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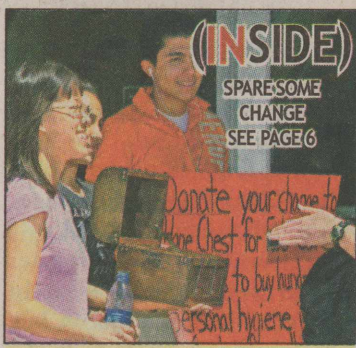
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STATE

Texas smoking ban debate heats up

AUSTIN (AP) — Medical and anti-smoking groups butted heads with bar owners and civil libertarians Tuesday over whether to ban smoking in bars, restaurants and public places statewide.

It is not a new debate but one that has caught new fire as more cities and towns across Texas implement local smoking bans. A weakened version of a statewide smoking ban passed the House in 2007 but was never considered by the Senate.

Public health experts say it's a matter of reducing lung cancer and other diseases. Bar owners and civil libertarians say a ban infringes on private property and the rights of adults to choose to work or play in places that allow smoking.

NATION

NY Gov. to introduce gay marriage bill

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. David Paterson plans to introduce legislation this week to legalize same-sex marriage, reviving a bill that died in 2007 and still faces strong opposition despite a new Democratic majority in the state Senate.

Paterson, talking to reporters Tuesday in Hempstead, N.Y., said "there is clearly a problem" when gays and lesbians in civil unions are denied 1,200 to 1,350 civil protections such as health care and pension rights because they're not married.

WORLD

Iran to launch new satellite into orbit

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday that Iran planned to launch a "more sophisticated" satellite into orbit, another potential step forward for the country's space program that have raised concerns in the West.

Iran's official news agency quoted Ahmadinejad as saying the launch would take place despite concerns over the earlier launch of Iran's first domestically made satellite in February.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Tech names new VP for research

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech President Guy Bailey announced the new vice president for research Tuesday after about nine months without someone to fill the position.

T. Taylor Eighmy, interim vice president for research at the University of New Hampshire, was named to the position almost two months after the original three finalists were named, and his appointment is effective July 1.

Eighmy also is a research professor of civil engineering and director of the Recycled Materials Resource Center at UNH.

Bailey said all candidates were well-qualified for the position, but Eighmy

displayed exceptional national connections, a track record of federal agency communication and the ability to bridge department and college lines.

The personal approach Eighmy takes to the job also was a factor, Bailey said.

"He's the kind of guy that looks for solutions," he said.

Bailey said, Eighmy also will be helpful in the push for Tech to reach \$100 million in research funding.

Eighmy said he is excited to be able to help Bailey with his visions for the university — primarily, achieving the



EIGHMY

research goal Bailey has set.

"I think that this goal is very achievable," he said, "and I think that it will require Tech taking some special (research) opportunities."

While setting a timetable to achieve that goal is not realistic, Eighmy said, Tech will need to be in position to take special research funding opportunities when they present themselves.

The landscape for federal funding opportunities is changing, he said, and the stimulus bill and changing strategic funding priorities drastically will change how funding is attained.

During his time at Tech, Eighmy said he will work to promote interdisciplinary research, help faculty and researchers find more funding opportunities, and forge new partnerships and alliances with the federal and state

governments, the private sector and foundations.

At the University of New Hampshire, he said, he was able to make partnerships with federal research agencies and partnerships in the private sector. He also promoted researchers focusing their interests on being excellent scholars.

Eighmy said he already has met with some faculty and is impressed with the dedication and eagerness to embrace the challenge of the further expansion of a major research university role.

According to a Tech news release, the vice president for research is the principal research officer for the university. The position also includes overseeing and encouraging innovative research and scholarship in all

fields. Eighmy said he believes two of the primary roles of his new position will be to find and create new opportunities that leverage the talent at Tech and also to find new federal opportunities Tech researchers can pursue.

According to the release, the Office of the Vice President for Research directs the Office of Research Services, the Northwest Texas Small Business Development Center, the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center, the Center for Biotechnology and Genomics, the Institute for Comparative and Experimental Medicine, the Experimental Sciences building, and the East Loop Research building.

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Cholesterol concerns

Tech physicist advances cholesterol-lipid interaction theory

JUYANG HUANG, ASSOCIATE professor of physics, details the use of the spectrometer in his lab Monday in the Science building basement.

By KENDYL SEBESTA
STAFF WRITER

Grant funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health totaling about \$1 million awarded over the past eight years to a Texas Tech physicist and corresponding research team will conclude this year after the team's work in developing a cholesterol-lipid interaction theory to explain how the lipid interacts with additional cell membranes.

Juyang Huang, Tech associate physics professor, said his research regarding cholesterol-lipid interactions differs from what the public commonly considers to be food-related cholesterol and does not address such in his research.

"I'm not referring to cholesterol in the blood stream," he said. "The problem I address is what does cholesterol do in the cell membrane. The cell membrane is made up of a biomembrane layer where the cholesterol protein is found, so I look at what the function of that protein in that cell membrane is."

Huang said research in the cholesterol lipid bilayer field also can translate into health concerns if the cholesterol lipid bilayer is present in smaller numbers within the cell membrane.

"If the membrane has very few cholesterol lipids, the cells will die quickly or don't function," he said. "In the eye membrane, for example, the cholesterol lipid makes up 50 percent of the lens membrane, which performs an important overall function."

Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director of Tech Student Health

Services, said cell death and improper function most commonly occur at the cellular level in the hematologic system of the body and cause specific disorders within the individual.

"When red blood cells break down too fast, it is a form of anemia that can of course cause symptoms," Bennett said. "Also, when the white blood cells and the immunology system break down or don't work properly, it leads to an immune-compromised individual."

Virtually any type of human tissue can be affected by cell death and improper function, she said, but the nervous system is particularly susceptible to this damage.

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Obama tempers optimism with reality on economy

By LIZ SIDOTI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aiming to assert control over the nation's economic debate, President Barack Obama on Tuesday warned Americans eager for good news that "by no means are we out of the woods" and argued his broad domestic agenda is the path to recovery.

In a speech at Georgetown University, Obama aimed to juggle his recent glass-half-full takes on the economy with a determina-

tion to not be stamped as naive in the face of lingering problems. He summarized actions his administration has taken to steady the limping economy and coupled that with a fresh overview of his domestic goals.

The speech, which key aides had signaled in advance would not contain any major announcements, came as Obama nears his symbolic 100-day mark in office, important because that has become a traditional marker by which to judge new administrations.

"There is no doubt that times are still tough," Obama said. "But from where we

stand, for the very first time, we are beginning to see glimmers of hope. And beyond that, way off in the distance, we can see a vision of an America's future that is far different than our troubled economic past."

Obama's message came on a day of conflicting economic indicators and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's suggestion that the recession may at last be bottoming out.

It would have been difficult to make that case based on a report the government released earlier Tuesday showing that retail sales plummeted by 1.1 percent in March, a performance

much poorer than experts had anticipated. At the same time, wholesale prices dropped sharply, a strong indication that inflation appears to pose little threat to the economy.

In a speech at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bernanke talked of flickering signs of improvement, citing recent data on home and auto sales, home building and consumer spending.

But the government's broader message — that a full turnaround might be a long time coming — may not be welcome news for a weary U.S. public.

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City Council finalizes animal shelter location

By HALIE HARTMAN
STAFF WRITER

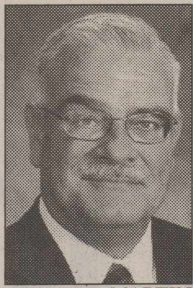
The Lubbock City Council announced the location for a new animal shelter in Mackenzie Park, near I-27 and the Marsha Sharp Freeway, at the council meeting Thursday.

The decision ultimately came down to a process of elimination, said Todd Klein, District 3 councilman. It is the best location in terms of the ability to expand because at some point the council hopes to put a dog park next to it.

Mayor Tom Martin voted against the location because he said he does not want an animal shelter built in a city park, and other members of the council have voted against previous attempts.

