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Employer indicted for harboring immigrant

HOUSTON (AP) — The employer of a Mexican man accused of fatally shooting a Houston police officer has been indicted on charges he helped the illegal immigrant return to the U.S. after the man was deported for a previous crime, federal prosecutors and immigration officials announced Wednesday.

Robert Lane Camp, 47, the owner of a suburban Houston landscaping company, has been indicted on charges of encouraging Juan Leonardo Quintero-Perez, the accused killer of Houston police Officer Rodney Johnson, to unlawfully enter and live in the United States and with harboring him.

NATION

Wall Street gives up early gains

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street pulled back for the third straight day Wednesday as investors still uneasy about the economy sold off after a Federal Reserve official suggested rising inflation could prevent the central bank from making further interest rate cuts.

Although the economic slowdown is a big concern, "we must not lose sight of the other part of the Fed's dual mandate — which is price stability," Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia President Charles Plosser said, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

WORLD

Chad's president says gov't. 'in total control'

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Chad's president said his government was in control of the entire country Wednesday, speaking publicly for the first time since rebels tried to overthrow him.

Idriss Deby wore a military uniform as he received reporters in the presidential palace. He denied reports that he had been injured as the capital of the Central African nation was besieged, spreading his arms wide and saying, "Look at me, I'm fine."

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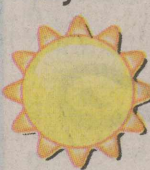
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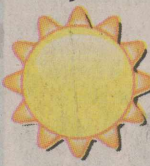
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SGA considers \$1M leisure pool increase

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

To compensate for the leisure pool budget increasing by more than \$1 million from the original estimate, the Student Government Association has created a new resolution and put to rest an old one.

Suzette Matthews, the SGA internal vice president, said originally, architects estimated it would cost \$7.5 million to build an on-campus leisure pool, but contractors say the project will cost between \$8.5 million and \$9 million.

To cover the additional costs, "Texas Tech Student Senate supports up to an additional \$5 fee for the construction costs of the leisure pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center,"

according to the resolution scheduled to be presented during the Senate meeting tonight.

In March 2007, students voted to increase the Student Recreation Fee by \$10 to pay for the construction of "a leisure pool including a lazy river, a pool side café, a hot tub and many various other water features," according to the resolution. If the proposed resolution passes, the original \$10 fee increase would increase to \$15. The increase will not be implemented until the pool is complete.

Matthews said passing the resolution would not necessarily mean the fee would increase by \$5.

"It's going to be up to \$5," Matthews said. "We've been talking about options to change a few things here and there, and we are kind of going back through to see if we can cut anything out."

She said an increase in construction costs and labor fees is part of the reason the pool will cost more than estimated.

"Construction costs have gone up 30 percent in the last three years," she said. "And with (the) Marsha Sharp (Freeway) construction, a lot of concrete companies don't need our business."

Mason Moses, the SGA president, said he did not expect to see the leisure pool budget increase so much, and because of that, the potential for another tuition fee to rise has been eliminated.

Last semester, the SGA senate passed a resolution placing a referendum on the SGA spring 2008 ballot that would cover the construction costs of the north side of Jones AT&T Stadium.

According to the resolution, starting in fiscal year 2010, a fee of

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NEW YORK STATE OF MIND

Tech guard fights adversity in Harlem to make it as a Red Raider

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Growing up on 142nd Street in Harlem, N.Y., Texas Tech guard Charlie Burgess found all the inspiration he needed.

He displays it in every aspect of his life, from the clothes he wears to the motivation for giving his all on the court, and even to the No. 42 on the back of his jersey.

"I live on 142nd Street," he said. "You know how Times Square is on 142nd Street? I live on 142nd Street, and they call it 'Crime Square.' We just took the 42 from it, and it just stuck with us forever, since then. Growing up in Harlem, that's all you do is play basketball, non-stop when you're growing up. If you go out there right now, you'll see kids in the park just playing non-stop, everyday, night after night. Your mother (would) tell you 'don't go to the park' (and) you be in the park still."

Burgess went from high school to high school, looking to get on the right path. Redemption Christian Academy in Troy, N.Y., was soon the place where he could play basketball on a high school level and stay focused in school.

With his background, going from playing basketball on the courts of

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PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH SENIOR Charlie Burgess has gone from the streets of Harlem, in New York City to the South Plains because basketball has led him here.

Twisters kill at least 54 across South, despite warnings from forecasters

By RYAN LENZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAFAYETTE, Tenn. (AP) — One man pulled a couch over his head. Bank employees rushed into the vault. A woman trembled in her bathroom, clinging to her dogs. College students huddled in dormitories.

Tornado warnings had been broadcast for hours, and when the sirens finally announced that the twisters had arrived, many people across the South took shelter and saved their lives. But others simply had nowhere safe to go, or the storms proved too powerful, too numerous, too unpredictable.

At least 54 people were killed and hundreds injured Tuesday and Wednesday by dozens of tornadoes that plowed across Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. It was the nation's deadliest barrage of twisters in almost 23 years.

"We had a beautiful neighborhood. Now it's hell," said

Bonnie Brawner, 80, who lives in Hartsville, a community about an hour from Nashville where a natural gas plant that was struck by a twister erupted in spectacular flames up to 400 feet high.

The storms flattened entire streets, smashed warehouses and sent tractor-trailers flying. Houses were reduced to splintered piles of lumber. Some looked like life-size dollhouses, their walls sheared away. Crews going door-to-door to search for bodies had to contend with downed power lines, snapped trees and flipped-over cars. Cattle wandered through the debris near hard-hit Lafayette (pronounced luh-FAY-et). At least 12 people died in and around the town.

"It looks like the Lord took a Brillo pad and scrubbed the ground," said Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, who surveyed the damage from a helicopter.

Hundreds of houses were damaged or destroyed. Authorities had no immediate cost estimate of the damage.

President Bush gave assurances his administration stood ready to help. Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency were sent to the region and activated an emergency center in Georgia.

"Loss of life, loss of property — prayers can help and so can the government," Bush said. "I do want the people in those states to know the American people are standing with them."

Students took cover in dormitory bathrooms as the storms closed in on Union University in Jackson, Tenn. More than 20 students at the Southern Baptist school were trapped behind wreckage and jammed doors after the dormitories came down around them.

Danny Song was pinned for an hour and a half until rescuers dug him from the rubble.

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McCain nearing unbeatable lead for GOP nod

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain padded his commanding delegate lead in the Republican presidential race Wednesday and urged conservative critics to cut him some slack. In a Democratic surprise, Hillary Rodham Clinton disclosed she'd lent \$5 million to her cash-short campaign.

"And I think the results last night proved the wisdom of my investment," said the former first lady, one day after trading victories with Barack Obama in a Super Tuesday string of contests from coast to coast.

The competition for Republican delegates was a runaway.

Nearly complete returns from Super Tuesday left McCain with 703 delegates, nearly 60 percent of the 1,191 needed to win the nomination at the national convention in St. Paul, Minn., this summer.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney had 293, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee 190 and Texas Rep. Ron Paul 14.

Despite steadily lengthening odds, neither Romney nor Huckabee offered any hint they were ready to exit the race.

McCain, the Arizona senator, said the nomination was his, though, and added he recognized there was work to be done to unify the party after acrimonious campaigning.

"I do hope that at some point we would just calm down a little bit and see if there's areas we can agree on," he said, one day in advance of an appearance before conservative activists who have shunned his candidacy.

The Democratic delegate count lagged, the result of party rules that shunned the type of winner-take-all primaries in states such as New York and New Jersey that helped McCain build his advantage.

On Tuesday's busiest primary night in history, Clinton and Obama were separated by 40 delegates, with several hundred yet to be allocated.

Overall, that left Clinton with 1,024, halfway to the 2,025 needed to secure the Democratic nomination. Obama was right behind with 933.

Delegates still to be allocated included 25 in New Mexico, where Democratic caucuses remained too close to call.

With little time to rest, both Obama and

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ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

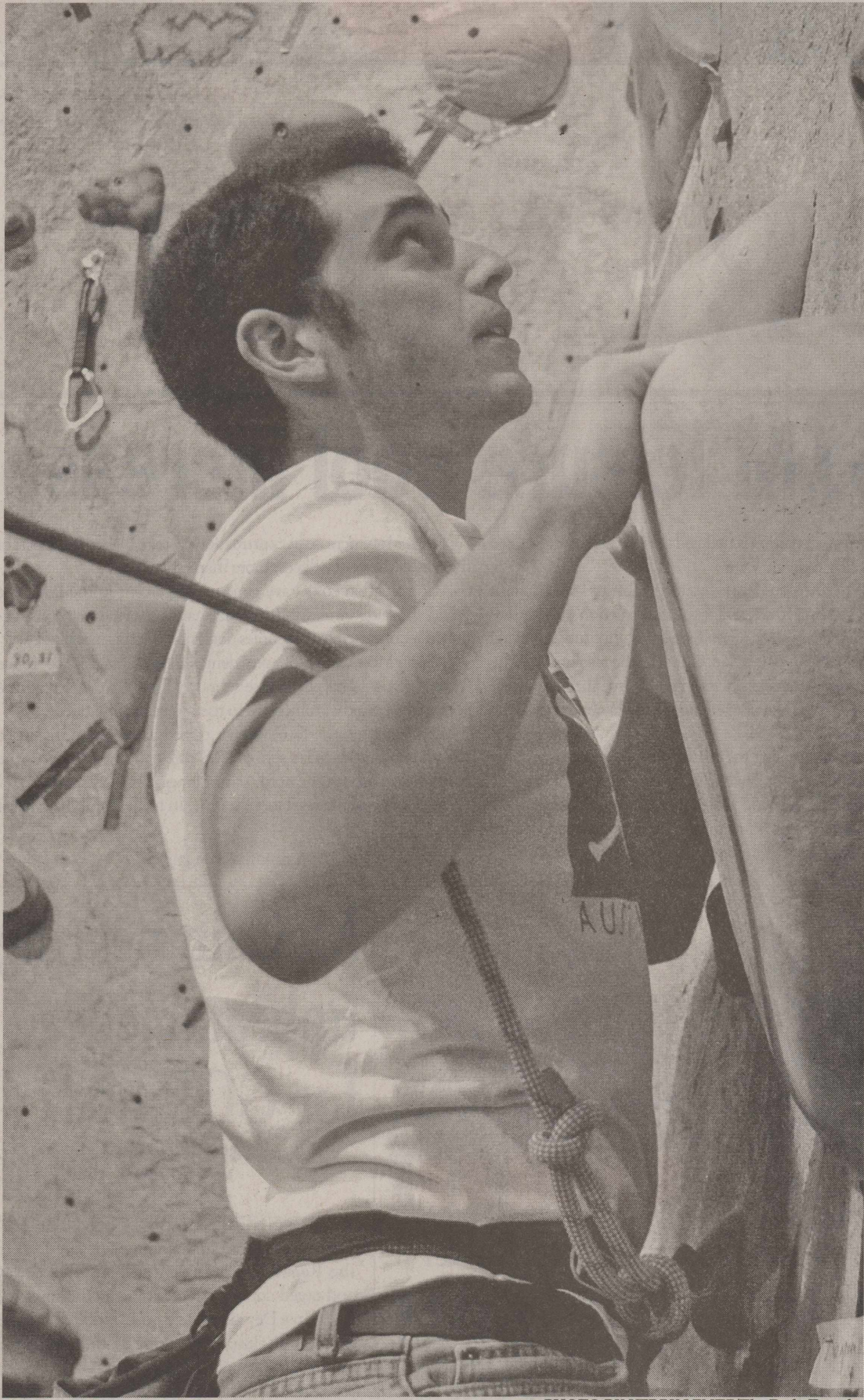


PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

PETER LONGORIA, A freshman architecture major from Austin, climbs the rock wall inside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center Tuesday evening.

Texas' primary looms large after Super Tuesday

AUSTIN (AP) — The presidential campaign train chugged toward Texas on Wednesday as Democratic and Republican candidates plotted strategies for winning March 4 in the biggest remaining primary state.

Since Super Tuesday provided no clear winner in either party, the presidential hopefuls set their sights on primaries in the coming weeks, with Texas and Ohio both offering large loads of delegates on the same day next month.

"We are going to be barnstorming Texas," said Guy Cecil, national political and field director for Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign, which is sending campaign staffers to Texas this week. "We think it is a linchpin in our nomination to the presidency."

Democrat Barack Obama's campaign said it will open 10 field offices across the state in the coming days.

"Our campaign has enjoyed

tremendous success by building organizations that harness the talent and energy of Americans who are responding to Obama's vision for uniting our country to change Washington. We intend to do the same thing right here in Texas," said newly named Obama state director Adrian Saenz.

In the Republican field, Texas is seen as a key state, too, something barely expected after the Legislature refused to move the state's primary to Feb. 5.

John McCain has the endorsement of Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is expected to accompany him soon to the Texas-Mexico border. Mitt Romney's campaign boasted of its support among the Texas GOP congressional delegation. Mike Huckabee already had a rally planned in Austin on Saturday and is likely to fare well among the state's large contingent of social conservatives.

"The Republican Party of Texas is incredibly excited at the prospect

of the GOP presidential candidates landing here in Texas very soon," said state party spokesman Hans Klingler. "This will further energize our grassroots base and could mean Texas will add the dot on the exclamation point for one of these contenders."

Texas Democratic Party chairman Boyd Richie said he expects the presidential contest in Texas to stir overall voter interest.

"Democrats across the nation have turned out in record numbers to support the candidate of their choice. I strongly believe that the same will happen in Texas come March 4th," Richie said.

There was no immediate word on when most of the candidates would show up or when and where television advertising in the state might begin. The campaigns also were focusing on Saturday's two-party contests in Louisiana and Washington state, a Democratic primary in Nebraska and a Republican caucus in Kansas.

Twister

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"We looked up and saw the funnel coming in. We started running and then glass just exploded," he said. "I hit the floor and a couch was shoved up against me, which may have saved my life because the roof fell on top of it."

