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Back to School Fiesta Offers Family Fun, Outreach

WHAT: Back to School Fiesta

WHEN: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 18)

WHERE: The Texas Tech University Student Union Building (free parking is available in the lots surrounding the building).

EVENT: Open to the public and stuffed to the piñata-point with entertainment and free giveaways – food, school supplies and health screenings among them – Texas Tech University’s Back to School Fiesta has returned.

As many as 5,000 Lubbock-area participants are expected at this year’s fiesta, created to introduce children and their families to the educational and professional opportunities offered by higher education and a degree earned through Texas Tech. The event features a college and community fair, free health screenings, seminars for parents and children and bus tours of the campus.

Free school supplies are available to students in all grades who are present to receive them. There also will be food, fun and entertainment including Mariachi Amistad, Ballet Folklorico Nuestra Herencia, Robert Rodriguez and Junior Vasquez.

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Texas Tech University System Board of Regents Set Memorial for Former Chairman

WHAT: Memorial service for former regent

WHEN: 1:30 p.m. Friday (Aug. 10)

WHERE: Hodges Chapel, First Christian Church, 2323 Broadway

EVENT: A memorial service will be held for J. Frank Miller III, former chairman of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents. Miller, of Dallas, died of a heart attack June 1. Gov. Rick Perry appointed Miller to the Board of Regents on Nov. 18, 2003. He was elected chair in May 11, 2007. He previously served as vice chairman of the board from Jan. 1, 2005 to May 11, 2007.

Miller was chairman and chief executive officer and founding managing partner of JPI Companies, a national multi-family residential development company. He had nearly three decades of experience in the real estate industry, beginning his career at Southland Life Insurance Company. Prior to founding JPI Companies, he held senior management positions with Foster Mortgage Company and Las Colinas Corporation. He also served as executive vice president of Southland Financial Corporation and as president of Southland Financial Corporation's residential development and management subsidiary.

Miller earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University in 1974. His wife Kay is also a 1974 graduate of Texas Tech. They have six children, ages 13-25.

The memorial service is open to the public.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The media may attend the service, but we ask that all cameras remain stationary at the back of the room.



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Texas Tech University System Board of Regents Set Swearing-In Ceremony

WHAT: Swearing-in ceremony for new board members

WHEN: 11 a.m. Thursday (Aug. 9)

WHERE: Board of Regents meeting room, second floor, Administration Building

EVENT: The four men appointed last month by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents will be sworn in. John Field Scovell and Jerry E. Turner will be sworn in as new members of the Board of Regents. L. Frederick "Rick" Francis has been reappointed to a full six-year term. Bob Stafford has been reappointed to fill the unexpired term of the late J. Frank Miller III.

The Board will go into executive session immediately following the ceremony.



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Rep. Cuellar to Speak at Minority & Small Business Luncheon

- WHAT:** Minority & Small Business Luncheon
- WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday (Aug. 8)
- WHERE:** Merket Alumni Center on Texas Tech Campus.
- EVENT:** At 11: 45 a.m., U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar will address how minority-owned businesses and other small businesses interact with the federal government during the Minority & Small Business Luncheon. The event is hosted by Texas Tech University Office of the President, Institutional Diversity; Texas Tech University Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Operations; The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce; Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Texas Tech University Office of the President; North & East Lubbock Redevelopment and the Small Business Development Center.

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Two Texas Tech Chess Heads Elected Officers of U.S. Chess Federation Susan Polgar, Paul Truong elected by unanimous vote.

Add this to the list of textbook opening moves: The two directors of Texas Tech University's Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE) were elected this week as 2007-2009 officers of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF), giving a shot of added prominence and visibility to the newly established institute.

Susan Polgar, executive director of SPICE, was elected as the first chairman of the USCF. Paul Truong, director of marketing and public relations for SPICE, was elected vice president of marketing and communications.

"These high honors are a tribute to the skills and reputation Susan and Paul have among the millions of chess players around the world," said Jim Brink, senior vice provost for academic affairs. "We at Texas Tech are proud they are a part of our vision for the university."

As the first chairman, Polgar will serve as the "face and voice" of the USCF, said Truong, who helped author the federation's press release; she will represent the federation and act as a liaison with external components such as members, affiliates, sponsors and other chess organizations worldwide, including Global Chess BV, the Association of Chess Professionals and members of the World Chess Federation.

"I am honored that the chess community trusts me to represent them both nationally and internationally," she said.

Polgar and Truong's two-year terms as officers of U.S. chess' governing body should benefit both organizations, Truong said, pointing out that the two entities share mutual goals in areas such as chess outreach and education. SPICE, established by Texas Tech in May, promotes chess academics and outreach and will provide an unprecedented forum for academic research on the game. The USCF is devoted to extending the role of chess and promotes study and knowledge of the game.

"I believe this will work very nicely with what we are doing with SPICE at Texas Tech," Truong said. "Both programs serve basically the same mission as far as promoting chess and chess education."

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Polgar, four-time Women's World Champion, was the first woman to earn the Grandmaster title with the same qualifications as her male counterpart and the first woman to qualify for the Men's World Championship cycle. Susan became the top woman player in the world at the age of 15 and has remained in the top three for 23 straight years.

