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Governor requests plans for budget reductions

By RALSTON ROLLO
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech is being forced by the state of Texas to formulate a budget reduction plan by Feb. 15 as part of a state budget reduction announced Jan. 15 in a letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry.

The *Daily Toreador* obtained a copy of the letter Friday.

According to the letter, state agencies must strive to be prudent with tax dollars while minimizing impact on employees, clients and services.

Those agencies, according to the letter, must be prepared to do so with 5 percent fewer state-appropriated dollars.

Tech President Guy Bailey said because of economic uncertainty and shortfalls in state tax

revenue, the state is asking agencies to be prepared to receive less money from the state.

Bradley Martin, special assistant to the chief operating officer, said the 5 percent reduction would cost Tech about \$7 million out of almost \$141 million in state appropriations for fiscal year 2010, which runs from Sept. 1, 2009, through Aug. 31, 2010. Tech's budget is about \$622 million.

Administrators are still in the planning stages of the budget reduction, he said.

"We're asking everyone to tell us where they can tighten their belts," Martin said.

Regardless of what plan is drafted by the Tech administration, Bailey said, some impact will



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be noticed if the state were to reduce appropriations. Administrators are aware of, and plan to protect, the priorities of the university, Bailey said.

"We know what our top priorities are," he said.

The instructional and research capacities of the institution, which Bailey said are the main priorities of Tech administrators, are safe from sacrifice in the event of a budget cut.

No matter what costs are cut back to meet the budget cut's requirement, he said, the university's integrity will not be sacrificed.

Bailey said the Tech administration does not have a definitive plan of action for meeting the state-mandated cut.



HUFFMAN

"We have to look to see what we can squeeze here and there," he said.

In formulating a plan, Bailey said, Tech administrators and deans will keep priorities in mind and work together to meet the budget cut in a way that will not harm a single department more than others.

"We need to get ideas together and take a look," he said.

As Tech seeks status as a national research university, Bailey said, administrators seek to cause minimal impact upon university functions that will help Tech achieve such status.

Walter Huffman, academic dean at the Tech School of Law, said employees will remain a priority to the law school throughout the process.

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HOT SHOT HEROES

Harlem Globetrotters bring Magical Memories

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

Rather than another musical performance, the United Spirit Arena will bring in a game of basketball that varies from traditional free throws and layups and a team known for its flashy skills.

The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters will perform tricks that entertain audiences of all ages at 7 p.m. today in the arena. Challenging the Washington Generals with their unique basketball style and tricks, the team seeks not only another win, but to entertain.

Although the team has visited the arena before, it hasn't come to Lubbock for the past few years due to scheduling conflicts, said Cindy Harper, associate director for the arena. But because of a new tour schedule, the Harlem Globetrotters are able to entertain a new audience.

"We were excited to land a perfect opening

to bring them to Lubbock," Harper said. "And it's just a fun, family event that's a little bit different and exciting for families to get kids out and something new for everyone to come out and enjoy."

The Globetrotters can entertain any audience, said Hot Shot Branch, a Globetrotter guard. Regardless of age, the team believes it can amuse the audience. Rather than another musical concert such as the Kelly Clarkson and Trans Siberian Orchestra that visited last semester, this performance is very different than what students are accustomed to.

"It gives them something different to

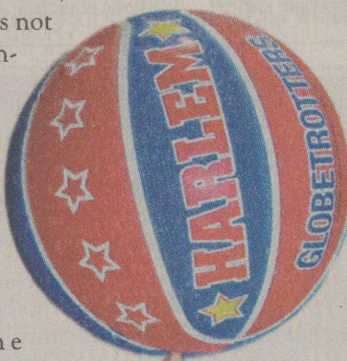
see," Branch said. "Some of the college kids may have never seen the Globetrotters before. It's going to be fun for those college kids to come out because it reaches out to kids of all ages. Whether you're in college, you're in pre-K or even if you're 120 years old, it'll be exciting and it'll make you laugh."

In the 84 years the Globetrotters have been around, the team has provided people with memories that they can't get elsewhere, he said.

Memories of the Globetrotters stick with people throughout their lives, a notion that inspired this year's tour to be named Magical Memories, Branch said.

"We're all about bringing everyone together," Branch said. "We're all about bringing family together, and that's the biggest trick anyone can have."

Before the team's arrival, Branch served as a team ambassador to Lubbock. He visited Rush Elementary School on Friday to talk about the team's CHEER program, which promotes good character traits.



HARLEM GLOBETROTTER HOT SHOT
Branch poses for a quick portrait Friday after performing at Rush Elementary School.

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SGA to implement card reader system

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association is implementing a card reader to improve records of student senator office hours.

Suzanne Williams, SGA president, said as a result of problems in the past such as senators forgetting to sign in during office hours and paperwork being thrown away or being hard to find, the SGA decided to improve the office hour sign-in procedure.

"The card reader is more precise and professional," Williams said.

The card reader will be placed by the conference room door of the office, where it is easily visible to senators, she said. Senators will swipe their Tech ID to sign in when they begin office hours and then swipe again when they sign out to leave.

"With the card reader we will have legitimate records," Williams said, "so there won't be any explanation needed for missed office hours."

She said the idea for the card reader came from Sarah Saunders, SGA internal vice president, as well as seeing the law library use a similar device.

Saunders said the sign in sheet previously was kept in a folder on the corner of the desk of the senior business assistant in the office and was difficult to see.

"I think this will help make signing in easier for senators," Saunders said, "and help prevent people from forgetting to sign in their office hours."

Williams said the card reader will help the senate's Rules and Administration Committee keep track of office hours and enforce them.

Sen. Matt Mauldin, Rules and Administration Committee chair, said the location of the card reader will be easy to access and noticeable. It will be monitored, and the ease of signing in and out of the office should encourage

the senators to remember to sign in and out.

"I feel that the majority of the senators who missed office hours in the past simply forgot to sign in," Mauldin said, "and using a card reader that is in a noticeable location, near the door, will remind them. I believe that the card reader will significantly reduce the number of missed office hours."

Sen. Eric Howell, a member of the rules committee, said the excuse of forgetting to sign in during office hours was used several times last semester, and with the new card reader that excuse won't work anymore.

The SGA worked with the Tech ID office on the project and was able to avoid extra expenditures, Williams said.

"We've actually worked with the identification office several times before," Williams said, "and we worked with them for Raiderville."

Dolores Harper, managing director of the University ID office, said the SGA asked her to install a card reader that would help keep track of senator's office hours.

"It's just a regular access reader," Harper said. "They will swipe their cards to sign in and out, and the reader will keep a log."

Harper said the identification office has ran into some problems with drilling, which delayed the start of senators being able to use the card reader.

"Right now we are doing network live installation," Harper said, "and the card reader should be ready for use at the end of the week."

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IN BRIEF

STATE

220,000 gallons evaporated, dispersed in oil spill

DALLAS (AP) — The worst Texas oil spill in more than 15 years was contained Monday, and authorities credit a massive emergency response with averting an environmental disaster.

About 462,000 gallons of oil spilled when an 800-foot tanker headed for an Exxon Mobil Corp. refinery in Beaumont collided Saturday with a vessel pushing two barges. As of Monday, roughly 220,000 gallons of oil had evaporated, dispersed or been recovered, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

No injuries have been reported.

Port Arthur residents were evacuated after the spill while officials tested the air quality. So far only two oil-covered birds have been reported; one of them was captured and cleaned up, and the other flew away.

More than 60 vessels and 550 people from the Coast Guard, the state, the shipping company and others responded to the spill. More than 11 miles worth of the plastic walls known as booms are floating around the spill, and 27 skimmer boats were removing the oil floating on the water.

NATION

GM Chairman to become permanent CEO

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors' chairman and interim chief executive, Ed Whitacre Jr., will become the permanent CEO of the automaker, a person briefed on the matter said Monday.

The announcement will be made at an 11:30 a.m. Eastern news conference Monday at GM's downtown Detroit headquarters, the person said.

The person, who asked not to be identified because the an-

ouncement had not been made, said Whitacre will say that he is taking the job for good, as well as give an update on GM's business plan.

Whitacre, 68, is a former CEO of telecommunications giant AT&T Inc.

He has been serving as interim CEO since the board ousted former CEO Fritz Henderson on Dec. 1. GM had hired a firm to conduct a global search for a successor.

WORLD

Baghdad blasts strike popular hotels, kill 37

BAGHDAD (AP) — Suicide bombers struck in quick succession Monday at three Baghdad hotels favored by Western journalists in well-planned assaults that killed at least 37 people and wounded more than 100.

The attacks were another blow to an Iraqi government already struggling to answer for security lapses that have allowed bombers to carry out massive attacks in

the heart of the Iraqi capital since August, raising serious questions about the country's stability ahead of the March 7 parliamentary elections.

The blasts were launched over a span of 15 minutes, shortly before Iraq announced it had hanged Saddam Hussein's notorious henchman "Chemical Ali" and gave rise to speculation about possible links to the attacks.

Correction

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Tech chapter hopes to write love on awareness, prevention,"

should have stated the House Tour at Tech will be hosted March 25. The DT regrets the error.

American Law Institute selects Tech professor

By **RALSTON ROLLO**
STAFF WRITER

Katherine Graham, a professor of commercial law at Texas Tech, was elected into the American Law Institute as one of 47 new members and one of eight members from Tech.