With five minutes' warning from TV news reports, Nova and Ray Story huddled inside their home outside Lafayette and came out unscathed. But nearby, their uncle, Bill Clark, was injured in his toppled mobile home.

They put him in the bed of their pickup to take him to a hospital, and neighbors with chain saws tried to clear a path. What normally would have been a 30-minute drive to the hospital took well more than two hours because the roads were clogged with debris. Clark died on the way.

"He never had a chance," Nova Story said. "I looked him right in the eye and he died right there in front of me."

Most communities had ample warning that the storms were coming. Forecasters had warned for days severe weather was possible. The National Weather Service issued more than 1,000 tornado warnings from 3 p.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Wednesday in the 11-state area where the weather was heading.

The conditions for bad weather had lined up so perfectly that the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., put out an alert six days in advances.

In Atkins, Ark., Sheriff Jay Winters said the first tornado siren sounded at 4:34 p.m. Tuesday. Winters said one man, on hearing the siren, went into his home and rolled a couch onto himself for protection. Lola Sanders saw the twister approach her back porch, then grabbed her dogs and ran for the bathroom.

Kitty Chandler had just left work at the Liberty Bank of Arkansas but turned around and returned after hearing the tornado sirens. "I went to the bank, into our vault. One of the safest places to be," she said.

While the weather was unusually severe, winter tornadoes are not uncommon. The peak tornado season is

late winter through midsummer, but the storms can happen at any time of the year with the right conditions.

"All the clues were there. It was just unfortunate that it came out the way it did," prediction center director Joseph Schaefer said.

The tornadoes could be due to La Nina, a cooling of the tropical Pacific Ocean that can cause changes in weather patterns around the world. Recent studies have found an increase in tornadoes in parts of the South during the winter when La Nina occurs.

There were 67 eyewitness accounts of tornadoes, but some of those were probably twisters that were counted more than once, said Greg Carbin, the warning coordination meteorologist at the Oklahoma center. The actual number is probably more like 30 or 40, he said.

Thirty people were killed in Tennessee, 13 in Arkansas, seven in Kentucky and four in Alabama, emergency officials said. It was one of the 15 worst tornado death tolls since 1950, and the nation's deadliest barrage of tornadoes since 76 people were killed in Pennsylvania and Ohio in May 31, 1985.

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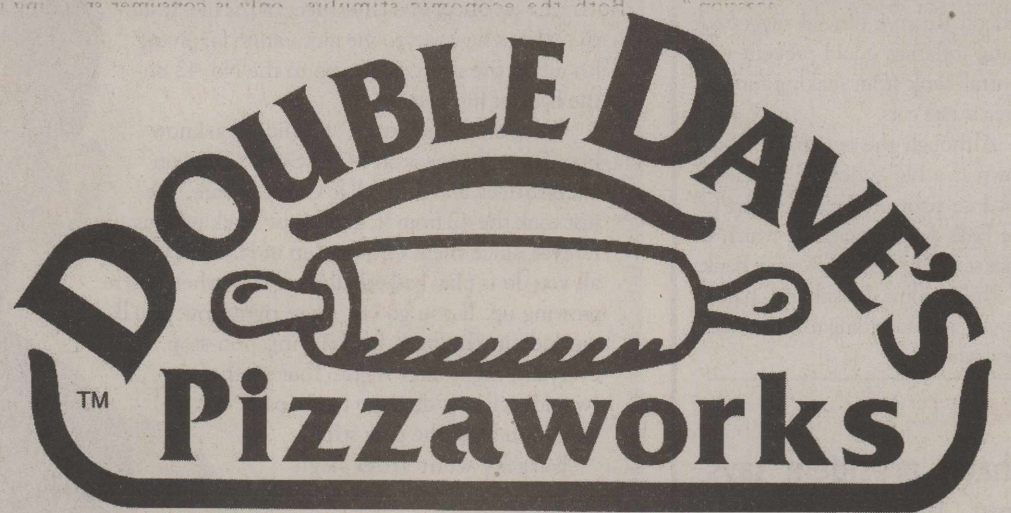


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Military: al-Qaida videos show boys in training as insurgency's 'new generation'

BAGHDAD (AP) — Boys in soccer jerseys don black masks and grab weapons. They scramble over mud-brick walls, blast down doors and hold guns to the heads of residents inside.

The U.S. military said videos seized from suspected al-Qaida in Iraq hideouts show militants training children who appear as young as 10 to kidnap and kill. It's viewed as a sign that the terror network — hungry for recruits — may be using younger Iraqis in propaganda to lure a new crop of fighters.

"Al-Qaida in Iraq wants to poison the next generation of Iraqis," said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a U.S. military spokesman. "It is offering children as the new generation of mujahedeen," he added, using the Arabic term for holy warriors.

The video, shown to reporters Wednesday, depicted an apparent training session with black-masked boys — ammunition belts draped across their small chests — forcing a man off his bicycle at gunpoint and marching him off down a muddy lane. An off-camera voice, speaking with an Iraqi accent, instructs children how to take firing positions

with assault rifles.

At one point, the boys huddle in a circle on a cement floor, solemnly pledging allegiance to al-Qaida.

U.S. and Iraqi officials said they could offer no estimate of how many children have joined the insurgency.

Young children are rarely behind insurgent attacks in Iraq, though they have been used as decoys. In March, police said children were used in a car bombing in which the driver gained permission to park in a busy shopping area after pointing out that he was leaving his kids in the back seat. The children were killed along with three Iraqi bystanders.

The military said the videos — seized in a December raid in Khan Bani Saad northeast of Baghdad — were filmed in Iraq and depicted Iraqi children, but offered no definitive evidence. Smith said the adult trainer's voice had an Iraqi accent. It could not be determined when the videos were made, he added.

The scenes included boys mimicking the violence and aggression that have become familiar to Iraqi children since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. But the footage also ap-

peared to show organized militant training sessions, suggesting an effort by al-Qaida-inspired insurgents to train ever-younger — and perhaps less conspicuous — militants.

The raw footage was likely to be incorporated into propaganda films for al-Qaida or other militant groups.

"We believe this video is used as propaganda to send out to recruit other boys ... and to send a broader message across Iraq to indoctrinate youth into al-Qaida," Smith said.

American soldiers frequently discover propaganda-style materials along with the weapons and ammunition they confiscate daily in raids across Iraq.

In a Dec. 8 operation in Muqadiyah, north of the Iraqi capital, U.S. troops found an Arabic movie script with scenes of terrorists training children, and children interrogating and executing victims, Smith said.

Both the videos and film script were found in Diyala province, a hotbed of Sunni militant activity.

Smith said the military decided to show the videos of children to expose al-Qaida's "morally broken ideology" and encourage Iraqi opposition.

Military confirms secret lockup for top detainees inside Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Somewhere amid the cactus-studded hills on this sprawling Navy base, separate from the cells where hundreds of men suspected of links to al-Qaida and the Taliban have been locked up for years, is a place even more closely guarded — a jailhouse so protected that its very location is top secret.

For the first time, the top commander of detention operations at Guantanamo has confirmed the existence of the mysterious Camp 7. In an interview with The Associated Press, Rear Adm. Mark Buzby also provided a few details about the maximum-security lockup.

Guantanamo commanders said Camp 7 is for key alleged al-Qaida members, who must be kept apart from other prisoners to prevent them from retaliating against long-term detainees who have talked to interrogators. They also want the location kept secret for fear of terrorist attack.

Many operations have been classified since the detention

center opened in January 2002 in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. More than four years passed before the military released even the names of detainees held on this 45-square-mile base in southeast Cuba — and it did so only after the AP filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

Detainees have been held in Camp Echo and Camps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Journalists cleared by the military have been allowed to tour some of these lockups, where 260 men are held, but aren't allowed to speak to detainees. Some lawmakers and other VIPs have passed through, and the International Red Cross has access, but doesn't divulge details of visits with prisoners.

Camp 7, where 15 "high-value detainees" are held, is so secret that its very existence was not publicly known until it was mentioned in December by attorneys for Majid Khan, a former Baltimore resident who allegedly plotted to bomb gas stations in the United States. Previously, many observers believed the 15 were being held in Camps 5

or 6, which are maximum-security facilities.

"Under the gag order ... we are prohibited from saying anything more about their camp," lawyer Gitanjali Gutierrez, who met with Khan in October, said Tuesday. Most of the lawyers' notes and memos have been stamped "top secret" by the government.

Buzby told the AP he is sharply limiting to a "very few" the number of people who know Camp 7's whereabouts.

He described it as a maximum security facility that was already built when President Bush announced in September 2006 that 14 high-value terrorism suspects had been transferred from CIA secret detention facilities to Guantanamo. An additional detainee, Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi, arrived last April.

"They went straight into that facility," Buzby said.

Buzby, who heads all military detention operations on Guantanamo, said he controls Camp 7, but would not discuss whether the CIA might still be talking with the high-value detainees.

With national economy weakened, Lubbock should remain stable, unaffected

By MICHELLE CASADY
EDITOR

Super Tuesday has come and gone, but one campaign issue is still on the minds of many Americans — the economy.

According to a poll released Wednesday by the Gallup organization, 79 percent of Americans believe the economy is getting worse while 14 percent believe it is getting better.

Though these numbers may be starting to come, experts in the field say there is not enough evidence to predict a recession hitting the United States anytime soon.

"No one who is knowledgeable would claim to have seen any information that we are in a recession," said Ron Gilbert, an associate professor of economics at Texas Tech. "You can't just have a weakness in housing and call it a recession."

Gilbert explained that while some areas of the U.S. economy are weakened, other areas are experiencing growth. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, consumer spending is up, unemployment rates are down and average hourly earnings were up in January relative to December 2007.

On Jan. 30, the Federal Reserve lowered its federal funds rate to 3 percent. Jan. 22 marked the first unscheduled meeting conducted by the Federal Reserve Board since the Sept.

11, 2001, attacks. At this meeting, which took place just a week before a regularly scheduled meeting, the board cut its federal funds rate from 4.25 percent to 3.5 percent.

Following this unprecedented cut, the George W. Bush administration began pushing for an economic relief package to be approved by both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. Gilbert explained this as using fiscal and monetary policy together to help revive the less-than-robust economy.

"Fiscal policy will not work very long without the cooperation of Federal Reserve," he said. "Monetary policy is far more important than what Bush and Congress are trying to do."

Both the economic stimulus package and the slashing of rates by the Federal Reserve are policies designed to aid the demand side of the economy. However, Gilbert warns that with the relief that comes with the stimulus package, there are also dangers.

"It's very important that these tax rebates be temporary, because if they become permanent, all it will do is increase the federal deficit," he said.

Conversely, he said it is also dangerous to have rates so low for long periods of time because it could increase inflation.

While some signs do point toward a weakened economy, Gilbert remains firm that a recession is not imminent.

"Here's what we do know — we know that the economy is weakened, but I'm equally certain that we are not yet in a recession," he said. "The economy's not going to be great in 2008, and it's not going to be like 2007."

While the rest of the United States could be experiencing the effects of a weakened economy, in Texas, and more specifically Lubbock, the indicators are less obvious. Not only is consumer spending up, but exports also have increased because of the decreasing value of the U.S. dollar.

"The Texas economy is two times more dependant on exports than the rest of the U.S.," Gilbert said. "So percentage wise, that will help Texas more than any other state."

The Lubbock economy has a history of being fairly stable, regardless of what the national status may be.

"We're not what you would call cyclical," Gilbert said. "The only thing that can really hurt us from year to year is the cyclical nature of the cotton crops."

He attributes the stability of the Lubbock economy to the steady education and medical sectors. Gilbert also mentioned that graduate school enrollment tends to increase in times when the job market is weak.

"If there are no jobs available, people want to have more education," he said.

Locally, some people will be affected by the current state of the national economy. Recent graduates could have a harder time finding jobs and small community banks may have difficulties dealing with the cuts made by the Federal Reserve.

"It's going to be a huge challenge for Lubbock banks and community banks in general," said Keith Mann, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Lubbock National

Bank. "It's harder to raise deposits in low interest environments. This is like getting punched in the stomach."

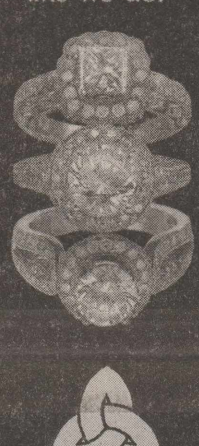
Despite this, Mann echoed Gilbert's beliefs that a recession is not likely in the Lubbock community.

"In general, the Lubbock economy tends to not go through a boom or bust," he said. "We have an extremely stable economy."

Mann is confident community banks in Lubbock will be able to survive these rate cuts even though it is not an ideal situation for bankers or customers of the bank.

"We can't control Wall Street; all we can do is react," he said.
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Divided base equals defeat in November

As John McCain continues to grow his lead in his push for the Republican nomination, the unrelenting and unintelligible criticism from his fellow Republicans and conservatives is a sign the American people are tired of a polarizing conservative rhetoric that won't be able to compete with a unified left-wing in November.

In a letter written from Republican Robert Dole to conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh, Dole referred to McCain saying he is a "mainstream conservative" and praised McCain for supporting the party on critical legislation while Dole served as the Senate's Republican leader. This letter came as criticism from radio talk show hosts such as Laura Ingraham and Limbaugh reached a breaking point.

Ingraham blasted the Arizona senator saying: "The problem with McCain goes deeper than what he says about taxes and what he says today about immigration that contradicts what he said days or weeks ago. It's about the battles McCain chooses to fight and the enemies he chooses to make. McCain consistently chooses the wrong battles and makes enemies out of the very people he now expects to carry him to the White House."

Limbaugh is drawing the most attention for his obvious disdain for McCain saying, "McCain will kill conservatism as a dominant force in the Republican Party."

Joining Limbaugh, conservative partisan Ann Coulter went on Fox News' "Hannity and Colmes" proclaiming, "If [McCain] is our candidate, then Hillary [Clinton] is going to be our girl, because she's more conservative than he is... I think she would be stronger for our country." John McCain is not only bad for Republicanism... he is bad for the country."

