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DAVID YOUNG, A senior communication studies major from Levelland, practices recovering from a flipped kayak Thursday at the Exercise and Sport Sciences pool.

Students prepare for white-water kayak trip

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

When Alex Ewers, a freshman civil engineering major from Tomball, talks about a cartwheel, it has nothing to do with gymnastics. Ewers is a frequent attendee of the Outdoor Pursuits Center's free, weekly kayaking in the Exercise and Sport Sciences Pool.

As a part of the OPC, the class is filled with people who love the outdoors. Ewers has been kayaking since he was 8 years old, he said.

"It's fun hanging out with outdoorsy people," Ewers said, "There are cool people,

and it's a really laid-back environment." Ewers heard about the kayak pool sessions from some friends in his dorm, he said. Most of the attendees hear about it through their jobs at the OPC, and create a core group of regular attendees.

"Usually, it's the same people," said Jordan Barham, a sophomore English major from Burleson. "There's a lot of staff."

The weekly practices are for people of all skill levels. Barham works at the OPC and is an instructor at the weekly practices. Many of the regular attendees have been coming for a long time, though they weren't necessarily better than those who hadn't been coming as long, Barham said. The

regular attendees who work for the OPC help others.

Bryan Wakefield, a senior chemistry major from Flower Mound, went for the first time last Thursday because he is thinking about going on the OPC-sponsored kayaking trip in March. While he has worked at a summer camp before, he had never been kayaking.

Barham said the point of the weekly sessions was to instruct and agreed it was great for people like Wakefield.

"It's a lot of fun," Barham said, "and it's a great way to get your feet wet."

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Despite cancer surgery, coach inspires law team

By RALSTON ROLLO
STAFF WRITER

Because of a recurrence of brain cancer and subsequent surgery, the Texas Tech School of Law arbitration team competed without one of its coaches at the American Bar Association's national arbitration competition.

However, the team still found a way to win a national championship.

Walter Huffman, academic dean of the law school, said Murray Hensley left an impression on the competitors that showed even in his absence.

A team of four third-year students defeated Michigan State University in the final round of the American Bar Association's national arbitration competition to become national champions Jan. 23 at Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

Courtney Stamper, a member of the team, said a coach from Creighton University approached the team and told them he could tell they were Hensley's students just by the way they acted.

When the news of Hensley's illness came to the attention of the team, he said, they decided to work even harder for their goal of victory.

"I was devastated when I found out," Stamper said.

Even in sickness, Stamper said, Hensley strived to encourage and inspire the team to work for greatness.

"Even though Murray was sick, he still had a spirit," he said. "He was still encouraging us to go to the competition and do our best."

In a way, Stamper said, Hensley's absence might have inspired the team to be more competitive and thus more successful.

"When Murray got sick, it wasn't about what I wanted anymore," he

said. "It was about winning the championship for him."

The recent surgery made Hensley unavailable to *The Daily Toreador* for an interview.

Huffman said although student advocacy teams have been consistently strong, this year has been the highlight of the program.

The success is a testament to the strength of faculty and students alike, he said.

"It says a lot about our faculty and the quality of the students we have," Huffman said.

The competition is a key element in the school's efforts to prepare its students for the practice of law, he said. In the 43 years the law school has been in operation student advocacy teams have acquired 22 national titles in various competitions.

"We've always had very strong student advocacy teams here, and we've done very well," Huffman said.

Aside from the honor of victory and success, he said, students who participate in the advocacy program gain valuable lessons in dedication, hard work and integrity.

Rob Sherwin, director of advocacy programs for Tech's law school, said the widespread success of student advocacy teams can be largely attributed to the collaborative effort of all who are involved in pushing toward a common goal.

Sherwin said the advocacy program's success this year has been partly because of the involvement of faculty and the Lubbock law community.

"It says a lot about our faculty and the quality of the students we have."

WALTER HUFFMAN
LAW SCHOOL'S
ACADEMIC DEAN

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Pennsylvania Rep. John Murtha dies at 77

By PETER JACKSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Rep. John Murtha, the tall, gruff-mannered former Marine who became the de facto voice of veterans on Capitol Hill and later an outspoken and influential critic of the Iraq War, died Monday. He was 77.

The Pennsylvania Democrat had been suffering complications from gallbladder surgery. He died at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va., spokesman Matthew Mazonkey said.

In 1974 Murtha, then an officer in the Marine Reserves, became the first Vietnam War combat veteran elected to Congress. Ethical ques-

tions often shadowed his congressional service, but he was best known for being among Congress' most hawkish Democrats. He wielded considerable clout for two decades as the ranking Democrat on the House subcommittee that oversees Pentagon spending.

Murtha voted in 2002 to authorize President George W. Bush to use military force in Iraq, but his growing frustration over the administration's handling of the war prompted him in November 2005 to call for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops.

"The war in Iraq is not going as advertised. It is a flawed policy wrapped in illusion," he said.

Murtha's opposition to the Iraq war rattled Washington, where he

enjoyed bipartisan respect for his work on military issues. On Capitol Hill, Murtha was seen as speaking for those in uniform when it came to military matters.

Murtha "was the first Vietnam veteran to serve in Congress, and he was incredibly effective in his service in the House," said Rep. David Obey, a Democrat and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "He understood the misery of war. Every person who serves in the military has lost an advocate and a good friend today."

Born June 17, 1932, John Patrick Murtha delivered newspapers and worked at a gas station before graduating from Ramsay High School in Mount Pleasant, Pa.

Canadian military official charged with murder

By ROB GILLIES
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO (AP) — The commander of Canada's largest Air Force base, who once flew dignitaries around the country, has been charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of two women.

Ontario Provincial Police Det. Insp. Chris Nicholas said Monday that Col. Russell Williams, 46, was arrested Sunday in Ottawa. He was also charged in the sexual assaults of two other women.

The charges left Canada's military in a state of shock.

Williams, a 23-year military veteran, was appointed as the base commander of Canadian Forces

Base Trenton in Trenton, Ontario last July. Trenton is Canada's busiest Air Force base and is providing logistical support for Canada's missions in Haiti and Afghanistan.

Williams is charged with the first-degree murder of Jessica Lloyd, 27, of a Belleville, Ontario, resident whose body was found earlier Monday, and Marie Comeau, a 38-year-old corporal found dead in her Brighton, Ontario, home in November.

Authorities said Williams came to the attention of police during a roadside canvas on Feb. 4, six days after Lloyd was deemed missing.

Williams, 46, is also charged with forcible confinement, breaking and entering and sexual assault

after two women were sexually assaulted during two separate home invasions in the Tweed, Ontario area in September of 2009.

"We're shocked by the connection that has been made with a leader in our Air Force," Maj. Gen. Yvan Blondin, the direct commander of Williams, said in Trenton.

"It obviously is no longer possible for the commander to remain in his position."

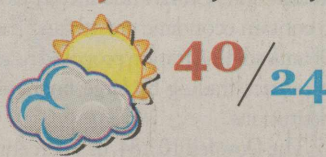
Lieutenant-General Andre Deschamps, Canada's Air Force chief, said the Air Force is fully supporting civilian police. He called it a difficult period but said the Air Force would provide support for personnel at Trenton.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Gov. Perry wants Predator drones patrolling border

IRVING (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry says he wants unmanned aircraft based out of Houston's Ellington Field to be used for surveillance along the state's border with Mexico.

The governor said "aviation assets" would be helpful to Texas' border security with Mexico. He has asked the U.S. Defense Department to allow unarmed Predator drones to be used from Brownsville to El Paso as part of training exercises.

Perry was in suburban Dallas on Monday before making a trip to Odessa. His remarks came during a brief address to about a dozen members of the Texas Municipal Police Association. The group has endorsed the governor in his bid against Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Debra Medina for the May 2 Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Perry also criticized the federal government for what he said was a failure to monitor the border.

NATION

Criminal probe launched in Conn. plant blast

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) — Authorities looking for the cause of an explosion that killed five people at a power plant under construction launched a criminal investigation Monday, saying they could not rule out criminal negligence as the cause.

"If everything went right, we wouldn't all be here right now," Middletown Mayor Sebastian Guiliano said. "There's a point where negligence raises to the level of criminal conduct, and that's what we're investigating."

The powerful explosion blew apart large swaths of the nearly completed 620-megawatt Kleen Energy plant as workers for the construction company O&G Industries Inc. were purging a gas line Sunday morning. The blast tore apart sheet metal that covered the plant's sides and left parts of the complex so unstable that rescuers were unable

to work Monday because of the danger of collapse.

The mayor said rescue crews had been unable to get to all areas of the plant and he could not say for certain that no more victims would be found. But authorities also said every worker who was assigned to work at the plant at the time of the explosion was accounted for.

Deputy Fire Marshal Al Santostefano said the death toll should stand at five.

"We needed something to lift spirits around here, and that definitely did it," he said.

The men who died were identified by Middletown police Monday as Peter Chetulis of Thomaston, Conn.; Ronald J. Crabb of Colchester, Conn.; Raymond Dobratz of Old Saybrook, Conn.; Chris Walters of Florissant, Mo.; and Roy Rushton of Hamilton, Ontario.

WORLD

Report: NKorea's Kim reiterates disarmament pledge

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il reiterated his country's pledge to achieve a denuclearization of the Korean peninsula when he met a senior Chinese envoy, Beijing's official news agency reported Tuesday.

