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Tech sends budget cut plans to governor

By RALSTON ROLLO
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Texas Tech University filed a plan Monday to meet Gov. Rick Perry's request for budget reduction plans amounting to 5 percent of state-appropriated funds during the 2010-2011 biennium.

Five percent of Tech's state-appropriated budget is about \$7 million annually, said Sandy Martinez, assistant vice president of Financial Planning and Analysis, but according to the plan the university is looking to cut just more than \$4 million for 2010 and almost \$8.5 million in 2011.

For the entire Tech system, 5 percent of state-appropriated budget is about \$14.9 million annually, said Jim Brunjes, vice chancellor and chief financial officer for the Tech System.

Corky Drago, senior vice president of Administration and Finance, said the budget reduction plan is broken up into three main sections: salaries for unoccupied positions, travel and normal operating expenses.

To reduce the costs of unfilled faculty positions and account for faculty expansion, he said, many Tech departments are being asked to partially or fully restructure and re-evaluate their faculty and staff.

Since general operating costs have been on the rise, Drago said, Tech departments have adjusted the base level of those costs to meet the 5-percent reduction.

In terms of travel expenses, he said Tech's aim is to

reduce costs by 10 percent.

"We're putting the screws down tighter on the amount of travel that is taken," Drago said.

At this point, Brunjes said the plan is only a hypothesized reduction in state funding. If sales tax revenues do not improve, he said, an actual reduction may take place.

"It's just a plan right now, we'll continue to monitor the situation," Brunjes said.

Because the budget reduction is merely a plan at this point, he said, faculty employment is not at stake.

"We're not to the point, at present, that we're reducing positions," Brunjes said.

Although he is concerned about the potential for

the degradation of academic services within the Tech system, Brunjes said his primary concern is with the condition of the economy of the state of Texas.

"My main concern is the state of Texas," he said. "If the sales tax revenues continue dropping, I will be very concerned."

The Tech system includes Tech, seven Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center campuses, Angelo State University and System Administration Offices.

Because of a shortfall of tax revenue to the state, the governor's office issued a letter to all state agencies asking them to make plans to cut 5 percent of state-appropriated funds from their budgets.

The deadline for the reduction plans to be sent to the governor was Monday.

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Officials hope to increase applications by 3 percent

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
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One day after Texas Tech announced record enrollment rates, undergraduate admission officials said they hope to increase the number of freshmen enrollment applications, accepted students and number of enrolled freshmen by 2.5 percent to 3 percent for Fall 2010.

According to the Institutional Research and Information Management Web site, 16,551 students applied, 11,242 were accepted and 4,586 enrolled for Fall and Summer 2009.

The goal is to increase by 2.5 percent to 3 percent, said Ethan Logan, managing director for Undergraduate Admissions, which makes projections for Fall 2010 ranging from 16,965 to 17,047 students applying; 11,523 to 11,579 being accepted; and 4,700 to 4,723 enrolling.

Ethan Logan, managing director for undergraduate admissions, said the highest percentage of

students who applied and actually enrolled at Tech was 58.5 percent in 1993. That number was about 41 percent in 2009.

He said he believes the change in percentage through the years has to do with students approaching the search for higher education differently.

"Students now shop around at colleges and look at several schools instead of one," Logan said.

Jaime Hansard, unit assistant director for undergraduate admissions, said that number will never reach 100 percent because most students apply to more than one school.

"On average most students apply to three schools," Hansard said.

That number has been on a steady incline, she said, and is a good range for an institution of Tech's size.

"Every year we tweak our recipe from year to year," Hansard said, "and we're always looking at what can be done in recruitment to increase the yield."

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Administration official: Obama to appoint national deficit panel

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Determined to have a deficit commission with or without Congress' backing, President Barack Obama plans to announce today that he is establishing a panel similar to — although weaker than — the one lawmakers rejected.

Former White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles and former Republican Senate Whip Alan Simpson would lead the panel, a senior administration official said Tuesday. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the president's executive order creating the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform had not been announced.

The deficit spiked to an extraordinary \$1.4 trillion last year and could top that figure this year as the struggling economy puts a big dent in tax revenues. Even worse from the perspective of economists

and deficit hawks, the medium-term deficit picture is for deficits to hit around \$1 trillion a year for the foreseeable future.

Obama and his economic team have said repeatedly that this is not sustainable. He told lawmakers during his State of the Union address that he would go around their vote and appoint a version of a deficit commission.

Obama's version of the commission is a weak substitute for what he really wanted: a panel created by Congress that could force lawmakers to consider unpopular remedies to reduce the debt, including curbing politically sensitive entitlements like Social Security and Medicare.

As rejected, the bipartisan 18-member panel would have worked for much of the year and, if 14 members agree, report a deficit reduction blueprint after the November elections that would be voted on before the new Congress convenes next year. The 14 would have to include at least half of the panel's Republicans.

PART ONE OF A FIVE-PART SERIES ABOUT ALCOHOL AND ITS IMPACT

Battling blackouts

Experts: Binge drinking causes short-term memory loss

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

Saturday morning — a female college student wakes up on a friend's dorm room floor with nothing but her cell phone and keys lying next to her. Purse, pea coat and memory of the previous night are all gone.

She sees the text from her friends who spent their night searching for her before finding her passed out on the couch in the formal lounge of the residence hall.

A blackout occurs

when alcohol causes someone to forget what they've done because they drank heavily, said Jerome Koch, alcohol, drugs and society professor.

"A lot of people misunderstand it; it's not losing consciousness at all," Koch said.

The college environment tends to condone binge drinking, Koch said. Because alcohol is readily available, students do not know how to handle themselves or drink responsibly.

"The rate of binge drinking is much higher in college than in similarly aged students not in college," he said. "The college environment sort of promotes this with happy hours and campus group activities that revolve around drinking."

People who drink irresponsibly do this because no one has taught them otherwise. Society allows people to learn how to do dangerous activities, such as driving a car or shooting a gun at young ages, Koch said, but will not allow for alcohol education other than a "though shalt not" approach before a person's 21st birthday.

Although blacking out is not always the intent, it can still happen.

"I don't think people like to black out," said Ian Love, a junior psychology and biology major from Durango. "I think people lack self-control, and that self-control is around even less when alcohol gets into your system."

Alcohol works as a depressant, and when it gets into the blood it changes the chemistry in the brain, Koch said.

When alcohol reaches the brain, one of the first things to go is a person's judgment, said Peter Syapin, pharmacology and neuroscience professor. Highly intoxicated students face repercussions of their actions because of their lack of judgment.

"I had a friend make a decision with a boy she'd just met because she was too drunk to be able to control herself," said Shannon Bowling, an early childhood education major from Plano. "She became belligerent and all we could do was let her make her mistake since she wouldn't listen, and she's currently in denial because of it."

When drinking, students sometimes find it hard to stop because they don't realize how much they already have taken in, Love said. Friends can be around a highly intoxicated person, but find it difficult to know when they have gone too far, he said.

"I can usually tell if I'm about to be too drunk, but sometimes with other people it's hard to tell because some hide it well," Love said. "I usually handle a person who is far too drunk by treating them like a child, yet at the same time I try to remember drunk people are hard to predict so I also treat them with respect."

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STATE

Texas AG fighting divorce of same-sex couple

AUSTIN (AP) — The state attorney general is arguing that under Texas law, divorce, like marriage, is reserved for a man and a woman.

A state district judge in Austin last week granted a divorce between a San Antonio woman and an Austin woman who married in Massachusetts in 2004. A day later, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott filed a motion to block the divorce before it was entered into the official record.

