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Judge rules against expedited discovery

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Those following the Mike Leach court case must wait until another day for a ruling on whether the case will be heard by the 99th District Court in Lubbock.

Judge William Sowder delayed a ruling on whether the court had jurisdiction to hear the case and gave more time for attorneys to conduct discovery procedures, which allows attorneys from the two sides to request information from the other.

Texas Tech attorneys claim the university falls under the umbrella of sovereign immunity as an arm of the state, which is part of a U.S. Constitutional amendment disallowing private citizens from suing the state without its consent.

Also, Sowder denied on Wednesday a motion for expedited discovery on behalf of Leach, the former Tech football coach who was fired three weeks ago amid allegations he mistreated injured receiver Adam James.

The judge said he sees no reason to expedite discovery despite pleas from Leach's attorneys that the former coach is not able to get a job because he has been characterized as "radioactive" by several potential employers and ESPN analysts. Sowder said many of the people who come through the courts are in similar positions.



LEACH

"I don't see any reason to give Mr. Leach any special treatment," he said.

Also in his ruling, Sowder said he has major problems with six out of the seven causes of action on behalf of the Leach party, and the waiver of sovereign immunity claim also presents questions.

The causes of action for the lawsuit are breach of contract, defamation, fraud in the inducement, negligent misrepresentation, Texas Whistleblower Act, Constitutional due course of law violation, Constitutional taking and one issue the judge does not have as many questions about — waiver of sovereign immunity.

Although the two sides will go forward with discovery, the judge will rule on the sovereign immunity claim before the rest of the case proceeds.

Attorneys for Leach said during the hearing that the university provided a waiver by conduct — asserting the university acted inappropriately during the coach's issue with James — to override sovereign immunity. Paul Dobrowski, Leach's lead counsel, said one of the reasons for requesting expedited discovery is Leach's attorneys believe more evidence is available to prove waiver by conduct.

Ted Liggett, one of Leach's attorneys, said the legal team got what they wanted from the ruling in the form of additional time for discovery procedures.

"We're pleased with the court's decision today," he said. "All we were seeking was further time to find more facts and counter facts."

Liggett said he was not willing to dis-

cuss possible settlements, but the team is open to any propositions from Tech attorneys.

Dicky Grigg, the lead attorney representing Tech, said it was obvious the judge had questions about each of the plaintiff's claims and the sooner the court makes a decision, the better.

"I think this is clearly an act of desperation," he said during the hearing, referring to the motion for expedited discovery.

Daniel Perkins, one of the attorneys for Tech, said it was pointless to expedite discovery because both sides agreed enough information was available to make a ruling on sovereign immunity.

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FROM RIGHT, AMANDA Anderson of Red Frame Photography helps Stephanie Foster, a senior advertising major from College Station and bride-to-be, order wedding photos with her friends Taylor Wood, a senior public relations major from Dallas, and Ashley Barnes, a Tech alumna, Sunday at the 33rd annual Lubbock Bridal Show in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Texas Tech and Lubbock traditions lead brides into wedding season

By JULIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A queue formed outside the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center for the Bridal Show on Sunday where wedding planners, disk jockeys, caterers and bridal gowns lined the aisles inside to await a diverse and energetic crowd.

Although wedding traditions vary across cultures, all have a version of celebrating matrimony. Texas Tech is no exception, said Lauren Wright, president of Sigma Phi Lambda. Many sororities at Tech have a ring passing ceremony; Phi Lambda's Engagement Circle honors and congratulates a member's engagement.

"After chapter, we turn off the lights — immediately everyone knows what that means — and we pull out a candle with the girl's ring tied on it. It gets passed around three times, and we say something special every time it goes around," said Wright, a junior multidisciplinary studies major from Keller. "After we turn the lights back on, the girl gets her ring back on and tells us a little about her fiancé, how long they've

been together, and we always love to hear the proposal story. Finally, the girl's best friend in Phi Lambda comes up and leads a prayer for her and her fiancé."

Annabelle Ulary, a senior civil engineering major from Cedar Park, said her fiancé proposed in late November. Although she said she has enjoyed the dress shopping most in preparation for her 2011 wedding, she really appreciates her husband-to-be helping on almost all aspects of the planning.

"I love whenever men come in," said Ashley Sinclair, owner and manager of Ribbons and Bows, a lingerie store. "With Valentine's Day coming up, we have a lot more men coming to the store, but we have a lot more for weddings. One out of every three or four customers are men. Of course, they're all a little timid, but we try to make them as comfortable as possible and help them pick out something they'd like to see their future wife in."

Starting in February until August, Sinclair said the wedding industry receives the most business. Whether it is the bride or the groom helping out, Sinclair said she advises planning ahead and registering as early as possible

to allow the bridal party members, family and guests to shop easier and without worrying about what the couple will like.

"We used to see more weddings in June, but really it isn't necessarily that case anymore. We had a lot of weddings in November last year, more in July than June and we've had many August weddings," said Liz Stephenson, owner of Endless Love, a one-stop wedding shop. "Of course, a lot of people get married on Valentine's Day. The industry is kind of seasonal, but not nearly as much. There are some people who know that everyone will be getting together during the holiday season, so they have a Christmas wedding."

Stephenson said although some traditions persist in marriage, brides shouldn't be afraid of trying on a variety of colors and styles when it comes to gowns. White dresses aren't the only tradition that can be changed. Everything can be unique to the couple.

"We tend to have a lot of ceremonies," Wright said. "I don't know if it's because we have a lot of girls, but we get quite a few every semester and we love it."

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Engineering students miss the mark in regional competition

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The Texas Tech Department of Civil Engineering sponsored a team of 18 students who designed, assembled and tested a miniature steel bridge in a competition from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at UT-San Antonio.

The competition, sponsored by the American Institute of Steel Construction, was one of 18 regional competitions to be hosted throughout the semester in which more than 200 teams such as Tech's will attempt to advance to the national competition that will be hosted May 28 and May 29 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

Audra Morse, a professor in the civil engineering department, said Tech's competitors performed well at the competition.

"(The students) were extremely professional," she said.

The team finished the construction of its bridge in the least amount of time and with the fewest team members, Morse said.

The bridge weighed about 117 pounds and was the lightest bridge at the competition, she said. The design of the bridge was "fine-tuned and elegant."

The construction process of the bridge, Morse said, was based on a scenario involving a simulated river and students were required to assemble the bridge while not bringing parts across that river.

Due to variables beyond the team's control and planning ability, she said, the bridge was not prepared for the setting of the competition. The

bridge failed and held about three-quarters less weight than the competition's requirement of 2,600 pounds.

"There were variables beyond our design parameters," she said.

Although the team was disqualified because its bridge failed due to various unexpected factors, Morse said, the students gained a valuable learning experience from the competition as a whole.

The team prepared a streamlined and light-weight design, Morse said, and the bridge was thus only able to hold about 1,950 pounds. The setting of the competition, she said, was in a windy parking lot and on a 2 percent



MORSE

"We learned many different things about how bridges are built through a hands-on experience."

ALLISON HEADLEY
SOPHOMORE CIVIL
ENGINEERING MAJOR

slope. Allison Headley, a sophomore civil engineering major from Lubbock, said the team hopes to not only host the competition next year, but also to perform well.

"We will definitely step our game up for next year," she said.

All members of the team, Headley said, had a great deal to gain from participating in the competition.

"We learned many different things about how bridges are built through a hands-on experience," she said.

The experience will likely prove invaluable as she continues to pursue a degree in civil engineering, Headley said.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Texas awards \$61M in cancer research funding

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas is awarding \$61 million for cancer research projects in the first round of an unprecedented \$3 billion in grants the state expects to hand out over the next decade.

