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Soldier who killed 12 at Fort Hood shot, still alive

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FORT HOOD (AP) — A military mental health doctor facing deployment overseas opened fire at the Fort Hood Army post on Thursday, setting off on a rampage that killed 12 people and left 31 wounded, Army officials said.

Authorities said immediately after the shootings that they had killed the suspected shooter, but later in the evening they recanted and said that he was alive and in stable condition at a hospital, watched by a guard.

"His death is not imminent," said Lt. Gen. Bob Cone at Fort Hood. He offered little explanation for the mistake, other than to say there was confusion at the hospital.

A law enforcement official identified the shooting suspect as Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

The violence was believed to be the worst mass shooting in history at a U.S. military base.

The shooting began around 1:30 p.m., when shots were fired at the base's Soldier Readiness Center, where soldiers who are about to be deployed or who are returning undergo medical screening, Cone said.

It was unclear what the motive was, though it appeared he was upset about a scheduled deployment. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said the Army major was about to deploy overseas, though it was unclear if he was headed to Iraq or Afghanistan and when he was scheduled to leave. Hutchison said she was told about the upcoming deployment by generals based at Fort Hood. There was no immediate word on a motive.

"It's a terrible tragedy. It's stunning," Cone said. Texas Tech President Guy Bailey released a statement in response to the shooting at Fort Hood today in which 12 people were killed including one of the gunmen.

"The Texas Tech University community is saddened by the terribly tragedy at Fort Hood today," Bailey said in the release. "Our sympathy goes out to the loved ones, friends and colleagues of those killed and injured in today's violence."

A law enforcement official identified the shooting suspect as Army Maj. Malik Nadal Hasan. The official said Hasan, believed to be in his late 30s, was killed after opening fire at the base. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

A defense official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hasan was a mental health professional — an Army psychologist or psychiatrist. Officials say it was not clear what Hasan's religion was, but investigators are trying to determine if Hasan was his birth name or if he may have changed his name and converted to Islam at some point.

A graduation ceremony for soldiers who finished college courses while deployed was going on nearby at the time of the shooting, said Sgt. Rebekah Lampam, a Fort Hood spokeswoman.

Greg Schanep, U.S. Rep. John Carter's regional director in Texas, was representing Carter at the graduation, said John Stone, a spokesman for Carter, whose district includes the Army post.

Schanep was at the ceremony when a soldier

who had been shot in the back came running toward him and alerted him of the shooting, Stone said. The soldier told Schanep not to go in the direction of the shooter, he said.

The base was locked down after the shootings. The wounded were dispersed among hospitals in central Texas, Cone said. Nine were taken to Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple. A hospital spokeswoman says all had been shot and are adults. A Fort Hood spokesman said he could not immediately confirm any identities of the injured.

Lisa Pfund of Random Lake, Wis., says her daughter, 19-year-old Amber Bahr, was shot in the stomach but was in stable condition. "We know nothing, just that she was shot in the belly," Pfund told The Associated Press. She couldn't provide more details and only spoke with emergency personnel.

"I ask that all of you keep these families and these individuals in your prayers today," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said.

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Tea Party brings out Republicans

By ALLYSON SCHELL
STAFF WRITER

The Tea Party Express came to the Lubbock County Courthouse Thursday to rile up support from Lubbock Republicans for its national bus tour's 25th stop.

"In Lubbock we expected to find an enthusiastic crowd of middle Americans who are concerned for our system and want to protect their rights that are under attack," said Mark Williams, vice chairman of the express. "They all came together to defend the Constitution and uphold their views in the right way the First Amendment is supposed to be used — to effect positive change."

The crowds gathered before the 5 p.m. start time to get a good view of the pavilion where the speakers spoke and musical guests performed.

Pins, T-shirts and flags were being sold by vendors. Signs with messages such as "A revolution is brewing" and "How's that hope and change working out for you?" were being waved in the air. One man, Gilbert Cope, had a sign that read, "I didn't vote for this Obamanation" along with a hat and shirt to match. His hat had tea bags dropping from it.

"I was a general contractor, and I lost my job to illegal immigrants back in April," Cope said. "I went to Washington in June and later met up with the tea party. These are crowds of the right people, and I will stay active with them until this country is fixed."

The main sentiments of the crowd centered around opposition to the health care reform and the fiscal responsibility of the government.

The rally began with the bus rolling into cheers from the gathered. The program started with prayers for those who died at Fort Hood earlier in the day and also prayers for the country and its leadership.

Williams then spoke about the "domestic insurgency" that is happening within the nation and how the people of the nation need to be aware of the socialist agenda the



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

LUBBOCK AND SURROUNDING area residents come out to support the Tea Party Express on Thursday at the Lubbock County Courthouse. The Tea Party Express is a 19-day tour across the United States to stab at Congress and its decisions that intervene on American lives and business.

government maintains.

"We basically believe that the ideology of the White House right now is to dictate our personal lives," he said. "They even try to tell us what light bulbs to have in our houses. We have several inspirational speakers that come to talk about this socialist agenda and what we can do about it."

Sheree Shooter, a tea party attendee from Lubbock, also said she is not happy with the way the country is being run.

"I came to the tea party because I have had a gut full and this is the only way we're going to get rid of these people," she said. "I'm already scared, and it's only been a year. It's apathy that got us here, and so now we need to get out of the nest and do something about it."

Shooter said she hopes the tea party protesters are not ignored by Washington like last time.

The turnout on the lawn of the courthouse was about 500 people from West Texas who were against the party in power.

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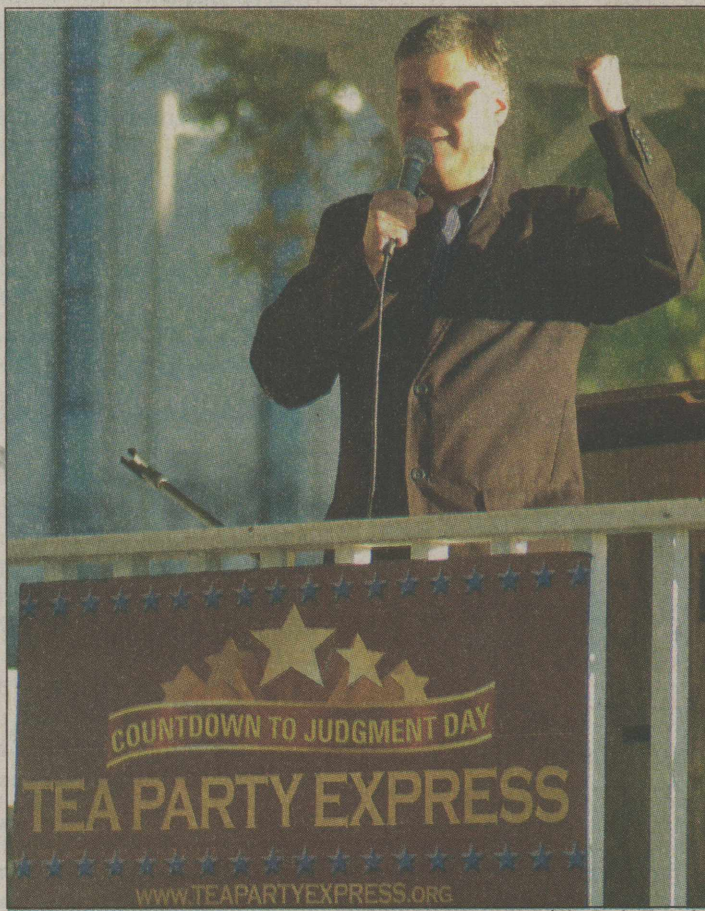


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MARK WILLIAMS, VICE chairman of the "Our Country Deserves Better" PAC and the Tea Party Express, voices his opinion about health care reform Thursday at the Lubbock County Courthouse.

Tech research expenditures expected to rise for 2009

By LAUREN GLOVER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech increased restricted research funds to \$35 million and total research funds will reach \$80 million, according to Tech estimates for Fiscal Year 2009.

The new numbers would mean about an \$8 million increase in restricted research expenditures and about \$33 million increase in total research expenditures.

"One factor is that we have had more research expenditures, but we have also done a better job of accounting," President Guy Bailey said. "Our new vice president of research Taylor Eighmy identified research dollars that we had not been counting."

The increase of restricted funds places Tech about \$10 million dollars away from achieving a required benchmark to reach National Research University Status. To reach the status, it is required that a university sustain \$45 million in restricted research dollars for two consecutive years and achieve \$100 million in total research dollars, as set out by House Bill 51.

"I think that in the next few years we are going to get there," said Eighmy, Tech vice president for research. "We will be strategically hiring faculty that will bring research resources with them that will count as expenditures. We are also going after large funding initiatives from the federal government and looking to develop additional partnerships with corporations and foundations that will support our research enterprise."

The Texas Research Initiative Program, or TRIP, funds are another contributor to Tech's research funds. HB 51 set up TRIP and authorized the use of state funds as a match for private gifts made in support of research. Matching criteria depends on the size of the gift up to a one-to-one match.

Last year Tech received \$24 million in gifts which were eligible for \$23 million in matching during two years, Eighmy said.

"Tech was by far the number one university in fundraising for this program," Eighmy said.

Tuesday's passage of Proposition 4 will be another source of research

funds once Tech achieves National Research University Status.

"Once we are eligible, Proposition 4 would mean \$12 (million) to \$13 million dollars in additional research funds for Tech," Bailey said. "This is one of the most important things that has ever happened to the university."

The increase in research funds will aid research projects like the TTU Forage Research Program, which focuses on sustainable agricultural research practices.

Vivian Allen, a Horn Professor at Tech, is leading the project and said the increase in funds allows the university to pursue even more research funding.

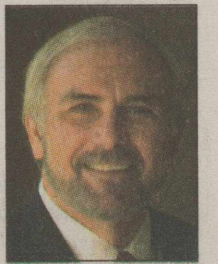
"The increase in research funds allows us to improve the basic infrastructure that we use to conduct research by bringing in more people, talent and perspectives that would give us a better understanding of the system," Allen said. "It builds capacity and strengthens our ability to do our job well and be successful in all measures."

Raising research funds also benefits students, Eighmy said.

"I think that obtaining National Research University Status will greatly increase the prestige of Tech and will continue to allow us to attract the best and brightest students and faculty," he said. "I also believe that our focus on research will have a direct translation benefit for our students in the classroom as they experience research opportunities as part of their academic programs."

Chancellor Kent Hance said he hopes Tech will reach more than \$100 million in research expenditures per year in research by 2015.