Abbott told the San Antonio Express-News that the marriage was not valid in Texas, and therefore neither is the divorce.

Bob Luther, an attorney for Sabina Daly of San Antonio, told the newspaper that Abbott's motion will cost his client and her former spouse a lot of unnecessary expenses.

Angelique Naylor of Austin told the Austin American-Statesman that the divorce brought peace to the family.

NATION

Obama's latest bipartisan outreach: nuclear war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prodding Republicans, President Barack Obama on Tuesday championed nuclear energy expansion as the latest way that feuding parties can move beyond the "broken politics" of Washington that have imperiled his agenda and soured voters.

His call came as he dispatched Vice President Joe Biden and Cabinet secretaries nationwide to tout the economic stimulus plan against Republican criticism, reflecting

that until bipartisanship comes, the White House will remain aggressive in selling its own case to the public.

Since a January special election in Massachusetts, when Democrats lost the 60th vote they need in the Senate to overcome Republican delays on legislation, Obama has recalibrated his strategy to advance his agenda. His plan includes reaching out to Republicans on tax breaks, on health care and on energy, but also putting them on the spot for any refusal to help.

WORLD

US official: Taliban military commander captured

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A senior U.S. official says the Taliban's top military commander has been captured in Pakistan in a joint operation by Pakistani and U.S. intelligence forces.

The official says Pakistan has had Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar — the No. 2 behind Mullah Muhammad Omar — in custody for more than several days.

He spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

A Pakistani intelligence officer said Baradar was arrested in the city of Karachi "about 10 days ago."

The New York Times first reported the arrest on its Web site late Monday.

Corrections

In Tuesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the second fraternity mentioned in "Fraternities host Haiti Relief Fund concert" was incorrectly identified. The article should have read Phi Gamma Delta. *The DT* regrets the error.

In Tuesday's issue of *The DT*, the article "Enrollment hits record, retention remains steady," should have stated that international student enrollment increased by 125 students for a total of 1,598 international students. *The DT* regrets the error.

PIE THROW



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/*The Daily Toreador*

AUSTIN FIELDING, A sophomore mechanical engineering major from Austin, throws a plate of whipped cream at Jeff Hanson, an instructor with the Department of Mechanical Engineering on Tuesday in the Engineering Key. Tau Beta Pi members, an engineering honors society, sold the whipped cream pies to raise money for their organization.

Tech professor appointed to HHS commission

By **KELSEY HECKEL**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has appointed a Texas Tech professor to a state workgroup to research several programs administered by the HHSC and find better ways of providing services to patients who need behavioral health care.

Jeffrey Wherry, director of the Institute for Child and Family Studies at Tech, was appointed to the State of Texas Integra-

tion of Health and Behavioral Health Group in October 2009 after House Bill 2196 passed in the 81st Legislature. The workgroup consists of 23 public and agency representatives from throughout Texas.

The bill said the executive commissioner of the HHSC had to establish a workgroup to recommend the best practices in policy, training and service to give children diagnosed with chronic illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or serious illness integrated care.

"I applied for the position in September 2009," Wherry said. "I expressed an interest and was appointed in October I think because of my interest in children and serving rural areas as well as academia."

Wherry said he agrees with the purpose of the workgroup and hopes it is successful.

"It's undeniable that the need is there for us to do a better job of addressing the behavioral and

health needs of clients," he said. "A lot of talk has been focused on psychiatrists."

Wherry said when patients go to their family practitioners, the practitioners do not have the time or experience to deal with some of the more serious behavioral health issues, and the workgroup needs fix that problem.

Solutions could range from training those who are in medical and nursing school on how to deal with this before they graduate, to hiring a specialized psychiatrist to deal with patients who need a more focused care, he said.

"One problem is there simply are not enough psychiatrists to go around," Wherry said. "In the Lubbock area alone there are only two psychiatrists that can see kids who are in foster care, now just think of a wider scale and how specialized psychiatrists have to be."

Other problems the committee faces are what the best way to improve rural areas and how to pay for that.

"We need to find something that will help people and could possibly save the state money

too," Wherry said. "It's hard to argue something when it does both of those."

If the workgroup can save money at the same time as helping patients, he said it may save money for tax payers who fund community clinics, create savings on co-pay, and could save on insurance in the long run. Wherry said saving money is not the goal of the workgroup but it would be "icing on the cake."

He said the true benefit for himself would be to help children who have been abused receive the right care since that is the area he focuses on professionally.

"I can't push it, but it would really be a great day when children who have been abused and traumatized will get the services that they need," he said. "That is what I really would like to see."

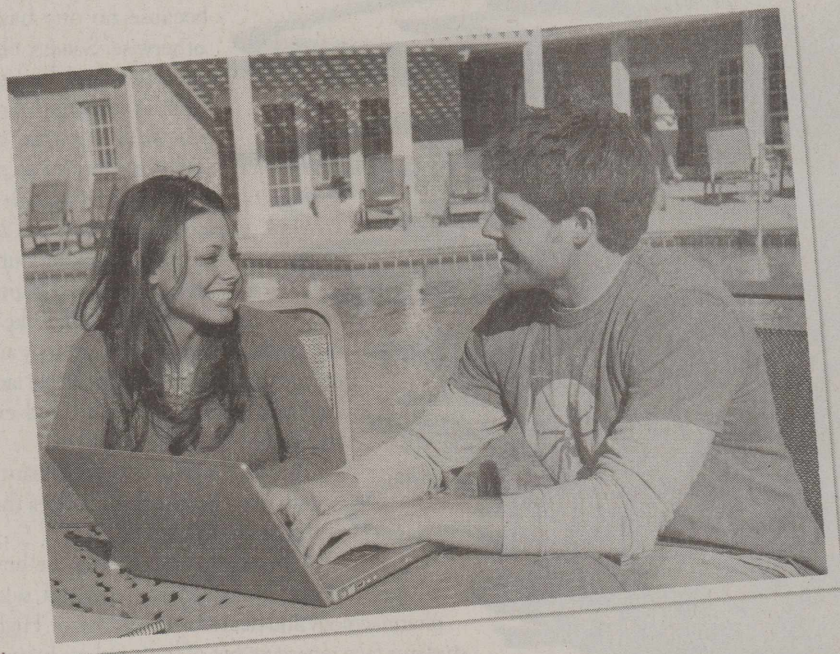
The workgroup will turn in a report Aug. 1 to the commissioner who appointed the group of its findings and ideas and from there the HHSC and politicians will look at policy and legislation solutions to put the workgroups changes in effect if they are ap-

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Recruitment officials, in an effort to increase the rate, have implemented a student teleconference team to call admitted students as a way to continue communication until students get to Tech, she said.

Tech officials such as Bailey, Michael Shonrock, vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, and officials from academic colleges and student affairs will visit various places such as Houston, Austin and Dallas in the first part of March, Hansard said.

This year there are six Admitted Student Days on campus to get

people to visit the campus, she said. The Institutional Research and Information Management Web site reported that 16,143 students applied, 11,643 were admitted and 4,407 enrolled in Fall and Summer 2008; and 13,976 students applied, 10,759 were admitted and 4,515 enrolled in Fall and Summer 2007.

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Today's technology makes Winter Olympics exciting

For some reason, the Winter Olympics just never seem as fun as the Summer Olympics.

The frosty iteration of the games have curling, snowboarding halfpipe and skiing aerials, so there's no reason they shouldn't be just as engaging as the summer ones, but such as it is. However, this doesn't stop the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics from being oddly captivating.