State officials in Austin on Wednesday announced that 66 cancer research projects will be the first to receive funding. It

comes three years after voters approved creating the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

The agency has received nearly 900 proposals since calling for grant applications last fall. The chosen projects will study cancers including brain, blood, cervical and lung.

NATION

Brown: Mass. victory sends 'very powerful message'

BOSTON (AP) — Republican Scott Brown, fresh from a stunning Massachusetts Senate victory that shook the power balance on Capitol Hill, declared Wednesday that his election had sent a "very powerful message" that voters are weary of backroom deals and

Washington business-as-usual.

Democrats scrambled to explain the loss, which imperils President Barack Obama's agenda for health care and other hard-fought domestic issues. Republicans greeted their victory with clear glee.

WORLD

Aftershock terrifies desperate Haitians anew

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A frightening new aftershock Wednesday forced more earthquake survivors to live on the capital's streets or sent them fleeing to perhaps even worse conditions in the countryside.

A flotilla of rescue vessels, meanwhile, led by the U.S. hospital ship Comfort, converged on the capital. They are helping fill gaps in still lagging global efforts to bring water, food and medical help to hundreds of thousands

of people who are surviving in makeshift tents or simply on blankets or plastic sheets under the tropical sun.

The strongest tremor since Haiti's cataclysmic Jan. 12 earthquake struck at 6:03 a.m., just before sunrise while many were still sleeping. From the teeming plaza near the collapsed presidential palace to a hillside tent city, the 5.9-magnitude aftershock lasted only seconds but panicked thousands of Haitians.

Corrections

• In Tuesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Tech parking services offers motorist assistance," should have stated the Motorist Assist Program only offers one gallon of gas to motorists.

• In Tuesday's issue of *The DT* the cutline for the left photo on Page 7 should have identified the Tech player as Jordan Murphree. *The DT* regrets the errors.

3 weeks after gay marriage passed, NH takes up repeal

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Three weeks after the state legalized gay marriage, opponents on Wednesday asked a House committee to repeal the law.

"I'm here today about Adam and Eve," state Rep. Alfred Baldasaro testified at a House Judiciary Committee hearing.

Baldasaro, a Londonderry Republican and prime sponsor of legislation to repeal the law, and other gay marriage opponents argued the unions defy nature.

"A man and a woman together create a family where individuals of the same gender cannot create a family," said state Rep. Jordan Ulery, a Republican from Hudson.

Gay couples countered that their unions hurt no one and strengthen society.

"Marriage is an incredible acknowledgement of our equality. Please don't take it away after so shortly having given us the opportunity to feel the incredibly powerful stamp of access to that word. Marriage is a powerful word," said state Rep. Ed Butler, a Democrat from Harts Location whose partner sat next to him at the witness table.

Gay marriage opponents want the law repealed and also want to change the state constitution to ban the

unions. The committee was holding hearings on the two measures, which many observers expect the House to reject when they are brought to the floor in the next few weeks.

Opponents know their chances of success are slim, but they are looking to the November election in hopes Republicans will regain control of the Statehouse and succeed then in repealing the law.

Right now, Democrats are firmly in charge and appear eager to dispose of controversial measures early in the session to avoid lingering debate in an election year. Gay marriage opponents know that and are focusing on a bigger prize: voter sympathy.

In recent weeks, opponents began a grass-roots effort to challenge the law indirectly by suggesting New Hampshire's 400 House members and 24 senators aren't representative of the people's wishes. They point out that in the 31 states where voters have had a say, gay marriage has been rejected.

They plan to raise the issue at town meetings this spring in hopes of passing nonbinding resolutions that will pressure lawmakers to present them with an amendment that defines marriage. They also hope their effort will help elect anti-gay marriage candidates in November.



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

TREVOR BUDGE, ASSISTANT manager of institutional relationships for the Council on International Educational Exchange, explains the benefits of studying abroad to Mallory Goforth, a freshman accounting major from Tyler, who is interested in studying abroad in either London or Ireland during the Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday in the University Library Croslin Room.

Obama, Dems consider pared-back health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chastened by the Democratic Senate loss in Massachusetts, President Barack Obama and congressional allies signaled Wednesday they may try to scale back his sweeping health care overhaul in an effort to at least keep parts of it alive.

A simpler, less ambitious bill emerged as an alternative only hours after the loss of the party's crucial 60th Senate seat forced the Democrats to slow their all-out drive to pass Obama's signature legislation despite fierce Republican opposition. The White House is still hoping the House can pass the Senate bill in a quick strike, but Democrats are now considering other options.

No decisions have been made, lawmakers said, but they laid out a new approach that could still include these provisions: limiting the ability of insurance companies to deny coverage to people with medical problems, allowing young adults to stay on their parents' policies, helping small businesses and low-income people pay premiums and changing Medicare to encourage payment for quality care instead of sheer volume of services.

The goal of trying to cover nearly all Americans would be put off further into the future.

Obama urged lawmakers not to try to jam a bill through, but scale the proposal down to what he called "those elements of the package that people agree on."

"We know that we need insurance reform, that the health insurance companies are taking advantage of people," the president said in an interview with ABC News. "We know that we have to have some form of cost containment because if we don't then our budgets are

going to blow up. And we know that small businesses are going to need help."

One potential Republican convert for health care legislation remained an enigma. Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, who has been in regular contact with Obama, roundly criticized the Democrats' hard push to pass their bill. But she would not rule out voting for something in the end.

Asked if the Democratic bills are dead, Snowe responded: "I never say anything is dead, but clearly I think they have to revisit the entire issue."

Some Democrats weren't ready for that, despite the president's new words.

One option, still alive and stirring strong emotions, called for the House to quickly pass the Senate version of the broader bill — simply accepting it and therefore bypassing the Senate problem created by the loss of the Massachusetts seat to Republican Scott Brown. But that appeared to be losing favor.

"That's a bitter pill for the House to swallow," said the No. 2 Senate Democrat, Dick Durbin of Illinois.

"Full speed ahead is off the table," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, a moderate Democrat from North Dakota. "We are still very much in the exercise of drawing meaning from the public disquiet."

Nevertheless, the quick approach remained on the table, despite some House members' deep misgivings. In fact, administration officials were working behind the

scenes on that idea, which would be the fastest and cleanest route to getting a bill to Obama, said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to more freely describe private talks.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democratic leaders were gauging support for the idea among liberals and moderates. The initial reaction was not encouraging.

"If you ran that Senate bill right now on the House floor, I'll bet you would not get 100 votes for it," said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich.

It takes 218 votes to pass legislation. A majority of House Democrats oppose a tax on high-cost insurance plans in the Senate bill that unions see as a direct hit on their members. Stupak and other abortion opponents, backed by Catholic bishops, say the Senate bill falls short in restricting taxpayer dollars for abortion.

A week ago, House and Senate Democrats were working out the differences in their respective bills, and a quick resolution seemed likely. But feuding broke out after Brown's upset victory secured the seat held by the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy for the GOP.

Some Democratic senators suggested it was up to the House to save the day by passing the Senate bill.

"The Senate has passed the health care bill. The House has to make a decision how they want to proceed," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., a member of the

leadership.

Republicans said that would make their day.

Trying to push the Senate bill through would be a desperate ploy seen as such by voters, said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., Obama's 2008 presidential rival. "If they try to jam it through the House, they'll pay a very heavy price."

As the day wore on, those urging moderation seemed to be winning the argument.

"We're not going to rush into anything," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "We will wait until the new senator arrives."

Many Democrats are wary of starting over with the goal of drafting a bill that reaches for the political middle. They doubt they'll get any cooperation from Republicans.

"You cannot dance with someone if they are not willing to dance with you," said Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J. He called GOP complaints that the Democrats wrote a partisan bill "pretty lame," when they have made a political calculation that their path to victory is to have the president fail."