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STATE

3 injured, home destroyed in gas line blast

BUSHLAND (AP) — A natural gas pipeline exploded in the Texas Panhandle on Thursday, shaking homes, melting window blinds and shooting flames hundreds of feet into the air, authorities said.

Three people were injured in the blast, which occurred at 1 a.m. near Amarillo, and they were taken to an area hospital with burns, said Potter County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Roger Short.

"My home is about 20 miles something away and I could see the flames

from my home," Short said. "You could hear the roar of the flames 20 miles away."

Firefighters were able to contain most of the flames by 5:30 a.m. though small grass fires continued to burn, Short said.

Nearby residents were evacuated, and the pipeline's gas was shut off, Short said. One house was destroyed, and several others were damaged in Bushland, about 15 miles west of Amarillo, he said.

NATION

Obama, House Dems press for health care votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and House Democrats scrambled on Thursday to secure the votes to pass an historic health care overhaul initiative, working to ease disagreements with rank-and-file over abortion and illegal immigrations.

Obama met at the White House with several Hispanic lawmakers who oppose any prohibition on the ability of illegal immigrants to use their own money to purchase health coverage in a new government-run

marketplace.

"He listened to us. We listened to him," said Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., head of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. "We made it very clear that 20 votes in the Hispanic caucus" depend on the language in the House bill. Currently, there is no prohibition in the legislation, but the White House backs such a ban and one exists in the Senate bill.

"I think that he got our message," Velazquez said.

WORLD

Afghan villagers say NATO strike kills 9 civilians

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — An overnight rocket strike by international forces killed nine civilians, including at least three children, villagers said Thursday. Local Afghan authorities said they had no reports of civilian deaths.

NATO said the target of the strike was a group of people believed to be planting a bomb and that the alliance was investigating

the allegations.

The incident illustrates the confusion and blame that regularly result from night raids and strikes in Afghanistan and threaten U.S.-led efforts to curb the Taliban.

In Kabul, the head of the U.N. mission warned that Afghanistan cannot count on international support indefinitely unless the government tackles corruption and bad governance.

Tech alumnus campaigning for District 83 in Texas Legislature

By **JETT THOMPSON**
STAFF WRITER

Former Texas Tech student body president and current Texas House of Representatives candidate Zach Brady announced Thursday that his campaign surpassed its initial fundraising goal of \$100,000 less than six weeks into his campaign.

Campaign treasurer Mike Wright said Brady has raised about \$110,000 so far; 95 percent of which is from individual donors, 80 percent of whom are from West Texas. About 150 donors have contributed to the

campaign, all of which are listed on the Zach Brady Web site, he said.

Brady graduated from Tech in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture communications and a minor in Spanish. In addition to serving as student body president while at Tech, Brady also was the president of his fraternity Kappa Alpha in 1994.



BRADY

Brady said his top priority in running for office would be to get Tech up to tier-one status.

"The most important issue is we need somebody in our delegation today who can get tier-one status for Texas Tech across the finish line," he said. "Nothing would have a greater economic impact on our area than that."

Brady said he also is interested in improving primary education in Texas. He believes the best way of improving education is through recruiting and retaining high quality teachers in the classroom.

He will not support private school vouchers, he said, but he does support parents educat-

ing their children as they see fit through homeschooling.

Brady is running for the District 83 seat, which covers most of the Tech Terrace neighborhood and areas of Lubbock County outside of the loop, according to the district Web site. The district also covers all of Cochran, Gaines, Hockley and Yoakum counties. The seat is held by Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, an incumbent in the district for 28 years.

"I think that my candidacy offers the most up-side for the future of West Texas, and that's why I think students should get on board," Brady said.

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The shootings on the Texas military base stirred memories of other recent mass shootings in the United States, including 13 dead at a New York immigrant center in March, 10 killed during a gunman's rampage across Alabama in March and 32 killed in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history at Virginia Tech in 2007.

Around the country, some bases stepped up security precautions, but no others were locked down.

"The bottom line for us is that we

are increasing security at our gates because the threat hasn't yet been defined, and we're reminding our Marines to be vigilant in their areas of responsibility," said Capt. Rob Dolan, public affairs officer for the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz.

In Washington, President Barack Obama called the shooting "a horrific outburst of violence." He said it's a tragedy to lose a soldier overseas and even more horrifying when they come under fire at an Army base on American soil.

"We will make sure that we get answers to every single question about this horrible incident," the commander

in chief said. "We are going to stay on this."

Covering 339 square miles, Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored post in the United States. Home to about 52,000 troops as of earlier this year, the sprawling base is located halfway between Austin and Waco.

About a mile from Fort Hood's east gate, Cynthia Thomas, director of Under the Hood Cafe, a coffee house and outreach center, was calling soldiers and friends on the post to make sure they're OK.

"It's chaotic," Thomas said, as a SWAT team drove by. "The phones are jammed. Everybody is calling fam-

ily members and friends. Soldiers are running around with M-16s."

Fort Hood officially opened on Sept. 18, 1942, and was named in honor of Gen. John Bell Hood. It has been continuously used for armored training and is charged with maintaining readiness for combat missions.

An Army officer opened fire at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Fort Hood, killing 11 and injuring 31. The gunman then shot himself.

Officers arrested two other soldiers in relation to the shooting.

• The Daily Toreador contributed to this story.

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"We hold uplifting celebrations of the Constitution to try and inspire people to change the makeup of the Senate in 2010 and the White House in 2012," Williams said. "We've had large enthusiastic turnouts with not really any counter demonstrations."

For updates on how the Tea Party Express is doing on the rest of its cross-country road trip, go to teapartyexpress.org or text TPX to 74700.

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Senate rejects bid aimed at Sept. 11 terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled Senate on Thursday turned back a GOP-led effort to bar Sept. 11 terrorists from being prosecuted in civilian federal courts.

Instead, senators voted 54-45 to support a request by Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Attorney General Eric Holder to have the option of prosecuting Sept. 11 terrorists such as accused mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in either federal courts or by military commission.

The vote capped an impassioned — and substantive — Senate debate between those who believe the Sept. 11 terrorists simply don't belong in civilian courtrooms and those who say deciding where to prosecute them should be left to the best judgment of the Pentagon and the Justice Department.

Opponents noted that the government prosecuted 195 terrorists in civilian courts since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, with a 91 percent conviction and that only three terrorists have been tried before military tribunals.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., led the drive to require those accused of plotting the attacks to be tried in military courts. He said

it's wrong to treat the assaults as a criminal act instead of an act of war and that Sept. 11 terrorists don't deserve the same constitutional rights as U.S. citizens.

Supporters of Graham said trials have disclosed intelligence that proved useful to al-Qaida. The trial of Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind sheik convicted of plotting in the 1990s to blow up New York landmarks, revealed a list of co-conspirators that made its way to Osama bin Laden.

"What happened in the blind sheik trial?" Graham said. "Because it was a civilian court built around trying common criminals, the court didn't have the protections military commissions will have to protect this nation's secrets and classified information."

Democratic opponents of the idea said U.S. courts have processed far more terrorists than military ones and that the decision of where to prosecute the terrorists is best made by the Pentagon and Justice departments working in collaboration.

"Our courts and our criminal justice system can handle this challenge, indeed, has handled it many times already," said Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "We're the most powerful nation on

Earth. We're the most tested court system on Earth. Are we going to tell the world with all our power, with all of our history ... we're not up to trying people?"

Five of the accused Sept. 11 plotters are being held at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention facility, which the Obama administration is struggling to close.

The debate on 9/11 terrorist trials comes as Congress and the administration are grappling over President Barack Obama's order to close Guantanamo in January. Under GOP pressure, Congress has enacted curbs on the movement of detainees. Release into the U.S. has been banned entirely, though Democrats have turned back Republican efforts to ban transfer of Guantanamo detainees into the country to face trial.

Gates and Holder weighed in last week against Graham's amendment, saying the two agencies are "engaged in a careful case-by-case evaluation of Guantanamo detainees."

They also said in a letter to Senate leaders that the U.S. "must be in a position to use every instrument of national power — including both courts and military commissions — to ensure that terrorists are brought to justice."

Liberal lawmakers defy Obama on Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defying the Obama administration, the House Judiciary Committee voted Thursday to remove from the USA Patriot Act a tool for tracking non-U.S. citizens in anti-terrorism investigations.

The committee, dominated by Democratic liberals, also voted to amend the anti-terrorism law to curb the government's surveillance and seizure powers.

The bill went to the full House on a 16-10 vote along party lines, with Republicans casting all the votes in opposition. GOP lawmakers said the legislation would hinder law enforcement and intelligence agencies in fighting terrorism.

The legislation would allow the Patriot Act's never-used "lone wolf" section to expire at the end of the year. The provision permits the government to spy on non-Ameri-

cans even when they're not linked to a recognized terrorist group.

The Justice Department has asked that the "lone wolf" authority be continued, even though it hasn't been needed yet. Patriot Act revisions before the Senate would retain the tool, but the House Democrats said normal criminal investigative tools could be used instead.

Three sections of the Patriot Act expire at year's end, giving lawmakers the opportunity to amend the law.

Congressional liberals believe the act tilts too far in favor of law enforcement and intelligence agencies while failing to protect Americans' privacy against government snooping and seizures.

The bill before the Senate, approved by that chamber's Judiciary Committee, would make it easier

than the House legislation for authorities to obtain tangible items, including business and library records, and conduct wiretaps.

In addition to eliminating the "lone wolf" language the House bill would place restrictions on national security letters, which are FBI demands for information that do not need a judge's approval.

Liberal lawmakers argue that restrictions on court-ordered seizures mean little unless there are curbs on the FBI's authority to issue the letters.

Under the bill, before issuing national security letters the FBI would be required to demonstrate that the information requested is connected to a foreign power or its agent.

The bill also would force the government to justify to a judge the need for a gag order, which prevents the recipient of the letter from disclosing it.

The Justice Department inspector general has reported that the FBI in the past improperly collected and retained improper information from the security letters.

The House bill's curtailment of some government authority is certain to upset law enforcement and intelligence officials, but sponsors only need a simple majority to pass it.

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Panhellenic to elect officers

By ZACH QUIÑONES
STAFF WRITER

The Interfraternity Council elected new officers to its executive council and Panhellenic is electing new officers in a process that is not quite like a typical approach filled with campaign ads and "vote for me" buttons.

Panhellenic President Megan Robare said those who pursue an office must go through a detailed application process.

The first step involves sending out applications that potential candidates must fill out and must also meet specific requirements to qualify as a viable candidate, she said, such as having a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of 30 hours completed at Tech.