Of course, you just may be an Olympics sports nut, but either way, keeping tabs on the international shenanigans in Vancouver is an extremely easy way to pass the time. This is especially true when you're just trying to burn some downtime between classes.

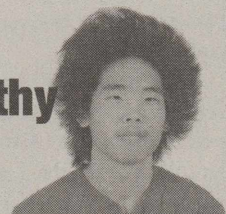
The completely passive nature of reading about or watching clips of events also makes it incredibly undemanding to breeze through a boring lecture as well.

This, understandably, leads to the question, "Where can I do such amazingly time-wasting things?" Good news, because there are a hefty amount of places to slake your Olympics thirst.

The best place to go would be NBC's Olympics page as the official Vancouver site only directs U.S. visitors to NBC anyway. Since NBC has television coverage rights for the Olympics in the United States, it would be too obvious to state it has the best coverage, but it's true.

Not only does NBC provide live streaming from www.nbcolympics.com of ongoing events, but it to interviews with athletes, previews that recap previ-

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ous years, and a veritable smorgasbord of photos that give you the angle on the action you always wanted.

NBC also gets into the written word as well, offering up live blogs, write-ups on the format, history and jargon of any given competition and something called the Olympic Pulse.

This gives users the opportunity to follow NBC Olympics RSS feeds, Twitter and Facebook updates, mobile and e-mail alerts, and embeddable widgets for streaming video.

Not only that, but Pulse also has significant athlete interaction. They've compiled

a list of athletes who tweet and show a constantly updating ticker of the latest from competitors and invite those who desire to do so to write blogs about their Olympic experience in Vancouver.

If you really want to do the Twitter thing right, though, Twitter has its own list of verified Olympians who tweet. This list includes athletes as well as various teams or groups like the Swiss team. Twitter-Athletes.com has pretty much the same list but also shows the person's respective sport and nation when displaying their name.

Yahoo actually has an impressively exhaustive trio of sites that cover the Olympics. There's Yahoo Sports, which,

unfortunately, is simply the NBC Olympics site but without a lot of the features, content and general panache. Sometimes, however, stripping a site down to just the essentials is a good thing as proven by the Yahoo Mobile Olympics site.

If your phone can only handle mobile-specific sites or you're looking for a less taxing experience on your miniature screen, the Mobile site is pretty much all you need. There's a medal count, blogs, headline Olympic news, athlete search and profiles (which are quite impressive) and photos.

Speaking of Yahoo and photos, the International Olympic Committee and Flickr created an official photo group featuring pictures from all across the world from various national coverage pools. This includes official event photos from the committee itself.

There are also iPhone apps like the official NBC Olympics on AT&T app and the CTVolympics.ca app that feature pretty much everything the full sites offer like pictures, reports and results. The NBC app even allows you to watch videos, so if you want a streamlined iPhone experience, go with that.

There are also Android and WebOS apps, but none of them are official and quite lackluster, so they're really not worth mentioning. In fact, just stick with the Yahoo Mobile site if you're on either platform.

That should be more than enough to keep you occupied during or between classes, but there are, of course, many more alternatives, so don't limit yourself to this list. In fact, you can get the full Canadian experience by watching video on CTV's Olympics coverage site. It's entertaining, and quite possibly for all the wrong reasons.

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SUPER SOLDER



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER / *The Daily Toreador*

SCOTT KARDOS, A senior electrical engineering and computer science dual major from Farmington, N.M., solders a low-pass Chebyshev filter to an oscillator for use in radio communication Tuesday in the Electrical Engineering lab.

Guinea pig touted as solution to Congo food crisis

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — An army of humanitarian organizations has been unable to end years of recurring hunger in conflict-torn Congo. Now a South American research group says it may have found another way to fill hungry bellies: with guinea pigs.

Better known as cute pets in

Western nations, the small rodents could provide war-battered villages with "a much-needed source of protein" and micro-nutrients in a country with some of the highest incidences of malnutrition the world," according to the Colombia-based agricultural research institute, the International Center for

Tropical Agriculture, or CIAT. Congo's hilly east has been plagued by violent turmoil since Rwanda's 1994 genocide spilled war across the border, displacing millions of people and sparking years of skirmishes between soldiers, rebels and militia from both nations.

Olsen twins go serious with The Row's style

NEW YORK (AP) — Without the paparazzi in sight — and just a few fashion photographers perched at the end of a black wooden runway — Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen presented their collection The Row to a small group of fashion insiders on Tuesday.

The small show, held far away from the Bryant Park tents in a gallery space, seemed an indication they wanted the headlines to be about the clothes they designed instead of themselves. It's the same strategy employed by fellow camera-magnet

Victoria Beckham earlier this week.

The Olsens, who already were inducted into the Council of Fashion Designers of America, appeared only briefly at the end to take a very quick bow in front of Carey Mulligan, Chloe Sevigny, Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour and her French Vogue counterpart, Carine Roitfeld.

The clothes were indeed quite serious — and sophisticated. The first model wore a simple black wrap coat that was belted and black trousers with flat gladiator sandals. Most of the collection was black, which has

been the norm on many catwalks at New York Fashion Week.

Adding textural interest, though, has been a trick to making all the black more interesting — and the Olsens mastered it. An A-line carriage skirt in a croc pattern was worn with a slim shirt and a delicate spaghetti-strap camisole on top. Another look featured a buttery leather corset over a flowing, asymmetrical-hem dress.

The only other colors featured were a delicate winter white and an ocean blue.

Chilly weather can't stop Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Pete Fountain, clarinet in hand and looking dapper in a white tuxedo and fedora trimmed in gold, kicked off Mardi Gras with his "Half Fast Marching Club" the way they have for 50 years: with beads and jazz.

"We're slower than we were, and older than we were," Fountain, 79, said with a laugh. "But on Mardi Gras none of it matters."

Tuesday, the final day of Carnival, was sunny and cold with high temperatures hanging around 50 degrees. That didn't do much to chill a party that has been rolling since the New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl Feb. 7.

"I have plenty of antifreeze with me if I need it," said Jessie Grace, 57, playfully waving a flask from his pocket. "If Mardi Gras doesn't warm you up, nothing will."

Grace and about 30 family members and friends staked out their spot on St. Charles Avenue at 2 a.m., setting up chairs and tables. By 7 a.m. gumbo was cooking in a big pot and ribs were on the barbecue grill.

Many along the parade route wore Saints jerseys. One group of cyclists was costumed as flying pigs, which long-suffering fans had always said they would see if the Saints won the big game.

"Hell froze over," said Sandra Bell, 51, shivering under a blanket. "Can't you feel it?"

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February is Black History Month for reason

Recently I had what turned out to be a very insightful conversation regarding Black History Month and its importance with a very enthusiastic young man. We discussed the importance of not only African-American history, but the history of all Americans.

It was my understanding I was engaged in a well-articulated conversation until he made the one comment regarding Black History Month that seems to consistently come up despite the truth being so readily available: "It's messed up that they gave African-Americans the shortest month of the year."

For those of you who don't follow, "they" refers to Anglo-Americans who he believes saw themselves as manipulating outside critics of the United States' handling of its race issue by granting African-Americans a month during which time they are allowed to celebrate their heritage while simultaneously undermining the goal of such an allowance

Shay Irby



by establishing it within the shortest calendar month.

Upon hearing this colorful assertion I sat in complete silence, unsure of how to respond. Many of you might see his point. His rant may have been passionate enough to encourage some of you to fight the man and demand a new month of celebration. Maybe January or May or any month with 31 days would suffice. Perhaps even I would have been moved to join the movement had he at least been in the ballpark of the truth.

