to Mexico and I don't plan on it in the near future."

The implementation of the initiative this month was unexpected, she said.

"It's kind of surprising that it hasn't already been enforced," she said.

Both Klundt and Crosier said they are working on raising awareness about the initiative.

Crosier said the Office of International Affairs has been working on informing faculty members and other individuals around campus about the change, especially faculty members who will be teaching classes in Mexico during the summer.

"It's just a matter of getting the word out since this is such a big change," she said.

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## HSC nominates new student regent

**By BEN MAKI**  
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Functioning without a student regent following Chad Greenfield's resignation in October, Gov. Rick Perry has until Feb. 1 to announce his choice for the new student regent at Texas Tech.

Perry signed a bill into law two years ago that requires him to appoint a new student regent every year for each of the Texas state university systems.

The Texas Tech system divides the responsibility of making nominations between the university's Student Government Association and the Health Sciences Center's SGA. In 2006, the university's SGA sent in a list of candidates to Perry. This year it is the responsibility of the

HSC to send in a list of nominees.

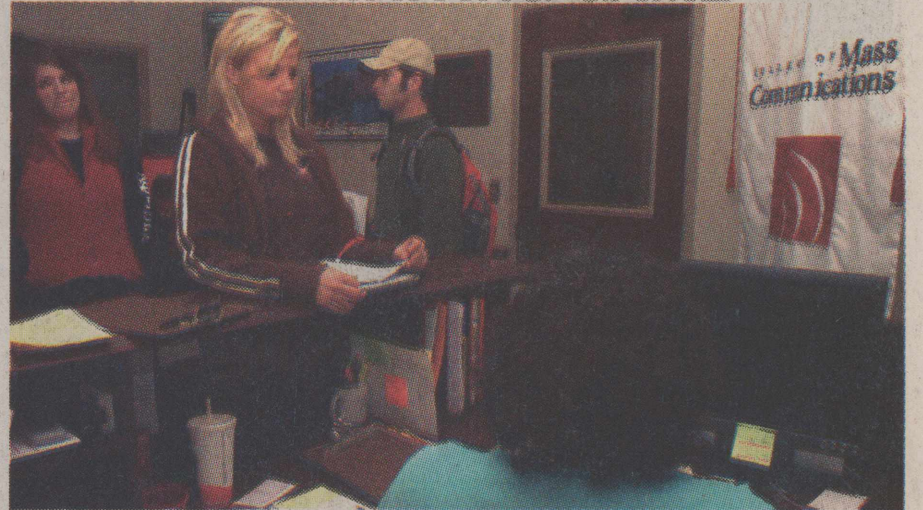
HSC SGA President Traciyn Hall said the applications for the position were made available to all HSC students, including those on regional campuses. In all, eight applications were submitted, including six from the HSC in Lubbock.

After reviewing the applications, Hall said the committee interviewed five applicants, which were then narrowed down to the final three that were submitted to the governor's office.

"We wanted someone who had experience in the Tech system, not just in the classroom," Hall said, "but we also looked at their involvement outside of class as well. We were looking for someone who

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## THE WAITING GAME



WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador  
KHARIS BARNES, A senior public relations major from Dallas; Wilson Riddel, a senior communications major from Ft. Worth; and Andrea Gage, a senior public relations major from Stephenville make appointments with Jessica Lamborn to see an academic adviser.



# Hussein execution leads to mixed reactions on campus

By ANNA SCHUMANN  
STAFF WRITER

Many people across the world watched videos of the death of former Iraq President Saddam Hussein on television and on the Internet after he was executed on Dec. 29.

In a press release issued by United States President George W. Bush immediately following Hussein's execution, Bush said Hussein's trial was fair despite his unfair treatment of Iraqi people.

"It is a testament to the Iraqi people's resolve to move forward after decades of oppression that, despite his terrible crimes against his own people, Saddam Hussein received a fair trial," he said.

Ed Steinhart, a professor of history at Texas Tech, said he believes the trial was anything but fair.

"It was a mockery," he said. "The verdict was in before the trial began. It was only to accumulate evidence for public opinion."

Steinhart said he believes many factors will be included in the world's collective memory of Hussein.

"There's no doubt he'll be remembered as a fairly typical mid-eastern despot," he said. "Memories will include his rise to power, aided by the U.S. and CIA, and his handshake with Rumsfeld in 1983 when we were allies."

He said he believes the United States' treatment of Hussein will remain a sore spot with Iraqi intellectuals in the future.

Steinhart said the world's long-term view of Hussein ultimately depends upon "who is victorious, who gets to write history."

John Barkdull, associate professor of political science and international relations, said he agrees the execution was carried out poorly.

"The execution was appallingly badly done," he said. "Its only effect is that it inflames Americans. Killing another country's president when you have an occupying army sends such a horrible message, using their puppet government to kill him in front of the world."

Barkdull said he believes Hussein's execution will only be important because it is politically symbolic.

"Though people hate him, it's an outrageous attack on their (Iraq's) sovereignty," he said. "Hussein came off as the only dignified person in the room. He's now a symbol of Arab resistance to Americans. And if you can botch something so bad that Saddam looks like a hero, that's pretty bad. It's just a symbol of our failure of policy in Iraq."

Michael Hull, a graduate student and political science teaching assistant from Gatesville, said he agrees Hussein's death is symbolic but said he believes it does not have much significance otherwise.

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AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS

"It's symbolic in the sense that he was their leader," Hull said. "It won't make Iraq easier. I don't know if anyone else in the world cares he was executed. It'll be forgotten soon, something else will come up."

Hull said he does not believe Hussein's trial was unfair.

"It was as fair as it could be considering the whole nation's judicial system is what, a year old?" he said. "Of course there are problems, but it's Iraq's business. It's not like our justice system's perfect."

Hull said he believes the trial did not make Hussein look like a hero.

"He might be a hero to the Sunnis but not to the greater Middle East," he said.

Lance Hunter, a graduate student and political science teaching assistant from Chickamauga, Ga., said he believes the trial went fairly well.

"It was somewhat transparent," he said, "and Saddam was given the rights he needed to be given with a military tribunal."

Regarding the videos of the execution, Hunter said he believes the video accounts look bad for all parties involved.

"It was horrible," he said. "It looked bad for both the Iraqi and U.S. governments. It looked like a very inhumane way to carry out an execution. They had the right to do it however they wanted but I think the taunting and pictures was very — unprofessional, I guess. It was very inappropriate. He was a terrible person and tyrant, but he still should have been given dignity in death."

Hunter said he believes it is impossible for the United States to completely separate itself from Hussein's execution.

"The U.S. government decided to go into the country and oppose its leader, and the U.S. clearly had influence over aspects of the trial," he said. "One example is the death sentence was given one or two days before the mid-term elections. Therefore, the U.S. had a part — however small — in the execution."

Hunter said he is glad Hussein was executed.

"Saddam was a dictator and a tyrant. He caused many deaths," Hunter said. "I'm glad he was executed but not happy with the manner in which it was carried out."

Barkdull said he believes Hussein's execution will not make much difference in the end.

"Insurgencies will continue because the fundamental issues are still the same," he said. "The U.S. is on their land. The issues matter most; Iraqis believe it's about oil and Israel. If the death did anything, it strengthened these issues."

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# Debate team earns honors at tournament

By JAN-TOSH GERLING  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Speech and Debate team scored first place in debate sweepstakes and second place in overall sweepstakes at the Cameron Christmas Classic at Cameron University in December at Lawton, Okla., according to a university press release.

As a result of the debate team's success, the team is now ranked 25th among the top parliamentary debate schools nationwide, according to the press release.

Sarah Saunders, a freshman political science major from Lubbock, and Amy McCarthy, a freshman political science major from Paris, Texas, both won first place in novice parliamentary debate event, according to the press release.

Saunders said after the novice parliamentary debate event, her and McCarthy did not know how well they did until the awards ceremony.

"Amy and I felt confident throughout the entire round (of debating), but the judges didn't offer any disclosure after the round," she said. "So we didn't know if we had won it yet. The awards ceremony came as a complete surprise."

Carthy said the team debated against students from Sterling College in Kansas in the final rounds of novice parliamentary debate.

She said parliamentary debate is a style of debate that is similar to how British parliament functions, involving two teams that act as government and opposition.

"Sometimes it gets a little intense," she said.

McCarthy said yelling does

occur, but more experienced teams know how to keep their composure.

"In debate we call that 'being aggressive,'" she said.

McCarthy said she participated in debate for three years in high school and now she is continuing to debate at Tech. She said parliamentary debate is a lot different from any type of debate she had done before.

"I did policy debate in high school, and while the argumentation is similar, the style and format is completely different," she said.

According to the press release, McCarthy earned second place in extemporaneous speaking, which is an individual event, unlike parliamentary debate which is a team effort.

McCarthy said she did not know she would have to compete in the novice-parliamentary debate event.

"It was kind of a surprise, because there wasn't a novice division at the beginning of the tournament," she said.

McCarthy said due to bad weather several of the schools that had planned on attending, cancelled.

"After we had completed the six preliminary rounds, we thought we were finished," she said.

McCarthy said to make up for the lack of participants the event organizers took the top two novice teams and had them debate in the novice finals.

Brian Horton, a freshman political science major from San Angelo, won first place in the after-dinner speaking event, according to the press release.

Horton said after-dinner speaking is a combination of persuasive rhetoric and comedic writing. He said debating at the Cameron Christmas Classic event was intense.

"I think a lot of the reason it was intense was because they do two tournaments in one weekend," he said. "It was definitely a nerve-racking process, because it's a speech to entertain, so you're supposed to be funny."

Horton said he believes Joseph Gantt, the debate team coach, is largely responsible for the team's success.

"I've had a lot of coaches throughout the years of doing this, and I have to say he's one of the best in terms of picking a phenomenal staff and being the link that holds everything together," Horton said.

He said he believes it is intimidating being a freshman and competing with juniors and seniors.

"The scariest thing is a lot of the people that judge high school tournaments are people who are collegiate competitors," Horton said. "It's really scary to be competing against people that used to control your fate in high school, and used to control how well you did."

Amador Juarez, a senior communications studies and Spanish major from Laredo, won second place in dramatic interpretation, and Tim West, a senior political science major from Amarillo won third place in impromptu speaking, according to the press release.

Horton said Gantt and the team are headed to the Mile High Tournament in Denver, Colo., this weekend to compete against 25 of the top 50 debate teams, in addition to another 50 to 70 teams from around the country.

Horton said he believes debate teaches a good work ethic in addition to trying to juggle school.

"In college, everyone's good," he said. "Everyone's prepared, you have to walk in with your A-game on. You can't just walk in and expect to do well without having put in any effort."

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# Owner of Rita evacuation bus that exploded gets 5 years' probation

McALLEN (AP) — The owner of the bus that exploded during the Hurricane Rita evacuation, killing 23 elderly evacuees, was sentenced Wednesday to five years of probation for mismanaging his fleet.

As part of his probation, a judge ruled, Global Limo Inc. owner James Maples can no longer work for any bus company. He will be confined for the first year — six months in a halfway house and six months at home.

Maples was acquitted Oct. 3 of the most serious charge of conspiring to falsify driver time logs so drivers could work longer than federal law allows. He was convicted of the two lesser allegations, of poorly managing his fleet and not requiring drivers to fill out vehicle inspection reports.

Global Limo was fined \$100,000

and placed on probation for five years.

The sentences stemmed from a trial about management of the bus fleet and vehicle inspections and not the 2005 explosion. The maximum prison sentence he could have received was two years.

Maples declined to speak in court, with his attorney telling U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa that Maples faced pending litigation. He didn't speak to reporters outside court except to joke "to take good shots so I look good."

During the 1 1/2-hour hearing, Hinojosa scolded both sides, lecturing Maples that it was "no way to run a business to endanger the trust or endanger the individuals who are putting trust in a carrier." Hinojosa chided prosecutors for seeking two years in prison on two misdemeanor convictions.