But House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said a more modest approach would be a "reasonable alternative" that could appeal to the public even if Republicans still oppose it.

"Given the public concern, I think that we ought to focus on that which...the public can support and will be positive in terms of making health care more affordable and obtainable," he said.

Instead of one big bill, health care overhaul could be broken into chunks and passed over time.

"Medicare wasn't done in one fell swoop," said House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, D-S.C. "You lay a foundation and you get this thing done over time."

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EARL POMEROY
NORTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTATIVE

Leach

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The plaintiff's attorneys requested the expedited discovery because they wanted to be prepared for appeals, Dobrowski said.

Sowder ordered the two sides to set up a meeting schedule by Monday and also ordered both

sides to preserve documents, notes and e-mails that may be pertinent to the case.

In a news release by Tech, the university said it stands by the decisions to suspend and fire Leach because the merits behind the decisions were "reasonable, fair and justified."

"We are pleased with the results of today's hearing and look forward to all of the facts being presented

for Judge Sowder's ruling," the statement said.

After the case is ruled on, any appeals would go to the State 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, followed by the Texas Supreme Court and, if necessary, the Texas State Legislature.

Leach was suspended Dec. 28, five days before the Valero Alamo Bowl, for allegedly mistreating James, who was recovering from a

mild-concussion. The accounts of what happened Dec. 17 and Dec. 18, when the coach allegedly ordered the receiver to stand in a shed for the duration of practice, have been disputed by both sides.

Leach filed a temporary restraining order through Liggett on Dec. 30, hoping to coach in the Alamo Bowl. Tech representatives gave Leach's termination letter to Liggett at the leach.jayanderlan@ttu.edu

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Tech comedy troupe fuels laughter in Escondido Theatre

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

What do lamp shades, Hannah Montana and lawn mowers have in common? All were part of Alternative Fuels' first spring performance Wednesday night in the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union Building.

For those who haven't heard of the group, it is as freshman business major Aaron Johnson from Bedford said; "a lot like 'Whose Line is it Anyway?'" Alternative Fuels performs on and off campus, playing comedic improvisational games for anyone who wants to watch.

Thursday night's show began with six performers separating into two teams for a comedic improv contest that spanned an hour and a half. Performer Natalia Ellis took her first turn hosting, and two of the performers made their onstage debuts with the group.

Paige Randle, a freshman psychology major from Big Lake, said she remembers her first performance clearly; she just joined the team last semester.

"It was really scary, but I trusted the people I was acting with and I knew they wouldn't make me look bad," Randle said.

Randle said she joined after auditioning with her roommate who was interested in the group.

Matthew Payne, president of Alternative Fuels and a senior English major from Amarillo,

joined after seeing the auditions on TechAnnounce when he first transferred to Tech.

TechAnnounce brought in much of the audience as well, which almost filled the theater.

Michelle Jones, a senior music education major from San Antonio, who had been to a previous show, said she found this one through TechAnnounce.

"It's been a few years," Jones said, "I really enjoyed it last time."

Randle was hoping for a big audience to get more new fans and said it was really all about how much the word got out as to how many to expect.

"The amount of people who come varies," she said. "Wall/Gates is usually a pretty big with around 50 people."

The audience becomes more routine as the semester goes on, Payne said.

Spring might be different though, as the acting team does more in local bars, which Randle said means more risqué humor.

"On campus, we try to keep it clean, something people would be able to see with family," she said, "Either way it's going to be funny."

And last night's performance was no exception. The teams played "Ding Ding," "Jump To," "World's Worst" and more, creating story lines involving crazy children, a tanning salon and yes,



PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Toreador

ALTERNATIVE FUELS MEMBERS Crash Buist, a sophomore acting major from Mason, and Paige Randle, a freshman psychology major from Big Lake, participate in an improv comedy game Wednesday in the Escondido Theatre.

Hannah Montana.

Fall was the Campus Comedy Tour, and Alternative Fuels made friends with other organizations, Payne said, as well as worked with

Tech to recruit by hosting a workshop for a high school.

Although the fall went well, Payne said he is even more excited for the spring.

Alternative Fuels has another audition coming up for this semester. The team will host a workshop to prepare for the auditions Sunday, and is always looking for

new fans.

"If you ever come to see a show," Randle said. "I promise you'll laugh."

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Brittany's mom, husband say drugs didn't kill her

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A month after Brittany Murphy's mysterious death, her mother and husband say they are convinced the actress died of natural causes, not drugs or an eating disorder.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, Sharon Murphy and Simon Monjack said that Murphy did not use drugs or alcohol and that they are awaiting a determination from coroner's officials that will end speculation prescription medicine caused Murphy's death on Dec. 20 at age 32.

Monjack said some of the prescription medications found in the couple's Hollywood Hills home belonged to him.

Murphy had mitral valve prolapse, a common condition where a heart valve does not properly close, but doctors said the actress "would live a long and healthy life," Mon-

jack said.

"She had a fear of dying," Sharon Murphy said. "She would not take too much caffeine. She wouldn't even have a glass of champagne on New Year's. She was just high on life, and people see that as something else I guess."

Murphy, the star of varied films such as "Clueless," "8 Mile," "Sin City" and the television series "King of the Hill," was buried in a private funeral on Christmas Eve. At the service, Monjack told mourners that the actress was his best friend and soul mate, sentiments he repeated during the Tuesday interview.

Monjack, who married Murphy in 2007, said police and coroner's officials have not contacted the family to say his wife's death was from anything other than natural causes.

Winehouse gets conditional discharge

LONDON (AP) — Amy Winehouse admits it went beyond seasonal spirit.

The soul diva pleaded guilty Wednesday to assaulting a theater manager who asked her to leave a family Christmas show starring Mickey Rooney because she'd had too much to drink.

The singer, whose scrapes with the law often overshadow her music, was given a fine and a warning to stay out of trouble by a judge who praised her for trying to clean up her act.

District Judge Peter Crabtree ordered Winehouse to pay her victim 185 pounds (\$300) in costs and compensation, and handed down a conditional discharge, meaning the singer will avoid further punishment as long as she does not commit any more offenses for two years.

"(That) may be harder than a fine,

because you have now got to stay on the straight and narrow for the next two years," the judge said.

"If you commit another offense you'll be hit hard and you'll be hit twice," he said.

A scrum of photographers met media-magnet Winehouse as she arrived at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court, 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of London, dressed in a white shirt and dark skirt with her beehive hair piled high.

The 26-year-old singer admitted charges of disorder and common assault during a Dec. 19 performance of the pantomime "Cinderella," in which 89-year-old Rooney played the heroine's father, Baron Hardup. The petite singer had earlier admitted drinking five vodka and cola drinks before the show.

Muslim scholars critical of US policy can return

NEW YORK (AP) — Two prominent Muslim scholars once accused of having ties to terrorism can reapply to travel to the United States now that the State Department has concluded they pose no danger to the country, federal spokesmen said Wednesday.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has signed orders enabling the re-entry of professors Tariq Ramadan of Oxford University in England and Adam Habib of the University of Johannesburg in South Africa once they obtain required admittance documents, department spokesman Darby Holladay said.

Clinton "has chosen to exercise her exemption authority for the benefit of Tariq Ramadan and Adam Habib," Holladay said. "We'll let that action speak for itself."

In a prepared statement, Holladay noted the change in U.S. posture since both professors, who are frequently invited to the United States to lecture, were denied admittance after making statements counter to U.S. foreign policy.

"Both the president and the secretary of state have made it clear that the U.S. government is pursuing a new relationship with Muslim communities based on mutual interest and mutual respect," Holladay said. The decision was made after consultations with the departments of Homeland Security and Justice, he added.