It was difficult to believe such a champion for a cause had such unfounded beliefs. Surely there was some logical explanation for his radical account of the

evolution of Black History Month. So I asked him what he thought Carter G. Woodson would think of his theory on the establishment of what is also known as Black Heritage Month.

If it wasn't clear black history should be a part of every curriculum in education prior to his response, it was overtly apparent following it: "If Woodson is black, he probably agrees with me."

I highly doubt the African-American founder of Black History Month would agree his Caucasian counterparts chose February to shorten the amount of time the importance of blacks in the United States are highlighted.

For those of you who do not know, Woodson was, among other things, an advocate for the inclusion of African-Americans in the history of the United States. If you're interested, I'd encourage you to read CNN's article "History of Black History Month." You're likely to learn several interesting bits of information.

For instance, did you know Black History Month actually began as a one-week affair in 1926 that wouldn't expand into a month of recognition until 1976?

Were you aware Woodson earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and his doctorate from Harvard?

Most importantly, you'd be likely to learn the selection of the month of February for the celebration of African-American contributions was deliberate, but not for the reasons mentioned by the passionate yet off base young man previously mentioned.

Woodson initially chose one week in February as the host week for two specific reasons: Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Viewing these two men as key players in the advancement of African-Americans, Woodson believed it was only fitting to use their birthdays (Lincoln's on Feb. 12 and Douglass' Feb. 14) to designate a week of celebration.

So as you can see, there was no "man" who chose this short month in which we celebrate the history of those who at one time weren't allowed to celebrate their own culture. There was no conspiracy to satisfy foreign interests while continuing the subordination of a specific race.

The moral of this story is simple: History is important for several reasons. Not

only does knowing the history of others help us relate to and understand different cultures, it also helps us stand united in a country that consists of such diversity and it prevents us from making complete idiots of ourselves.

The young man I've made reference to throughout this column had the passion needed to change the world, but he was lacking in the area of knowledge. Although it is important to remember and acknowledge the ideologies and contributions of historical figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall and Carol Moseley Braun, it is equally important to understand why we celebrate these individuals when we do.

Remember, Black History Month didn't originate in the month of February to discourage or mock but to celebrate and acknowledge.

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“There was no conspiracy to satisfy foreign interests while continuing the subordination of a specific race.”

Service workers demand more respect

As May fast approaches, I find time to ask friends their after-graduation plans. One answer surprised me most of all: possible full-time Wal-Mart employee.

The idea to become a Wal-Mart employee seemed outrageous, especially after earning a bachelor's degree. My first thoughts revolved around status and income. Despite negative feelings, I began to recognize the importance of these employees in our society.

Some of our weekly errands consist of grocery shopping, stops at Sam's Place, and late-night runs to Walgreens. As we rush in and out of these places we forget about the people who ring up our merchandise and swipe our Raider Cards.

We forget because as consumers we are spoiled. There are people in our country willing to do boring and tedious jobs to fulfill our needs.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in 2008 more than one third of employment is in the service, sales and office work—close to 58 million people. This being said, there are millions of employees available to attend to our everyday needs.

Unfortunately the payoff for these employees comes up short.

Wal-Mart reported a full time associate earns an average of \$11.24 hourly for an annual income of \$22,480. With this income it hits right above the Federal

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Poverty Line for a family of four, which is estimated at \$22,050.

It can be assumed that unless there is another source of income, finances would be a burden. Yet, it is no surprise Wal-Mart workers make a low income. On the brighter side, Wal-Mart reported 94.5 percent of their associates had some form of health care.

It is also reported the 1.2 million associates and family members makes Wal-Mart among the nation's largest private-sector provider of health care. Unlike many corporations both full-time and part-time employees are eligible for health benefits.

Wal-Mart always has had a reputation of treating its employees with the upmost respects, benefits and competitive salaries. This could possibly be a reason many people are drawn to the Wal-Mart industry. However, for most is not a career aspiration.

Many other jobs are not career aspirations, jobs we wouldn't want but jobs we take advantage of: maids, plumbers, waiters, sales and stockers, to name a few. And

for some the benefits and wages Wal-Mart offers are not in their reach.

There are the few who work these undesirable, low-paying jobs and have great personal success. Most of these people find success through careful planning and saving. They also are more likely not to have many mouths to feed.

People also begin these jobs at the lower-end of the ladder and slowly climb up and become managers and higher. So for some, especially the recent college graduate, maybe a job in the Wal-Mart industry could prove to be successful.

As customers it is our job to respect these employees. Most of the time it is frustrating because we are impatient and live our lives in a blur. It is important to remember the person on the other side of that counter is living his or her life immo-

bile scanning our items to purchase.

It is important to remember the next time we throw an item down, there are people waking up before the sun rises to stock our items nicely and organized.

Most of all it is important to not base every employee on stereotypes. There are several reasons people choose to work in jobs we view as undesirable.

Their decision to work early, long and late hours are benefiting us more than themselves because the convenience they provide is more valuable than the small salary they earn.

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British reporter admits, defends mercy killing

LONDON (AP)—A veteran British TV reporter has claimed on the air that he used a pillow to smother a lover who was dying of AIDS, adding a startling contribution to the country's debate on mercy killing.

The Nottinghamshire Police force said it would investigate Ray Gosling's claim, made in a television documentary and repeated in media interviews Tuesday.

"I killed someone once. ... He was a young chap. He'd been my lover and he got AIDS," Gosling, 70, told a BBC television program. "Maybe this is the time to share a secret that I have kept for quite a long time."

Gosling's comments are certain to fuel a debate already under way in Britain about whether the country should update its 1961 assisted suicide law and how to humanely treat terminally ill patients who want to end their lives.

Under British law, assisting a suicide is punishable by up to 14 years in prison, but courts have become reluctant to convict people who help loved ones end their lives.

Last year, a woman with multiple sclerosis sued to force government prosecutors to explain under what circumstances they

would press charges against those who help others kill themselves.

In September, the government unveiled new guidelines that could decriminalize many forms of assisted suicide, saying most people who help severely disabled or terminally ill close friends or family kill themselves aren't likely to face charges. But it is unclear whether such guidelines would apply to this case.

According to Gosling, he and the unidentified man had made a pact on what to do should the pain of the AIDS victim become intolerable and nothing more could be done. He said he smothered the man in his hospital bed to spare his suffering.

"He was in terrible, terrible pain. I said to the doctor, 'Leave me just for a bit' and he went away. I picked up the pillow and smothered him until he was dead," he said.

Gosling did not say where or when the incident took place. He said he believed he had made the right decision and had no regrets.

"When you love someone, it is difficult to see them suffer," he said in the news-magazine program "Inside Out," which was broadcast Monday.

No weeknight TV for first children

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama, who is spending billions of dollars to overhaul the U.S. public education system, says there's one sure thing parents can do to help their kids learn, regardless of financial means: Forbid them from watching television on school nights.

Of his own daughters, Obama told Essence magazine: "The girls don't watch TV during the week. Period."

The first thing they do after school is homework. If they haven't finished by dinnertime, around 6:30 p.m., they pick up where they left off after the meal. And after that, they can read until they hit the sack, he said.

The president discussed his daughters in response to a question about what parents can do to help foster learning.

Obama, who said he hasn't missed a parent-teacher conference since taking office, said parents can stay in touch with their children's teachers.

"Very early on, we set expectations for Malia and Sasha in terms of them taking responsibility for their own education," Obama said. They got alarm clocks at age 4 to begin waking themselves up, making their own beds and getting themselves ready to get to school on time.

"We monitor them. But they are expected to be prepared to learn when they go to school," he said.