Truong is a National Master and World Chess Federation Master with numerous national championship titles. He has co-authored best-selling chess books, coached national scholastic and Olympiad champions and organized high profile chess events. He was the captain and business manager of the 2004 Silver Medalist U.S. Women's Olympiad team.

For more information on SPICE and Texas Tech, visit Susan Polgar's blog:
<http://susanpolgar.blogspot.com/2007/05/spice-and-texas-tech.html>.

For additional information on the USCF see: <http://www.uschess.org/>.

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Texas Tech Board of Regents Hear FY 2008 Budget Reports

The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents' Finance and Administration Committee will hear presentations Thursday (Aug. 9) on the 2008 budgets for the Texas Tech University System administration, Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Final approval of the budget will come Friday (Aug. 10).

The total operating budget for the system for FY 2008, which runs from Sept. 1, 2007 to Aug. 31, 2008, is \$1.176 billion, making it the largest business in West Texas. The \$143.25 million dollar increase from last year's budget makes it the largest dollar increase in the history of the system. This budget would not have been possible without the support of the 80th Legislature and Gov. Rick Perry.

Budget highlights are as follows:

Texas Tech University

- Total operating budget FY08: \$582.2 million
- Total operating budget FY07: \$538.8 million
- Budget increase from last year: 8.1 percent

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

- Total operating budget FY08: \$586 million
- Total operating budget FY07: \$488 million
- \$98 million increase, including a \$52 million increase from the 80th Legislature, making a 20 percent increase in total budget
- Largest dollar budget increase in the history of TTUHSC

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Texas Tech University August Commencement Ceremonies This Saturday

- WHAT:** Texas Tech University August commencement ceremonies
- WHEN:** 9 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 11)
- WHERE:** United Spirit Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave.
- EVENT:** Texas Tech Alumnus Geoff Wayne, who serves as executive vice president and director of corporate development for Behavioral Health Group, will speak at the Texas Tech University commencement ceremonies Saturday (Aug. 11).

More than 1,262 undergraduate and graduate students received diplomas during the 9 a.m. ceremony at the United Spirit Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave. in Lubbock.

Owing to the highway construction around the university, parents and guests of the graduates should leave early when going to the United Spirit Arena. There should be no difficulty arriving from the south at 19th Street and Indiana Avenue. Those arriving from the north should use Texas Tech Parkway, west of Indiana on Fourth Street, and follow the parkway to the United Spirit Arena. There is no access south on Indiana Avenue from the Brownfield Highway. Illuminated signs placed on Fourth Street will direct visitors and graduates to the parkway.



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Texas Tech Professor Receives Nanotechnology Grant

A Texas Tech University professor will receive an award of \$454,050 for nanotechnology research from the National Science Foundation (NSF), U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) announced.

The project, "Probing Nanostructural Organization in Room Temperature Ionic Liquids Using Optical Kerr Effect Spectroscopy" is under the direction of chemistry and physics professor Edward Quitevis.

The study will give insight into ionic liquids, or salts that are liquids at room temperature. They show potential in a number of areas, including use as solvents in green chemistry, high performance lubricants and battery and sensor technology. Quitevis's research will study how the ionic structures that form on the nanoscale determine the properties of the materials.

The award is effective Sept. 1.

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City Councilwoman Chosen as Community Champion for Education
Linda DeLeon champions cause of education

- WHAT: Community Champion for Education Award
- WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 18)
- WHERE: Texas Tech University Student Union Building
- EVENT: Lubbock City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon will be honored as Community Champion for Education during the Texas Tech University Back to School Fiesta.

The award honors individuals or entities for championing the cause for education in and around Lubbock.

Prior to her election as District 1 council representative, DeLeon served 18 years as a Lubbock Independent School District School Board trustee, where – her nominators noted – she championed equality in education for district students.

DeLeon, whose children attended LISD schools, ran for school board after attending meetings as a parent for two years. She spent her tenure in office advocating for the schools in her predominantly minority district.

“She went above and beyond as a parent and mobilized people in the Lubbock community to make a difference,” said Rosa Gallegos, senior administrator for the Texas Tech Office of Institutional Diversity and head of the Community Champion for Education Award selection committee.

Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) will present the award to DeLeon during the Back to School Fiesta, which will take place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Texas Tech Student Union Building.

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Students Honored During August 2007 Commencement

[Editor's note: A person from your area was honored during this event]

Texas Tech Alumnus Geoff Wayne, who serves as executive vice president and director of corporate development for Behavioral Health Group, will speak at Texas Tech University's commencement ceremonies Saturday (Aug. 11).

More than 1,262 undergraduate and graduate students will receive diplomas during the 9 a.m. ceremony at the United Spirit Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave. in Lubbock.

The ceremony will include students from the Colleges of Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Honors and Visual & Performing Arts, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Education, Human Sciences, Mass Communications and the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration.

Receptions for the colleges will followed their respective ceremonies. Reception locations are: College of Architecture in the Architecture Gallery and College of Arts and Sciences in the foyer area of room 104 in Holden Hall.

