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**STATE**

**BP, government say plea deal was 'harshes option'**

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors took the harshest option available in brokering a \$50 million fine proposed as criminal punishment for BP PLC's deadly 2005 Texas City refinery explosion, the company and the government said in court filings Tuesday.

The filings were in response to some accident victims and their families who have objected to the plea agreement and claim the government was too generous for a company that earned \$22 billion in 2006 and an accident that killed 15 workers and injured more than 170 others.

**NATION**

**Emergency Fed rate cut stabilizes stocks**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jolted by global recession fears, the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates Tuesday, and President Bush and leaders of Congress joined in a rare show of cooperation in promising urgent action to pump up the economy with upwards of \$150 billion in tax cuts and government spending.

**WORLD**

**U.N. agrees on draft of Iran sanction**

BERLIN (AP) — The U.N. Security Council's permanent members and Germany agreed Tuesday on the contents of a new draft resolution on sanctions against Iran after talks on its nuclear program, the German foreign minister said.

A European diplomat and a U.S. official, both speaking of condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said the draft resolution would moderately expand existing sanctions, but would not feature new economic sanctions.

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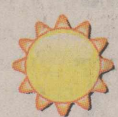
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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Suicide bomber attacks Iraqi school

21 bystanders wounded, 1 killed by suicide bomber pushing cart packed with explosives

By **CHRISTOPHER CHESTER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber pushing an electric heater atop a cart packed with hidden explosives attacked a high school north of Baghdad on Tuesday, leaving students and teachers bloodied and bewildered as insurgents appeared to be expanding their list of targets.

The bombing — one of two attacks near Iraqi schools on

the same day — follows a wave of recent blasts blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq against funerals and social gatherings.

The trend points to the possibility that al-Qaida has shifted tactics to focus increasingly on so-called soft targets and undermine public confidence that things are looking better in the country. The backlash also coincides with a U.S.-led offensive trying to uproot insurgents from strongholds around Baghdad.

In the suicide attack, the bomber

posed as a shopper or merchant transporting an electric heater on a chilly winter day — an apparent attempt to deflect attention from the explosive-rigged cart.

The blast struck the front of a two-story schoolhouse in Baqouba about 8:30 a.m., half an hour after classes began. Panicked parents rushed to find out if their children were alive or dead.

A 25-year-old male bystander was killed and 21 people were wounded — 12 students, eight teachers and

one policeman, according to a doctor at Baqouba General Hospital who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was afraid of being targeted by militants.

"I can't think of any reason to target students," said 15-year-old Mohammed Abbas, his wounded head in a bandage as his father stood near his hospital bed in Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. "We did not expect that explosions would reach our school."

In the other attack, a roadside

bomb exploded next to a girl's high school in Baghdad's western district of Amiriyah, wounding a 7-year-old boy who was passing by. But police said the target was an American patrol, not the school.

Insurgents appear to be looking for ways to bypass the heavy security cordons and patrols that cover any major event or site.

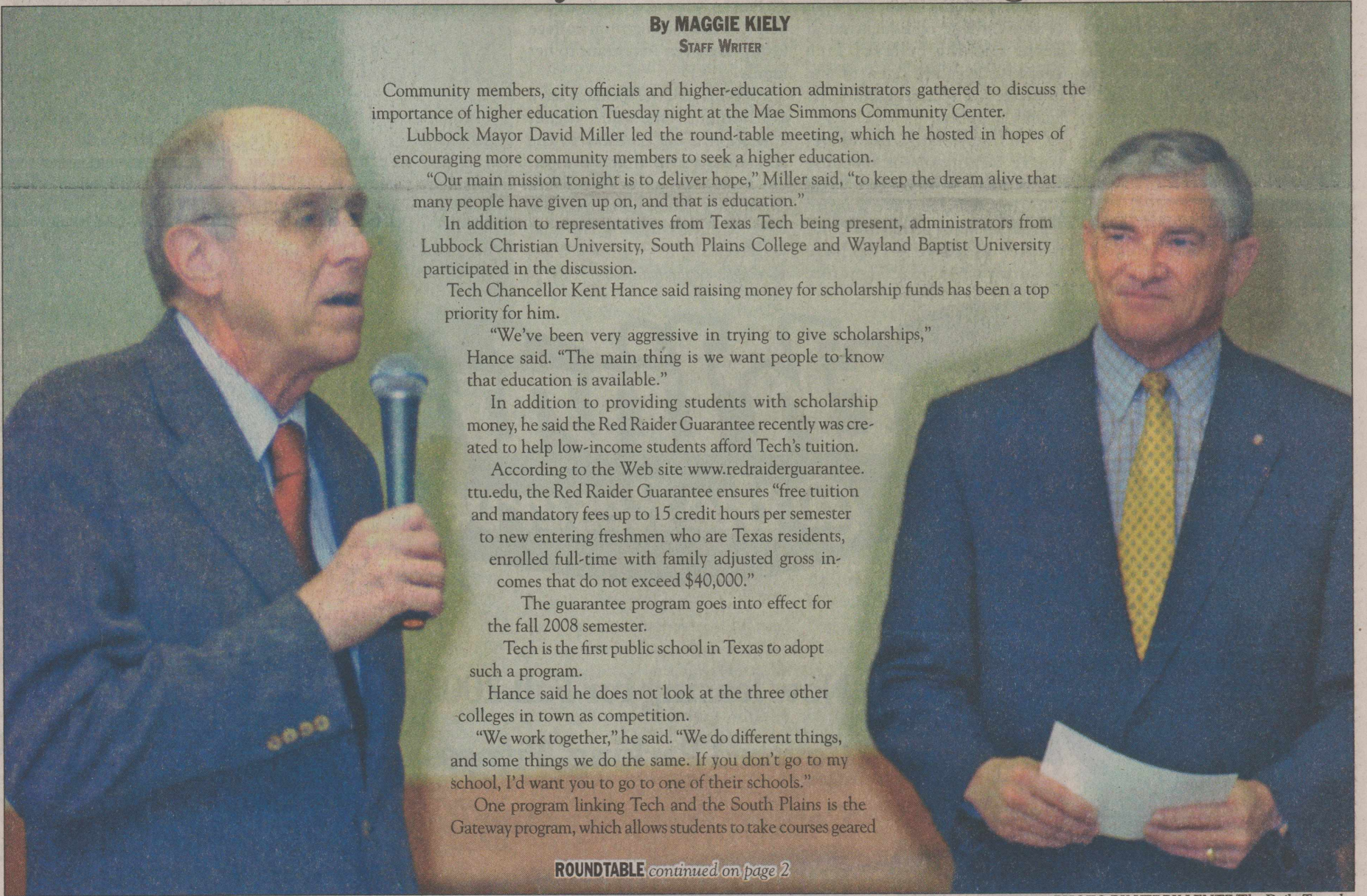
During last week's observances of Ashoura, the most important holiday

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## STRESSING COLLEGE

Chancellor Hance, Mayor Miller discuss higher education

By **MAGGIE KIELY**  
STAFF WRITER



Community members, city officials and higher-education administrators gathered to discuss the importance of higher education Tuesday night at the Mae Simmons Community Center.

Lubbock Mayor David Miller led the round-table meeting, which he hosted in hopes of encouraging more community members to seek a higher education.

"Our main mission tonight is to deliver hope," Miller said, "to keep the dream alive that many people have given up on, and that is education."

In addition to representatives from Texas Tech being present, administrators from Lubbock Christian University, South Plains College and Wayland Baptist University participated in the discussion.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said raising money for scholarship funds has been a top priority for him.

"We've been very aggressive in trying to give scholarships," Hance said. "The main thing is we want people to know that education is available."

In addition to providing students with scholarship money, he said the Red Raider Guarantee recently was created to help low-income students afford Tech's tuition.

According to the Web site [www.redraiderguarantee.ttu.edu](http://www.redraiderguarantee.ttu.edu), the Red Raider Guarantee ensures "free tuition and mandatory fees up to 15 credit hours per semester to new entering freshmen who are Texas residents, enrolled full-time with family adjusted gross incomes that do not exceed \$40,000."

The guarantee program goes into effect for the fall 2008 semester.

Tech is the first public school in Texas to adopt such a program.

Hance said he does not look at the three other colleges in town as competition.

"We work together," he said. "We do different things, and some things we do the same. If you don't go to my school, I'd want you to go to one of their schools."