"The sincerity of relevant parties to resume the six-party talks is very important," Kim said during a meeting Monday with top Chinese Communist Party official Wang Jiarui, Xinhua News Agency reported from Pyongyang. Kim reiterated his country's "persistent stance to realize the denuclearization" of the

peninsula, it said.

Kim referred to stalled six-country talks on ending the North's nuclear weapons program. The North walked away from the disarmament talks — held with the U.S., South Korea, China, Russia and Japan — last year in anger over international condemnation of a long-range rocket launch.

Earlier Tuesday, Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency reported that Wang conveyed to Kim a verbal message from Chinese President Hu Jintao and that the North Korean leader asked him to convey his regards to Hu.

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STUDYING SKULLS



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador
SARA SONOSKI, A freshman advertising and finance dual major from Flower Mound, studies bones for her anthropology class Monday in Holden Hall.

Space shuttle blasts off on last night flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Endeavour and six astronauts rocketed into orbit Monday on what's likely the last nighttime launch for the shuttle program, hauling a new room and observation deck for the International Space Station.

The space shuttle took flight before dawn, igniting the sky with a brilliant flash seen for miles around. The weather finally cooperated: Thick, low clouds that had delayed a first launch attempt Sunday returned, but then cleared away just in time.

"Looks like the weather came together tonight," launch director Mike Leinbach told the astronauts right before liftoff. "It's time to go fly."

"We'll see you in a couple weeks,"

replied commander George Zamka. He repeated: "It's time to go fly."

There are just four more missions scheduled this year before the shuttles are retired.

"For the last night launch, it treated us well," Leinbach said.

Endeavour's destination — the space station, home to five men — was soaring over Romania at the time of liftoff. The shuttle is set to arrive at the station early Wednesday.

Zamka and his crew will deliver and install Tranquility, a new room that will eventually house life-support equipment, exercise machines and a toilet, as well as a seven-windowed dome. The lookout has the biggest window ever sent into space, a circle 31 inches across.

It will be the last major construc-

tion job at the space station. No more big pieces like that are left to fly.

Both the new room and dome — together exceeding \$400 million — were supplied by the European Space Agency.

NASA began fueling Endeavour on Sunday night just as the Super Bowl was kicking off to the south in Miami. The shuttle crew did not watch the game — neither did the launch team — but it was beamed up to the space station in case anyone there wanted to watch it.

Endeavour's launch also was broadcast to the space station residents, who got to watch it live.

Launch manager Mike Moses said he got "evil glares" in the control center for making his team report to work on Super Bowl night. He noted

that the shuttle's fuel tank was made in New Orleans. "They were at least happy with the results of the game," he said with a smile.

The coin used in the opening toss flew to the space station in November, aboard Atlantis.

Monday morning's countdown ended up being uneventful, except for a last-minute run to the launch pad. Astronaut Stephen Robinson forgot the binder holding all his flight data files, and the emergency red team had to rush it out to him, just before he climbed aboard. The launch team couldn't resist some gentle teasing.

A quick look at the launch video showed a couple pieces of foam insulation breaking off Endeavour's external fuel tank, but none appeared to strike the shuttle, officials said.

Law

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"The faculty and legal community see the advocacy program as the crown jewel of the law school," he said.

The advocacy program and recent national championship, Stamper said, are reminders of the quality of the education and preparation law students receive at Tech.

"I feel extremely comfortable walking into these situations and calling myself a student attorney," he said.

One key factor in the success of the team, Stamper said, is the willingness of every member to work hard, prepare and execute. "We were all willing to put in the effort and do the work,"

he said.

Through involvement with the advocacy, Stamper said, students are bound to become prepared for a career in the practice of law.

"I wasn't capable of any of these things two years ago," he said. "Now, I feel very adequately prepared to face a court situation."

Since the law school and advocacy program have done so much for him, Stamper said, it would be an honor to give back to them in the future.

"If I'm in any position to give back to Tech's advocacy programs later in life, I will," he said. "It's not just an obligation, I want to give back to (the program)."

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Dow closes below 10,000 for first time in 3 months

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average closed below 10,000 for the first time in three months Monday on nagging concerns about debt loads in Europe.

The Dow, down almost 104 points, had its 10th triple-digit move in 16 trading days. Shares of big banks pulled the market lower, extending a slump that has led to four straight weekly losses.

Mounting deficits in weaker European economies including Greece, Portugal and Spain have raised questions about the health of the global financial system. That compounded concerns about growth in China and proposed U.S. bank regulations took the market down from a 15-month high reached in January.

Greece's finance minister said Monday the government is preparing to boost some taxes to shore up its finances. But civil servants opposed to cutbacks have pledged to strike on Wednesday.

Brett Hryb, a portfolio manager with MFC Global Investment Management in Toronto, said the latest concern is that the financial troubles in a country like Greece, whose economy is small compared with the rest of Europe, will spill into other countries.

"Clearly Greece itself is nothing. It's just a blip. It's what the contagion could be," he said.

Monday's drop extends the stumble the market began in mid-January. At that time, China announced plans to contain economic growth and the Obama administration proposed rules to restrict trading by large financial institutions.

The Dow fell 103.84, or 1 percent, to 9,908.39. On Thursday, the Dow traded below the psychological barrier of 10,000 for the first time since November. It hadn't closed below that mark since Nov. 4, and first closed above 10,000 in March 1999. The Dow is still up 51.3 percent since last March.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 9.45, or 0.9 percent, to 1,056.74, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 15.07, or 0.7 percent, to 2,126.05.

Bond prices edged higher, pushing yields lower. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note was flat at 3.57 percent from late Friday.

The dollar fell against other major currencies, while gold rose.

Crude oil rose 70 cents to settle at \$71.89 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Questions about the global economy have interrupted a 10-month climb in stocks, which hit 12-year lows last March. The Dow is down 817 points, or 7.6 percent, from its recent high of 10,725.43 on Jan. 19.

Jerry Webman, chief economist at OppenheimerFunds Inc., said he doesn't expect that problems with rising debt loads in Europe will cascade into other parts of the world's economy, but he remains cautious.

"Right now, when anybody says the word 'contained' I start to tremble," he said, referring to his skepticism about those who downplay worries about Greece and other countries with rising deficits.

Webman is also concerned by the shrugs that have greeted corporate earnings reports. Three out of four of the companies in the S&P 500 index that have reported results for the fourth quarter have posted stronger sales and profit numbers than analysts forecast, according to Thomson Reuters.

"The market is obviously not that enthusiastic about these good bottom-line and good top-line numbers," Webman said, adding that he sees that as a reason to be concerned about the direction of stocks.

In earnings news, the toymaker Hasbro Inc. said its profit surged 77 percent in the fourth quarter while drugstore chain CVS Caremark Corp. said its earnings rose 11 percent. The results beat analysts' estimates.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Julian Lim 2/9/10

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Tunnel of Oppression gives light to issues

By JULIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A study conducted by Bendick and Egan Economic Consultants, Inc. in high-end Manhattan restaurants reported that of waiters and waitresses applying for jobs, minorities were more often told less about the positions, given less time to be interviewed and did not discuss convenient work scheduling. Statistics such as unequal pay and workforce treatment were presented Monday at the Tunnel of Oppression.

"We want to educate people on aspects that will impact their lives."

CHRISTINA ZOES
GRADUATE HALL
COORDINATOR

The event opened the doors of the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on Monday to shed light on social issues to the Texas Tech community. The event is

hosted annually by University Student Housing and sponsored by the Social Justice Education Committee. Each housing complex on campus presented a booth informing students about different subjects of oppression, including the homeless, equal education rights, body image, abortion and health care.

"This has been going on for several years now. We chose this particular activity because it can provide a powerful opportunity for people to make up their own mind about the information regarding aspects of social justice," said Christina Zoes, a graduate hall coordinator. "We want to educate people on aspects that will impact their lives. We try to encourage students to think critically for

themselves and for people to address these issues in their own ways." Zoes, who came to Tech from Woodstock, Ill., said the activity provides a safe environment to explore ideas that may otherwise go overlooked or a position that may have gone unheard. She said University Student Housing doesn't want to just encourage academic knowledge, but hopes to promote societal awareness as well.

Students were taken on tours of each booth and interacted in various aspects of every issue. Actors accompanied the group and displayed the various opinions for and against the topics.

"Often people only see one side of the story, so, by providing both sides of the story or interesting tidbits, we hope we can create better educated citizens," Zoes said.

The Tunnel of Oppression will be open and free to the public 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion near Jones AT&T Stadium.

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PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

KIMBERLY DAVIS, LEFT, a senior chemical engineering and math dual major from San Antonio, and Tarryn Lambert, a junior public relations and electronic media communications dual major from Austin, argue about what a model should look like during their skit on Texas Tech's version of "America's Next Top Model" in the Tunnel of Oppression on Monday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

For Permian High School dance team, moves are all

ODESSA, Texas (AP)—The door of the Permian High School dance hall swings open, revealing a room filled with music and light.

It's just after 3 o'clock on a Thursday afternoon, and though many eyes in the school must be straying toward the clocks, those of the Panther Paws flit constantly to the mirrors, checking their form, making sure everything is just right.