The company was convicted of all three charges and faced a fine of as much as \$500,000 on the conspiracy count and a \$200,000 fine on each of the other two convictions.

The six-day trial stemmed from a federal investigation into the explosion, which occurred on a bus carrying

Houston-area nursing home patients away from the approaching storm.

The investigation determined that poorly lubricated wheel bearings overheated in the right rear wheel, igniting a tire. The patients' oxygen tanks exploded as the flames engulfed the bus. Fourteen people survived.

Victims and their relatives reached an \$11 million settlement in May with Global Limo and BusBank, the travel broker that hired it.

The trial was not about the explosion. Before the trial, the judge ruled that prosecutors failed in the indictment's charges to link allegations of poor maintenance to the bus explosion and said prosecutors couldn't address it before the jury.

Maples, who played for the NFL's Baltimore Colts in 1963, worked more than 20 years in the bus business, operating companies under several names. In the months since the trial, he has been working for a bus tour company owned by a friend and operating out of Global Limo's former office in Pharr.

Global Limo was shut down two weeks after the accident, and documents show a new name for the company and a new registered agent.

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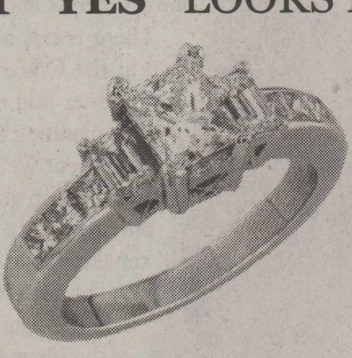
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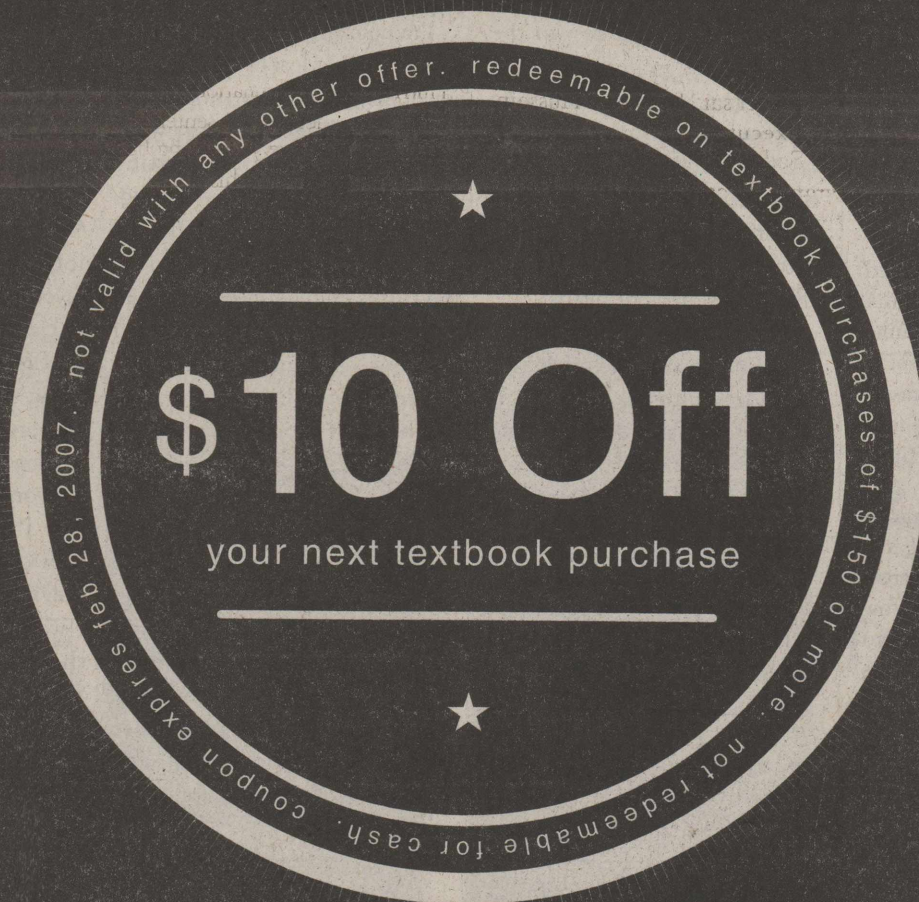
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# OPINIONS

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## Glimpses of the past, focus on the future

Welcome back, kids. It's almost springtime, which means it will feel about what it felt like in November. CNN.com reported Wednesday that 2006 was the warmest year on record. I'm sure this has nothing to do with global warming or a lack of industrial efficiency, but I don't think I'm going to complain. This furthers my attempts for a year-round bikini season. Thank you tightwad corporate entities.

Although the semi-wintery break was short, a lot happened while we were away from the Hub City. For starters, I was named the opinions editor for *The Daily Toreador*. I know this is big news for all three of my fans out there. One thing I'm striving for is an open forum for diverse opinions. So, I ask all of you (not only my three supporters) to voice your opinions and concerns to *The DT*.

But the mini, semi-wintery break was not all about me. There was also the greatest comeback in collegiate bowl history when Texas Tech beat the Minnesota Golden Gophers in overtime. Also, Coach Bob Knight got his 880th win earlier this year against the University of New Mexico, which makes him the greatest coach ever. Seriously. Suddenly, all of the abuse seems adequate for the results.

However, I realize these are great accomplishments, but I know these aren't the topics that Tech students were enamored with.

Because I acquired a television over the break, I discovered that the Democratic takeover of the House and Senate was the hot topic of discussion. I watched in youthful exuberance as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi took her place in front of the House of Representatives and welcomed the 110th Congress. I shed a tear as she rapped the gavel and asked the House to come to order while little future representatives surrounded the platform. Now, we can officially let the bickering begin.

Actually, I wasn't quite excited enough to shed a tear. My plan for the defeat of all incumbents didn't come to fruition, but I'll accept the much-needed change with open arms. Over the break, we saw further dissolution of the Bush administration. Harriet Miers, who, as we all remember, had an unsuccessful nomination for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court and John Negroponte changed positions from national intelligence director to deputy secretary of state. I think Negroponte finally understood there is no comprehensible way to direct intelligence in this admin-

**Justin Dove**



istration.

After the shellacking this administration and the Republicans received during midterm elections, some news pundits on television spent the remainder of 2006 softening the blow. Choice words like "moderates" and "conservative Democrats" infiltrated my television set. I guess the political thinkers were assuming that Democrats positioned between the political poles was supposed to upset the Democrat base.

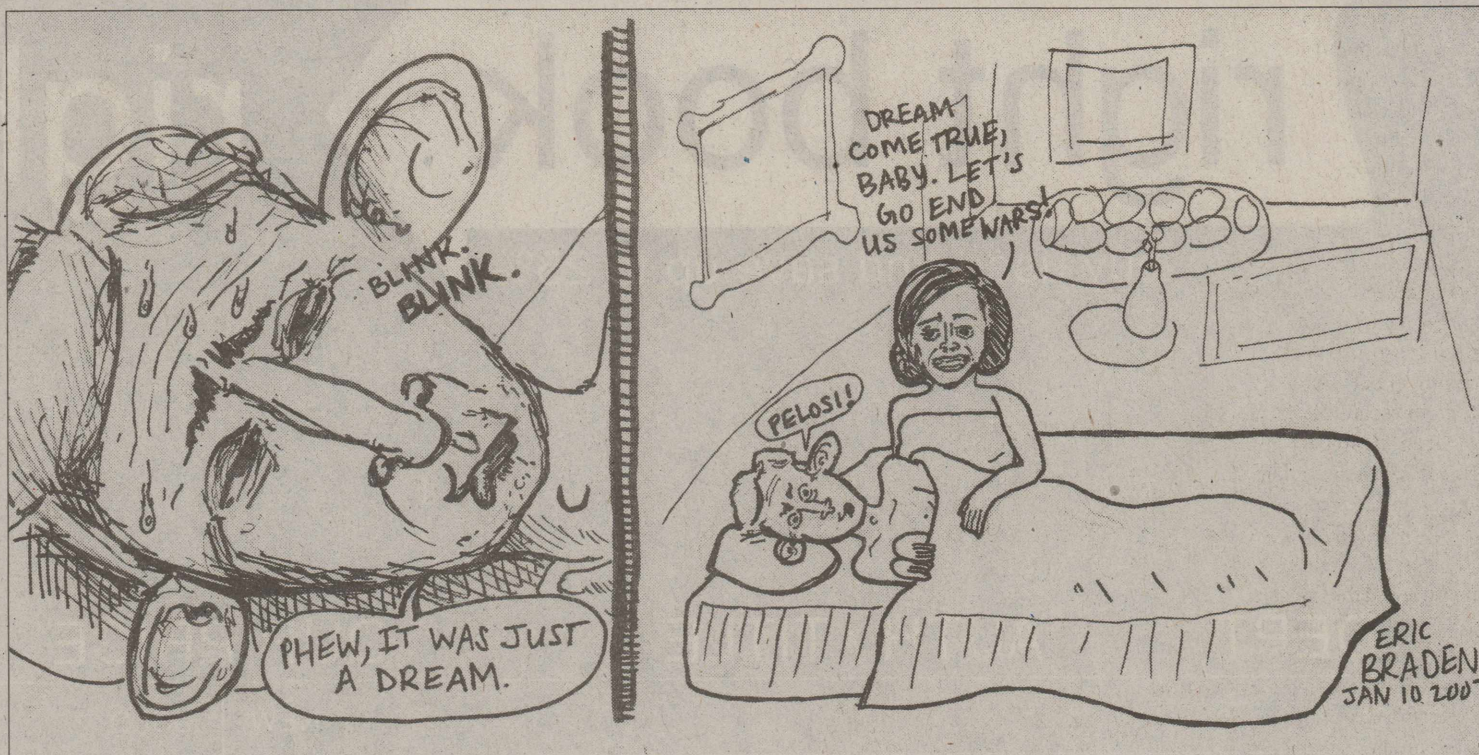
I see nothing wrong with the centrists. After all, many things involving the center turn out to be extraordinary. For instance, the hobbits occupy middle Earth (OK, it's middle Earth, but we all know where the middle is). There's also centrifugal force and the center of the Tootsie Roll Pop. See, the center isn't such a bad place to be.

Aside from licking their wounds and minimizing their losses, the televised political like minds glimpsed toward the future. Not toward the New Year and the 110th Congress, but further ahead towards the 2008 presidential election. There's nothing like getting the squabbling and backstabbing started two years early.

Scandalous fuel has recently began to flame the presidential election fire. CNN.com reported Wednesday that some congressional members were in a furor over photos taken of Sen. Barack Obama in a bathing suit. Apparently CNN was the only news organization to catch wind of this outrage because I couldn't find information on it elsewhere. I didn't know if I should be contemptuous of this poor excuse of a role model or confused and disheartened over the influx of political correctness. I assume the congresspeople weren't upset at Obama being pictured in a swimsuit so much as they were jealous he is the only congressperson the public wants to see in one.

So, this was what you missed while skiing in Aspen, drinking free beer and listening to Cory Morrow on a mountaintop. (Is Cory Morrow still "in"? I never pay attention to these things.) Now that the past is behind us, let's look forward to my final semester as a Red Raider.

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## The masters of the universe and political chamomile

So, I've been pretty scared lately; not really of anything physical or socially crippling, but of the thought that I'm actually enjoying the world's state of affairs. My past life was cluttered with haunting images of smoldering babies running at me, crying blood tears while Donald Rumsfeld was in the background greased up like Congressman Dilbeck, groping away at naked souls on paper. In this hell, I imagined living in close proximity to my fellow Americans in a state like Kansas because the rest of the country was underwater. Or, sometimes, simply kids killing families and millions going hungry. It's funny that I'm being this hard on myself, having grown up Christian and all (you may interpret that in the fashion that best suits your needs).

I believe I reached this point of gloriousness gradually, beginning with the initial overload of information causing parts of my brain to suffer from emotional edema and eventually to die from the inability to express my heaping piles of artistic dribble. Reading over the previous line, I see they are trying to make a comeback. However, with the assistance of paint thinner, Fox News and red meat, they will most assuredly fail.