One program linking Tech and the South Plains is the Gateway program, which allows students to take courses geared

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PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador

AT THE CITIZEN roundtable meeting Tuesday night in the Mae Simmons Center, Tech Chancellor Kent Hance spoke about the importance of higher education while Lubbock city Mayor David Miller listened.

## Rice defends U.S. aid to Pakistan but demands democratic progress

By **MATTHEW LEE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday the Bush administration will fight efforts to curb billions of dollars in U.S. aid to Pakistan while warning President Pervez Musharraf he must support and promote democracy.

Ahead of talks with Musharraf in Switzerland on Wednesday — the highest-level, face-to-face U.S. contact with the Pakistani leader since last month's assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto — Rice said it is critical that February legislative elections be free and fair.

"The situation in Pakistan is very complicated, but our strong view is that we have to have a long-term, consistent, predictable relationship with Pakistan, not with any one person, but with the institutions of Pakistan," she said.

"We are all working very hard with the Pakistanis to try to ensure that the elections will be an opportunity for Pakistan to get back on the democratic path and an opportunity for Pakistanis to come together," Rice said.

"That's very much on everybody's mind," she told reporters on her plane as she flew to Germany for a meeting of the foreign ministers of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council on new sanctions on Iran.

"But I think the assistance is aimed at very important goals

and that isn't going to change," Rice said.

Those goals include training and equipping Pakistan's security forces to fight insurgents, encouraging the country's

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— **CONDOLEEZZA RICE**  
U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE

"moderate center" to play a more active role in politics, and promoting development, she said.

Rice's comments came on the same day that Islamic

militants in Pakistan attacked a fort near the Afghan border, sparking fighting with government forces that left at least five troops and 37 fighters dead, the Pakistani army said.

The attack occurred in South Waziristan, a lawless tribal region where al-Qaida- and Taliban-linked militants operate.

Musharraf played down the impact of recent attacks in the region, saying Tuesday they were "pinpricks" that his government must manage.

Also Tuesday, Adm. William Fallon — the head of the U.S. Central Command and top commander of American forces in the Middle East — was in Pakistan for talks with army chief Ashfaq Kayani. The Pakistan army said the two men discussed the "security situation" in the region, but gave no more details.

Many are looking to Pakistan's Feb. 18 parliamentary elections to determine if Musharraf is serious about democracy following several steps last year, including the imposition of emergency rule, that have placed his commitment into question.

Although that decree was rescinded and he has stepped down as army chief, Musharraf is facing widespread discontent at home and his credentials abroad as an ally in the war on terror have been sullied by a rise in activity by insurgents,

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## 14 companies to participate in College of Business mock interviews

By JON VANDERLAAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Career Management Center in the Rawls College of Business will host a two-day mock interview session starting today in the Business Administration building.

Students from the college have signed up to interview with one of 14 companies on Wednesday or Thursday, according to a College of Business press release.

Brandy Dalton, assistant director of the center, said students in the college signed up for 30-minute interview sessions with a company and 15-minute critiques after the interview where the companies will give the students constructive criticism on how to improve their interviewing skills for future interviews.

"My hope is for students to be able to interact at a professional level early on," Dalton said.

Kari Dean, recruiting supervisor at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, said she believes the interviews are a good way for students to practice for a job interview since many of them do not have experience with formal

interviews.

"I would strongly encourage any student to take advantage of this opportunity and the career center at the business college," Dean said.

While she does not know the exact material she will cover with students who need help, Dean said she believes much of the advice given out will be about resumes and interviewing skills.

Jason Black, assistant comptroller for Pollard Ford, said he plans to help students with skills such as better techniques on their resumes, body and vocal tips and how to improve overall for the next interview to maximize their potential.

Even with the tips the students receive, Black said it is the students' responsibility to put everything together and apply all of the advice given to them to maximize potential when in a job interview.

The interviews will last from about 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Business Administration building, room 169.

Other businesses scheduled to participate in the mock interviews include BDO Seidman, Whitley

Penn, BKD CPA and advisory firm, J.C. Penney Co. Inc., Hedgematrix, Guaranty Bank, KBA Group, Ernst & Young, United Services Automobile Association, KPMG International and Amegy Bank.

The Career Management Center also will host an Employer Panel and Spring Career Marketplace in February.

Dalton said the employer panel is a session where students can network and ask questions of potential employers who will be present at the career marketplace.

The Employer Panel is scheduled from 5:50 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, and the Spring Career Marketplace will be from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, according to the Career Management Center Web site, [www.rawlscmc.ba.ttu.edu](http://www.rawlscmc.ba.ttu.edu).

Though the deadline for students to sign up has passed, the mock interviews occur once each semester and all students in the College of Business will have an opportunity to register in the fall.

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## Former 'dirty bomb' suspect gets 17 years-plus in unrelated case

MIAMI (AP) — Jose Padilla, an American once accused of plotting with al-Qaida to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb," was sentenced Tuesday to a relatively lenient 17-year prison term on unrelated terror support charges.

Prosecutors, who long ago dropped the "dirty bomb" claim that made Padilla infamous, had sought life sentences for Padilla and two co-defendants, but a federal judge said authorities never even proved Padilla was a terrorist.

"There is no evidence that these defendants personally maimed, kidnapped or killed anyone in the United States or elsewhere," U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke said. "There was never a plot to overthrow the United States government."

Cooke took into account the harsh, isolated conditions Padilla faced during the 3½ years he was held in a brig, without charge, as an enemy combatant after his 2002 arrest. Defense lawyers claim he was tortured by the military, but U.S. officials denied that and Cooke never used the word torture.

Padilla, 37, and co-defendants Adham Amin Hassoun, 45, and Kifah Wael Jayyousi, 46, were convicted in August of terrorism conspiracy and material support after a three-month trial. Jurors concluded they were part of a support cell that sent recruits, money and supplies to Islamic extremists worldwide, including al-Qaida.

Padilla was billed as a "star recruit," while Hassoun was the recruiter and Jayyousi served as a financier and propagandist in the cell's early years, according to trial testimony.

Padilla was added to the case in late 2005, just as his legal challenges to continued detention without criminal charge were reaching the U.S. Supreme Court. Padilla was declared an enemy combatant a month after his highly publicized arrest on the purported radioactive "dirty bomb" plot, but those allegations were quietly discarded.

The strongest evidence in the case was a form Padilla completed in 2000 to attend an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan that was recovered by the CIA shortly after the U.S. invasion in late 2001. Prosecutors repeatedly invoked the al-Qaida connection and used a video of an old Osama bin Laden interview in an attempt to link the three to the world's most notorious terrorist.

Ultimately, Cooke said at the sentencing hearing, there was not enough evidence linking Padilla and the other two men to specific acts of terrorism or victims.

Sentencing guidelines had suggested a range of 30 years to life for all three, but Cooke used her discretion to go below even the minimum. Padilla got 17 years and four months; Hassoun, 15 years and eight months; and Jayyousi, 12 years and eight months. Their prison time will probably be even less counting months already served in

pretrial detention and automatic reductions for good behavior, their lawyers said.

Cooke said life sentences should be reserved for the most serious terrorist offenders, such as Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui or Terry Nichols, convicted in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Her decision means Padilla would be released when he is about 50.

"I feel good about everything. This is amazing," said Padilla's mother, Estela Lebron. "He's not a terrorist. ... He's just a human being."

All three men are likely to appeal their convictions and sentences, their lawyers said. But even they were surprised at the leniency shown by Cooke. "It is definitely a defeat for the government," said Hassoun lawyer Jeanne Baker.

The Justice Department issued a short statement praising the efforts of prosecutors and investigators involved in the long-running case, which centered on tens of thousands of FBI wiretap intercepts collected over eight years.

"Thanks to their efforts, the defendants' North American support cell has been dismantled and can no longer send money and jihadist recruits to conflicts overseas," said Kenneth L. Wainstein, assistant attorney general for national security.

“He’s not a terrorist ... He’s just a human being.”

— ESTELA LEBRON  
PADILLA'S MOTHER

## Roundtable

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geared toward their major at the community college and transfer smoothly to Tech.

Hance said he believes state government officials have a responsibility to higher-education institutions.

"The best investment, in my opinion, that the state government can make is in education," he said. "If you give someone free education, they're going to be an exceptional citizen."