"Of course I'm very honored to be selected, and I'm looking forward to the continued work of the American Law Institute," she said.

Members of the institute remain life-long members, said Graham, who was elected in November, as long as they are active in the work and progress of the institute.

Those members are not only recognized for past achievements, she said, but also are given the opportunity to continually achieve in their practice of law.

The benefits of involvement with the Institute, Graham said, will affect Tech's law school and students alike.

"This exposure will broaden my horizons, and that is a direct benefit to my students," she said.

The institute represents a network of accomplished lawyers and judges who continually seek to improve the practice of law around the world, Graham said.

Interaction with other members of the institute across the nation, she said, can benefit Tech's law school and the university as a whole.

As the institute continues to influence the practice of law in the United States, Graham said she is proud to be involved.

Walter Huffman, dean of Tech's Law School and member of the American Law Institute, said Graham's selection into the institute is

an indicator of the strength of Tech's law faculty.

The institute is a highly prestigious professional organization for lawyers, he said, and members of the institute are influential in the proposal of changes to American law that are often drafted.

Huffman said through election into the institute, Graham will gain valuable experiences that will be reflected in her teachings at Tech.

"(Graham) is exposed to the most cutting-edge law, and this certainly benefits our students," he said.

Because eight faculty members of Tech's law school are involved with the institute, Huffman said, Tech will receive positive recognition from prestigious American lawyers and judges.

"It reflects on the entire university to have this many members of such a prestigious organization," he said.

Huffman said involvement with the institute is not only an achievement, but also an opportunity to be a part of the growth and development of law in the United States.

The American Law Institute, according to a news release, was formed in 1923 to address and improve the state of the practice of law in the United States.

The institute's membership totaled 4,242 at the time of Graham's election, according to the press release.

According to a Tech news release, members of the American Law Institute represent about three-tenths of a percent of about 1.1 million practicing American lawyers and judges.

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TEXAS TECH PROFESSOR
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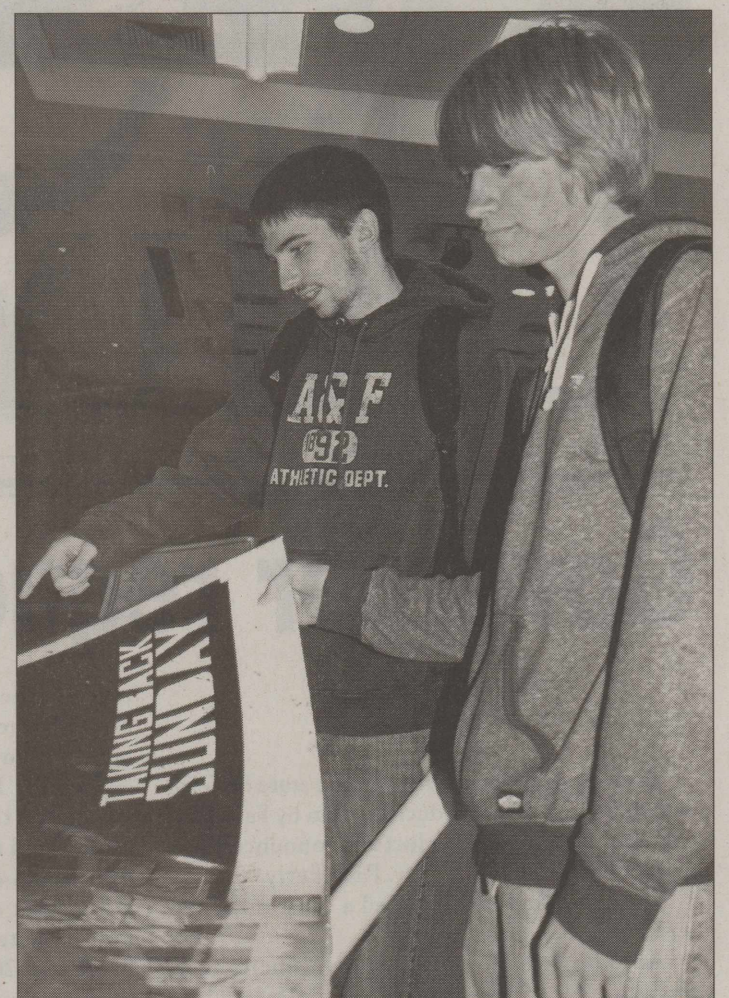


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ANDY LARGENT, LEFT, a freshman chemical engineering major from Sugar Land, and Jacob Johnson, a freshman computer engineering major from Helotes, look at posters at the poster sale Monday in the Student Union Building.

With 1 million homeless, tents in demand in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The collapse of much of Haiti's capital has a large part of the nation struggling just to find a place to sleep.

As many as 1 million people — one person in nine across the entire country — need to find new shelter, the United Nations estimates, and there are too few tents, let alone safe buildings, to put them in.

That leaves about 700,000 other people living on the streets around Port-au-Prince under whatever they can salvage. In the case of Jean Anthony's family, that's a blue plastic tarpaulin for a ceiling and a faded pink sheet with a floral print border for two walls.

"I'm not sure what you'd call it, but it's much more than terrible," said Anthony, the 60-year-old owner of a collapsed restaurant. Thousands of people were camped around him Monday across from the collapsed National Palace, amid piles of trash and the stench of human waste.

"We live like dogs," said Espiegle Amilcar, an unemployed 34-year-old who has been staying under a sheet of plastic nearby.

Disturbances erupted near the camp later in the day when Uruguayan U.N. peacekeepers fired pepper spray to try to disperse thousands of people jostling

for food aid. Some people ran, but undeterred young men in the crowd surged forward to grab bags emblazoned with U.S. flags that were filled with pinto beans and rice. It was not immediately clear if anyone was hurt.

Aid organizations say they are collecting tents, but few so far are in evidence. And the International Organization for Migration, an intergovernmental agency, says it could take experts weeks to search out suitable sites for enough tent cities to hold earthquake refugees.

Vincent Houver, the Geneva-based agency's chief of mission in Haiti, said Sunday that the agency's warehouse in Port-au-Prince holds 10,000 family-size tents, but he estimates 100,000 are needed.

The organization has appealed for \$30 million to pay for tents and other aid needs and has received two-thirds of that so far, he said.

The fortunate few to get a formal tent so far include Fenela Jacob, though the 39-year old has to share the 13-by-13-foot (4-by-4 meter) space with four other mothers and 16 children at a camp run by British-based Islamic Relief Worldwide. The land was donated by a Catholic church.

Remote Alaska village is first to be tallied in census

NOORVIK, Alaska (AP) — One down, more than 309 million to go.

U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves on Monday began the 2010 count of the nation's residents in a village in Alaska's arctic hinterlands.

The first person tallied in Noorvik, an Inupiat Eskimo community of 650, was Clifton Jackson, a World War II veteran and the town's oldest resident.

"It's all downhill from now," Groves said after exiting Jackson's house.

Clifton said he was honored to be the first person counted because he thought there were other elders in town who would have been just as worthy.

"It's seemed, to me, OK," he said.

Groves and other officials were taken from the airport to the village school by sled, with dog teams driven by schoolchildren. He even took a

turn on the reins.

After eating whale meat and gathering with village officials and elders, Groves was driven to Jackson's house in a 4-wheeler. Dressed in heavy Arctic gear, he walked to the door with a briefcase in hand.

"Hello. Thank you," he said when the door opened. He walked inside and began the confidential process of conducting the Census.

Residents prepared a day of festivities with traditional dances, an Inupiat fashion show and a feast of subsistence

foods including moose and caribou.

A school will provide lodging for Groves and most of the 50 visitors, who will bunk down in empty classrooms before departing Tuesday.

Census workers who stay behind and who trained locals will spend the next week interviewing the remainder of Noorvik's residents using the same 10-question forms to be mailed to most U.S. residents on March 15.

Census workers also will visit 217 other rural Alaska communities in the coming weeks.

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"Our priority is to preserve our faculty and staff because they are the heart of the law school," he said.

To meet the 5 percent target, Huffman said, the law school may resort to measures such as shortening the open hours of its library from 24 hours a day.

Deans of other colleges at Tech, he said, may consider reducing travel costs to meet the requirements of the budget reduction plan.

Martin said although planning for a 5 percent smaller budget will prove challenging, Tech is more fortunate than areas in

the northeastern and western United States.

"Five percent is certainly a challenge," he said, "but we're blessed and fortunate that it isn't worse."

Lucy Nashed, a spokeswoman for the governor, said the request is part of a continued call on state agencies to conserve tax dollars.

"Texas has fared a lot better than other states, but there is uncertainty in the short-and long-term economic future," she said.

Texas officials want state agencies to identify ways state dollars could be saved, Nashed said. Once plans are filed the government will take the next step.

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Plane tumbled out of sky off Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP) — The first sign of trouble was a flash of light on the horizon Monday — and then witnesses said the Boeing 737 tumbled like "fire falling down from the sky" into the stormy Mediterranean Sea.

All 90 aboard were feared dead in the pre-dawn crash. Lebanon's leaders ruled out terrorism while investigators collected witness accounts in hopes they could provide clues. Aviation experts cautioned it was too early to know what brought down the Ethiopian Airlines jet — particularly without the black boxes.