"We want to encourage a global debate," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters in

Washington. "As we look at it, we do not think that either one of them represents a threat to the United States."

The American Civil Liberties Union sued in recent years to challenge the exclusion of the professors. It said the State Department's action means the scholars might now get visas within weeks of requesting them.

The orders are "long overdue and tremendously important," said Jameel Jaffer, director of the ACLU National Security Project.

Habib, a well-known South African scholar who has criticized the war in Iraq, was denied a visa by the U.S. government in a letter saying he "engaged in a terrorist activity," an accusation Habib has vigorously denied.

The ACLU of Massachusetts sued in 2007, challenging Habib's exclusion on behalf of the American Sociological Association, the American Association of University Professors, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and the Boston

Coalition for Palestinian Rights.

Ramadan, 47, had his U.S. visa revoked in 2004 as he was about to move to Indiana to take a tenured teaching job at the University of Notre Dame. He has spoken at Harvard and Stanford universities and elsewhere.

Later, his visa applications were denied on the grounds that he had

donated \$1,336 to a charity that gave money to Hamas, an Islamic militant group that has been designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. Ramadan has said he has no connections to terrorism, opposes Islamic extremism and promotes peaceful solutions.

Ramadan said in a statement issued by PEN American Center, a human rights group, that he was "very pleased with the decision to end my exclusion from the United States after almost six years."

In a statement on "The American Muslim" Web site, Ramadan wrote that the allegations used to exclude him "were nothing more than a pretense to prohibit me from

speaking critically about American government policy on American soil."

He added: "The decision brings to an end a dark period in American politics that saw security considerations invoked to block critical debate through a policy of exclusion and baseless allegation."

He said he was looking forward to visiting the United States soon, and PEN said it planned to organize a forum in New York where he could speak.

ACLU lawyer Jameel Jaffer said at a court hearing Wednesday that the ACLU planned to submit a new visa application on Ramadan's behalf by next Friday.

In an ACLU statement, Habib said he was thrilled, calling it a victory both personal and "for democracy around the world."

Habib, 44, lived in the United States from 1993-95 while earning a doctorate in political science from the City University of New York. He said he had been excluded since October 2006, when he was questioned by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials about his political views and was asked whether he belonged to or supported any terrorist organizations.

In a 2007 interview with The Associated Press, Habib called the U.S. approach to the Iraq war a disaster. He also said: "I'm confident that I can't be linked to things like terrorism. That is not what my politics is about."

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Democrats backpedal after GOP victory

If it were possible, the body of former Sen. Edward Kennedy would be spinning in his grave after the election of a Republican to replace him after almost 47 years of service to the Democratic Party.

If Uncle Teddy had his way, however, the voters of Massachusetts wouldn't have had the opportunity to vote for his successor, but rather have a gubernatorial appointee fill out the remainder of his term.

Last August, shortly before his death, the ailing senator, worried that a Republican might occupy the seat that's been held by a Kennedy for all but two years since 1952, penned a letter asking Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, state Senate President Therese Murray and Massachusetts House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo to change the state's law to allow the governor, a Democrat, to appoint a new senator when Kennedy's cloture vote

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was passed. He had a different view in 2004, though.

Concerned about the possibility of then-Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney appointing a Republican to fill John Kerry's seat in the event of his election as president of the United States, Kennedy preferred a different method of putting someone in a Senate seat with an unfinished term. According to an August 2009 article by the *Wall Street Journal*, "What Mr. Kennedy doesn't volunteer is that he orchestrated the 2004 succession law revision that now requires a

special election, and for similarly partisan reasons."

Now that Kennedy has gone to that big lake in the sky, the people of the normally blue state of Massachusetts have elected Scott Brown, the first Republican from that state sent to the U.S. Senate since 1972. Tuesday, Brown defeated Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley in a 52 percent to 47 percent victory, making it the first happy Tuesday for Republicans in recent history.

Brown didn't win by an overwhelming margin, but it was a clear message from the voters of the normally liberal state to Washington that they're unhappy with the direction the Obama administration and his Democrat comrades are leading this country.

On the issue of socializing health care, Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., has decided that perhaps the United States' legislating leftists should

hold off on finalizing anything.

Immediately after the special election, Webb released a statement that read, "In many ways the campaign in Massachusetts became a referendum not only on health care reform but also on the openness and integrity of our government process. It is vital that we restore the respect of the American people in our system of government and in our leaders. To that end, I believe it would only be fair and prudent that we suspend further votes on health care legislation until Senator-elect Brown is seated."

Translated from Webb's refined political speech, the statement roughly said if a Democrat can lose the Kennedy ancestral seat in Massachusetts, the party's collective ass is in a sling from its oppressive expansion of government and it'd better do something about it soon. Other Democrats around the country are worried as well.

According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom said, "Regardless of the outcome ... this should be a gigantic wake-up call to the Democratic Party — that we're not connecting with the needs, the aspirations and the desires of real people right now."

Some Democratic Party members aren't as quick to see the error of their ways and think blaming former President George W. Bush is still a politically viable answer. Maryland U.S. Representative Chris van Hollen, who also serves as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, released his own statement after Coakley's defeat.

"President George W. Bush and House Republicans drove our economy into a ditch and tried to run away from the accident. President Obama and congressional Democrats have been focused repairing

the damage to our economy," van Hollen said, hoping to ride the blame train through to at least the midterm elections.

I have no delusions Scott Brown is the savior of the Republican Party or the nation, but his election is a step in the right direction. This election wasn't so much about Brown and Coakley, but rather served as a referendum on the performance of the Obama administration and the Democrats in Congress.

I'm also convinced the Democratic Party will continue to bloat government into an increasingly expensive and intrusive beast, but will perhaps try to be a little more discreet about it next time. As van Hollen clearly illustrated, some things never change.

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US should not expel Haitian refugees

The earthquake in Haiti has gotten a lot of attention lately and for good reason. It has caused tens of thousands of deaths and has misplaced many others. The future looks bleak for Haitians and many of them are looking for a fresh start.

For some, that fresh start is the United States. Unfortunately, the United States has told these individuals they cannot come here. As of now, the United States will deport any Haitians arriving to the United States back to Haiti.

To be fair, our ambassador has been telling people in Haiti they would be worse off trying to get to the United States because these individuals do not have a cruise ship chilling in their backyards. They just do not have the resources to get here on anything but a makeshift raft. So the trip would be dangerous and probably lethal.

But our government has cleared up room in a federal jail in Miami for those that make it and will bring any Haitians they capture in the water to Guantanamo Bay.

To deny them once they get here would be a mistake. Who are we to tell these individuals they should not be allowed a safe

Paul Williamson



place to live? Even if it is just giving them a temporary protection from United States immigration law. This is especially true given there are still massive aftershocks being felt.

We have done the right thing in trying to discourage Haitians from attempting to make the trip because the likelihood of them actually making it is very unlikely. In fact, it might just be that we tell this publicly to try to discourage the trip, but when it comes to enforcing the policy, we won't.

But as it stands now the United States will be forcing people back into a situation where innocent lives are being lost every day and there is a hotbed of disease to occur. There is no infrastructure in the nation right now. There is very limited access to electricity. Despite the best efforts of western nations monetarily to try to help

get supplies to the nation, it will be a place where no human being deserves to be living.

This issue goes beyond the partisan bickering of our immigration reform debate happening right now. This is an issue of morality and respect for human dignity. The policy of the United States, as it stands now, is one of no respect for humanity and is wrong.

One must remember this was not a very prosperous nation to begin with. Haiti had issues with poverty, starvation, health care, etc., and this earthquake just entrenched these problems to a point any positive progress was wiped out. On top of all this, there still are aftershocks being felt that inhibit aid workers from doing their jobs.