Miller said he believes Hance's goal of increasing student enrollment to 40,000 by 2020 will have a positive impact on Lubbock.

He said meeting regularly with the Tech planning department has sparked conversations regarding issues such as traffic, sewage, water and the Tech campus going green. "Since the Tech campus is the biggest consumer of energy in the city, Miller said the idea of

using solar or wind power to provide the campus with electricity recently has been considered.

Floyd Price, councilman for District 2, which is located in eastern Lubbock, said he is excited about Hance's goal but had questions about hiring new faculty.

"I get so many teachers asking about being hired," he said. "Are we looking at also minorities in education teaching at Texas Tech? Some of the teachers are leaving here and are being recruited by other universities."

Sheryl Santos, academic dean of the College of Education at Tech, said she believes Tech administrators are open to and interested in recruiting minority faculty members.

"I'd like to know the names you're talking about, because we recruit heavy," she said, pointing at Price. "We want to recruit as many from the community we serve — we have to mirror what the community

is, and we are a multi-cultural community."

Jackie Porch, a resident of District 2, said she believes the meeting will inspire members of the community to attend college.

"I think, as a result of this meeting tonight, there will be more people out of District 2 that will take advantage of the opportunities to go," she said. "I also think this meeting has motivated a lot of folks and reminded them that it will be a lot of hard work and struggle along the way."

Porch, who is a Tech graduate, said graduating from college always has been important to her family.

"It's just like the speakers have said tonight," she said, "higher education is our pathway to the economic status that we want; the higher we go in education, the higher the opportunities we have to fulfill those goals that we have."

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## McNeill hired as full-time defensive coordinator

Ruffin McNeill's title is now permanent.

Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach announced late Tuesday night that McNeill's interim title has been removed; he is the full-time defensive coordinator.

McNeill replaced Lyle Setenich Sept. 23 after the game against Oklahoma State in which the Red Raider defense allowed more than 600 yards of offense in the 49-45 loss to the Cowboys.

Tech went 6-3 since McNeill took over, including a 31-28 come from behind victory over Virginia in the Gator Bowl Jan. 1.

Fans chanted "Ruff-in, Ruff-in," after the Texas A&M game in which the Aggies scored on their first possession and did not score

for the remainder of the game. Tech won the game 35-7.

Against No. 3 Oklahoma, his defense held the Sooners to 13 points through the first three quarters en route to a 34-27 victory.

In the nine games under McNeill, Tech's defense allowed an average of 347.6 yards per game and 24.9 points per game. Tech averaged 537 yards per game and 41.8 points per game in the 2007 season.

McNeill has served as defensive coordinator at Appalachian State and UNLV from 1993-96 and 1997-98, respectively. Before coming to Tech in 2000, he served as defensive line coach at Fresno State.

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# Tech students prepare to study abroad in Mexico

By LILIANA GONZALEZ  
STAFF WRITER

The Teotihuacan Pyramids, the National Museum of Anthropology and the site where Father Miguel Hidalgo declared Mexican independence from Spain are some of the places Texas Tech students will visit as part of the university's 42nd annual Mexico field course to San Luis Potosi in May.

Stephen Corbett, assistant professor of Spanish, will travel with the students to Mexico for the 12th consecutive year as part of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures' Mexico field course.

Corbett said as a student, he lived in Spain and visited many Latin American countries including El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico.

"Many Americans go to these countries as tourists, so they don't

live in these places for weeks and learn the culture or the language. You learn from experience," he said. "I'm very convinced study abroad is very important to students."

Each year, the department promotes the program in the fall. After a positive response from students last semester, Corbett said, 35 Tech students will travel to Mexico for the course this summer.

Though the department already has the maximum number of students registered for the field course, it is promoting the program for 2009.

"It is not difficult to promote the program because students come satisfied and tell their friends," Corbett said.

The department offers two meetings in the fall, he said, and invites students who previously have gone to San Luis Potosi with the program to talk about it and

to answer questions, including the safety of traveling to Mexico.

"The places we go to are safe," he said. "We discourage students to go by themselves ever in Mexico City."

Corbett said the group will stay in a safe part of San Luis Potosi near clubs, sporting events, movies and other festivities.

The students will live with middle- or upper-class families Tech has approved in the city, where most of the course will be taught.

"They stay with nice Mexican families, and the families welcome them with open arms," Corbett said. "They get to learn about

middle-class life with Mexican families."

While students will learn about culture and make references to what they learn in class, Corbett said not all of the students' time will be spent studying.

"Afternoons and evenings are for exploring, like going to discotheques," he said. "They have a lot of freedom on how they spend their time."

Corbett said students get three hours of credit for Mexican culture and civilization and three hours for a language conversation course.

After leaving San Luis Potosi, he said, the participants will stay at hotels and continue the field

course with a three-day excursion to visit colonial sites such as Guanajuato, which is where the Mexican War of Independence began and where Father Hidalgo shouted against the Spaniards.

Corbett said six days will be spent visiting the ruins of the Teotihuacan Pyramids, where the Pyramid of the Sun is; the location of some Aztec ruins; and Mexico City, to visit the downtown area where the cathedral, presidential palace, Museum of Anthropology and other places of historical interest.

The last two days will be at Puerto Vallarta, where students will stay in a motel on the beach.

Esgar Martinez, a senior history major from Fort Stockton, plans to participate in the field course and said he is excited to go.

"The thing is I am a history major," Martinez said, "so I'm really excited to go see the Aztec ruins."

He said he is looking forward to experience Mexican culture and would like to get a better understanding of it.

"I hear nothing but good stuff about the program from the people who have gone," he said. "Some say they wish they could have stayed the whole two months."

Erica Andrews, a graduate student of forensic science from The Woodlands, participated in the program last summer.

She said she believes study abroad is a good program for students to participate in.

"In taking foreign language, study abroad is definitely one of the most important things, because there is only so much you can learn in a classroom," Andrews said, "and because it helps you become familiar and comfortable when speaking the language."

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*"We discourage students to go by themselves ever in Mexico City."*  
—STEPHEN CORBETT  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SPANISH

## ATTENTION PAID TO DETAIL



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

NATHAN MENENDEZ, FRONT, a senior jewelry and metalsmithing major from Lubbock, and Nate Hansen, back, a senior sculpture major from Houston, take a quantitative fit test to determine the size of respirator best suited for them Tuesday afternoon in the Art Building.

## Bomber

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in the Shiite calendar, there were no attacks on the main procession in the holy city of Karbala, where hundreds of thousands marched. Instead, militants struck with suicide bombings and rocket fire on small gatherings of worshippers north of Baghdad, killing dozens.

In an attack at a tribal gathering near Fallujah on Sunday, the bomber was a 15-year-old boy carrying a box of candy. Women, too, are being used more in suicide bombing — four times in the past three months.

With the help of Iraqi troops and Awakening Councils — mostly Sunni tribal groups that have turned against al-Qaida in Iraq — the U.S. military says it has gained command of many key areas across central Iraq.

But it is far more difficult to prevent isolated suicide strikes against less-protected targets.

"There were no police or army inside my school," said Ahmed Alwan, the headmaster of the high school targeted in Baqouba. "I think that the goal of this attack was to destroy any sign of education and culture in this country."

Alwan said he was in his office when the attacker blew himself up at

the outside gate, leaving a crater in the street.

"After the tremendous explosion, there was total darkness in my room," he recalled. "The false ceiling and the books on the shelves fell on me, and an object hit my head. I crawled outside the room, and people put me in the ambulance."

Abbas, the 15-year-old student, said he was walking outside his classroom after a test when he heard a big boom. "Immediately I fell down, and the next thing I was aware of was a doctor treating me in the hospital," he said.

The force of the blast shattered windows in the school, sending shards of glass across classrooms into exposed skin.

"What is our guilt that caused the terrorists to target us?" a teacher asked, crying as blood covered her face ripped

by sharp bits of glass.

"I blame the government, which is unable to protect schools," said the teacher, who would identify herself only as Um Ibrahim. She said she could not find her son who attends the school.

The school bombing was not the only attack Tuesday in Diyala province, which has defied the nationwide trend toward lower violence over the past six months.

Three miles south of Baqouba, gunmen broke into a house and killed six men in a family for cooperating with the Iraqi army, an army official said. The men had given information on al-Qaida movements to local Awakening Council members, the official said.

The attack took place in al-Abara village, an al-Qaida stronghold until Awakening Council members chased out the militants a few months ago.