Many people were giving DNA samples to help identify the remains of their loved ones; one man identified his 3-year-old nephew by the boy's overalls.

FDA to investigate tobacco ingredients

By **KELSEY HECKEL**
STAFF WRITER

After starting smoking in college as a way to stay awake to study, Tom Tenner said he realized he wasn't receiving anything from smoking other than a chance at life-threatening disease.

"If you've got really great genes that would normally have you living into your 90s and you start smoking at a young age, you will more than likely pass in your 60s or 70s," said Tenner, associate dean for Faculty Affairs and Development at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and past president of the American Heart Association. "Now think if you don't have those great genes to start with, you're more likely to pass in your 40s or 50s."

The Food and Drug Administration is trying to make others realize this same fact by exercising its power to make tobacco companies disclose all ingredients in their products for the first time, an authority given to them through the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. According to The Associated Press, the agency hopes to have a list of harmful ingredients in tobacco products by company.

Congress gave this authority after research found "Tobacco products are inherently dangerous and cause cancer, heart disease, and other serious adverse

health effects," according to the act.

The act also targets the advertising of tobacco products claiming the advertising, marketing and promotion of tobacco products have been directed at minors under the legal age to use tobacco and has resulted in the increased use of tobacco products throughout the nation.

"I'm amazed at the number of young people that smoke," Tenner said. "I think the No. 1 reason that Congress is going after this legislation is because of youth smoking."

The act stated the use of tobacco products by the nation's children is a "pediatric disease of considerable proportions that results in new generations of tobacco-dependant children and adults."

"There was a study done that showed that 21 percent of adolescents in the ninth through 12th grade are smoking where 29 percent of adults

are smoking," Tenner said. "This shows that contrary to what the tobacco companies are saying. People do not all start smoking in their 30s — they are starting young and becoming dependant and continuing into their adult lives."

"In young people, smoking can cause problems such as bronchitis and pneumonia," said Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director of the Student Wellness Center. "If you continue to smoke into your 20s and 30s, those can turn into problems such as trouble breathing, emphysema, high blood pressure and lung cancer."

Tenner said the students who start smoking in college and high school and continue throughout their lives highly increase their chances of dying at a younger age than those who do not smoke.

Tenner said another reason people, especially those who will someday want

to start a family, should not smoke is because of the negative effects on pregnancy and birth defects that result from smoking while pregnant.

"Women who smoke have more birth and genital problems than those who do not smoke," he said. "Also, if mom is smoking while pregnant, junior is getting a steady flow of nicotine and is becoming dependant just like anyone else would. When that kid is born, they are being thrown into nicotine withdrawal, making them sick."

Jenna Pool, a health educator in the Student Wellness Center, said students who smoke also have an increased chance of doing poorly in their academic classes.

"Smoking urges can have a negative effect on students academics from simple things such as causing a distraction from class," she said. "We like to educate our campus that there are the obvious negative effects of smoking but also the less obvious."

The American Medical Association Web site stated simply cutting down on smoking does not reduce the risks and there is no safe level of smoking. The only way to reduce the risks is to stop smoking entirely.

The Student Wellness Center offers programs such as Raider Assistance to help students with problems concerning substances such as tobacco.

"Appointments are available to

anyone who calls," Bennett said. "For students who want to quit smoking, there are options such as medications including nicotine replacement pills, inhalers and patches that can help."

Because of the negative effects smoking has, the Tech and Tech Health Sciences Center campuses have restrictions to smoking on campus.

"There is no smoking on campus inside the residence halls or any other building on campus," said Mark McVay, the associate director of University Student Housing. "Even outside of the buildings you have to be at least 20 feet from an entrance."

According to the American Medical Association Web site, smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

"Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in the United States," Tenner said. "Lung cancer follows in number two, stroke in number three and diabetes in number five. All of these diseases and problems are results of smoking. If everyone stopped smoking, this would cut out four of the five top reasons of death in the nation."

Tenner said smoking has the same effect on your lungs as "sticking your head over a chimney and inhaling deeply several times a day."

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Obama plans to help middle class 'under assault'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring America's middle class is "under assault," President Barack Obama unveiled plans Monday to help hurting families pay their bills, save for retirement and care for their kids and aging parents. His comments previewed Wednesday's State of the Union Address.

Obama's proposals won't create jobs, but he said they could "re-establish some of the security that's slipped away." His remarks aimed to lift the nation's dour mood and show he is in touch with the daily struggles of millions of people as resentment runs high about lost jobs and the economy.

The initiatives amount to a package of tax credits, spending expansions and new mandates on employers to encourage retirement savings by workers. Most of them will be included in Obama's budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, and they will require approval from Congress. Obama will release that budget Feb. 1.

The president's latest rollout of ideas served as a preview of his prime-time State of the Union address. The economic elements of that speech will also cover Obama's plans to boost job creation and reduce swelling budget deficits — areas of concern to the public.

Hazed & Confused?

Don't be confused!

All of the following are examples of hazing:

Signatures

Physical harm

Kidnapping

Forced physical activity

Required alcohol purchase and/or consumption

Calisthenics

Errands for active members

Introductions

Sleep deprivation

Forced labor

Did you know?

- In 2005, a men's social fraternity was suspended from Texas Tech University for multiple counts of hazing new members.
- In the last five years, 8 student organizations have been referred to Student Judicial Programs for hazing allegations.
- Anyone can be hazed, including active members.
- The entire organization is responsible even if alumni are the individuals who are hazing students.
- The activity does not need to include alcohol to be considered a hazing incident.

- Hazing is not limited to physical activity, but includes activities that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of a student.
- Failing to report hazing to Student Judicial Programs violates the *Code of Student Conduct*.
- Students and student organizations who commit hazing offenses are subject to legal action and/or prosecution.
- Students and student organizations are required to comply with the regulations and/or standards set forth in the *Student Handbook*, and are subject to university disciplinary action accordingly.

According to the *Code of Student Conduct* and the Texas Education Code, hazing is defined as follows:

Hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act, directed against a student by one person acting alone or by more than one person occurring on or off university premises that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging or associating with, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, seeking and/or maintaining membership in any organization whose membership consists of students. For complete hazing definitions please refer to the Texas Education Code website at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm#37.102> and Part IX of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Don't Be Confused: If you have to ask if it's hazing, then it probably is!

Have questions? Want to find out more? We can help!

Texas Tech University is required to distribute a summary of the Texas Education Code hazing provisions (Chapter 37, Section 137) and provide a list of organizations that have been disciplined or convicted of hazing on- or off-campus during the the last three years (Chapter 51, Section 936).

The following registered student organizations have been found responsible for hazing within the last three years:

Kappa Sigma Fraternity (Fall 2008)
Phi Beta Pi Sorority (Fall 2009)

The Center for Campus Life (806-742-5433) and Student Judicial Programs (806-742-1714) are available to assist with hazing education and reporting. Students and student organizations are encouraged to act with integrity. Strive for Honor...Evermore!



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Security starts locally

I'm an avidly observant person. I'll look at everyone around me, in back of me, even from a distance, day or night. Most of the things I notice are futile, like my neighbors making out on their dual air conditioners as I walk my dog for the final time before heading off to bed.

On the other hand, there are glances I would rather not remember — a clueless child neglected in the mall, an abusive boyfriend badgering his naive girlfriend

in the parking lot or a person following me for whatever creepy reason that is simply never good enough.

From a mom-and-pop shop in small-town America to big-time cities like New York, danger lurks. It's not in the shadows like Batman comics would like us to think; it's among us. It blends in with us just like it does in the USA series "Burn Notice."

Now, I'm not telling you to turn to the person next to you, whoever they may be, and start interrogating him or her, perhaps going through the text messages on his or her phone as if they are an enemy of the state. It doesn't work that way. The best way is to

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watch, and watch closely, all of the time, almost as if you really were Batman. Be the epic vigilante who is too passionate to do any real damage to his enemies other than to instill a mixed feeling of fear of and desire for his presence.

Of course, if there's one thing Texans hate most it is trespassing, so Batman might be far more forgiving.

The fact most people can pick me up with as little as one hand isn't as concerning as the world around us. Most people are not nearly as observant as they should be. This leaves neighborhoods, even ones with neighborhood watch programs, relatively unprotected.

Now, patrolling police officers cannot be everywhere at once. Similarly, a majority of police and fire departments are understaffed or underfunded in one way or another. Not to say we cannot rely on them as a society, but let's be

honest. It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a village to protect that child.

Remember that Elizabeth Smart case back in 2002? She was missing for nine months because of a typo in the roofer's name, Brian Mitchell. She was one very lucky girl to have been recognized in the same state. Her pictures had been plastered on nightly national television reports long and often enough even I could tell you what she looked like had I been randomly asked.

Then, let's look at one of the most recently published robberies in Lubbock: Tech quarterback Taylor Pott's residence. A neighbor was observant enough to call in suspicious activity and prevented what could have been a really devastating sight. Without that neighbor, most if not all of Pott's possessions would have disappeared with little or no trace.

It is not hard to see the benefits of observant people, particularly observant neighbors, in the crazy times we live in. Now, I'm not saying you should give a spare key to them so they can watch over your ultimate bachelor crash pad. However, you should get to know them enough that recognizing them at the grocery store is feasible. After all, you never know when you will need assistance, and it only takes one person to make a difference in the direst of situations.