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Lady Raiders get first shot at Baylor sensation Griner

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

At this point in the season, the Lady Raiders are probably used to confronting tall orders.

But chances are they haven't faced a challenge as difficult as the one they will encounter today at 7 p.m. in the Ferrell Center in Waco. Tech will have the task of defending Brittney Griner, Baylor's 6-foot-8 freshman center, who arguably is the most imposing player in the country.

Her 7-foot-4 wingspan and ability to dunk can take pressure off her teammates and make it tough for opponents to strategize.

"She's just someone the women's game has never seen," Tech head coach Kristy Curry said. "She's a very unique, young lady in every regard on the court. She presents a lot of problems. You can't just totally go there saying if you do this and that against Griner. They're Division I players. They're a Top 15 team and there are some folks that are going to step up."

"We've got to make sure we have a great team defensive effort and buy into the game plan."

Griner can present problems on both ends of the floor, considering she averages 18.9 points, 8.7 rebounds and 6.2 blocked shots per game. Griner's presence on defense has been felt — the Bears are second in the Big 12 Conference allowing only 55.8 points per game.

She also has recorded three triple-doubles this season in games against Oral Roberts, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Her versatility is a reason Tech (15-9, 3-7 in Big 12 Conference play) has little room for error.

"We're just going to have to contain her," Tech forward Ashlee Roberson said. "She's a very great athlete and she's taller than all of us on the team. She's a part of the team, but there are other people that can score. We've just got to do our part and play the best defense we can play."

But Tech may be getting No. 18 Baylor (17-7, 4-6) at the right time.

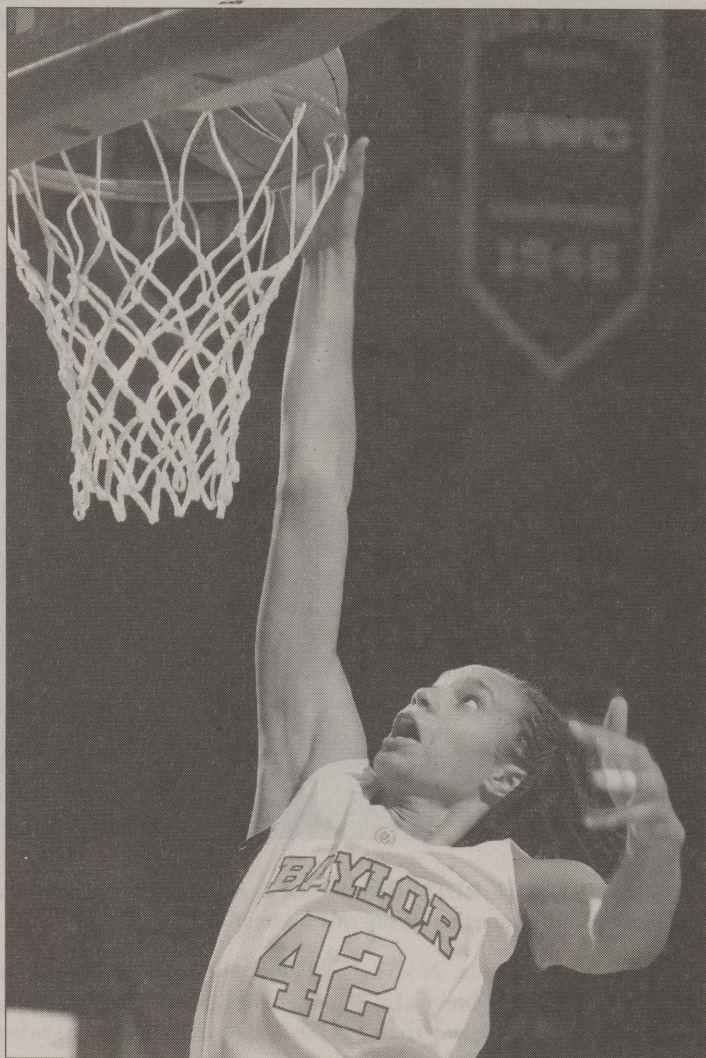


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BAYLOR'S BRITTNEY GRINER has captivated women's basketball fans with her 6-foot-8 frame and 7-foot-4 wingspan. Texas Tech faces No. 18 Baylor at 7 p.m. today in Waco.

The Bears have lost three of their last five including a 24-point loss at Iowa State Saturday, a place where the Lady Raiders lost by 15. BU also has been inconsistent, considering it has only won consecutive Big 12 games once this year and has lost to Missouri, giving that program its only conference win so far this season.

A win tonight could move Tech into seventh place in the Big 12 standings if Kansas and Kansas State lose their games this week.

Roberson said that can only get the Lady Raiders closer to the ending they want.

"We've got to finish out these last games strong, play the same way we've been playing," she said. "If we finish out strong the way we've been playing these

last few games, I think we'll be perfectly fine and hopefully get to where we need to be."

Today's game also will be the ninth consecutive game against a Top 25 opponent for Tech, a stretch that's resulted in seven losses. So players and coaches can look forward to their couple of matches against non-ranked opposition in KU and Kansas State.

Although most teams would fear the schedule Tech has played, Curry said it's something the team embraces.

"Baylor's young and we're young," she said. "We're both trying to find our way. It's a great opportunity for us, we're playing pretty well right now. We're excited, we're looking forward to get down to Waco."

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Big 12 coaches not high on Tech baseball in 2010

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

While the Texas Tech baseball team is high on its 2010 season, Big 12 Conference coaches believe otherwise.

The Red Raiders were picked to finish last in the conference in the 2010 Big 12 Baseball Preseason Coaches' Poll, released Tuesday.

The Red Raiders have a couple standout players returning to this year's roster and a few joining it as well.

Probably most notable is Chad Bettis, who is expected to be the ace for Tech. There also is junior college transfer Bobby Doran, who should help create a tough 1-2 punch at the top of the rotation this season.

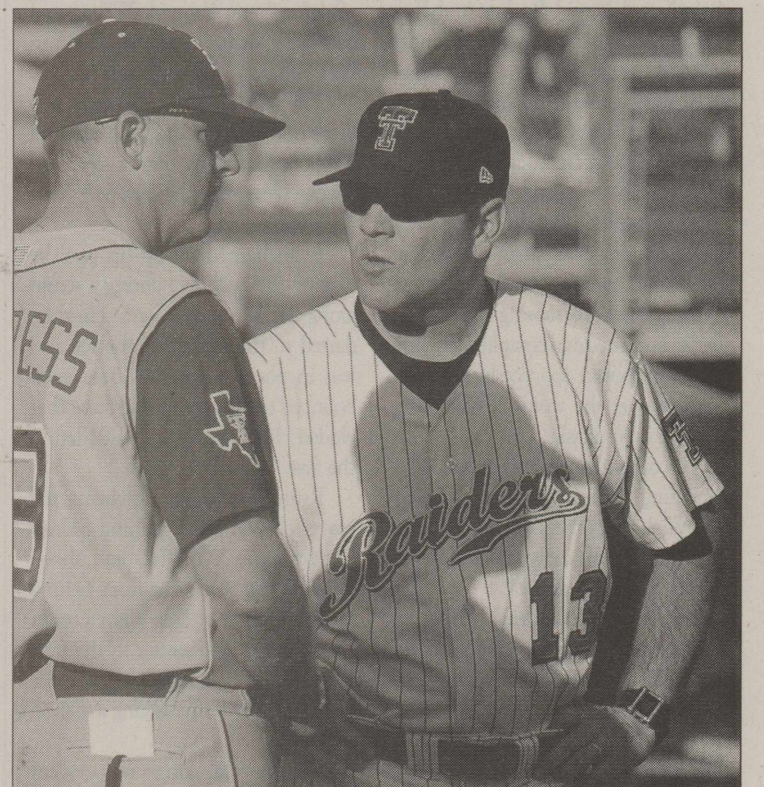
"I think they're a lot higher than what we had last year just because we brought in more talent," Bettis said of the team's expectations during the unveiling of the Tech's new uniforms Monday. "Our guys are faster, we have more depth in the bullpen, our offense is better. I think there's a lot more expectations this year for sure."