Robare receives the applications and reviews them to see which applicants qualify. An interview is then set up for the applicant. Interviews for Panhellenic took place two weeks ago from Tuesday to Thursday, she said.

The interview consists of 11 representatives, one for each sorority, who ask the applicant various questions.

"We see what their personality is like; what they can handle, what they can't handle," Robare said.

After this step is completed, she said, the executive council meets and decides who is best for each position.

When the council's decision has been made they present the slate — a list of candidates who have been selected to serve for the 2010 year — to a group of delegates.

The delegation is made up of two representatives from each sorority who will give the final approval for the candidates to be put into office.

"We want to make sure the chapters are OK with who we put in office," Robare said.

Once the delegates make the final

approval, she said, the candidates are installed into their positions.

There is also a transition meeting where the new officers and meet with their predecessors so the former officers can inform the new officers on what their job entails and what has been done in the past year, Robare said.

To maintain fairness and a balance within the executive council, she said, they follow what is known as a rotating system, in which positions rotate in alphabetical order. If an Alpha Delta Pi held an office, the next per-

son who gets picked for it has to be from Alpha Pi.

Vice president, treasurer, secretaries, assistant recruitment and recruitment are five positions that are not subject to the rotating system.

A rollover system also is in place so a certain office

holder automatically transfers to a higher position for the following year.

For example, the person who holds the vice president position moves up to the president position for the next year.

Cody Comiskey, the new president of the Interfraternity Council, said despite these elections being for the Greek community, the officers have a role to contribute to Tech.

"I sit in on some SGA meetings and am a SORC representative to SGA," he said. "I also attend various meetings that the center for campus life puts on for all campus organizations and for the Tech community."

The Panhellenic will make its final vote Monday and the IGC and NPHC will host their elections in Spring 2010, according to Allen Sutton, the IGC assistant director.

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"We see what their personality is like; what they can handle, what they can't handle."

MEGAN ROBARE
PANHELLENIC PRESIDENT

Embattled UN re-evaluating role in Afghanistan, Pakistan

KABUL (AP) — The United Nations is sending about 600 foreign staff out of the country or into secure compounds because of the deadly Taliban attack on U.N. workers, warning the Afghan government Thursday that international support will wane unless it cracks down on corruption fueling the insurgency.

The decision follows a drawdown of U.N. operations in Pakistan, casting doubt on whether the world body can operate effectively in this region with war raging on both sides of the border. The moves come as the Obama administration nears a decision on whether to send tens of thousands more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to try to curb the growth of the Taliban.

The U.N. insists the staff relocations — which affect more than half the organization's foreign staff in Afghanistan and a modest number in Pakistan — are temporary.

Norwegian diplomat Kai Eide, the top U.N. official in Afghanistan, told reporters that "we are not talking about evacuation" — language similar to that used by U.N. spokesmen in 2003 when the world body announced a "temporary relocation" from Iraq after bombings against U.N. facilities. The drawdown lasted for years.

Nevertheless, insurgents can claim a psychological victory. Hampering the international community's ability to carry out aid and development work makes it much harder to win the hearts and minds of the people, a key ingredient for success on the battlefield.

Reviving local economies and improving the effectiveness of local administrations are integral parts of U.S. counterinsurgency strategy.

Earlier this week, the U.N. announced it was pulling some expatriate staff from Pakistan after a deadly attack in the capital, Islamabad. It also suspended long-term development work in such fields as health, education, agriculture and the environment in key areas of the lawless border area with Afghanistan.

The Phase IV threat level the U.N. assigned to Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal region and North West Frontier Province is only one level below full evacuation. The U.N. said the distribution of food would continue through non-governmental organizations.

In Afghanistan, the U.N. mission is still reeling from the pre-dawn assault Oct. 28 on a guest house in Kabul where dozens of U.N. staffers lived. Gunmen wearing suicide vests stormed inside, killing five U.N. workers and three Afghans. The three assailants also died.

The Taliban said they attacked the guest house because the U.N. was working on the Afghan election, which they viewed as a Western plot.

"It's been a few very difficult, dramatic days for us as U.N. family," said Eide, who visited the charred remains of the house where a blue U.N. flak jacket lay covered in ashes. "We have to get over it."

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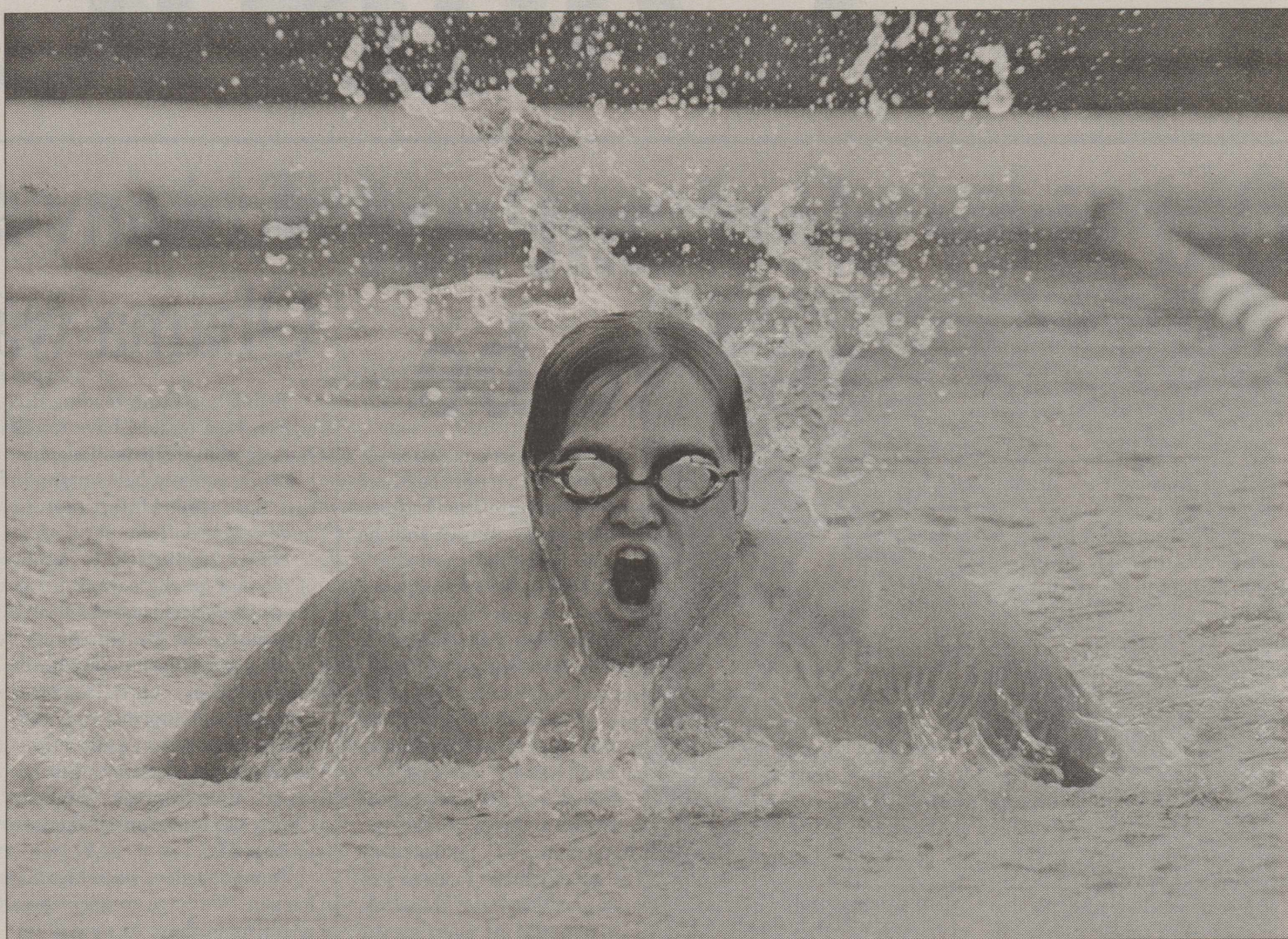


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BLAKE LESLIE, A senior wildlife management major from San Antonio, swims laps Thursday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Student stuns Iran by criticizing Khamenei

BEIRUT (AP) — An unassuming college math student has become an unlikely hero to many in Iran for daring to criticize the country's most powerful man to his face.

Mahmoud Vahidnia has received an outpouring of support from government opponents for the challenge — unprecedented in a country where insulting supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is a crime punishable by prison.

Perhaps most surprising, the young math whiz has so far suffered no repercussions from the confrontation at a question-and-answer session between Khamenei and students at Tehran's Sharif Technical University.

In fact, Iran's clerical leadership appears to be touting the incident as a sign of its tolerance — so much so that some Iranians at first believed the 20-minute exchange was staged by the government, though opposition commentators are now convinced Vahidnia was the real thing.

Details of the encounter were reported on the state news agency IRNA and in a pro-government newspaper, Keyhan, which gave

its account with a headline reading, "The revolutionary leader's fatherly response to critical youth." Even Khamenei's official Web site mentioned the incident.

Still some of those in attendance at the Oct. 28 forum say Khamenei appeared taken aback by the questioning and left the meeting early, according to commentary posted on pro-reform Web sites.

The session began with a speech in which Khamenei told the students the "biggest crime" was to question the results of the June 12 presidential election that returned hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to power. Khamenei himself declared Ahmadinejad the victor despite opposition claims of widespread fraud.

After the speech, Vahidnia

raised his hand, then for 20 minutes he criticized the Iranian leader over the fierce crackdown on postelection protests, in which the opposition says 69 people were killed and thousands were arrested.

In brief excerpts broadcast on state TV, the thin, bespectacled Vahidnia was shown standing behind a podium, gesturing at times for emphasis.

"I don't know why in this country it's not allowed to make any kind of criticism of you."

MAHMOUD VAHIDNIA
IRANIAN COLLEGE
STUDENT

polo shirt and appearing calm. "In the past three to five years that I have been reading newspapers, I have seen no criticism of you, not even by the Assembly of Experts, whose duty is to criticize and supervise the performance of

the leader," he said, referring to the clerical body that chooses the country's supreme leader.

Khamenei countered, "We welcome criticism. We never said not to criticize us. ... There's plenty of criticism that I receive," according to accounts in state media and on opposition Web sites.

The boldness of Vahidnia's comments underlines how Iran's postelection turmoil has undermined the once rock-solid taboo against challenging the supreme leader. During demonstrations, young protesters have frequently chanted "Death to the dictator" — referring to Khamenei — and even "Khamenei is a murderer." Several high-ranking pro-opposition clerics have also been openly critical.