"Make it pretty and in the moment. Remember the pulse. There's no choreography here — you just need to let go. It's what you feel," dance instructor and Panther Paws coach Kristin Carter said.

It looks simpler than it is. Members of the Panther Paws dance team fly through the air. They leap. They bound. If you didn't feel the impact as their feet hit the ground, it would be believable that these girls could fly.

The Panther Paws, along with the entire dance department at Permian High School, have been practicing long and hard to get their steps right, their hands right, get everything in line for their annual show, "Dance Explosion."

The show will feature a variety of dance that the students in the dance department study including hip-hop, jazz, pom, contemporary and lyrical dance. There are 125 students enrolled in Dance I, Dance II or the Panther

Paws and Carter emphasized this is a performance featuring all of her students.

"'Dance Explosion' is not about the Panther Paws, because we have an entire dance department here. It's a showcase of all of the classes," Carter said.

Carter came up with the program her first year at Permian, naming it "Dance Explosion" because it features a little bit of everything, "and it's just an explosion of dance," Carter said.

Panther Paws captain, Permian senior Morgan Winchell, said it was nice to be able to show the community what they have been working on.

"It gives us a chance to show off what we've worked so hard for," Winchell said.

Panther Paw member Amy Kinnaid agreed.

"We want to promote it and get it out there and show the community what we can do," Kinnaid said.

The showcase may not be all about the Panther Paws but it does benefit them. The ticket sales have always been good — Carter ordered 1,700 tickets to be printed up for the two shows on Friday and Saturday evening — but they hope to do well this year. This year, the dancers have decided to donate part of their ticket proceeds to sales to Angel House, a local crisis center.

Kayak

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For those like Barham who already have gotten their feet wet, Ewers said, the time is spent improving on the basics and trying tricks like the cartwheel — a trick where the kayaker transitions from tip to tip, while the kayaker stays horizontal, parallel with the water.

All of this is done 7 p.m. Thursday nights in Exercise Sports Science Pool starting when 12 to 15 kayakers arrive from the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Barham said. The kayakers are brought inside and the kayakers gear up

to practice their skills. These skills, like paddling strokes, self-rescue techniques and the kayak roll help to prepare kayakers for other related endeavors, like the OPC's many off campus kayaking trips, or monthly games of kayak polo, according to the Web site.

The next OPC kayaking trip will be an introduction to white-water kayaking March 5 through March 7 in San Marcos. To be eligible for the trip, the prerequisite is four of the Thursday night pool sessions beginning Feb. 23. The next kayak polo event will begin 10 a.m. Feb. 27 in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center indoor pool.

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World's tallest tower closed a month after opening

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The world's tallest skyscraper has unexpectedly closed to the public a month after its lavish opening, disappointing tourists headed for the observation deck and casting doubt over plans to welcome its first permanent occupants in the coming weeks.

Electrical problems are at least partly to blame for the closure of the Burj Khalifa's viewing platform — the only part of the half-mile high tower open yet. But a lack of information from the spire's owner left it unclear whether the rest of the largely empty building — including dozens of elevators meant to whisk visitors to the tower's more than 160 floors — was affected by the shutdown.

The indefinite closure, which began Sunday, comes as Dubai struggles to revive its international image as a cutting-edge Arab metropolis amid nagging questions about its financial health.

The Persian Gulf city-state had hoped the 2,717-foot (828-meter) Burj Khalifa would be a major tourist draw. Dubai has promoted itself by wowing visitors with over-the-top attractions such as the Burj, which juts like a silvery needle out of the desert and can be seen from miles around.

In recent weeks, thousands of tourists have lined up for the chance to buy tickets for viewing times often days in advance that cost more than \$27 apiece. Now many of those would-be visitors, such as Wayne Boyes, a tourist from near Manchester, England, must get back in line for refunds.

"It's just very disappointing," said Boyes, 40, who showed up at the Burj's entrance Monday with a ticket for an afternoon time slot only to be told the viewing platform was closed. "The tower was one of my main reasons for coming here," he said.

The precise cause of the \$1.5 billion Dubai skyscraper's temporary shutdown remained unclear. In a brief statement responding to questions, building owner Emaar Properties blamed the closure on "unexpected high traffic," but then suggested that electrical problems were also at fault.

"Technical issues with the power supply are being worked on by the main and subcontractors and the public will be informed upon completion," the company said, adding that it is "committed to the highest quality standards at Burj Khalifa."

Despite repeated requests, a spokeswoman for Emaar was unable to provide further details or rule out the possibility of foul play. Greg Sang, Emaar's director of projects and the man charged with coordinating the tower's construction, could not be reached. Construction workers at the base of the tower said they were unaware of any problems.

Power was reaching some parts of the building. Strobe lights warning aircraft flashed and a handful of floors were illuminated after nightfall.

Emaar did not say when the observation deck would reopen. Ticket sales agents were accepting bookings starting on Valentine's Day this Sunday, though one reached by The Associated Press could not confirm the building would reopen then.

Tourists affected by the closure are being offered the chance to rebook or receive refunds.

uses the food processor machine to slice squash and tomatoes picked from the school's gardens and area farms in the summer and fall, later to be frozen. The school also bought a salad bar, which has been a huge hit with the kids.

When Perry used to prepare salads for the kids, there was a lot of waste. But when kids could choose what they wanted in their bowls or on their plates, more were eating fruits and vegetables, she said.

The number of students buying hot lunch has jumped by 50 percent since the school added the salad bar, Perry said. The salad bar is also used for tacos and stir-fries.

The students take part in lunch room taste tests to see what they like. Harvest soup, also known as cabbage soup, with and without beef, got rave reviews.

"This is great, guys," said sixth

grader Daniel Lazar. The third and fourth graders who chopped up vegetables for the soup also tried to sell other kids on the meal. They hung up posters in the cafeteria that advertised the nutritional value and cancer-fighting properties of the ingredients, which they learned about that morning.

"Super onions say no to cancer," one read.

The students are learning to eat healthier, and the focus on agriculture, local food and nutrition is paying off in the classroom, said principal Barrett Williams.

SHARON, Vt. (AP) — The third and fourth graders at Sharon Elementary know where the veggies in their soup come from because they've visited the farms. They know the nutritional value of the carrots, onions and cabbage because they've studied them in class, and they know how they're grown because they've nurtured them in raised beds out back.

The 105-student school is part of the National Farm to School Network, aimed at getting healthier meals into school cafeterias, teaching kids about agriculture and nutrition and supporting local farmers.

About 40 states have farm-to-school programs, but Vermont is a leader in incorporating all three missions into its programs.

"Vermont has really taken it on in quite the most holistic way and not just in a couple of school districts but statewide," said Anupama Joshi, director of the Farm to School program, based at the Center for Food and Justice at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Vermont may be a step ahead of other states because a nonprofit partnership called Vermont FEED had already been working to get local foods into schools.

The state also has backed the farm-to-school effort with funding to help schools buy equipment to chop or process the local food and buy meat from a local farmer.

What started as a handful of pilot programs has grown into 45 Vermont schools getting grants and about 60 with farm-to-school activities. The funding is expected to dry up next year with budget cuts.

Sharon used its \$13,500 grant to buy a potato chopper and a food processor. Food service director LinAnn Perry now

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Texas governorship up in air as GOP splits

Being a college student has bits benefits. We can be radical on any random issue and not be judged by our complete "lack of understanding."

Similarly, college students always have been considered swing voters — unpredictable, disloyal voters. Our attitudes toward abortion, religion and politics in general can be innovative and shockingly moderate, considering the fact as we continue our education more factors come into play within our lives.

West Texas is well known to be a conservative place, or at least conservative-like. Religion is placed above other activities on almost every day of the week. Even as one drives closer and closer, there are more and more billboards advertising God and his message. Even in the middle of nowhere, we are asked to believe.

There is simply no escape from

Colleen Gartner



our responsibilities. Not even in a far-off West Texas town where the nearest grocery store seems to be so far away the ice cream melts on the way back home, can one escape his or her civic duty.

It's a gubernatorial election year, and you know what that means: Let the nasty commercials begin. Who's up for a slow porch-swinging, dog-barking overlay with an unfocused, biased message? After all, those commercials are as wholesome for our minds as Fruit Loops are for our bodies: colorful, holey and soggy. Those darn bite-sized pieces. They know exactly where are our sweet

spots are, so we are drawn in even more to that bottomless bowl.

So should we keep the current one — you know, the smooth, shiny-haired Gov. Rick Perry, originally appointed by former President George W. Bush? To me, he represents a piece of good-ol'-boy politics. Even so, there's no doubt he has worked on behalf of Texas, and I would be very curious to see whether he aims to become a presidential nominee if allotted the chance.

During the last publicized Republican debate, he could not con-

vince me of his intentions. He stated he would make it through his term, but if he failed to make it through, it would be from death. Still, the allusion toward such a leap remains on the back of my mind.

Now Perry's competition isn't so new to his seat in a highly strong-willed manner. The word assertive is an understatement in terms of describing her "political stick." Having served as a U.S. senator from Texas since 1993, this pro-choice Republican

is a stickler for her harsh words on Gardasil, the Trans-Texas corridor and immigration.