## Musharraf says more important for Pakistani troops to fight Taliban, not hunt bin Laden

PARIS (AP) — Pervez Musharraf says he still gets the question a lot: When will Osama bin Laden and his top deputy be caught? The Pakistani president insists it's more important for his 100,000 troops on the Afghan border to root out the Taliban than search for al-Qaida leaders.

That bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri are still at large "doesn't mean much," the former general said Tuesday on the second day of a swing through Europe. He suggested they are far less a threat to his regime than Taliban-linked militants entrenched in Pakistan's west.

Bin Laden and al-Zawahri are believed to be hiding somewhere in the lawless tribal areas along Afghanistan's frontier with Pakistan.

"The 100,000 troops that we are using ... are not going around trying to locate Osama bin Laden and Zawahri, frankly," Musharraf told a conference at the French Institute for International Relations. "They are operating against terrorists, and in the process, if we get them, we will deal with them certainly."

A U.S. ally in its war on extremist groups, Musharraf has come under increasing pressure following the assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto last month and for his brief declaration of emergency rule in early November.

Musharraf, who as commander of Pakistan's military seized power in a bloodless coup in 1999, said the remnants of Afghanistan's former Taliban regime and its Pakistani sympathizers are the "more serious

issue" for both countries.

But he said there was "zero percent chance" that al-Qaida, the Taliban and their Pakistani allies could defeat his 500,000-strong army or that Islamic militants could win control of the government in Feb. 18 parliamentary elections.

As part of the "multi-pronged strategy" against terrorists, Pakistan has erected fences "selectively" and set up 1,000 checkpoints along the Afghan border in an effort to stop militants from using the areas to launch attacks inside the neighboring nation, he said.

Musharraf credited cooperation between Pakistani intelligence services and the CIA, both of whom believe that Pakistani militant leader Baitullah Mehsud was the mastermind of the Dec. 27 gun and suicide bomb attack that killed Bhutto.

But in Washington, the State Department's counterterrorism chief, Dell Dailey, said the Bush administration was displeased with "gaps in intelligence" received from Pakistan about the activities of extremist groups in the tribal regions.

"We don't have enough information about what's going on there. Not on al-Qaida. Not on foreign fighters. Not on the Taliban," he said.

Dailey, a retired Army lieutenant general with extensive background in special operations, said Pakistan needs to fix the problem. He said the U.S. wasn't likely to conduct military strikes inside Pakistan on its own, saying that would anger many Pakistanis.

Musharraf played down the impact of recent attacks by extremists in the border region of South Waziristan, calling them

"pinpricks" that his government must manage — not a sign of a resurgent Taliban.

Attacks on forts in that district over the last month — including a battle Tuesday — have fanned concerns that militants with links to al-Qaida and the Taliban may be gaining control in the region.

Pakistan's army said fighting at the fort and another clash killed at least seven paramilitary border guards and 37 militants Tuesday.

The border region emerged as a front line in the war on extremist groups after Musharraf allied Pakistan with the U.S. following the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Washington has given Pakistan billions of dollars in aid to help government forces battle militants.

Rising violence in the border region and a series of suicide attacks across Pakistan that killed hundreds in recent months have added to uncertainty before next month's elections, which many people predict will further weaken Musharraf's grip on power.

Despite turmoil at home, Musharraf defended his visit to four European countries, saying he wasn't concerned about the stability of his regime while he was away.

"I can assure you that nothing will happen in Pakistan," he said. "We are not a banana republic."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who met privately with Musharraf on Tuesday, expressed support for Pakistan's fight with extremists and promised to press for increased European Union aid when France takes over the bloc's rotating presidency in July, Sarkozy's office said.

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## A different way to think about thoughts

For my next several articles or so, I will be conducting a mini-series of sorts in which I will discuss ideas and the ownership thereof.

I will address a different way to view the entire controversy surrounding intellectual property and an alternate opinion on plagiarism, so be sure to read all two or three of them. With that said, let us first address the notion of intellectual property itself.

From what I can see, we all have been taught from our youth that there is basically nothing new under the sun in this day and age.

When a child has an exciting idea, his or her excitement dissipates when someone points out that it's been thought of before and that it either has failed and been scrapped or has succeeded and been expounded upon.

The lesson here seems to urge society to learn and choose from the ideas and beliefs already in circulation, rather than seeking to develop and arrange its own. This message is sent clearly by the methods of instruction used in both public and private schools throughout the Western world.

**Ty McDonald**



Despite this common attitude, or more likely because of it, we all are very possessive of our ideas. The concept of intellectual property is ingrained in the collective psychosis deeper than even the concept of material property.

Plenty of thinkers have asserted that "property is theft" in regards to real estate and other physical capital, but few have dared to make similar statements regarding their own ideas.

Even the most radical thinkers still have proudly claimed their ideas as, first and foremost, belonging to them.

As a result, little distinction is made between thinkers and their thoughts. In my philosophy class, we do not study "arguments supporting the existence of myself and God," but rather we study "the philosophy of Descartes."

In the same way, students of eco-

nomics will study Marxism; students of art will study the paintings of Salvador Dali.

In the worst case scenario, the cult of personality that develops around famous thinkers all but prevents useful consideration of the actual ideas they have.

For example, Hillary Clinton partisans will swear allegiance to her and all the ideas she supports, while on the other end of the spectrum, those who dislike Clinton have a hard time not being prejudiced against her ideas themselves.

There are many other negative effects of idea possession and protection. To start with, the factors that affect the words and deeds of an individual are countless and varied, even when we consider his or her social-cultural climate and the input of other individuals.

To say that any idea in the world today has its sole origins in the being of one individual is grossly to oversimplify the entire process of learning, thinking and understanding.

However, we are accustomed to claiming items and objects for ourselves, as well as being forced to accept similar

claims from others—all in the cutthroat competition that is life in a market economy. Consequently, it seems natural to do the same with ideas.

Another problem that arises from recognizing intellectual property rights is that it results in the deification of the publicly recognized "thinker" and "artist"

*“Even the most radical thinkers still have proudly claimed their ideas as, first and foremost, belonging to them.”*

at the expense of everyone else. The glorification of artists as "eccentric visionaries" who live on the "edge of society" encourages the rest of us to

believe artists are fundamentally different from other human beings.

Negative—anyone can be an artist, and everyone is to some extent. When we are led to believe, though, that being creative and thinking critically are talents that only a few individuals possess, those who feel they lack these qualities will make no effort to develop their abilities.

To refer to last week's article, this train of thought leads many to believe we are dependent upon others for many of our ideas and must be content as spectators of their creative work.

A personal example of this happened just today. I went to pick up a mandolin I had ordered at Guitar Center, and while the clerk was tuning the instrument up, he asked me what I was studying.

I told him I was an English major, and he looked surprised, commenting, "Oh, I would have thought you were a music major." Is it that weird to want to make music when I'm "supposed" to write literature?

One last problem lurking behind our association of ideas with specific people is that it promotes the acceptance of

ideas in their original form.

Again, in my philosophy class, we read Descartes in its translated orthodox form, instead of taking the parts we find relevant to our own lives and combining these parts with ideas from other sources.

Mummified as they are, many theories become completely irrelevant to modern existence when they could have been given a new lease on life if they had been treated with a little less reverence.

I hesitate to bring religion into this, but many denominations that take the Bible more literally than others fall victim to this pattern as well.

So we can see the assumptions surrounding intellectual property are counterproductive, but what can be done to address this problem? One possible answer is plagiarism.

Stay tuned for next week's article.

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## Carrying guns will stop violent crimes

Are all of the amendments in the Bill of Rights equally important? Should we uphold some while not upholding others? That seems to be the trend we are increasingly seeing in our society.

The Supreme Court has been making its living these days by overstepping the boundaries of the 10th Amendment.

States are losing their rights of self-governance on a daily basis. The First Amendment often is set aside when someone is persecuted for making a comment that doesn't fit the politically correct mold.

Even on Texas Tech's campus, free speech is limited to special "free speech areas" designated by the school. Moreover, there is an ongoing battle on how the Second Amendment can be whittled away.

Anti-gun groups constantly are fighting to remove guns from our society, regardless of our constitutional right to bear them.

What possible good would it do to remove guns from society? Well, groups who espouse "gun control"—or should I say anti-gun groups—say if we outlaw guns, then crimes committed with guns will go away.