"I developed an opinion many months ago that we should not put it in a park and that we needed to put it in a commercial area centrally located so that all Lubbock residents have an equal drive to get the facility," he said.

Klein said he believes building the shelter in Mackenzie Park will help draw more redevelopment to that part of



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town. "I think that that will be a nice facility to have in that area and that it will attract more people to probably one of the prettiest parts of town,"

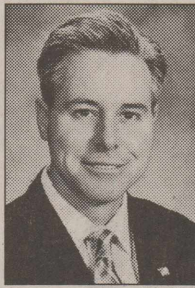
he said.

Martin said the only advantage he knows of building the shelter in Mackenzie Park is the city already owns the property.

However, it is only a couple of blocks from the existing animal shelter and is about a 30-minute drive from the north-west and southwest areas of Lubbock, he said.

"In my opinion, it needs to be in a central location where it's not an inconvenience for any part of the city," Martin said.

Mary Hatfield, president of the Humane Society of West Texas, said she would have preferred a more commercial site in the direction of the city's growth.



KLEIN

"The city is growing to the southwest, away from Mackenzie Park site," she said. "If marketing gurus have decided the southwestern part of the city is a good place

for Target and Burlington Coat Factory, then it is a good place for the new animal shelter."

Previous councils have appropriated \$3.5 million toward building a new facility, Martin said.

The animal shelter is estimated to cost about \$6 million, Klein said. An architect has been hired and a cost engineering analysis will be conducted to try to reduce the cost down to the amount the city has available.

It is necessary to build a new shelter because previous contractors have said it is a waste of money to remodel the current shelter, Hatfield said.

"The shelter is made up of porous

surfaces throughout and harbors diseases, even dangerous diseases such as parvo, distemper, or Feline Leukemia Virus and HIV," she said. "So very young puppies and kittens cannot survive even a few days in the shelter we have now. This is not something that can be fixed."

It is important to use appropriate water-, disease- and noise-resistant materials when building the new shelter, Klein said, which will make it a more interval system, cost less money and the facility will last longer in the long run.

"Can we beat down the cost? I think so," he said. "Will we sacrifice the integrity of the facility to do so? No. Can we get down to \$3.5 million, minus what we have spent in the process? Probably not."

In the case that the shelter cannot be built with \$3.5 million, the city may have to build the shelter in phases, in which case the first phase to be built would be an adoption center, Klein said.

The facility will be comprehensive, he said, including the adoption and care aspect, control and dog fetching components, and euthanization.

Select cats and dogs would be brought

to the adoption center if they survive intake into the current animal shelter, which will remain the place where the majority of the animals would be kept, Hatfield said.

Martin said he supports the building of a new animal shelter, even if it has to be done in phases.

"Our old facility is extremely old—it's basically falling down," he said. "We need a new facility for people to come and be able to adopt animals."

The new animal shelter would help reduce the numbers of cats and dogs that are euthanized at the Lubbock shelter, Hatfield said.

"We would like to see many more animals finding homes through the Lubbock Animal Services adoption program," she said. "We want to be good partners with Lubbock Animal Services and be as much help as we can. We work closely with the employees at there and know they try hard to keep the animals healthy and to get them adopted. We know that the hardest part of their job is putting down the tremendous numbers of animals."

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Research

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Before serving as the interim vice president for research at the University of New Hampshire, Eighmy was the assistant vice president for research from 2004 to 2007. He also is a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board.

Also announced last week was an extra \$2 million in funding for graduate fellowships.

Bailey said the funding will create spots for about 100 more graduate students, which ultimately will help the university reach the \$100 million goal as well.

The fellowship funding will help Eighmy reach the goal for research funding, he said.

Dean Smith, the former vice president for research, resigned from the spot in July to teach and research at the University of Heidelberg in Germany during the 2008-2009 school year.

At that time, Smith presided over about \$48.7 million in research funding, compared to about \$57 million in research funding in the 2008-2009 school year.

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NKorea boots U.N. inspectors, vows to restart reactor

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Tuesday it was restarting its rogue nuclear program, booting U.N. inspectors and pulling out of disarmament talks in an angry reaction to U.N. Security Council condemnation of its April 5 rocket launch.

Pyongyang ordered U.N. nuclear inspectors to remove seals and cameras from its Yongbyon nuclear site and leave the country as quickly as possible, the International Atomic

Energy Agency said.

North Korea told the IAEA it was "immediately ceasing all cooperation" and "has decided to reactivate all facilities and go ahead with the reprocessing of spent fuel," according to a statement from the U.N. agency.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs condemned the decision, saying the international community will not accept North Korea until it abandons what Washington calls

its pursuit of nuclear weapons. The North must "cease its provocative threats," he said.

Russia also deplored the move and urged its neighbor to rejoin six-nation talks, which have been held since 2003 in an attempt to get Pyongyang to give up its nuclear program in exchange for aid and other concessions. Britain's Foreign Office said the break with the IAEA was "completely unjustified."

China — Pyongyang's main ally

and the host of the talks — called for calm on all sides.

Despite its defiance, analysts say North Korea, one of the poorest countries in the world, is unlikely to abandon the talks altogether. They suggested North Korea could be trying to draw the United States into direct negotiations, which it has long sought.

Hajime Izumi, a North Korea expert at the University of Shizuoka in Japan, said the North Korean

reaction was designed to "bring the United States to the negotiating table and squeeze maximum concessions from it."

All 15 members of the Security Council, including China and Russia, agreed Monday to condemn the April 5 launch as a violation of U.N. resolutions and to tighten sanctions against the regime. The U.N. statement was weaker than the resolution Japan and the United States had pursued.

Membrane

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"Many nervous system problems are due to parts of the nervous cells dying off from a drug toxicity for example or most commonly in multiple sclerosis where the nerve cells lose their myelin for insulation," she said.

Bennett said she has not noticed any rise in the percentages of these cases during the last 10 years at Student Health Services but does see similar cases on occasion.

Huang said researchers still know relatively little about the cholesterol-lipid and why it is special in its function related to other cells, despite extensive research on the issue by both U.S. and international researchers.

"Our hypothesis — the Umbrella Model — that discussed what the cholesterol is doing in the molecular interactions we studied was the only one that was correct according to the Society of Academic Science," he said. "We used it to explain the data of cholesterol maximum solubility in the lipid bilayers."

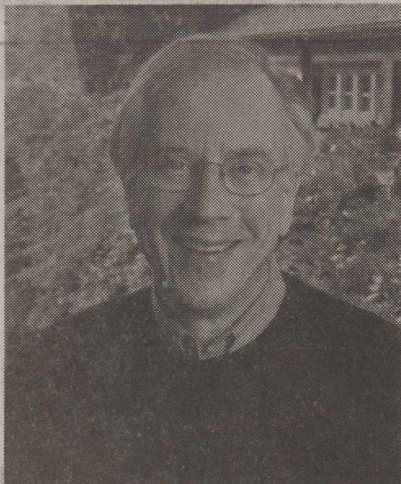
According to the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, two additional models, the Condensed Complex Model and the Superlattice Model, also were proposed but with limited success in their application to lipid bilayers.

Additional research funding may be pursued in order to study the cholesterol-lipid interaction in the future, Huang said. However, it is not certain at this time whether the group will pursue additional funding through NSF and NIH grants.

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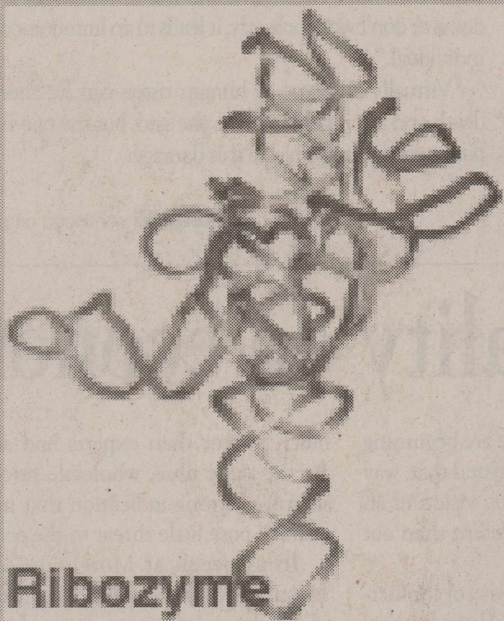
Dr. Thomas Cech is one of the world's leading experts on RNA and its catalytic activity. He is on the faculty at the University of Colorado, serving as Distinguished Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Broken sprinkler head causes residence hall flooding

April 8

At 7:17 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z4-P parking lot. A vehicle immobilization boot was damaged after an unknown person attempted to drive the vehicle without removing the boot.