My resulting "ignorant-

**Alan Brown**

ance" has only been cemented in place by such luminaries as "Oprah: The Great Educator" and "Bono: Disease Destroyer." With these people on the loose, squandering their riches on humanitarian efforts, who can feel bad? I feel like Mr. Magoo, plugging along without seeing very well — happy as hell.

I'm comforted by the fact that Al Gore either lost or was cheated out of the presidency (does it really make a difference?) and went on to put together an interesting presentation on global warming. He clearly presented all of the information he wanted me to know, and this is enough. For the rest of the story, I've got the informed opinions of Donald Trump and Rosie O'Donnell.

This new me, it's just like a breath of fresh air, let me tell you. Peace has overtaken me. There is no problem a 2008 presidential trifecta can't handle. Even my sister's 16-year-old German foreign exchange student feels the love, correcting me when I express my disdain for President Bush: "Yoo shoold not hate heem. Hee is just a puppet." Thanks Germ, thanks for keeping it real.

So is it wrong to wake up in the morning and feel guilty for masturbating, only to find comfort in the continuing presence of conflict in the Middle East? The fact that it's there, the one constant in my life — besides African ethnic cleansing, global warming, hunger, AIDS, political party consumption and defecation — well, all right then, moving on — warms my little soul. It's like America's dad owns a dealership, and I'm the proprietor's favorite grandson.

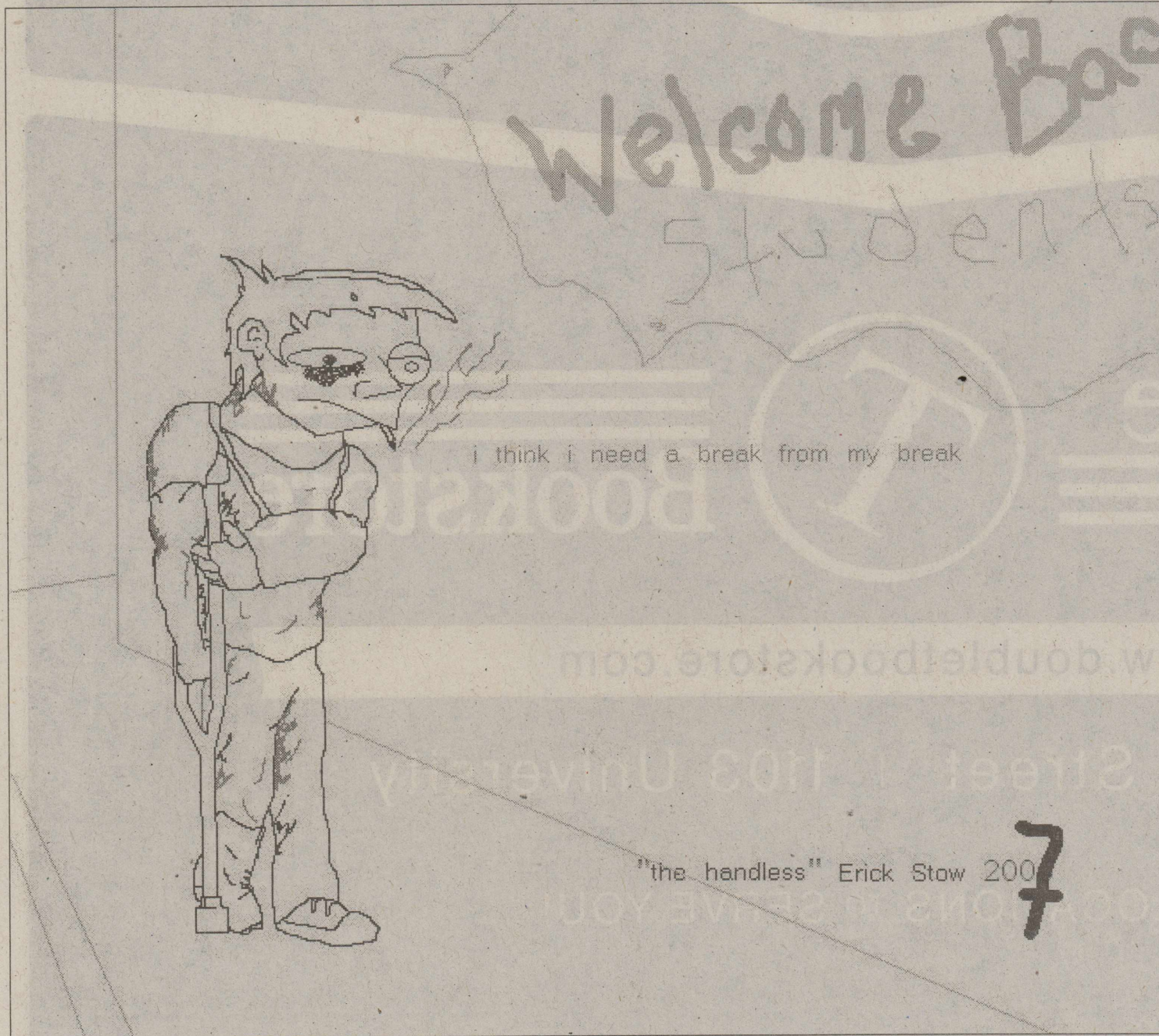
I've learned to accept the gifts I am offered. There's no need to spend time and effort seeking out truth, especially when you have to think about it and stuff. Then the idea of ultimate truth — well that's as crazy as religious talk! Although, I do have faith in the abilities of the Jesus Christ of psychotherapy, otherwise known as Dr. Phil. He has been gentle, yet firm, in guiding my footsteps along this long path of transformation.

The only thing I really have to worry about now is the fact that I've returned to rolling my own cigarettes, an act that will inevitably deteriorate my health. I wouldn't have done this, but the great states of Texas and South Dakota have decided to

raise taxes on cigarettes. It just so happens that these are the only states I buy my cigarettes from, and I can't afford the new prices. Dilemma? Not really, because I can relocate to Massachusetts if I get cancer, live below the "poverty level," and milk their health care overtime until my last wheeze. See, it's easy.

Wondering why people either did, or tried to have Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Andrew Jackson, Harry S. Truman, Gerald Ford and Franklin Delano Roosevelt assassinated (yes, I was thinking of Hot Shots: Part Deux right here, too), but...W. just gets heckled? Well don't. He's just making the right people happy.

How about why we invaded Iraq and ignored millions dying in Africa? What's that? Because there's no oil in Africa? What kind of a nut job are you? Iraq was an "imminent threat" to us. They had all kinds of — what's that? There were too weapons! Also, the people were fighting — but — they are not fighting as much. You're just cynical — and angry. America's dad owns a dealership. **Brown is a junior journalism major from Gatesville. E-mail him at alan.brown@ttu.edu.**



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# Troops

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persuade Americans to change their minds about the unpopular war, which has cost the lives of more than 3,000 members of the U.S. military as well as more than \$400 billion.

Bush's approach amounts to a huge gamble on al-Maliki's willingness — and ability — to deliver on promises he has consistently failed to keep: to disband Shiite militias, pursue national reconciliation and make good on commitments for Iraqi forces to handle security operations in Baghdad.

"Our past efforts to secure Baghdad failed for two principal reasons: There were not enough Iraqi and American troops to secure neighborhoods that had been cleared of terrorists and insurgents," the president said. "And there were too many restrictions on the troops we did have."

He said American commanders have reviewed the Iraqi plan "to ensure that it addressed these mistakes."

Bush said that under his plan, U.S. forces will work alongside Iraqi units and be embedded in their formations.

Responding to concerns from U.S. commanders, Bush said American troops will have a clearly defined mission to help Iraqis clear and secure neighborhoods, assist in the protection of the local population and "to help ensure that the Iraqi forces left behind are capable of providing the security that Baghdad needs."

While Bush is putting the onus on the Iraqis to meet their responsibilities and commit more troops, Bush did not threaten specific consequences if they do not. Iraq has missed previous self-imposed timetables for taking over security responsibilities.

Bush, however, cited the government's latest optimistic estimate. "To establish its authority, the Iraqi government plans to take responsibility for security in all of Iraq's provinces by November," the president said.

Resisting calls for troop reductions, Bush said that "failure in Iraq would be a disaster for the United States. A democratic Iraq will not be perfect. But it will be a country that fights terrorists instead of harboring them."

But Bush warned that the strategy would, in a short term he did not define, bring more violence rather than less.

"Even if our new strategy works exactly as planned, deadly acts of violence will continue, and we must expect more Iraqi and American casualties," he said. "The question is whether our new strategy will bring us closer to success. I believe that it will."

Bush's warning was echoed by

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leading proponent of a troop increase. "Is it going to be a strain on the military? Absolutely. Casualties are going to go up," the senator said.

Bush said he considered calls from Democrats and some Republicans to pull back American forces. He concluded it would rip Iraq apart.

"Such a scenario would result in our troops being forced to stay even longer and confront an enemy that is even more lethal," the president said. "If we increase our support at this crucial moment and help the Iraqis break the current cycle of violence, we can hasten the day our troops begin coming home."

Still, Bush said that "America's commitment is not open-ended. If the Iraqi government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people and it will lose the support of the Iraqi people. Now is the time to act."

The buildup comes two months after elections that were widely seen as a call for the withdrawal of some or all U.S. forces from Iraq. Polling by AP-Ipsos in December found that only 27 percent of Americans approved of Bush's handling of Iraq, his lowest rating yet.

Bush's blueprint would boost the number of U.S. troops in Iraq — now at 132,000 — to 153,500 at a cost of \$5.6 billion. The highest number was 160,000 a year ago in a troop buildup for Iraq elections.

The latest increase calls for sending 17,500 U.S. combat troops to Baghdad. The first of five brigades will arrive by next Monday. The next would arrive by Feb. 15 and the remainder would come in 30-day increments.

Bush also committed 4,000 more Marines to Anbar Province, a base of the Sunni insurgency and foreign al-Qaida fighters.

Bush's plan mirrored earlier moves attempting to give Iraqi forces a bigger security role. The chief difference appeared to be a recognition that the Iraqis need more time to take on the full security burden.

Another difference involves doubling the number of U.S. civilian workers who help coordinate local reconstruction projects. These State Department-led units — dubbed Provincial Reconstruction Teams — are to focus on projects both inside and outside the heavily guarded Green Zone, and some will be merged into combat brigades.

Several Republican senators are candidates for backing the resolution against a troop increase. Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, Gordon Smith of Oregon and Norm Coleman of Minnesota said they oppose sending more soldiers.

# Regent

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has a broad knowledge of the system as a whole, someone who had natural leadership and someone with integrity."

She said the candidates would have to be able to handle their class loads while making time to watch out for the best interests of the student body.

"All of the candidates are studying for professional degrees and have high work loads," she said. "It is important that they are willing to make the time commitment and will do what is right for the university and

the students."

Rial Rolfe, associate vice president for academic affairs at the HSC, served as the administrative representation on the committee. He said the candidates all showed worthy qualities.

"They were all good applicants," Rolfe said. "Any of the eight would be a good fit for the position. Some students had more experience with the system and more exposure to a number of schools in the Tech system. Academically, you couldn't separate them."

SGA President Ryan Worley said he believes passion for the job helped to separate the candidates.

"Of the candidates that we narrowed it down to," Worley said, "it came down to how much enthusiasm they showed and a willingness to keep an open mind. They really have to have a passion for Texas Tech."

Rolfe said the new regent's interaction with representatives from both Tech and the HSC will help the new regent address the issues of the students as a whole.

"One thing we are really looking forward to is the new regent and their interaction with their counterparts at Texas Tech," Rolfe said. "With both the HSC and Tech senates meeting in the student congress, I'm sure the new regent will be willing to take part

and better understand the issues. Of course there are so many student issues — like parking — that everyone deals with."

He said when the previous regent, Greenfield, discussed issues with the board, the board listened to his concerns.