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Rights not same as entitlement

This year, we have heard a lot about rights. Questions about civil rights, rights to health care and the right of Texas Tech to shamelessly fire Mike Leach have all been in the news.

However, I feel uncomfortable when the idea of rights is discussed today. When I hear the word "rights," I naturally jump to the common use of the word in United States today: entitlement.

The discussion on rights has departed from John Locke and the Founding Fathers' concept of rights. To them, rights were the ability to have property, preserve one's own life and protect his or her livelihood. There was no promise of one actually having property, only the promise that the government would not interfere in one's pursuit of happiness. The attainment of property and lifestyle was left to the individual to actualize.

Today, because of litigators, ambulance chasers and political correctness, the concept has changed. Now, we believe a right is an assurance of having something. Therefore, people feel entitled to a certain level of prosperity. The government clearly is in debt to us.

Politicians seeking election have attempted to sway voters with effectual legislative bribes. Thus the government has enacted entitlement programs, in which segments of society are given special privileges to make life "more fair."

The uninsured must have health insurance, even though some probably could afford to buy it on their own if they just cut out that cable television bill. The government obviously must mandate a social security program because people clearly are not smart enough to save up for

Roy Long



retirement on their own. Clearly, if someone dies at a hospital, it is a doctor's fault because we are entitled to live forever. It would almost seem we believe rich, old, white men have a monopoly on happiness and self-reliance in this country.

Like it or not, having a Y chromosome and conservative views does not guarantee six figures on your paycheck (which is, unfortunately, the definition of success to some). Bill Gates, Warren Buffet and Oprah Winfrey (who is neither old nor white) succeeded due to personal initiative, innovation and adaptability, not any sort of circumstance the government can fix. These qualities help the pursuit of money, but also it will assist in more fulfilling quests in life also.

Guess what? Everyone can have these qualities if they work at it. This is called empowerment, and it is much stronger than entitlement.

The danger of constantly speaking of and appealing to rights lies in the fact the feeling of entitlements will ultimately rob us of the feeling of empowerment. Those who believe others should provide for them are less likely to be proactive in the pursuit of happiness than those who know the power to create that happiness is within us.

I believe all people can find dignity and prosperity in life without the help of the government. In learning to be self-reliant, we learn how strong

we are as human beings and we learn to cope with anything.

Is the purpose of this life merely to eat, sleep, drink and find shelter? No, these are only means to an end. We must experience self-actualization, the feeling that we are growing, improving and living our life to the fullest. We are in control. This feeling will never come when we are dependent on the government.

This is not to say welfare is bad on a short-term basis. Catastrophes happen, and we should be willing to help each other out without enabling a non-productive lifestyle. We all need help sometimes, but we should not need help from others consistently. We should be self-reliant. In addition, when we are self-reliant, we are more likely to be prepared for those catastrophes in the future.

What would happen if a public policy emphasized self-reliance? What would happen if we funded education more and welfare less, as an investment in the rising generation? What would happen if we supported small businesses and removed tax burdens completely by instituting a flat standard tax rate on all?

The point is simple: We need to be self-reliant. The responsibility to provide for ourselves cannot be shifted to another. If we will strive to be self-reliant, we will feel empowered. The achievement of providing for ourselves will build our confidence, and then we can move on to bigger successes: paying off our own mortgages, building a career, raising a family and feeling satisfaction in life.

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China denies involvement in Google e-mail hackings

BEIJING (AP) — China sharply rebuked the United States on Monday, denying involvement in any Internet attacks and defending its online restrictions as lawful after Washington urged Beijing to investigate an attack against Google.

The search engine giant announced on Jan. 12 that it would pull out of China unless the government relaxes its rules on censorship. The ultimatum came after Google said e-mail accounts of human rights activists critical of China had been hacked.

Since then, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has criticized the censorship of cyberspace, drawing a strong counterattack from Beijing. The Foreign Ministry on Friday said her remarks damaged bilateral relations, while a Chinese state newspaper said Washington was imposing "information imperialism" on China.

On Monday, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology went on the offensive again, saying the country's anti-hacking policy is transparent and consistent.

"Any accusation that the Chi-

nese government participated in cyberattacks, either in an explicit or indirect way, is groundless and aims to discredit China," an unidentified

ministry spokesman said, according to a transcript of an interview with the official Xinhua News Agency posted on the ministry's Web site.

The increasingly heated environment is likely to pose challenges to negotiating an arrangement that would suit both Google's and China's interests.

The company says it remains optimistic it can persuade China's ruling party to loosen restrictions on free expression on the Internet, so it can keep doing business in the country. However, China's government has given little indication it's willing to budge.

"Increasingly, the line emerging from the Chinese government is harder and less open to compromise," said Russell Leigh Moses, an analyst of Chinese politics based in Beijing.

"Hillary Clinton's speech was seen by many officials here as the United States' laying down a marker and put matters in a more confrontational mode."

The Communist Party's official People's Daily newspaper also accused the U.S. government of strictly controlling the

Internet at home on Monday while urging other countries to build an "Internet freedom utopia."

"In reality, this 'Internet freedom' that it is marketing everywhere is nothing but a diplomatic strategy, and only an illusion of freedom," the paper said.

Xinhua also cited the State Council, China's Cabinet, as criticizing what it called interference in the country's domestic affairs.

Internet control is considered a critical matter of state security in

China. Beijing promotes Internet use for commerce, but heavily censors content it deems pornographic, anti-social or politically subversive and blocks many foreign news and social media sites, including Twitter and Facebook, and the popular video-sharing site YouTube.

Google said it had uncovered a computer attack that tried to plunder its software coding and the Gmail accounts of human rights activists protesting Chinese policies. The company traced the attacks on its computers to hackers in China, but hasn't directly tied them to the Chinese government or its agents.

A Chinese Internet security official questioned the allegation, saying Google had not reported its complaints to China's National Computer Network Emergency Response Technical Team.

"We have been hoping that Google will contact us so that we could have details on this issue and provide them help if necessary," Zhou Yonglin, the team's deputy chief of operations, said in an interview with Xinhua posted on the team's Web site.

Zhou said the team logged attacks on 262,000 Chinese computers last year by hackers implanting malicious software such as Trojans, which can allow outside access to the target's computer. More than 16 percent of the attacks came from computers located in the U.S., he said.

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Apple to unveil tablet Wednesday

Tomorrow Apple will host a special event to unveil its "latest creation," as the company's exceedingly colorful invitations put it, and almost everyone in the world expects this to be the long-rumored tablet device the entire gadget-loving community has been atwitter about since, well, forever.

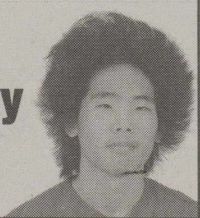
"Forever" may seem like a bit of an exaggeration for the three-ish years that have passed between the release of the original iPhone and now, but such a term is exceptionally appropriate in the technology world for how long it's taken for the Apple tablet to come to fruition.

The reason the iPhone comes up in all this tablet talk is because the now iconic mobile device was born from Apple spending parts of 2004 and 2005 attempting to develop a tablet PC. However, after that exceptionally brief gestation period, Apple hardware engineers managed to convince ol' Steve "Money Maker" Jobs that their touchscreen tablet concept and interface could be shoehorned into a mobile phone and run up to Apple standards. Following some brief negotiations with Cingular and two years of superhuman engineering, the most successful smartphone in the history of telecommunications was released and Apple began its enslavement of the world.

Luckily, though, the tablet idea never entirely left the Cupertino think tank. Instead, Jobs sat on the concept for the next three years, guarding it and warming it like a penguin until it was ready to be unveiled to the world, and, if rumors are to be trusted, that little egg is hatching Wednesday.

Knowing Apple, though, it

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might be better referred to as the "iTablet," if they're being their usual selves. However, some surreptitiously registered trademarks and office filings may suggest otherwise. Back in 2007, Apple registered the domain iSlate.com and might be better referred to as the "iTablet," if they're being their usual selves. However, some surreptitiously registered trademarks and office filings may suggest otherwise. Back in 2007, Apple registered the domain iSlate.com and actually trademarked it and "Magic Slate" through their shell company Slate Computing. Compared to the Fujitsu "iPad" situation and the "Canvas" naming theory, the slate rabbit hole seems to be the most promising.

Although the announcement is pretty much a lock, the actual release date for the tablet is nowhere close to being confirmed. According to the Wall Street Journal, the tablet will begin shipping in March, but this is with just about zero sources and plenty of conjecture, although ship date follows analyst Yair Reiner's findings after investigating Apple's supply chain.

Unfortunately, such analyst speculation is just about all the

world has to go on thus far, including the postulated price tag of \$700 to \$900. For a fistful of Benjamins, you'll likely land a 10- to 11-inch touchscreen tablet (OLED versions are probably out of the question).

Various sources with Ars Technica and Gizmodo suggest regardless of size or price, the tablet will support 3G with both Verizon and AT&T, though it also seems possible Apple may build multiple versions of the device to support other carriers as well, which would make the supposed SIM card tray in the tablet make a lot more sense.

"Then again, it could be a completely revolutionary device. After all, everybody thought the iPhone was just going to be a larger iPod."