If you live in Haiti right now, you have no shelter; no way of getting necessary medical attention for your health issues. There are many diseases that already have begun spreading across the nation before the earthquake hit, and the infrastructure to get the citizens the medical help needed to combat those diseases was already subpar at best. Now you add the earthquake to the mix and you have a situation where disease spread is almost guaranteed and there is no way to stop it.

While the United States is doing the right thing in trying to discourage Haitians from trying to make the trip, denying them access to our nation and actually throwing them in prison to deport them back to this situation is ethically wrong.

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NZ army to remove Bible quotes from weapon sights

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand's defense force said Thursday that Biblical citations on markings on weapon sights used by its troops in Afghanistan will be removed.

Going to war in Afghanistan with Biblical citations stamped on their weapons is not appropriate for New Zealand soldiers, said defense force spokesman Maj. Kristian Dunne.

U.S. manufacturer, Trijicon of Wixom, Michigan, would be instructed to remove the inscriptions on further orders of the gun sights and the letters would be removed from gun sights already in use by New Zealand troops, he said.

The Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight rifle sights supplied by Trijicon and used by New Zealand troops carry references to Bible verses that appeared in raised lettering at the end of the sight stock number.

Markings included "JN8:12", a reference to John 8:12: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, 'I am

the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," according to the King James version of the Bible.

The Trijicon Reflex sight is stamped with 2COR4:6, a reference to part of the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," the King James version reads.

The markings are also on sights used by U.S. and British troops.

Maj. Dunne said like other nations, New Zealand's military had been caught unawares.

"The inscriptions ... put us in a difficult situation. We were unaware of it and we're unhappy that the manufacturer didn't give us any indication that these were on there," he said. "We deem them to be inappropriate."

New Zealand's defense force had about 260 of the company's gun sights, which were first bought in 2004, Dunne

said, and soldiers would continue using them because they were the best of their kind.

New Zealand Defense Minister Wayne Mapp said the Bible references could be misconstrued.

"New Zealand soldiers are in the Middle East. We all know of the religious tensions around this issue and it's unwise to do anything that could be seen to raise tensions in an unnecessary way."

Trijicon said it has been longstanding company practice to put the Scripture citations on the equipment. Tom Munson, Trijicon's director of sales and marketing, said the company has never received any complaints until now.

"We don't publicize this," Munson said in a recent interview. "It's not something we make a big deal out of. But when asked, we say, 'Yes, it's there.'"

Trijicon said biblical references were first put on the sites nearly 30 years ago by the company founder, Glyn Bindon, who was killed in a plane crash in 2003. His son Stephen, Trijicon's president, continued the practice.

Texas seminary acquires Dead Sea Scroll fragments

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is to unveil three newly acquired biblical Dead Sea Scroll fragments.

The more than 2,000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the 1940s in caves in Israel overlooking the Dead Sea. The scrolls include the earliest known version of portions of the Hebrew Bible. They have shed light on Judaism and the beginnings of Christianity.

Southwestern spokesman Thomas White said the fragments acquired Tuesday include Scriptures from the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Daniel. The school will unveil and

discuss them Wednesday.

"Any piece of the Dead Sea Scrolls is significant because it shows us what the state of the Hebrew text of the Bible was 2,000 years ago, which gives us a way to measure whether or not they've been faithfully transmitted over the last 2,000 years," Weston Fields, executive director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, said in a statement.

"And what they do tell us is that there has been very little change," Fields says. "They show how faithfully the Bible has been transmitted."

Southwestern is one of three U.S. institutions to own scroll fragments and the only evangelical seminary in the

nation to have fragments with biblical text, White said. The University of Chicago and Azusa Pacific University in California also have pieces of the scroll.

Southwestern purchased its fragments from a private collector for an undisclosed amount and is in negotiation for future pieces.

"We have a lot of hidden treasures that very few people know about here in Fort Worth," White said, noting that the seminary has other ancient documents, including cuneiform tablets.

The scroll fragments will be displayed in a campus library that is part of a 3,500-seat chapel Southwestern is building.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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SPOKANE SINGER



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CAROLYN HOCKADAY, A sophomore pre-nursing student from Spokane, Wash. performs an original song "When My Mind Wanders" during After Hours, a Tech Activities Board-sponsored event showcasing Tech students and their original works Tuesday night at the Tech Barnes and Noble.

Adventures in Spain: Even away, things stay the same

Carrie Thornton



Many things are different in Spain. For instance, the shrimp you eat have eyes, dinner is at 10:30 p.m., there is no central heating and we take daily naps.

However, one thing has stayed the same: my consistent procrastination.

Our first test is tomorrow, and I have spent most of the day uploading pictures to my Facebook, chatting on Facebook, doodling on my notes and staring out the window. Very productive, wouldn't you say?

Regardless, I am actually not too worried about it. Tuesday night we met our tutors. We paired up with a student at our same language level, and then paired again with a Spanish tutor.

"Now remember, this is not a dating service," Professor Douglas Inglis said to the group with a smirk.

The group laughed, yet I noticed some laughed louder than others. I thought to myself they were the ones with alternate motives.

Julianna and I were the first to receive a tutor. Not because we were on time and prepared. No, it was because we were late, to no one's surprise, and standing closest to the hallway. No big deal.

Our tutor's name is Claudia. She was incredibly nice and patient, and politely corrected us when we said something stupid, which was about every other sentence.

She told us she studied English for 10 years, which is how

long it took her to become fluent. That information humbled me because it is easy to get caught up in the trivial difficulties of learning this language when English is by far more difficult to master.

We walked through winding streets and to a plaza with beautiful buildings and a busy bar, then back to the TTU center. I told Claudia I only took one year of Spanish in high school and Julianna took two. She was impressed by our skill despite our lack of experience. It was encouraging.

That night Julianna and I went to our host uncle's bar with our entire family to celebrate Rocio, our sister who had just passed her driver's test.

In Spain the driving age is 18, not 16. However, Rocio is in her late 20s. Not many people drive here because the roads are incredibly narrow, busy and gas is very expensive. I took a picture of what I finally realized was a gas station, and the rate was about 1.2 euros

per liter. There are four liters in a gallon, do the math.

These families have one, maybe two cars each. Which is very unlike my family at home; we have five.

At the bar we had shrimp with creepy eyes, delicious potato salad, bread and more bread because my aunt told my mom, "Carrie eat lots of bread." So naturally they kept giving me bread, grilled chicken and more. It was delicious.

Although I couldn't understand most of the dialogue between family members, I loved sitting and watching them interact with each

"I took a picture of what I finally realized was a gas station, and the rate was about 1.2 euros per liter. There are four liters in a gallon, do the math."

other. They are so loving, and truly have opened their arms and made us a part of their lives.

The bar is located near the river in a part of town I haven't been to, and it inspired me to walk more. The river is beautiful, and the streets lining it are filled with colorful buildings, bars and cafes; the openness of the water is

relaxing and freeing from Seville's busy streets.

Otherwise, life in Spain is going well. I am slowly learning Spanish, and Julianna and I are slowly getting better at being on time.

Pretty soon, maybe I'll blend in with the locals. Doubtful, but possible.

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Americans rush to adopt orphaned Haitian children

MIAMI (AP) — Tammy Gage cries every time she turns on the TV and sees the devastation in Haiti. And though she already has three daughters, she didn't hesitate when her husband suggested that they adopt from Haiti.

"That's all he needed to say," she said.

Gage and her husband Brad are among many Americans expressing interest in adopting children who have been left orphans from the quake last week. Adoption advocacy groups are reporting dozens of calls a day.

"The agencies are being flooded with phone calls and e-mails," said Tom Difilipo, president and CEO of the advocacy group Joint Council on International Children's Services. "The response is 'Can we help with these children by adopting them?'"