The College of Education held its induction ceremony at 4 p.m. Aug. 10 in the City Bank Room of the United Spirit Arena.

Outstanding students will carry banners representing their respective colleges. Administrators select the banner bearers based on all-around achievement.

The banner bearers will be: Kerry Marshall King, and agricultural and applied economics major from Ralls, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; Amanda Ann Penner, an architecture major from Sugar Land, College of Architecture; Bryan D. Wilson, an economics major from Justin, College of Arts and Sciences; Emily Beaver, an accounting major from Denton, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business; Andrea Lauren Whetsel, a multidisciplinary studies major from Prosper, College of Education; Christopher Lee Obel, an electrical engineering major from Lubbock, College of Engineering; Heather Woods, a public relations major from Corpus Christi, Honors College; Virginia Renee Spiller, a retailing major from San Antonio, College of Human Sciences; Sharisse Lynn Hubbard, a journalism/Spanish dual major from Sachse, College of Mass Communications; and Sarah Marie Mondle, a dance major from Casper, Wyo., College of Visual and Performing Arts.

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Danny Terrell Carmichael of Wellman will carry the banner for the Graduate School.

Also recognized during commencement exercises were bachelor's degree candidates with the highest grade-point-averages in their respective colleges.

Highest ranking August graduates for each college are:

- College of Arts and Sciences: Sharisse Lynn Hubbard, a journalism/Spanish dual major from Sachse.
- Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration: Emily K. Beaver, an accounting major from Denton; and Grant S. Haag, a management honors major from Flower Mound.
- College of Engineering: Christopher Lee Obel, an electrical engineering major from Lubbock.
- College of Human Sciences: Virginia Renee Spiller, a retailing major from San Antonio, College of Human Sciences;
- College of Mass Communications: Caitlin Anne Holland, a public relations major from Early; and Sharisse Lynn Hubbard, a journalism/Spanish dual major from Sachse.
- College of Visual and Performing Arts: Andrew James Ross, a music performance major from Amarillo.



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Hutchison Gives Legislative Update During Wind Energy Seminar

- WHAT:** Legislative update by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison
- WHEN:** 10:45 a.m. Thursday (Aug. 16)
- WHERE:** Museum of Texas Tech University Sculpture Court (3301 Fourth St.)
- EVENT:** Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will provide a legislative update on her support for federal research initiatives at Texas Tech with an emphasis on wind energy research and will announce Texas Tech's new Ph.D. in Wind Science and Engineering, the first of its kind in the country.

She will also provide a legislative update on other issues important to the South Plains.

The senator's speech will follow the Wind Energy 101 seminar, an expert panel discussion designed to educate participants on wind energy and its potential.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with two panels: "Wind Energy Policy and Technology," featuring wind energy experts, and "Wind Energy Business and Industry," featuring local power company, cooperative and other business representatives discussing connectivity and other local issues.

Wind Energy 101 is hosted by the Texas Tech University Wind Science and Engineering Research Center, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Mullin, Hoard & Brown, L.L.P.

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Texas International Cotton School Convenes

Students and cotton industry experts from six countries will converge on Texas Tech University's International Textile Center on Aug. 13 as the 27th session of the Texas International Cotton School begins.

The school is a cooperative effort between the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and the International Textile Center. The program comprises hands-on instruction of all phases of cotton production, harvesting, ginning, classing, testing, preparation and processing. Students also undergo in-depth training in many phases of marketing, futures, indexing and other sectors of the ever-changing economic climate for cotton.

With new additions to the curriculum and an electronic option for instructional material, the Texas International Cotton School hopes to continue this session its tradition of innovation in professional education within the fiber industry worldwide.

"We believe this is a faster and more efficient model of professional education than other American cotton schools," said Mike Stephens, coordinator of the school. "Our students are able, in two short weeks, to call upon the expertise of leaders in every field in relation to the raw material that is cotton in an exploding global market."

More than 400 students, managers, merchants and textile workers from 54 countries have joined top cotton, commodity and textile experts in 26 past meetings for the intensive two-week sessions of the Texas International Cotton School.

For more information, or to apply to the next session of the Texas International Cotton School, visit www.texasintlcottonschool.com.

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College of Human Sciences Hosts First Conference for Extension Service
Agents from 48 counties learn about West Texas research, education opportunities.

Texas Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agents from around the West Texas region will gather for three days of technology training, seminars and workshops on new information and research.

The College of Human Sciences will host the agents in its building Aug. 14-16 to facilitate the dissemination of research information throughout West Texas counties.

“The College of Human Sciences conducts the research and collects the information that these FCS Agents utilize in their daily community outreach,” said Linda Hoover, dean of the College of Human Sciences. “Our goal with this conference is to provide these local FCS Agents with the tools needed to inform the families and youth within their counties.”

Youth Health & Development: The Critical Need for Partnership and Cross Discipline Collaboration is the conference theme, focusing this year on families.

County FCS agents offer researched-based information to county residents, focusing information on raising children, housing and environmental issues, nutrition, money management and preventative health. The College of Human Sciences is the leading research arm in Texas to offer these agents the most recent and innovative programs.