But Big 12 coaches believe nine other teams have a little more to be excited about in 2010.

Texas was picked to win the Big 12 regular-season title and the pick seems fair — according to a press release, the Longhorns top four different preseason polls.

Kansas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Baylor, Kansas State, Missouri and Nebraska follow UT and precede Tech. Colorado and Iowa State do not participate in baseball. KU received one vote for first place in the conference.

There is not much separation between Tech, Nebraska and Missouri, however. The three teams are separated by two points in the poll. The Tigers and



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH COACH Dan Spencer and his Red Raiders were picked to finish last in the Big 12 Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll, which was released Tuesday.

Cornhuskers are tied at 22 apiece and Tech has 20.

Last year, Tech finished seventh in the Big 12 with a 12-15 record in conference play. The mark was enough for a berth in the Big 12 tournament — the first after missing it the previous two seasons.

The Red Raiders didn't just make the tourney either. Tech was one game away from a conference championship berth. The Red Raiders were picked to finish eighth last season.

The 2010 baseball season begins when Tech takes on Jacksonville State at 4 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field.

Not aware of the release, Tech

shortstop Joey Kenworthy said experience will be key this season for the Red Raiders.

"(Tech coach Dan) Spencer's in his second year, so I think he's got his feet wet as well," he said. "I think guys that were freshmen last year, their feet are wet as well. But the incoming guys that we have, a lot of them are established players. They established themselves at other junior colleges, other schools, even in high school."

"I think those guys stepping in are going to play great and they have great expectations, and I think they're going to live up to them."

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NJ judge who opened Little League to girls dies

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Sylvia Pressler, a trailblazing judge whose 1973 ruling opened Little League baseball to girls, has died. She was 75.

Pressler died Monday morning at the family's home in Sparta, according to her husband, David Pressler. She had been battling lymphoma and was scheduled to begin chemotherapy treatments Tuesday, he said.

While serving as a hearing examiner with New Jersey's Division on Civil Rights, Pressler ruled that a 12-year-old northern New Jersey girl should have been allowed to play on a Little League team.

"The institution of Little League is as American as the hot dog and apple pie," Pressler

wrote in a sharply worded opinion. "There is no reason why that part of Americana should be withheld from girls."

The ruling was decried by Little League as "conceived in vindictive and prejudicial fashion of the worst kind," but it was upheld on appeal, and New Jersey became the first state to bar sex discrimination in Little League.

By the following year, Little League amended its charter to allow girls and also created a softball division.

Pressler's own career took shape at a time when the legal profession was overwhelmingly male. She earned her law degree from Rutgers in 1960 and was one of the first women in the state to clerk for an

Appellate Division judge.

She was appointed to her first judgeship in 1973 and four years later became one of the first women to be assigned to the Appellate Division. In 1997, she became the first woman to be named the division's presiding judge, where she was responsible for keeping the judicial calendar and managing staff besides hearing cases.

Beginning in the late 1960s, Pressler authored an annually updated book on the rules governing New Jersey courts that required her to review "every case, every day," her husband said.

"She worked very hard at it," David Pressler said. "She brought great talent and great energy together."

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US tops Swiss 3-1 in men's hockey opener

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The U.S. kids were all right.

The youngest collection of American hockey players since the NHL began supplying the talent for the 1998 Nagano Games opened this tournament with a workmanlike 3-1 victory over Switzerland on Tuesday.

Bobby Ryan scored late in the first period, and David Backes and Ryan Malone added goals in the second to help the United States avoid a repeat of an opening-game letdown. During the 2006 Turin Games, the Americans began with a 3-3 tie against Latvia and never challenged for a medal.

Ryan Miller, considered the key to the U.S. chances to reach the podium, was solid in making 14 saves. He turned aside the handful of scoring opportunities the Swiss created and complied with rules barring corporate sponsorships by placing tape over the words "Miller Time" painted on his mask.

His only blemish came with 10:15 remaining when a pass attempt by Roman Wick struck the goalie's outstretched stick and tantalizingly trickled behind him for a power-play goal.

With only goalie Jonas Hiller and defenseman Mark Streit as regular NHL players, Switzerland put up some early resistance but couldn't sustain it. Hiller stopped 21 shots, facing only two in the third period.

In the appetizer before host Canada faced Norway, the Americans looked crisp and coasted to victory after a fast-paced start. Outside of a few missed connections on some passes, there was no clear evidence the Americans had only one practice before play began.

Many fans were decked out in red Canada jerseys, but there was plenty of support for the U.S. and Swiss teams. The biggest cheers were reserved for

American forward Ryan Kesler of the hometown Vancouver Canucks, and Mike Eruzione, who captained the U.S. to Miracle on Ice glory in 1980.

Just when it seemed Switzerland might get even at 1, Miller fought off a bouncing puck between his pads and got a rush started the other way. Backes streaked down the left side, cut inside of defenseman Yannick Weber, and used a backhand-to-forehand shift to beat Hiller at 5:52 of the second.

The Americans needed only 2:08 more to make it 3-0 as Malone found a rebound of Ryan Suter's shot and slipped it between Hiller's pads for a power-play goal.

Ryan helped set up his goal by digging the puck free during a scrum along the left-wing boards. He then darted to the middle of the ice and was in position when a loose puck bounced to him for a rising drive that eluded Hiller's glove with 1:01 left in the first.

Ryan, best known for being the player chosen No. 2 behind Sidney Crosby in the 2005 NHL draft, shook off the effects of a hit from behind by Streit in the deep right corner of the Swiss zone earlier in the first. Ryan was still muttering about the crunching blow after taking a seat on the bench.

The physical nature was evident early in the opener of a tournament being held on an NHL-sized rink as opposed to the wider surfaces traditionally used in the Olympics. Both teams traded hits that pleased the crowd used to watching Vancouver Canucks home games in this arena.

The U.S. wasn't penalized until Joe Pavelski was sent off for hooking at 4:49 of the third. A roughing call against Suter set up Wick's goal.

Freshmen improving for Tech women's tennis

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

At the start of the season, Todd Petty had a young and inexperienced Lady Raiders squad.

The youth is still apparent, as four of the starting six players in the lineup are freshmen, but the experience is starting to shine through.

"They are just getting used to their own game," Petty said. "Getting suited, and getting a good idea of what they can do. Getting a real good basis of what they are trying to do on the court. Then getting used to the speed of the game and the competitiveness. What it takes to stay mentally involved for a two-hour match instead of just blowing someone off the court."

For the Lady Raiders, the freshmen will have to carry the team into Big 12 Conference play and further.

The No. 6 and No. 5 spots have fared well for freshman Lorena Aviles, as she is 5-1 so far. At the other end of the lineup, freshman Sandra Dynka has struggled, posting a 1-5 mark so far.

Playing at the No. 1 spot and facing some of the toughest players in collegiate tennis is not an easy task for a freshman.

Even with all the losses this season, Dynka said she is striving to improve her game every day.