The need is vast. Even before last Tuesday's deadly magnitude-7.0 earthquake, Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, had 380,000 orphans, according to UNICEF. There is no counting children newly orphaned by the quake, but aid groups estimate the number in tens of thousands.

"Everybody here and in the world wants to do something. I think it's a way that people are opening up their heads and their hearts," said Mary

Ross Agosta, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Miami, which has offered temporary housing for children until they are either placed with extended family, put in foster care or adopted.

This week, 54 orphans arrived in Pittsburgh after a mission that involved officials in the White House, the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security. The orphans were being cared for at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. So far, seven children have been placed with their adoptive families.

"We have received quite a few phone calls, including one from as far away as Alaska," said Clare Kushma, a spokeswoman for Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh. She estimated the number of calls as close to 100, but is referring people to the Allegheny County's Department of Human Services for adoptions.

The road to adoption is a long one. The orphans coming to the U.S. now are children who either had already established a relationship with potential parents in the country, or who were certified as orphans before the quake but hadn't been placed with parents yet, said Chris Bentley, a U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services spokesman.

Experts: Sitting too much could be deadly

LONDON (AP) — Here's a new warning from health experts: Sitting is deadly.

Scientists are increasingly warning that sitting for prolonged periods — even if you also exercise regularly — could be bad for your health. And it doesn't matter where the sitting takes place — at the office, at school, in the car or before a computer or TV — just the overall number of hours it occurs.

Research is preliminary, but several studies suggest people who spend most of their days sitting are more likely to be fat, have a heart attack or even die.

In an editorial published this week in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, Elin Ekblom-Bak of the Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences suggested that authorities rethink

how they define physical activity to highlight the dangers of sitting.

While health officials have issued guidelines recommending minimum amounts of physical activity, they haven't suggested people try to limit how much time they spend in a seated position.

"After four hours of sitting, the body starts to send harmful signals," Ekblom-Bak said. She explained that genes regulating the amount of glucose and fat in the body start to shut down.

Even for people who exercise, spending long stretches of time sitting at a desk is still harmful. Tim Armstrong, a physical activity expert at the World Health Organization, said people who exercise every day — but still spend a lot of time sitting — might get more benefit if that exercise were spread across the day, rather than in a single bout.

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Red to Black encourages financial responsibility

By DEVIN SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

Financial responsibility is crucial to college students, especially those nearing the end of their college careers.

Katie Haynes, the Red to Black coordinator and a junior personal financial planning major from Dallas, said many students are not prepared for the cost of living after college.

"A lot of students don't realize how much it costs once you get out in the world," she said. "Sometimes it's not the wisest decision to make a big purchase right out of school."

Red to Black is a division of Texas Tech's Personal and Financial Planning Program and provides free and confidential financial planning and education to all students, faculty, staff and members of the community. Red to Black's main goal is advocating financial responsibility.

Haynes and the crew at Red to Black help students become familiar with the financial world outside of the confines of college, which often is not what students expect.

"Some people think that their lives are going to be like their parents' right away," she said, "and it might not be."

Bill Gustafson, senior director of the Center for Financial Responsibility, said the key to financial responsibility is to be realistic about finances.

"Keep in mind what the realistic starting salary is for your field and what's a reasonable

expectation increase in pay," he said. "Also be realistic in what you actually need."

Gustafson said to start out on a good financial foundation, students should look at short-term goals, make a budget and be practical. If the urge to live beyond one's means begins to encroach, Gustafson has a solution for that as well.

"Think about what your parents would say about this purchase," he said. "Then ask yourself if this makes sense."

When making a big purchase, Gustafson said students should be practical about the purchase and pay close attention to loan details.

"Try not to overcommit financially," he said. "That way there is still freedom in your financial lifestyle."

Red to Black has been on campus for eight years and has about 30 juniors, seniors and graduate personal financial planning volunteer students, who provide one-on-one financial counseling.

Haynes said he advises everyone — especially those who aren't accustomed to being in charge of finances — to visit Red to Black in Human Sciences Room 153 or online at www.r2b.ttu.edu.

"People that I would advise to come to Red to Black are those who just don't know what is going on with their finances," she said. "We would like people to come in before there is a problem, just so we could educate them."

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Sheen's wife in ICU

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charlie Sheen's wife, Brooke, was in a hospital intensive care unit Wednesday with a high fever and an infection following oral surgery, her lawyer said.

Attorney Yale Galanter said Brooke Sheen was running a fever of 105 degrees when she was taken to Sherman Oaks Hospital.

She had already obtained a postponement of a hearing in the Colorado domestic violence case against her actor husband because she was to undergo the surgery.

Galanter, who was reached in Aspen, Colo., said the hearing that had been rescheduled for Friday will have to be postponed again.

"She has an infection as the result of oral surgery earlier in the week," said Galanter. "They're concerned and trying to get it under control."

Meanwhile, Charlie Sheen was attempting to get permission to visit his wife in the hospital. A court order prevents them from communicating with each other. A judge was

expected to rule later in the day on his request.

A message left Wednesday with Charlie Sheen's spokesman, Stan Rosenfield, was not immediately returned.

Both of the Sheens had been expected to attend the hearing in Aspen, where police were called to their home on Christmas Day.

They were expected to ask Pitkin County District Court Judge James Boyd to throw out or revise a protection order that prevents the couple from contacting each other. Such protection orders are standard in cases of alleged domestic violence.

Prosecutors oppose the request.

A police officer's arrest affidavit quoted Brooke Sheen as saying the actor pinned her on a bed while holding a knife to her throat and told her that she "better be in fear." The officer said Brooke Sheen reported her husband also told her that he could hire ex-police "who know how to get the job done and they won't leave any trace."

TAKING SHAPE



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THE EXPANSION OF the east side Jones AT&T Stadium continues. The improvements are scheduled to be ready for next season.

Experts may have found bones of English princess

LONDON (AP) — She was a beautiful English princess who married one of Europe's most powerful monarchs and dazzled subjects with her charity and charm.

Now an international team of scientists say they think they've found the body of Princess Eadgyth (pronounced Edith) — a 10th-century noblewoman who has been compared to Princess Diana.

"She was a very, very popular person," said Mark Horton, an archaeology professor at Bristol University in western England. "She was sort of the Diana of her day if you like — pretty and full of good works."

Horton is one of a team of experts working to verify the identity of some bones found bundled in silk at Magdeburg Cathedral in Germany.

Should the skeleton be positively identified as belonging to Eadgyth, it would be oldest remains of any English royal discovered so far. Experts say her closest competitors — the bones of various Saxon royals in Winchester Cathedral in south-

ern England — are so hopelessly jumbled together that no single person can be identified.

"If (Eadgyth's) skeleton is intact then, yes, as far as I'm aware, it would be the earliest identifiable remains from Anglo-Saxon England," said Simon Keynes, a professor of Anglo-Saxon history at the University of Cambridge.

The skeleton was uncovered as part of a wider research project into Magdeburg Cathedral, about 90 miles (150 kilometers) west of Berlin. The elaborate 16th-century monument in which the body was found was long thought to be empty.

When archaeologists opened the monument in 2008, they found a lead coffin bearing her name and carrying a nearly complete set of bones wrapped in silk.

Horton said the skeleton belonged to a woman between 30 years and 40 years of age. But there is some doubt as to whether it is the late royal: Historians believe Eadgyth's body was moved several times — a common practice as far as the bodies of saints and royalty were concerned.

"The inscription (on the coffin) says she's been moved twice previously," Horton said, adding there's archaeological evidence of at least two more moves.

It was possible that the bones were lost and swapped with someone else's during

any one of the moves, he said.

"Quite often they scooped up any old bones and put them in," he noted.