At 10:07 a.m., an officer documented an incident in the Carpenter/Wells Complex courtyard. An unknown person placed three dry ice bombs in the grass. One of the dry ice bombs exploded after being unintentionally pierced by a grounds maintenance employee picking up trash. No injuries or damage property were reported as a result of the incident.

At 3:51 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of unsecured vehicle in the Z5-C parking lot. A GPS device was reported stolen.

At 4:41 p.m., an officer investigated an accident at 10th Avenue and Texas Tech Parkway. No injuries were reported.

At 11:43 p.m., an officer investigated theft in the Horn/Knapp office. A package was reported stolen and later recovered.

April 9

At 5:18 a.m., an officer investigated burglary of a motor vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. The front driver-side window was broken

and a radar detector was reported stolen.

At 7:22 a.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident at the intersection of Texas Tech Parkway and Fifth Street. No injuries were reported.

At 7:33 a.m., an officer investigated burglary of a motor vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. A Dual car stereo was reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle.

At 12:58 p.m., an officer investigated possession of drug paraphernalia. Two multi-colored pipes were found in a residence hall room while maintenance was completing a repair. The case will be forwarded to Student Affairs.

At 2:50 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in which an unattended vehicle in the Z5-G parking lot was struck.

At 4:00 p.m., an officer documented information regarding a report of a physical confrontation between two students that occurred on campus. One of the students was issued a criminal trespassing citation from a residence hall and portions of the athletic fields.

At 5:00 p.m., an officer investigated a burglary of vehicle in the Z5-C parking lot. An unsecured vehicle was entered and the stereo was reported stolen.

At 5:28 p.m., an officer issued a Lubbock County citation to non-student for possession of drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop in the 2700 of 19th Street.

At 6:25 p.m., an officer investigated a burglary of vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. A vehicle's passenger window was broken and a radar detector was reported stolen.

At 11:23 p.m., an officer investigated a burglary of a vehicle that occurred in the Z4-P parking lot. A pair of Oakley sunglasses was reported stolen.

At 11:35 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the third floor restroom of Sneed Residence Hall. A sprinkler head was broken causing the floor to be flooded. The officer also investigated possession of drug paraphernalia. The students were released pending the filing of charges.

April 10

At 1:58 a.m., two officers detained four students in Coleman Residence Hall. One of the students was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor and then released. Two of the students were issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor and released. The officers arrested the fourth

student for possession of drug paraphernalia and a Lubbock County Sheriff Department warrant. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 8:51 a.m., an officer documented information concerning unwanted telephone calls that were received in the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction.

At 2:00 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in which an unattended vehicle in the C1-N parking lot was struck.

At 2:20 p.m., officer investigated a burglary of vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. A stereo was reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle.

At 2:45 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in which an unattended vehicle in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center parking lot was struck.

At 3:21 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in which an unattended vehicle in the Z3-J parking lot was struck.

At 4:29 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in which an unattended vehicle in the C-15 parking lot was struck.

At 8:43 p.m., an officer responded to an emergency medical call in the Architectural building. A staff member became ill

and twisted her ankle when she fainted. She was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

April 11

At 2:07 a.m., two officers arrested a faculty member for driving while intoxicated after an observed traffic violation in the 1100 block of Flint Avenue and a subsequent traffic stop in the R-18 parking lot. The faculty member was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 3:08 a.m., an officer arrested a staff member for public intoxication, which occurred in the Z5-A parking lot. The staff member was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 9:15 p.m., an officer arrested two students for public intoxication following a disturbance at the Valero Store located at 1415 University Avenue. They were both transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 11:22 p.m., two officers detained two students in Weymouth Residence Hall. The officers issued one student a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor. Another student was is-

sued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Both students were released.

April 12

At 12:47 a.m., two officers arrested a student for public intoxication in Weymouth Residence Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 1:38 a.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident that occurred in the 1300 block of Texas Tech Parkway. No injuries were reported.

April 12

At 9:40 a.m., an officer investigated criminal trespass that occurred at the Tech Aquatic Center.

At 6:01 p.m., an officer detained a non-student for possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with an invalid license after an observed traffic violation in the 700 block of Texas Tech Parkway. The non-student was released pending the filing of charges. At 8:34 p.m., an officer detained a non-student in the 2600 block of Broadway Avenue. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning from all Tech property.

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Obama to create border czar position

WASHINGTON (AP)—A former Justice Department official has been picked to be the Southwest border czar—a new position created by the Obama administration to handle illegal immigration and border issues, according to an administration official.

The new Homeland Security post will be responsible for issues related to drug-cartel violence along the U.S.-Mexico border and the hundreds of thousands of people there who try to enter the U.S. illegally.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is expected to name Alan Bersin to the position on Wednesday

during a visit to the Southwest border, the official said. The official would speak only on condition of anonymity ahead of the announcement.

Napolitano, who is making her second border trip in two weeks, will be discussing the agency's efforts to curb the flow of illegal immigrants, guns and drugs along the U.S.-Mexico border.


The Obama administration has promised to crack down on border violence and work with Mexican authorities against drug cartels. Hundreds of federal agents, along with high-tech surveillance gear and drug-sniffing dogs are being deployed to the Southwest.

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Face of today's piracy not what you think

Our generation has a fetish for pirates. We speak of them in the same way we speak of zombies, ninjas, Chuck Norris and the entire lineup of ABC's "Thank God It's Friday" circa 1990.

I can't really explain it, but you might chalk it up to our unending passion for all things ironic and cheesy. (Speaking of ironic — isn't it weird that "Full House," as conservative and cloying as that show was, was set in super-liberal San Francisco?)

It isn't modern pirates we adore — there's nothing charming about AK-47s and ski masks — but the old-timey ones, the ones with big bushy beards, peg legs, tattoos, talking parrots and a chronic case of chlamydia. Actual living pirates have never been cute, of course, but we've Disney-fied the pirates of yore, turned them into parodies, cartoons and the inspiration for "Talk Like a Pirate Day."

Here at Texas Tech, thanks to football coach Mike Leach, we've taken our pirate fetish to a whole new level. Leach is well known for immersing himself in a new topic every off-season and then using what he's learned in metaphorical lectures to his players.

Eric Braden



He studied up on pirates a few years ago; The New York Times wrote when Leach "learned that a pirate ship was a functional democracy; that pirates disciplined themselves; that, loathed by others, they nevertheless found ways to work together, the pirate ship became a metaphor for his football team." Ever since, we've been pirate crazy.

All of this, with only reluctant admittance that, yes, pirates still exist, and no, they aren't cute. Which is why the past week has been really weird.

When Somali pirates took hostage merchant-ship Captain Richard Phillips last week, the situation captivated everyone. Perhaps it had something to do with the brutal simplicity of the situation, the way it felt like an episode of "24." Given the complexity of the news lately — swaps and derivatives and dividends, oh my! — the seaborne drama proved irresistible.

President Obama, on Easter, no

less, issued a direct command, and with three bullets, Navy snipers killed three pirates, and Phillips was recovered.

Phillips' situation was all over the news, and the guy is certainly a hero — he had offered himself to the pirates as a hostage in order to prevent harm to his crew, whom he ordered to lock themselves in their cabins. But Somali pirates still hold over 200 hostages from nations other than the United States.