"I've learned to be more patient both on and off the court," she said. "I had trouble with it in the first few matches, but for sure I got better at that this weekend."

Exactly two weeks and four matches from today, the Lady Raiders dive into Big 12 play.

The team's first three Big 12 matches are in Lubbock against Baylor, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. After these matches, the Lady Raiders encounter three straight matches against nationally-ranked opponents. This



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Treador

CAROLINE STARCK RETURNS the ball during the match against Tulane earlier this season. She is one of four freshmen in the starting lineup this season for Texas Tech.

includes No. 26 Texas, No. 31 Texas A&M and No. 51 Nebraska, all on the road. Just fewer than half of the Big 12 matches for the team will be on the road coming in March and April.

But Elizabeth Ullathorne said everything the young players need to be successful this season has come from the experience gained since the fall.

"That every single match is going to be really tough," she said. "Gonna have to play as hard as we can every match to get the wins and just keep fighting hard."

With five freshmen on the squad and four in the starting lineup, there still is more work to be done before Big 12 play starts.

Freshman Caroline Starck said

all success starts with the basics in any sport, and tennis is not an exception.

"I think it starts in practice," she said. "We have to take every practice every day and pick something to improve on and work towards that goal. Always work hard, and just have to keep doing that."

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Suspect admits killing Iowa high school football coach

ALLISON, Iowa (AP) — A tearful former football player told Iowa police that he repeatedly shot his high school coach because he believed him to be a devil who turned students "into dead people," according to an interview with the murder suspect recorded just hours after Ed Thomas' death.

The scratchy, muddled audio recording of 24-year-old Mark Becker's confession was played to a packed Butler County courtroom on Tuesday, the second day of his trial for first-degree murder. Becker has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

Prosecutors say Becker calmly walked into the weight room at Aplington-Parkersburg High School on the morning of June 24 and killed Thomas in front of a group of teenage students.

"I put one in his head, then I put two more in his head, then I put one in the knee," Becker said in the recording of his interview with Division of Criminal Investigation agent Chris Callaway less than two hours after Thomas was shot dead. "I emptied the clip and left it empty."

Dr. Jenni McLemore of the State

Medical Examiner's Office, testified that Thomas suffered four gunshot wounds to the head, another to the knee, one that went through his left hand and a shot that grazed his chin.

As McLemore spoke, prosecutors put up pictures of Thomas' body using a projector. The coach's grown son, Aaron, sitting in the courtroom, grimaced and held his head in his hands.

Callaway testified that Becker said during the interview that he felt "no guilt or shame" about the slaying, although he had cried as he confessed to the killing. Becker's voice trembled at times during the recording.

Becker told Callaway that as he approached Thomas, his former coach turned and greeted him. "And I shot him," Becker said, adding, "It's a great thing. It's so good."

The suspect has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, and his attorneys have said that they will try to show he is a paranoid schizophrenic who had not taken his prescribed medication before the shooting.

Public defender Susan Flander moved to have the charges against Becker dropped

after the jury was dismissed Tuesday. Flander said the audio recording showed Becker was incapable of premeditation.

District Court Judge Stephen Carroll denied the motion.

In the interview, Becker spoke in a monotone about why he had wanted to kill Thomas, the 2005 NFL High School Coach of the Year who led efforts to rebuild Parkersburg after a huge tornado wiped out about one-third of the town and killed six people in 2008.

"He's a devil, he's a devil tyrant, he's suppressing the kids out here," Becker said of Thomas on the recording. "We can hardly breathe at night. He comes through and he turns us into fish and he turns us into animals and he turns us into dead people. He won't let us be our heavenly selves. He's been doing it forever."

Becker said that after the shooting he told the students present that they were free. Six students who witnessed the shooting have already testified.

"You go in there and kick him if you want to, but you're free. I said, 'Be free,' Becker exclaimed. "It's done, it's done, it's over."

During the interview, Becker told Callaway that he saw the devil, "a horned beast," in the room with them.

"We can hardly breathe at night. He comes through and he turns us into fish and he turns us into animals and he turns us into dead people."

MARK BECKER
SUSPECT

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
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- 6 Corresponding sort
- 10 Kodak rival
- 14 Brightly colored tropical fish
- 15 Chaplin's last wife
- 16 Road for Pilate
- 17 "That's ___ trick!"
- 18 Cutting-edge Motorola phone?
- 19 Statistician's input
- 20 How some scary things go
- 23 Nous minus moi?
- 24 "The loneliest number," in a 1969 hit
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- 35 "I wish!"
- 37 On the calmer side
- 38 Floors, briefly
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- 40 Third qtr. start
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- 46 More work
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- 63 Tobacco unit
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- 69 Nerve opening?
- 69 Lose fur
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- 53 Canine woe
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No. 22 Baylor drops Tech

WACO (AP) — LaceDarius Dunn scored 30 points and Ekpe Udoh had 13 points, 11 rebounds and nine blocks for No. 22 Baylor which beat Texas Tech 88-70 on Tuesday night for its third consecutive 20-win season.

Dunn scored 10 points in the final 5½ minutes of the first half, after being held scoreless until then, to put the Bears (20-5, 7-4 Big 12) ahead to stay. His first points came on two free throws that made it 25-24, part of his eight consecutive points for Baylor.

It is only the sixth 20-win season for Baylor, which has won five of its last six games.

David Tairu had 16 points for Texas Tech (16-9, 4-7).

John Roberson had 12 points for the Red Raiders before leaving the game with 9 minutes remaining after running into a television cameraman. Coach Pat Knight said after the game that Roberson's ribs were sore and he was having a hard time breathing.

The go-ahead free throws by Dunn started a 39-16 run in which he scored 22 points. Dunn's basket with 12:49 left made it 60-40, then Udoh had a steal that led to a run-capping dunk by Anthony Jones.

Tweety Carter had 12 points and 11 assists for Baylor, which shot 54 percent from the field (33 of 61).

When the Bears cleared the bench in the closing minutes, Udoh was left in the game for the chance to get another block and his second triple-double of the season. He wasn't needed for a game-winning shot like he had in each of the past two games, but finished with his 12th double-double of the season and extended his season school record block total to 109.

Dunn didn't score until after being fouled on a drive in the lane. He then had a steal and was fouled again, hitting two more free throws.

After A.J. Walton had a steal to start a 2-on-1 break, he drove to the basket and then dumped a pass over his left shoulder to Dunn trailing for a two-handed slam dunk and a 29-24 lead.

Udoh didn't even score until making a short jumper off an inbounds pass from Carter with 18 minutes left that made it 46-33.

Carter then stole the inbounds pass, though his wild pass to keep the ball from going out of bounds was grabbed by Roberson. But Dunn quickly stole the ball and had a break-away slam.

After Tech called a timeout and Roberson missed a shot, Dunn made a 3-pointer.

Roberson got hurt after missing a layup, then slamming hard into a



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S JOHN ROBERSION attempts to keep the ball in bounds during Texas A&M's 67-65 win against the Red Raiders Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. Tech followed that game with a loss to No. 22 Baylor on Sunday in Waco.

cameraman seated under the basket. Trainers tended to Roberson on the court for several minutes, and he walked to the bench with assistance

and in obvious pain. Knight said Roberson's status wouldn't be known for a couple of days.

Match Play a great tournament in reverse

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — The Match Play Championship has at least one thing going for it this week. No one has to fret when the biggest stars don't make it to the final match, or even the weekend.

That's because they're not here. Anyone who has paid attention over the last 11 years should know that even if Tiger Woods were not embroiled in a sex scandal and Phil Mickelson was not on a vacation with his family, there would be no guarantee they would last long, anyway.