Tests will now be performed to figure out the age of the bones and where they come from, including strontium isotope analysis — a technique that measures the ratio of strontium isotopes in a person's tooth enamel to determine where they grew up.

Because different isotope ratios

correspond to different kinds of geographic locations, the technique can help pinpoint where a person lived.

"Strontium is the smoking gun if you like," Horton said.

Gareth Williams, a curator at the British Museum, said the technique was "fairly highly regarded" among archaeologists and should be able to show whether the skeleton's owner grew up in Germany or England, for example.

Keynes said if the skeleton could be shown to come from western or southern England there would be little doubt it was Eadgyth.

"If you can tell that scientifically, then wow," he said.

Eadgyth grew up at the dawn of the 10th century, a period during which her half brother King Athelstan extended his rule over all of England and drew on his sisters to cement his influence among foreign rulers.

"He's well known for having a superfluity of half sisters, and he married them off to the ruling houses of the rest of the known world," Keynes said.

Eadgyth was destined for Duke Otto of Saxony, a warlord's son who would eventually rise to become the first ruler of the Holy Roman Empire.

Tradition holds that she and her younger sister Adiva were both presented to Otto, who was invited to pick which one he liked best. Eadgyth's looks and charm won out over her sister's youth.

She was sort of the Diana of her day if you like — pretty and full of good works.

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ARCHAEOLOGY PROFESSOR
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Tech men's tennis ready for tough nonconference slate

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

If the Texas Tech men's tennis team is going to prove its No. 39 preseason ranking, Tim Siegel knows it'll happen in the first few weeks of the season.

"All of our January and February matches are against highly ranked teams. Every one of these are challenges," Siegel said. "There's not one team on this schedule where it is a guarantee that we will win."

With the 2010 spring season starting Friday, the Red Raiders are geared for another run to an NCAA tournament berth, but a tough nonconference slate could set the tone for the rest of the season.

The team's first four games are on the road, in Las Vegas and Austin, before they return home in mid-February.

The nonconference schedule includes matches against Arizona, Wisconsin and Denver — Arizona and Wisconsin finished last season ranked. There's also the Blue-Gray National

Tennis Classic in March, a tournament Siegel has described as one of the toughest in the country.

But if the Red Raiders are going to get through the first part of the schedule, sophomores Raony Carvalho, at No. 25 among singles players, and Gonzalo Escobar, at No. 40, will lead the way.

The standout name may be Carvalho, who was named Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year last season. He is projected to be in the No. 1 spot in Tech's lineup this year. Siegel said Escobar should play at No. 2.

"More of my mental game, my physical game," Carvalho said. "I'm thinking better, getting better at the balls, not getting tired."

Having that ranking next to his name is a new stage for Escobar, however, being ranked for the first time in his collegiate career.

"Gives you much more strength to keep playing and getting better," Escobar said. "It's a good chance, so right now I can do better in the season in a much better position."

Carvalho and Escobar are not the only standouts on the team.

There's David Gonzalez, who was 5-4 in singles play in his first season at Tech last year. This fall, Rafael Garcia went 2-3 in singles play and 4-2 in doubles play.

While the Red Raiders go through the nonconference schedule, they could be targeted because of the team and individual rankings. They join a list of other Big 12 teams ranked, including No. 25 Oklahoma State, No. 12 Texas A&M, No. 8 Texas and No. 6 Baylor.

But Siegel said he continues to preach to his players that the success will come as long as they take it one week at a time.

"The rankings matter in April, they don't matter today," he said. "We have made the NCAA tournament three of the last four years, but you don't make the tournament by what you do February, or March."

"It's January, February, March together, so we just focus one match at a time."

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TEXAS TECH'S RAONY Carvalho is projected to be in the No. 1 slot in the Red Raiders' lineup this spring season. Tech's season starts against UNLV on Friday in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao ready to focus on Clottey fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Joshua Clottey smiled for photographs, hugged two Cowboys cheerleaders, then stood behind a podium and thanked Manny Pacquiao for the opportunity to fight him.

Three times. The two will vie for Pacquiao's version of the welterweight championship on March 13 at the new Cowboys Stadium in Dallas, but they looked anything like foes Wednesday. They shook hands, spoke glowingly of each other and promised fight fans something to remember.

Or perhaps a reason to forget the last two months.

Pacquiao acknowledged during a news conference at Madison Square Garden that even he wanted to fight Floyd Mayweather Jr., the braggadocious welterweight who held the pound-for-pound mantle until the Filipino champion came along. Negotiations for the biggest fight in years began in

November, but by late December had spiraled out of control.

The main sticking point became the protocol for drug testing, although that's simplifying six weeks of contentious negotiations. There were accusations that Pacquiao used performance-enhancing drugs, a defamation lawsuit filed against Mayweather, a failed attempt at mediation and seemingly dozens of negative press releases dispensed by both sides.

"He didn't want to fight me," Pacquiao said, shrugging his shoulders. "I think maybe Mayweather is scared to lose."

The death knell came when Mayweather insisted on blood testing 14 days before the fight, even though Pacquiao agreed to 24 days out. Pacquiao had blood drawn the night before losing to Erik Morales and vowed never to let it interfere with training or a fight again.

"When Manny gives blood, he

feels weak for about two days," his trainer Freddie Roach said.

Despite becoming the biggest attraction in the sport over the past few years, generating huge pay-per-view numbers with wins over the likes of Oscar De La Hoya, Pacquiao is still an introvert when he's surrounded by television cameras. He speaks softly, barely above a whisper, and is reluctant to say anything negative.

He leaves that to promoter Top Rank and outspoken chief Bob Arum, who sounded incredulous that Mayweather would seek more stringent drug testing than is required by state athletic commissions.

"If Mayweather wants to fight Manny, it will have to be under the rules of the commission that governs the fight," Arum said flatly. "You cannot have fighters in this sport imposing regulatory restrictions on other fighters because they damn well please."

Cohen doesn't look rusty in return

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Sasha Cohen brought the buzz back to U.S. skating.

Looked pretty darned good doing it, too.

At her first competitive practice in almost four years, the reigning Olympic silver medalist did an effortless run-through of her short program Wednesday, reminding everyone — fans, media, even other skaters — why she remains the Americans' biggest star. Not to mention the best hope for a medal at the Vancouver Olympics.

"It felt great to be out there on competitive ice," Cohen said afterward in a text message. "I am really excited."

She's not the only one. The Americans, long the dominant force in women's skating, have been searching for their next big star for three years now. Rachael Flatt, Mirai Nagasu, Ashley Wagner — they're

all very talented, bright and have good stories to tell. But they can't command an audience like Cohen.

Few can.

From the second she stepped onto the ice, wearing black leggings and a cherry-red tank top with a flower cutout on the back, there was an electricity in the arena that's been missing since 2006.

"Directly when she steps on the ice, she sets herself apart," said John Nicks, her longtime coach. "I've worked with her since she was 11 years old. That's 14 years, so I'm biased, you really shouldn't ask me. I just think she's the best-looking skater around."

Despite it being the middle of the day, at least a thousand fans were at Spokane Arena to watch her practice. The ice at practice sessions is normally as crowded as the airspace around O'Hare on a Friday afternoon, but when Cohen began

her program, the other five skaters drifted back to the boards to watch.

"She's something different," Nicks said. "Her coming to this competition adds enormous interest."

Ratcheted up the level of the competition, too. For only the second time since 1924, the Americans qualified for just two spots at the Olympics, and there are six or seven skaters who could claim them here, including three national champions.

The women's competition begins Thursday with the short program. The final is Saturday.

"Stay on her feet," Nicks said when asked what Cohen has to do to make her third Olympic team. "The difference I think between her and the other young ladies, she's got this vast experience. Two previous Winter Olympics, goodness knows how many nationals, that experience will stand her in good stead, I think."