The supreme leader stands at the top of the hierarchy of Iran's clerical rulers, and his word is supposed to be final on political issues. Scores of Iranian writers, bloggers and academics have been jailed for writing what authorities have deemed as insults to Khamenei.

But so far Vahidnia has been spared. The president of Sharif University even defended the student, saying he spoke within the law.

Productivity gains may be bad news for job seekers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies across the economy are finding ways to do more with fewer workers, dimming hopes that hiring will take off anytime soon.

Employers became leaner and more efficient in the third quarter. Wages, meantime, remain flat or falling. The result is that productivity — output per hour of work — jumped at the fastest pace in six years.

The good news for companies, though, may be bad news for the jobless. As long as companies can get their workers to produce more, they have little reason to hire — at least until consumer spending picks up. And the squeeze on incomes could depress consumer spending, putting the economic recovery at

risk.

Still, some economists were encouraged by the productivity report. They say that eventually, employers won't be able to squeeze more from their staffs. They will then have to ramp up hiring — something that could happen next year, even though the jobless rate is expected to hit double digits.

Productivity rose at an annual rate of 9.5 percent in the July-September quarter, the Labor Department said Thursday. That was much better than the 6.4 percent gain economists had expected. Unit labor costs fell at a 5.2 percent rate.

While companies aren't doing much hiring, they're not cutting as many workers, either. The number

of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits last week fell to the lowest level in 10 months.

On Wall Street, the better-than-expected jobless claims report and an upbeat forecast from Cisco Systems Inc. buoyed investors. The Dow Jones industrial average added nearly 204 points to 10,005.96, and broader indexes also gained.

The 9.5 percent productivity rise followed a 6.9 percent surge in the second quarter and was the fastest since a 9.7 percent increase in the

third quarter of 2003.

The gain reflected that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew for the first time in a year — at an annual rate of 3.5 percent. The higher output came as companies continued to lay off workers. That meant employers produced more with fewer workers.

The 5.2 percent drop in unit labor costs marked the third straight decline and was larger than the 4 percent decrease economists were expecting.

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Old grey elephant not what it used to be

A Republican and a Democrat are driving their cars along a road when they come to a fork. The fork to the right is the road to freedom, liberty and limited government. The fork to the left is the road to large government, collectivism and limited personal freedom. The Democrat turns on his left blinker and turns left. The Republican turns on his right blinker and turns left.

I can't take credit for this little story, which I lifted from my friend Jim's Facebook page, but it does ring true. Many people who consider themselves a Republican aren't actually Conservative at all. This has led the Republican Party into extreme disarray over the last few years, and this trend among elected officials is the cause for the great Republican ousting in 2006. Republicans didn't learn their lesson from that election and nominated a man for president whose only conservative thought is on the designs of his neckties.

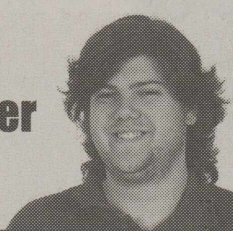
While I was in charge of the College Republicans of Tech, we invited a Lubbock mayoral candidate, who I'd prefer not to name, to come in, and despite city elections being non-partisan, he openly admitted he considered himself a "redneck Republican."

The man later got elected and spent his single term in office doing his best to spend as much taxpayer money as he possibly could on things that were of no benefit to those paying for them.

We see this regularly from people who can generally be referred to under the moniker "RINO" or Republican in name only. This runs rampant here in Lubbock, often from those who could be lumped in with the religious right, who shield themselves under the name of God in their promotion of increased government intervention.

The vitriol that spewed forth from some religious groups about the alcohol election was amazing, and you can bet the majority of those opposing the economic freedoms of allowing alcohol sales in the city would consider

Cole Shooter



themselves Republican.

Taking into account the average partisan leaning of Lubbock voters, it is also probably true for many of those who supported wasting taxpayer monies on soccer fields for their kids this week. Luckily, 58 percent of Lubbock voters saw through their pathetic argument of, "Won't somebody please think of the children?" and chose not to take out an extra \$9 million of debt on something with very little hope of financial return.

In recent national history, the trends weren't much better. The George W. Bush administration championed the first \$700 billion bailout bill to help businesses that didn't deserve it and in turn did a disservice to similar lenders who handled their businesses properly. It kept the smaller, more responsible lenders from having the opportunity to be rewarded for their efforts by taking over clients from the businesses that should have failed.

It sent a message that has been warmly embraced under the socialist blanket of the Obama administration. They've made it fine for companies deemed "too big to fail" to be irresponsible with their businesses and have a governmental safety net when everything inevitably goes wrong.

I still consider myself a Republican, albeit a very libertarian-leaning one. It's extremely difficult though to not be annoyed at how the party's elected officials continue the slow march to the middle and the loss of freedoms that comes with their failures, economic or otherwise. Government by itself doesn't have to be considered an evil, but the further it gets from building roads, coining money and providing military defense, the worse off the citizens are.

Granted, that's an extremely barebones description, but there is an inverse correlation between the size of government and the citizens' personal freedoms. I don't believe I need an oppressive government taking a hefty chunk of what little money I've earned and wasting it on numerous and complicated bureaucracies, whose sole existence is to devise ways to further remove more money and freedoms.

There may be hope on the horizon, at least on the national front. Republicans won key gubernatorial races in Virginia and New Jersey this week, which could be seen as the beginning of a rejection of the Obama administration's policies. Republicans now also have a uniting issue against the Democrats' ridiculous health care bill, which could be used as a catalyst for the party as a whole to put away the bipartisan nonsense and begin fighting to limit government again.

Former Arizona Senator and presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, author of "Conscience of a Conservative," summed it up perfectly: "A government that is big enough to give you all you want is big enough to take it all away." Vote to elect real Conservatives, and we might have a chance to get our party and freedoms back.

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To many Americans, President Obama wants America to fail

Before you begin reading this article, I am afraid I have to tell you something. This is all sarcasm. I do not actually believe any of this nonsense. Unfortunately, some people do.

Nov. 4, 2008 was the beginning of the end for the nation. It was the day Barack Obama was elected president of the United States.

Obama has just proven to be terrible for our country. He started off with closing down Guantanamo Bay so he can allow those detainees to join up with Bill Ayers and Rev. Jeremiah Wright in Chicago to spread anti-American propaganda.

I cannot believe we just let that happen. We have to keep those terrorists in there so we can torture them some more so we force them to give us information to protect ourselves. I don't care if interrogation experts say it does not work. We have to break a few eggs to make an omelet.

And who cares if our closest allies in the fight against terrorism are against those practices? We do not need any help in our fight against them terrorists.

Obama is also against the American family. He wants our military to be plagued with people who are gay so we will lose the fight against terrorists. When top military people argue it would not harm the military and would actually help, we just need to save them from themselves. They do not know what they are talking about.

Obama also wants to destroy the family by legalizing gay marriage. We cannot allow that to

Paul Williamson



happen. If we do they will adopt children, which will make them turn into people who are gay. I mean heterosexual couples only make heterosexual children, so it only makes sense that gay couples will make gay children.

Plus, the definition of marriage must be between one man and one woman. If we change that definition, what is to stop me from marrying my computer, my dog or my other five girlfriends my wife does not know about? The sanctity of marriage must be protected against the evils of this world.

That Maine vote was a close call. Thank God it is OK for the majority in this country to take away equality from a minority group of people. That is the very essence of democracy.

Obama is also a terrorist. He had one association with one guy one time a long time ago. So he must believe in everything that Ayers does, right? It only makes sense.

Obama is also a socialist. He wants the government to compete with private industry. I mean that would just kill capitalism at its very core. I feel bad for the impoverished people running FedEx, UPS, Aquafina, Dasani and all private-school owners. I do not see how they make a living from paycheck to paycheck.

I mean, doctors are going to want to quit. Those 63 percent of doctors who are in favor of a public option, according to a survey done by the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, have no idea what they are talking about. Those private physicians just do not understand the health care debate. It is simple. The government taxing and spending is just bad. Isn't that just common sense?

All I am saying is people need to watch out. These Liberals are up to no good. They want to take over this country and hand it over to the Chinese. They want to ensure the destruction of Israel by talking to Iran. I mean it just makes sense. We need to force Iran to give up their nuclear weapons with good old-fashion bullying. I mean they were never pursuing the bomb when Bush was in office.

It is time for desperate measures. I am going to put my kids in the basement for the next four years and hope Sarah Palin wins the next election. I advise you to do the same. Make sure there are enough Glenn Beck and Bill O'Reilly DVDs for them to watch when they get scared. Maybe, just maybe, when 2012 comes around, there will still be a private insurance company for them to buy into so they can have their coverage taken away due to a pre-existing condition.

Sarah Palin in 2012!

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Third term for Perry not universally welcomed

Election Day has come and gone, and Texas gubernatorial campaigns across the state are regrouping based on Tuesday's results.

As a registered voter, I am not very concerned about the status of Texas seats, whose notorious turnover rate toward lobbying has garnered national attention. I am, however, concerned about the fact the upper level of the Republican Party in Texas is going to have quite an internal fight this coming year.

Gov. Rick Perry is running again in what will be a historic campaign; it will be his third run for office.

If he wins, it would amount to 14 years of consecutive service to Texas. Not only will this be quite the accomplishment, but it will be a record in itself. As monopolistic as Texas is, even the previous longest-running governor's terms were not consecutive.

Of course, this strategic move is not without opposition. Interestingly, Perry's main opponents at this time are not Democrats. I will not get too detailed since the primaries are not until March. However, I can say that Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is the major Republican player vying for the

Colleen Gartner



much-desired post under the notion that senators and governors should have term limits.

Indeed, she has been consistent on the term-limit issue but has passed her own proposed benchmark under the excuse she cannot rest until a term-limit bill has passed.

As a Republican, I cannot disagree with either side. The questions posed are very similar to those in Middle Eastern countries, where a continued dynasty can be considered better regardless of how well the land is ruled. Of course, being an American, it is much easier on the conscience to choose the democratic route in an effort to rotate power.

Yet I refuse to choose "sides" when we are still in need of consistent leadership from the very bottom to the very top of the government structure due to war. It seems as though the closest turnover the governor's seat has seen in the last decade is an apple turnover.

Major moves by Perry in the last decade involved merit-pay

for teachers, the Trans-Texas Corridor, a requirement HPV vaccines and deregulation, none of which have made my life any easier. If Perry was trying to teach us students something, it was not through benchmark testing.