Her counterpart, Debra Medina, who visited Texas Tech on Feb. 1, is a more grass-roots based Conservative. Seeking to weld the constituent and the government disconnects together, Medina's "we Texans" strategy has been doing well enough she is closing in on Hutchison's turf.

On the other end of the spectrum, there's former Mayor of Houston, Bill White. Although I am from Houston, I don't support his run to become the next governor. I just can't see it. Yes, our economy in Houston has been flourishing for years now, but he really isn't too different from Hutchison's platform. I prefer to think he may be better at getting things done in a micro rather than in a macro scale.

The last major democratic contender, Farouk Shami, is a billion-

dollar hair entrepreneur from the West Bank. He certainly is no one to fool with. Considering money is no issue for him, can he gather a large enough Democratic base that is willing to vote for him? He debated White on Monday, and I'm curious to see how his campaign will continue to develop.

So, why not vote? College students are notorious for having an opinion, but they also tend not to vote for whatever reason (failure to file an absentee ballot, etc.). I encourage those who have not already analyzed where they stand in terms of voting should do so. It is too late to register to vote in time for the primary, but the primary reminds us to get all of our business taken care of before our vote really counts: Election Day.

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“So should we keep the current one — you know, the smooth, shiny-haired Gov. Rick Perry, originally appointed by former President George W. Bush?”

Party lines show double standard, need revision

Political parties are stupid. The father of the country shares my opinion.

OK, so George Washington did not exactly say that verbatim. He actually had harsher words for political parties: "However (much) they may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

When we buy into our two-party system, we allow political intrigues to interfere with actual legislation. Governing the people becomes a scramble for votes, not an intelligent dialogue on what is best for the country. Democratic republics elect officials to represent the people, not simply the ideas of two parties.

The problem with political parties is they polarize the population more than is necessary. These politicians do not represent the people any more. They simply represent the opposition to the current administration. Both parties act to thwart each other, and they bring their supporters with them.

Roy Long



We, as a voting block, sometimes have ceded our ability to think in favor of partisan politics.

One example of how this occurs is seen in so-called Bushisms. Former President George W. Bush was not the most eloquent politician ever, and he definitely let his Texas drawl shine through. One of my favorites is, "I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family." For the last 10 years, the nation has giggled at the ridiculous statements of president number 43, thinking he is somehow stupid because he is not an eloquent speaker.

Interestingly enough, I have not heard from those same Bush hecklers much about Obama-isms. After all, President Barack Obama is the politician who taught me there are 57 states in the United States, the navy has corpse-men and breathalizers help with asthma.

Why do we hold a double standard? The same thing has happened with

results of the administrations. Bush was blamed for the economy, the wars and even Hurricane Katrina (as though he can control weather like Storm from the X-Men). However, when Obama fails to deliver on health care, economic recovery or preventing terrorist attacks, we somehow excuse him, saying it really is not his fault. Either both presidents are responsible for the misfortunes of their administrations, or they are not. We cannot have our cake and eat it too.

To be fair, the same thing occurred with Bush. We blame Obama for expanding the state and increasing government, when Bush started giving out TARP money and made many new government bureaus. Truth be told, I blame Congress for all of the laws, with which I am disappointed. After all, presidents are only supposed to execute the laws, they are not to legislate.

What is the solution? Most people with whom I have discussed this issue agree having only two major parties is bad for the country. However, just adding in another party will not fix the problem. Observing the experiences of parliamentary systems of Europe and Canada shows this clearly. Instead of taking extreme stances for votes, the parties scheme together to form opposition and pro-government coalitions, in which candidates effectively form two parties for the course of one administration.

This is even worse than the American system because it causes parties to abandon issues and commit ideological treason regularly based off of circumstance.

Some may argue we should completely outlaw parties and vote for candidates who are all independent. Although this would force voters to think and research issues, hopefully voting for praiseworthy individuals, this may initiate a quest for absolute consensus which cannot exist. Do we really want a president who earns the presidency with a grand total of 3 percent of the vote, merely because more people agreed with him than all other candidates?

Truth be told, I have no clue what a good solution to this problem would be. What do you think? Whatever the solution may be, we need to move away from straight-ticket voting. We should vote for those who reflect our beliefs on good governance, regardless of party.

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US magazine circulation falls 9 pct at newsstands

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. consumers showed less willingness to spend money for magazines at newsstands and other retail outlets as single-copy sales fell more than 9 percent in the second half of 2009.

One positive sign: the drop in newsstand sales was not as severe as in the first half of 2009, when publishers saw a year-over-year decline of 12 percent, according to figures released Monday by the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Still, the figures are troubling for the magazine industry as the weak economy continues to put a damper on spending and consumers have plenty of free reading options available online.

Newsstand sales are important for publishers because they charge more per copy than they do for subscriptions. Magazines generally give a discount to those willing to subscribe in order to boost the overall circulation they can promise advertisers.

Magazines have been enduring one of the worst advertising slumps in memory. In October, Conde Nast Publications announced it was

closing Gourmet, the nation's oldest food magazine, along with three other food-magazine titles. The latest circulation drops do not even include such titles because Monday's report is based only on 472 magazines that still publish and that provided comparable figures to industry auditors.

Although the Internet has been taking more of people's time for years, overall magazine circulation had been holding steady for a while.

Overall circulation is starting to creep lower, though. After remaining relatively flat in the first half of 2008, it fell about 1 percent over the next two periods. That drop grew to 2.2 percent in the second half of 2009.

Paid subscriptions, meanwhile, fell by 1.1 percent in the second half.

It is difficult to say how much of the decline is the result of consumers abandoning an old medium for the Web and how much results from the recession hitting people's budgets.

Another factor is that publishers have been cutting back on heavily discounted circulation. As the cost of mailing magazines climbs, publishers figure it isn't worth the cost of printing extra copies.

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Convicted Chinese spy to get espionage sentence

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — An elderly Chinese-born engineer convicted of economic espionage for hoarding sensitive documents that included space shuttle details faces sentencing Monday, and prosecutors are seeking a 20-year term.

A judge found Dongfan "Greg" Chung, 74, guilty in July of six federal counts of economic espionage and other charges for keeping 300,000 pages of sensitive papers in his home. The documents also included information about the fueling system for a booster rocket.

Despite Chung's age, prosecutors have requested a 20-year sentence, in part to send a message to other would-be spies.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Staples noted in sentencing papers that Chung amassed a personal wealth of more than \$3 million while betraying his adopted country.

"The (People's Republic of China) is bent on stealing sensitive information from the United States and shows no sign of relenting," Staples wrote. "Only strong sentences offer any hope of dissuading others from helping the PRC get that technology."

Chung's attorney, Thomas Bienert

Jr., did not return a call for comment. He has said his client will appeal.

Defense attorneys also filed a motion last week accusing prosecutors of withholding a report about an FBI interview with a Chinese professor with whom Chung corresponded.

The attorneys requested an evidentiary hearing for Monday on the matter.

It was unclear if U.S. District Judge Cormac J. Carney would grant the motion.

The government accused Chung, a stress analyst with high-level clearance, of using his 30-year career at Boeing Co. and Rockwell International to steal the documents. They said investigators found papers stacked throughout Chung's house that included sensitive information about the booster rocket — documents that employees were ordered to lock away at the end of each day.

They said Boeing invested \$50 million in the technology over a five-year period.

During the non-jury trial, Chung's lawyers argued that he may have violated Boeing policy by bringing the papers home, but he didn't break any laws by doing so, and the U.S. government couldn't prove he had given

secret information to China.

In his ruling, Carney wrote that the notion that Chung was merely a pack rat was "ludicrous" and said the evidence showed that he had been passing information to Chinese officials as a spy.

The government believes Chung began spying for the Chinese in the late 1970s, a few years after he became a naturalized U.S. citizen and was hired by Rockwell International.

Chung worked for Rockwell until it was bought by Boeing in 1996. He stayed with the company until he was laid off in 2002 but brought back a year later as a consultant. He was fired when the FBI began its investigation in 2006.

When agents searched Chung's house that year, they discovered more than 225,000 pages of documents on Boeing-developed aerospace and defense technologies, according to trial briefs.

The technologies dealt with a phased-array antenna being developed for radar and communications on the U.S. space shuttle and a \$16 million fueling mechanism for the Delta IV booster rocket, used to launch manned space vehicles.

Agents also found documents on the C-17 Globemaster troop transport used by the U.S. Air Force as well as militaries in Britain, Australia and Canada — but the government later dropped charges related to those finds.

Prosecutors discovered Chung's activities while investigating another suspected Chinese spy living and working in Southern California.

That man, Chi Mak, was convicted in 2007 of conspiracy to export U.S. defense technology to China and sentenced to 24 years in prison.

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KELSEY WHITESIDE, A junior communication design major from Austin, throws a bowl on a pottery wheel Sunday in the 3-D Art Annex.

Tuesdays with Tina: A weekend with parents

Tina Arons



My parents came to visit last weekend. It was one of the strangest visits yet.

Allow me to begin by saying I love my parents, as trying and turbulent as our relationship can be.

But my parents are kind of unusual.

My dad, a 6-foot-tall broad-shouldered man in his late 60s, presents the ideal image of a good ol' country boy: self-sufficient, good morals and not very talkative.

My mom — a short Thai woman who smiles a lot and always speaks two notches too loud — has lived in the United States for more than two decades, but she still has an Asian accent and a view of American life mostly based on cable television.