The conservative talking heads back up their attacks by referring to McCain's legislative record. "McCain-Kennedy," an immigration reform bill which allowed illegal aliens already here to regularize their status and stay in the United States, is one major piece of legislation he is attacked for.

Unfortunately for conservatives and Republicans, this McCain-burning does not show a tenacious loyalty to their principles, but instead it illuminates their utter ignorance when it comes to politics.

Derek Johnston



People like Limbaugh and Coulter are the face of the conservative right. And if there is anything that conservatives hate more than liberals, it's Democrats. And as McCain becomes the most likely man to be the nominee, conservative Republicans need to get behind McCain if they think they have a chance to win in November.

Conservative voices taut words like loyalty, values and principles as the hallmarks of their ideological base. They also are the people who criticize the government for not getting anything done. McCain is as conservative as anyone else. He's pro-war, pro-life and pro-fiscal conservatism. But the major factor that separates him from the majority of conservatives and what gets him in trouble with conservatives is that he is a

"His record shows he reaches across the aisle and gets important legislation passed."

"common-sense" conservative. He knows what it takes to get things done. His record shows he reaches across the aisle and gets important legislation passed.

But one thing McCain hasn't done is infringe on the rights of the American people. He has opposed legislation that would overturn Roe v. Wade and make abortion illegal. He voted against an amendment banning same-sex marriage. This shows while he strongly believes in his conservative principles, he has not supported movements to force them upon anyone else. While conservatives have been hell-bent on pushing legislation, which accomplishes nothing but furthering their moral agendas, McCain

has kept a religion-driven agenda out of Congress and worked with his Democratic peers to get things done.

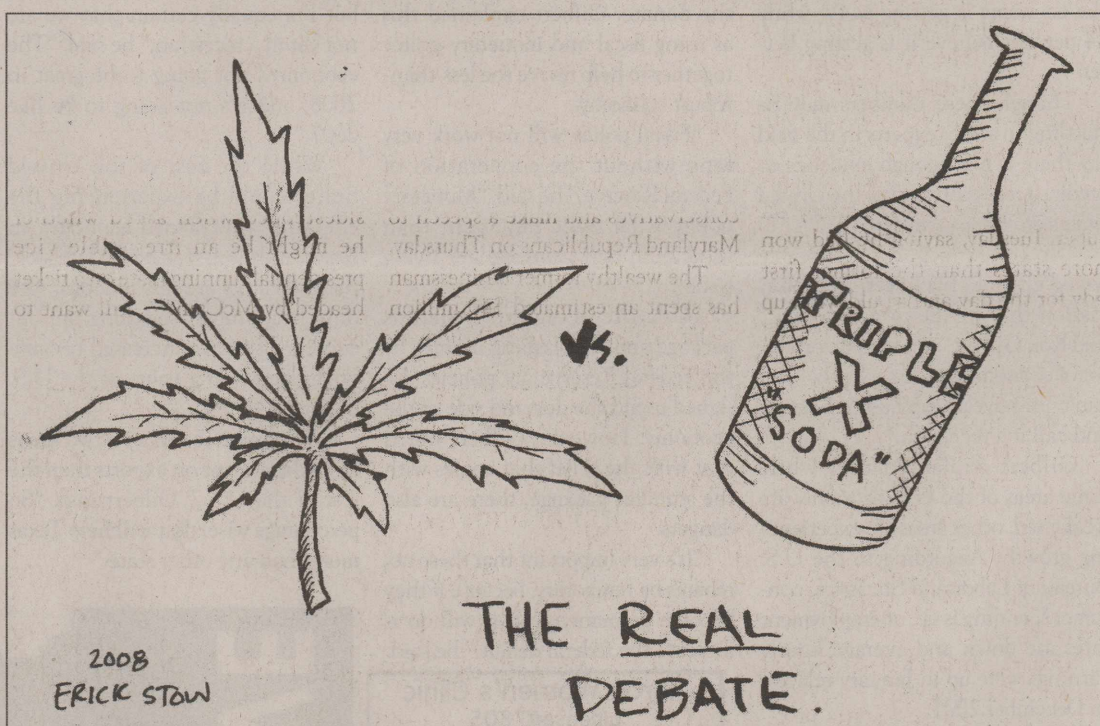
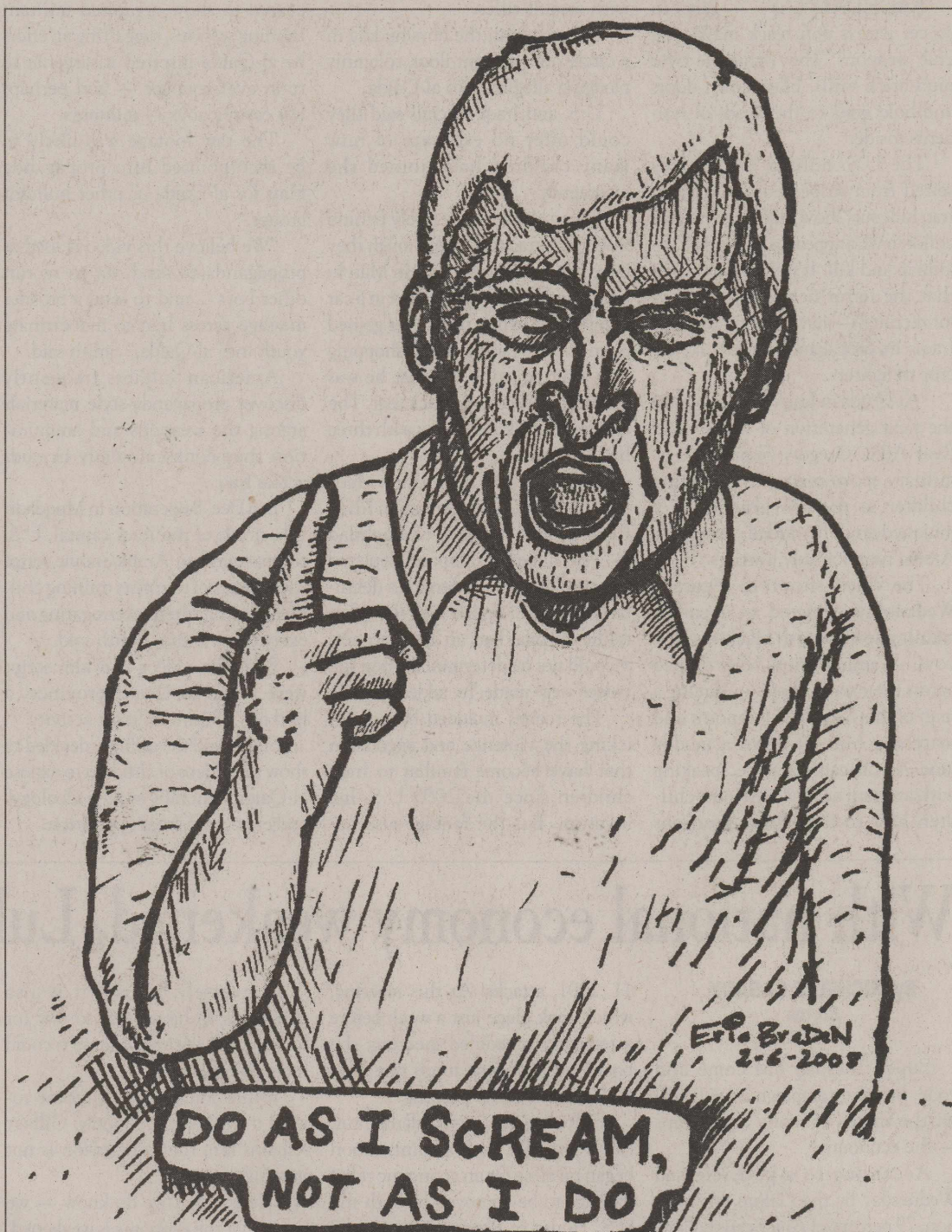
Unfortunately for Republican strategists, the major conservative voices may end up gift-wrapping the '08 presidential race for the Democrats. Pundits and partisans like Coulter, Limbaugh and "Focus on the Family" have a direct influence on the vast majority of Republican voters. The Republicans who listen to these people are going to get a message that isn't behind their Republican nominee. Without the guiding hand of their radios or Fox News, many conservatives are going to take their support elsewhere. This lack of support is going to split up the Republican vote and throw a lot of support to the Democrats.

English political philosopher John Stuart Mill once said, "conservatives are not necessarily stupid, but most stupid people are conservative." This truth is no more evident than in politics, especially presidential politics. Our government has much bigger fish to fry than banning gay marriage or abortion. We have an economic crisis, a health-care crisis and a war in the Middle East that needs to come to an end; and after all, I'm pretty sure religion is supposed to stay out of government, and I'm pretty sure pro-life and anti-gay-marriage ideals are religious ones. Just a thought.

While McCain and I don't see eye-to-eye on pretty much every issue, I could stand to see him win the November election because his record shows he puts his religious and partisan ideals aside and addresses the actual problems of our nation. But thanks to conservative whining and ignorance, I probably won't have to see him win.

Because the vast majority of conservatives in the public eye don't seem to get that the "American people" are tired of conservative polarizing politics and, like William Jennings Bryan, the conservative rhetoric of the past is going to be drowned out by the voices of reason who are unified toward the common cause of getting America out of this 1950s state of mind and tackling the real issues facing 21st century Americans.

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Marijuana usage, legalization issues of individual rights for U.S. citizens

On Jan. 30, a debate entitled "The Debate Over the Legalization of Marijuana: Heads vs. Tails" occurred on campus between DEA agent Bob Stutman, sometimes called "the most famous narc in America," and Steve Hagar, editor of "High Times" magazine. I expected a debate on marijuana legalization would draw the usual suspects.

The one arguing in favor of legalization is often an unkempt, abrasive, ex-hippie spouting anti-government conspiracy theories and generally doing his utmost to marginalize those of us who support marijuana legalization on an individual-rights basis. In the relativistic world view of the far left, individuals ought not to be constrained by standards of decency and morality and should be free to engage in whatever self-destructive acts suit their whims while, at the same time, they should be insulated from the consequences of their actions.

In opposition is the rightist, understandably horrified by this world view in general and its implications for drug use in particular, who jumps to the conclusion that a paternalistic government needs to intervene to save college potheads from the detrimental consequences of their own bad decisions. One cannot help but wonder if there is really any difference between conservatives and liberals.

In the view of conservatives, the government should seize my property — in the form of taxes — in order to

Jason Hoskin



finance the initiation of force — in the form of fines and/or incarceration — against my classmates for their bad choices. In other words, as one philosopher quips in another context, we should beat the stoners' brains out, so they may better utilize them. The arguments put forth by both Stutman and Hagar during the debate largely confirmed my suspicions.

The first part of the debate largely was focused on whether marijuana use is harmful. Each man quoted experts who supported his view. Although safe and "medicinal" marijuana would comport with the "everything-is-permitted" hippie mentality, I must admit I am not in a position of expertise with regard to its safety. I will say I am skeptical that a benign substance could produce a room filled with students suffering from halitosis and B.O. Did anyone really expect students would not show up high to a debate on marijuana legalization?

Couple this with my own experience with the highly irritating smoke from marijuana; I have my doubts this substance is not harmful to human tissue. More importantly, I am pretty sure any substance that interferes with

the function of the uniquely human attribute of reason is inconsistent with a set of standards that promotes one's interest.

But all this is really beside the point and counterproductive to the goal of marijuana legalization. While making the apparently ingenious argument that pot smoking is harmless good medicine, leftists such as Hagar cede the argument to the other side — that government has a right to regulate issues of personal safety and morality. With this approach, the debate degrades into determining what is safe and what is moral and who should make this determination. When the proper issue of the debate did come up, Hagar, to his credit, declared that it is none of anyone's business what substances one puts into his or her own body.

After all, Hagar posed to his opponent, shouldn't we all be free to engage in whatever acts we choose so long as

we do not harm anyone else, or more correctly, violate anyone's rights without an intrusive government coming in to referee? And how did the freedom-loving, small-government-advocating defender of the American way respond? Certainly not!

After all, he claims, almost every action we take has some effect on others. The drug addict certainly is harming those who love and care for him, claims Stutman. I am not unsympathetic to this statement, but by this standard, I am violating the rights of others by writing this column. I'm confident some people will be offended deeply by my words and possibly even cry.

Should conservatives then seize my property — in the form of fines — or take my liberty from me by incarcerating me to uphold the noble principle that people living together should not have any negative effects on one another? Since a great many human actions have effects on others, both posi-

tive and negative, how do we decide which actions require the government to wield a gun on its citizens?

As Thomas Jefferson said in a different context, my classmates' pot smoking "neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg." As such, the government would do well to refrain to do either to its citizens. To anticipate, violent crimes potentially committed by aggressive, testosterone-crazed marijuana smokers are already illegal, as are laws against driving while impaired, as they should be in a society based on the protection of individual rights.

The purpose of government is not to legislate morality, but to free individuals from the initiation of force from others, thereby protecting each individual's ability and potential to use his or her reason to further the goals of his or her life. I sympathize with Stutman's disdain for some college students, whom at one point in the debate cheered at the prospect of the new-found freedom to

show up to class high, in an eager display of self-parody — Hagar, to his credit, chastised this display.

But the historical evidence is in. Societies that protect individual rights among the greatest wealth, see the greatest prosperity and gain the most longevity, and I dare say, achieve the greatest happiness.

This should indicate that people, if left free, in general have both the will and ability to determine and implement those actions consistent with their best interests. Conservatives like Stutman would do well to trust both in this case, and he should have confidence in his own ability to persuade a sizable contingent of stoner-dom not to indulge in self-destructive behaviors such as drug abuse but choose the straight path

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Wife's complaint leads to husband's burglary arrest

SUTHERLIN, Ore. (AP) — They say problem gamblers never quit while they're ahead, and one properly insured Oregon man apparently didn't, either.

Authorities recovered a stolen antique slot machine worth \$4,000 and arrested the 30-year-old, who they said asked his wife to help file an insurance claim to cover damage done to his van during the heist.