“We are excited about this opportunity to develop a network between the Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Texas Cooperative Extension. We feel such a partnership will lead to strengthened educational programs in the communities in our three North Texas Extension districts,” said Joan Chandler, north regional program director for Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension. “We are all committed to changing families for the better.”

Agents from the Panhandle, Rolling Plains, and South Plains districts of Texas will attend the conference. Also in attendance are employees with the West Texas AHEC Program, a part of the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Experts in the College of Human Sciences will present specific information on marriage and family therapy, career pathways, early head start, addiction and recovery and more. Other presenters include specialists with Texas Cooperative Extension as well as

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representatives from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Health Sciences Center, the West Texas Parenting Education Network and the Texas Beef Council.

The College of Human Sciences provides multidisciplinary education, research and service focused on individuals, families, and their environments for the purpose of sustaining and enhancing people's lives.

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Texas Tech Formalizes Information Exchange with Vietnamese Archivist

- WHAT: Memorandum of Understanding Ceremony
- WHEN: 3 p.m. Friday (Aug. 17)
- WHERE: The Board of Regents Conference Room in the Texas Tech University Administration Building
- EVENT: Representatives from the Texas Tech Vietnam Center will formalize a commitment to exchange information with the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam (SRADV).

Tran Hoang, Director General of the SRADV, and a delegation of representatives are visiting Lubbock from Aug. 16-19 to learn about the Vietnam Center's digital archiving.

The Memorandum of Understanding will outline intentions to create a professional exchange of information between the two entities and develop joint ventures, said Steve Maxner, director of the Vietnam Center.

Eventually the agreement could result in the SRADV, the official archive of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, making documents and materials related to the Vietnam War available in digital form to researchers outside the country.

The Vietnam Center is the first U.S. institution to sign such an agreement with the State Records and Archives Department, Maxner said.

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Texas Tech Students Receive Scholarships, Laptops

- WHAT:** Presentation of Texas Tech Alumni Association First Generation Scholarships and Presidential Leadership Scholarships
- WHEN:** 4 p.m. Tuesday (Aug. 21)
- WHERE:** Stadium Club of Jones AT&T Stadium
- EVENT:** The new scholarship opportunities provide selected applicants with scholarships to be used toward tuition and fees and a computer equipped with programs the students will use in their academic major. Students will receive their computer at the event.



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Students Build Sense of Community by Helping Community

WHAT: Raider Welcome Habitat for Humanity project

WHEN: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday (Aug. 21-24)

WHERE: 2116 Dartmouth St.

EVENT: Approximately 50 incoming Texas Tech freshmen will help establish ties to their newly adopted community by working with Habitat for Humanity as part of Raider Welcome 2007.

The program is intended to get students out of residence halls and meeting other new Red Raiders.

The week-long event offers a slate of activities for new students, including the service project with the Habitat for Humanity campus chapter.

The house should be finished in early November; those interested in participating after Aug. 25 should contact Cathey Colwell at ccolwell@lubbockhabitat.org or the Texas Tech Habitat for Humanity student organization at techhabitat@gmail.com

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Texas Tech Formalizes Historic Information Exchange with Vietnamese Archive

Representatives from the Texas Tech Vietnam Center formalized Aug. 17 a commitment to exchange information with the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam (SRADV), Vietnam's national archive, creating the first such agreement between the socialist government's official archive and a U.S. institution.

The Vietnam Center is the first U.S. institution to sign such an agreement with the SRADV, said Steve Maxner, director of the Vietnam Center.

Tran Hoang, director general of the SRADV, signed the memorandum, which outlines a professional exchange of information between the SRADV and The Vietnam Center. This will include not only the sharing of documents, but more direct interaction to improve archiving efforts and the creation of collaborative document exhibitions.

"We see this as a monumental milestone for our project," Maxner said. "The Vietnam Center has worked with the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam since 2004 to create this memorandum, which will improve understanding and awareness between these two countries and help us reconcile our past so that we can build a brighter future."

Eventually the agreement could result in the SRADV making documents and materials related to the Vietnam War available in digital form to researchers outside the country. These documents include first-hand accounts and books written by residents inside Vietnam that have not been accessible until now.

The signing capped a three-day visit by a delegation of representatives who visited Lubbock to learn about the Vietnam Center's digital archiving.

To help begin the exchange of information, Hoang provided Maxner with service records of North Vietnamese physician Dang Thuy Tram, whose diaries chronicling the 27-year-old physician's experiences treating North Vietnamese soldiers have become an international phenomenon.

The Vietnam Center already houses the diaries, but Maxner said this provides a richer level of information as to the details of her service. Vietnam Center representatives, in turn, gave delegation members a disk with photographs of the diaries' pages as well as a preview

copy of “Last Night I Dreamed of Peace: The Diary of Dang Thuy Tram,” the English-language translation of the diaries.

Founded in 1989, the Texas Tech Vietnam Center houses one of the largest collections of Vietnam-era related documents in the world. Only the National Archives has more material on the Vietnam War.

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From Outlaw Haven to Ghost Town: How Tascosa, Texas, Flourished and Faded

[EDITOR'S NOTE: A picture of the author and of the book jacket cover or a review copy of the book is available at www.ttup.ttu.edu]

In late 1880s and early 1900s, Tascosa, Texas, was a boom town dominated by big cattle ranchers and bigger-than-life outlaws. Today, one has to look hard to find any trace of the cow town.