I learned far more from a political science professor who constantly complained about his rising electric bill and how his ranch would be under eminent domain than I ever did on the benchmarks, TAKS, SAT, ACT and LSAT combined. Perry succeeded in making us hate standardized tests that waste paper, are not very hard, or have no point in existing at all other than determining which school or teacher receives more money. (Let's keep the exit test; there's a purpose for that.)

I suppose Perry did not expect to stay in office long enough to see the kids who were put through all of those to actually come back around and vote for or against him.

Don't get me wrong, though: I am not a big fan of Hutchison. She started off very quiet, and I liked her in that position. Over time, though, she has become fairly aggressive and that has made me feel uncomfortable. She's even from South Texas like I am, which would make you think I would lean toward her. Yet, I still feel the switch came too sudden.

She may better serve Texas as a senator; I have my reservations.

To an extent, all candidates research what we want to hear and spoon-feed it to us. I do not necessarily blame them; it is their job. However, if a candidate is going to say it, he or she had better be ready to back it up with a vote when it comes down the pipeline. Saying one thing and doing another is not OK, but there are very few entities that have the time and energy to match votes and statements up, many of which may have been cast more than a decade ago.

So, I encourage students and faculty to keep an eye out. I am not sure how nasty the commercials will be this year, but it does not look very promising. There is always a massive effort to brainwash us, and all I can say to that is to conducting independent research on issues brought up along the way.

There are always two stories that flurry around: the true story and the skewed story. What matters in the end, however, is how your life has changed on the last two terms. Have you fared better or worse because of the direct actions of this particular person?

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- Abbr.
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- Rodina
- Gag
- Reaganomics principle
- "Good grief!"
- Reasons?
- Just the facts.
- Posture-perfect
- Brest milk
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- Really small
- 1999
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- Pothole sites
- Mother of Polux
- Sit tight
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Iglesias in Lubbock on night before Comedy Central special

For Gabriel Iglesias, getting left behind in the comedy world is not an option.

From high-pitched voice impersonations to spot-on sound effects to unique stories, Iglesias has been a mainstay, drawing laughter from audiences for more than a decade.

And by the looks of it, he doesn't plan on stopping any time soon.

Iglesias said there's more to him than his most common jokes, which are mainly about "partying, getting drunk and waking up in places I wasn't supposed to be," as he puts it.

But now, as he prepares for his third Comedy Central special that airs Sunday, Iglesias said he has seen a "growth" in his comedy thanks in large part to having a stepson and becoming more of a family man.

"It's one of those things where you have to adjust and you have to change with the times," he said. "If you stay stuck in the same situation, then you're gonna get left behind. That's why there's some comics who have managed to stay ahead like Chris Rock, Lewis Black, even with George (Lopez)."

"You gotta change it up. It's not the same. If you stay the same, you're only as good as your last special."

And one night before his next special, Iglesias will give Lubbock fans and Texas Tech students a look at just how different his routine is with a show at 7 p.m. Saturday at City Bank Coliseum.

The *Daily Toreador* caught up with Iglesias and asked him a few questions:

•How much of this "growth" in your comedy has to do with having a son now?

It has everything to do with it. I

Q&A WITH IGLESIAS

can't be doing that, waking up on the grass. That's not cool.

•Do you pull material from situations with your son?

Absolutely. If I'm not hanging out with my friends and I'm hanging out with him, then guess what? He's gonna be the story. It's a big change for me. I went from having no family to now I have one. He's my stepson, but I claim him as my own son now. There are a lot of stories: how I'm adjusting to it, how he's adjusting.

•Do you enjoy sports?

I like watching football, especially during football season. I like bowling. Every Monday night is bowling night for the family and myself. We like going to the movies and everything. We're real simple. We just like hanging out.

When I'm not doing comedy, I like playing video games. I'm a big "Rock Band," "Guitar Hero" kind of guy. Like I said, we're off bowling. We're off eating. We're at the movies. Keep it simple.

•Are you a good bowler?

I'm a fair bowler. I'm a fair bowler. I look like a pro bowler. I'm a simple dude.

•What are you saying about pro bowlers right there?

What, that most pro bowlers are big guys? Yeah they are. If you watch ESPN, dude, it's like a buffet line. They don't look like bowlers, like athletes.

•You've talked about labeling comedians; can you talk more

about that?

I say that I don't like that title of "Latino Comedian" because I feel like just putting that in there almost seems like you're using your own ethnicity to hold you back.

Like if you talk about Seinfeld, you don't say Jewish comedian Jerry Seinfeld. If you talk about Cedric the Entertainer, you don't say African-American comedian Cedric the Entertainer. They're just comedians.

Whenever they put that on me, it kind of sucks because it makes it sound like I can only perform for Latinos. Don't get me wrong. I do perform. If I'm in a show and it's a majority, I'll mix it up and I'll make sure there's quite a bit of Spanish thrown in there.

I perform anywhere and everywhere. I go coast to coast. I perform in Canada. I've performed overseas.

•You've dropped jokes about getting out of trouble with the cops. Do you have any advice for college students on how to get out of tickets or trouble with police?

Don't get caught. That's my advice. Me getting out tickets and getting out of everything that I'm doing is because I was funny and because they recognized me.

•So that's the only reason why?

Oh yeah, usually you'd get popped for it. What's funny is because of all those cop stories, I started getting requests to do police functions. It's like every other month I'm doing police functions. Even in like December I have

like eight Christmas parties. Whenever they have banquets or award ceremonies or Christmas parties. Like promotional events, guys that move on from whatever rank to the next rank. They'll throw parties. They'll have singers. They always want to have a comic. I've been asked to do quite a few of those.

•I'd imagine you don't really hold back on those shows, am I right?

Absolutely. You would think with the type of stories that I had, that they wouldn't want me there. It's the opposite. They love it when it's just them in the room and not the whole public.

They laugh. They high five. I take pictures with everybody. Then I get a bunch of cards. They always tell me, "If you ever get into a jam, give us a call." So I have a stack of business cards at home from different police departments.

•What was the "Last Comic Standing" experience like?

That was a little uncomfortable for me because you're basically confined to quarters that they had. I don't want to compare it to jail, there's a huge difference, but not being able to leave. Not being able to make a phone call when you make a phone call. Not being able to eat when you wanted and then to ask to go to the bathroom. It was kind of like a little boot camp. It could've been a lot more fun, and it should've been a lot more fun.

I didn't take it serious and I snuck in a cell phone and I got caught. The cool part is that that



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COMEDIAN GABRIEL IGLESIAS will perform 7 p.m. Saturday at City Bank Coliseum, the night before the premiere of his third comedy special "I'm Not Fat... I'm Fluffy."

happened almost four years ago and people are still talking about the fact that I got kicked off the show, but nobody remembers the winner. I think that made my presence felt and it was very memorable.

•Do you Twitter?

I tweet. I'm always updating, my Twitter is FluffyGuy. For me, I'm all about social networks. I'm all about putting my word out there.

For me it's great. Sometimes people have no putting their business out there.

The craziest one I saw was, "I just got back and I had an abortion." I was like, "Whoa, you're gonna put that out there?" Sometimes people get carried away. There's certain things you should keep to yourself.

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Ball, Big Wheel, Game Boy make Toy Hall of Fame

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Bounce it, kick it, catch it. Chase, throw or smack it. The ball, arguably the most popular plaything of all time, has finally earned a place inside a glass case at the National Toy Hall of Fame in New York.

Along with the Big Wheel and the Game Boy video device, the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester chose the ball Thursday to join its all-star lineup of 41 classics, including the bicycle, the kite, the jump rope, the teddy bear, the stick, marbles and Mr. Potato Head.

The low-slung, muscular Big Wheel tricycle was launched at the 1969 Toy Fair in New York, and Game Boy was an instant hit for Japan's Nintendo Co. in 1989.

Longevity is a key criterion for getting into the 11-year-old hall of fame, which the museum acquired in 2002 from A.C. Gilbert's Discov-

ery Village in Salem, Ore. Each toy must be widely recognized; foster learning, creativity or discovery through play; and endure in popularity over generations.

Many judges on the hall's national advisory panel recognized the ball's inclusion was long overdue.

"Probably no other plaything is as easily recognized, easily played with and universally enjoyed by people of all cultures, skills and ages," said Nicolas Ricketts, a curator at Strong. "The ball is timeless, it will always be here. In the words of American golf great Tiger Woods, 'It will always be the ball and me.'"

A selection of 25 balls of all sizes and materials were put on display, from table tennis, golf, basketball, billiard, football and bowling balls to hyper-bouncing rubber balls, wind-steered beach balls, foam-

like Nerfs and an old-style leather soccer ball.

Game Boy transformed the electronic games market by popularizing handheld gaming. It was the first portable system to allow multiple players simultaneously and came bundled with the classic puzzle game Tetris. Additional launch titles featured Nintendo's already iconic character, Mario.

The Big Wheel was created by Louis Marx & Co., the largest toy maker in the U.S. between the 1940s and 1960s, and remained its big seller for a decade. Chief designer Ray Lohr took apart a tricycle, mixed up the parts and reassembled them into an upside-down trike that handled like a race car.

Its design gave young children a sense of independence and control that tippy trikes couldn't deliver.

"Riding close to the ground heightened the sensation of speed and exaggerated every bump and blip in the pavement," said Patricia Hogan, the museum's curator of toys. "Kids who mastered peel-outs, high-speed 180s, doughnuts, skid-outs and screeching stops had the most fun. Who knew that getting around the neighborhood would be such a blast?"

"The ball is timeless, it will always be here."

NICOLAS RICKETTS
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Caribbean, Gulf spared extensive coral damage

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Lower-than-feared sea temperatures this summer gave a break to fragile coral reefs across the Caribbean and the central Gulf of Mexico that were damaged in recent years, scientists said Thursday.

Unusually warm water in recent years has caused the animals that make up coral to expel the colorful algae they live with, creating a bleached color. If the problem persists, the coral itself dies — killing the environment where many fish and other marine organisms live.

"We dodged a bullet this year. The good news is that temperatures didn't get quite warm enough for there to be a large-scale bleaching problem," said C. Mark Eakin, coordinator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coral Reef Watch network. He was among scientists gathered in Puerto Rico's capital for a meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force.

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Art Trail to feature Contents Under Pressure

By **EMILY MOSER**
STAFF WRITER

From an initial glance, the letterpress posters on display in the Texas Tech School of Art's exhibition may appear simply to be promoting a certain message or event.