The slot machine was reported stolen in a burglary Monday night at a home in Sutherlin, 47 miles south of Portland, Douglas County sheriff's deputies said. Investigators learned that the victim's housekeeper filed a police report a day earlier claiming someone had thrown a piece of sheet metal through the window of her parked van.

The sheet metal turned out to be from the back of the stolen slot machine, with the serial number attached. Deputies said the housekeeper's husband stole the machine, which tipped over as he drove away, breaking the van window. He told his wife the van had been vandalized and asked her to report the damage so insurance would cover it, deputies said.

The husband and a 25-year-old man were charged with burglary and theft, but the wife wasn't charged.

The case was still being investigated.

Piece of human scalp has police going door-to-door

PASCO, Wash. (AP) — The discovery of an apparent piece of human scalp has puzzled police knocking on doors to try to determine the source.

"At this point it appears to be human," police Capt. James Raymond said Tuesday. "We're taking a leap that the person it belongs to probably is not alive."

Eriberta Salinas said her 4-month-old puppy Clifford brought home the apparent piece of scalp with reddish hair on Sunday from a back yard in the neighborhood.

Police went door to door in the neighborhood in this central Washington town for about five hours Monday to ask neighbors if they had seen any red-haired strangers in the area lately.

Investigators initially thought the scalp might have been taken in the recent car prow and theft of a kit containing body parts for training cadaver dogs in nearby Kennewick, but that was later ruled out, police said.

The apparent piece of scalp has been sent to a crime laboratory for analysis.

"Someone out there is probably not living and so that's really what the priority is: Where is this person?" Raymond said.

Oyster bar milks Super Bowl win over New England

NEW YORK (AP) — Not only has the pride of New England been creamed by the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLII, so has the region's namesake chowder — at least at one city restaurant.

The Grand Central Oyster Bar is changing the name of its New England Clam Chowder to "Giants Clam Chowder" for the week.

The restaurant's owner, Mike Garvey, called it an "appropriate tribute."

The Giants beat the previously undefeated New England Patriots 17-14 on Sunday night to win their third Super Bowl title.

McCain

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Clinton pointed toward the next contests, primaries in Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia plus caucuses in Nebraska, Washington Maine and the Virgin Islands over the next week. In all, those states offer 353 delegates.

At a news conference in Chicago, Obama claimed victory on Super Tuesday, saying he had won more states than the former first lady for the day and would wind up with more delegates by the time all were tallied.

He bluntly took issue with the suggestion that he, more than she, could be brought down by Swift Boat-style criticism in the fall campaign.

"I have to just respond by saying that the Clinton research operation is about as good as anybody's out there," he said.

"I assure you that having engaged in a contest against them for the last year that they've pulled out all the stops. And you know I think what is absolutely true is whoever the Democratic nominee is the Republicans will go after them. The notion that somehow Senator Clinton is going to be immune from attack or there's not a whole dump truck they can't back up in a match between her and John McCain is just not true."

He said he would be campaigning in all the states in the next round of primaries and caucuses.

Clinton said she would contest Obama everywhere, although senior aides conceded Obama would have more to spend on ads.

"We will have funds to compete," Mark Penn, Clinton's chief strategist, told reporters in a conference call. "But we're likely to be outspent again."

A few hours later, Howard Wolfson, the campaign's communications director, said the senator had loaned money to her campaign late last month.

Officials with both campaigns

have said Obama raised \$32 million in January and Clinton \$13.5 million, a significant gap between the two that allowed Obama to place ads in virtually every Super Tuesday state and get a head start on advertising for the next primaries and caucuses.

Among Republicans, there was speculation that Romney was contemplating a withdrawal. He offered little hint of his plans, announcing only that he would appear before conservatives and make a speech to Maryland Republicans on Thursday.

The wealthy former businessman has spent an estimated \$40 million to \$50 million in personal funds to finance his campaign, but he ran

something of a scaled-back effort in several Super Tuesday states.

He emerged with a string of victories in caucuses, but won primaries only in his home state of Massachusetts and in Utah.

Huckabee scored a series of Southern victories on Super Tuesday and has said he will stay in the race until someone has enough delegates to clinch the nomination.

Interviewed on CBS, Huckabee sidestepped when asked whether he might be an irresistible vice presidential running mate on a ticket headed by McCain. "I still want to be the irresistible choice to be the president," he said.

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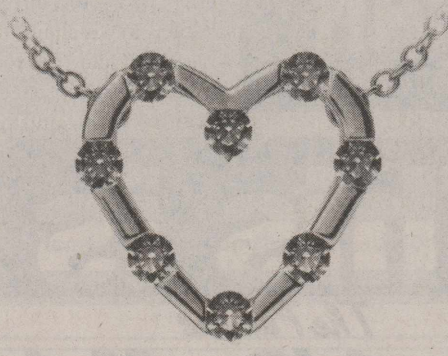
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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Italy dissolves parliament, clearing way for elections

ROME (AP) — Italy's president dissolved parliament on Wednesday, clearing the way for early elections this spring, just two years after the last parliamentary vote.

The president made the decision after Premier Romano Prodi's center-left government fell late last month and subsequent efforts to form an interim government to change voting rules proved unsuccessful.

Taliban militants in Pakistan declare cease-fire

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — Taliban militants declared a cease-fire Wednesday in fighting with Pakistani forces, and the government said it was preparing for peace talks with al-Qaida-linked extremists in the lawless tribal area near the border with Afghanistan.

Any deal that allows armed Islamic extremists to operate on Pakistani soil would run counter to U.S. demands for the government to crack down on militants. The Bush administration contends a failed truce last year allowed al-Qaida to expand its reach into this turbulent, nuclear-armed country, and the U.S. has sounded warnings in recent days about a revival of militant strength.

A spokesman for Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, a militant umbrella group, said the new cease-fire would include not only the tribal belt along the Afghan border but also the restive Swat region to the east where the army has also battled pro-Taliban fighters.

Tehrik-e-Taliban is led by Baitullah Mehsud, an al-Qaida-linked commander based in South Waziristan whom President Pervez Musharraf's government has blamed for a series of suicide attacks across Pakistan, including the Dec. 27 assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

Rocket wounds 2 Israelis; Israeli airstrikes hit Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hamas militants fired a rocket into an Israeli border village, wounding two young sisters as they played outside their home. The attack followed Israel airstrikes against Gaza militants and threats of an "all-front" war on the Islamic group.

The rapid-fire events threatened to escalate into large scale combat that could bury U.S.-led Mideast peace efforts. Hamas stepped up its rocket barrages at southern Israel for a second day, retaliating for an Israeli strike that killed seven of its police officers. More than a dozen rockets rained down, one exploding at Kibbutz Beer, a communal village about four miles from the border fence.

Two sisters, ages 12 and 2, were lightly wounded as they played in their yard, police said. Their mother was taken to a hospital for shock.

Israel unleashed an intensified air campaign after Hamas claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing Monday that killed one woman in southern Israel. It was the first such Hamas attack in Israel in more than three years.

Overnight, Israeli aircraft fired at militants who launched rockets moments before, the military said. Hamas said four of its men were wounded.

Israeli aircraft hit a metal workshop in Gaza city after nightfall Wednesday, Hamas said. No one was hurt. A few minutes later, aircraft targeted a Hamas car in southern Gaza; there were no reports of injuries. The Israeli military confirmed it carried out two airstrikes.

Brazil's carnival ends with gay ball, street samba

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Revelers wrapped up Brazil's wild carnival bash with the popular Gala Gay ball Tuesday night on Rio de Janeiro's streets, already littered with feathers and sequins after five days of partying.

Thousands of onlookers gawked as men in glittering miniskirts, evening dresses, bead-studded lingerie and feathered headdresses shimmied down a wide avenue to the sounds of ABBA's "Dancing Queen," for a party that would last until dawn Wednesday.

After a week that saw everything from a scandal over a planned Holocaust-themed float — later nixed by a judge — to a samba queen's quest to set a world record for the most plastic surgeries, revelers spent Carnival's last hours dancing the samba behind street bands.

"It is just impossible to describe it," 30-year-old Dutch bank worker Alexander Milikan said as he took a break from the festivities on Ipanema beach. "There's street parties everywhere, everyone's dancing, it's amazing."

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and pre-Easter praying and fasting for the world's largest Roman Catholic country. But most Brazilians will be glued to their televisions in the afternoon to learn the winner of the centerpiece of Rio's Carnival: the fiercely competitive Samba parade.

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MATTIE WILSON, A junior cell and molecular biology major from Austin, serves Landon Sprague, a junior chemical engineering major from Houston, while Penny Howards, a Tech Alum, waits her turn Tuesday at the annual Mardi Gras pancake dinner hosted at United Methodist Church.

SGA

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\$1 for every credit hour up to 15 hours would be added to the Student Athletic Tuition Fee, and "this would generate up to \$8 million over 20 years for the renovations of the Jones AT&T Stadium."

The construction, which still is scheduled to take place, consists of gutting the north side ticket booth to add about 9,000 seats to the stadium.

Moses said because the students already are being asked to increase another part of tuition, he does not feel it would be appropriate to ask for a separate increase in tuition.

"We didn't feel it was right or in the students' interest to potentially increase two fees," he said. "We just didn't think it was right, right now, to go the (Board of Regents) and say 'let's go and increase fees.'"

Taylor Hutcherson, SGA external

vice president, said he has opposed the debt-service fee from the beginning.

As an SGA officer, he said he has been offered many perks from the Athletic Department, such as football

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— MASON MOSES
SGA PRESIDENT

and basketball game box-seat tickets and season parking tickets.

"It seems like almost every game they try to offer 'here are some tickets for you and a date and here's your

parking pass for the whole season right next to the stadium," he said. "At the beginning, I personally didn't think about it, but after a while, I was wondering what the motivation was, and this comes around and it kind of clicked for me."

Moses said he felt like the tickets he received from the Athletic Department had nothing to do with getting the referendum on the ballot and believes offers like that are part of the job.

"We work with (athletics) during projects, not just things like this; This is just a way for saying thank you," he said. "They are two completely unrelated items, receiving tickets and this referendum."

Hutcherson said while the intentions of the Athletic Department may have been innocent, he did not feel comfortable accepting the offers after he found out about the debt-service fee referendum.

He said he does not believe it is the responsibility of the students to pay for construction projects.

"The debt-service fee is definitely done as far as this senate is concerned," said Moses, "but it could definitely come up in the future."

The resolution to increase the Student Recreation Fee will be voted on today during the SGA senate meeting.
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Israel kills 8 Hamas militants in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel killed eight Hamas militants Tuesday, firing missiles into the sandy courtyard of a Hamas police station as the Islamic militant group claimed responsibility for a bold strike inside Israel, the first suicide mission in over a year.

The latest round of violence followed two weeks of anarchy on the Gaza-Egypt border that has heightened Israeli concerns that Islamic militants could use the chaos to infiltrate into Israel to carry out attacks.

The last three weeks have seen a succession of violent events — starting with a Hamas rocket barrage on Israel, then a tightened Israeli economic blockade of the territory, and finally a Hamas-engineered border breach with Egypt on Jan. 23 that enabled hundreds of thousands of Gazans to break out.

Israeli security chiefs had warned that Palestinian militants used the breach to slip out of Gaza and sought to make their way from Egypt through the porous 150-mile stretch of mostly unsecured Sinai desert that borders Israel.

Monday's suicide bombing in the Israeli town of Dimona, some 35 miles from the border, set off speculation the assailants used just

that method to slip into Israel. The attack in a Dimona shopping center killed a 73-year-old Israeli woman and wounded 11 people.

Shortly after the bombing, two Gaza militant groups said they sent the attackers from Gaza, via Egypt. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, an offshoot of moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah group, and a small PLO faction released the alleged bombers' farewell videos, and their two families set up mourning houses.

However, on Tuesday Hamas claimed responsibility and said the attackers came from the West Bank, not from Gaza, an assertion backed by Israeli security officials, though Israel made no official announcement.

Israeli Housing Minister Zeev Boim said he was nearly certain the bombers had set out from the West Bank, not Gaza, and Israeli troops arrested male relatives of the two men named by Hamas as the bombers.

The conflicting claims heightened Israeli concerns that multiple teams of attackers are on the loose, and Israeli security forces remained on high alert throughout the country.

The launch of a suicide attack from the West Bank, if confirmed by Israel, could also embarrass Abbas, Hamas' main political rival. The

Israeli military controls the West Bank, but Israel says Abbas' success in reining in West Bank militants is key to moving forward in peace efforts.

Hamas seized control of Gaza by force in June, and Abbas no longer has a say there.

The showdown between Hamas leaders who are determined to cling to power in Gaza and an international community, led by Israel and Egypt, seeking to isolate the Hamas-run government has created a volatile situation that could rapidly escalate.

Throughout the day Tuesday, Hamas fired nearly two dozen home-made rockets at Israeli border towns. One woman was seriously injured and three people were slightly hurt, medics said. One of the rockets hit a power line, and electricity was cut briefly in part of the town of Sderot.

In the West Bank city of Hebron, relatives of Shadi Zghayer and Mohammed Herbawi said they learned from watching Hamas' Al Aqsa TV that the two were named as the Dimona bombers. The men, Hamas members in their 20s, left home early Monday, without giving their destination, their relatives said.

"I am proud of my son and hope he goes to heaven," said Zghayer's mother, Aziya.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who taught Beatles meditation, dies

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a guru to the Beatles who introduced the West to transcendental meditation, died Tuesday at his home in the Dutch town of Vlodrop, a spokesman said. He was thought to be 91 years old.

"He died peacefully at about 7 p.m.," said Bob Roth, a spokesman for the Transcendental Meditation movement that Maharishi founded. He said his death appeared to be due to "natural causes, his age."

Once dismissed as hippie mysticism, the Hindu practice of mind control known as transcendental meditation gradually gained medical respectability. He began teaching TM in 1955 and brought the technique

to the United States in 1959. But the movement really took off after the Beatles attended one of his lectures in 1967.

Maharishi retreated last month into silence at his home on the grounds of a former Franciscan monastery, saying he wanted to dedicate his remaining days to studying the ancient Indian texts that underpin his movement.