Along the line of the "multiple versions" theory, it's also been suggested one setup will feature a front-facing camera (perhaps video chatting?) and one will be geared towards educational use. Such branding would coincide with rumors that the publishers McGraw-Hill and Hachette Book Group have attached themselves to whatever service the tablet will come with by digitizing their books.

The tablet won't just be for textbooks, though. Apparently numerous magazine and newspaper publishers hosted meetings at Apple HQ, which means it'll be fair to say those furtive talks with book

publishers could be opening up the tablet to be a full blown e-reader in addition to a tablet PC. If the power consumption is right, this could completely kill the field for devices like the Amazon Kindle.

However, aside from its larger screen and newspaper, magazine and e-book connections, what's really differentiating the tablet from the iPod Touch or the iPhone? Not much, apparently, as it might still be running some version of the iPhone OS (maybe 4.0 with multitasking) and, therefore, still support Apple's App Store. In fact, it's been rumored Apple has been asking developers to prepare "high-res" versions of their apps for tomorrow's event.

It could be entirely possible the tablet ends up being nothing more than a gigantic iPhone, which would result in a mind-blowingly useless product that has all the drawbacks of the iPhone and almost none of the benefits (i.e., won't fit in your pocket).

Then again, it could be a completely revolutionary device. After all, everybody thought the iPhone was just going to be a larger iPod, and look how wrong that was. All these questions will be answered tomorrow (unless Steve Jobs just Punk'd the entire world), and we'll finally know whether this is the tablet that will change the world or the dumbest possible idea to ever come from an engineer's mind.

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TUESDAYS WITH TINA

Saying goodbye to another of the 'best years of my life'

I turned 22 years old today, and it's kind of depressing how uneventful this birthday has been compared to the last one.

I've got this horrible feeling that, for the next eight years, I'll be saying goodbye to each of the best years of my life. I fear that every year I'll lose a little bit more of the glamor of youth and gain some frumpy new habits.

Some nights when I'm snuggled under a blanket and watching the nightly news with my boyfriend — dogs curled up near us and a home-cooked dinner in our stomachs — I feel prematurely grown-up and lame.

I suppose the truth is I've grown complacent, but I probably shouldn't complain too much. I'm fortunate to be able to attend graduate school and put off entering the workforce for a few years. I'm also fortunate to have such a great relationship with my boyfriend. And let's not forget how lucky I am to have such a wonderful dog, too.

At the same time, I miss the unpredictable and often reckless memories I now rarely make. Afternoon breakfast at IHOP or Tech Cafe while extremely hungover and wearing the same clothes as the night before happens much less often these days. And, no matter how many times I'm invited for drinks on Friday afternoon at Mesquite's, I never seem to make it.

Responsibility or practicality gets in the way. The dogs need to get some exercise. I've got to buy groceries for the week. The laundry has piled up and needs to be done. It's the perfect time to pay bills and budget for next month.

It's not that I don't go out and have

Tina Arons



a good time. Just a few weeks ago my boyfriend had to scoop me off the sidewalk outside Louie Louie's. But that was a fluke. It's certainly not the norm anymore.

And I'm not really sure how I feel about all of it.

I want things to change, but I don't think I can ever go back to my life as an undergraduate student. I'd like to take advantage of more opportunities while I'm young and relatively untethered but in a different (less reckless and more sober) capacity than before.

So, I signed up for Turkish cooking classes. I'm going to check out the First Friday Art Trails in the next few months. My boyfriend and I have talked about making a trip to Palo Duro Canyon as soon as it gets warmer. And my best friend and I plan to find a dance or yoga class that fits into both our schedules.

I seriously doubt life will ever be as crazy as it was a year ago, but I can certainly keep myself from becoming too sedentary. I might be getting older, but I'm just not ready to sit at home and willingly listen to Jeff Klotzman's happy talk every night.

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Live Nation, Ticketmaster merger conditions imposed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice has imposed major conditions upon Live Nation and Ticketmaster in approving the companies' merger, moves that Assistant Attorney General Christine Varney said would have the effect of lowering ticket prices.

Shares in both companies jumped in trading Monday after reports surfaced earlier that the merger would be approved.

Varney said Ticketmaster would have to license its ticketing software to competitor AEG and sell its subsidiary Paciolan to Comcast Spectacor. Paciolan sells tens of millions of tickets

every year, she said. The conditions would result in two large, vertically integrated competitors — AEG and Comcast Spectacor — that would vie for ticketing contracts with the merged entity of Live Nation Inc. and Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc.

The merged entity would also be under a 10-year court order prohibiting it from retaliating against venues that choose to sign ticket-selling contracts with competitors.

Varney announced the merger conditions on Monday, saying the deal as proposed would have been "anticompetitive."

Harlem

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"Most schools like this have programs like this," Branch said. "They hear it from their teachers, but to have a Globetrotter come in and kind of to reiterate what it said and what was talked about makes them finally get the message. They listen to their teachers and let it sink in, but to have a Globetrotter come in is like, 'OK, maybe what they said is true.'"

After the game, the Globetrotters will take time to sign autographs. They will set the clock for a to-be-determined amount of time and meet fans until the buzzer sounds. The team sold more tickets than the last time they visited the USA and more than they expected with 3,000 tickets already gone and more available for purchase. Tickets can be bought at any Select-A-Seat location as well as in the box office of the USA beginning at 2 p.m. today. Tickets cost between \$23.75 and \$38.75.

Branch said the Globetrotters hope they bring an enjoyable per-



COURTESY OF HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS/The Daily Toreador

THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS will make a stop in Lubbock 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena while on their 2010 "Magical Memories" world tour.

formance to their fans and create an escape for the audience.

"When they come to our game

for those two hours, they can forget about what's going on," Branch

said. "This is your chance to see the

hype and to see what the Harlem Globetrotters are about."

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A year later, questions still loom over Octomom

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As her eight youngest children celebrate their first birthday, "Octomom" Nadya Suleman has gone from a veiny-bellied expectant mom to a scantily clad model on the cover of a supermarket tabloid.

"My new bikini body! How I did it!" exclaims the headline in this week's issue of Star Magazine. In the photo, she smiles and poses with a thumb crooked into her red bathing suit bottoms.

A year after giving birth, the single, unemployed woman seems to have learned that one way to raise her 14 children is to exploit the celebrity media for attention and money that can be used to bring up her brood.

"Her narrative, her epic seems to be being told almost exclusively by the medium of tabloid print," said Syracuse University pop culture professor Robert Thompson. "The little slices we see have not added up to much."

Photo spreads, online videos and interviews in gossip sheets lean more toward promoting Suleman's image. The reports provide little insight into how she manages to raise her huge family and still find time to get buff and stay in the limelight.

She breezes past the details, telling Star she only sleeps two hours a day, has three live-in nannies to help and has friends who sometimes take a child for several days to ease her load.

While she insists she's a good mother, gone are the days when the births of the world's longest-living octuplets were hailed as something akin to a miracle.

Curiosity quickly turned to criticism when details of her life surfaced: She was divorced and had three other children living in her mother's house, which was in foreclosure. She was living off college loans, her children's disability payments and workers' compensation from on-the-job injuries at a state mental hospital.

Scrutiny intensified when it was revealed that all her children were conceived through in-vitro fertilization. The doctor who performed the procedures now faces censure from the state medical board.

She once claimed she would support her family by returning to school to become a counselor, but those plans wilted. Suleman now says media deals will pay for her children's upbringing, which is estimated by the U.S. government to cost \$1.3

million to \$2.7 million through age 17 — not including medical costs.

A magazine cover story could earn between \$50,000 and \$75,000 for non-celebrities. Smaller items could give Suleman between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a pop, said media consultant Richard Laerner.

A transition to television could prove more lucrative, but even an American audience obsessed with revolting behavior — from "Jersey Shore" to "Jerry Springer" — seems to lack the sort of appetite that could propel Suleman to C-list stardom.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Cowboys QB Romo, CB Jenkins added to Pro Bowl

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is going to his third Pro Bowl, while Dallas cornerback Mike Jenkins will go for the first time.

The Cowboys announced Monday that Romo and Jenkins had been added to the NFC roster as injury replacements. Dallas has seven players going to Sunday's game in Miami.

Romo replaces Minnesota's Brett Favre, who pulled out of the Pro Bowl after hurting his ankle and taking numerous hard hits in the NFC championship game loss at New Orleans on Sunday. Romo set Cowboys single-season records by completing 347 of 550 passes for 4,483 yards while taking every snap. He had a career-low nine interceptions.

High school national championships on the way

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Elite high school athletes from around the country soon will be able to add the moniker of national champion to their resume.

IMG Academies and the National High School Coaches Association unveiled plans Monday to hold championship tournaments this summer in Florida for 7-on-7 football and boys and girls 7-on-7 lacrosse, team tennis and team golf.

Eventually, organizers hope to expand the competition to 20 sports, including basketball and baseball.

Most of the athletes will compete as part of All-Star teams from their home states.

The athletes also will be encouraged to explore the various programs offered by IMG Academies, which specializes in the education, training and development of competitors in a variety of sports.

Saints soaking in landmark victory

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Sean Payton still hadn't gone home yet when the New Orleans Saints returned to work on the morning after the biggest win in franchise history.