"During open sessions, there were many situations where the previous regent would speak on a subject and the other regents would continue to discuss it further."

Greenfield resigned in October after Perry requested he step down, because Greenfield admitted to plagiarizing two columns in *The Daily Toreador*.

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# Ethiopian leader says U.S. airstrike targeted 20 high-level Islamic militants

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Ethiopia's prime minister said Wednesday the U.S. military targeted 20 high-level members of an Islamic movement linked to al-Qaida in an airstrike this week in southern Somalia, attacking quickly before the Islamists could escape.

The chief of staff for the Somali president claimed that a senior al-Qaida figure was killed in Monday's airstrike, although U.S. officials did not confirm it.

The air assault has been criticized internationally, with the African Union, European Union and United Nations among those expressing concern. But British Prime Minister Tony Blair told lawmakers it was right to stand up to extremists who were using violence to "get their way" in Somalia.

Somali lawmaker Abdulrashid Hidig said the U.S. launched a new airstrike Wednesday around Ras Kamboni, a rugged coastal area a few miles from the Kenyan border where Monday's attack took place. He cited the Somali military as the source of the information.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi told reporters in his country's capital, Addis Ababa, that eight suspected terrorists were killed in Monday's airstrike, five

were wounded and taken into custody by Ethiopian forces, and seven escaped.

Meles said most of the victims were Somali, but the identities would not be confirmed until DNA testing is completed.

He said Ethiopia and the U.S. have been cooperating on intelligence, and that most of the information has come from the Americans. He also said the Ethiopians did

not provide any intelligence that led to Monday's airstrike.

"I do not know how the Americans got the information, but they appeared to have some credible information," he said. "Apparently they felt if they did not strike quickly, the target would be missed."

However, a U.S. military official based in the region said the Ethiopian military had provided the intelligence that led to the strike. "We acted on time-sensitive intelligence and made the strike in cooperation with the Ethiopians," said the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity surrounding U.S. special operations missions.

In Washington, an intelligence official said the U.S. killed five to 10 people Monday in the attack on an al-Qaida target in southern Somalia. A Somali lawmaker said 31 civilians died Tuesday when helicopter gunships

attacked suspected al-Qaida fighters in the south.

The U.S. military official said Tuesday's strike was probably carried out by Ethiopia since the aircraft were identified as Russian-made Hind helicopter gunships like those used by the Ethiopian military.

Abdirizak Hassan, the Somali president's chief of staff, said at least three U.S. airstrikes have been launched since Monday and that more were likely.

The al-Qaida suspect believed to have been killed Monday was Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, who allegedly planned the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, Hassan said. He cited a U.S. intelligence report that was given to Somali authorities.

If confirmed, it would mean the end of an eight-year hunt for one of the FBI's most-wanted terrorists. Fazul

was believed to have been harbored by the Somali Islamic movement that had challenged the country's Ethiopian-backed government for power.

In Washington, U.S. government officials said they had no reason to believe that Fazul had been killed. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the information's sensitivity.

Fazul, 32, joined al-Qaida in Afghanistan and trained with Osama bin Laden, according to FBI documents. The U.S. put a \$5 million bounty on his head for allegedly planning the embassy bombings, which killed 225 people.

This week's air attacks were the first U.S. offensive in Somalia since 1993. The military's aim is to capture al-Qaida members thought to be fleeing advancing Ethiopian-backed Somali troops.

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# Tuberculosis scare prompts testing

By **MAGGIE KIELY**  
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Close to 2,800 Lubbock residents received letters warning of a possible exposure to tuberculosis.

Barry Wilson, the deputy regional director of the Department of Health and Human Services, said after receiving news of an infected TB patient at University Medical Center, he and his staff created a list of individuals who were in the hospital at the time and may have been exposed.

"The UMC found out sometime in December that someone had TB and shortly after let us know," Wilson said. "It is a routine procedure to try and identify who could have been exposed and inform them."

According to a Department of Health and Human Services pamphlet, TB is an airborne disease that usually affects the lungs. Symptoms may include fatigue, weight loss, fever and night sweats. It can affect other parts of the body such as the brain, kidneys or spine.

Judith Fiene, the former president of Austin Area Infection Control

Counsel, said most TB outbreaks go unnoticed.

"It is very unusual that the source of the TB outbreak is known. Most of the time, people have the disease and no one even knows," Fiene said.

She said the first thing someone should do when they find out a patient is infected is test the family.

"Depending on what percentage of the family is infected, you move on to larger contact circles, like the work place," Fiene said.

Wilson said the patient infected with TB was in the hospital sometime in the fall.

The department is offering free testing to all of those who received a letter. According to the department, the testing is done through the skin and takes 48 to 72 hours to produce results.

"There was not enough room in the letter for a lot of details, so we put our phone number on there so people could call with concerns," Wilson said. "We try and put their mind at ease and explain the situation."

Wilson said there are two different ways TB affects the body: TB infection and TB disease. He said TB infection

means the individual has the germ, but it is not active or contagious. Patients with TB disease have an active germ and become sick.

"A positive test doesn't mean that the germ is active," Wilson said. "It is necessary to do a follow-up check to see if treatment is required."

Wilson said if a patient does have TB, the staff will provide treatment. He said department members administer the medicine through what they call "directly observed therapy."

"Either the patient comes to us to receive the treatment, or we will go to their house," Wilson said. "This way we can ensure that the patient takes all of the medicine."

He said the medicine is taken everyday for the first two weeks and a few times a week for the next nine to 12 months.

Wilson said people who received the letters came from all over the country, not just Texas.

"Folks even from Alaska and the West Coast were sent letters," he said.

Those who received letters can go to the health department in their region to get tested, Wilson said.

According to the pamphlet, about 8 million people contract TB worldwide each year and more than 22,000 cases are reported each year in the United States.

"We probably see around 20 to 40 cases a year in our region," Wilson said. "Those are not all actual disease cases though."

Wilson said his region is comprised of 41 counties and includes four health departments.

The Department of Health and Human Sciences staff receive testing for TB routinely throughout the year, Wilson said.

According to a press release issued by the Health Sciences Center, testing will be offered to HSC students and employees who may have been exposed to TB at UMC between September and November.

Testing will be available between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jan. 16 and Jan. 17 in the Employee Health Office at the HSC. Those who wish to be tested must bring valid HCS faculty or student identification.

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# Minimum wage may be \$7.25 an hour by 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted to raise the federal minimum wage Wednesday for the first time in a decade, to \$7.25 an hour, as majority Democrats marched briskly through their 100-hour agenda at the dawn of a new Congress.

Ebullient Democrats stood and cheered as the final vote — 315-116 — was announced.

"For 10 years the lowest-paid Americans have been frozen out," said Rep. George Miller of California, berating Republicans who had refused for years to allow a vote on a stand-alone minimum wage increase.

"The little guy is not going to be forgotten any longer," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, whose district includes gritty Paterson, N.J. He estimated the increase would mean an additional \$4,400 a year for a family of three.

"The small businessmen we are trying to help for the most part are little guys," countered Rep. Howard McKeon, R-Calif. He said Republicans favor an alternative coupling a minimum wage increase with tax breaks for small businesses.

Other Republicans argued that raising the minimum wage would hurt employment chances for the lowest-paid workers.

The legislation, which now goes to the Senate, would raise the current \$5.15 minimum to \$5.85 effective 60 days after the measure became law. The minimum would go to \$6.55 a year later and \$7.25 a year after that.

The White House issued a statement of opposition to the legislation as drafted. It called for the increase to be accompanied by "tax and regulatory relief to help small businesses stay competitive and to help the economy keep growing."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has already signaled that Democrats will accept pro-business changes. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, told reporters that he and other lawmakers are working on between \$8 billion and \$10 billion in relief over 10 years.

Businesses that bring in less than \$10 million a year would receive relief under one of the provisions in the emerging legislation, and the restaurant industry would be favored under another.

By contrast to the partisan debate on the wage legislation, one of the House's most cherished traditions fell without a struggle.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., issued an order banning smoking in an ornate lobby just off the House chamber where tobacco smoke and political intrigue have coexisted for generations.

"We can no longer risk the health of colleagues, staff, pages, reporters and others who pass through the Speaker's Lobby each day," Pelosi said, and by midafternoon, the ashtrays were gone. Not

so a portrait of John Nance Garner, cigar in hand, one of many past House speakers whose likenesses preside over the room.

There was distress across the Capitol, when 89-year-old Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who walks with the aid of two canes, arrived in the chamber too late to cast a vote.

Reid had cautioned senators he intended to run proceedings more efficiently. But Byrd observed that the Senate also "reverses tradition, seniority, debate, deliberation, experience and common courtesy."

The minimum wage bill is the second of six measures that Democrats intend to pass in the first two weeks of the new Congress. Legislation aimed at making the nation safer from terrorist attacks passed easily on Wednesday. The agenda for Thursday includes a measure to permit expanded federally funded embryonic stem cell research, a bill Bush has threatened to veto.

On Friday, the House is expected to pass legislation directing the administration to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices on prescription drugs for Medicare recipients. Republicans said Wednesday they believed Bush would veto that bill, as well, if it reached his desk as drafted.

Democrats have long claimed the measure would result in significant savings, but congressional budget analysts bluntly disputed that. "We anticipate that the (administration) would be unable to negotiate prices across a broad range of ... drugs that are more favorable than those obtained" under current law, said a letter signed by Donald B. Marron, acting director of the Congressional Budget Office.

The remaining measures on the early Democratic agenda would cut the interest rate on student loans and raise taxes on energy companies to pay for an effort to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

All 233 Democrats voted for the minimum wage measure, along with 82 Republicans. All 116 votes in opposition came from Republicans.

Less than a week after Congress convened under Democratic control, the minimum wage bill offered an early challenge of the party's ability to maneuver in an environment shaped by friendly outside interest groups as well as the White House and Republicans who hold 49 votes in the 100-member Senate.

House Democrats insisted that the bill pass without any relief for small businesses, and the AFL-CIO has lobbied Senate Democrats to go along. Several officials said the issue flared in this week's closed-door caucus of the rank and file, when some liberals challenged Baucus and questioned a strategy that called for early concessions to Republicans.

In response, Reid said Democrats did not have 60 votes that would be needed to pass a stand-alone minimum wage increase over a Republican filibuster, these officials added.

The final measure will be worked out in negotiations between the two houses, and it is likely that Pelosi and House Democrats will ultimately have to accept tax breaks for businesses if they are to get Bush's signature on one of their top priorities.

Under budget rules enacted last week, though, no tax legislation that clears the House can increase the deficit — meaning that the minimum wage bill would have to contain provisions to offset the costs of the tax cuts.

Inflation has eroded the minimum wage's buying power to the lowest level in about 50 years in the time since the last increase took effect. According to Labor Department statistics, 479,000 workers paid by the hour earned exactly \$5.15 in 2005, the most recent estimate available. They tend to be under 25 and never married and more likely to be women, minorities and part-time workers.

More than two dozen states and the District of Columbia have minimum wages higher than the federal level. The political potency of the issue was evident last November, when proposals to raise statewide minimums passed in all six states where they came to a vote.

# Tips for healthy new year revealed

By **LINDSEY DUNCAN**  
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New Year's resolutions can be different for everyone, but among the myriad of vows and renewed dedication to lifestyle improvements for 2007, there seems to be at least one idea that makes a popular comeback every January. In the wake of Christmas cookies and stockings full of chocolate, the familiar desire surfaces: better health.

Christopher Lemieux, freshman nutritional science major from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said he tries to inform people about the

value of maintaining a healthy lifestyle as an employee at Vitamins Plus, a store that sells organic foods and dietary supplements.

"A lot of people just don't know the basics," he said.

Lemieux said he believes a lot of individuals do not get the recommended daily vitamin requirements.

"Today's food lacks recommended nutrition," he said, "so that's where a multi-vitamin picks up the slack."

Lemieux said most vitamins are taken out during food processing, leaving many foods vitamin deficient and unable to meet the requirements of a healthy diet.