But its history is alive and well in a new book "Tascosa Its Life and Gaudy Times" by Frederick Nolan. In the book, published by Texas Tech University Press, Nolan turns his exhaustive historical research into a readable story of one of the most colorful and violent towns of the Old West.

"Tascosa in its own way is the perfect paradigm of the Old West, yet only one book, published in 1946, has been written about it," said Nolan, an authority on Billy the Kid and the American West. "It sprang up out of the prairie about 1876 and disappeared around 1915. I wanted to give the people who lived and fought and died there the love song nobody had ever written for them. It's a fabulous story, and I'm proud to have had the chance to tell it."

Nolan traces the history of Tascosa, which was located just northwest of present-day Amarillo, from its rise in the vast, virtually uninhabited Texas Panhandle, to sleepy cow town, to booming cowboy capital of the Texas Panhandle, to ghost town.

The stories of Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett are here, as is the war between the big cattle companies and the rustlers. There are dozens of pictures of key players and locations, including from the author's collection, a copy of what is believed to be the only authentic picture of Billy the Kid. The book closes with the death of Elizabeth "Frenchy" McCormick, legendary saloon-girl and the last resident of Tascosa in 1941.

It is Billy the Kid's connection to Tascosa that first drew Nolan to the project. Nolan, born and raised in England, became enamored of the outlaw as a kid reading Walter Noble Burns' "Saga of Billy the Kid."

In his mid-20s he discovered in the archives of the British Foreign Office a substantial file of original correspondence between the British and American governments regarding the

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murder of John H. Tunstall. Tunstall was a British citizen who found his way to Lincoln, New Mexico, in the 1800s. He hired Billy the Kid to help him settle a vicious business war with a rival. That discovery produced the book "The Life and Death of John Henry Tunstall." Nolan later went on to write "The Lincoln County War: A Documentary History," followed by "Bad Blood: The Life and Times of the Horrell Brothers," "The West of Billy the Kid," and an annotated edition of "Pat F. Garrett's The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid."

Nolan's research into the life and gaudy times of Tascosa is documented in more than 50 pages of notes and bibliography. But the author's aim was more than strict recitation.

"I decided to experiment with telling the story in a narrative – biography manner, something I thought would be new to this kind of storytelling," Nolan said. "The hardest part of my research, and the fun part, was finding out where the people who lived in Tascosa came from and what happened to them after the Tascosa years,"

For more information on the book, visit the Texas Tech University Press Web page <http://www.ttup.ttu.edu/BookPages/0896726045.html>.

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Storm Shelters Ease Evacuation Complications

Getting the right storm shelter can save lives, time and resources

As Hurricane Dean blasts its fury on Mexico, proving that the 2007 hurricane season is indeed underway, residential storm shelters may be an alternative to evacuation in some cases and can protect families from these storms.

Ernst Kiesling, a professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at Texas Tech University and executive director of the National Storm Shelter Association, recommends that homeowners who live above the flood plane in hurricane-prone areas should buy a storm shelter for their home, but to look for a seal of the National Storm Shelter Association when purchasing the shelter. This seal ensures that the installed shelters meet the stringent standards of these organizations.

As was seen in Houston preceding Hurricane Rita, evacuations can put immense strain on urban areas, leading to traffic jams and – in the case of Houston – fatalities. By utilizing in-home storm shelters, some homeowners who are not required to evacuate can remain where they are and ease the hurricane evacuations of others. However, homeowners should be aware that not all storm shelters are the same.

The NSSA seal distinguishes shelters whose quality has been verified from those for which quality has not been verified. A list of shelter producers qualified to affix the NSSA Seal may be found at <http://www.nssa.cc/ProducerRoster.php>. Kiesling points out that NSSA members now offer a wide range of shelter types so that individual preferences and circumstances can be accommodated.

The association was created to ensure the highest quality of manufactured and constructed storm shelters to protect people against tornadoes, hurricanes and other natural disasters. Members must have their product tested through certified, independent entities for compliance with association performance standards.

NSSA standards are consistent with criteria laid out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 320 booklet titled *Taking Shelter from the Storm*. This booklet gives specifications, including the construction plans and estimated costs, for building a safe room inside a house. The booklet is available at <http://www.fema.gov/fima/tsfs02.shtm>.

Kiesling was instrumental in creating the concept of the above ground storm shelter or Safe Room in 1974 and has continually worked toward shelter quality and standards development. He can speak on the construction and use of residential and community shelters.

Texas Tech's Wind Science and Engineering (WISE) Research Center has pioneered in the evolution of storm shelters and has made numerous other contributions to mitigating the effects of severe storms. Texas Tech is the only institution in the world offering a doctoral degree in wind science and engineering. More information on the WISE program can be found at www.wind.ttu.edu.

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Grants Available for Storm Shelters Storm Shelters Could Ease Hurricane Evacuations

As Hurricane Dean blasts its fury on Mexico, proving that the 2007 hurricane season is indeed underway, grants are available to the public for the construction of approved shelters to protect families from these storms.