"He had been saying he had done what he set out to do," Roth said late Tuesday.

With the help of celebrity endorsements, Maharishi — a Hindi-language title for Great Seer — parlayed his interpretations of ancient scripture into a multi-million-dollar global empire. His roster of famous meditators ran from Mike Love of the Beach Boys to Clint Eastwood and Deepak Chopra, a new age preacher.

After 50 years of teaching, Maharishi turned to larger themes, with grand designs to harness the power of group meditation to create world peace and to mobilize his devotees to banish poverty from the earth.

His rise to fame came with his association with the Beatles, who first attended one of his lectures in August 1967 in Wales as they looked for a way of attaining higher consciousness in the aftermath of that year's Summer of Love.

The Beatles were so charmed by the self-effacing guru that they agreed to stay with at his India compound, starting in February 1968, an astonishing choice for what was then the world's most celebrated music group.

But once there, Maharishi had a falling out with the rock stars after rumors emerged that he was making inappropriate advances on attendee Mia Farrow. John Lennon was so angry he wrote a bitter satire, "Sexy Sadie," in which he vowed that Maharishi would "get yours yet."

Maharishi insisted he had done nothing wrong and years later Mc-

Cartney agreed with him. Deepak Chopra, a disciple of Maharishi's and a friend of George Harrison's, has disputed the Farrow story, saying instead that Maharishi had become unhappy with the Beatles because they were using drugs.

Director David Lynch, creator of dark and violent films, lectured at college campuses about the "ocean of tranquility" he found in more than 30 years of practicing TM.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Lynch said it has aided him "in every aspect of life."

He said he believed Maharishi has laid the groundwork for world peace, even if that was not immediately apparent from world affairs.

"The world appears in bad shape on the surface, but I compare it to a tree: there are yellow sickly leaves dropping off but Maharishi has brought nourishment to the roots. Hang on for a little while longer, it's coming."

His followers say that some 5 million people devoted 20 minutes every morning and evening reciting a simple sound, or mantra, and delving into their consciousness.

"Don't fight darkness. Bring the light, and darkness will disappear," Maharishi said in a 2006 interview, repeating one of his own mantras.

Donations and the \$2,500 fee to learn TM financed the construction of Peace Palaces, or meditation centers, in dozens of cities around the world. It paid for hundreds of new schools in India.

In 1974, Maharishi founded a university in Fairfield, Iowa, that taught meditation alongside the arts and sciences to 700 students and served organic vegetarian food in its cafeterias.

In 2001, his followers founded Maharishi Vedic City, a town of about 200 people a few miles north of Fairfield. The city requires the construction of buildings according to design principles set by Maharishi for harmony with nature.

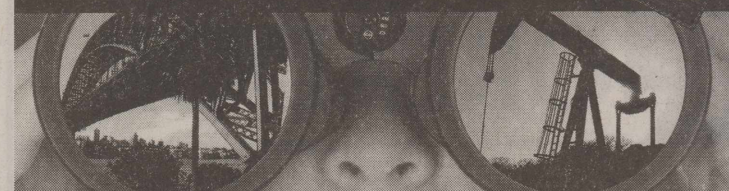
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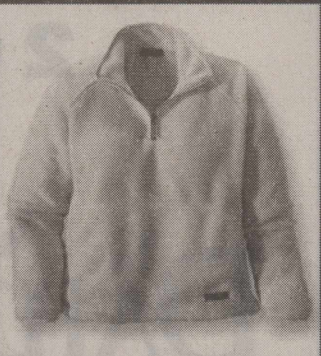
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One woman show: Bringing a tradition to life

By **JORDAN EICHER**
STAFF WRITER

From the moment the first note exited the flute, not a sound other than mesmerizing music could be heard throughout the recital hall.

Lauren Joiner, a graduate student of ethnomusicology, performed a solo Tuesday in the Hemmle Recital Hall as a spellbound audience looked on. Joiner's performance consisted of her expertise on the timber or Irish flute, the tin whistle and her voice completely unaccompanied.

Joiner is the inaugural recipient of the Vernacular Music Center's Scholarship in Traditional Music and currently studies Irish traditional music with Chris Smith, an associate professor, chair of musicology and director of the Texas Tech Vernacular Music Center and the

Tech Celtic Ensemble. She also has studied with traditional flautists Kevin Henry, Joanie Madden, Skip Healy and John Skelton.

She is an active member of Tech's Celtic Ensemble as a flautist, whistle player and vocalist. Previously, Joiner has presented workshops on Irish Traditional flute playing at the Midsouth Flute Festival, the Texas Tech Flute Festival and the National Flute Association's National Convention.

Joiner said even after all her experiences as a musician, there is one particular experience that stays with her and inspires her to continue her craft.

"I went to Ireland with the Texas Tech Ireland seminar, and we went in and played a session in Sligo," she said reminiscing. "It was a much lower-key session, but at the end of this session, this probably

70-year-old Irish flute player turned to me and said, 'You are my favorite American because you play a lovely flute,' and that made my trip."

The concert was, by consideration of her observers, wholly a traditional Irish musical performance.

"Lauren Joiner's solo performance is to the highest standard of Irish traditional music performance," Smith said. "Going all the way back to the 17th century, the greatest performers in the tradition — the wandering pipers, harpists and singers — could mesmerize an entire audience in a great hall or country kitchen by the force, power and focus of their solo performance. I'd say Lauren lived up to the tradition."

One person who studies closely with Joiner said she is an inspiration to the art.

"I'm learning Irish traditional flute right now in the Celtic Ensemble, and Lauren is helping me out," said Caitie Mueller, a sophomore music education major from Lubbock. "She seems to know everything, just has wells of knowledge."

And one person who has worked with Joiner longer said it's because of her love for the music.

"She is so passionate about traditional music, and (the performance) really reflected how passionate she is," said Shannon Crenshaw, a senior music and political science major from El Paso. "It's so great that we have Irish music here in the Lubbock community and that the Vernacular Music Program has made this possible, and Lauren is definitely contributing to that."

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
LAUREN JOINER PERFORMS a concert of solo traditional Irish music Wednesday evening in Hemmle Recital Hall.

Pat Green reveals life as Texas country music artist

By **KAILEA ENGLISH**
THE UNIVERSITY STAR (TEXAS STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) SAN MARCOS, Texas — Pat Green, three-time Grammy nominee and Texas country music icon, shares his memories of performing in over 200 venues across Texas in his new book, Pat Green's Dance Halls & Dreamers.

Ben Chasin, history sophomore, said Pat Green's music is what Texas music should be about.

"I love the American meets Texas feel of Pat Green's music," Chasin said. To me, his music represents Texas culture at it's finest."

He said it is hard to find artists who can emotionally touch people.

"Whenever I hear one of Pat Green's songs, I can't help but smile and sing along," Chasin said. "He has this way of making you forget all about your worries and you just want to get up and two-step. His music moves its way through you, down to your soul."

Pat Green started his career during college at Texas Tech.

"I started playing guitar to pick up the chicks," Green said in an interview with www.cmt.com. "Before that, I only sang in the shower. I could mimic other people's voices. It took me a long time to find my own voice, but once I did, I became very comfortable with it."

Since bursting onto the Texas music scene in the late 1990s, Green has had hits like "Wave on Wave," "Baby Doll," "Feels Just Like It Should" and "Dixie Lullaby."

Pat Green has a nationwide fan base. Green was asked to join Kenny Chesney on the 2007 "Flip Flop Summer Tour," which sold out stadium venues with 55,000 plus seats to fill.

Many other well-known country artists share their stories in Green's book, including Willie Nelson, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Robert Earl Keen, Jack Ingram, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Cory Morrow and Kevin Fowler. The book includes insight from Texas country stars Randy Rogers and Wade Bowen.

Luke Gilliam, author, includes candid interviews, and Guy Rogers III, photographer, contributes hundreds of photographs of Texas music venues.

The book depicts a day in the life of Texas music performers and the venues the shows take place in. The venues shown in the book range from Billy Bob's Texas in Fort Worth, Stubb's BBQ in Austin to Luckenbach and Schroder Hall, and it offers a behind the scenes look into New Braunfels' Gruene Hall.

Gruene Hall, the oldest running dance hall in Texas, is Pat Green's main focus in the book. Built in 1878, Gruene Hall is the birthplace to many of today's country stars, such as Texas State alumni George Strait, Lyle Lovett and Charlie Robison.

"If you wanted to show a tourist the true, nitty gritty Texas feel of music and culture, Gruene Hall is the place you would take them," said Blair Salt, anthropology junior. "Gruene Hall epitomizes a great atmosphere of people having fun and listening to great music."

'Say When' to perform in Lubbock

By **LONDON CLARK**
STAFF WRITER

A national touring band from Boston will perform at 9 p.m. Tuesday at Bash Riprock's across from Texas Tech.

Zack Starikov, rhythm guitarist for the band Say When, said the group is unsigned and has been on tour for five months gaining national and local media attention.

The band's sound is an up-beat rock similar to Jimmy Eat World and the Foo Fighters.

"We played in Austin and Houston," he said, "and a lot of bands told us to come to Lubbock because the kids are really into music."

Starikov said the band has been funding its own label and booking tours all over the United States. It recently performed in Madison, Wis. and Chicago.

Operating as an independent label, the band has played at the New Jersey's Bamboozle festival as an opening act for well-known bands in modern rock including Yellowcard and Sugarcult, according to the band's Web site, www.myspace.com/saywhenmusic.

Starikov said Say When performed two hits live on the Fox 25 morning news in Boston.

According to the Web site, the band's most recent album, called "I'm With the Band," is an 11-song collaboration between Say When and Kato Khandwala, a rising-star producer.

Starikov said the group of five rockers has been together for three years, gaining initial fame in its hometown of Boston.

"We love playing music," he said, "and that is what we want to do for the rest of our lives."

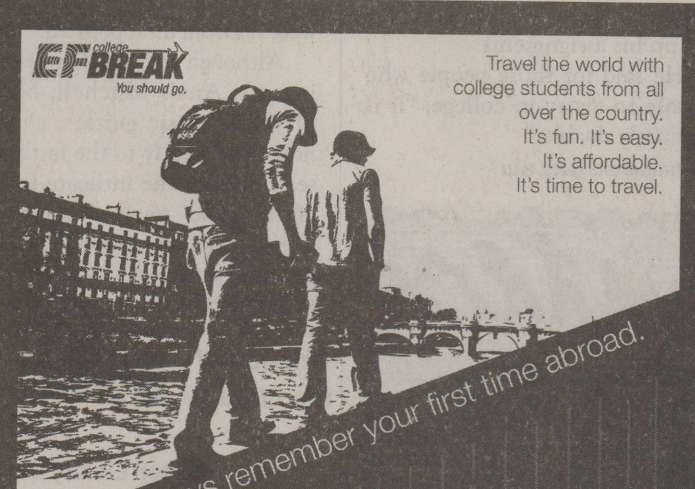
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Kravitz heads a weak 'Revolution'

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — Just mentioning the words "love" and "revolution" in the same title and any Beatles fan knows what is going on. "I Love the Rain" sounds too much like the Beatles' "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," with its crying, sad lead and backup acoustic strumming over the same, slow tempo drumbeat. But Kravitz is not trying to be the Beatles; he doesn't play any covers on this album.

One thing is for sure and that is that Kravitz still likes his one-hit-wonders — "American Woman," "Fly Away" — that made some of his previous albums go platinum. Some of his songs have more meat to chew on, but on others, the instrumentation becomes too mechanical.


The first single, "Bring It On," repeats the same guitar riff throughout the song, with a few pauses and a little lead thrown in here and there. This is the traditional formula for Kravitz' radio hits, and it's no wonder this one was chosen for a single.



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Married students face financial, time management problems

By **TINA ARONS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

First comes love, then comes marriage. Then comes the need for time management and financial planning for many married college students at Texas Tech.

According to divorce.org, 36.6 percent of women who divorce in America were married when they were 20 to 24 years old. For men from the same age group, the rate is 38.8 percent.

Lindsey Pugh, a 22-year-old speech language and hearing sciences major, met her 22-year-old husband, Derek Pugh, during her first week at Tech and they will celebrate their eight-month anniversary this month. She plans to graduate in May and her husband, from Rowlett, will earn his master's degree in exercise and sports sciences in August.

Lindsey Pugh, who is from San Saba, said the biggest challenge she has faced as a married student is the financial struggle to make ends meet, but the cost of living is less than when she and her husband were living separately.

"Make sure that you prepare a budget before you get married, which we did," Lindsey Pugh said, "because if your parents aren't supporting you, obviously, you need to make sure you can make ends meet before you make that decision."

The financial angle of things can put a strain on a marriage in college, said Nichole Morelock, director of the Family Therapy Clinic.

"Finances are always a struggle for any student," Morelock said, "but especially for students who are married—especially if you have both students going to school."

Morelock said there are many resources available such as the Student Counseling Center and the Family Therapy Clinic. She said her advice to couples, married or not, is to seek help as soon as there is a problem.

The Student Counseling Center offers the first eight sessions



DEREK AND LINDSEY PUGH are current students at Texas Tech. The couple were married nearly eight months ago after meeting at the university.

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free and the Family Therapy Clinic offers the first session free with each additional session ranging from \$10 to \$50 per session, depending on income and number of dependents.

Morelock said finding time to maintain a relationship is another difficulty married students face. She said it is a problem for any student in a relationship, but for married students the expectation is often higher.

Leila Green Little, a 22-year-old speech language and hearing sciences major, said her two biggest challenges are time and money. She will celebrate her three-year anniversary in June with her 25-year-old husband, Robert Little, a Llano native who graduated from Tech in 2005 with a degree in marketing. He is a financial advisor for AIG.

"I work right now and go to school," said Leila Green Little, a senior from Kingsland. "He's just working. So, it's just hard to find time to spend with each other when you're not working or doing homework."

She said she manages by setting aside specific time, such as weekends, to spend with her husband. Because she has to manage her time well, Leila Green Little said she has become a better student since her marriage.