That sounds nice; who wouldn't love for crime to go away? But when forced to deal with reality, these anti-gun ideas don't hold true. In fact, they don't even lower the number of crimes committed. Studies show more restrictions on citizens owning guns causes the crime rate to increase.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis, New Jersey adopted one of the most stringent gun laws in the nation in 1966. Two years later the murder rate was up 46 percent, and the robbery rate nearly had doubled.

After implementing a series of harsh anti-gun laws, Hawaii's murder rate tripled from 1968

**Brian Ridley**



States, 20 percent of them are committed in just four cities: New York, Chicago, Detroit and Washington, D.C.

Each of these cities has gun laws in place that make it almost impossible for private citizens to own handguns. This just goes to show when law-abiding citizens are denied the right to protection, criminals have the ability to do as they please.

In countries where outright gun banning has taken place, the same thing is happening. England banned private ownership of handguns in 1997; since then the number of people injured by firearms has more than doubled.

In 1996, Australia banned all semi-automatic guns and pump shotguns. After only 12 months, homicides had risen 3.2 percent, armed robbery was up 44 percent, and assaults were up 8.6 percent. Prior to these new dictatorial gun-banning laws, these statistics had been dropping.

According to the National Rifle Association, handguns are used 2 million times per year for defense against criminals. This is five times more often than they are used to commit crimes.

Outlawing Americans from owning guns only will even up these statistics. People who use guns to defend themselves are less likely to be injured than people who use other forms of protection.

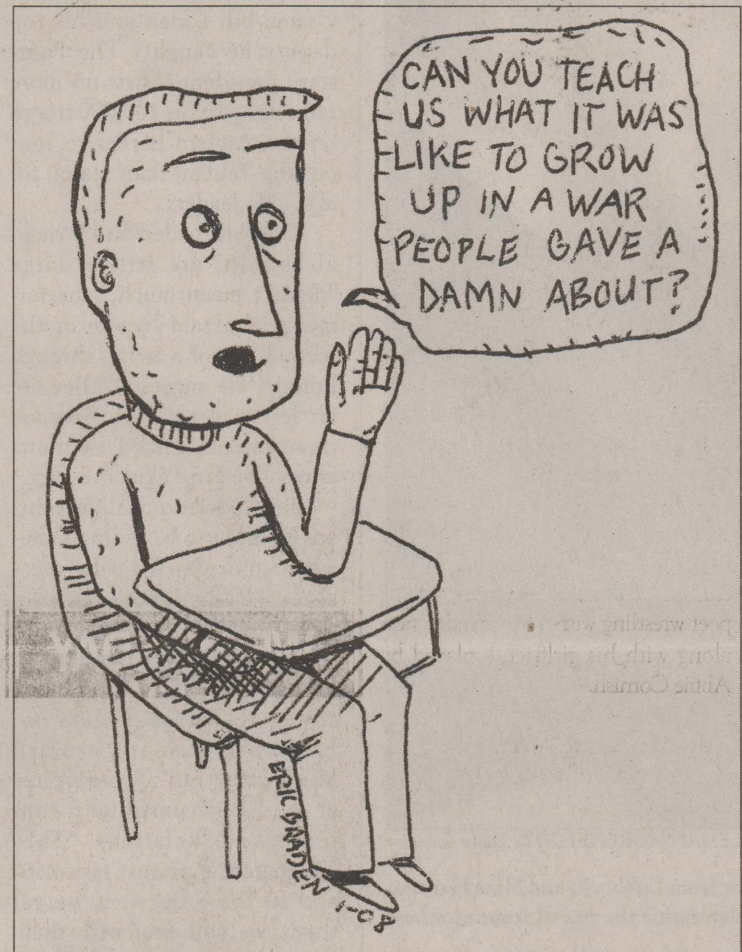
Those using a gun are shown to have a 17.4 percent chance of being injured versus 40.3 percent with a knife, 22 percent with other weapons, 50.8 percent with physical force, 48.9 percent by trying to get help or frighten the offender, 30.7 percent with non-violent resistance

including evasion and 26.5 percent with various other techniques. All of these statistics make sense when you think of citizens own-

ing guns as a possible deterrent for criminals. A criminal is more willing to commit a crime if he knows his victim is unarmed. This is exactly what banning guns will do.

While quoting Cesare Beccaria, Thomas Jefferson stated, "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms... disarms only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to Mr. Corney's article, "Grandma's secret recipe for disaster." I agree it is sad that so many people are not learning to cook from their parents and grandparents.

However, I don't think this applies only to girls. It has become increasingly difficult for any family to survive on a single income, leading to more women in the work place. It is ludicrous to expect only women to learn to cook.

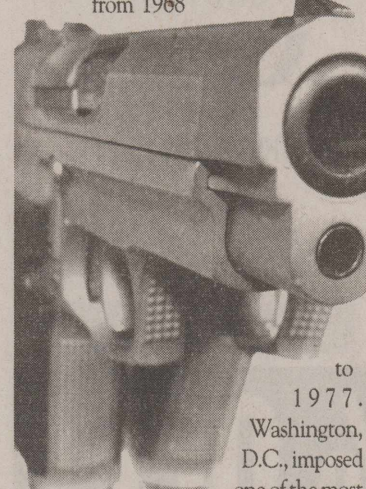
A lot of us do cook, and many of us are teaching our daughters how to do more than open a can and throw it in a pot. All three of my daughters are learning, and one is only 4 years old.

The problem is more that not only do fewer Americans cook at home, but with double-income dependent families, why aren't more men learning how to cook, to ease the burden on their wives? We work just as hard as you do. So don't put it all on the women unless you are prepared to make enough to support your entire family and let her stay at home or swap places with her.

I've been doing this since I was 17 years old, working and later raising my kids, and it is exhausting to do by myself.

Just think about it. You want equality? Make it more equal for women.

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to 1977. Washington, D.C., imposed one of the most restrictive gun-control laws in the nation in 1976. In the time since, the city's murder rate has grown 134 percent.

In that time, the national average actually has dropped 2 percent. Luckily for the citizens of D.C., the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled in 2007 that the legislation there restricting personal gun carrying was unconstitutional.

Ten out of the top 15 states for the highest homicide rates have laws that are restrictive to gun ownership. Of all the homicides committed in the United

## Abortion rate drops

According to a new study conducted by the Guttmacher Institute, the abortion rate in 2005 dropped to 19.4 abortions for every 1,000 women between the ages of 15 and 44, which is a 9 percent decline from 2000 and the lowest it's been since 1974.

The study also found the total number of abortions went down to 1.2 million in 2005, an 8 percent decline from 2000.

So let me be the first to say... you're welcome. The people with my ideological beliefs and I have contributed greatly to decreasing the need for abortions and made significant strides to promote the well-being of women everywhere.

But ironically, whether I'm "abortion rights" or "anti-abortion" on this issue is totally irrelevant, because people on both sides of the issue have something to be proud of. Good job everyone.

The definite reasons behind the drop in abortions are unknown even to those who conducted the study, however, their two main theories leave enough room for everyone to enjoy the credit.

One theory suggests the drop may be due in part to an increase in the availability of contraception. By easing the obstacles to which someone may obtain condoms, birth control pills or the Plan B emergency pill, fewer unwanted pregnancies are occurring in the first place, leaving fewer women seeking abortions.

Another theory proposes the decline in abortions may be caused by the decline in abortion clinics across America. According to a news release from the Guttmacher Institute, "The decline in the number of U.S. abortion providers, which had been substantial over the past decade, slowed dramatically between 2000 and 2005: The number of providers declined just 2 percent over this period, partly because of a surge in the number of providers that offer only medication abortion services.

Without them, the number of providers would have declined by 8 percent. Overall, the number of providers declined in 26 states and the District of Columbia, increased in 15 states and remained stable in nine."

And yet, the lack of hard data supporting one side over another didn't stop either from singing their own praises. People for "abortion-rights" were quick to point out their increasing promotion of sex education and family planning were the obvious reason the abortion rate dropped, while "anti-abortion" people im-

**Jonathan Hanson**



mediately fingered their increasing support of Crisis Pregnancy Centers, which give ultrasounds and other information in an attempt to convince women to keep their babies.

The actual reason for the decline is quite likely something that will escape us for many years to come. As Steven Levitt said in his bestselling book "Freakonomics," "just because two things are correlated does not mean that one causes the other."