They arrived around lunch-time Friday afternoon and we spent the next hour unpacking gifts: three types of leafy greens from my mom's garden, homemade venison jerky, fresh pecans gathered in the orchard, and a small fortune of firewood that only cost my dad the time it took to cut it.

It's about the norm.

After unloading the truck and eating lunch, we headed to The Haven Animal Shelter to look at puppies. We lost Rascal, the golden retriever my dad gave me when I was in kindergarten, in October last year. My dad and I were hoping my mom would fall in love with a litter of Labrador puppies and agree to adopt two of them.

She decided to think about it, especially since the puppies weren't old enough to adopt

yet. So, we headed out for some shopping — hooray for free groceries — before going home to fix dinner.

It was a relatively uneventful. My dad talked about some wild pigs that were causing problems in the area and my mom told my boyfriend and I about what she'd decided to plant in her garden this year.

They decided to call it a night around 10 p.m., much later than their normal bedtime, and planned to get up around 5:30 a.m. My dad wanted to arrive home with enough daylight left to bring hay to the cows.

Considering it was Friday night and a friend invited my boyfriend and I to a keg party at his place, it seemed natural for us to go out. My

parents, only recently aware of how much we drink and attempting to be open-minded, told us to have a good time and went to bed.

My boyfriend and I arrived back home around 4:30 a.m.

Sometime in the middle of brushing our teeth and putting on pajamas, the guest room door creaked open. There were my parents, fully dressed and ready to go, with their bags in hand.

“It was almost as if my parents were upset with our behavior or felt awkward about the situation enough to want to leave in a hurry. But, because I understand them in a way only family can, I knew that wasn't the case.”

“Couldn't sleep,” my mom said. “Need to get home to the cows,” my dad added.

A quick round of hugs and “love you,” a folded wad of cash pressed into my hand to help with monthly bills, and they were out the door.

It was almost as if my parents were upset with our behavior or felt awkward about the situation enough to want to leave in a hurry. But, because I understand them in a way only family can, I knew that wasn't the

case. They're just like that.

...but it was still pretty odd.

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Adventures in Spain: A few favorite things

As we continue on our group excursions to various cities in Spain, the sites we visit become increasingly stunning, and with each destination I find new favorites.

In short, after each trip we have taken, I sit down to Skype my parents who ask me how the trip was, and each time I reply, “It was amazing! I saw the most beautiful (insert church/building here).” Each city keeps topping the previous.

Friday morning we left to Granada, a small city resting on the slopes of the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains and about two and a half hours away from Seville. Its most famous attraction is the Alhambra, a Moorish palace, city and fortress all in one. It was beautiful, and walking through its stone corridors and forests of columns was like stepping back in time.

The ancient columns still stood after hundreds of years, and we were told it was because a slice of lead was placed near its top, allowing it to gently slide and move when needed. Just thought I would add that I thought it was pretty ingenious.

Although the skies were a dull grey and at times we felt a light drizzle, the beauty of the city could not be dimmed. We visited the Royal Chapel and Cathedral of Granada where the tombs of the monarchs Isabel and Ferdinand and Juana and Felipe lie — their actual tombs. We got to walk beneath the cathedral's floors and view the iron coffins that held their bodies. It was very surreal.

That night a group of us ventured to a gypsy cave for flamenco. Sounds fishy, right? The “cave” was actually a tavern that looked like a tunnel, but I could see how some could call it a cave. I was skeptical at first, but once the performance began all my doubts melted away.

Flamenco is a typical Spanish dance, and usually involves a guitarist and vocalist while the remaining performers clap and tap their feet while another dances. The dance involves graceful arm movements and powerful steps. There were women and men performers, and their strength and concentration was incredible.

Toward the end of their performance, they randomly picked people from the audience to dance with them. And of course, I ended up being dragged to the floor. But if you know

Carrie Thornton



my personality, you know that I have no shame, and I love to go for it. If you know me you may also know I am awkward and I have small feet, which means I have no coordination, so you might imagine how entertaining my attempts at flamenco were. I had a blast, trying to move like the woman I was dancing with. It was a great night, and a few friends have videos of everyone dancing — I expect those to be on Facebook soon.

In other news, I missed the Super Bowl. It came on at 12:30 a.m. here and my dedication to professional football runs as deep as my love of fried sardines. Some people went to an Irish pub near the cathedral to watch it. Good job guys.

Lower-level Spanish students have our first oral exam this week, and for some reason I am finding it difficult to motivate myself to study. I think it is because I have no idea how to study a language. I am nervous, but I find myself eating popcorn and a pastry I bought from OpenCor, a type of Spanish 7-Eleven, and watching “Arrested Development” on tv-shack.net.

I didn't think learning this language would prove to be so difficult, but I know that is me being naïve. Perseverance and practice will widen my vocabulary and hopefully enable me to sound less like an incoherent child and more like a fluent young adult. I have high hopes.

On another note, I got free coffee from the café below our apartment. When I told my mom this, she broke into laughter and kept asking me if I thought the men who owned the place are handsome. I told her no, because they are only 10 years younger than my dad. She did not seem to find this problematic, and now whenever I leave the house she points downstairs, winks and says, “Eh, eh! Café con los guapos!” Let's hope she doesn't try to hook us up.

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Cowboy theme at US base in Afghanistan

FORWARD OPERATING BASE TOMBSTONE, Afghanistan (AP) — Welcome to the O.K. Corral.

Past the concrete slabs and guards in heavy combat gear, a wooden board at the entrance to an allied military base in Afghanistan shows an image of Wyatt Earp, the legendary lawman of the American Wild West. His features are stern and angular. He wears a cowboy hat and a drooping mustache, and a black-gloved hand holds a long-barreled revolver across his chest.

The lore of the Wild West and the hard reality of southern Afghanistan, the key battleground of the war between NATO forces and Taliban insurgents, share a few things: danger, men with guns and desert wilderness. At Tombstone, an allied base deep in the Taliban stronghold of Helmand province, signs and images recalling the 1881 shootout in Tombstone, Arizona give the place a gunslinger motif.

The edgy, theme park touch suits the American soldiers.

“It's a little more entertaining,” said

Sgt. Maj. Robert Haemmerle, who is attached to the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment of Task Force Stryker. “It's got a little pizzazz.”

Many U.S. military installations in Afghanistan are named after soldiers slain in combat, or units that first deployed at a particular site. It's unusual to see base features that lighten the mood in a region where the threat of death is a part of life.

British and Danish soldiers share the grounds with the Americans, but don't have Wild West logos among their tents

and vehicles. On the U.S. side, an “O.K. Corral” sign has been hoisted in the parking area of the Strykers, U.S. armored vehicles that carry infantry.

The gunfight in Tombstone happened near the O.K. Corral in Tombstone. Earp and his two brothers, along with dentist and gambler John H. “Doc” Holliday, were looking to disarm and arrest the Clanton and the McLaury brothers for violating a town gun ordinance. Frank and Tom McLaury and Billy Clanton were killed in one of the most famous shootouts in U.S. history.

Autism risks detailed in children with older mothers

A woman's chance of having a child with autism increase substantially as she ages, but the risk may be less for older dads than previously suggested, a new study analyzing more than 5 million births found.

“Although fathers' age can contribute risk, the risk is overwhelmed by maternal age,” said University of California at Davis researcher Janie Shelton, the study's lead author.

Mothers older than 40 were about 50 percent more likely to have a child with autism than those in their 20s; the risk for fathers older than 40 was 36 percent higher than for men in their 20s.

Even at that, the study suggests the risk of a woman over 40 having an autistic child was still less than 4 in 1,000, one expert noted.

The new research suggests the father's age appears to make the most difference with young

mothers. Among children whose mothers were younger than 25, autism was twice as common when fathers were older than 40 than when dads were in their 20s.

The findings contrast with recent research that suggested the father's age played a bigger role than the mother's. Researchers and other autism experts said the new study is more convincing, partly because it's larger. Older mothers are known to face increased risks for having children with genetic disorders, and genes are thought to play a role in autism.

The study was released Monday in the February issue of the journal *Autism Research*.

Maureen Durkin, a University of Wisconsin researcher who also has studied the influence of parents' age on autism, said it's important to note that the increased risks are small and that most babies born to older mothers do not develop autism.

Durkin said the overall low

risk for autism “may be the most important take-home message,” especially for prospective parents

The study was based on records of all 5.6 million births in California between Jan. 1, 1990 and Dec. 31, 1999, and on cases of autism diagnosed before age 6. That number totaled more than 13,000; the study involved 12,159 autistic children for whom information on both parents' ages was also available.

The researchers took into ac-

count factors that might affect autism diagnosis, including parents' education and race.

Catherine Lord, director of the University of Michigan's Autism and Communication Disorders Center, said the study is stronger than previous research focusing on paternal age, and “gives us a fuller picture of what is going on.”

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Super Bowl XLIV most watched show

NEW YORK (AP) — The New Orleans Saints' victory over Indianapolis in the Super Bowl was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

Compelling story lines involving the city of New Orleans and its ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina and the attempt at a second Super Bowl ring for Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning propelled the viewership. Football ratings have been strong all season.

"It was one of those magical moments that you don't often see in sports," said Sean McManus, president of CBS News and Sports.