Bradley Doherty, a 23-year-old architecture major at Tech, said being a married college student is difficult at times because he is at a stage in life where he is maturing, but he is still in a college atmosphere. Because of this, there is often the urge to go out on Thursday and Friday nights, which is not always practical for a married person.

Bradley Doherty married his

wife, Heather Doherty, in August 2007. He said their situation was unique because she attended Texas A&M University while they were dating, and the distance was often difficult.

"The biggest challenge," Bradley Doherty said, "is just finding time in our schedules that meshed up so we could see each other."

Heather Doherty, who is from Fair Oaks, graduated from A&M in May 2007 with a degree in finance. The 23-year-old is an accountant for Ryan & Co. in Lubbock.

Bradley Doherty, who is from Boerne, works full time while earning his master's degree in architecture. He said he manages his busy schedule by not procrastinating on his assignments.

He said for those people who choose to marry in college, "it is definitely doable."

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— **BRADLEY DOHERTY**

Rapper fights for his CAUSE

By **DANIELLE CAPALBO**
THE NORTHEASTERN NEWS
(NORTHEASTERN U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — At 21 years old, newcomer CAUSE has already been compared to hip-hop heavyweights like Talib Kweli and Kanye West. On Friday, the Bronx native played afterHOURS with undergraduates Jelani Day and Karl "Front Page" Dunkley to promote his latest EP, New Golden Era. After his high-energy set, CAUSE took a seat on the stairwell outside to talk with a News reporter about the past, the future and why he thinks he's the next Kanye.

Danielle Capalbo: The crowd was really feeling your performance tonight. How does that feel? Did the show meet your expectations? CAUSE: It made me feel good, because it shows me people still have an appreciation for music, and good music at that. And I try not to expect anything coming in - when you expect people to like what you do, you slack. I try to bring my 'A game' every time.

DC: On the bill for tonight's show, you were called the next Kanye West, and one of the songs you performed was set against the beat from 'Stronger.' What's the deal? CAUSE: Wow. [laughs] The thing is, I think my popularity will reach Kanye proportions. But I think I go deeper into the community than Kanye, and I've found a way to articulate [our issues]

in a way that people accept globally. I feel like, the way he does things is, he sprinkles truth in with a lot of materialistic lyrics. I'm the opposite. He's the Louis Vuitton Don — I'm Kohl's.

DC: College Media Journal recently recognized you as an upcoming hip-hop artist to keep an eye on, and fans voted your song 'Banga' first in the hip-hop category on ourstage.com. What's the journey been like up to this point? CAUSE: The one thing I've learned is patience and perseverance: the double 'p.' Unlike what they show on TV, nothing is overnight. It's a lot of little successes.

DC: What's on your horizon, and what do you think when you look to the future? CAUSE: The future's promising. The future's my everything. I'm currently working on a couple EPs. My whole thing is to continuously hit people with new music. That's how I work. Every week, I have five new tracks because the demand is so high. People want good music every day. I'm just trying to be the hardest working man I can be and not get distracted by the insignificant things in life.

DC: Any final words? CAUSE: Yeah: www.NYCause.com. It's gonna be my site. Right now, it forwards to my MySpace, but in two weeks, it'll be up. And chase your dreams - people are scared to do that. Have faith, work hard and never think things come easy. When you give up on the first sign of hard work, you've given up on your dreams. Oh — and CAUSE will one day

Ani DiFranco spins dreams and song

By **MARY BYATT**
CORNELL DAILY SUN (CORNELL U.)

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Last Saturday, a legion of passionate, discerning fans converged on the Ithaca Commons, ready to be inspired. The crowd attending the Ani DiFranco concert that evening at the State Theatre ranged from bright-eyed teenagers just beginning to identify with Ani's penetrating lyrics, to middle-aged couples who had likely been fans since DiFranco burst onto the folk music scene in 1990. These devotees were anticipating a night filled with a distinct voice, unmistakably lush, percussive guitar-stylings and powerful, exquisitely phrased ideas about what it means to be a lover, a woman and a citizen of the world. Judging by the contagious enthusiasm pulsing through the theatre throughout the evening, these expectations were far from disappointed.

Although Ani and her opening act, Anais Mitchell, both played acoustic guitars, every note rang clearly to the farthest seat. Perhaps the intimate level of the venue - small enough that even a balcony seat feels like a personal concert - contributed to the mood of the crowd, which

was receptive and enthusiastic for even the opening act. Mitchell, accompanied by another guitarist, shared her high, innocent vocalizations and rather peculiar puppet-like stage presence with an attentive audience. Mitchell's earnestness and surprisingly haunting melodies conspired to a potentially worthy heir of DiFranco's avid fan base and well-earned legacy.

DiFranco took the stage at 9 p.m. Casually dressed in layered blue and red t-shirts, Ani was a tiny, pixie-like powerhouse of strength, wit and infectious joy. From the moment she stepped before her clearly adoring audience, she had the crowd in the palm of her hand. After kicking off her set with a rousing rendition of "God's Country," she shared her enthusiasm for the generosity of Ithacans, thanking her audience for numerous gifts, including chocolate and the necklace she was wearing. Not meriting such enthusiasm, however, was the back-alley entrance to the venue itself: "It's a fucking hole down there, man. Don't be fooled by the twinkling lights." Her banter added another dimension to the experience; while never overpowering the music, her disclosures added a level of embedded personality, vaulting the live Ani DiFranco experience beyond any recording.

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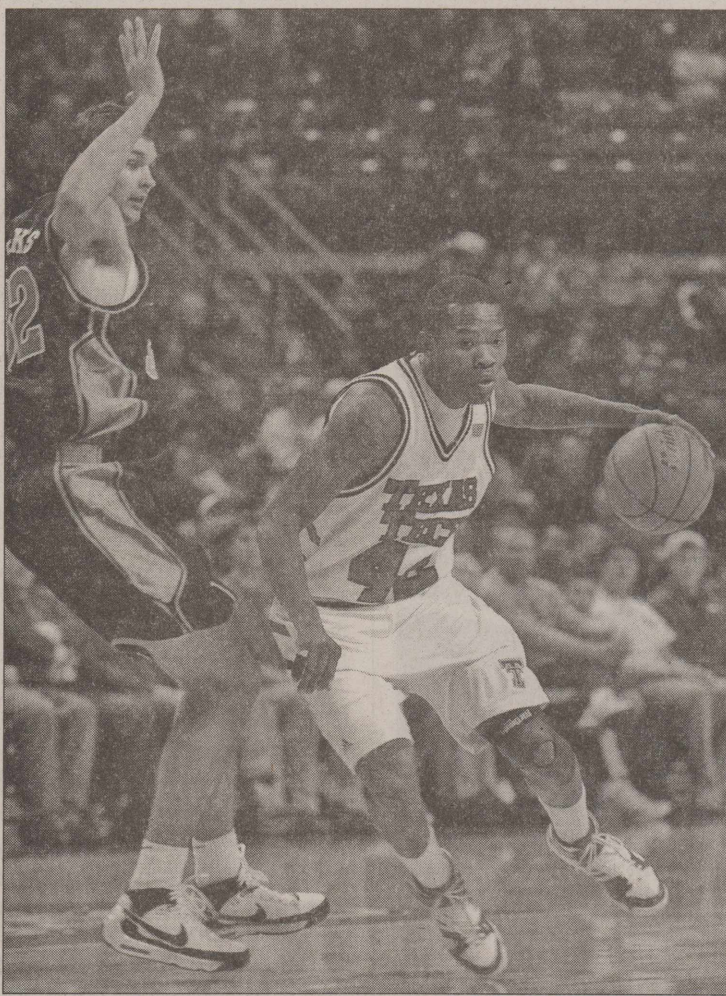


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 ABOVE AND RIGHT: Texas Tech guard Charlie Burgess plays for love of the game no matter where he is at.

Burgess

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Harlem and high school to a basketball program with a Hall-of-Fame coach never entered Burgess' mind.

"I bounced around," he said. "I got kicked out of a couple of schools. Didn't go to school for a point. I went to prep school, and that's when I got back on track. I never would've imagined I would be playing here in a million years (in the Big 12 Conference) playing for (former) coach (Bob Knight). I used to watch this coach, coach his teams and play, now I'm actually playing for him."

Burgess made a stop in Big Spring before coming to Tech. Coming from Harlem to Big Spring to play at Howard College took some time to get adjusted.

Instead of everything being in walking distance in New York, he had to understand he needed transportation to get to the places he wanted to go. In an effort to adapt to Big Spring, Burgess had to get a driver's license, something he never had back home.

Howard College assistant coach Jason Sautter knew Burgess is well-known in his hometown. Sautter said as a high school student, Burgess was not always into his studies.

"He bleeds New York without a

doubt," Sautter said. "A lot of people have a lot of respect for him. That's the guy who didn't even open a book, and now he's doing well up at the university. He went from lunchroom to lunchroom instead of class to class. He is really driven. He knows what he wants to do both on and off the court."

Burgess played for Howard College for two years en route to Tech. In his first year, he was named to the Western Junior College Athletic All-Conference team. In his second year, he took a bigger step by becoming the MVP of the conference while being named to the all-region team. While earning the JuCo Player of the Year award in his final season, Burgess led his team to a 35-win season. The Hawks won their conference and their region, finishing No. 5 in the nation.

"That was the best record our college ever had," Howard College coach Mark Adams said. "I've been head coaching 20 years, and I consider Charlie one of the best leaders and one of the toughest kids I've ever coached."

Coming to Tech, head coach Pat Knight learned a lot about Burgess and his background.

Pat Knight knew Burgess' background added to the type of person he developed into on the court for the Red Raiders.

"Charlie had a hard, hard life," Pat Knight said. "You couldn't ask for a better kid, especially from the background he came from. All those games he hadn't played well, hadn't gotten to play. He doesn't sob, pout, wimp. He was the first guy to root for (John) Roberson. How many guys will do that? Freshman taking some of your playing time. That's huge man. I love Charlie. I wish I had a bunch of Charlies. You can get on his ass — 'OK coach, OK' then no hard feelings. He's just a good kid. When you think about it, you start digging. Found out where he came from, he could've gone the other way. (I) have no idea how the heck he ended up from Howard to

Tech."

Going the other way was not in Burgess' plans.

Burgess used his love for basketball to stay out of trouble and keep his goals in mind.

His family is proud of him for it, as well.

Burgess' parents are from Belize in Central America. He said his parents were really unfamiliar with basketball, especially since his father was a soccer player. Despite the lack of understanding, his parents still supported his love for the game wherever it took him.

News of her son playing for Bob Knight not only traveled to New York, but it spread to Colleen Burgess' home country as well.

"They are very proud, everybody," Colleen Burgess said. "Everyone in Belize speaks of him. I didn't even know he was in the newspaper (in Belize.) They follow him for all (the) games. Charlie's a good kid. He does things on his own. If he wants to get somewhere, he's going to get there. He's done a lot of things on his own. He's a fighter."

The "fighter" attitude in Charlie Burgess is a part of him.

Colleen Burgess said she can remember incidents when her son displayed this attitude, all for the game of basketball.

"He went to the park to play ball," she said. "When I came in I found him on a chair with his legs up. He said, 'Mom, help me, help me.' I said, 'What happened to you?' He said, 'my feet, me feet.' I said, 'What's wrong with your feet?' He said, 'Look!' When I looked I saw the blisters and his sole, it was lifting off both feet. I asked him, 'Do you want to go to the emergency (room)?' He said 'No, I'm cool.' I said, 'What do you want me to do?' He said, 'Just do something.' I put a little ice, and I tied it up for him, while he relaxed for days in the chair. It was like three, four days, and my son was back again playing ball again. He never quit. He never gave up."

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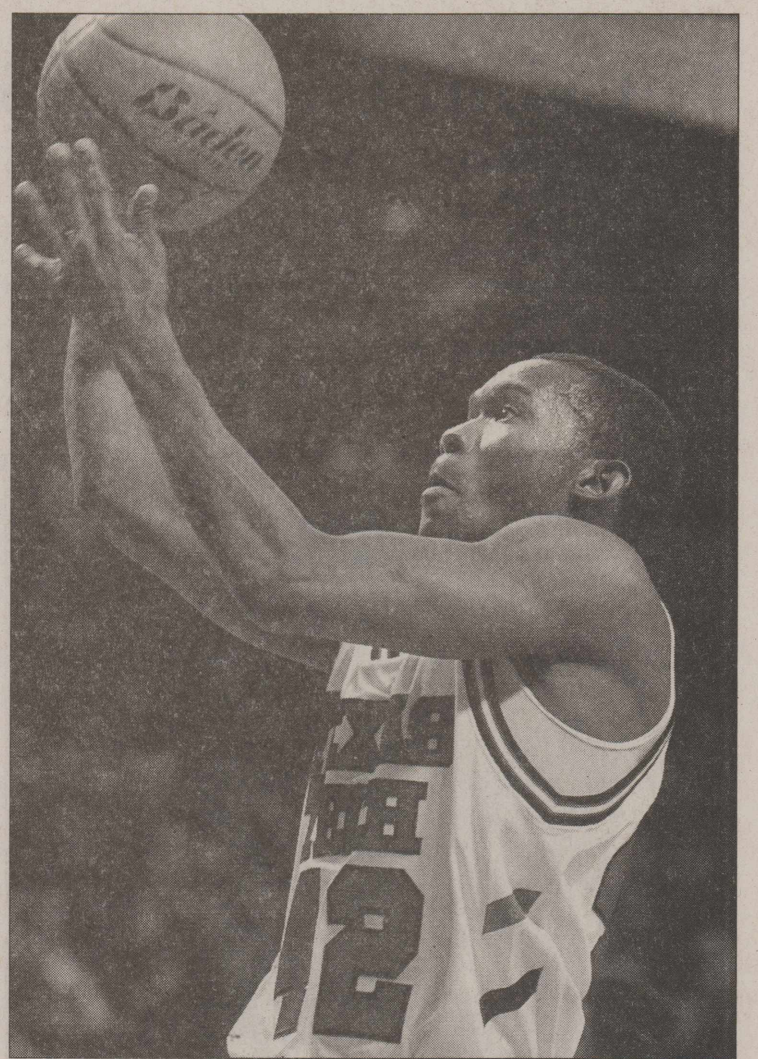
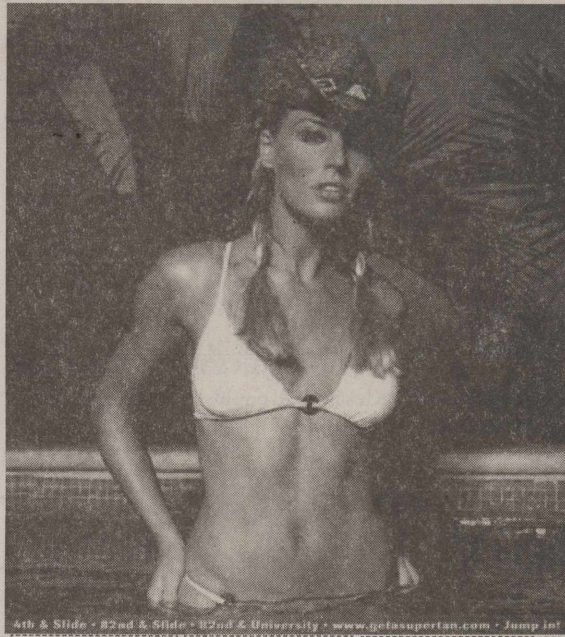


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Ryan named Rangers team president

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Rangers hired Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan as team president Wednesday, bringing back the hard-throwing pitcher their fans once flocked to see.