A correlation simply means that a relationship exists between two factors—let's call them X and Y—but it tells you nothing about the direction of that relationship. It's possible that X causes Y; it's also possible that Y causes X; and it may be that X and Y are both being caused by some other factor, Z."

The point is, regardless of the reasons behind the declining abortion rate, the data highlights a potential bridge that exemplifies the common goals of people on both sides of the debate. While we may be fundamentally at odds with the best method for reducing abortions, we all can agree the elimination of the need for abortion in the first place is a common objective.

According to "Disparities in rates of unintended pregnancy in the United States, 1994 and 2001, Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, 2006," roughly half of the 6.4 million pregnancies in 2000 were unintended—accidents happen—and of that half, half ended in abortion.

If we can all venture to tackle the underlying issue of drastically reducing unintentional pregnancies through things like greater sexual responsibility and better sex education, then eventually, the debate as to whether abortion should or shouldn't be legal will become obsolete. But for the meantime, let's come together to celebrate a piece of abortion news that everyone can get behind.

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MIKA BRADFORD, A freshman personal financial planning major from Lubbock, performs with her band Elysian Fields in TAB's open mic night Monday in the Student Union Building Matorador Room.

Heath Ledger found dead in NYC building

NEW YORK (AP) — Heath Ledger was found dead Tuesday in a Manhattan apartment, naked in bed with sleeping pills nearby, police said. The Australian-born actor was 28.

It wasn't immediately clear if Ledger had committed suicide. He had an appointment for a massage at the residence in the tony neighborhood of SoHo, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said. A housekeeper who went to let him know the massage therapist had arrived found him dead at 3:26 p.m.

Ledger's body had not been removed from the building where paparazzi and gawkers gathered outside, and several police officers put up barricades to control the crowd of about 300. A medical examiner's office van arrived with a gurney Tuesday evening.

An autopsy was planned for Wednesday, medical examiner's office spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said.

While not a marquee movie star, Ledger was a respected, award-winning actor who chose his roles carefully rather than cashing in on his heartthrob looks. He was nominated for an Oscar for his performance as a gay cowboy

in "Brokeback Mountain," where he met Michelle Williams, who played his wife in the film. The two had a daughter, now 2-year-old Matilda, and lived together in Brooklyn until they split up last year.

It was a shocking and unforeseen conclusion for one of Hollywood's bright young stars. Though his leading man looks propelled him to early stardom in films like "10 Things I Hate About You" and "A Knight's Tale," his career took a notable turn toward dramatic and brooding roles with 2001's "Monster's Ball."

"I had such great hope for him," said Mel Gibson, who played Ledger's vengeful father in "The Patriot," in a statement from the actor's publicist. "He was just taking off and to lose his life at such a young age is a tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family."

Ledger eschewed Hollywood glitz in favor of a bohemian life in Brooklyn, where he was one of the borough's most famous residents. "Brokeback" would be his breakthrough role, establishing him as one of his generation's finest talents

and an actor willing to take risks.

Ledger began to gravitate more toward independent fare, including Lasse Hallstrom's "Casanova" and Terry Gilliam's "The Brothers Grimm," both released in 2005. His 2006 film "Candy" now seems destined to have an especially haunting quality: In a particularly realistic performance, Ledger played a poet wrestling with a heroin addiction along with his girlfriend, played by Abbie Cornish.

But Ledger's most recent choices were arguably the boldest yet: He costarred in "I'm Not There," in which he played one of the many incarnations of Bob Dylan — as did Cate Blanchett, whose performance in that film earned an Oscar nomination Tuesday for best supporting actress.

And in what may be his final finished performance, Ledger proved that he wouldn't be intimidated by taking on a character as iconic as Jack Nicholson's Joker. Ledger's version of the Batman villain, glimpsed in early teaser trailers, made it clear that his Joker would be less comical and more depraved and dark.

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Cash thrown from window after bank holdup

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Handfuls of cash were hurled into the streets as police chased suspects in a bank robbery Tuesday.

One person was arrested after a pursuit through two counties at speeds topping 100 mph, Los Angeles police said.

Costa Mesa police Sgt. Bryan Glass said three masked gunmen held up a Downey Savings branch,

fled in a getaway car and then switched to another vehicle.

The second car led police on a chase along freeways from Orange County into Los Angeles County.

In Los Angeles, the chase moved from freeways onto streets as someone in the car threw at least three wads of money out a car window.

The car eventually crashed into

a palm tree at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, and the four men inside ran off.

Los Angeles police said one man was arrested there as officers searched for other suspects.

Police did not immediately say whether any money was found in the car, and there was no word on what happened to the currency thrown out during the chase.

Treasurer candidate promises not to do job

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A candidate for Kerr County treasurer is making a single campaign promise: Elect me and I won't serve.

Ed Hamilton, 77, is challenging incumbent Treasurer Mindy Williams for the Republican nomination during the March 4 election. No Democrats are seeking the office.

He said the job is redundant and

costing the county money it doesn't need to spend. The duties should be assigned to another county office, Hamilton said.

"I don't plan to do the job," he said. "I won't accept a paycheck."

Hamilton said if elected, he would hand the duties to someone else and petition state officials for a referendum on a constitutional amendment that

would allow any county to eliminate the treasurer position if it chooses.

Williams, who was appointed last spring to the \$46,000-a-year post, said the job shouldn't be eliminated. It provides accountability on the county's spending, a check and balance that is "essential to county government."

Hamilton says "check and balance" is "a euphemism for duplication of effort."

Man gets 45 days for theft of women's undergarments

COLFAX, Wash. (AP) — A man is facing a sentence of one-and-a-half months after admitting he stole 93 pounds of women's undergarments.

Garth Flaherty, 24, was charged with first-degree theft and burglary in the stealing of 1,613 pairs of panties, bras and other women's underwear from

laundry rooms.

Under an agreement with prosecutors, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced Friday in Whitman County Superior Court to 45 days in jail. He may serve 30 days of his term in community service, court officials said.

Flaherty was arrested March 24 after police received a report

of a man hanging out in an apartment complex laundry room.

In his bedroom, police said, they found enough women's underwear to fill five garbage bags.

Police had previously received 12 reports of panty thefts in the northeast part of Pullman, where Washington State University is located.

Items stolen, then returned; police still seek culprit

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Perhaps it was a case of robber's remorse.

Frederick Meyer reported a laptop, a Palm pilot, a GPS unit and a digital camera stolen from his home — only to have most

of the items left in front of his house a few days later, according to a subpoena filed in court Monday.

Meyer reported the items stolen Nov. 3. Three days later, Meyer said he received a call

from a blocked number in which the caller said he had the items.

The caller also said he had Meyer's Glock pistol. Meyer didn't realize the gun was also stolen but checked and found it was missing, the subpoena said.

Pakistan

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including the Taliban and al-Qaida.

The United States has alone given Musharraf's government and military some \$10 billion in assistance since Sept. 11, 2001, and some in Congress are demanding more restrictions on that aid. Some have already been tied to democratic improvements but calls for cuts are expected to grow if the upcoming elections do not meet

international standards.

Musharraf is on a tour of Europe trying to shore up Western support. On Monday in Brussels, he promised that the elections would be free and fair.

But he also urged detractors to be more patient with his nation's efforts to achieve higher standards of human rights, decrying the West's "obsession" with speedy democracy.

Rice praised Musharraf as a "good ally in the war on terrorism," but brushed aside his criticism.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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## Tech hosts high-powered Missouri, winner reaches .500 mark in Big 12

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech and Missouri will meet with similar starts in Big 12 Conference play and on the rebound from close losses at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

"These are teams (who) are continuing to find themselves," Missouri coach Mike Anderson said. "We've been struggling in terms of shooting the basketball. I think Bob Knight's team is going to be, no question about it, well-coached on the motion offense. Defensively, they're going to make you work for everything you get. I think it's probably two teams that are continuing to try to find themselves as we get into conference play."

The Red Raiders (10-7, 1-2 in Big 12) are coming off a close 63-61 defeat to Oklahoma after an upset of then-ranked No. 10 Texas A&M. Tech will be looking to bounce back for a win after its early woes on the road in conference play.

Missouri (11-7, 1-2) is coming off a 76-70 loss to Kansas after a win over No. 12 Texas.