A good basic program for someone who wants to supplement their diet with vitamins would include a good multi-vitamin with a combination of B vitamins, vitamin C, vitamin E, and a calcium/magnesium combination with vitamin D, said Barbara Felton, department manager of Vitamins Plus.

Felton said she believes it is a

good idea to use fish or flax seed oil as a source of omega vitamins.

"There are vitamins for all different ages," she said, "there are vitamins for teenage boys, teenage girls, young people and older people."

Felton said she regularly sells prenatal vitamins to women of all ages.

"Prenatal vitamins are great for your hair and nails and they provide a number of other good supplements for women," she said.

For people who are looking to start the new year off with healthier habits, Felton said she recommends taking a close look at the things you consume in your daily diet — liquid and solid.

"You know, things like fructose syrup is in most of the foods and sodas that we drink," she said. "A lot of those sweeteners can lead to diabetes or obesity. Soda pop used to be a once a week treat when I was growing up, and that's how it should be."

Felton said she believes college students struggling with a hectic

schedule that lends itself to the convenience of a fast-food fix might want to consider some of the following ideas to get healthier foods into their daily diet.

Felton said he believes breakfast is the most important meal of the day. A good breakfast helps wake your body up and fuels your mind, Felton said. Try a cup of yogurt, a piece of fruit, or a bowl of fiber-based cereal. Yogurt is a good choice because it contains probiotics, which Felton said are good bacteria that assist the body's functions. She said donuts and pastries might provide a short wake-up buzz, but in the end they are full of empty calories.

Felton said that while she understands the restrictions of a tight budget, foods like deli meat, cottage cheese, salads, roasted chicken, whole grain pastas, and organic frozen dinners are much healthier than fast food and are comparable in price.

For dinner, Felton said loading up on vegetables and protein is a good way to round off your appetite.

"Stay away from too much red meat," she said. "But things like turkey burgers and chicken are easy to prepare for a quick meal. You can add rice or some pasta too."

Sarah Duffey, an employee at Vitamins Plus, said she believes most people choose to stop for fast food because they think it is easier than cooking.

"It's not really though," she said. "I only eat out about once a week, and I cook the rest of the time."

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## Texas country artist to illuminate The Blue Light

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

He started out as a bouncer for The Blue Light in the Depot Entertainment District in 2000, and tonight, country singer-songwriter Ryan James will return to the bar as a performer.

"It's just one of my favorite bars to come back to," James said. "It's really cool. Lubbock still feels like home to me."

James is a Texas musician. The state was born into his blood in the city of Rosenberg and etched into his shoulder blade in a tattoo parlor in North Carolina.

Saturday will be the first time James has traveled outside the state to play a gig, and, throughout the year, his tour route follows Interstate

35, I-20, Highway 290 and I-45. He tours venues from back-alley bars to larger clubs, and he said being out on the road gives him a greater chance of being discovered.

"You can't catch the fish if you don't have the worm," he said.

James seems to enjoy saying little inspirational phrases like that.

"You can't win big if you don't sacrifice big," he said.

James has sacrificed a lot for his career. Unlike other musicians, James does not have a second job or a degree to fall back on.

He attended Texas Tech for a brief stint, but he said he had five majors in six semesters. He bounced around the different colleges on campus, majoring in music, psychology, business marketing, elementary education and then back to music.

He said he never graduated.

"I didn't want to be in school,"

he said. "I guess that's my weakness."

Another one of James' weaknesses is the Lone Star State. He said he lived in North Carolina for about a year, but homesickness sunk in and, in order to combat it, he took a trip to the local tattoo parlor to get inked with a painting of a bull's skull with a Texas flag drawn on it.

His songs are about the state, and

he said he enjoys playing at the different bars in the various cities.

*"It's just one of my favorite bars to come back to. It's really cool. Lubbock still feels like home to me."*

— RYAN JAMES  
COUNTRY SINGER  
AND SONGWRITER

"I don't think it's that hard to play in a different bar every night," he said.

The constantly changing venues are not the problem for James. He said it's the different crowds that can get frustrating. Some crowds enjoy hearing his original music, while others are more accustomed to hearing Tim McGraw and Garth Brooks.

James' music career has kept him busy over the years. He said he is constantly on the road playing, and crowds that request songs by other bands can get old.

"I had a lady come up to me and say she wanted to hear 'Sweet Home Alabama,'" he said. "I had another girl come up and say she wanted to hear 'Strawberry Wine.'"

James laughs off the encounters, and he said while it doesn't bother him when people shout out their requests, he never obliges.

"They don't play my songs, and I don't play theirs," he said. "That's the agreement."

One thing James is proud of is that fact that his band has never been booed off stage in its years of playing.

James' debut CD, "Back to the

Wind," hit shelves in 2005, and since then, he has been on tour playing the songs.

He said his travels consistently bring him back to Lubbock.

James Woodley, a senior mathematics major from Austin, said he played in a local band, and it's hard to get recognized by a label.

"It all depends on how much work you put in," he said. "If you're music is good, you'll get discovered."

Woodley said he'd never heard of James, and he doesn't spend much time looking up local country artists across Texas, but he said he could relate to how James might feel about having not gotten discovered yet.

"It can be a bit, I guess, gooey when you're starting out," he said.

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## iPopular ways to burn calories

By KATIE HARRIS  
STAFF WRITER

Walking through the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center may feel like venturing through a technology boom with all of the new inventions helping students and faculty exercise.

Brian Gleitz, a senior mechanical engineering major from Tyler and an employee at the Rec, said technology has changed the way people work out because the Rec center has added televisions and computers to accommodate technology-savvy exercisers.

"People want us to put in more computers to check e-mails that they are waiting for," Gleitz said. "We have also added eight TVs because machines with TVs are always the first to go."

He said he finds it interesting that students seem to work out more when they have the newest workout gear and athletic apparel.

Gleitz said it seems as though people are able to come work out like they are in their own living rooms.

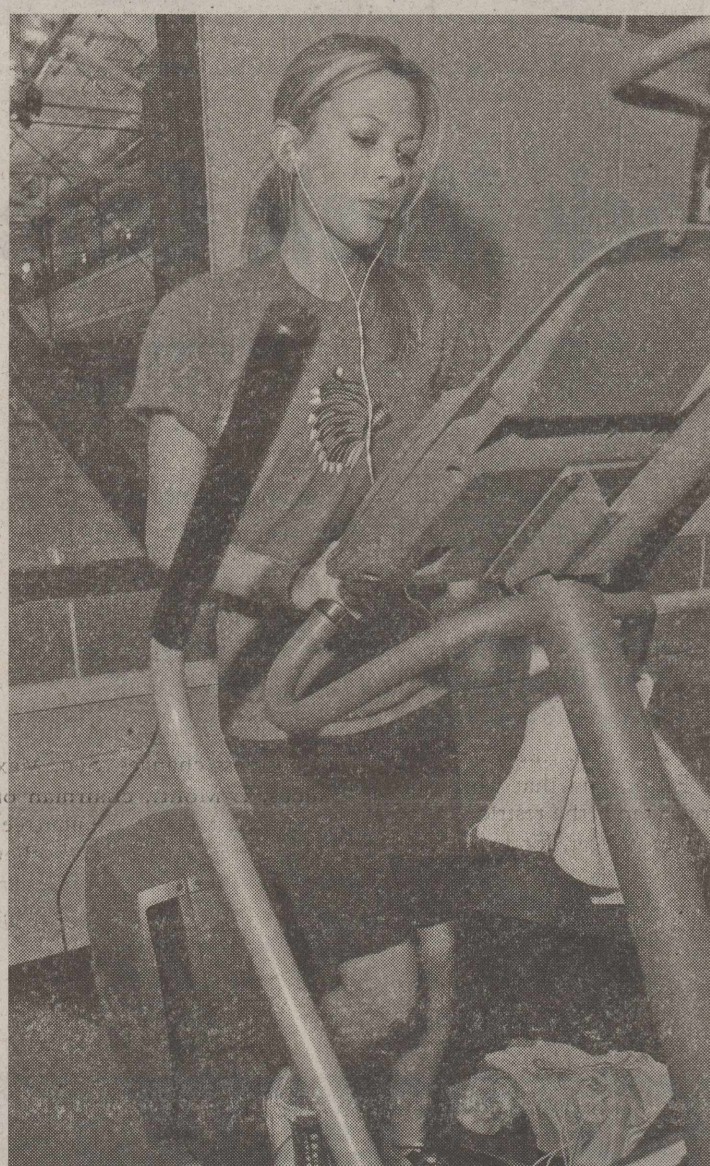
"Just because 'Grey's Anatomy' is on doesn't mean people can't come and work out," he said.

Not only can the iPod be seen around campus and at the gym, but Apple is adding a new twist to the way people listen to music while exercising.

One of the newest technology editions to aid people working out is Nike + iPod.

According to the Apple Web site, Nike + iPod allows Nike+ shoes to talk to the iPod Nano by using a sensitive accelerometer to measure the activity of the exerciser. The sensor then wirelessly transfers this data to the receiver on the iPod Nano. According to the Web site, speed, distance and calories burned will all be recorded as new features in addition to the music being played.

The Nike Shoes costs \$80 and up, the Nike+ iPod Sports Kit costs \$29 and the iPod Nano costs \$149



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CASEY SADLER, A sophomore public relations major from Arlington, works out listening to her favorite music on her iPod.

and up.

Tristan Hill, a freshman international business major from San Antonio, said he works out with his iPod, which is filled with all different types of music.

"I think iPods give you more of an incentive to work out," Hill said. "They keep your mind focused and you don't get distracted."

Morgan Coomes works the Rec

check-in desk and said she sees a lot of students coming in with iPods or who want to watch their favorite television shows while they work out.

"For example, girls come during their favorite shows and it keeps them going because they watch the show instead of other distractions," Coomes said.

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## Hollywood and technology companies hold Las Vegas love fest

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It looks like Hollywood and Silicon Valley have kissed and made up.

The folks who make movies, TV shows and music have had an often hostile relationship over the years with the companies that make the cool new devices to display, record and move that content around.

Only a few years ago, entertainment executives railed against digital video recorders that allowed TV viewers to skip ads, and lambasted music players that encouraged users to "rip, mix, burn" their songs onto portable devices.

But over the past year or so, studios have done an about face and now regularly court technology ventures such as YouTube. Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. went so far as to spend \$580 million buying the social networking site MySpace, which is now jammed with snippets of video and music that entertainment companies once went to court to have taken off such sites.

Nowhere has this new, almost giddy

relationship been better displayed than at this year's International Consumer Electronics Show, where disruptive technologies that once gave studio executives nightmares often make their debut.

Leslie Moonves, chief executive of CBS Corp., and Robert Iger, chief executive of The Walt Disney Co. both gave keynote addresses this year that emphasized cooperation between studios and device makers.

"If you asked me two years ago, did I want Disney in the keynote? No," said Gary Shapiro, chief executive of the Consumer Electronics Association, annual sponsor of the CES show. "Disney was the poster child in Washington for the most anti-technology company there was."

Moonves made the most aggressive push at this year's show, sharing his stage with Chad Hurley, co-founder of YouTube, Philip Rosedale, founder of virtual reality creator Linden Lab, and Blake Krikorian, founder of Sling Media. That company's Slingbox enables

TV viewers to stream live and recorded video over the Internet from a home cable box to a computer.

A packed ballroom cheered Moonves when he said that the lines between "old media" and "new media" have been erased.

Moonves even featured several "mash-ups" in his speech. The short videos typically splice together clips taken from films or TV shows, often illegally, to create something new. Several studios have sued to remove such clips from Web sites such as Guba.com and YouTube.

"Everybody, Silicon Valley as well as the Hollywood community, has come to realize that life was a better place if we figured out how to do things together," Moonves said in an interview.

"Anybody that can help us get our content out to any place, any time anywhere, ultimately is a very good thing for us and for them. That's the key lesson everyone has learned in the past few years."