A deeper look will reveal the skill and time put into each poster, ultimately uncovering what may seem to be advertisement as works of art.

Contents Under Pressure: Art of the Contemporary Letterpress Poster is a new exhibit being featured in the School of Art's Landmark Gallery. The exhibit's curator, Dirk Fowler, said the School of Art will be hosting an opening reception for the exhibit Friday as part of Lubbock's First Friday Art Trail.

"I'm excited about this show,"

Fowler said. "I think it gives an opportunity for our students to see something out of the ordinary, not the typical advertising posters they would see on a regular basis."

Fowler, an associate professor of communication design at Tech, said Contents Under Pressure will feature poster designs from across the country. He said letterpress combines art and communication.

"This is a way to blur some of the boundaries placed on art, graphic design and print design," he said.

The professor said the students in his classes are interested in the exhibit. One of his students, Lynsey Jones, showed particular interest in one of the featured artists who will be at the reception— Amos Paul

Kennedy.

Jones, a senior communication design major from Missouri City, said Kennedy, from Atlanta, avoids the artist stereotype because of the certain stigmas connected with the label. As an artist, she acknowledges the negative reputation of an artist.

"I think it's a stereotype, but I don't think it's true," she said. Cali Caldwell, a senior communication design major from Shamrock, said she has seen some of Kennedy's work and is excited about his visit and feature. Caldwell said she has learned about Kennedy's personality from a film documentary about the artist. From that, she said she thinks Kennedy avoids being casted as an artist because of his unique personality.

"He doesn't like to be called an artist," Caldwell said. "He's a printer. He doesn't want the stereotype as an artist."

Caldwell said an attraction of letterpress is it enables communication designs artists to express themselves more and not be constrained by a computer. She has had four classes taught by Fowler, who she said has stressed to his students not

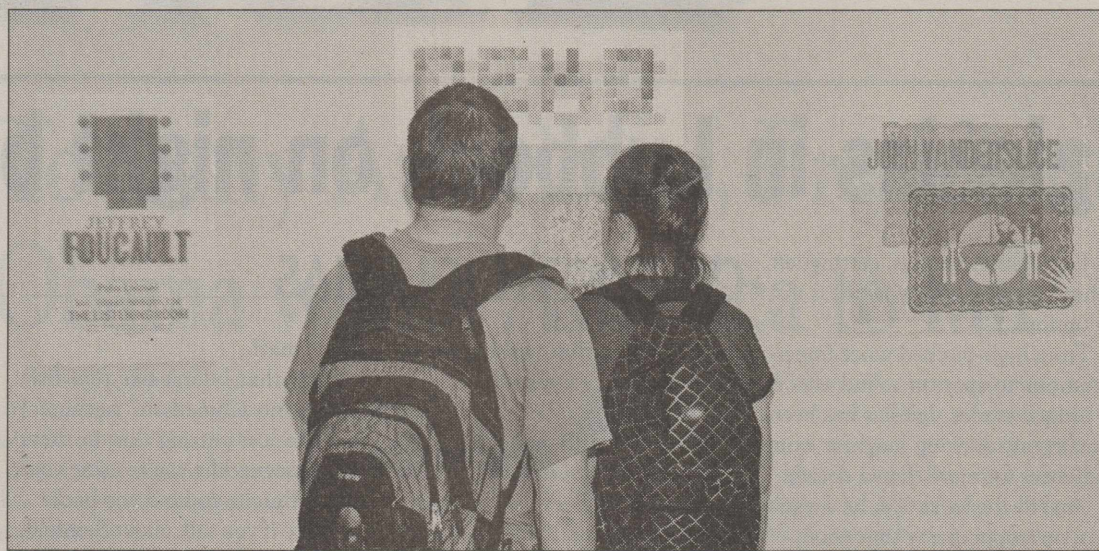


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SARAH RICHMOND, A freshman social work major from Houston, and Chris Verner, a sophomore sociology major from Albuquerque, N.M., view the art in the Contents Under Pressure Exhibit on Thursday at the School of Arts Landmark Gallery.

to rely on their computers too much. She said she considers herself lucky to have had Fowler has her professor and views him as inspirational to her. She said he encourages his students think outside the box.

"It was very inspiring," Caldwell said. "It made me want to do prints and throw away my computer."

Fowler, a letterpress artist himself, said the art form is spe-

cial because it is printed by hand and obviously not mass-produced. It is technically graphic design, but he said the texture of the ink, as well as the colors, is more noticeable and vibrant than a computer would produce. While pointing at one of the posters in the exhibit, the curator highlighted the amount of time and effort the artist put in visible.

"We all get into this because

we wanted to be artists and sometimes the computer is limiting," Fowler said. "I didn't get into this because I like computers. I like to make art with my hands."

The opening reception for Contents Under Pressure will be hosted 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday in the School of Art's Landmark Gallery. The exhibition will remain open to the public until Dec. 19.

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Cougar trend not for reality

NEW YORK (AP) — Darin Riggio has a thing for older women — he dated his first "Cougar" when he was a 19-year-old college student. She was 43.

Since then, the 24-year-old who lives in Boca Raton, Fla., has dated women old enough to be his mother.

"Women my age don't know what they want," said Riggio, ticking off his list of why older women are better. "Two, they are usually immature. Three, there's a lot of drama involved. Four, they don't have as much experience as older women."

But Riggio, who was briefly married to a woman his age, said he probably wouldn't marry an older woman. He likes to date them more for fun.

Cougar relationships may be hot in Hollywood — from ABC's "Cougar Town" to celebrity couplings like Ashton and Demi and even a reality show, "The Cougar" — but few women are married to men who are significantly younger.

Dating experts say they have seen a rise in older women seeking younger men, though not necessarily the other way around. And they say those matches don't tend to turn into long-term relationships.

Guest artist speaks about importance of printing press

By **ALEXANDRA PEDRINI**
STAFF WRITER

Guest artist Amos Paul Kennedy Jr. from Gordo, Alabama visited Thursday to speak about his work in making posters with a printing press.

As a former math major, Kennedy worked as a professor at the University of Indiana before deciding to leave his job. Kennedy said he always been interested in old-fashioned printing and printing presses, which caused him to leave his job seven years ago in pursuit of another career all together.

"I thought it was very brave of him to quit something because he didn't love it," said Stephany Bradford, a freshman art major from Lubbock. "Even though he wouldn't make more money at it, he took a risk and I definitely admire him for it."

His love for printing caused him to eventually stop showing up for work, forcing Kennedy to change his lifestyle. He said in his lecture he quit working so he could focus on something that he loved doing. He doesn't like referring to himself as an artist, but rather as a craft mak-

er. He considers artists to have extremely large egos, but without an ego, artists will get crushed by the criticism and negativity directed towards them.

"Art should be bought by the common man," Kennedy said.

In comparison to other printers' posters, his work is sold for almost nothing. He sells each poster for \$15 or two for \$20, he said this is simply because the ATM only gives out \$20 bills and people love a bargain. This bargain has caused Kennedy criticism and questioning as to why he doesn't raise his prices to make more money. He said he won't change them because he wants everyone to be able to enjoy them. He makes his art for the common man and by selling two posters for just \$20, he is happy.

"Money is like fertilizer, it's nothing unless you spread it around," Kennedy said. "I'm dancing, I'm singing and having a good time, so why would I change?"

In times of graphic design and computers, the old printing presses have begun to die out, but artists like Kennedy not only try keeping this practice around but also use old technology to send a

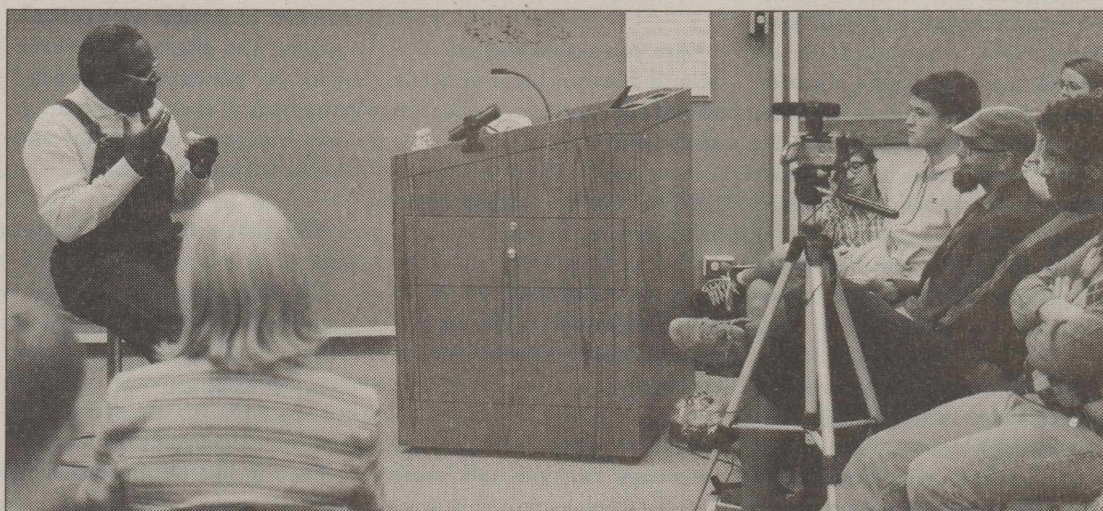


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AMOS PAUL KENNEDY JR., well known artist from Illinois, came to the Art building Thursday to bring a perspective to students and faculty about life after college and how jobs affect different college students based on their degree and career goals.

modern message. In his prints and posters, Kennedy incorporates music, its lyrics and other quotes to send a message to his audience. Southern soul and blues music inspires Kennedy, he said. He tries finding new ways to incorporate the different notes, pitches and sounds into his printing.

"I find it interesting that he uses an old traditional printing process to convey his opinions and social and political views," said Donnie Smith, a graphic

designer and lecture attendee from Lubbock. "As an artist, it's interesting to hear how other artists work and what inspires them."

Assistant professor Dirk Fowler, a letter press printer as well, wanted to bring in Kennedy because he believes this type of art is something students don't typically get to see.

"There are still people that care about letter press printing, and we are keeping the tradition

alive," Fowler said. "Just because we have technology now, we can't let something like this die. It is a craft form and an art, but the more aware of it people are, the less likely it is to go away."

Kennedy's posters will be on display Friday in the Contents Under Pressure exhibit prior to the First Friday Art Trail reception for the exhibit from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Landmark Gallery at the School of Art.

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Kelly Clarkson brings All I Ever Wanted Tour to USA

My Kelly Clarkson concert experience began one week before the Wednesday night show at the United Spirit Arena.