The problem runs deep. On Monday, Obama vowed to deter the rise of ocean piracy, stating, "We have to ensure that those who commit acts of piracy are held accountable for their crimes."

Pirates will always exist, just as thieves will always exist. It's only a matter of degree between a pickpocket stealing a wallet and a group of pirates holding a ship hostage for \$1 million.

While neither should be tolerated, I hope no one gets it in their heads it's time to start a "war on piracy." The United States is already at war in two nations, and our new president has already got Russia, Iran, North Korea, Al-Qaeda and Pakistan to worry about. We're teetering on the edge of a global recession and global environmental collapse. There are simply too many

more important issues to deal with first.

And while it may have been little comfort to Phillips on that raft, Somali pirates generally don't kill people. Murder is bad for business in the world of taking hostages. Obama's order was to kill the pirates only if the captain's life appeared to be in imminent danger, but that strikes me as impossible to verify. But never mind that.

See, this whole pirates ordeal has put some things into perspective. It's become clear people are getting away with massive piracy right here in the United States, but they don't have peg legs or automatic weapons — they wear pinstriped suits. Yes, the real pirates are the banks, who are holding hostage a whole country and demanding the largest ransom in human history.

In a recent story in The Atlantic

magazine called "The Quiet Coup," a former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund named Sam Johnson writes about what he calls the "financial oligarchy." In a primitive political system, Johnson says, violence nets power. In a more advanced political system like ours, power comes through capital — and as Wall Street has

done well to cultivate its image of being necessary, it has amassed in Americans the cultural capital of belief.

An ample array of deregulatory policies appeared over the past decade, extending from a Wall Street worshipful atmosphere engendered by what Johnson calls a "confluence of campaign finance, personal connections, and ideology." We've come to see huge financial institutions as a key part of American vitality.

But as Johnson writes, "The chal-

lenges the United States faces are familiar territory to the people at the IMF. If you hid the name of the country and just showed them the numbers, there is no doubt what old IMF hands would say: nationalize troubled banks and break them up as necessary." And, "Anything too big to fail is to big to exist."

I appreciate that Obama realizes how fragile an economy is, and he is reluctant to shake things up before they're ready to be shaken. He's quite pragmatic. But in our current financial environment, too much rests in the hands of too few — a select few, a politically connected group that stands to collect billions. The financial oligarchy's power over the United States must be diluted, and fast.

Obama acted swiftly and boldly in ordering the sharpshooter rescue of Richard Phillips. Let's hope he shows the same boldness in dealing with Wall Street and the pirates who mask their pillaging with handshakes and hair cream.

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People should not use religion as excuse to deface art, ideas

On the overpass of South Loop 289 there used to be a carving of a windy man image. If you aren't familiar with what a windy man is, Google would probably provide the best picture. The windy man was a stone-faced figure that blew gusts of winds from his pursed lips.

In 2004, he was put up as a public art decoration on the overpass. I was in high school at the time and was thrilled to see the city use something as creative and beautifully carved as the windy man. However, some people felt this art form was a pagan image, and pagan was anti-religious.

Then one evening the windy man was defaced. Authorities never found the person or people responsible, and eventually the stone figure was removed from the highway. There were plans for almost 20 other windy men, but after the defacing, none were displayed. Now we have less controversial images of windmills on the Marsha Sharp Freeway that don't seem to make people as angry.

Three years earlier, in March of 2001, the Taliban performed similar acts of defacement. According to an article by Time, in the sandstone cliffs of the Bamiyan Valley, the Taliban used mines, bombs, dynamite, assault rifles, stinger missiles and RPGs to destroy a 175-foot standing statue of Buddha. The statue had been carved sometime in the seventh century.

After the Buddha was defaced, they proceeded to smash thousands of smaller sculptures and chisel frescos from the walls. The Taliban claimed these monuments were idolatrous.

Webster lists a synonym of pagan as heathen, and a synonym of heathen as idolater. Idolatrous, pagan, anti-religious — we should not fool ourselves into thinking that the windy man and Buddhas were marred to protect the sanctity

Laura Zak



of religion. They were destroyed out of people's desire for power and control.

Some think the Taliban defaced the Buddhas because their facial features were similar to that of the minority Hazaras living in the province. When the Taliban took power in Afghanistan, hundreds of Hazaras were massacred, and according to Time, "many in the valley believe that the destruction of the Buddhas was an extension of the Taliban's genocidal campaign." Religion was just a justification for their actions.

It's easy to write off the defacements of the Buddhas and the windy man as extreme examples of people manipulating religion for power. Yet so often in our country I see people using religion as a form of control. Instead of marring art, they disfigure concepts and ideas.

Science teachers won't teach evolution, the GLBTQ community is denied basic rights their heterosexual counterparts enjoy, and liquor is sold outside city limits.

It saddens me that instead of us-

ing our faith to create opportunities that promote compassion, forgiveness and mercy within our community, we use it to discriminate and divide. We find ourselves focused on what is right and what is wrong, instead of seeking similarities between our different beliefs that help bring about understanding and support of each other.

It is not fair to say all people within a particular religious denomination are closed minded and unwilling to learn from one another. Some faith communities are very open minded and have created dialogues between the different faiths.

One such group here in Lubbock that seeks to foster dialogue among our many religions is the InterFaith Ecumenical Worship Services. The group is made up of members of Baha'i, Judaism, Christianity, Hindu and Islam, who meet at various times during the year to attend and participate in one another's worship services.

And there is beauty in that understanding. When we come together, we help repair the broken pieces of the windy man and Buddhas shattered in people's attempts for power and learn, rather than deface our neighbor's beliefs and deny ourselves an opportunity for growth.

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Bank stress test may not be best solution

STAFF EDITORIAL
MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

As federal regulators manage so-called stress tests on the nation's 19 largest banks, they are urging banks to keep results hush-hush until all tests are complete. But in this atmosphere of peaked investor interest, it is unlikely the results — which outline a bank's health and need for federal capital amid the worst recession since the 1930s — will be kept hidden for long.

According to economist Lou Crandall, the Obama administration's goal with the stress tests is in part to "put a seal of good bookkeeping on these banks," many of whom had been assigning grossly inflated equity value

to toxic legacy assets — mortgage-backed securities and the like. The tests position the firms amid various economic scenarios, some rosy, some pessimistic. If a bank is found to be relatively weak, it will be given 6 months to raise private capital. If it fails, the Treasury says taxpayer money will be available.

Under a best case scenario, momentum would find its way to clogged credit markets, and the transition from unsustainable financial practices to normalcy would hasten. But the Obama administration may have opened a can of

worms with the Geithner Plan and stress tests. Wells Fargo Chairman Richard Kovatchevich called them "asinine." He wants the results to remain secret.

Ultimately, if taxpayer money will be protecting the irresponsible, greedy banks who "fail" the stress test, the results of the test, once compiled, must be made public. Our central bank expects to release the results for all 19 firms in late April; be prepared for the results — they'll eventually leak.

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Counseling center to discuss stereotyping minority women

The Student Counseling Center at Texas Tech will host a discussion about stereotypes of minority females at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Human Sciences building Room 169.

"Exotic" Women: Myths and Stereotypes about Women of Color will be presented by Erin Snyder, staff psychologist, and Neetha Devdas, psychology intern. The two employees of the counseling center will explore how media images and stereotypes of women of color contribute to a culture of violence.

"An overall purpose is to raise awareness of sexual assault and how the attitudes about women of color contribute to as-

sault," Snyder said.

The presentation is one of many events hosted on campus for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It will be interactive and require input from audience members concerning the way minority women are portrayed in the media, Snyder said, which she hopes will challenge stereotypes on campus.

Students can expect to gain knowledge about how images of women of color in magazines and music videos contributes to viewing minority females as objects and in some cases contributes to sexual violence against them, Snyder said.

"Women of color in general are sexual-

ized even more than white women," she said, "or expected to be in more submissive roles."

Snyder said she sees several misconceptions on campus about women of color, including the idea that black women are loud and angry, Asian women are submissive and highly sexual, and Latino women are either virgins or whores.