In recent years, Ryan has been a consultant for the Houston Astros, another former team, and part owner of two Astros minor league teams in Texas.

"The Ryan Express has come to town," owner Tom Hicks said.

Ryan, who had a record seven no-hitters, won 324 games in a record 27 seasons. The last five of those were with the Rangers and included his last two no-hitters and his 5,000th strikeout.

The 61-year-old Ryan replaces Jeff Cogen, who was moved by Hicks to the Dallas Stars during a shake-up of his hockey team in November.

Ryan leaves the Astros with more than a year remaining on a five-year personal services contract he signed in 2004. He most recently served as special assistant to the general manager, scouting players and holding pitching camps.

Ryan's return could help a franchise that has struggled to stay competitive in many of the seasons since he retired in 1993.

The Rangers have finished no better than third in the AL West since 2000, although the only three playoff appearances in franchise his-

tory came after he retired in 1993. Pitching has long been a frustration; the Rangers had the fewest strikeouts in the AL last season and their team ERA ranked in the bottom five.

Texas last month bolstered its rotation by signing free agent Jason Jennings, who grew up in Dallas watching Ryan pitch. But bringing Ryan into the front office is likely to stir the most excitement among Rangers fans, many of whom still

revere the Texas native.

Some of Ryan's best moments occurred in a Rangers uniform, including his final two no-hitters, his 300th victory and becoming the only pitcher with 5,000 strikeouts.

Even the image of Ryan putting Robin Ventura — 20 years younger than the aging pitcher — into a headlock after Ventura charged the mound in Ryan's final season remains a favorite memory for Rangers fans.

This isn't the first time Ryan has left the Astros for the Rangers. In 1988, he signed as a free agent after nine seasons in Houston.

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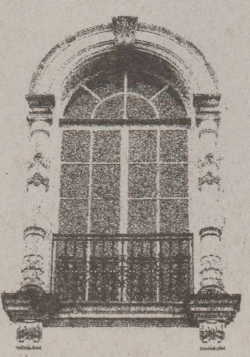
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Kieschnick starts season with scouts' attention

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

For Texas Tech outfielder Roger Kieschnick, the upcoming season could be a crucial one.

He is entering his junior season, the first year a player can be drafted out of a four-year college, and he

knows scouts will be in the stands to watch him play. Despite the attention, he said he is approaching the season like any other.

"I work hard in the offseason like I've done in the past two off-seasons," Kieschnick said. "I'm just preparing for five games a week, preparing my body, just (getting)

ready for the season."

Kieschnick said his experience playing for Team USA has helped him to focus on the game and not who is in the stands.

"I think these past two summers got me used to that, playing in front of all the scouts," he said. "I'm not really worried about that, just kind of go out there and do what I do every game."

In the summer of 2007, Kieschnick hit .255 with seven home runs and 26 RBIs in 32 games for Team USA, his second stint with the collegiate national team. In his first campaign, in 2006, he hit .290 with one home run and four doubles in 27 games.

He has some experience on how to deal with the scouts, as he roomed with Matt Smith, a 14th round draft pick in 2007 who is now in the Oakland Athletics' farm system.

"Smith was my roommate on the road last year. I got to go through all the scouts calling him, and I definitely learned a lot from that. He's a good ball player, and he's going to do well in the Oakland organization. He's someone I can call and ask questions to later on in the spring."

At Tech, Kieschnick hit .303 with 25 home runs (including two grand slams), 25 doubles and five triples in 2007.

Tech coach Larry Hays said Kieschnick's batting average should return to the quality it was in his freshman season, thanks in part to some protection behind him in the lineup.

Last year he kind of struggled with it a little bit," Hays said. "Hav-



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Texas Tech outfielder Roger Kieschnick will lead the Red Raiders into the 2008 season, which starts at 3 p.m. Feb. 22 at Dan Law Field against Northern Illinois.

ing (Monk) Kreder behind him should help him in the lineup, and if we pitch better and keep leads in the late innings, all those things help you offensively. Everything is tied together."

After his freshman year in 2006, Kieschnick earned Freshman Player of the Year from several publications including *The Dallas Morning News* and the *Austin American-Statesman*. In that season, he hit .359 with nine home runs, 14 doubles and two triples, while reaching base safely in 48 of 58 games.

Hays said he has a simple mantra to follow in order to have success.

"We talk about (it) all the time: Just play the game and handle the

game, and if you do that, you don't have to worry about who you're watching or whether your momma's watching or not watching or whoever's in the stands, scouts or whatever," he said. "Just play the game, and it sounds so simple but, boy, it's a key to it, and baseball's a game of 'I don't care what you're prepared for or what the other team does, weird things happen and you have to be prepared to handle those things.' Hopefully our approach is an even keel."

Tech is scheduled to open its season against Northern Illinois at 3 p.m. Feb. 22 at Dan Law Field.

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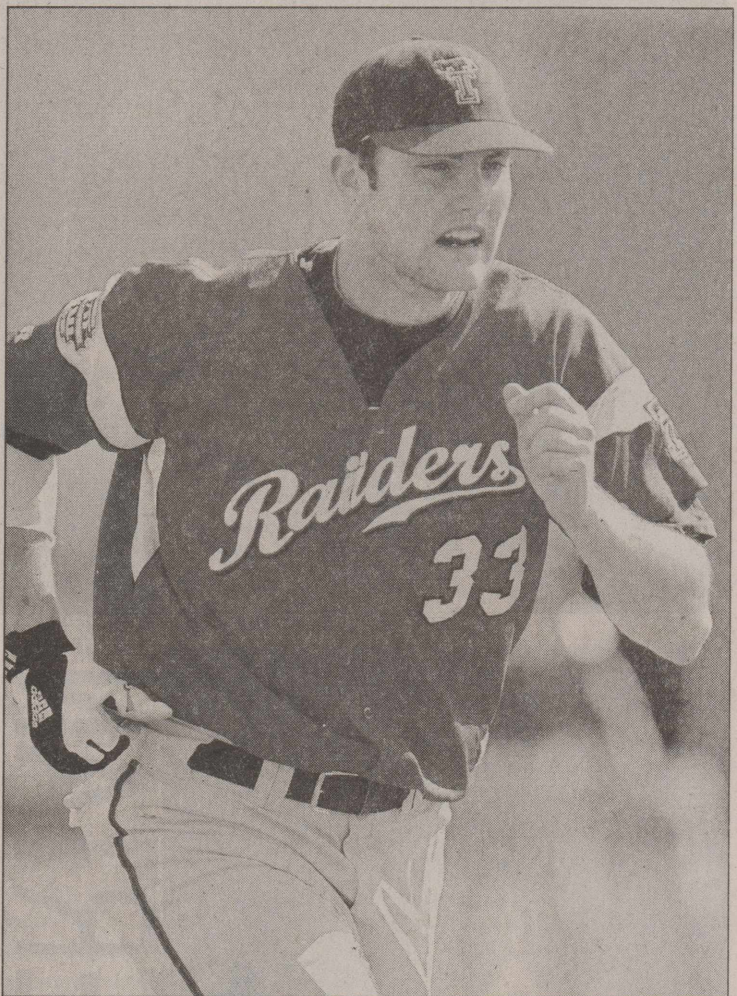


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TEXAS TECH outfielder Roger Kieschnick could have several scouts watching him play this season.

No more T-Os, Baby, Dick Vitale returns to ESPN again

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Dick Vitale's first "Welcome Back" came well before the start of the Duke-North Carolina game.

College basketball's signature analyst-ambassador arrived at the Smith Center on Wednesday about five hours before he was to return to the air after two months away while he underwent and recovered from throat surgery.

And Vitale couldn't believe the reception he received.

As he turned the corner toward the media entrance, Vitale was suddenly in the middle of the North Carolina students already in line to get the prime seats for the game against their archrival.

"Dickie V. Dickie V." The students, who have been known for changing his nickname to "Dukie V." on occasion because of some perceptions that he favors the "other" school in the rivalry, were genuinely

excited to see the man who coined so many phrases that have become part of the lexicon of college basketball.

"Get a T-O, baby."
"This game's an M&Mer."
"You're a P-T-Per."
"Shoot the rock."

The more the students cheered and chanted, the closer Vitale got to crying and eventually the tears streamed down his face. And tipoff for the ESPN telecast between No. 2 Duke and No. 3

North Carolina was still hours away.

"This is unbelievable. It's been like this since Dec. 5 when I found out about the lesions in my throat," said Vitale, a man who admits he's emotional most of the time anyway. "The phone calls, the notes and letters, the gift baskets. How lucky can a man be? On Dec. 5 I never thought I'd be here again."

It's hard to imagine college basketball without Vitale. His coaching career never brought him this kind of attention. His broadcasting career

started in 1979 and he's been with ESPN ever since.

Hardly a broadcast journalism example for diction and decorum, Vitale has left his feelings out there for almost three decades and the last two months let him know his unique style was appreciated and missed.

At 5:20, Vitale had to tape an interview that would be played during SportsCenter. When the red light went on he was answering with enthusiasm and his voice was echoing around an empty Smith Center.

Lawyers say evidence backs Brian McNamee

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian McNamee's lawyers said Wednesday they gave federal prosecutors physical evidence backing the personal trainer's allegation that Roger Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs.

"I think this is a significant point in the case. We believe that this is significant corroboration," said McNamee's lead lawyer, Earl Ward.

McNamee's side turned over syringes with Clemens' blood to IRS Special Agent Jeff Novitzky in early January, a person familiar with the evidence said, speaking on condition of anonymity because McNamee's lawyers did not want to publicly discuss details. The syringes were used to inject Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone, the person said. A second person, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the evidence was from 2000 and 2001.

Lanny Breuer, one of Clemens' lawyers, immediately responded that McNamee "apparently has manufactured evidence" and called all the allegations "desperate smears."

"It is just not credible," Breuer said in a statement. "Who in their right mind does such a thing?"

In December's Mitchell Report on doping in baseball, McNamee said he injected Clemens with performance-enhancing drugs in 1998, 2000 and 2001.

Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, gave a five-hour sworn deposition Tuesday to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and said afterward that he again denied using performance-enhancing drugs. McNamee is to give a deposition to the same committee Thursday ahead of a public hearing on Feb. 13.

Mora to succeed Seattle Seahawks coach Holmgren

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Jim Mora will succeed Seattle Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, beginning with the 2009 season.

After serving as the assistant head coach and defensive backs coach for one more season, the 46-year-old Mora will begin a new, four-year contract as the head coach.

Seahawks president Tim Ruskell and chief executive officer Tod Leiweke both emphasized during a news conference Wednesday that the move gives the team stability and unity.

"What (Holmgren's) done here, by announcing his retirement a year ahead of time, has afforded this organization to make a smooth transition, to be seamless, to be non-chaotic," Ruskell said. "Which is kind of rare in the sports world — certainly in the NFL."

"We all know about the elongated processes and the back-stabbing, some of the ugly things that can go on. Well, we're not going to have that."

Holmgren pushed for the announcement now, so players who are poised to enter free agency next month can judge Seattle while knowing who its coach will be beyond next season.

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Super Bowl Sunday — the worst day of my life

Super Bowl Sunday is a legitimate American holiday.

It may not rank above Christmas, Thanksgiving or July 4 on the list of holidays, but if it doesn't, then it has to, at least, be in the discussion. Friends and families across the country go to the house of the person with the biggest TV to eat, drink and watch the game. Even the commercials during the Super Bowl receive the same amount of hype and scrutiny as the actual game. And when you add up all the beverage and entertainment you get what many men, myself included, view as the best day of the year.

On Sunday, I had the privilege of hosting the big party. My roommate has a 52-inch Sony HD TV, so my house was the obvious choice. Fortunately, I was in Abilene Saturday night so on my way back early Sunday afternoon, I got to stop at Wayne's on Highway 84 to pick up some cheap Shiner Bock beer.

When I got back to town, the guys

Brett Talley



and I ran up to Wal-Mart and got more beef than we could eat and the ingredients to make jalapeno poppers and queso. Fully stocked by about 5:15 p.m., we had to race home and semi-clean up the mess from a weekend of parties before everyone showed up for kickoff.

As Taylor Sparks was lip-synching the national anthem, we realized we had too much cleaning and grilling to do before game time, so we utilized the greatest invention since the urinal — TIVO. We just hit record, put the game on pause and took our time getting ready to watch what most of us thought would be a fairly easy Patriots victory.

It goes without saying that I wished

upon many stars and 11:11s that the Cowboys would be playing on that first Sunday in February, but New England was a nice consolation prize. I love to see history happen in sports — the main reason I pull for Tiger Woods — and I want to grow up and be just like Tom Brady.