Tech and Missouri are among the leaders in the Big 12 in offensive and defensive categories. Tech boasts the No. 2 defense in

the Big 12, but the Red Raiders' offense is 11th, averaging 61.3 points per game. Missouri's defense has held the Tigers back, as they rank last in the Big 12 in scoring defense through three games, but they can score points, as they are behind Kansas and Kansas State in scoring offense in the conference with 78 points per game.

The Tigers finished their non-conference schedule with the second-highest scoring offense in the conference behind Kansas.

With this offense, Tech head coach designate Pat Knight said he expects the Red Raiders' game with Missouri to be faster on offense than what Tech is used to.

"You saw that Missouri-Kansas game; that's one of the fastest games I've seen all year," he said. "You're going to have to be able to handle the ball against that press. I'm good friends with Matt Painter from Purdue, and he called me up to his game. That was the difference in the game. (Missouri)

did a really good job of attacking the press. (Purdue) got a little hesitant with the ball in the second half, and that's how Missouri ended up winning the game. It's all going to be about how you handle that press."

Tech guard John Roberson said the Red Raiders fully are aware of Missouri's tendencies and will be prepared for them.

"We really haven't been pressed that much this year," Roberson said. "It's going to be different, but we've been practicing hard for it. Hopefully we can execute and get it done."

Similar to the Red Raiders, Mizzou features three players scoring in double figures, most notably Stephon Hannah, who averages 18 points per game. DeMarre Carroll, with 14.3 points per game, is second in the conference in rebounding with 12.7 per game.

Anderson said he hopes his team can get to the free-throw line more often, as it was a factor in the

Tigers' close loss to Kansas. "We're an attacking team; I expect us to get to the line as well," Anderson said. "That's kind of mind-bottling from that standpoint. At the same time, your team, you know you just gotta make the adjustments. Hopefully we can. Some of those calls we didn't get, maybe they'll start going our way."

In the past two games against A&M and Oklahoma, guard Martin Zeno averaged 18 points.

The Red Raider coaching staff has been critical of Zeno's play recently, but Knight said he hopes Zeno can continue to build on the past two games.

"He's played the way we want him to play," Knight said. "You have to be critical of your best player. Believe me, we wouldn't do it if the kid couldn't take it or wasn't a tough kid or put him in that position. But that's part of being in our program if you're the best player, the captain and the leader. Not just you're going to get all the glory when things are good, you're going to get heat when things aren't going good. I thought he's done pretty darn good the last two games."

The Tech game against Missouri is scheduled to air on ESPN Plus.

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— PAT KNIGHT  
HEAD COACH DESIGNATE  
ON MARTIN ZENO



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH GUARD Martin Zeno has averaged 18 points in the previous two games.

## Lady Raiders head to Oklahoma looking to end another losing streak

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

After ending a four-game losing streak with a win against Texas Sunday, the Lady Raider basketball team hopes to snap another losing streak when the team plays No. 11 Oklahoma at 7 p.m. today in Norman, Okla.

The Sooners have won four in a row against Tech, with each game coming down to the wire.

In 2006-07, the Sooners won by a combined eight points, and the last game in Norman, a 70-67 loss, took two overtimes to decide the winner.

Tech (13-5, 1-3 in Big 12 Conference play) has not won a road game since beating Washington State in

Pullman, Wash., Dec. 1.

Tech coach Kristy Curry said her team's road losses to Missouri and Kansas State prove that winning away from home in the Big 12 presents a difficult task, and she said she hopes her team learned from those experiences.

"We have to understand we've lost two road games in this league," Curry said. "There are a lot of people that lose in this league on the road. We have to learn from that quickly, we have another opportunity this week. So hopefully we will grow a little bit and get off to better starts both halves and put ourselves in a position to win."

OU (11-4, 2-2 in Big 12) is led by junior center and 2006-07 AP

National Player of the Year, Courtney Paris. She leads the Sooners with 16.7 points per game and 15.8 rebounds per game.

In the Sooners' loss to No. 6 Baylor, 84-73, Sunday in Norman, Paris scored 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

"I'm not sure there is anybody in the country that does not have a problem with Courtney Paris," Curry said.

Freshman guard Danielle Robinson chips in 13.6 points per game for the Sooners, while junior forward, Ashley Paris, sister of Courtney Paris, averages 11.7 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Ashley Paris said she expects the game's competitiveness to mirror that of the last four games.

"We expect it to be a close-fought game," Ashley Paris said. "Tech is good like all Big 12 teams. We're going to have to compete with them. We know they're going to attack us and try to get a win in Norman."

In the Sooners' last two losses, Oklahoma State's Andrea Riley put up 45 points, and Baylor's senior

point guard Angela Tisdale scored 35 points, but Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said she is not worried about her team's perimeter defense because Riley and Tisdale present two of the nation's best guards.

"I think that those two performances came so close together that the public tends to make it into something that it's not," Coale said.

For Tech, a perimeter offensive presence was lacking before Texas came to Lubbock.

Against the Longhorns, Tech guard Tiny Henderson stepped up and delivered a solid performance, scoring four crucial points to put the game away in the last two minutes.

Curry said she expects the perimeter play to come from guards Raquel Christian, Jordan Murphree, Henderson and Maria Moore.

Christian finished the game Sunday with nine points, all on 3-pointers.

"I think that's one weakness that we've had in our perimeter production," Curry said. "It was in the gym against Texas on Sunday, and hopefully we can find some consistency

from our perimeter. I think it has got to come by committee."

For junior forward Dominic Seals, who leads Tech with 14.7 points and 9.3 rebounds per game, today's game will not be the first time she goes up against Courtney Paris and Ashley Paris.

Before coming to Tech, Seals' Dallas Lincoln High School team

traveled to Piedmont, Calif., and played against the OU duo in a tournament, but lost the game, Ashley Paris said.

"Seals is going to be a tough person to guard," Ashley Paris said. "We're going to try to contain her as well as her team. They're well-coached and bring a lot of energy."

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# Pat Knight Show offers students chance to interact with Tech coaches

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

If Texas Tech students ever wanted a chance to ask any question to Tech's coaches, their chance has arrived.

Tuesday night, Tech head coach designate Pat Knight started the first edition of the Pat Knight Show on Sports Radio 1340 KKAM-AM in the Market at the Stangel/Murdough Residence Halls. The show is scheduled to air for the final eight weeks of the season.

As host, Mark Finkner asks Knight about the progression of the season and players and raises awareness in an attempt to get better home attendance at the United Spirit Arena.

"We're just tired of students not coming," Knight said. "It's not the students' fault. We've sat and talked — my dad and I, my brother — we come from Indiana where the students are so heavily involved. You go up in the dorms, on campus, just everywhere you went it was Indiana basketball. There's a lot of students we talk to, they have no idea if we have a game tonight or what's going on, or

how the team's doing. We just take it upon ourselves and start going out, trying to be around the students."

The radio show predominantly dealt with the team overview of the season up until its game with Missouri today. Finkner quickly recapped every game, while highlighting some important wins for the Red Raiders during the 2007-08 season.

Some questions and comments were welcomed by the host from students. Some of the students inquired about Tech's players and strategies for defeating opponents like Texas A&M.

The show's idea came from Chris Winter, who helped in finding out solutions to fixing Tech basketball's home attendance by asking the students.

"We had a meeting a few weeks ago with a lot of student organizations," Winter said. "We asked them point blank: what would draw? Most of the student organizations said: awareness. They didn't know when the games were. They didn't know what's going on because (it is) unlike football (which is) mostly Saturday.

It's kind of set. Basketball games it's different days, different times."

Free T-shirts were given out to students during commercial breaks. Tech fans also received a chance to shake Knight's hand.

Fans continued to ask about the progression of freshmen on the team, while Knight focused on the improvement of Tech guards Martin Zeno and Alan Voskuil throughout the season.

Finkner, the play-by-play announcer for Tech men's basketball, said with his knowledge of Tech basketball, he was more than glad to be a part of the show.

"Way back in the day, back in the day when I was listening to Jack Dale as a kid, this was something I always envisioned," he said. "This was like a dream job for me to be able to call Red Raider basketball and listen to games through the years when I was a kid. I guess the rest is history. Sure I jump on the chance to do this and be a part of a great guy like coach Knight."

The show was aired Tuesday night because of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday. The radio show will continue to air on KKAM 1340 from

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. from the Market of Stangel/Murdough, but it will air on Mondays unless notified otherwise.