Staff psychologist Neetha Devdas has seen similar stereotypes on campus, she said, and hopes students will recognize the stereotypes and consider how they can be changed on campus.

"I'm hoping people who attend will be more aware of issues minority wom-

en face," she said. "They're often forgotten in terms of how they're sexualized."

Like Snyder, Devdas said perceiving black women as aggressive and difficult to talk to and Asian women as a sexual fetish impacts the way individuals are sexualized. By putting individuals in categories based on color, it contributes to sexual assault.

"The everyday images of women of color will somehow impact the way they're sexualized and the way they're assaulted," she said. "If they're not viewed as someone with a personality and a mind, they're viewed as just a sexual object who welcomed assault in some way."

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Jackson items not for sale after deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's possessions aren't going to the auction block after all.

Julien's Auction House and a spokesman for Jackson said Tuesday that the singer will retain possession of some 2,000 items from Neverland Ranch as part of a dispute settlement. The exhibition to promote the sale,

which has been open to the public, will continue through April 25.

Jackson's production company sued auction organizer Darren Julien to halt the sale in early March. A judge blocked one effort by MJJ Productions to cancel it earlier this month, and another was scheduled to hear arguments Wednesday for an injunction.

Vt. legislators could set aside harsh penalties for 'sexting'

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Parents, school districts and law enforcement have been grappling with what to do with teenagers who take sexually explicit photos of themselves with their cell phone cameras and send them to friends.

Vermont legislators are moving to get rid of one option: child pornography counts that result in lifetime listings on the state's Internet sex offender registry.

Legislation passed by the Vermont Senate and pending in the House would remove the most serious legal consequences for teenagers who engage in "sexting." The bill would carve out an exemption from prosecution for child pornography for 13- to 18-year-olds on either the sending or receiving end of sexting messages, so long as the sender voluntarily transmits an image of himself or herself.

The bill, however, would not legalize the conduct. Legislators believe prosecutors could still use laws against lewd and lascivious conduct and against disseminating indecent materials to a minor.

State legislatures, including Vermont's, have been cracking down on sexual predators in recent years, but lawmakers here say they don't want increasingly tough penalties applied to those caught up in what many regard as a youthful fad.

"We felt that it's poor behavior and it's not something we want to give


our OK to," said Sen. Richard Sears, D-Bennington and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "But at the same time, do we want a kid in jail? Do we want them tagged as a sex offender for the rest of their lives? And the answer is no."

Prosecutors around the country have tried various approaches against teenagers who used cell phones, e-mail or social networking Web sites to transmit naughty pictures of themselves.

Last month, a 14-year-old New Jersey girl was arrested for posting nude pictures of herself on MySpace. She was charged with child pornography and distribution of child pornography for allegedly posting nearly 30 explicit pictures on the site. But it's likely she'll avoid jail because she's a juvenile, according to a prosecutor handling the case.

In Pennsylvania, 17 students involved in distributing photos of nude or scantily clad female classmates accepted a county prosecutor's offer that their cases would be resolved if they participated in a five-week after-school program on sexual harassment and similar topics. Three balked and sued in federal court to stop prosecutors from filing charges.

In Ohio, a 15-year-old high school girl faced charges for sending racy cell phone photos of herself to classmates. She eventually agreed to a curfew, no cell phone and supervised Internet usage.



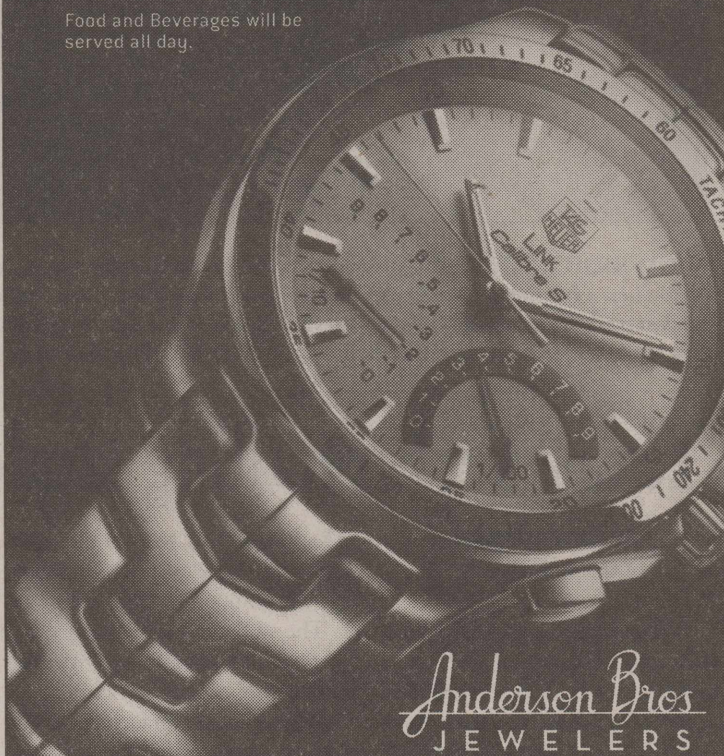
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Law school to host forum concerning gay individuals

By CAYLOR BALLINGER
STAFF WRITER

From military service to marriage — legal controversy has surrounded the gay community, creating prejudices and inequalities the minorities would like to resolve.

Problems of equality experienced by gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people will be discussed at a Scales of (In)Justice: Legal Issues and the GLBT Person from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Texas Tech School of Law building.

Paul Scott, executive director of the Equality Texas Foundation, will lead a discussion on the legal issues concerning GLBT people that occur in Texas and in the nation.

"I hope to help people have a better understanding of equality," Scott said. "People can be honored for what they bring to the workplace, regardless of their sexual orientation."

Any Texas law will affect all Texans, Scott said. So, it is important becoming aware of the laws and properly understanding the meaning.

Changing a law may be easier than changing an individual's behavior, he said.

"People should have an open discussion on the issues," Scott said. "Discussions on how the legal actions taken can make this a better world, and it's great to have people come and hear things on a broader scale."

Calvin Lewis, associate dean for Student Affairs and Diversity at the School of Law, said the discussion should bring forth issues people do not usually think about.

"There will be an analysis of current laws and fairness," Lewis said. "It's about trying to ensure diversity and make opportunities."

The event is timely because legalizing gay marriage is a "hot topic," Lewis said. The Scales of (In)Justice event will include speakers and a panel discussion with an open question-and-answer portion.

"The goal of the event is to deal with diverse issues that need to be discussed," Lewis said, "and the great educational value in discussing the issues."

Aaron Tax, co-director for the legal department of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said he also will speak during the event and discuss concerns about military inequalities for gay people.

"I will talk about the 'don't ask, don't tell' law, which bans openly gay people from serving in the military," Tax said. "The law was passed in '93, and it is our hope that it will be changed in the next couple of years."

Military discrimination prevents individuals from openly being themselves, Tax said. A gay person who makes a statement claiming to be gay, makes any gay act such as hugging or hand-holding, and has been or currently is married to someone of the same sex is unable to serve in the military.

"We are hoping people will really learn that we want everyone who wants to serve their country to be able to, regardless of sexual orientation," Tax said. "Gays, like everyone else, may have a desire to serve in the military and should be able to."