As was seen in Houston preceding Hurricane Rita, evacuations can put immense strain on urban areas, leading to traffic jams and – in the case of Houston – fatalities. By utilizing in-home storm shelters, some homeowners who are not required to evacuate can remain where they are and ease the hurricane evacuation of others.

Homeowners in the Amarillo/Panhandle Region, Nacogdoches, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and Kendall County are eligible for state incentive grants that will provide a rebate to cover half the cost, up to \$2,500, of building a residential storm shelter.

Information on these programs may be found at <http://www.nssa.cc/Grant%20Programs.php>. People living in locations not included in this list are advised to contact their emergency manager to encourage participation in future grant programs.

Ernst Kiesling, professor of civil engineering at Texas Tech University and executive director of the National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA), recommends that homeowners who live above the flood plane in hurricane-prone areas should buy a storm shelter for their home.

“Properly designed and built residential storm shelters offer peace of mind in knowing that a place of safety is always available,” Kiesling said. Additional benefits include avoiding the costs of evacuating, caring for pets, protecting property during and after a storm, and quickly performing cleanup and repairs. Kiesling said that staying at home could be especially appealing to those for whom evacuation is difficult because of physical impairment or dependence on support systems.

To be eligible for the rebate, shelters must bear the seal of the National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) to ensure that the installed shelters meet the stringent standards of these organizations.

Kiesling points out that NSSA members now offer a wide range of shelter types so that individual preferences and circumstances can be accommodated.

“Good design, construction and installation result in shelters that offer a high degree of safety at minimum cost,” Kiesling said.

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New Semester Brings New Food Options for Students Expanded Variety and Serving Hours Will Be Offered on Campus

Texas Tech University's Department of Hospitality Services is offering a wider variety of service styles and operating hours this semester to accommodate one of the largest freshmen classes to enter the university.

"The growth of Texas Tech University has provided Hospitality Services with an opportunity to better satisfy the appetite of the university's population," said Sam Bennett, managing director of the department. "From new dining outlets to expanding menus and serving times in the traditional dining halls, Hospitality Services places excellence in every aspect of today's dining experience."

The Fresh Plate food emporium is opening in the Bledsoe/Gordon complex. This state-of-the-art dining location features an all-you-care-to-eat menu in a food court-style atmosphere. This location will serve a variety of menu entrées such as: flame-grilled choices, Mexican selections, Asian dishes, pasta, fresh salads, chef-inspired entrées, home-style choices, sandwiches plus a variety of fruits and desserts.

The traditional dining halls at Horn/Knapp and Hulen/Clement also will see changes. Each location's theme line will serve dinner in addition to lunch during the week. Horn/Knapp's Fusion theme line features a rotating menu comprised of Asian and Italian entrées. Hulen/Clement's Sandwich 'N Such theme line serves a variety of options rotating among made-to-order subs, nachos and burritos, flame-grilled burgers, hotdogs and pizza.

Beginning Aug. 27, the Wiggins Dining Complex will offer lunch as well as dinner to better serve its customers. The complex is located just west of the Chitwood/Weymouth and Coleman residence halls and will open Monday through Friday, as long as there are a significant number of people dining in the facility. This location will serve a reduced menu featuring two choice entrées, hot side options, a limited salad bar and dessert.

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Family Therapy Helps Recovery of Seriously Ill Children

Research presented at American Psychological Association Annual Convention.

Providing family therapy to seriously ill children and their families consistently enhances medical outcomes and increases the overall mental health for adolescent patients, their family members and even treatment professionals, said Texas Tech marriage and family therapy faculty.

Their findings resulted from research conducted through a unique partnership integrating family counseling as part of medical treatment.

“Medical family therapy is a proven benefit for children and families dealing with a serious illness,” said Linda Hoover, dean of the College of Human Sciences. “With this new research, we can begin treating more children and their families and hopefully improve recovery and responsiveness to illness.”

The research, examining the effectiveness and utility of family therapy in treating seriously ill children, was presented this past weekend at the annual American Psychological Association Convention in San Francisco. The presentation was titled: “The Integration of Family Systems with Intensive Pediatric Health Care: The role of family therapy in the treatment of seriously ill children.”

The findings resulted from a unique partnership in which Texas Tech marriage and family therapists provided counseling to families dealing with an adolescent illness, integrating counseling as a core treatment component. More than 300 families have participated in the treatment process through this partnership, established in 2005 between Texas Tech and Covenant Children’s Hospital. Therapists are integrated into daily treatment routines and schedules in order to serve the families and children throughout the illness.

Researchers found that by providing medical family therapy to pediatric intensive care patients, pediatric oncology patients, and neo-natal intensive care units, families were better able to cope. Results were measured both quantitatively and qualitatively through satisfaction questionnaires, treatment responsiveness, and measurement of medical results.

“We have consistently seen the benefits of medical therapy to our patients and their families as they go through challenging times,” said Dr. Melanie Oblender, chief of staff for Covenant Children’s Hospital and pediatric oncologist. “Our goal is to continue to



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implement these therapists as a core part of the treatment team in order to better aide patients through the treatment process.”