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# Ice, ice baby: free ice skating event offered to Tech students

By HALEY DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

If Texas Tech students are low on cash but want to be high on fun, they can go to the City Bank Auditorium/Coliseum, formerly known as the Lubbock Coliseum, Thursday evening for free ice skating.

The ice skating event will be from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. as part of Winter Raider Welcome, also known as WRW, sponsored by Tech Activities Board. WRW is a celebration during the first week of classes welcoming Tech students back from the winter break.

Jana Vise, coordinator of student activities, welcomes all Tech students with a valid Tech ID to the event.

"It's free, a lot of fun and a great way to start the new semester," Vise said.

Students should not worry about spending a dime because Vise said the entire event is free, from skate rentals to drinks.

The ice-skating event was planned for last semester, but because of the snowstorm, the event was canceled. Fortunately, Vise and TAB received several phone calls about the event, so Vise said they felt it was necessary

to reschedule the program.

TAB is optimistic when it comes to how many students they are expected for this event, and Vise said she guesses about 250 Tech students will attend.

Emily Curtis, a coordinator for First-Year Experience, said WRW is a scaled-down version of Welcome Week.

"In the spring, we still are encouraging students to get out and get them back in the spirit of going to Tech," Curtis said.

Ice skating is not the only free activity going on around campus. Friday, a free screening of "Little Miss Sunshine" will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre.

Free movies at Tech are right up Jamie Davis' alley. Davis, a sophomore agriculture communications major from Dayton, said her favorite free activities at Tech are the movies.

"I think it's a good program for students who don't have extra cash," Davis said.

If students aren't sure when a certain event will be or would like to know upcoming events at Tech, Vise suggested places to check.

"There are tons of events," Vise said. "Always check TechAnnounce and the paper. There are a lot of wonderful things coming up and great speakers."

Curtis said she encourages students to get out and participate in some of the great activities that are offered this semester.

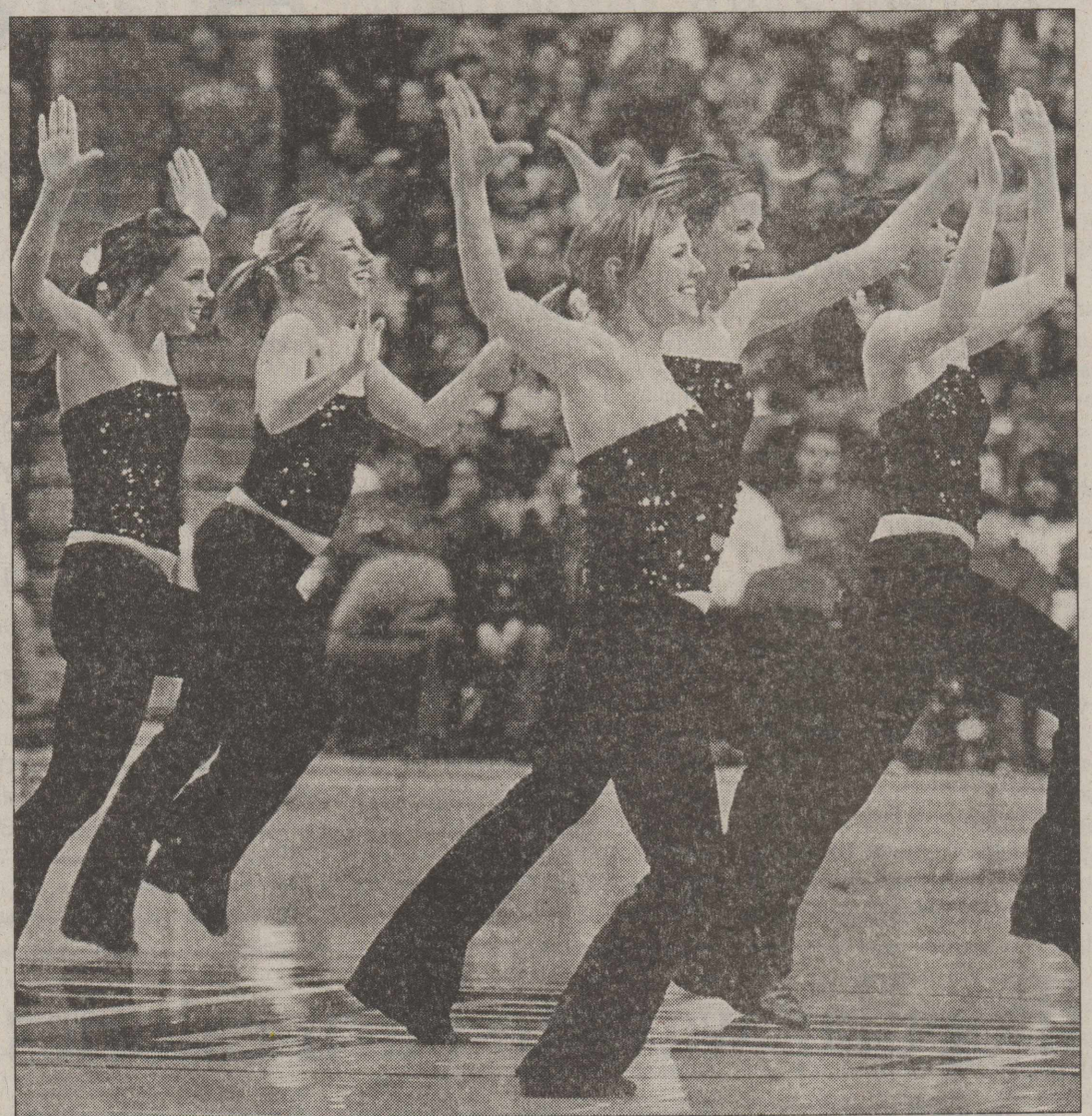
"These events help students reunite with their friends, peers and classmates," she said.

For more information regarding events for the month of January at Tech, check the calendar in today's paper.

- January
- 10- Winter Raider Welcome
  - 11- Winter Raider Welcome Ice Skating
  - 12- Winter Raider Welcome Movie Little Miss Sunshine
  - 22- Poster sale
  - 23- Poster sale
  - 24- Poster sale
  - Tech Well Fair
  - 25- Poster sale
  - 26- Poster sale
  - Rec all nighter
  - 30- After Hours

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7 AM	Curious	Today Cine Eastwood	Early Show	Believer	(500) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	J. Hanna	
:30	Clifford	Also: "Today" in the 30s, did you see a "Today's Kitchen" segment (HD)		Life Today	Animal Rescue	Cozy Show	Pad Program	
8 AM	Dragon Tales			Eye for an Eye	Cozy Show		Megan Mullally Show	
:30	Its Big World			Judge Mathis	Roseanne	Montel Williams	Martha	
9 AM	Sesame Street			Price is Right	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Tym Banks	
:30	Callou	Rego and Kelly		Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Alex	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
10 AM	Teletubbies	Jeopardy!		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Mister Rogers	Jeopardy!		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
11 AM	News	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	News	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
12 PM	Watercolor	Days of Our Lives		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	American	As the World Turns		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
1 PM	Jay Jay	Passions		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Puppy	Guiding Light		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
2 PM	The Lions	Inmate Edition		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Reading	Oprah Winfrey		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
3 PM	Cyberchase	Judge Joe		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Clifford	Dr. Phil		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
4 PM	Arthur	Judge Judy		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Mays & Miguel	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
5 PM	Bus Report	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	News	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
6 PM	News	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	News	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
7 PM	This Old House Hour	Earl (HD)		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Storytellers	CSI: Crime		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
8 PM	Storytellers	CSI: Crime		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Pioneers Moon	Shark: Deep Water		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
9 PM	Bus Report	News		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	Charlie Rose	(3) Jay Leno (HD)		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
10 PM	News	(3) Late Night (HD)		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	News	(3) Late Night (HD)		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
11 PM	TV 411	(3) Craig Ferguson		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	
:30	GED "Fiction"	(3) Last Call		Young and the Restless (HD)	Pad Program	Pad Program	Dr. Keith Ablow	

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# Lubbock Music Calendar

<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Dr. Skoob and the Acoustic Groove, La Diosa Cellars, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jazz Alley, Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen, 10 p.m.</p> <p>Five Star Band, Lubbock St. Citizens Center, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Brad Leali, Stella's, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Mike Pritchard, The Sting, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Crimson Envy, Jake's Back Room, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Jazz Alley, Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen, 10 p.m.</p> <p>Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Civic Center Theater, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Roger Creager, Wild West, 10 p.m.</p> <p>Alma Quartet, La Diosa Cellars, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>Spivey, Jake's Back Room, 10 p.m.</p> <p>Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Civic Center Theater, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Anthony Garcia, Jake's Sports Cafe, 9 p.m.</p> <p>John Sprott and Jesse Ballew, Buffalo Wild Wings, 10 p.m.</p> <p>Cadillac with Wheels, The Sting, 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>John Sprott, Crickets Bar and Grill, 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Hurt, Jake's Back Room, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Plain Brown Wrapper, Crickets Bar and Grill, 10 p.m.</p> <p>Cory Dutton and Beer Belly Bandits, The Sting, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Mason Server, Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen, 10 p.m.</p>
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## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- Bear constellation
- Wander
- Spirit
- Lbok intently
- Leer at
- Diameter halves
- Well-known carol
- Mine finds
- Round gasket
- Start of Evan Esar quip
- Bird's beak
- Sundial X
- New York pro
- Added on
- Lenient
- Keanu in "The Matrix"
- Eye drop
- Mountain nymph
- Part 2 of quip
- Goose genus
- Old Testament prophet
- Jabber
- Adolescent
- Merciful ones
- Sound of a leak
- Birth certificate
- 4-stringed guitar
- End of quip
- Grouse
- Seed cover
- Wight or Skye
- Old-time music systems
- Singer Amos
- Shuttle grp.
- Cloys
- Corporate VIP
- Shrinking inland sea
- DOWN
- 1 informed about
- Man.
- Stanton film
- Appear
- Known by only a few
- Float ingredient
- Folklore fiend
- On the qui vive
- Entwines
- Mature
- Damage
- Intense dislike
- From then until now
- Snug
- Surface quality
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- Writer Seton
- Deion's nickname
- Us is Paris
- Aachen article
- Turn one's back on
- Play about Capote
- Stephen of "Citizen X"
- Border
- Culture
- Medium
- Cotillon gals
- Bottom line
- Morning hrs.
- Enter the open market
- Best guess: abbr.
- Cancel out
- Eye part
- Exhales audibly
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# Cisco sues Apple over use of iPhone name

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cisco Systems sued Apple Inc. in federal court Wednesday, saying the computer maker's new iPhone violates its trademark.

The lawsuit, filed in San Francisco federal court, came just a day after Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs unveiled the Apple iPhone in dramatic fashion at a trade show in San Francisco.

But even while Jobs was trumpeting the product during his keynote address to Apple faithful, the matter of the product's naming had not been resolved behind the scenes between two of the biggest names in Silicon Valley.

San Jose-based Cisco, the world's largest network-equipment maker, has owned the trademark on the name "iPhone" since 2000, when it acquired InfoGear Technology Corp., which originally registered the name.

And in the spring of last year, Cisco's Linksys division put the trademark to use and began shipping an Internet phone called "iPhone" that uses the increasingly popular Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP. The product was officially launched three weeks ago.

Cisco said Apple had approached the company a number of times over the past few years about a licensing agreement to use the name, and

that the talks heated up in the past few weeks.

However, Cisco said communication between the companies ceased Monday, and even while Jobs was holding court at the Macworld Conference and Expo, Apple lawyers had not signed and returned the final contract.

It was at that conference that Jobs introduced Apple's own iPhone, a "game-changing" touch-screen-controlled cell phone device that plays music, surfs the Web and delivers voicemail and e-mail. The product still needs FCC approval.

Cisco filed the lawsuit Wednesday seeking injunctive relief to prevent Apple from copying Cisco's iPhone trademark.

"We certainly expected that since they had gone ahead and announced a product without receiving permission to use the brand, that meant that the negotiation was concluded," said Mark Chandler, Cisco senior vice president and general counsel.