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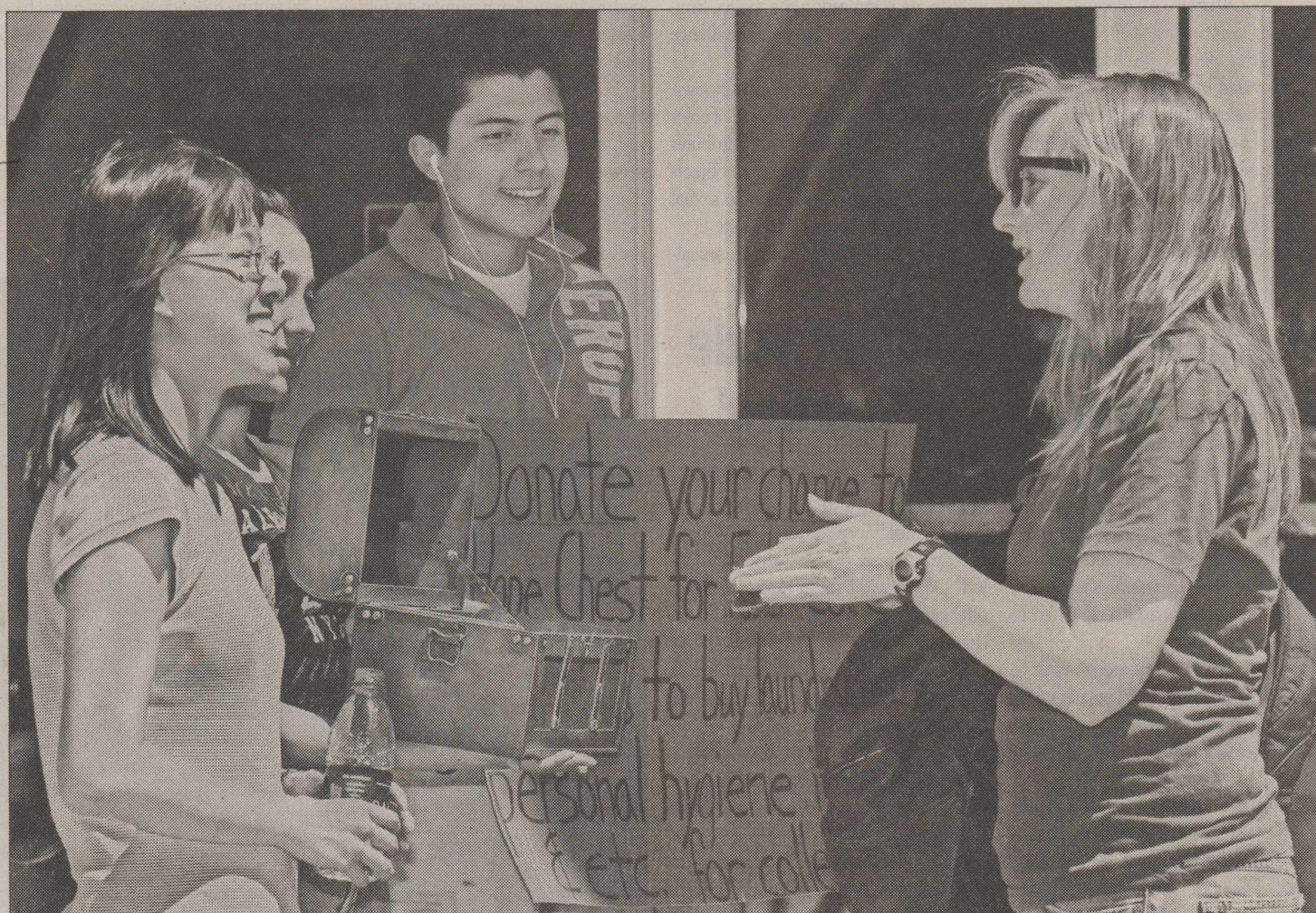


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FROM RIGHT, JENNIFER Wainscott, a junior-public relations major from Windsor, Colo., gives spare change to Pegasus members Mauricio Velasquez, a freshman biochemistry major from Little Elm; Marie Zubiate, a freshman psychology major from El Paso; and Jennifer Tang, a senior mathematics major from Midland, Tuesday outside the Student Union Building west entrance. Pegasus, a group comprised of first generation college students, collects change to help foster children with college expenses.

Texas Tech retailing students to host Fashion Camp

By KATE OZMENT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The second annual Fashion Camp will be offered this summer to young adults interested in fashion by Texas Tech students in the retailing program within the College of Human Sciences.

Deborah Fowler, an associate professor in the College of Human Sciences, brought the idea for fashion camp from her previous tenure at the University of South Carolina.

The camp, which is open to any student from seventh grade through 12th grade, will include two five-day sessions that allow the participants to learn about the different aspects of fashion.

Fowler said the program allows students in her event management class to have a real-life experience.

"Everybody learns better by learning, not reading," she said.

"This allows them to learn more and plan a very large event, essentially a five-day seminar for two weeks."

The students in the event management class plan the activities the participants attend, Fowler said.

While the undergraduate students plan the activities, Fowler's graduate assistants plan the structure of the event and the daily schedule.

Jill Godfrey and Christina Kayfus, graduate students studying restaurant, hotel and institutional management, work with Fowler to plan out Fashion Camp.

Godfrey said the students get to show everything they learned at a fashion show at the end of the week and several local businesses help out with the event.

"Petra is doing hair," she said. "Kohls is donating clothes. Parytime helps out as well."

Godfrey said the participants stay on campus during the week and spend all day working toward the final fashion show in which they

model their own designs.

The different events tentatively planned for the camp include

trends, going green, footwear, hair, draping and jewelry, and participants will work on their designs for the show during the events.

Fowler said most of the events change every year, but some are favorites that return.

"We have them design togas," she said. "We give them sheets, and they aren't allowed to cut them. They can only use safety pins and fashion tape."

Fowler said some of the students who went to more than one camp at the University of South Carolina would prepare for the toga contest in advance by

bringing accessories and designing Greek-style hair.

During the camp Fowler teaches the participants how to walk as models, but she said what they will actually learn is a positive self image.

"It may sound fluffy, but it's learning about self-esteem. They're learning modeling, but they're also learning how to improve their posture and how to stand."

Applications for the camp can be turned in until May 1. The first session is June 15-19 and the second session is June 22-26.

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14 Jockey strap

15 Native of Tehran

16 "Now I get it!"

17 Loaf pan filler

19 Mane man of film?

20 Fruity rum drink

21 Pills

22 Give authority to

25 Gets in the crosshairs

26 English subjects?

27 One may be proffered at a wedding

29 Mistletoe branch that was Aeneas' pass to the underworld

32 Eavesdropping org.

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1 Heavenly body

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Tech softball hoping to re-enact 2008 home win against Texas

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

When Texas visited Rocky Johnson Field last season, the Texas Tech softball team made history. It was the first time in school history Tech beat Texas in Lubbock.

So the Red Raiders hope a repeat of last year's upset is in the works when they take on No. 24 Texas at 3 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field.

"It was a game where we were just unstoppable," said Tech pitcher Alex Watkins, who was a junior on last year's squad. "Everybody was on. No simple or hard mistakes were made. It was just we were playing our game and finally getting to show our fans what Texas Tech softball is really about."

The Red Raiders (14-33, 2-9 in Big 12 Conference play) might need a performance like that against Texas this time around, considering Tech is entering the last homestand of the season and is in need of a meaningful win.

Tech is coming off a doubleheader against Texas State Monday, leaving San Marcos with a split. The Red Raiders won the first game 3-2 and lost the second game 5-1. The win was the only one in five games for Tech.

Before that, on April 10 and 11, Tech took back-to-back losses to then-No. 24 Texas A&M in college station.

So even though Texas (31-14, 7-4) is coming to town, Tech's Stephanie Drewry said the team should be excited to be back home.

"After our road trip, I'm sure we're gonna come out with a lot of energy," said the freshman, who leads the team in runs with 27. "We have to. We have no choice (but) to come out with a bunch of energy. Usually when we do, we usually play our game and come out with a win."

In the last outing against Texas on March 26 in Austin, Tech had no energy.

The Longhorns rode to a 7-1 victory on Brittany Barnhill's arm, as she pitched a complete game, allowing two hits and striking out four.

The victory was the start of an eight-game winning streak for the Longhorns, but that came to an end soon.

A loss to Baylor and back-to-back losses to Nebraska has Texas on a three-game losing streak.

However, the Baylor game and the first contest against Nebraska both were one-run losses.

Tech could be catching the Longhorns at the right time if the Red Raiders are looking for the upset.