But as we neared halftime, I began to worry that the Patriots' 7-3 lead wasn't the true indicator of which team was playing better. I knew Brady had been knocked down, pressured and sacked more than usual, and I knew if the Giants were going to win, pressuring Brady was going to be the way to do it. When I found out after the game he was knocked down or sacked on nine of his 17 drop backs in the first half, I knew my worry during Tom Petty's show was not unfounded.

Petty, by the way, wasn't bad at all. In fact, I might have even enjoyed the old man.

Anyway, when the Giants took the lead at 10-7 in the second half,

I began to think they might have a chance. But then, in a moment of clarity and peace, I realized Brady was still the quarterback for the Pats and Eli Manning was still the quarterback for the Giants.

At this point, I relaxed just a bit and thought to myself, "C'mon Talley, do you really think Manning is going to outplay Brady in the fourth?"

It turns out Manning did outplay Brady, and every analyst on TV has been quick to point out how poorly Brady played. In defense of Brady, the man went 28-of-49 for 266 yards with one touchdown and no picks. He even led his team down and got the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth.

Yes, Manning outplayed him, but Brady is not the reason the Patriots lost the game.

Speaking of that Patriots drive, it was at this point in the game when tragedy, travesty and other menacing "T" words reared their ugly heads and created the most horrifying scenario I

can imagine. You'll remember we paused the game when it started so we could eat, meaning that as we watched the game, we were somewhere around an hour behind real time. With 6:34 remaining and the Patriots driving, our TIVO did the unthinkable — it died.

For whatever reason, the TIVO did not record anything from 8:30-9:15 p.m. even though it was set to do so. Because of the failure of our technology, we missed Manning's escape, David Tyree's "helmet catch" and, quite possibly, the greatest play and drive in Super Bowl history.

For minutes after the realization of how TIVO had ruined our lives, we sat stunned, quiet and motionless.

I'm still sitting that way, and Super Bowl Sunday 2008 was officially the worst day of my life.

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Hamm added to Texas Sports Hall of Fame

WACO, Texas (AP) — Soccer star Mia Hamm, who won two World Cups and two Olympic medals, was added Wednesday to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame's class of 2007.

Hamm, who spent part of her high school career in Wichita Falls, was to be inducted with the 2006 class but was pregnant with twins and couldn't make last year's ceremony. The hall requires inductees to attend the ceremony, set for March 11.

The 34-year-old competed on the U.S. women's soccer team for 18 years. She retired after the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Former Oilers player dead after apparent gun cleaning accident

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston Oilers linebacker John Grimsley was found fatally shot in his suburban Houston home on Wednesday, the apparent victim of a gun cleaning accident, an official said.

Fort Bend County Justice of the Peace Joel Clouser said that when Grimsley's wife, who was out of town, was not able to reach her husband on Wednesday, she had a neighbor check on him. The neighbor found Grimsley's body on the floor in the dining area.

"It appears it may have been an accident," Clouser said. "He was in the process of cleaning his gun. It appears that he had his dinette table covered with newspapers and he had the tools out to clean the gun with."

Phoenix, the fastest team in the NBA, acquires once-great giant — Shaq

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns have acquired Shaquille O'Neal in a stunning, blockbuster deal that sends four-time All-Star Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks to the Miami Heat.

The improbable pairing of the speedy Suns and the slow but once-mighty O'Neal became official when he cleared a physical exam Wednesday.

The trade, a dramatic move by first-year Phoenix general manager Steve Kerr, signals an unexpected change in philosophy for the

Suns, adding a 7-foot-1, 325-pound center who has won four NBA championships but has been plagued by injuries in recent years and turns 36 next month. O'Neal has been out with a hip injury and underwent an MRI exam in Miami on Tuesday. He flew to Phoenix on Wednesday for the physical.

O'Neal has averaged 25.6 points and 11.5 rebounds in his 14-plus NBA seasons.

This season, plagued by injuries and going through a divorce, he's averaging 14.2 points. His 14-year

streak as an All-Star choice came to an end this year.

He missed much of the 2006-07 season with a knee injury and finished that year with career-lows in games (40), scoring (17.3 points), rebounds (7.4), minutes (28.4) and free-throw percentage (.422).

Phoenix gambled he will be healthy and more motivated when he moves to the desert.

For the three-plus seasons since Steve Nash came to town, the speedy Suns have been darlings of

NBA fans grown weary of the slow style that has prevailed for years. But the Suns have fallen short in the playoffs, never making it to the finals.

Marion, weary of being third fiddle to Nash and Amare Stoudemire, asked to be traded before the season began. He didn't get his wish and, although he refused to talk publicly about it, remained unhappy with his role.

Still, his talents fit well with the fast-paced style that coach Mike D'Antoni wanted, especially

with his ability to finish on a fast-break. He also was the team's best defender, guarding everyone from Tony Parker to Yao Ming. Marion, who has spent all of his 8½ NBA seasons with Phoenix, made the All-Star team five times, including the last three seasons.

This year, though, he failed to make it, while Nash and Stoudemire did. Marion has an NBA career averages of 18.4 points and 10 rebounds per game. This season he's averaging 15.8 points and 9.9 boards.

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Tech football adds 16 players on National Signing Day

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

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Turning its attention away from wide receivers, Texas Tech focused on the trenches for its 2008 Signing Day class.

The Red Raiders signed five defensive linemen and four offensive linemen in the class. There also were two defensive backs and two "athletes," which means they were not necessarily recruited to play the position they did previously.

Tech also recruited one player each at quarterback, running back and kicker. Tech signed no true receivers for this year's Signing Day.

"As always, I'm proud of my staff (and) their efforts out there recruiting," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "Every year is a very wild year out there, but I thought they did a tremendous job. In addition, (we) did it somewhat short-handed as far as coaches and things like that. The thing about it is, is that I still think that we came away with a great class. We only signed 16 players. That's just based on what we had available. The most important thing to us was to get linemen — offensive linemen

and defensive linemen, which is always difficult because God didn't make too many offensive linemen and defensive linemen."

There were many headlines concerning the Tech Signing Day class besides the number of offensive and defensive linemen.

The Red Raiders welcome back defensive end McKinner Dixon from Cisco Junior College in Cisco. Dixon was a freshman All-American for the Red Raiders in 2005, who transferred to Cisco because of academic problems. There, he played nine games while accumulating nine sacks.

In making his return, Dixon chose Tech over Louisville and TCU. Before his freshman year at Tech in 2005, he was recruited by Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

"When McKinner was being recruited, he was one of the most highly recruited players in the country," Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "When he committed to Texas Tech, and I can remember going and still recruiting, and coming up to Lufkin and eating that bodacious barbecue over at his house. He stuck with his commitment at Texas Tech. I had no hesitation about him coming back to

Texas Tech."

Dixon also is enrolled in Tech and will be a part of the team during spring workouts.

"I think it's real good, especially if they're transfer guys (and) been here before," Leach said. "All that's incredibly strong because you get the full offseason."

"I can't even explain to you how good it feels to be back."

— MCKINNER DIXON
TEXAS TECH
DEFENSIVE END

You get spring and you get summer and all that to prepare yourself. Preparation is really key."

Dixon said he is glad just to be back in a place he is familiar with.

"I can't even explain to you how good it feels to be back," he said. "JuCo took me through a little loop there. I

feel like going to the JuCo has humbled me as a person. It made me realize that everything I had here I shouldn't have took advantage of it, which I did. A lot of stuff that they have here, they don't have at JuCos. People that care about you. They (have) people that care about you like coach Ruff. I like to call him Uncle Ruff. He cares about you."

Quarterback Seth Doege is joining the Red Raiders after missing the last two seasons of his high school career because of injuries. Doege did have a chance to show his skills, as he competed in the state 7-on-7 tournament in the summer of 2007.

Now enrolled at Tech, Doege said he expects to be recovered fully from the injuries in time to join the team for spring workouts.

"This is my dream since (I was) a little kid," Doege said. "My dream could've been taken away real easy, but the coaches stayed by, and there's no way to explain how great of a feeling that makes me feel. Someday, I want to pay them back."

The Red Raiders also landed one of the most sought after junior college defensive ends from Georgia. Brandon Sesay was ranked the No. 3 defensive lineman and No. 10 overall player on

Rivals' Georgia Top 40 for 2005.

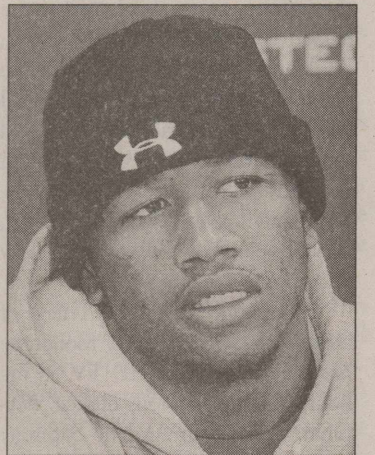
Sesay, from the College of the Sequoias in Atlanta, had 70 written scholarships offered as his final junior college season came to an end. Some of these schools include Florida, Michigan, Georgia and Tennessee.

"The more important thing that impresses me is that with those other schools pursuing him, he stayed true to Texas Tech," McNeill said. "That's impressive to me, not who's chasing him. His word meant something. When he said he was coming, he stuck with it. Even though these other schools were chasing him, the fact that he stayed with his commitment with Texas Tech is even more impressive."

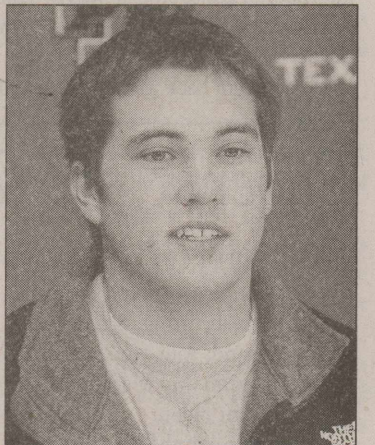
The Red Raiders picked up kicker Donnie Carona from Beaumont. Other defensive linemen include Joey Fowler, Ryan Haliburton and Broderick Marshall. The offensive linemen signed consist of Deveric Gallington, Joe King and Terry McDaniel. Brandon Reid and Cornelius Douglas are the "athletes" in the class. Cody Davis and Jarell Routt are the defensive backs.

The Red Raiders already are preparing for spring training and the Red-Black Spring Game April 19.

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DIXON



DOEGE

Jerrells leads Baylor over Texas Tech with new Knight, 80-74

WACO (AP) — When Pat Knight walked onto the court for his Texas Tech head coaching debut Wednesday night, a Baylor student yelled "Where's Your Daddy?" That became a common chant throughout the game.

With Bob Knight at home after his sudden resignation this week, his 37-year-old son is now in charge — and still 902 wins shy of the elder Knight's NCAA record in men's Division I after an 80-74

loss to the Bears.

Curtis Jerrells had 16 points, including a 3-pointer followed by an inside bucket that stretched the lead to double digits early in the second half. The Bears (17-4, 5-2 Big 12) snapped a two-game losing streak that had knocked them out of the Top 25 after they were in the national rankings for the first time since 1969.

Mike Singletary had 20 points for Texas Tech (12-9, 3-4), which

dropped to 1-7 on the road. Alan Voskuil added 16, including four 3-pointers.

Lacearius Dunn and Josh Loomers added 14 points each for Baylor. Kevin Rogers had 10.

After building an early nine-point lead, Tech made just one of 11 field goals over the final 11 minutes before halftime. They went more than 8 minutes without a basket, and still trailed only 34-32 at the break.

Then came the even more miserable stretch for the Red Raiders just after halftime, and they couldn't recover from that one — even though they overcame a 14-point deficit to three in the final minute.

Tech had consecutive turnovers and a foul less than 2 minutes into

the second half, prompting Knight to call timeout. After the coach sat back down, staring at the ground and rubbing his temples with both hands, the Red Raiders had two more turnovers in span of about 30 seconds.

After Jerrells hit a 3-pointer, Knight stood with his hands on his hips when Tech leading scorer Martin Zeno committed his fourth foul on a charging foul with more than 16 minutes left. Jerrells then scored on the other end to put Baylor up 47-37.

Another timeout didn't help the Red Raiders. Right after play resumed, Kevin Rogers stole a pass and turned that into a breakaway slam and a 49-37 lead. Jerrells turned a later turnover into a breakaway layup and free that.

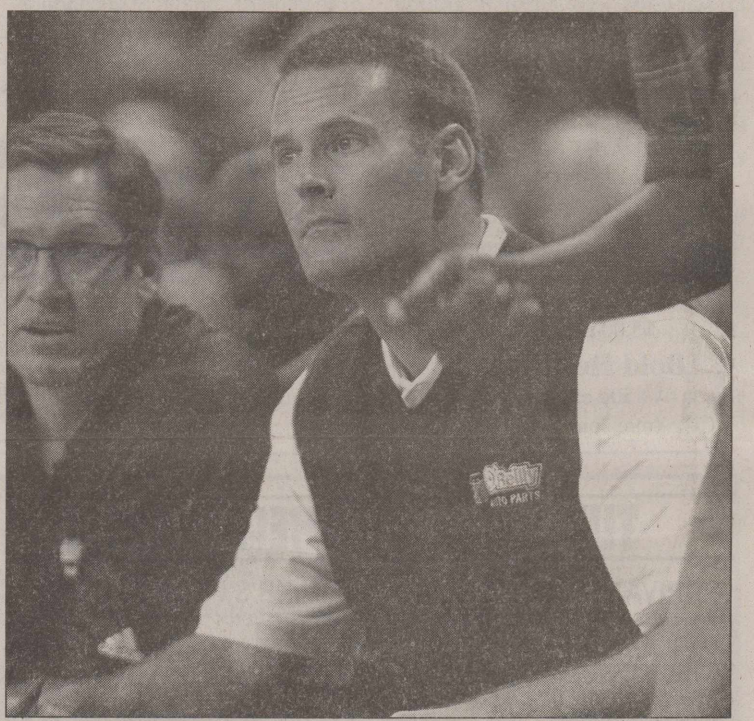


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