Woods is the only three-time winner of this fickle tournament, yet he has made it to the weekend only four times in 10 starts. The longest Mickelson ever lasted was Saturday in 2004, and he was gone before lunch.

This World Golf Championship brings together the best 64 players available.

For one week, it is hard to distinguish them from top to bottom.

Lee Westwood is the No. 2 seed and opens on Wednesday against Chris Wood. The only time Westwood

played on Friday was in 2005, and only because the tournament started a day late at La Costa because of rain. He has never made it past the second round, although he came close last year until losing to Stewart Cink in 23 holes.

There were years when Westwood wondered if it was even worth the trouble to fly all the way from England. And when he packed his bags on Sunday night and his 5-year-old daughter asked him when he was coming home, Westwood wasn't sure what to say.

"Historically, Thursday," he told her. "Optimistically, Monday."

No one has a better record in the Match Play Championship than Geoff Ogilvy, the defending champion, who has won nearly 90 percent of his matches. He has won twice, was runner-up and had the odd year when he lost in the first round.

As he stood on the putting green Monday night at his home course of Whisper Rock north of Phoenix, he asked another member if he would be around on Sunday to host three friends who wanted to play. Then

came an awkward pause, for Ogilvy knows full well that he might be able to join them.

For those who watch golf for its star power, this isn't the best week even when Woods and Mickelson are around.

Steve Stricker is the No. 1 seed. His opening match is against Ross McGowan of England, and Stricker should know better than anyone what to expect, which is anything.

Stricker was at the front end of his slump in 2001, ranked No. 90 in the world, when he got into the 64-man field because it was held in Australia right after the holidays and so many players didn't want to go. He stopped off in Florida to try to shake off the rust and snow from a Wisconsin winter and showed up as the No. 55 seed.

He then beat Padraig Harrington, Scott Verplank and Justin Leonard without ever getting to the 18th hole and ultimately beat Pierre Fulke in the championship match.

And that wasn't even the biggest stunner.

Kevin Sutherland holds a couple of tournament records—lowest seed to win (No. 62) and the only player to beat a higher seed in all six of his matches. He rumbled through a lineup of Ryder Cup players (David Duval, Paul McGinley, Jim Furyk, David Toms, Brad Faxon) before beating Scott McCarron in the 2002 final.

Stricker has won four times in his last 15 starts, his confidence higher than ever.

This week? "It scares me a little bit, to tell you the truth," he said. "Just because you never know who you're going to get, or who you're going to run into."

Two reporters once studied the bracket and tried to come up with one first-round match that could be considered a sure thing. Woods wasn't a safe bet because he played J.B. Holmes, a big hitter on a big golf course. Mickelson played Pat Perez, who could be really good or really bad on any given day. Ernie Els is never a sure thing.

One glitch for every gold at 2010 Vancouver Games

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — From fire to ice, nothing seems to be going right at the Olympics.

The torch malfunctioned. Warm weather turned the slopes and the event schedule to slop. A Zamboni had to ride to the rescue from Calgary following a meltdown at the speed-skating rink.

By Tuesday, the Glitch Games were in full swing: 20,000 standing-room tickets for the snowboarding venue were voided because fans had fallen between the bales of hay under the melting layers of trucked-in snow.

Want to take a picture of the Olympic cauldron? Make sure that camera is pressed up against the chain-link fence — provided there's room to squeeze in and a Vancouver 2010 banner isn't in the way.

Organizers expect to unveil a plan Wednesday to address the rising public outcry and bring people closer to the flame, the most distinguished and enduring symbol of any Olympics.

"Perhaps," conceded Renee Smith-Valade, a spokeswoman for the organizing committee, "we did underestimate the degree to which people would want to get close to it."

Perhaps. At a press conference, a Canadian TV reporter asked organizers why the flame was hidden behind "a ratty-looking prison-camp fence." And the Globe and Mail newspaper chose to allude to another Olympic city — Berlin.

Addressing the head of the Vancouver Games, the paper cried: "Mr. Furlong, tear down this fence!"

Of course, no scheduling or logistics issue — or sporting event, for that matter — seems significant in light of the death of a Georgian luger on the first day of the Olympics.

And, to be fair, there have been bright spots. Moguls skier Alexandre Bilodeau gave Canada its first gold medal in three home Olympics. NHL superstar Sidney Crosby has the Canadian men's hockey team looking for gold. NBC ratings have been strong.

But aside from that, it's been one problem after another for a games governed not so much by the Olympic creed as by Murphy's Law. Shades of Atlanta.

The canceled tickets at Cypress Mountain — 28,000 in all — mean about \$1.5 million in lost revenue for the games, and disappointment for people who spent \$50 to \$65 to see events like the highjacked and snowboardcross.

They'll get refunds, although anyone who bought secondhand may be out of luck. Fans whose tickets were still good, and who went up the mountain Tuesday to see events, were treated to blinding snow.

Athletes weren't spared, either. Timing foulups marred both biathlon events Tuesday. A Swedish woman was held up at her start gate for 14 seconds, and two of the men went off too early. Officials later corrected for the errors.

Chavez agrees to minor league deal with Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Outfielder Andy Chavez has agreed to a minor league contract with the Texas Rangers that includes an invitation to spring training.

Chavez is recovering from knee surgery last July and is not expected to be fully healthy for the start of the regular season. He played 54 games for Seattle last year before tearing the ACL in his right knee when he collided with shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt when both were chasing a popup in short left field on June 19.

Monday's deal gave the Rangers 15 non-roster players for spring training.

Chavez batted .273 and stole nine bases last season. He has played all three outfield spots in his nine major

league seasons with Kansas City, Montreal, Washington, Philadelphia, the New York Mets and Seattle.

If Chavez is added to the 40-man roster, he would get a \$1 million, one-year contract, and the Rangers would have a \$1.25 million option for 2011 with a \$50,000 buyout. If he has at least 30 days on the active roster during the 2010 season, the buyout would increase to \$100,000.

He can earn an additional \$180,000 in performance bonuses and \$300,000 in roster bonuses this year, getting the full amounts for 250 plate appearances and 160 days on the active roster. The option year includes \$750,000 in performance bonuses based on plate appearances up to 575.

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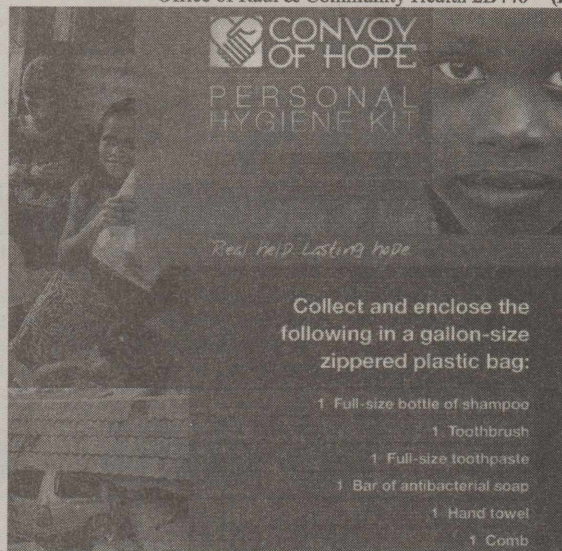
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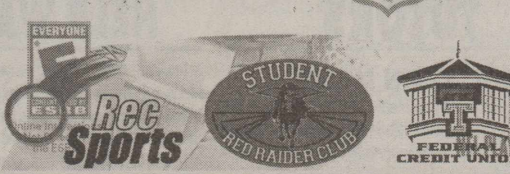
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