"You always hope that," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. "It depends on how they react to their losses. They want to come out and beat somebody — because it was ugly last time we played



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH PITCHER Alex Watkins hopes Tech can upset No. 24 Texas at 3 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech beat the Longhorns 5-4 last season at home.

them — or are they lazy coming in here? That's entirely up to them."

That may not be good news for the Red Raiders, however. When Tech faced Texas earlier this season, the Longhorns were coming off an 11-6 loss to Missouri.

Even in the midst of a three-game losing streak, Texas still packs firepower in the circle and in the batter's box.

Barnhill still is making an impact with a 19-9 record and a 2.85 ERA and infielder Loryn Johnson is hitting .429 with 60 hits and 39 RBIs.

Pitching matchups have yet to be announced.

When Tech earned the 5-4 win against Texas last season, Suiter was an assistant coach.

But the first-year head coach said the win did wonders for the team then and there should be no reason why that cannot happen now.

"The team last year during conference really picked it up," she said. "We struggled a lot early in the season, especially preseason. To come play Texas and beat them at home definitely gave us momentum into the rest of the Big 12 last year. Same thing could happen this year."

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Defensive end Dixon suspended indefinitely

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach suspended defensive end McKinner Dixon indefinitely Tuesday for his recurring academic problems.

The senior is expected to be an important piece to a defensive line that lost Brandon Williams, who declared for the 2009 NFL Draft in January. Defensive end Jake Ratliff also made his departure with his eligibility running out.

This spring, the defensive line still retained the likes of Rajon Henley, Brandon Sesay, Colby Whitlock and Sandy Riley. Coming off a season where his sacks were second only to Williams on the team, Dixon seemed to be primed for an even better 2009.

This is not the first time the senior has had problems with academics, however.

Dixon had to make his departure from Tech his freshman year to Cisco Junior College in 2007 because of the same reason.

During that season at Cisco, he had nine sacks on the year.

In his freshman season at

Tech, Dixon was named to the CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-America Second Team.

After improving his grades, he made a successful return to Tech for the 2008 season, helping a defensive line that tied for 18th in the nation in sacks with 34 total. Dixon, finished with eight sacks on the season, all solo.

With no timetable for Dixon's possible return, Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said the suspension should not hinder what he believes is a solid defensive line.

"We still got big plans," he said. "We got big plans for our team. It's not an individual sport. We love and care about McKinner. We wish him well. I hope everything works out for him. If it does, then coach Leach maybe will consider it. But it's a team thing at Texas Tech. It always has been."

"McKinner did a great job last year. It's unfortunate what you did last year can't count for what you do this year."

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De La Hoya quits boxing at age 36

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oscar De La Hoya called it quits in the ring Tuesday, ending a career in which he won 10 world titles in six divisions and became boxing's most popular fighter.

He announced his decision at an outdoor plaza across the street from Staples Center, where a statue of the 36-year-old Golden Boy stands.

"I've come to the conclusion that it's over," the East Los Angeles native said before hundreds of fans, including comedian George Lopez and Oscar-nominated actor and former fighter Mickey Rourke. "It's over inside the ring for me."

De La Hoya retires four months after he was thoroughly beaten by Manny

Pacquiao, his fourth loss in his last seven fights. He has not defeated a formidable opponent since Fernando Vargas in 2002. Age and diminished skills led to losses in recent years to Felix Trinidad, Shane Mosley, Bernard Hopkins and Floyd Mayweather Jr.

He won his last title in May 2006, beating Ricardo Mayorga in six rounds for the WBC 154-pound belt. He finished with a record of 39-6 and 30 knockouts.

"This is the love of my life, boxing is my passion, boxing is what I was born to do," De La Hoya said. "When I can't do it anymore, when I can't compete at the highest level, it's not fair. It's not fair to me, it's not fair to the fans, it's not fair to nobody."

Thomas returns to coaching, takes Florida International job

MIAMI (AP) — While growing up in Serbia, Florida International forward Nikola Gacsa often heard his father talk about the way Isiah Thomas played basketball.

"He is a big fan," Gacsa said. Gacsa will soon have his own stories to tell: Thomas is back in coaching, accepting an offer from FIU to revive his career and their program.

Ending a whirlwind courtship, Thomas and FIU agreed on a five-year contract Tuesday — an out-of-nowhere deal that gives the former Knicks coach and president a chance to restore the reputation he built as a Hall of Fame player and tarnished

through a series of embarrassments in New York.

"I'm committed to growing something here, and strongly believe that over time, we'll put a team on the floor that everyone at FIU can be proud of," Thomas said.

Thomas helped the Detroit Pistons win two NBA championships as one of the all-time great point guards, then coached the Indiana Pacers before taking over in New York, where an array of problems marred his tenure.

Nonetheless, FIU moved quickly to lock up its top choice for the job.

"Isiah will give FIU a tremendous

opportunity to take the basketball program to the highest level," FIU athletic director Pete Garcia said.

In New York, Thomas endured legal and personal troubles off the court, and more losses than wins on it. His Knicks were 23-59 last season, prompting a firing many fans had long awaited. The Knicks never won a playoff game in his tenure as president or coach.

Knicks president Donnie Walsh, who fired Thomas, wished him luck at FIU.

"I think it's a great thing for him and it's kind of what I wanted for him from the day I let him go," Walsh said.

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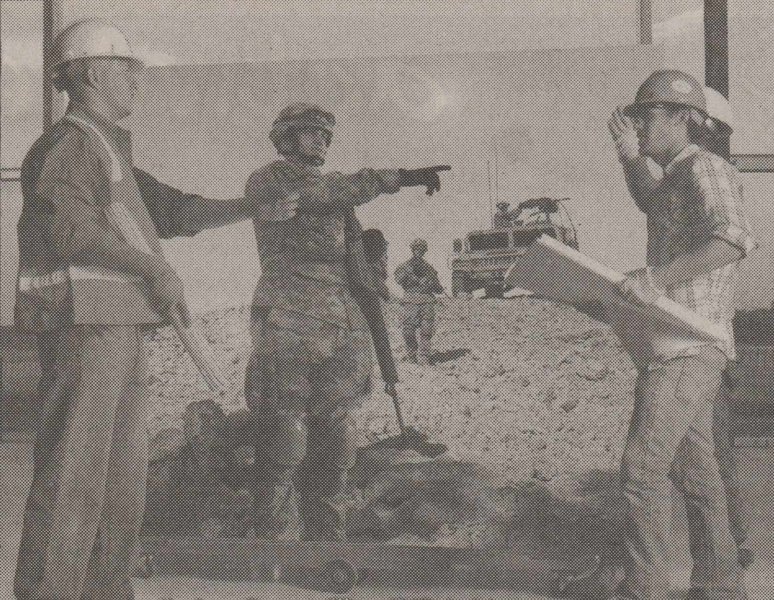
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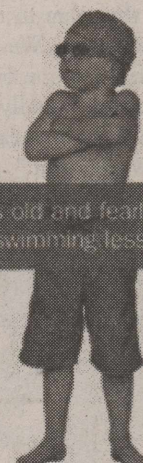
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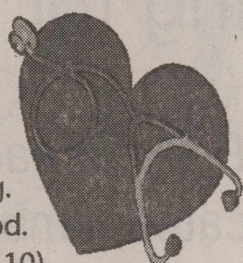
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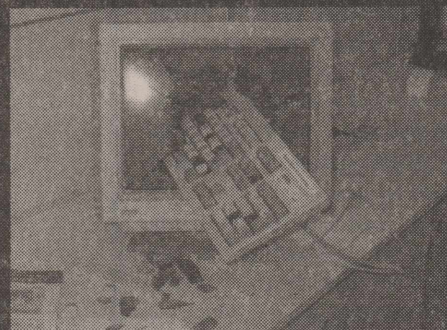
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Tuesday, April 21
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student organization update...

S.O. Registration Meeting

Tuesday, April 28
 SUB Senate Room | 2 pm

Adenhardt's death should wake up sports fans, Americans everywhere

Last Thursday morning the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Major League Baseball and the entire country were rocked by the tragic death of 22-year-old Angels pitcher Nick Adenhardt.