I have never seen an individual's maturity level drop as quickly as when one of my friends learned I had a ticket to her concert.

In the days leading up to the show she pleaded with me like a bargaining 5-year-old for my ticket. I knew Clarkson had won the American Idol singing competition but had never witnessed first hand the extent to which teenage girls worshiped her.

After making it through the onslaught of female friends who tried to get my ticket, I barely made it to the show alive.

In the calm before the coming storm of screaming fan girls I was very impressed by opening act Eric Hutchinson. In his unfortunately-short performance, Hutchinson played the part of charming entertainer putting on a feel-good performance of catchy songs.

But as soon as it became clear his set was finished, the 5,000 fan girls around me lost their minds in anticipation of the pop goddess who would be going on stage soon. In the same way the best descriptions cannot capture the grandeur of the Grand Canyon, words cannot capture the shrieking screams before a Kelly Clarkson concert.

I will first say I was glad to hear that

Ben Willms



Clarkson's performance had a "live" feel that went beyond her recordings. After seeing Colbie Caillat in Dallas last summer, I was disappointed because her concert sounded like she was lip syncing to a direct recording of her album.

Clarkson however, not only performed her classic songs with dynamic flare but also sang some impressive covers. I would have never expected to hear "Seven Nation Army" at a pop princess concert, but Clarkson actually played an impressive version of the White Stripes' amazing song.

It would appear Clarkson has better taste in music than I expected as she played "Lies" by the Black Keys as well. It was also refreshing to see her shed the lights and blasting guitars of her band and sing a handful of quiet acoustic numbers as well.

Even though I am ashamed to admit it, I knew every one of Clarkson's songs played that night. I have never owned a single track of Clarkson's music, but because her music gets so much air time on radio stations, I don't have to.

Halfway through "Behind These



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador
THE FIRST AMERICAN Idol winner Kelly Clarkson performs Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Hazel Eyes" I suddenly became aware I was singing along with all the screaming girls around me.

I was shocked at my involuntary reaction but could not help but tip my hat to catchy pervasiveness of the music. I think Clarkson will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the biggest pop

artists of this decade.

You will now have to excuse me while I watch football in a truck while eating meat. I need to salvage any masculinity I have left.

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Country band with alternative flair dreams big

Alternative edge music and dreams of playing abroad are not typical characteristics of Texas country bands, and John David Kent and the Dumb Angels are anything but.

At the young age of 15, Kent started playing with musician Ben Kweller and formed a group.

Kent was able to travel with his music and even had a chance to play internationally.

The Texas native took time to get married and have a family and seemed to be on a whole new path.

However, he is back with his newly-formed, five-piece band and has been playing across the state for about a year.

Although the music has familiar country tones, it also has a sound and attitude unlike other Texas country bands.

Kent took some time out of his day to give an interview with *The Daily Toreador* before his band plays 10 p.m. Friday at The Blue Light on 1806 Buddy Holly Ave.

Cover is \$5 at the door.

•What is special about your band?

Q&A WITH JOHN DAVID KENT

We're five guys with different backgrounds to get something really unique. All band members are from Texas, mostly northeast couple from metro, rest from small towns.

We are new to the scene, but everywhere we've gone, we have been accepted. Sometimes it takes longer for people to find, latch onto to something different. We have a different sound, but people have had a good response.

•Where do your travels take you and your band?

We primarily play in Texas but have been up in Nashville also. We see us being national and international, not a Texas country band. That is our long-term goal. We would really like to reach as many people as we can the opportunity ad outlets.

•Where do you get inspiration when writing songs?

I take inspiration from Chris Kristoferson. He's very unapologetic with his music, which I admire.

•How do you come up with

"Dumb Angel" for your band name?

The name "Dumb Angel" is a Beach Boys reference from Dennis Williams, it was what he called his brother who was kind-hearted but acted dumb sometimes. It's sort of a reminder of what not to be.

•What do you enjoy to do in your free time?

I enjoy spending time with my wife and kids when I'm not playing music. We like to go camping and exploring outdoors. I also own a studio, so I like to take my kids there.

•Does traveling so much ever become too much to handle?

We're a new band so you have to be out there and know it's hard, but if it became too much I would find something else. It's too difficult, but it's necessary. I've always been somewhat of a gypsy anyways with my wife also. I enjoy traveling.

•What would you tell a band just getting their start?



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN DAVID KENT AND THE DUMB ANGELS

JOHN DAVID KENT and the Dumb Angels members, from left lead guitarist Micheal Graska, drummer Alex Mixson, vocals/guitar/rhodes John David Kent, bassist Jamey Gleaves and fiddler Jason Andrew, will perform 10 p.m. Friday at The Blue Light.

(Laughs) Run for the hills. But honestly, in a new band you have to stick to your guns and do what you want to. There is an audience for all music, you

just have to find your audience. I'm surprised and overjoyed that people have been so receptive to our music. It takes elements of older music,

I personally like it; it's country with an alternative edge, so it's different.

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Independent video games grow in popularity, quality

Independent games are becoming an increasingly larger part of the video game industry.

This can be mostly attributed to various distribution platforms becoming progressively more prominent, such as Steam, PSN, XBLM and WiiWare, which allow developers to make games without the outlandish costs normally associated with traditional retail titles. This results in highly-original games consumers are more willing to dole out their hard-earned dollars for due to the lower prices and, as of late, greater value.

These small-scale games have become relatively better and better titles that still manage to maintain their indie appeal and indie costs but garner incredible praise and impressive sales numbers.

To honor the achievements of such games and their developers, the fine folks behind the annual Game Developers Conference also decided to start up the Independent Games Festival, an event that has become one of the highlights of the aforementioned GDC.

In its 12th iteration, the IGF has continued to grow, erupting from a respectable 42 entries in 2002 to the mind-blowing 306 contestants who entered this year where seven main category competitors and 10 student showcase winners will be awarded a total of \$50,000.

Categories range from Excellent in Visual Art to Best Web Browser Game to the Innovation Award, all of which culminate in the \$20,000 Seumas McNally Grand Prize. Former award winners



Timothy Poon

you might recognize include "Blueberry Garden" (Seumas McNally Grand Prize 2009), "World of Goo" (Technical Excellence 2008) and "Braid" (Innovation Award 2006).

On Tuesday, the accepted entries for IGF 2010 were announced and posted on the event's Web site. The list includes the developer, a synopsis and links to screenshots and gameplay videos of the game. This slab of information usually includes a link somewhere to the developer's Web site, where the games can often be sampled or purchased (or, if you're lucky, wholly consumed for the low, low price of jack daddly).

In an odd state of affairs, the incredible amount of entries allows two opposing qualities to coincide; it's fortunate there are just so many games to peruse, but it's unfortunate I'll never get any schoolwork done with all this free gaming so readily available.

This also poses a problem in that I'll never be able to fairly cover every one of these titles, which, honestly, is better left to the IGF's judging panel. So instead of doing that, I'll pick out some highlights of games I've played based on interesting descriptions and recommendations.

"Auditorium":

This game is nothing new to those of you who frequent Reddit (in fact, I'm fairly sure this game was on the front page for at least two consecutive last year due to constant resubmissions).

"Auditorium" is a Flash-based game that makes your eyes and ears feel like they've all fallen into a big pot of beautiful.

The premise of the game is simple: Use various elements to redirect colored streams into gauges that activate music. The beautiful part comes into play as every gauge you fill brings in another layer of instruments and the streams of color mesh with one another to make absolute art.

"Gratuitous Space Battles":

Postitech Games sells this as an RTS that does away with resource gathering and "gets straight to the meat and potatoes," which they definitely get right. It might be because I'm a sucker for sci-fi, but I thought the demo was fantastic. It looks great and plays great and the ship customizations actually felt like they had real consequences if done improperly (or greatly rewarded if done right).

"Dangerous High School Girls in Trouble!":

The title may be slightly misogynistic, but this game is actually pretty fun. It's definitely not new to the indie game scene, but I never got around to giving it a whirl until now with the demo. It's pretty much a board game in a thinly-veiled guise of

some sort of puzzler but also very funny and oddly addicting.

"Igneous":

On the Web site, the description says Igneous falls under the gaming genre of "Melt Your Face," and I definitely have to agree. These DigiPen students definitely found something worthwhile as this game feels like that old TI-83+ game "Falldown," except better.

If that title doesn't ring a very middle school-ish bell, then think about it as if Samus in Morph Ball form and Captain Falcon had a fiery, illicit lovechild, and you might have an idea of what this game is like. It's one of the few games I would consider a speed platformer.

That should get you started into some of the IGF entries. That's not to say these are the cream of the crop, but I'm confident these are at least in the top 50 percent in terms of quality.

Some games I ignored because I felt they were poorly aping other previously released titles ("Break a Leg"), looked not very fun at all ("Attack of the 50ft Robot"), or seemed too dependent on a lame gimmick ("ARGH: Augmented Reality Ghost Hunter"). Of course, I could be totally wrong, but that's for you to find out and for me to regret.

Also, I see many TVs being broken because of Peanut Gallery's "Minor Battle."

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Berlin wall blocks U2 concert

BERLIN (AP) — Irish rockers U2 returned to Berlin for a free mini-concert Thursday in front of the Brandenburg Gate, playing its classic singles and a duet with Jay-Z even as the show was obscured from public view by a nearly 6-1/2-foot (two-meter) high metal barrier.

Bono greeted the crowd with the German words "Berlin, Du bist wunderbar!"

(Berlin, you are wonderful!) and the band played a 30-minute, six-song set that featured "Sunday, Bloody Sunday," "One Love" and "Beautiful Day."

Rapper Jay-Z appeared as a surprise guest and performed Bob Marley's "Get Up, Stand Up" with Bono.

The show, which was free to 10,000 ticket holders who snapped up the tickets online last week in just three hours, drew some controversy because of the barrier surrounding the gig.

Both Berliners and tourists alike saw the irony in building a wall around a concert dedicated to the

wall that already has come down.

"It's completely ridiculous that they are blocking the view," said Louis-Pierre Boily, 23, who came to Berlin even though he failed to get U2 tickets. "I thought it's a free show, but MTV probably wants people to watch it on TV to get their ratings up."

Boily, from Quebec City, was

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LOUIS-PIERRE BOILY
U2 FAN

among several hundred people who gathered earlier in the day against the new fence, which was draped with a white tarp that blocked the view of the stage from the street. Some fans already were trying to tear down the tarp before the concert.