Nielsen estimated Monday that 106.5 million people watched Sunday's Super Bowl. The "M-A-S-H" record was 105.97 million.

The viewership estimate obliterated the previous record viewership for a Super Bowl — last year's game between Arizona and Pittsburgh. That game was seen by 98.7 million people, Nielsen said.

The "M-A-S-H" record has proven as durable and meaningful in television as Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs was in baseball until topped by Hank Aaron. Ultimately, it may be hard to tell which program was really watched by more people. There's a margin for error in such numbers, and Nielsen's Monday estimate was preliminary, and could

change with a more thorough look at data due Tuesday.

"It's significant for all of the members of the broadcasting community," said Leslie Moonves, CBS Corp. CEO. "For anyone who wants to write that broadcasting is dead, 106 million people watched this program. You can't find that anywhere else."

Moonves predicted CBS will earn more in advertising revenue than in any other Super Bowl. The

"If the 'M-A-S-H' audience was eclipsed, it was probably due in large part to the fact that the whole country is rooting for New Orleans to triumph in every way possible."

ALAN ALDA
STAR OF
'M-A-S-H'

good ratings for the game and football in general also set CBS and other football broadcasters up well when selling advertising for next season, he said.

The Nielsen estimate also drew some congratulations from Alan Alda, the star of "M-A-S-H," and the slugger whose record was beaten.

"If the 'M-A-S-H' audience was eclipsed, it was probably due in large part to the fact that the whole country is rooting for New Orleans to triumph in every way possible," Alda said. "I am, too, and I couldn't be happier for them. I love that city."

There are more American homes with television sets now (114.9 million) than there were in 1983 (83.3 million). An estimated 77 percent of homes with TVs on were watching "M-A-S-H" in 1983, compared with the audience share of 68 for the Super Bowl.

Saints raise their city's spirits, maybe for good

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — People lined up by the hundreds to buy Monday's Times-Picayune, which holered "AMEN!" from its front page. The Saints' Super Bowl victory was a prayer answered in this struggling city, and New Orleans itself seemed different for it.

Swarms of fans in black and gold greeted the players as they stepped off a chartered plane at the suburban airport, cheering them with "Who Dat!" chants. The Saints, cellar dwellers for decades, delivered not just their first Lombardi trophy but optimism for their city, a new sense that the unimaginable — better schools, less crime and even honest politicians — really is possible.

"The Saints kept hope alive in this city that better days were coming," said Shannon Sims, a 45-year-old criminal-court administrator in the crowd. They "were the force that kept us moving forward."

Hurricane Katrina battered the Saints and even knocked them out of

town for a while, as it did to many New Orleansians. Now the team is better than ever, and its hometown fans hope to follow suit.

"It shows the rest of the country that we have resilient people and this is a city of winners," said Dwight Henry, 46, a co-owner of the Buttermilk Drop bakery and cafe off St. Claude Avenue near the Lower 9th Ward, one of the areas hardest hit by Katrina.

"Since Katrina, we've been able to start successfully from the bottom," said Henry, whose business was badly flooded. "We couldn't go anywhere lower."

The win was not just about football for New Orleans, said John Magill, a historian at Historic New Orleans Collection.

"We're all being told that we're sinking, why bother rebuild it, there was so much of that attitude," Magill said. Thanks to the Super Bowl win, he said, Americans will view the city in the positive light the city deserves.

Lady Raiders aim to play smart in Mallard's absence



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

KIERRA MALLARD HAS been suspended indefinitely, leaving the Lady Raiders without their leading scorer.

Tech to use Barncastle, Ashton to pick up slack

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
STAFF WRITER

Kierra Mallard is the tallest player on the Texas Tech roster.

So the Lady Raiders' starting lineup took a hit when Tech head coach Kristy Curry made the announcement Saturday to suspend the 6-foot-3 center indefinitely for undisclosed reasons.

Her absence leaves the Lady Raiders with a smaller team, but Curry said her players will make up for the loss with smart play.

"We're going to have to make sure that we try to do all the little things that can make a big difference," she said. "Really defend smart, really rebound smarter, do a better job of taking advantage of our strengths."

No timeline has been set for when Mallard may return to the team.

When asked about Mallard's status, Curry said it is something she's working with every day.

"We're taking it one day at a time right now," she said. "It's just a day by day. We're staying the course here."

In the mean time, Tech turns to forwards Jordan Barncastle and Marissa Ashton to fill Mallard's shoes.

The two may be expected to form a rotation in the post, which is a change considering the two have been reserves to this point.

Prior to the suspension, neither started a game and Ashton only played in 18 of the team's 21 games at the time.

Their first opportunity to make

a statement came against Texas on Sunday in Austin.

Barncastle was awarded the start and racked up two points in

25 minutes of playing time. A bigger impact was made by Ashton, who came off the bench to score eight points and grab three rebounds in 20 minutes of action.

Tech forward Ashlee Roberson said Ashton's intensity off the bench was a plus for the

team.

"She did a very good job," she said. "She came in and got some really big boards, hit a couple of big shots. She really helped us, I thought her energy off the bench was really great. You couldn't ask

for more from Marissa, she's a very great player."

But Mallard's presence was still missed — the Longhorns handed the Lady Raiders an 81-51 loss.

Things may only get tougher with the team's upcoming schedule.

The Lady Raiders host Texas A&M on Wednesday and travel to Baylor on Feb. 17. The Aggies are fourth in Big 12 play with 14.62 offensive rebounds per game, while Baylor ranks first with 31.68 rebounds per game on the defensive end.

Both A&M and Baylor suit up nine players 6-foot or taller, while Tech has only three available.

But that isn't a concern for Curry, who said her players are capable of making up for size with courage.

"You can't make up for inches but you can sure make up with the size of your heart and mind," she said. "I feel like between those two and Ashlee, they'll be able to do that. They're going to give everything they've got and try to do it, so that's important."

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Rice basketball gets past Texas A&M-International 73-66

HOUSTON (AP) — Arsalan Kazemi finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds, his fourth straight double-double, and Rice held on to defeat Texas A&M-International 73-66 Monday night.

Trey Stanton added 16 points and nine rebounds and Lucas Kuipers had 15 points for the Owls (8-15), who finally pulled away from their Division II opponent in the second half.

Luis Gomez hit eight 3-pointers and led the Dust Devils (9-13) with 27 points.

Two straight 3s by Gomez pulled A&M-International to within 69-63 with 44 seconds left, but Rice ended the threat by hitting four straight free throws.

After falling behind 15-7 early, the Owls rallied to take a 28-27 halftime advantage. They started the second half with a 10-3 run but A&M-International stayed within single digits until Kuipers' 3 with 8:06 to play put Rice ahead 52-41. The Owls pushed their lead to as many as 13.

Kansas, Texas dominate Big 12 so far

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Most folks figured this season's Big 12 race would come down to Kansas or Texas. And it has, sort of.

Nearly every team from the Sunflower and Lone Star states seems intent on making a run for the Big 12 title, making for a crowd along with the Jayhawks and Longhorns.

The one with the inside shot at surprising everyone is Texas A&M, which has won three straight and five of six. The surging Aggies (17-6, 6-3 Big 12) opened this week tied with No. 9 Kansas State for second place in the conference.

Texas, ranked 14th just three weeks after being No. 1 in the nation, was tied for third on Monday and No. 24 Baylor — picked 10th in the preseason poll — was fourth along with Oklahoma.

Top-ranked Kansas and Kansas State have lived up to lofty preseason expectations, but there is a surprisingly strong Lone Star feel to the 2009-10

season. Texas Tech (15-7, 3-5) is the only Texas team under .500 in the league — and the Red Raiders spent five weeks in the Top 25 this season.

"There's a lot of talent in Texas and the surrounding area, and I think the schools have been able to keep that talent close to home," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

Homegrown stars like Donald Sloan and Bryan Davis were among the reasons Texas A&M was expected to be a factor in the Big 12 race this season. It seemed a stretch, though, to believe the Aggies had a legitimate shot at challenging for the league crown. But here they are after a grueling overtime loss to the Longhorns in Austin on Jan. 16.

Coach Mark Turgeon told his players after the game that he believed they were still a good team — and they've been playing like one ever since. Texas A&M took advantage of having four home games out of six by winning them all at Reed Arena, and followed a close

win at Missouri by beating Baylor 78-71 on Saturday.

With home games against both Kansas and Texas later this month, Texas A&M could have a major say in who wins the league crown.

"We're executing offensively better. We're shooting a higher percentage, we're figuring out different ways to score," Turgeon said. "We've done the little things in close games to win, and I think that's kind of been the difference."

Baylor (17-5, 4-4) has been bolstered by Michigan transfer Ekpe Udoh, who has developed into one of the nation's top frontcourt players with 14.1 points, 10.4 rebounds and more than four blocks a game. Guards LaceDarius Dunn and Tweety Carter are also having career years for the Bears.

Baylor's 84-63 win over Iowa State last week was their first as a Top 25 team in February since 1969. Although the Bears slipped to 24th after Saturday's

loss, they could be a dangerous opponent in the Big 12 tournament and beyond.

"You look at our record and you say '4-4, that's an average record.' But in the Big 12 this year, that's not a bad record," Drew said.

For all the talk about the surge of the Big 12's Texas teams, though, the two top-ranked teams in the league call the Sunflower State home.