The show may feature other guests throughout the spring including Lady Raiders' coach Kristy Curry, Tech baseball coach Larry Hays and Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight.

Lee Mazurek, a junior business major from Seabrook, said he believes the radio show is a good idea.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "I wanted to hear some more kind of in-depth questions because some of it was kind of broad. It's neat what they're doing. I think coach (Bob) Knight said it perfectly at the end of the game last



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HEAD COACH DESIGNATE Pat Knight makes a guest appearance on a sports radio show with Mark Finkner Tuesday in The Market.

week. He pretty (much) said, not hating on Tech, we have bandwagon fans that show up to Texas, A&M and Oklahoma, and that's it. The rest of the games, nobody comes. You can't really have home court advantage if

you don't have a crowd there. We (have) a coach that has 900 wins. Most of the other schools, people would be dying to get into the games, and we can't even fill the seats."

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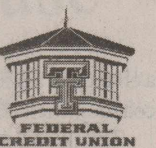
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A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

**Intramural Innertube Waterpolo**  
Sign ups Today and Tomorrow!  
Sign up in Rm. 203 of the SRC!

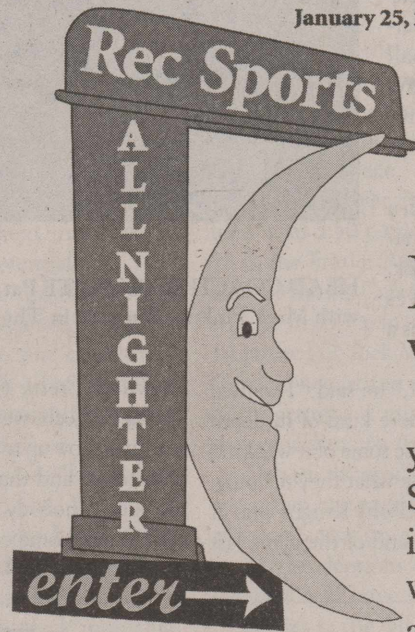
**Team Bowling Sign-ups** are over today!  
Sign up in Rm. 203 for this great intramural sport!

**Fit/Well**  
We are still taking people for our Raider X2 Classes. Sign up in the Fit/Well for your favorite X2 class! There only a few select spots left!

**Girls and Women in Sports Day**  
Calling all elementary-aged girls and their moms to participate in the Girls and Women in Sports Play Day set for February 2 from 8:45 - 11:30 am. Pre-registration is required by calling 742.3828

**Outdoor Pursuits**  
Sign up today for the Vertical Plains Climbing Competition and Telluride Mountainfilm Festival! The sign-up deadline is Feb. 8! Tickets for the Film Festival are \$5 for students, and there are 3 different climbing skill levels for the Vertical Plains Climbing Competition on Feb. 15!

**Texas Tech University**  
January 25, 2008



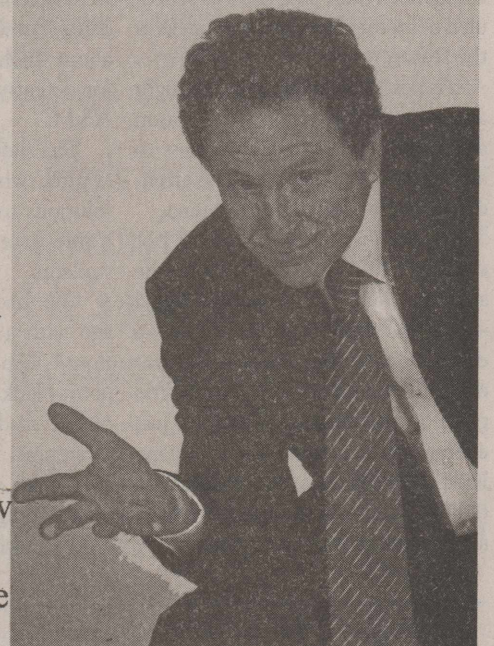
# Rec Sports

## All Nighter

Friday, Jan. 25 6pm-3am  
with Headliner Tom Deluca at 9pm!

You don't think you can be hypnotized, do you? No way it's real. Come see for yourself! Rec Sports is proud to showcase the most innovative show in the world! You can be the star of the show. Tom will get you to show your inner creativity and provide a great show for the crowd! Show starts at 9pm!

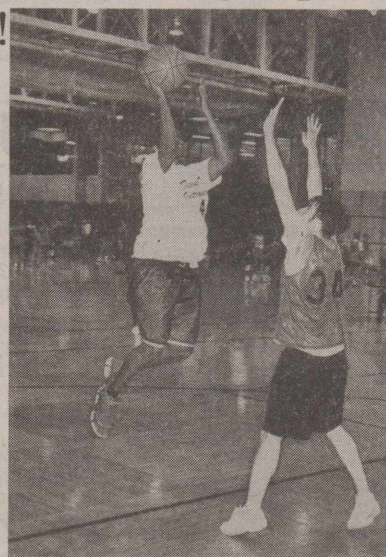
Tom Deluca, 4 Time Entertainer of the Year



### Tournament of Champions

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!!!**  
Sign up online at [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu).  
Click on the All Nighter link and sign up for these great tournaments!

- 3 on 3 Basketball
- 3 Point Shootout
- Dodgeball
- Racquetball
- Squash
- Table Tennis
- 4 on 4 Volleyball
- Texas Hold'em and
- 8 Ball Pool



### Win this Hummer!



How can you win this Hummer?  
Get signed up for the Scoggin-Dickey Hummer Shootout at the All Nighter. One lucky student will have the chance to win this Hummer!



### Colorado Ski and Snowboard Trip

Deadline: Tomorrow!  
Cost: \$260  
Trip Dates: Feb. 1 - 3

You love to ski, right? But haven't put together a trip this year yet, right? Well, we did all of the hard work, and you just have to go and ski! This is a great trip at a fantastic price! We only have a few spots left on the Bus, so register right now! For more information, call 742-2949.

### Iron Man Triathlon Challenge

Entries are Due by Feb. 8  
Can you swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles, and run 26.2 miles in 15 days? Challenge yourself by signing up in the Fit/Well today!



### New This Year at the All Nighter!

- Laser Tag** - Drop in Laser Tag starts at 6pm and doesn't end til 1am!
- The Return of the Slam Dunk Contest!** Right after Tom Deluca - about 11pm!
- Video Game Room** with Nintendo Wii's and a Guitar Hero Tournament!
- The TAB Movie: 30 Days of Night** - Starting at 7:00pm in the Aquatics Center!
- The Tech Amazing Race** - You and a friend competing in a fun race around campus that starts and ends at the Rec Center!  
Sign up online at [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu)!
- Free Salsa and Swing Dance Classes!**  
Basic Swing Dancing 6:00 - 7:00pm Rm. 121  
Salsa and Latin Dance 7:00 - 9:00pm Rm. 121

## student union

coming together in the union

coming soon...

### texas technology store

#### Dell and Apple Computers

Computer Parts, Software, Bags, and Accessories; Printers, Ink iPods and Accessories; Televisions, Video Games, Computer Repair - Certified Apple and Dell; Warranty Parts, Service, and Wireless Set Up Service

We are currently looking for PT Sales Associates and PC/Mac Technicians. Applications are available on our website or at the SUB information desk.

For more information contact  
Zane Nieland at  
[zanen@texastechnologystore.com](mailto:zanen@texastechnologystore.com)



Visit our website at [www.texastechnology.com](http://www.texastechnology.com)



## activities

whats coming up at the union

#### Homecoming Committee Applications Available

Monday, January 14 - Monday January 28  
SUB Main Office, rm 203 | on-line at [www.homecoming.ttu.edu](http://www.homecoming.ttu.edu)

#### After Hours Coffee House - Open Mic Night

Tuesday, January 22  
SUB Matador Lounge | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### Movie - 30 Days of Night

Friday, January 25  
Student Rec Aquatic Center | 7:00 pm

#### Matinee Movie - 30 Days of Night

Monday, January 28  
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00 pm

#### Marijuana Debate

Wednesday, January 30  
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

For more information about activities  
in the Student Union visit [www.tab.ttu.edu](http://www.tab.ttu.edu)

### student organization update...

#### S.O. Registration Meeting

Wednesday, January 23 & 30  
SUB Playa Room | 2 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to register  
your student organization for 2007-2008.