The music network MTV, which organized the concert, said it worked with the local promoter, the city and Berlin police to install a temporary fence "around the site to ensure the safety and security of the attendees at the event as well as residents and businesses in the area."

U2's publicist RMP refused comment about the barrier.

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Men's cross country team not fazed by recent performances

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

As happy as Silas Kemboi is for Texas Tech coach Jon Murray and the job he's done with the women's cross country team, he believes the Red Raiders have to show their coach his work is paying off with the Tech men as well.

"You know, I was actually walking to class and I ran into Silas and he told me, 'Like hey man let's do something great for coach Murray,'" Tech runner Logan Culotta said. "The girls do great for him all the time, and let's do something great for him. We at least want to make him proud of us."

Although the Lady Raiders left the Big 12 Championships with a second consecutive conference title, the men still are trying to make themselves relevant among the nation's best.

With hopes they would finish in the top half, the Red Raiders finished in 10th place at the Big 12 Championships Saturday. Last year, they finished in ninth place.

However, the men are not fazed by the poor finish. In fact, Murray said it makes them want to keep pushing for better finishes in future races.

"They know it's a waste of hard work if you're not going to at least get out there and keep on trying," said Murray, who was awarded his second consecutive Big 12 Conference Women's Coach of the Year award Monday. "So, they just have great attitudes, a good spirit about themselves and are level-headed athletes that aren't only successful in athletics but in academics. Just because one race doesn't go as well as you wanted doesn't mean it's the end of the earth."

Since Murray arrived at Tech in 2005, the Lady Raiders have been the more dominant of the two programs.

For the past two seasons, the men often have been in the Lady Raider's shadow. Cory Higgins said at times it's not easy, but he is always proud and pleased with the women's success because of



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

LOGAN CULOTTA AND the Texas Tech men's cross country team are trying to shake off a 10th-place finish at the Big 12 Championships. The Red Raiders have regionals on Nov. 14 in Albuquerque, N.M.

the exposure they bring to the team and sport.

So even though they have not had the same success, the Tech men are the Lady Raiders' biggest supporters.

"It can be kinda difficult," he said. "The girls are always in the limelight. That's part of the girls and guys team being so close. I'm always happy for them whenever they do well and they're excited when we do well also."

Murray and the Lady Raiders have made the headlines with All-Americans such as Sally Kipyego and Lillian Badaru and five All-Big 12 runners, but the Red Raiders have fed off the women's success with consistent improvement under Murray.

The Tech men entered the 2009 season with high expectations and a team full of experience.

But having that talent has not translated into the results they hoped for at the beginning of the season.

With the Mountain Regional

Championships in sight on Nov. 14 in Albuquerque, N.M., the men's team has put the past behind it and is looking to finally meet expectations.

With a chance to show Murray and the nation what they can do, Culotta said the past week of practice has been vital and the team wants to have a good showing at regionals.

Unable to show doubters what they are capable of, Higgins, who is a senior, said the Red Raiders have another chance to prove to outsiders they can be a consistently strong team.

"We look at the girls' team and do the same workouts they do and work just as hard," he said. "So we feel like we can do what they are doing. We came off of conference with some good workouts this week, everybody's running well and excited about getting another shot, another race to prove ourselves."

With the Mountain Regional

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Tech volleyball readies for hectic weekend

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

One at a time — that's how Texas Tech volleyball coach Trish Knight is approaching the gauntlet of matches the Red Raiders have to go through during the weekend.

As if playing one Big 12 Conference match wasn't difficult enough for a team without a conference win, Tech has the daunting task of playing back-to-back matches this weekend — the Red Raiders hosts Colorado at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena then travel to face Kansas State for a make-up match at 6 p.m. in Manhattan, Kan.

"The girls worked hard all week and will be prepared to face CU," Knight said. "After that match I will give them a scouting report on Kansas State because we can't make them focus on two matches at once or else we won't have the right mindset going into the weekend."

On Saturday, Tech (2-19, 0-12 in Big 12 play) faces the Buffaloes for the second time this season. CU also is the last Big 12 team the Red Raiders defeated, as Tech is on a 51-match losing streak to Big 12 teams.

The K-State make-up match is a result of the spread of flu-like symptoms among the Red Raiders back in September. Tech had to cancel the original match against Kansas State that was scheduled for Sept. 23 because too many of the players were sick.

Having back-to-back matches in two days will be tough, but in one of those contests, Tech players may have some confidence going in.

Tech has had some success against CU (6-16, 1-12). Tech's one set win in Big 12 play this season came against the Buffaloes on Oct. 14 in Boulder, Colo.

That last Big 12 win for Tech came in the 2007 home opener against

Colorado.

"We did play well against Colorado the last time we played them, but we started off kind of slow," Tech libero Jenn Goehry said. "We had the lead in game one and then lost and won game two. So I think if we would have come out strong and ready from the beginning we would have won that match."

However, the Red Raiders have not had the opportunity

to measure themselves against K-State (8-14, 2-10).

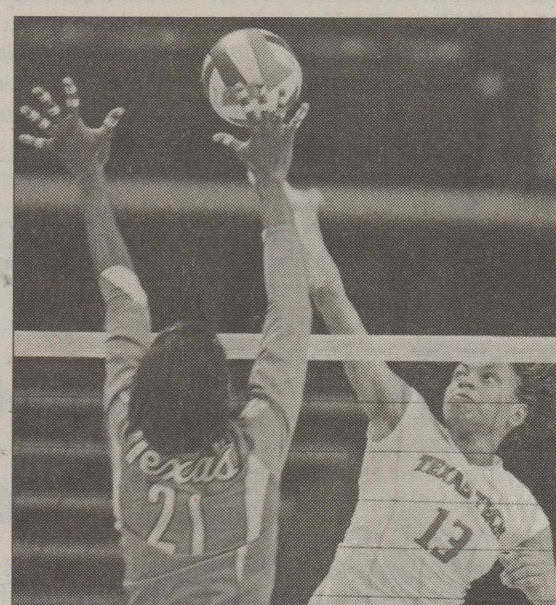
Canceled the Sept. 23 match against Kansas State leaves the Wildcats as the only Big 12 team Tech has not faced this season.

But having to get on a plane the same night of the CU match does not work in Tech's favor. Tech coaches said the flight from Lubbock to Manhattan will have an effect on the team.

The Red Raiders have had problems getting off to good starts, something that will be even harder to accomplish with the limited rest between the two matches.

Players and coaches believe the key on Sunday will be whether the team will have the energy to compete with K-State after playing CU.

Outside hitter Caroline Courtney said despite the hectic weekend, the extra work during the bye week will come in handy during both matches. Tech did



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BARBARA CONCEICAO ATTEMPTS to spike the ball in a Big 12 Conference match against Texas earlier this season. Texas Tech is 0-12 in conference play.

not have the usual Wednesday match scheduled this week.

"We have been working really hard on maintaining momentum and picking up our enthusiasm," she said. "We work on that in practice and we do a good job of it, now we just need to go out and apply it to the match. We are the kind of team that is going to keep working until we pull out a win."

Next week doesn't seem to get easier either — the Red Raiders travel to Austin Wednesday to take on No. 2 Texas, then return to Lubbock to host Oklahoma on Nov. 14.

"It's going to be tough on them mentally," Knight said. "Playing back-to-back matches is something they aren't used to and something they haven't had to do since club and high school volleyball. I don't know how they will handle that, but they may just thrive on it."

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Cowboys WR Williams repeating frustrating refrain

IRVING (AP) — While his lower-paid teammate breaks records, Cowboys receiver Roy Williams sounds like a broken record.

The player who cost Dallas three draft picks and a \$45 million contract extension has offered the same refrain for weeks now. He's frustrated. He can't get on the same page with Tony Romo, and doesn't know why. He's much happier simply winning in sunny Dallas than he was losing in snowy Detroit.

Williams skipped to a slightly different tune this week by saying he still considers himself the No. 1 receiver despite mounting evidence to the contrary. He said "things are just going No. 2's way," referring to Miles Austin.

The less-celebrated Austin has more yards and touchdowns in the past three games than Williams has in his first 16 with the Cowboys. Austin set an NFL record with 482 yards in his first three starts, while Williams has 447 yards for the equivalent of a full season in Dallas.

The former University of Texas standout found himself backpedaling Thursday, a day after suggesting Romo's throws are accurate to Austin and all over the place to him.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips made a similar observation Monday, but the reaction to Williams saying it raised the specter of Terrell Owens. Dallas dumped Owens and his demanding demeanor during the offseason after widespread reports of

locker-room disharmony last year.

"I didn't complain that I didn't get the ball," Williams said. "All I said was that, when it comes to me, it's not there. I'm not saying it can't be fixed, because that's what we do every day."

"I'm not a T.O., or I'm not trying to be a T.O."

Austin's big chance came in part because of one of those errant Romo-to-Williams throws. Reaching to try to catch a high throw against Denver, Williams took a hard shot to his ribs. The damage forced him to miss the game at Kansas City a week later, when Austin started and set a franchise record with 250 yards and scored twice. Austin has five TDs in three games.

Williams, meanwhile, has just three touchdowns in a year with Romo. He has 33 catches, not even close to his lowest total in four full seasons with Detroit.

The quarterback is far from concerned, though. Romo says he ignores the numbers and raves about what Williams does in practice. And don't even start with questions about whether he's missing the throws to the high-dollar guy on purpose.

"You know, we've been through this before with people trying to intersect and divide us as a football team," Romo said. "This team is too strong from the core. This team is too committed to winning and too committed to improving to let anything like that ... divide this team."

Houston's defense has new edge

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's defense has a new attitude. Some might call it confidence, but the Texans prefer to call it something else.

"You have to have the swagger when you step on the field that you're going to get it done, you're going to make big plays to get off the field," linebacker DeMeco Ryans said.

It's a feeling that's growing each week as this group improves and Houston keeps winning. On Sunday, they'll see if their newfound swagger can help at Indianapolis, a place where they've never won.

"This is the game we'll be judged on as a defense," cornerback Dunta Robinson said. "So many times you see the Colts go out there and play a team that's been playing well and

score 30 or 40 points. If we want to be the type of defense that we think we are and that we know we can be, we've got to go out and make a statement."

The group had a rough start, particularly against the run, and allowed an NFL-worst 205 yards rushing in the first three games. They've turned it around since then, giving up about 58 yards a game through their last five.

The defense was key in Houston's 31-10 win over Buffalo on Sunday. The group allowed just 7 points off three first quarter turnovers and shut out the Bills after halftime.

Houston's veterans said having more playmakers on defense has allowed them to play with more confidence.

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