Kansas State moved up one spot in the Top 25 after impressive road wins at Nebraska and Iowa State. Coach Frank Martin isn't too excited about that — after all, rival Kansas is No. 1 and could run away with yet another league title.

"To me, it doesn't mean anything. I mean, I'm proud of our guys, I'm proud of the fact that we were able to get through a week 2-0 in the Big 12," Martin said. "For the state of Kansas, for K-Staters, it's important."

A hoarse Who Dat Nation savors Saints' victory

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jubilant fans greeted the Super Bowl-winning Saints Monday, showering them with "Who Dat!" chants as they returned to their home city as champions.

At a suburban airport, thousands of fans decked in black-and-gold lined the road to cheer their team after its 31-17 win over the Indianapolis Colts.

"The Saints kept hope alive in this city that better days were coming," said Shannon Sims, a 45-year-old criminal court administrator, as she waited for the team. She said the Saints "were the force that kept us moving forward."

The city woke up hoarse, hungover and happy, wondering if that Super Bowl thing really happened.

In the French Quarter, stragglers — decked out in Saints jerseys and team colors — remaining from the all-night party turned to coffee and beignets as dawn broke.

Richard Bourland said he came from nearby Gulfport, Miss., hoping to see history made and wasn't disappointed. The 57-year-old said he pulled his first all-nighter in at least 15 years celebrating.

"I came because it is a once-in-a-lifetime event," Bourland said as he sipped strong black

coffee. "I wanted to experience a miracle and I did. I'm still trying to believe it."

Fans had trouble believing the Saints' Super Bowl victory, the first in their 43-year history —

it was, after all, just their ninth winning season. Disbelief did not prevent them from throwing a huge "Lombardi Party," however.

The team's big season came four years after Hurricane Katrina flooded 80 percent of the city and destroyed thousands of homes and small businesses.

"After Katrina everyone was hurting," said Derek Stevens, 27, who was still on Bourbon Street at dawn. "The Saints was the one thing we had that was positive, that made us hopeful."

Long-suffering fans throughout the city shot off fireworks, danced in the streets and second-

lined down the St. Charles Avenue streetcar tracks.

On Monday morning, Bourbon Street crews worked at dawn to clean up the remnants of the street party that began before the

game ended and stretched into the new day.

"It was crazy the whole day," said Earl Wheeler, 21, a bartender at one of the Bourbon Street clubs. "It was one really good time. Lots of love going around. But I was too busy to watch the game. I'm going home to do that today."

The victory came a day after New Orleans elected a new mayor and several other city officials. But in the area newspapers there was little besides the Saints.

The New Orleans paper, The Times-Picayune, ran a 5-inch headline that said "AMEN." The subhead read, "After 43 years, our prayers are answered."

At Lakeside News, which usually sells about 100 copies a day, owner Michael Marcello said he had sold 6,000 to 7,000 by 9:15 a.m.

"I wish I had some," he said. "I'm out again. This is the fourth time I've run out."

At the Louisiana State Penitentiary, commonly called Angola, the game was on television in all the dormitories, and even some of the cell blocks where problem prisoners are kept, said prison spokeswoman Cathy Fontenot.

"Normally they wouldn't have television privileges, but we thought it was such an important game we let them watch this one," Fontenot said.

Prisoners decorated their dorms with Saints and Who Dat signs, Fontenot said.

"It was really exciting," Fontenot said. "We had prisoners second-lining through the dormitories and down the walkways outside."

Traffic was light coming into town Monday, and many businesses expected people to stay home. The public schools had scheduled a full day Monday, but planned to let students out early Tuesday to attend a parade planned for the Saints.

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NFL Networks to air weekly arena league game

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Arena football's new league has reached a one-year agreement with the NFL Network to air a game of the week.

Spokesman Dennis Johnson confirmed Monday that the network will show one of Arena Football One's games each Friday night under the deal, which also has an option for a second year.

The agreement was first reported by

Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal. Arena Football One was created in September, combining teams from the former arenafootball2 and new franchises in former Arena Football League cities.

Fifteen teams from cities such as Chicago, Dallas and Cleveland will play games from April to August.

AFL commissioner Jerry Kurz did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Texas Sports Hall of Fame adds 10

WACO (AP) — The co-founder of the American Football League and the man who helped bring big-time pro basketball to Texas are two of 10 new inductees into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams co-founded the AFL in 1960 and founded

his franchise as the AFL's Houston Oilers, which remained in Houston until 1996.

West Texas native Max Williams helped organize the Dallas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association in 1967. That team later became the NBA's San Antonio Spurs.

Rockets add Temple

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets have signed guard Garrett Temple to a 10-day contract after recalling him from their developmental league affiliate.

The 6-foot-6 Temple has averaged 14.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and 3.4 as-

sists in 30 games this season for Rio Grande Valley.

The Rockets signed Temple as an undrafted rookie free agent last September. Temple averaged 2.5 points in four preseason games with the Rockets before he was waived on Oct. 21.

Stars activate Ribeiro month after throat injury

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have activated center Mike Ribeiro a month after he injured his throat in a game against the New York Rangers.

Ribeiro came off injured reserve Monday while defenseman Mark Fistric went on the list with a knee injury. Forwards Raymond Sawada and Francis Wathier were recalled from the Texas Stars of the AHL.

Ribeiro was accidentally struck in the throat by the stick of New York's Christopher Higgins in the Rangers' 5-2 victory on Jan. 6. He spent several days in a New York hospital after undergoing a tracheotomy.

Fistric injured a knee Thursday against Columbus and will have arthroscopic surgery. He will not until after the Olympic break, which ends March 2.

Reynolds leads Villanova past West Virginia

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Scottie Reynolds scored 19 of his 21 points in the final 13 minutes and No. 4 Villanova held off No. 5 West Virginia 82-75 on Monday night.

The Wildcats (21-2, 10-1) rebounded from a blowout loss at No. 7 Georgetown

on Saturday to pull into a first-place tie with No. 2 Syracuse in the Big East.

West Virginia (19-4, 8-3) led only in the game's opening minutes, couldn't overcome an 11-point halftime deficit and saw its six-game winning streak snapped.

Butler wins share of Horizon League season title

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Matt Howard scored 20 points to lead Butler to its 13th straight win and at least a share of its fourth straight Horizon League regular season title.

Willie Veasley added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Bulldogs (21-4, 14-0), who matched the second-longest winning streak

in school history.

Walt Gibler and Geoff McCammon both scored nine points for the Ramblers (13-11, 4-10), who have lost six of their past seven games against Butler.

Butler shot 36 percent from the field one game after shooting nearly 68 percent in a victory over Wright State.

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Tech aims for consecutive conference win against OU

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Pat Knight and the Texas Tech basketball team are looking forward to testing an improved defense on the road in hopes of stringing together a second-consecutive conference victory for the first time this season.

They get those opportunities when they face Oklahoma at 7 p.m. today in Norman, Okla.

The Red Raiders emphasized defense and rebounding last week leading up to their game against Oklahoma State and kept James Anderson — the Big 12 Conference's best scorer — in check.

"I thought we did a lot better," Knight said about the defense during Monday's coaches teleconference. "To be able to hold Oklahoma State to 26 points in the first half and to keep Anderson at 10 points, I thought it was big for us. We've just got to be able to do it on the road."

Tech is 0-4 in conference road games this season with losses at No. 1 Kansas, No. 14 Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma State.

However, the Red Raiders (15-7, 3-5 in Big 12 play) might catch a break tonight against the Sooners — a team they already beat in Lubbock 75-65 on Jan. 23.

OU (13-9, 4-4) has played just three games since taking on Tech in the teams' January meeting and has a 2-1 record.

The Sooners struggled in their first two games after Tech with an 89-84 win against a shorthanded Iowa State team and loss at Nebraska — the Huskers' only conference victory.

But the Sooners might have some confidence back going into today's game after upsetting then-ranked No. 10 Texas in Norman on Saturday in a rivalry game.

One of OU's biggest problems is the loss of guard Willie Warren.

Along with the departed Blake Griffin, Warren was an instrumental part of the Sooners'

Elite Eight run last season. But this season has been a different story.

Warren's season was headed in the right direction until he was injured in practice a few days before the Tech game in Lubbock. He did not play against the Red Raiders and also sat out for OU's game against Iowa State, and was not much of a factor against Nebraska or Texas.

To help fill the gap, the Sooners have asked for more out of freshman guard Tommy Mason-Griffin. Mason-Griffin scored 26 points against Tech in the first meeting and also scored 38 and 24 points against Iowa State and Texas, respectively.

Mason-Griffin was named the Big 12's Rookie of the Week Monday after dropping 24 points on the Longhorns.

Tech players were unavailable for comment as they traveled to Norman.

OU's homecourt advantage is undeniable.

The Sooners are 11-0 this season and historically have had a lot of success in the Lloyd Noble Center.

However, if Tech keeps it close into the final minutes, they have a chance to end OU's home winning streak.

"Most teams feel more comfortable at home and feed off the energy of the crowd," OU coach Jeff Capel said. "We have to come out and make things happen, especially against teams in our league that have been good on the road. We could have very easily lost some of these games at home."

Even with a win in Norman, at 3-5 in conference, the Red Raiders have their work cut out for them if they want to go to the NCAA tournament — but a two-game win streak would be a good start.