Adenhardt and two others were killed when an alleged drunk driver hit the car he was riding in.

The driver, charged with three counts of murder according to The Associated Press, was driving without a license — suspended from a previous DUI arrest — when he ran a red light and slammed into the car carrying Adenhardt and three others.

Adenhardt's death was particularly saddening because of his youth, potential and character.

He died the same night he pitched what should have been one of his first Major League games, not his last.

However, while heartbreaking

Brandon Aday



stories such as these can make sports hard to follow, they also illustrate the great power the world of sports can use to change our world as a whole.

To see the potential for change in Adenhardt's untimely death, one should look no farther than Jim Valvano, Lance Armstrong and Kay Yow.

All three captivated headlines as well as the hearts of Americans with their very public battles with cancer.

In the cases of Yow and Valvano, their deaths devastated their friends and fans, as both were struck dead

far too early in their coaching careers.

Still, all three stories and legacies helped bring cancer into the national spotlight, and more than \$300 million has been raised for cancer research from their three charities alone.

Similarly, Arthur Ashe and Magic Johnson were monumental in exposing the HIV/AIDS epidemic to Americans, as well as destroying the notion that the disease was confined to the homosexual community.

At a time when many felt it was a "gay disease" or "confined to Africa," both athletes brought the issue to the forefront of the American conscience.

By simultaneously raising awareness, changing misconceptions, and educating a nation of an unprejudiced global killer, these two helped to raise understanding of

AIDS to the level where children who attend elementary school are educated on prevention as well as the global spectra of HIV/AIDS.

In much the same way, Adenhardt's sad plight can help alert the United States, and college students in particular, to the dangers of driving drunk.

While I don't mean to amplify having a drink or two then driving home, drunk driving is indeed a problem which the youth of the nation, "seems to have put a bit on the backburner," to quote Jim Valvano's opinion of America's cancer awareness back in 1993.

Adenhardt, for all his potential as both a baseball player and a human being, was only one of three promising young people struck dead that night.

The other two were both students, one a college student and the other a law school student. And

although those deaths alone could have provided a harsh wake-up call for Southern California, the publicity of Adenhardt's death has awakened the American conscience from the "everyday" of sports.

As sports fans, we idolize our sports legends and follow our teams and our players religiously and then some.

While many athletes — be it Chad Ocho Cinco, Terrell Owens or another ego — often manipulate this fascination to gain personal attention, the publicity which is poured upon sports also has the power to awaken us to the problems in society that only we as people can resolve.

Whether it's being heartbroken by the "unfair" end of Johnson's career, inspired by the courage of Armstrong, or ripped by the "too soon" deaths of Valvano, Ash, Yow or Adenhardt, sports figures have the

power to awaken us to, and doing so help to end the diseases which infect society.

Be it cancer, HIV/AIDS or drunk driving, athletes — though tragic it must go this far — can provide a deafening cry for help, when others' less publicized cries often fall on deaf ears.

Hopefully by seeing the loss of potential and life which can accompany drunk driving even when athletes are not involved, Americans can become more aware of the dangers of drinking and driving and the options to avoid this risky gamble.

Only if change and awareness can come of this otherwise horrendous accident, can Adenhardt live far beyond his 22 years.

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No. 5 Baylor takes care of Texas Tech 7-0

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

Baylor seemed to be too much to handle.

The Texas Tech men's tennis team could not keep up with No. 5 Baylor, losing 7-0 Tuesday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

However, Tech coach Tim Siegel said the score was closer than the 7-0 mark.

"All the credit just really needs to go to Baylor," Siegel said. "They just outplayed us and they're (fifth) in the country for a reason. They played well and we have nothing to be ashamed about."

The Bears started off strong and did not stop until they earned the victory.

No. 34 Tech was without its No. 3 player, Gonzalo Escobar — who was out with a wrist injury. Because of his absence, Christian Rojmar was at No. 3, Michael Breler at No. 4, David Gonzalez and No. 5 and Milos Kustudija at No. 6. Raony Carvalho and Sinisa Markovic remained at the No. 1 and 2 slots.

The Red Raiders (12-9, 1-3 in Big 12 Conference play) No. 12 doubles duo of Carvalho and Rojmar were in position to seal the doubles point for Tech with the score at 6-6 but lost the last two sets, falling to Baylor's No. 28 David Galic and Jordan Rux, 8-6, clinching the point for the Bears.

"We started out in doubles trying to come out pumped up but we just didn't get the point," Rojmar said. "There were a lot of close matches but we didn't get those. 7-0 seems to be a lot but it was closer than that. They're a very good team and they played very fast."

Baylor (20-5, 5-0) carried that momentum from doubles play



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TEXAS TECH'S RAONY Carvalho returns a volley against No. 7 Denes Lukacs of Baylor Tuesday at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Red Raiders lost 7-0 to fall to 1-3 in Big 12 Conference play.

sweeping all six singles matches. With the win, the Bears clinch at least a share of their eighth-consecutive Big 12 regular season title.

Baylor started all six matches winning the first set, leaving Tech with work to do.

The Red Raiders kept it close in five of the six matches but couldn't come back from losing the first set.

Carvalho — the No. 41 player in the nation — played a competitive match against Baylor's Denes Lukacs, who is ranked No. 6 in the country. However, Carvalho fell in straight-sets, 6-3, 7-5. Carvalho had a chance to push the match to a

third set leading 5-4 in the second but Lukacs, who is 18-3 this season, took the last three sets to

win the match.

"I don't think 7-0 shows what it really was," Carvalho said. "We had close matches, my match was close but I think if we had started better in doubles it would've been different. Not just because we lost the doubles point but going into singles we had our head down and didn't have confidence like we did after we beat Nebraska."

Markovic — ranked for the first time this season at No. 109 — gave Baylor's No. 43 Rux a tough match. Markovic lost in a straight-set tiebreaker, 2-6, 7-6, 0-1.

Two matches remain on the schedule for Tech with the first against No. 24 Oklahoma State

— who the Red Raiders defeated earlier in the season, 4-1 — at 6 p.m. Friday and the last match of the season against No. 38 Oklahoma at 1 p.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

"Our focus is now on Oklahoma State," Siegel said. "I'm proud of the way we fought. We were down 4-0 in matches but we were still in all three of those and we could have won all three. So there is something we can take from this match into the next. We've gotta be able to put this behind us and we will."

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TEXAS TECH
HEAD COACH

Tightly bunched West standings cause some hassles

The stat geeks and sports radio hosts love it. For the guys involved, the jumbled mess in the Western Conference standings is creating some headaches.

Travel plans are on hold, and forget about getting a jump on scouting a first-round opponent.

"Nearly impossible," Portland coach Nate McMillan said.

With two days left in the regular season, the Trail Blazers can still finish third, fourth or fifth in the West. They're likely to open the playoffs against either Houston or San Antonio, but they won't know until Wednesday night whether that would be in Texas or Oregon.

Or, they could host Dallas, New Orleans or Utah.

And the Blazers, who were having their scouts break down tape of every West playoff team but the Lakers, aren't the only ones inconvenienced.

"I can't figure out my playoff travel schedule yet because the 2 to 8 seeds are still being determined in the West," NBA commissioner David Stern said.

Stern wants his postseason itinerary to include Portland, since the Trail Blazers are back in the playoffs for the first time since 2003, but he doesn't know yet if that's one of the early stops or not.

It isn't much easier on the rest of his staff.

"It's really stressful for our scheduling folks," NBA spokesman Tim Frank said.

Frank said the schedule makers begin working on playoff drafts three weeks before the end of the season, so the league can announce the entire first-round slate shortly after the regular season ends late Wednesday night.

So while they're mostly prepared, last-minute problems can still arise, such as teams earning home-court advantage that have building conflicts on the same day games are supposed to be played. The league already has a tricky spot in Boston, where the NHL's Bruins are home on Saturday night and Bruce Springsteen has concerts next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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