Payton says he and his family decided to stay in a downtown hotel on Sunday night while the Saints celebrated a Super Bowl berth with a 31-28 overtime win over Minnesota in the NFC championship game.

The coach says he wanted to relax and enjoy the emotional victory with friends and family instead of driving home across Lake Pontchartrain.

Players worked out and attended meetings on Monday. Payton is giving them the next couple days off before they return to practice on Thursday to prepare for the club's first Super Bowl in its 43-year history against native son Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts.

Houston hires new defensive coordinator

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston hired former Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Brian Stewart to rework a defense that was among the worst in college football last season.

Stewart spent last season as defensive special assistant with the Philadelphia Eagles following his dismissal in Dallas after spending

the previous two years as defensive coordinator there.

He replaces John Skladany, who was let go after Houston's 47-20 loss to Air Force in the Armed Forces Bowl. The Cougars went 10-4 last season behind the No. 1 offense in the country. But they ranked 111th in the nation in total defense.

US Ski Team pushes back announcement of squad

(AP) — The U.S. Ski Team has pushed back the announcement of its Vancouver Olympics roster by a day to see if any extra spots become available.

The team's international results dictate how many skiers it can bring to the Olympics in each event. Some nations may not use their full quota,

making additional spots available. The Americans currently have 18 spots to divide among the men's and women's squads.

The delay doesn't affect skiers such as Lindsey Vonn and Bode Miller, but the competitors on the bubble will be anxiously awaiting the announcement on Tuesday.

Baylor's Griffin says knee 'feeling good'

WACO (AP) — Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin says his surgically repaired right knee is "feeling good" and that he's running again.

Griffin had surgery on his right

knee in mid-October to repair a torn ACL. He said Monday that he expects to be ready for the start of the 2010 season, but plans to wear a brace on his knee as a precaution.

Lady Raiders searching for balance after loss at A&M

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

It's tough to go on the road in the Big 12 Conference and beat a ranked opponent when bench players and top scorers struggle to produce.

The Lady Raiders found that out the hard way after suffering a 69-54 loss to No. 8 Texas A&M Saturday in College Station — Tech guard Jordan Murphree was held to zero points on 0-of-9 shooting and all bench players combined for nine points.

"I think Jordan's her own worst enemy, there's no doubt about that," said Tech head coach Kristy Curry. "We've really challenged our bench lately in practice to have more of a scorers mentality. They've got to come in and help us whether that's Chynna Brown, whether that's Christine Hyde or whether that's Marissa Ashton. We've got to get more points and production from our bench after awhile."

Brown and Hyde had four and five points off the bench, respectively. The only other game where Murphree did not make a field goal in conference play was against Oklahoma on Jan. 9 when she went 0-for-8.

Now Tech has lost back-to-back games in conference play heading into a game against No. 6 Nebraska on Wednesday in Lubbock.

Although the loss was tough to take, Curry said she does not expect Murphree to struggle next time out.

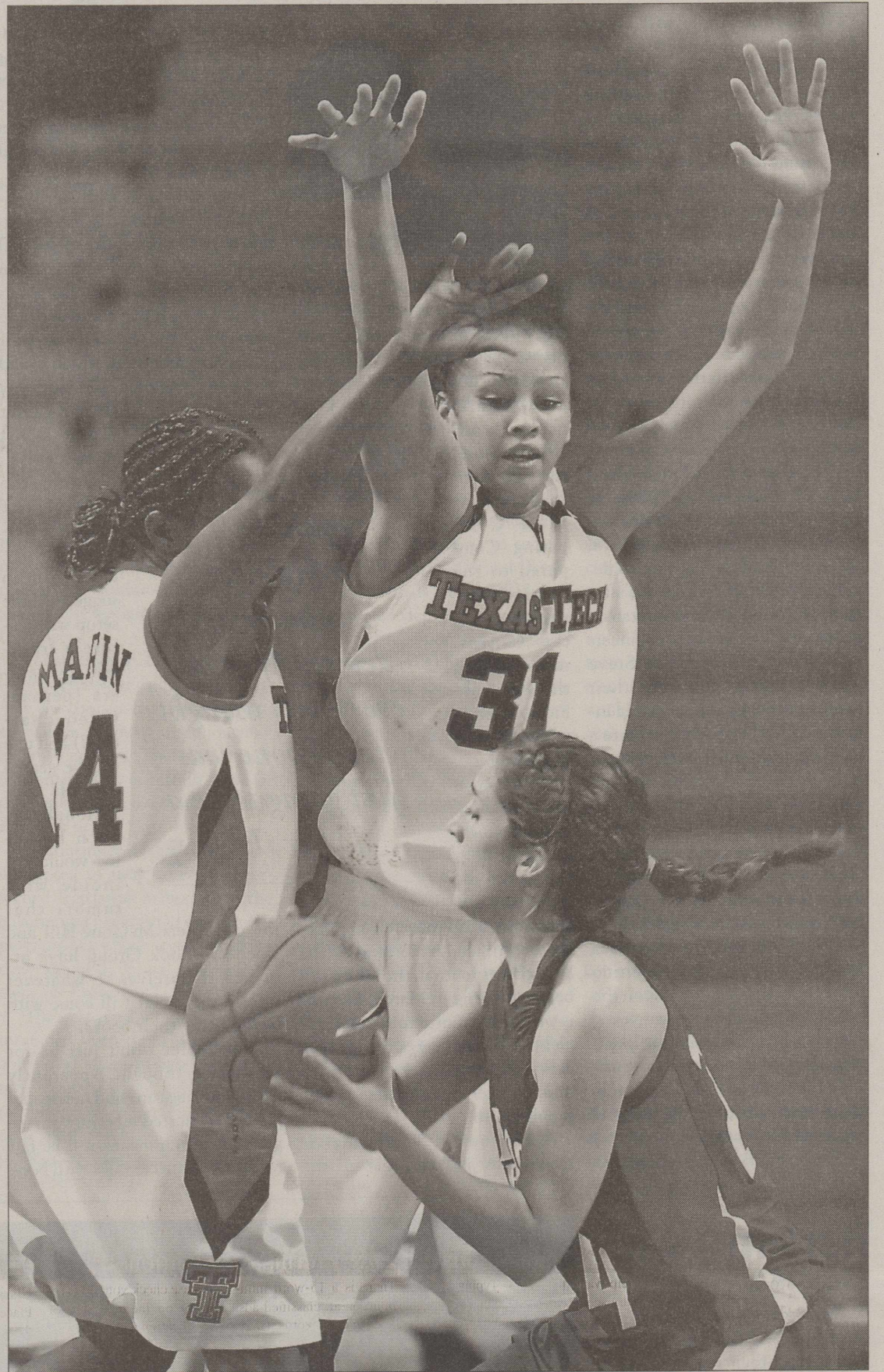
"The thing about Jordan is, she's a kid that perseveres through adversity," she said. "Not only personally with what she's been through but when she has a bad game, she usually backs that up with a good one."

The struggles for the Lady Raiders, however, did not end with Murphree and the bench — Tech was a combined 0-for-8 from behind the arc and was held to 33.9 percent from the field.

Tech could not capitalize on given opportunities either, going just 12-of-18 from the free throw line.

Despite the Aggie defense doing its part in slowing down the Lady Raiders, Tech guard Monique Smalls said the team's struggles from the field were a result of bad decision making.

"We didn't take very good shot selections," she said. "A&M did have good defense but the majority



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH'S TILMILA Martin and Ashlee Roberson guard Lubbock Christian's Renee Wilson during the Lady Raider's exhibition game against LCU earlier this season. Tech plays No. 6 Nebraska at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

of it was because of our shot selection and when we did shoot it, it just didn't go in."

Getting past the defeat has not been difficult for the Lady Raiders, who have two consecutive home games to prepare for with Big 12 play

continuing. After the game against undefeated Nebraska, the Lady Raiders have a rematch against OU.

But Tech forward Ashlee Roberson said the focus at the moment is on beating Nebraska and getting back into the mix of things.

"We have got to just try to put the A&M game behind us," she said. "This week is Nebraska, so we just got to stay positive and focus more on Nebraska and leave A&M behind so we can have a chance to get at it again."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Dan Naddor 1/26/10

ACROSS

- "I did it!"
- Outplays
- Jack's inferior
- Holly genus
- Draw a better bead on
- Pitcher Hideo
- 'Big name in tequila
- Gossip tidbit
- Abu Dhabi's federation: Abbr.
- 'Mexican muralist
- Actor Brody of "The Pianist"
- Pep
- One mind: disagreeing
- Fri. predecessor
- Short film role
- Some
- On the double
- Spanish painter (1746-1828)
- For all to see
- Submissive
- Gas brand with a landmark sign outside Fenway Park
- Vegas cube
- Iraqi seaport
- Opposed (to)
- "The Picture of Gray"
- Roger Federer rival
- Gold units: Abbr.
- Big pictures: Abbr.
- Home to this puzzle's theme
- Fight-ending calls, briefly
- Insect stage
- Animal whose fur was used for Crockett's cap
- Word that forms a city when combined with the first names in answers to starred clues
- Slow to catch on
- Barley beards

DOWN

- Baja border city
- What you "take" when you sit down
- Military no-show
- Lumberjack's tool
- UCLA player
- Extra wide, on a shoebox
- Puppeteer Tony
- VCR successor
- Campfire treat
- For the full length of a pregnancy
- Come to light
- Skip the sandwich "dressing"
- Skin care brand
- B-G link
- Working undercover, for short
- Corn Belt state
- Gave it a shot
- Mubarak of Egypt
- "I give up!"
- Angel dust, briefly
- Happy Meal extra
- Lariat loop
- Poet Khayyam
- "That's not news to me"
- Soda-making process
- Topoka natives
- Insertion marks
- The Donald's daughter
- Nonstick coating
- Lawn makeup
- Western tie
- Spanish hero played by Heston
- Willem of "Spider-Man"
- Appoint
- Actor Aida
- Uses a spade
- Color TV pioneer

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Sorry, mate! Top seeds end Australian Open hopes

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt and Sam Stosur faced the best in the world and could be excused for wishing they had skipped work when a half million other Aussies took a day off.