"I wouldn't be surprised if guys keep beating each other up like we are, someone at 7-9 could be on the bubble," Knight said. "I definitely think 8-8 could get a team in."

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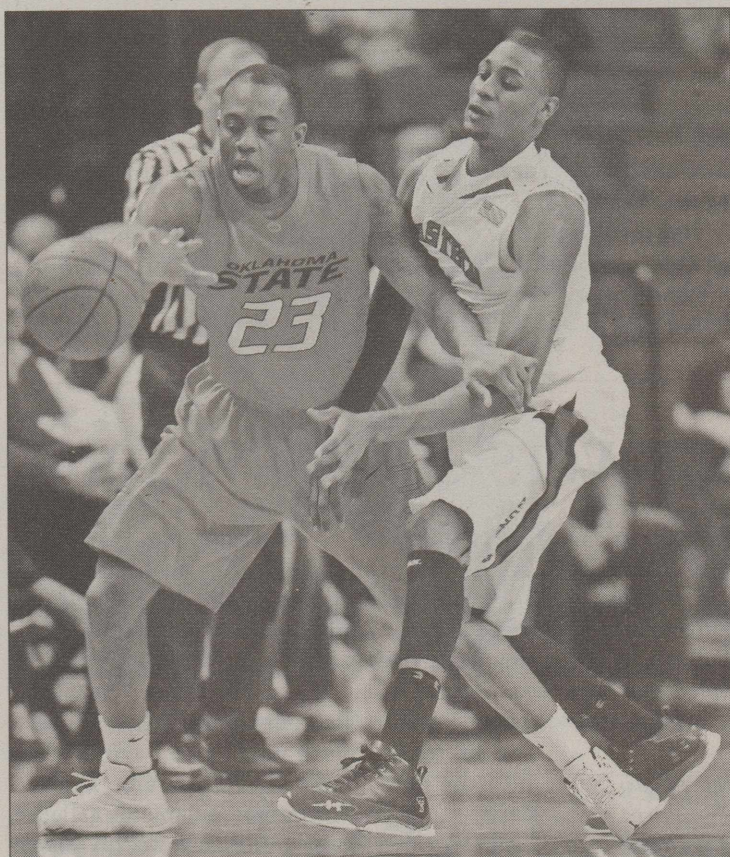


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OKLAHOMA STATE'S JAMES Anderson loses the ball with Texas Tech's Brad Reese defending during the Red Raiders' 81-74 victory against OSU Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S THERON Jenkins trips over Oklahoma State's Marshall Moses as he loses possession of the ball during the Red Raiders' 81-74 victory against OSU Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

NFL offseason leaves concern

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A memorable season capped by a super title game with a record TV audience has NFL executives and fans beaming.

The smiles might soon disappear.

Pro football is headed into the great unknown. Barring a quick — and totally unexpected — agreement with the players' union on a new contract, 2010 will have no salary cap. After that, perhaps a work stoppage, something NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith puts at "14" on a scale of 1 to 10.

Commissioner Roger Goodell doesn't agree, believing negotiations will lead to a new deal before March 2011, when the collective bargaining agreement expires.

But an accord before the New Orleans Saints — who dat? — begin defense of their Super Bowl championship in September is unlikely.

The 32 team owners clearly are prepared for a go at the first uncapped season since 1993. Enough restrictions are in place, including extending the minimum years of service for unrestricted free agency from four years to six, that baseball-like bidding wars are improbable.

With the owners claiming they are losing millions and the players arguing that teams are making money by the fistful, a common ground will be difficult to find.

"The labor agreement is a very important agreement," Goodell said during his annual Super Bowl week news conference. "It's something that is important to our players. It's certainly important to our clubs, and it's important to our fans."

"We have to sit at the table and we have to get an agreement that works for everybody. And

that's what people expect. They want solutions, and that's what we should deliver."

Free agency begins March 5. The more critical date might be March 5 of next year, when, if no new deal has been struck, the most popular and prosperous sport in America could see the owners locking out the players.

That's the last thing fans want to hear after a special season featuring the Saints capping a football renaissance for their team and their city with their first Super Bowl title. The NFL's best teams, led by New Orleans, generally have become the most potent on offense: each division winner except Cincinnati regularly visited the end zone, and three of the four playoff semifinalists scored at least 416 points.

And as some stars begin to fade (LaDainian Tomlinson, Champ Bailey), others emerge (Chris Johnson, Darrelle Revis). A league driven by quarterbacks has a splendid blend of veterans in top form (four-time MVP Peyton Manning, Super Bowl most valuable player Drew Brees, even 40-year-old Brett Favre), passers only now in their primes (Philip Rivers, Ben Roethlisberger, Aaron Rodgers), and youngsters with great promise (Matt Ryan, Joe Flacco and Chad Henne).

Even as such headliners as Kurt Warner and perhaps Favre leave the game, the colleges are providing NFL-ready performers to eventually take their place.

Not that defense has disappeared, particularly in New York with the Jets, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Dallas. All of them made the playoffs in '09 and the Jets came within 30 minutes of the Super Bowl.

Keeping those established and rising stars healthy will be a key issue after the league, the teams and the NFLPA ramped up prevention and treatment of concussions. Even Congress has gotten involved.

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ROGER GOODELL
COMMISSIONER

Bob Gainey steps down as Canadiens general manager

MONTREAL (AP) — From his time as captain to his tenure as general manager, Bob Gainey has spent a lifetime providing leadership for the Montreal Canadiens.

Now, he's handing the reins to a trusted colleague.

Gainey stepped aside Monday as Montreal's general manager and was replaced by assistant Pierre Gauthier in a surprising front-office shake-up for hockey's most storied franchise.

Team president Pierre Boivin — with Gainey and Gauthier on either side of him — made the announcement at a Bell Centre news conference. Gainey will remain with the club as a special adviser to Gauthier, an assistant to the general manager under Gainey.

"I look forward to assisting Pierre and the team in our pursuit of our 25th Stanley Cup," Gainey said. "I'm leaving the team I love most in the hands of the man I trust most."

Gainey starred for the Canadiens from 1973-89 and the Hall of Famer rejoined the team as GM after the 2002-2003 season. Montreal made the playoffs four out of five seasons during Gainey's tenure.

"I think that is an accomplishment in today's NHL, where 45 percent of the teams miss the playoffs every year," said Gainey, who won five Stanley Cups as a forward with the Canadiens.

Boivin said Gainey informed him during the Christmas holidays that he would not seek to extend his contract after it ex-

pired in June.

"I believe that the GM position requires a long-term vision and a long-term commitment," Gainey said. "At this point I'm not prepared to make a commitment of four, or five, or six more years in this position. The decision between leaving a little too early or staying a little too long — between those two choices I prefer to leave a little bit too early. I've done my best. Now it's time for me to pass the torch."

The Canadiens, who celebrated their 100th anniversary on Dec. 4, had missed the playoffs for the fourth time in five years when Gainey was hired, including three straight seasons from 1998-99 to 2000-01, matching the worst drought in team history.

Montreal went 241-176-46-7 in the regular season during Gainey's tenure, including a 28-26-6 mark this season. The Canadiens finished first overall in the Eastern Conference two years ago, the team's first regular-

season conference title since 1988-89 — Gainey's final season on the ice.

But the Canadiens haven't advanced beyond the second round of the playoffs since winning their 24th Stanley Cup in 1993.

"It's been a privilege to participate with the Montreal Canadiens' organization again in a different role," said Gainey, the team's captain from 1981-89.

"Spectacular evenings at the Bell Centre with jersey retirements, including my own. It's been fabulous and I'm very thankful for the opportunity."

Gainey's tenure, however, included personal tragedy. His daughter, Laura, was lost at sea in December 2006. That came 11 years after his wife, Cathy, died of cancer.

A Montreal native, Gauthier was Anaheim's GM from 1998-2002. Before that, he served in the same capacity with Ottawa from 1995-98.

"It's a great honor to be named general manager of the Montreal Canadiens," Gauthier said. "I've

always thought that working in the National Hockey League is an honor. Working as a general manager is also a great honor. But working for the Montreal Canadiens as a general manager is the greatest honor."

Gainey, who won a championship as general manager of the Dallas Stars in 1999, hired Gauthier as the Canadiens' director of professional scouting in 2003. Gauthier, who served with Gainey and Bobby Clarke as co-general managers of Canada's 1998 Olympic team, added the assistant general manager's duties following the 2005-06 season.

Gauthier expressed his gratitude to Gainey, whom he described as "a great friend," for bringing him to Montreal and agreeing to advise him in his new duties.

"I've enjoyed working with him and learned so much from him," Gauthier said.

Gauthier said the Canadiens' primary objective is to win the Stanley Cup, and his priority is to move the team from the middle of the pack into the top tier of the league.

"I like this team," said Gauthier, who hired current Canadiens coach Jacques Martin in the same capacity with the Senators in 1996. "I like the coaching staff. I've worked with Jacques before. I'm very comfortable with this group and I've had a lot of time in the organization and we have a very strong organization. As soon as we leave this room today, I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get the job done."

"I look forward to assisting Pierre and the team in our pursuit of our 25th Stanley Cup. I'm leaving the team I love most in the hands of the man I trust most."

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