In front of an audience of colleagues, the research team – comprised of Texas Tech Marriage and Family Therapy faculty and colleagues at Covenant Children’s Hospital – provided a general overview of treatment modalities, philosophy, and orientation procedures that are regularly conducted by advanced medical family therapy doctoral students to these children.

The Marriage and Family Therapy Program provides clinical and academic training grounded in systems theory to students who will function as marriage and family therapists at the highest level of clinical competence. As part of the College of Human Sciences, this program contributes to the field of marriage and family therapy through research, teaching and other activities as well as helping clients.

The team included David C. Ivey, Thomas G. Kimball, Melanie Oblender, Patricia Evans, Stephanie Haygood, Tiffany Brown and Amanda Harrington.

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Senior Researcher Discusses MIA Investigation in Vietnam Archive

- WHAT:** Media availability to discuss MIA investigation
- WHEN:** 2 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 23)
- WHERE:** The Marshall Formby Room of Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library
- EVENT:** James Coyle, a senior researcher for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), will discuss efforts underway by his research team to search the Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive for new MIA leads and clues.

Coyle heads a three-man team of analysts and linguists for the Southeast Asia Research and Investigation Branch of JPAC. The team arrived in Lubbock Aug. 11 and will continue its investigation until Aug. 25.

The team has surveyed 1,680 collections of photos, documents and other materials within the Vietnam Archive for information that could help locate soldiers still missing in Vietnam.

“We are primarily trying to obtain information that we can turn into investigative leads,” Coyle said.

To this date, the Vietnam Archive has provided 58 new actionable items of intelligence about currently unresolved MIA cases in Southeast Asia. The online documents also have been used by veteran’s benefits counselors with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, who have validated more than 800 Vietnam veterans’ medical claims.

JPAC exists to provide the fullest possible accounting of Americans missing as a result of the nation’s past conflicts.

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Rachel Frederick Named National Mortar Board Fellowship Recipient

Rachel Frederick, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University, was named recipient of a \$2,000 Mary Elizabeth Ramier Fellowship award.

Frederick, who graduated in May with a bachelor of science in biology, was initiated into Mortar Board in 2006 and served as chapter president. When asked about her Mortar Board experience, she explained, "Mortar Board brought together leaders from across campus. I made lifelong friendships with people I had not had an opportunity to meet."

Frederick will attend Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine to obtain her doctorate of medicine.

A total of \$38,500 in fellowships was awarded to 13 Mortar Board members this year. Fellowship recipients are chosen based on academic excellence, recommendation, promise, financial need and Mortar Board involvement. Since the establishment of the Mortar Board fellowship program in 1941, more than \$500,000 has been awarded to assist members in pursuing further study in graduate or professional school.

Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Since its founding in 1918, the organization has grown from the four founding chapters to 223 chartered collegiate and 25 active alumni chapters, with nearly a quarter of a million initiated members across the nation. The chapter at Texas Tech University was founded in 1957.

Mortar Board provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community. Some notable Mortar Board members include former President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Lance Armstrong and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

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Second Presidential Lecture & Performance Series Opens Events, Minds This Fall

After last year's lineup played to sold-out audiences and standing-room-only crowds, organizers of the 2007 Presidential Lecture & Performance Series hope this year's fall season will not only build upon last year's success, but also expand the series' appeal to campus and community alike.

This fall, programs ranging from the science of plants to fine arts and literature will bring leading scholars and artists to mingle with Texas Tech's own distinguished faculty, students and staff to exchange expertise, research and talents.

"In the second year, we've continued to seek programs with a broad appeal," said Mary Jane Hurst, performance series organizer and faculty assistant to the president. "We're going to continue to get all parts of the campus involved by seeking events with specific academic connections. That is how the series is different from just an entertainment venue."

Hurst said the series seeks to enrich the lives of Texas Tech University students, faculty, staff and citizens of the Lubbock community. For more information, visit www.ttu.edu/administration/president/lecture.

The events are:

- **Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar** – 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20, room 169 of the Human Sciences Building on Texas Tech Campus. Pamela Soltis, a Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar for 2007-2008 will visit Texas Tech University Sept. 19-21. In her lecture, Soltis will describe how human activities continue to endanger Earth's living beings. However, scientists are discovering new ways to use DNA to assess plant divergence in habitats and come up with new management methods for reintroducing extinct species back into their native habitats. Soltis is curator of the Laboratory of Molecular Systematics and Evolutionary Genetics at the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida. Her research interests include the evolution of the flower and conservation genetics of rare plant species. A public reception will follow. Free and open to the public.