Roger Federer and Serena Williams ended local hopes of breaking

a three-decade drought at the Australian Open. The top-ranked Federer beat former No. 1 Hewitt 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 Monday night at Rod Laver Arena. Federer said he'd been playing Hewitt since they were 14 and they were old friends and rivals, but it didn't stop him from beating the Australian a 15th straight time.

Williams, ranked No. 1 and the defending champion, defeated No. 13 Stosur 6-4, 6-2 in the previous match on center court at Melbourne Park. Williams lost to Stosur in their last

meeting and decided from the start to make sure the fans were not a factor. She kept everybody quiet, conceding only seven points on serve in the 65-minute match.

"It's important when you're playing a local girl to not let the crowd get too involved or else they'll kill you," Williams said.

The main evening news broadcast broke into the Williams-Stosur coverage. The match was pushed back because Nikolay Davydenko's win over 2009 semifinalist Fernando Verdasco

went to five sets, undoubtedly longer than programmers banked on.

And so the marquee matches featuring the last two Aussie hopes for a first winner since the late 1970s fizzled the night before Australia Day, the national holiday.

News reports estimated that one-third of employees across Australia on Monday took a "sickie" — Australian slang for a work absence without a proper excuse — to give themselves a four-day weekend through Tuesday's holiday.

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Bill Haas wins Hope Classic for 1st PGA victory

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Bill Haas made a short birdie putt on the 18th hole to earn his first PGA Tour victory at the Bob Hope Classic on Monday, beating Matt Kuchar, Tim Clark and Bubba Watson by one stroke with an 8-under 64.

Haas was the last of three co-leaders to play the 18th, and an outstanding approach shot allowed him to two-putt his way to a 30-under 330 finish.

Kuchar and South Africa's Clark both had birdie chances on the par-5 18th at the Arnold Palmer Private course, but both missed their putts. Fourth-round co-leader Watson birdied the 18th to grab a share of second place.

After grinding through five rounds on four courses over six days in the rain-delayed tournament, Haas couldn't celebrate until his final shot. He's the 27-year-old son of Jay Haas, the 1988 Hope Classic champion.

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Siegel impressed with quick start for young Red Raiders

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

For Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel, his Red Raiders already have a lot of momentum at the right time in the schedule.

The No. 39 Red Raiders are 2-0 on the season after the 6-1 win against No. 73 UNLV and 4-3 win against No. 42 San Diego State Friday and Saturday, respectively, in Las Vegas. The mark already is somewhat of an improvement from last season's start — Tech dropped three of its first four contests in 2009.

"A lot of teams schedule easier opponents in the first couple of matches," Siegel said. "I'm such a strong believer in scheduling tough opponents all the time and it was a little bit of a risk more this year than ever because I have all freshmen and sophomores, but I thought we handled it as well as I could have asked."

But all is not easy from here. Tech, without a senior on the roster, has a match against No. 40 Cal and will face either No. 9 Texas or No. 57 Middle Tennessee State this weekend in Austin.

There also are matches against TCU, Wisconsin, Arizona and Denver looming for the Red Raiders.

Players had the day off Monday before turning their attention to Cal, making them unavailable for comment.

While Siegel has that large group of young players on the roster, the Red Raiders still came away with an impressive showing to start the spring season. Fresh-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH'S RAONY Carvalho and the Red Raiders are off to a 2-0 start this season. In 2009, the Red Raiders lost three of their first four matches, including an 0-2 start. Tech has matches against No. 40 Cal and No. 9 Texas or No. 57 Middle Tennessee State Saturday and Sunday, respectively, in Austin.

men Andre Stabile and Vitor Manzini and sophomores No. 25 Raony Carvalho, No. 40 Gonzalo Escobar and Rafael Garcia all came away with singles victories this weekend.

The duos of Carvalho and Garcia and Escobar and Stabile also had doubles victories to start the season. Carvalho and Garcia are ranked No. 19 as a duo and Escobar and Stabile are at No. 35.

One of the things that has

impressed him the most is the Red Raiders win against San Diego State. Tech dropped that match last season.

"Last year we lost to them 4-3," he said. "I knew that this match was going to be really difficult."

Tech might have to get used to close matches this season, considering the opponents and the trend last year — the Red Raiders had 11 matches in which the decision was 4-3.

With that in mind, Siegel said it was not just momentum, but experience his players gained from the season's first slate of matches.

"It was a great win mainly because it was early in the season," he said. "It was a tough, close win against a Top-50 ranked team, and all this will do is it gets us more prepared for tougher competition."

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Non-BCS schools cash in

WASHINGTON (AP) — The five college football conferences that don't get automatic bids to the Bowl Championship Series will receive a record \$24 million from this year's bowl games, according to BCS figures obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The distribution of money has been a main point of contention for congressional critics of the Bowl Championship Series system. Lawmakers have pushed legislation aimed at forcing the BCS to switch to a playoff system rather than the ratings system it uses to set the games that determine the college championship.

Despite the record amount that will go to the schools that don't qualify automatically, it still represents a sum far less than that going to the half-dozen conferences that have guaranteed bids.

Of the \$24 million, most will go to the two conferences that sent teams to BCS games this year: the Mountain West Conference, at \$9.8 million, and the Western Athletic Conference, at \$7.8 million. The three other conferences that don't receive automatic bids will divide the remainder.

That compares to \$22.2 million each to the Big Ten and Southeastern conferences, and \$17.7 million each for the other four conferences that have automatic bids. Those first two

received more because they each had two teams in BCS bowls.

Under the BCS system, six conferences get automatic bids to participate in top-tier bowl games while the other five don't. The conferences that don't receive automatic bids will reap a record take this year because they sent two teams to BCS bowls for the first time — Boise State and Texas Christian.

BCS executive director Bill Hancock told the AP the new numbers show the distribution is "fair and appropriate."

"It's an opportunity for us to remind people that every conference had a chance to earn automatic qualification, and will again, based on the current evaluation," he said.

Hancock said the BCS has helped all 11 conferences get more access, revenue and opportunity to play in the post-season. The previous record for conferences that don't receive automatic bids was \$19.3 million, set last year, he said.

Still, the figures aren't likely to win over critics in Congress.

Rep. Joe Barton, a Texas Republican, has cited the revenue discrepancy as a reason for his legislation that would ban the promotion of a postseason NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision game as a national championship unless it results from a playoff. The bill passed a subcommittee last month but faces an

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Tech hopes Singletary's surge continues in Austin

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Darko Cohadarevic's message was clear after Texas Tech win against Oklahoma in a game where forward Mike Singletary scored 24 points.

The Red Raiders are a better team when Singletary plays a good game.

"When he comes back and starts playing great, we know we can win games," Cohadarevic said. "Without him scoring 10 or 15 points and grabbing five or more boards, we pretty much have a small chance of winning. We've got Mike back, we're back, he's kind of the heart of the team."

Indeed, Singletary has bounced back from a small slump at the perfect time — right before the Red Raiders face No. 6 Texas on Wednesday in Austin.

Singletary scored no points in Tech's loss at No. 2 Kansas Jan. 16. The team struggled to find its rhythm or a dominant scorer. Guard John Roberson scored 16, but no other Red Raiders got into double-digit scoring against the Jayhawks.

However, the 6-foot-6 forward has bounced back with 23 and 24 points, respectively, while playing 76 minutes in his past two games against Iowa State and Oklahoma, and the team has followed his lead.