Apple argues it's entitled to use the name iPhone because the products are materially different.

Apple spokeswoman Natalie Kerris called Cisco's lawsuit "silly" and said there are already several other companies using the name iPhone for VoIP products.

"We believe that Cisco's U.S. trademark registration is tenuous

at best," she said. "Apple's the first company to use the iPhone name for a cell phone. And if Cisco wants to challenge us on it, we're very confident we will prevail."

Cisco executives argue that, despite the current dissimilarities between the Cisco and Apple iPhone, both phones could take on new features or work on different networks than they do today.

Erik Suppiger, networking specialist at Pacific Growth Equities, said that argument is sound in an era of "convergence," when the Internet is increasingly used as a telephone network.

"I'd envision that Cisco would be inclined to add cellular functionality to its iPhone. I would not be surprised to see them add additional memory for supporting whatever media functions you might want, either — they'd be logical extensions," Suppiger said. "The phones may not overlap right now, but they would over the foreseeable future."

The lawsuit may be more than just a semantic scuffle.

Cisco has been on an aggressive acquisition binge in the past year, and CEO John Chambers has been ambitious about building the company's brand name and producing more consumer electronics — not just the esoteric networking gear that chief information officers purchased at

great expense.

The lawsuit could be an attempt to embroil Apple into a legal morass because Cisco is set on developing a competing product, said Eve Griliches, program manager at Framingham, Mass.-based research firm IDC.

"Cisco is a very, very smart company, and anything they can do to slow Apple out of the gate might give them an advantage at the negotiating table," Griliches said. "Chances are both companies knew this lawsuit was going to happen — the real question is, what's really behind it?"

But not everyone agrees that the lawsuit is strategic or even productive for Cisco, the most richly valued company in Silicon Valley with a market capitalization of more than \$174 billion.

"Bottom line is that you'd think Cisco had a better use of its time and money than suing Apple over a word," said Samuel Wilson, analyst at JMP Securities.

Before the lawsuit was announced, Apple's shares closed up \$4.43 to \$97 during regular trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Apple shares fell 62 cents to \$96.38 in after-hours trading.

Cisco's shares closed up 21 cents to \$28.68 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. In after-hours trading, Cisco shares gained 7 cents to \$28.75.

# iPhone unites disparate corporate cultures of Apple, AT&T

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs says the new iPhone is a product destined to ignite a "revolution" in telecommunications.

But could the iPhone also spark a civil war between the companies that produce it?

That's what business experts are wondering as Apple, founded by hippie renegades in a Silicon Valley garage in the 1970s, partners with one of the nation's oldest corporate entities.

Cingular Wireless, which has an exclusive, multiyear agreement to provide cellular service for the iPhone, is a subsidiary of San Antonio-based AT&T Inc.

Ma Bell traces its roots to the '70s, too — the 1870s.

Forged from an agreement between Alexander Graham Bell and his financiers, the National Bell Telephone Company eventually became American Telephone & Telegraph Company, then mushroomed into world's largest telephone company and cable television operator. It's also been a regulated monopoly and, at its zenith, it employed 1 million people.

Even executives from Apple and Cingular acknowledge the companies — which will jointly bring the iPhone to the market in June, starting at \$499 — are a study in contrasts.

"We come from two different worlds," Jobs said, "yet we've worked wonderfully together."

Jobs' comment came after Cingular's president and chief executive, Stanley Sigman, took the stage Tuesday at the annual Macworld Conference & Expo.

Sigman, a West Texas State University alum who began his career at Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1965, donned a suit and tie and read stiffly from a script, pausing awkwardly to consult notes.

By contrast, the silver-tongued Jobs wore his trademark black turtleneck and faded blue jeans while addressing 4,000 fans. The liberal Reed College dropout is one of the best showmen in corporate America, rarely glancing at scripts and quick with off-the-cuff jokes. (On Tuesday, he stayed cool even when his electronic pointer went on the fritz.)

Business experts say such contrasts may extend to the broader corporate cultures of Apple and AT&T, straining the tight collaboration needed to launch such a significant product.

"When you try to put together two companies with very different operating styles, you open up a Pandora's box for executives to miscommunicate or disagree," said Charles O'Reilly III, Stanford University professor of management.

One of the few similarities between the companies doesn't bode well for cooperation. Apple and Cingular usually each insist on owning the user experience, emphasizing their own brands whenever possible.

Glenn Lurie, president of national distribution for Atlanta-based

Cingular Wireless, said Cingular representatives would handle most questions about billing and service. If a customer's question requires deeper knowledge of the iPhone, they'll be transferred to Apple.

"These are Cingular customers. They'll get a Cingular bill, Cingular rate structures and Cingular care," Lurie said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Apple is known for aggressively controlling its customer relationships, going so far as opening Apple retail stores in 2001.

Personal computers that run on chips from Intel Corp. usually have an "Intel Inside" sticker on the hardware. Although Apple announced the switch to Intel chips in 2005, the only logo on a Macintosh computer is a piece of fruit.

A previous partnership with Cingular didn't go smoothly. In 2005, Apple partnered with Cingular and Motorola Inc. on an iTunes-enabled

phone, ROKR. But the product flopped because it only held 100 songs and required users to buy songs through a computer and download the songs to the phone — deficiencies the iPhone should remedy.

"The cultures are definitely different, and marketing with another company is new territory for Apple," said Garth Saloner, Stanford University strategic management professor. "The hope is that Apple has become a powerful enough consumer electronics brand, and the distinctiveness of the iPhone, even if cobranded or carried in a Cingular store, will be strong enough to carry the day."

Software engineers at both companies collaborated on some of the iPhone's innovative features, and Cingular executives have been quick to laud Apple for the iPhone's elegant style and user interface.

For the first time in Cingular's history, the board agreed two years ago to the collaboration without even seeing a prototype. Few Cingular executives had even seen the iPhone until recent weeks because Apple insisted on secrecy.

And the relationship, executives say, has been amicable so far.

"The core piece of what we both care about is being best in class," said Eddy Cue, Apple's vice president for iTunes. "The people we've met at Cingular have been very smart — just awesome."

Still, observers worry that people on the AT&T side won't be able to "think different," and the relationship may come at an awkward time.

Despite a nasty stock option backdating scandal, Apple is at the top of its product game, thanks to the iconic iPod digital music player

and buzz from the iPhone. Shares of Apple, which changed its name from Apple Computer Inc. to Apple Inc. as it moves beyond computers, rose \$4.43, or 4.8 percent, to close Wednesday at \$97. The stock hit an all-time high of \$97.80 after unveiling its iPhone.

Apple's price-to-earnings ratio, a critical measure of Wall Street's bullishness of a company, is 43.

Cingular, by contrast, is part of a myriad of businesses under AT&T, itself formed in 2005 by SBC Communications' purchase of its former parent company, AT&T Corp. Late last month, the Federal Communications Commission approved AT&T's \$86 billion acquisition of BellSouth, which consolidated ownership of Cingular Wireless. (The wireless service name is expected to be changed to AT&T.)

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# Team, not the player is most valuable

By halftime, my parents, my wife and I all had written off Graham Harrell and were talking about who would be the new Texas Tech quarterback next season.

**Travis Cram**



Who would have thought? That was my first reaction, not just to the Tech comeback but also to Florida's victory in the national championship and what has happened in the NFL playoffs so far.

Suddenly there is a sense of teamwork again in sports that younger fans will be able to see and learn from and other fans can appreciate.

If there is one thing fans can learn from the NFL postseason and college bowl games, it is that teamwork is more valuable than the most valuable player.

We will not have to sit around for the next month and see if Terrell Owens will poison the Cowboys during their playoff run — Tony Romo took care of that possibility. But as Cowboys fans came to learn this season, it will take a little longer for the young quarterback to develop, but it is obvious he will be the component that helps make the Cowboys a Super Bowl-caliber team once again.

Although fans had to deal with the

demise of the 'Boys in the playoffs, those cheering for the Red Raiders found themselves with quite a treat. The 31-point comeback win against Minnesota in the Insight Bowl was something nobody saw coming, except for the players in white on the sideline and a coach who would not doubt his players in this game. For 20 minutes in the second half, the Raiders dominated any attempt the Gophers made at grasping the game once more. The only thing that may have been bigger than Harrell's second-half performance, in which the sophomore quarterback put together scoring drives of 76, 61, 63, 56, 53 and the final 25, was the halftime adjustment of the Raider defense.

After allowing 330 yards of offense in the first half, including 141 on the ground to Gopher running back Amir Pinnix, defensive coordinator Lyle Setenich had his troops straightened out to withhold any type of Minnesota production. Pinnix rushed the ball 20 more times in

the second half but only scrounged up 25 more yards — including overtime.

It was something different from what most Raider fans had seen this season. Too many times Tech jumped ahead of teams like Texas and OU, only to fall apart in the closing minutes and have an offense disappear in the second half. And despite what most may think of Harrell from his inaugural season, you can only compare him to one other Tech quarterback from recent memory to see just how good a kid can be in his first full season as a young starter under Leach.

Then-sophomore Kliff Kingsbury racked up more than 3,400 yards with 21 touchdowns and 17 interceptions in his first season under Leach, while Harrell has gathered more than 4,500 yards by air this season to go with his 38 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. So if there are any conclusions fans can draw from this comparison, is one of them Harrell breaking Kingsbury's marks and others?

As for the rest of the bowl games,

there were some great match ups for every bad one. Michigan showed us why voters put it at No. 3 and why USC should be the favorite heading into next season. Both Rose Bowl teams have a significant number of players returning — particularly Michigan, where seniors Chad Henne and Mike Hart opted to stay for their final season instead of going pro. That's something a lot of teams could take some examples from. It is this type of camaraderie that we were blessed to see on the field in Glendale, Ariz. — not once, but twice. Boise State showed us that David can still beat Goliath — and trick him as well. Who would have ever thought a coach could have enough imagination to dig up the Hook-and-Ladder as well as the Statue-of-Liberty play?

The Florida Gators proved why voters could sleep well after sending the team to the BCS title game, chomping through a tough Ohio State defense while only allowing 14 points to Heis-

man-winner Troy Smith. Again, it was teammanship that mattered most; yes, I know that is not really a word, and not the most valuable player. Ian Johnson of Boise State and Chris Leak of Florida were left out of the Heisman finalists sent to New York, which again showed us it is only an award for the best player on the highest ranked team at the time and not really the best player in the country — especially since Smith will probably fall far in the draft while Brady Quinn should take first honors.

And while Vince Young benefited from his final performance prior to going to the NFL Draft, Smith will have to produce a solid workout after his four of 14 performance in the title game.

Then again, who would have thought?

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## Tech baseball gearing up for 2007 season

By **WES SKIPWITH**  
STAFF WRITER

Oil up the gloves, get out the fungo bats and restock the sunflower seeds because the Texas Tech baseball season is officially under way.

The Tech baseball team began its preseason practices Sunday at Dan Law Field. Expectations are high for both players and coaches as the team prepares for the 2007 season.

"This is a fun time of year for anyone that loves the game," Tech coach Larry

Hayes said. "It is always exciting to get your team together and begin preparing for the new season."

After coming off a 31-26-1 record and losing 11 players to graduation and the Major League Draft last season, Hayes said he is especially excited about

this year's returning squad. "I really like some of the guys we have coming back," Hayes said. "We have more quality guys returning this year compared to recent years and I like our new guys too."

Tech has two returning All-Americans in junior catcher Matt Smith and sophomore outfielder Roger Kieschnick. It also fields four returning players named to All-Big 12 teams including Smith, Kieschnick, sophomore infielder Willie Rueda and sophomore pitcher Miles Morgan. Kieschnick was named Big 12 Freshman of the Year and Morgan was named Big 12 Freshman Pitcher of the Year.

Tech's current 38-man roster is comprised of five seniors and 22 underclassmen. Morgan said he sees the team's youth as more of a positive than a negative.