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Red Raiders grab first Big 12 win against ISU

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After starting Big 12 Conference play 0-3, Texas Tech basketball coach Pat Knight felt pressure from fans starting to mount.

He said he received hate mail and some fans wanted him fired.

However, with a 78-71 win against Iowa State Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena — Tech's first conference win this season — the Red Raiders have taken a step in the right direction. And Knight has taken it all in stride.

"(Texas coach) Rick Barnes has a great quote," Knight said after the win. "He always says, 'Proud as a peacock one day, a feather duster the next.' It gets a little out of hand, you get hate mail, people wanting you fired, people saying your players aren't any good. I just felt good for the players."

Knight also said getting the first win in conference play would be the hardest, but the Red Raiders (13-5, 1-3 in Big 12 play) may have caught the Cyclones (12-6, 1-2) at the right time.

Cyclone coach Greg McDermott said earlier in the week his team was riding high with confidence starting Big 12 play with a narrow loss to No. 1 Texas, followed by its first conference road win in two seasons prior to playing Tech.

However, less than 24 hours before ISU tipped off with Tech, the Cyclones' shallow bench took another hit when guard Lucca Staiger suddenly quit the team Tuesday to play professional basketball in his

native Germany.

Already short two players because of an injury and a dismissal, ISU played the game with seven scholarship athletes, a walk-on, and just in case, had two redshirts and a player serving a team suspension make the trip to Lubbock.

But the Cyclones' loss was the Red Raiders' gain as they can breathe a little easier with the win, pulling Tech from the basement of the Big 12 standings.

A second win against Oklahoma on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena could put the Red Raiders in the middle of the pack and right back in the hunt for a postseason berth in one of the best conferences in the nation.

The first half was sloppy and plagued with missed shots.

Tech shot 17-of-38 from the field while Iowa State shot just 11-of-28. However, the Red Raiders and Cyclones kept a good scoring pace, shooting 50 percent from behind the arc.

Both teams had bad free throw percentages as well. Tech hit on just 1-of-5 and ISU scored on just 4-of-11 attempts.

But the Red Raiders began a 19-7 run in the final five minutes led by John Roberson, who scored 11 during that time frame, to give the Red Raiders a 41-31 halftime lead.

"I started off a little slow and I knew I was going have to come in and give them a little spark if we were going to go up," Roberson said. "I just wanted to be a little more aggressive and try to end the half on a run."

Iowa State did get back within



TEXAS TECH FORWARD Brad Reese dunks the ball during the Red Raiders' 78-71 win against Iowa State Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena. The win gives Tech a 1-3 record in Big 12 Conference play before playing Oklahoma at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

striking distance in the final minute of the game, cutting Tech's lead to just 75-70 with 1:14 remaining.

Unfortunately for the Cyclones, there simply was not enough time to allow Tech a full possession and ISU — already working against the bonus — had to enter foul mode.

Roberson had no points until the final six minutes of the first half, but finished the game with 20.

Forward Mike Singletary led the Red Raiders with 23 points and Nick Okorie rounded out Tech players in double digits with 15 points.

Meanwhile, Tech held ISU's star players Marquis Gilstrap and Craig Brackins to 19 and 14 points, respectively, through the game.

After the game, Singletary said the Iowa State game was a "must-win" for the Red Raiders, but so is the Oklahoma game with tough road games at Texas and Texas

A&M next week.

"We couldn't afford to go 0-4 and expect to compete and be where we wanted to be at the end of the season," he said. "We're 1-3 and on to the next one with Oklahoma and we look at that one as a must-win too."

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New Orleans leaving Sun Belt Conference

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The University of New Orleans will end its affiliation with the Sun Belt Conference on July 1, part of a move from NCAA Division I to Division III.

Conference officials said Wednesday they would waive the early withdrawal fees.

UNO chancellor Tim Ryan said that the university wanted to remain but state budget cuts and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina "have created a situation in which Division I athletics was simply untenable."

UNO, a founding member of the conference in 1976, moved in 1981 to the American South Conference, which merged with the Sun Belt in 1991.

"In order to save an athletic program at UNO, the University will be moving to Division III, and the Sun Belt Conference and its officials have been understanding of the unique situation UNO is in and supportive of our efforts to save athletics at UNO," Ryan said.

The league said it will keep its

headquarters in New Orleans, where they have been located for nearly 20 years. The city remains close to the geographic center of member schools.

"The Sun Belt Conference office has been located in New Orleans for nearly 20 years and it is anticipated that league will remain headquartered here for the foreseeable future," said Commissioner Wright Waters. "New Orleans provides an excellent meeting place for our league members because of its geography, hotel availability and meeting space."

Schaub replaces Brady in Pro Bowl

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady has pulled out of the Pro Bowl after a season in which he played with rib and finger injuries. He has been replaced by Matt Schaub of the Houston Texans.

The NFL announced the change of AFC backup quarterbacks Wednesday. Brady and the rest of the New England Patriots had physicals after their 33-14 opening-round playoff loss to Baltimore on Jan. 10.

Brady played in all 16 regular-season games and completed 371 of 565 passes for 4,398 yards, 28 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. His completion percentage of 65.7 was seventh in the NFL and his passer rating of 96.2 was ninth.

In the playoff game against the

Ravens, he completed 23 of 42 passes for 154 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. Brady was asked about the Pro Bowl after the game and said, "We'll have to see. We have our exit physicals tomorrow, so we'll see what comes up."

Schaub, named to his first Pro Bowl, completed 396 of 583 passes for 4,770 yards, all the most in the NFL. He ranked fourth with a 67.9 completion percentage and seventh with a 98.6 passer rating. He threw for 29 touchdowns, including the game-winner in Houston's 34-27 victory over New England in the final regular-season game, and 15 interceptions.

Brady was chosen for his fifth Pro Bowl but withdrew for the second

straight time. He and Patriots receiver Randy Moss pulled out of the 2008 game with ankle injuries on Feb. 4, the day after the Patriots lost 17-14 to the New York Giants in the Super Bowl. Brady threw an NFL record 50 touchdown passes that season.

Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker, who suffered a serious knee injury in the regular-season finale at Houston, initially was replaced in this year's Pro Bowl by Moss. Then Moss withdrew with an injury and was replaced by Chad Ochocinco of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Patriots guard Logan Mankins and nose tackle Vince Wilfork are scheduled to start in the game in Miami on Jan. 31. Safety Brandon Meriweather is a backup.

Vols AD's future might rest with Dooley's success

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee athletic director Mike Hamilton was determined to hold Derek Dooley's introductory press conference the same day he hired the coach.

Hamilton wanted the Volunteers fans to form their opinions of the new coach based on Dooley's own words and not his 17-20 record in three seasons at Louisiana Tech.

"The reality is that after Derek got up and did his press conference Friday night I received really good feedback. Now that he's starting to put his staff together that type of positive feedback

has continued," Hamilton told The Associated Press.

Hamilton took a chance when he hired Lane Kiffin in late 2008 only to find himself in the middle of another coaching search 14 months later and cleaning up the mess the 34-year-old coach left behind en route to Southern California.

If Dooley's tenure ends in any way similar to that of predecessor's, Hamilton might be rolling the dice on his own career with Tennessee.

Hamilton has the support of his own boss, though.

"There was kind of a frenzy go-

ing," Tennessee interim president Jan Simek said. "It's fairly typical, but Mike wasn't responsible for that. Mike had a very clear mission, a set of people that he was going to talk to that included coach Dooley and that's what he did."

One of Tennessee's most influential boosters, Jim Haslam, seemed pleased with Dooley's hire. Haslam, the founder of Pilot Travel Centers and a member of the Volunteers' 1951 national championship football team, said Dooley "is going to do good things" and is "very impressive."

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