- **A Night of Music with the Emerson String Quartet** – 8 p.m., Oct. 9, Hemmle Recital Hall in the Music Building on Texas Tech Campus. After 30 years of playing together, highly acclaimed musicians Eugene Drucker, Philip Setzer, Lawrence Dutton and David Finckel have been called one of the best quartets in the world. Reserved tickets are \$17. Texas Tech students can get one free ticket upon presentation of a student ID at the Student Union Building ticket booth. A public reception will follow the performance. For reservations, call Select-A-Seat at (806) 770-2000.
- **Presidential Book Award Winner’s Panel** – 3:30 p.m., Oct. 30, Merket Alumni Center on Texas Tech campus. The three most recent recipients of the Presidential Book Award will talk about their work and about their award-winning books in a panel discussion. Panelists are first-place winner Gary Forsythe, author of “A Critical History of Early Rome;” Hafid Gafaiti, author of “The Diasporization of Postcolonial Literature;” and Stephen Graham Jones, author of “Bleed Into Me: A Book of Stories.” Gafaiti and Jones tied for second place. Both the panel and the reception to follow are free and open to the public.
- **Paul Taylor Dance Company** –7:30 p.m., Jan. 11-12, Allen Theatre of the Student Union Building on Texas Tech Campus. Following a sold-out performance of the Taylor 2 dancers in Sept. 2006, the larger Taylor Dance Company returns for two nights of dance choreographed by visionary Paul Taylor. Each performance will feature different dances. These performances are made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpiece: Dance Initiative, administered by the New England Foundation for the Arts. Additional support provided by the Mid-American Arts Alliance. Reserved tickets, which go on sale Sept. 5, are \$10 each. Texas Tech students with valid ID can get two free tickets at the Student Union Building ticket booth. For reservations, call Select-A-Seat at (806) 770-2000.

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Two Texas Tech Students Earn Fulbright Scholarships

Two students at Texas Tech University received scholarships from the U.S. Fulbright Scholarship program.

Noe De La Sancha, a graduate student in the Department of Biology, and Leland Turner, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History, were two of 1,300 recipients of a scholarship through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

In July, De La Sancha traveled to Paraguay to study how deforestation has affected small mammals in the Paraguayan Atlantic Forest.

“The Atlantic Forest of South America is a major biodiversity hotspot with levels of native species only greater in the Amazon Forest,” he said in a description of his work. “In the past 40 years, the Paraguayan Atlantic Forest has experienced extreme deforestation, which has created a natural laboratory to study the effects of habitat fragmentation on small mammal fauna.”

This August, Turner traveled to the Australian National University in Canberra to finish his research and dissertation. In January, he will continue his research at University of Queensland in Brisbane.

“Popular culture has merged the cowboy myth with the bush ethos in Australia and contributed to the growing Americanization of Australian culture,” Turner said of his research. “Without doubt, the pastoral cultures of the Outback and Southwest left frontier legacies that inform and advance regional myths and contribute to national identities in rapidly globalizing societies.”

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

The Fulbright Program, America’s flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Since its establishment in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 279,500 people – 105,400 Americans who have studied, taught or researched abroad and



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174,100 students, scholars and teachers from other countries who have engaged in similar activities in the United States – with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants.

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Chess Champion Sisters Conduct Free Exhibition, Workshop Teacher workshop and simultaneous exhibition to highlight activities.

Ready to match wits against a world-renowned chess champion? What about two?

Texas Tech University's new Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE) on Sept. 3 will host two free events in the basement of the College of Education building. The event is co-hosted by the Knight Raiders Chess Club and sponsored by Jeff Smith and the Susan Polgar Foundation.

Events include:

Chess-in-the-Schools Workshop for Teachers

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Presenters:

Grandmaster Susan Polgar – A Chess Curriculum for Schools
International Master Sofia Polgar – Teaching Children Chess
World Chess Federation Master Paul Truong – Tournaments
Haraldur Karlsson – Role of Computers

Polgar-Polgar Simultaneous Exhibition

5 p.m.-10 p.m.

As many as 100 players will compete against Sofia and Susan Polgar, two of the biggest names in chess. Pre-registration is requested; preference will be given to children and young adults.

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Opening Reception for 'Kabul Photography Project'

WHAT: Opening reception for "Darkness to Light: The Kabul Photography Project," by Abilene photographer Bill Wright

WHEN: 5-7 p.m. Friday (Sept. 7), during the First Friday Art Trail

WHERE: Texas Tech University International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave., West Gallery and World Gallery

EVENT: This July, Abilene photographer Bill Wright was invited to Afghanistan by Aschiana, an Afghan non-governmental organization (NGO), to teach photography to street children who had been "rescued" by the organization. The U.S. State Department arranged the trip, while Wright raised funds for equipment. The U.S. Embassy in Kabul donated a digital lab. This is the inaugural exhibit of the student work created from this project, and will be on display until Oct. 23.

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**Former Advisor to Iraq's Ministry of Higher Education To Speak
At International Cultural Center**

John Agresto, former senior advisor to Iraq's Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, will discuss his nine-month assignment assisting Iraqis in rebuilding their system of colleges and universities.

The lecture, titled "Eyewitness Iraq: Myths and Realities," will start at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Texas Tech University's International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

Working under U.S. Ambassador Paul Bremer, Agresto worked to rebuild Iraq's higher-education infrastructure from Sept. 2003 to June 2004.

Agresto believed he could complete his work.

He was overly optimistic.

Following the lecture, Agresto will sign copies of his book, "Mugged By Reality: The Liberation of Iraq and the Failure of Good Intentions."

The event is free and open to the public.

Because of highway construction, attendees should take Texas Tech Parkway or University Avenue to Fourth Street, then turn south on Indiana.

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