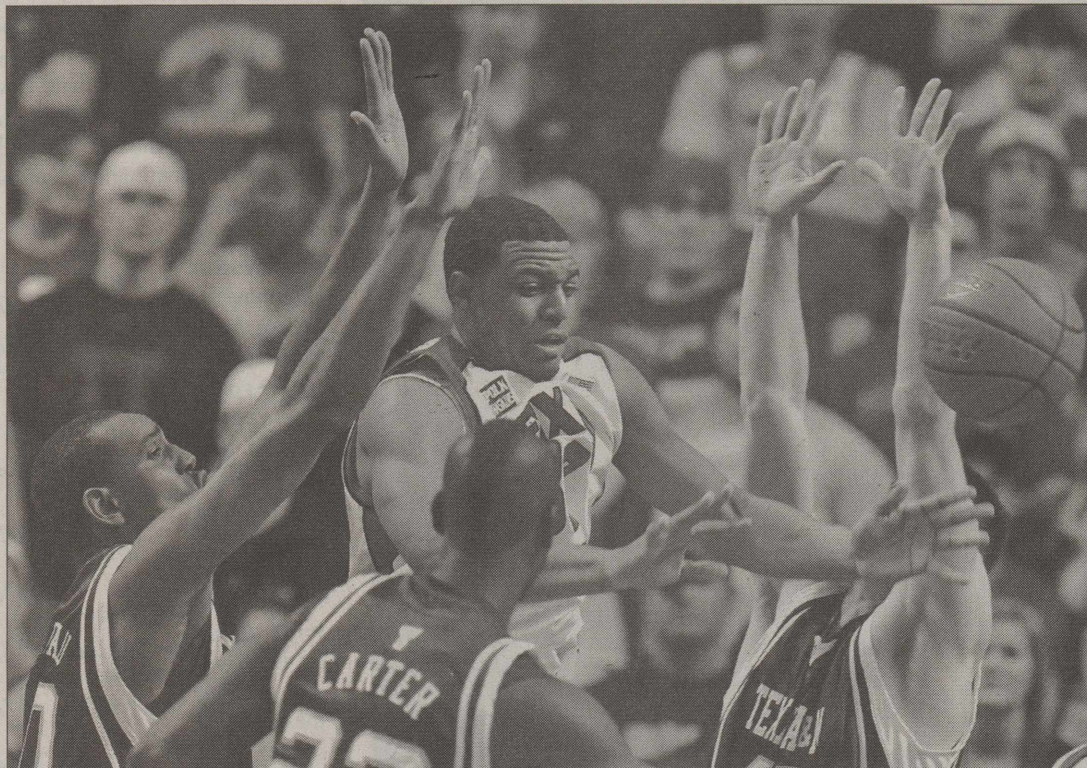


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TEXAS TECH'S MIKE Singletary is peaking at the right time with back-to-back 20 points performances in the last two games. The Red Raiders face No. 6 Texas at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Austin.

Teammates agree they will need a big game out of Singletary to have a chance against Texas because they feed off his performance.

"He's a great leader," guard Brad Reese said. "When you see him inspired in a game, and really playing hard it makes you want to play hard yourself. He'll get the rebound you missed on a shot in

the first half. It really drives the team to come together and play harder."

Singletary considers the slump early on in Big 12 Conference play a lack of fulfilling his potential.

"It wasn't even just the Kansas game," Singletary said. "Even the Mizzou game I didn't play up to my potential I think just based

on my expectations. Whenever you can come out two games in a row and get two wins, help your team out, and just play better than you have, it's always a plus."

But someone else besides Singletary will have to make plays when the Red Raiders face arguably their biggest challenge of the season against Texas on the

Cohadarevic suspended, Roberts out with injury

Texas Tech senior forward Darko Cohadarevic has been suspended for one game for behavior detrimental to the team.

He will not make the trip for the game against No. 6 Texas at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Austin.

In addition to that, Tech forward D'wain Roberts will be out with a foot injury.

Tech coach Pat Knight made the announcements during his weekly radio show Monday.

The details on Darko Cohadarevic's suspension are unknown.

The forward is averaging 20.9 minutes per game and gives the Red Raiders a force in the post. He has started 18 of the 19 games played so far this season. He is averaging 7.2 points per game. Last season, he only averaged

3.5 points per game. Before the season started, Knight said Cohadarevic was one of the most improved players on the team.

No Darko in the post might mean the likes of Texas' Damion James and Dexter Pittman without much help in the paint.

Roberts' numbers are just above Cohadarevic's, with 7.3 points per game. But the junior forward averages 6.4 rebounds per game.

Tech is coming off a 75-65 win against Oklahoma Saturday in the United Spirit Arena. The win already eclipsed the total number of victories the Red Raiders had last season and it pushed them back into the middle of the Big 12 Conference race at 2-3.

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road. The last time Tech played on the road they were thoroughly outplayed by Oklahoma State, 81-52.

Singletary led the team in scoring with 13 points in that game.

Texas is coming off a week-long stint in which the Longhorns were the No. 1 team in the nation. Singletary and the Red

Raiders still have to face players such as Avery Bradley and Dexter Pittman.

"We just have to come out fired up," guard Nick Okorie said. "Play defense and get on a run, that's our game so we've just got to stick to that. The games before these last few games we weren't doing it as well."

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Kerrigan's dad dies; brother accused of assault

WOBURN, Mass. (AP) — Daniel Kerrigan, who rushed to his sobbing daughter Nancy and carried her into the locker room after an attack at a skating competition nearly derailed her Olympic dreams, died after what authorities said was a violent struggle with his son in their family home.

Mark Kerrigan, 45, pleaded not guilty Monday to assaulting his 70-year-old father at the home in the Boston suburb of Stoneham where he had been living with his parents. He did not speak at his arraignment but at one point put his head in his hands and wept.

Nancy Kerrigan, a two-time Olympic medal winner, arrived at the family home shortly before 2 p.m. Monday and left a couple of hours later. She did not say anything to reporters and photographers waiting outside.

Family members said Daniel Kerrigan's death was not related to the argument with his son early Sunday.

A woman who answered the phone at a listing for Daniel Kerrigan identified herself only as "Dan's sister" and said her brother "had a massive heart attack." She said her nephew played no part in the

death and declined to comment further. Brenda Kerrigan, Daniel Kerrigan's wife, told the Boston Herald that her husband died of a heart attack and that there was nothing suspicious about the death.

Mark Kerrigan, who has a history of domestic violence arrests and was sued by his parents to recover money they had provided him, was being held on \$10,000 bail. He was released from jail in 2007, according to his lawyer, but it was not immediately clear why he was serving time or for how long he served.

The death of Daniel Kerrigan comes as the national spotlight again turns to one of the most popular sports in the upcoming Olympic Games, just weeks away. The intensity of competition among skaters was never more apparent than in 1994, when an assailant clubbed Nancy Kerrigan on her right knee during practice at the U.S. Championships. An investigation revealed rival Tonya Harding had knowledge of the planning of the attack.

Daniel Kerrigan and his wife, Brenda, nurtured the love of skating in their daughter, who was a self-described tomboy with two hockey-playing big brothers. Daniel Kerrigan, a welder, drove a Zamboni ice-

cleaning machine at the local rink in exchange for practice ice time, and he and Brenda took out a second mortgage on their home to help pay for Nancy's skating lessons.

The family is traditionally low-key and private, and they struggled with the attention brought on by the assault on Nancy.

"I hate the fact that the Kerrigans' laundry is aired out in newspapers all around the world and everybody has to know all about us," her brother Michael said at the time.

That uncomfortable attention has now returned.

Daniel Kerrigan was found on the floor of his home, unconscious, by officers who responded to a 911 call at 1:30 a.m. Sunday. He was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead, and results of an autopsy were pending.

Police said Mark Kerrigan appeared intoxicated when he was found on a couch in the basement of the home and was "belligerent and combative" but coherent when questioned. Officers used pepper spray to subdue him and eventually arrested him.

Paraguay soccer star shot in Mexico City bar

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Salvador Cabanas, the top player on Paraguay's World Cup team, was shot in the head before dawn Monday in the bathroom of a bar in a well-off neighborhood in Mexico City.

The 29-year-old striker underwent surgery in which doctors failed to remove a bullet lodged in his skull. Dr. Ernesto Martinez, who was part of the surgical team, said "we cannot guarantee that his life is out of danger." He called the player's condition stable.

"Injuries like this are unpredictable," Martinez added. "We don't know what kind after effects he might have — perhaps none, or perhaps there will be many."

Mexico City Attorney General Miguel Angel Mancera visited the bar and said from the crime scene robbery did not appear a motive "because nothing was taken."

Cabanas plays for the Mexico City team America. Club president Michel Bauer said Cabanas was conscious when he arrived at the hospital and was speaking as he awaited surgery.

"He was a bit confused and didn't know what had happened and he was asking where they were taking him and why they were taking him there," Bauer told Mexico television Televisa.

Bauer said Cabanas' wife told him the two were preparing to leave the popular nightclub "Bar Bar" when the shooting took place in a bathroom. His wife said she found her husband on the bathroom floor.

Mancera said four people were being questioned — two

security guards, the bar manager and Cabanas' brother-in-law. He said the brother-in-law volunteered to testify.

Cabanas has played in the Mexico league since 2003 and

is the highest-profile player on his national team. Paraguay will face Italy, New Zealand and Slovakia in the group stage of the World Cup in South Africa in June.

Cabanas has 125 goals in 218 games in Mexico and played last weekend in America's 2-0 loss to Morelia. This month he drew attention from Sunderland manager Steve Bruce, who expressed interest in adding Cabanas to his club in England's Premier League.

"Club America is deeply sorry for what happened to our beloved Salvador Cabanas and shows its total support for his family and loved ones," the Mexican team said in a statement.

Paraguayan Football Association president Juan Angel Napout said a doctor would travel to Mexico to assist Cabanas.

"We are praying for him," Napout said.

Cabanas was honored as South America's soccer player of the year in 2007 by Uruguay's El Pais newspaper, the only time a player in Mexico has won the award.

There is a long history of violence involving Latin American soccer players. Most prominently, Colombia defender Andres Escobar was shot and killed in his home country days after his own goal helped the United States defeat the Colombians 2-1 in a major upset at the 1994 World Cup.

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