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# 'Person of interest' in Williams slaying frustrated

DENVER (AP) — A man held for questioning in the fatal drive-by shooting of Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams has grown frustrated by his arrest, his attorney said Wednesday.

Willie Clark, 23, was arrested Friday and was being held for an alleged parole violation unrelated to Williams' slaying.

Clark's attorney, Michael Andre, declined to say whether Clark has been questioned by police.

"We are not discussing anything related to his potential cooperation as we do not want to create a perception that could endanger his life or his presumption of innocence," Andre said.

Police, who said Clark's name

came up in the investigation, have not called Clark a suspect but said they hoped he could provide information that could help solve the case.

Andre has said previously that Clark has no information about the shooting.

In a statement, the Broncos said members of the organization are offering a \$100,000 reward through Denver Crime Stoppers for information that leads to the arrest and filing of charges against a suspect or suspects in the shooting, which also wounded two other people. The team's reward is in addition to Crime Stoppers' standard \$2,000 reward.

Police spokesman Sonny Jackson

said Wednesday there had been no further arrests in the case.

Williams was shot early New Year's Day as he was riding away from a New Year's Eve party at a nightclub in a stretch Hummer. Police haven't said whether they know the motive for the slaying but have said there was an altercation at the club.

Andre has said Clark grew up in the same neighborhood as 28-year-old Brian Hicks, the registered owner of a 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe that matches witnesses' description of a vehicle used in the shooting.

Hicks was in jail on drug charges when Williams was shot. Hicks is also accused of shooting at a woman who was later killed a week before

she was to testify against him.

Clark, on parole for an auto-theft conviction, is accused of living in a different house than the one listed in his parole agreement. Andre denied the allegation but said it could take months to clear up.

After Clark was arrested Friday, police discovered an arrest warrant accusing him of driving with revoked license, Andre said. But Clark's attorney said the suspect in that case was actually Stephen Howard, a cousin who once used Clark's name.

Howard, 24, appeared in Denver County Court on Wednesday and was ordered held until a judge could schedule a hearing to positively identify both men.

# Mavs torch Trail Blazers

DALLAS (AP) — Although both Portland and Dallas were playing for the second straight night, the Mavericks had a lot more energy than the Trail Blazers.

Jason Terry scored 20 points and Josh Howard added 17 to lead Dallas to a 99-74 victory over the Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

"You're fatigued, you're tired, but that's life in the NBA," Terry said. "We don't like excuses around here."

Devin Harris had 14 points, Austin Croshere scored 13 and Erick Dampier added 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who have won 15 of their last 16.

Dallas was a 108-105 winner in

Utah on Tuesday night and improved to 9-0 in the second game of back-to-back situations. Portland lost at San Antonio 98-84 on Tuesday night and fell to 4-6 in the second game of back-to-backs.

"It was like an AAU game where you play, get some food and get some sleep, and then get back out there and play again," Howard said.

The Mavericks extended their winning streak against the Blazers to 12 games, matching the longest in the series.

"This is a game where we should come out and take care of business and win," Dallas' Jerry Stackhouse said. "We don't look at this as a game we should lose since we're a veteran team and they're so young."

# Durant scores 34, No. 25 Longhorns take down Mizzou by 20 points

AUSTIN (AP) — Kevin Durant and the young Texas Longhorns are making Big 12 play look easy. They have to know tougher games are sure to come.

Durant scored 34 points and No. 25 Texas won another Big 12 blowout Wednesday night, an 88-68 victory over Missouri that left yet another opponent befuddled on

how to stop the long and lean freshman forward who seems to score at will.

Durant had already tied Texas and

Big 12 freshman scoring records with 37 points a few days earlier against Colorado.

"Send him to the league. He needs to go to the league, man," said first-year Missouri coach Mike Anderson, who dropped to 0-2 in the Big 12.

Most expect Durant to jump to the NBA after one season. For now, he's a defender's nightmare in a conference that might have hoped for a Texas drop-off after the Longhorns lost all five starters from last season's

co-championship team.

Durant leads the league in scoring and rebounding and like everyone else, the Tigers had no way of keeping him from scoring from just about anywhere on the court. He hit 10 of 14 shots, two 3-pointers and was 12-of-13 on free throws. He also grabbed 13 rebounds.

But the kid seems to know that two easy wins don't set up Texas to win a championship.

"Games are going to get harder and harder," Durant said. "We've got

a long way to go. It's not about me, it's about everybody."

Texas (12-3, 2-0) ran its winning streak over Missouri to nine. The Tigers (11-4) haven't beaten the Longhorns since 1999, when Norm Stewart coached his last regular-season game at Missouri, which also happened to be his final career victory.

A.J. Abrams added 16 points for the Longhorns, who hit 12 3-pointers.

Marshall Brown led Missouri with 24 points, 22 in the second half.

Texas starts four freshmen and Missouri came out with a burst that made it look as if the Tigers could be more physical.

If Texas lacks anything, it's muscle in the post, and Leo Lyons scored Missouri's first eight points — most of them from right under the basket.

But it didn't take long for Texas to find the right defense to shut him down and for Durant to start heating up. Lyons never scored again, and Durant had 15 points in the first half.

Missouri's tough halfcourt pressure

forced Texas into 11 turnovers in the half but couldn't stop the Longhorns from finding wide-open shots on the perimeter. Texas hit eight 3-pointers to take a 44-26 lead into halftime.

"We moved the ball and we didn't try to dribble through traps. We got to our spots and knew where each other were," said Texas point guard D.J. Augustin, who had 13 points and six assists.

Durant hit a 3-pointer early in the second and the Longhorns built the lead as high as 65-38.

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# SPORTS

## A&M rallies late to sink Lady Raiders

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Not only is Morenike Atunrase a mouthful when it comes to pronouncing her name, but she is also a handful on the court.

At least that may be what Texas Tech thinks after the Texas A&M junior hit the deciding shot from the paint with 1:05 left in regulation to help the Aggies edge out the Lady Raiders 49-47 Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

"That is only the first big-time move she's made in the time she's come back," A&M coach Gary Blair said, "where she planted it, and it hurt, and she did that step through move."

Morenike dribbled into the paint against Tech senior Chesley Dabbs, stopped, pump faked and then ducked under Dabbs and hit the shot off the glass.

Blair made it clear that her shot was not a stroke of luck.

"Folks, she always uses the glass on that shot so don't think that was a luck shot," he said. "That's her shot."

But the biggest shot of the night for 19th-ranked Aggies might have come from junior guard A'Quonesia Franklin who tied the game at 47-47 with a three-pointer just under the two-minute mark.

Blair said Franklin, who

finished with seven points, shows no fear when taking a difference-making shot, even when smothered by a suffocating zone defense like the Lady Raiders applied.

"We were dying out there against that zone," Blair said. "She's not afraid. That's the most important thing about a point guard is when you step up and make the shot, the shot that you have to have at the end of the ball game or when the shot clock is going down. This kid has got ice water in her veins. I stay on her hard because a relationship with the point guard and a coach; it's pretty special. Ask coach (Bob) Knight that one."

A&M's (11-3, 1-1) win was the first in Lubbock since 1980 and snapped a 19-game losing streak to the Lady Raiders.

Tech's (10-7, 1-2) main stigma throughout the season has been turnovers, but in the loss to the Aggies it was free throws, shooting just 9-of-22 from the line.

Dabbs made it clear that her team's percentage from the line was purely unacceptable.

"In the game I didn't even know we had missed that many, but when you look at it, that's not even 50 percent and that's horrible," Dabbs, who finished with 11 points, said.

Tech's lasting hope came on the final shot as senior

Brooke Baughman inbounded the ball to freshman Jordan Murphree with :00.5 seconds left to play. Murphree caught the ball just inside the half-court line, heaved it toward the goal, but the shot clanged off the front of the rim and out of bounds.

That play was not something Tech coach Kristy Curry drew up, but it was just one of many indecisions she said her team made down the closing stretch of the game.

"We, also there the last couple of seconds with .5, wanted to throw it up for Pat (Patrice Edwards) and get a chance around the rim to see if we could get fouled. Again, it's about decision making and mental toughness. All you can do as a coach is draw it up and they have to make plays. Players make plays at the free throw line; we got there tonight, we just didn't make them."

A&M coach Blair said the deciding factor was the play in the paint on both sides of the floor.

"I thought we won the game inside," Blair said. "I thought the difference was our defense inside — was the difference in the ball game."

Another Top 25 opponent awaits the Lady Raiders as they travel to face No. 8 Oklahoma 2 p.m. Sunday in Norman.

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TEXAS TECH COACH Kristy Curry looks on as the Lady Raiders fell to No. 19 Texas A&M 49-47 Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

## Oklahoma makes 10-point comeback behind 32 points from Paris

WACO (AP) — With Courtney Paris dominating inside and seniors Leah Rush and Chelsi Welch playing with a sense of urgency, Oklahoma doesn't have much to worry about.

Not even when trailing by 10 points after halftime.

Paris, the standout sophomore center, scored 21 of her 32 points in the second half, and the eighth-

ranked Sooners extended their record Big 12 Conference winning streak to 22 straight games with a 76-63 victory over No. 9 Baylor on Wednesday night.

"Our comeback was outstanding," coach Sherri Coale said. "Our poise and experience really paid off in the second half. We had a lot of senior leadership on the floor that made big plays. Possession by possession, we got ourselves back in the game."

While the 6-foot-4 Paris took control under the basket — at both ends of the court — Rush and Welch provided the steady influence of last-year players desperate for a chance to win the school's first national title.

The Sooners (13-1, 3-0) last year were the first team to go undefeated in the 11-year-old Big 12, but they lost to Stanford in the NCAA round of 16.

They were the unanimous pre-season pick to win their fifth Big 12 title this season. They are off to a great start after an impressive

rally against Baylor (15-2, 2-1), the league's only other top 10 team, which had won 12 straight games.

"The difference between the first half and second half, there was a whole different mind-set," said Rush, who had 11 of her 13 points after the break.

Oklahoma was down 39-29 after consecutive baskets by Jhasmin Player sandwiched two missed free throws by Paris in the opening minute of the second half. After that, Baylor couldn't do anything to stop her.

Paris then had a layup, the first of her 17 points in a 29-17 stretch over 10 1/2 minutes that put Oklahoma ahead to stay. The final go-ahead basket came with 7:44 left when Paris, after having the ball knocked out of her hands, recovered it under

the basket and made a layup to make it 58-56.

Paris also had 16 rebounds, her 42nd straight double-double. She averaged 26 points and 19 rebounds in three victories over Baylor last season.

"Courtney is going to get her double-double. You have to understand that," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "It's what the other ones do that you can't allow if you're going to have any chance to beat them."

Welch and Rush both had 13 points, and Rush also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Welch and Erin Higgins, another senior, got the Sooners within one before consecutive baskets by Paris and then Welch's inbound pass to Rush for a layup.

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### Baseball

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Morgan said. "Our team can only get better."

Smith said since the team is so cohesive, clubhouse leadership is not a problem, but it still is important that the upperclassmen, like himself, make their voices heard.

"The age thing is not a big concern because the team is so tight," Smith said, "but being more vocal is a goal of mine because that is not usually my nature."

Hayes said the age factor does not

worry him because the team's ability offsets its lack of experience.

"If they're good enough, it will not make a difference how old they are," Hayes said.

The Tech team uses spring practice to get back in the swing of playing baseball again. Rueda said the teammates will spend the bulk of their time preparing mentally and physically for the upcoming season.

"It is important to practice fundamental techniques, but we also need to get mentally stronger in order to reduce mistakes," Rueda said.

Kieschnick said the team uses spring

practice to improve on every aspect of the game. He also said he is confident about this season because of the talent on Tech's roster.

"We know we are going to have a good team so it's exciting to get together for Spring practice," Kieschnick said. "As long as we work on being more consistent, we will win a lot of games."

Spring two-a-day practices end today. Tech will resume regular in-season practices on Thursday. The Red Raiders will open the season with a three-game series against Stephen F. Austin Feb. 2 at Dan Law Field.

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