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## Guidance from ABOVE

### Softball player draws inspiration from war veteran grandfather

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN  
STAFF WRITER

When a base runner is barreling toward Texas Tech catcher Holley Gentsch, the look in her eyes is fearless.

Where does she get her calm, fearless demeanor? From her late grandfather Col. Robert L. Howard, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

"I always stay calm and relaxed," Gentsch said. "If I show my teammates that I'm not calm then they're going to start getting nervous as well. Just being the one out there to try and smooth everything out, (my grandpa) would definitely be proud of that."

Howard died in December, but not without impacting the lives of countless people, including his daughter Melissa Gentsch.

"I literally have had thousands, and I'm not lying when I say thousands, of cards and e-mails from people who have said that he has affected their lives, that he changed their lives," Melissa said. "Just in how he commanded them, or how he mentored them, or just the actions they saw him take."

A veteran of five tours in Vietnam, Howard's list of accomplishments during his time in the service is noteworthy. His honors include being awarded the Bronze Star four times, the Distinguished Service Cross twice, the Legion of Merit four times and eight Purple Hearts.

Howard was nominated for the Medal of Honor three times during a 13-month period, and finally was honored in 1971 because of his actions on Dec. 30, 1968. According to the official citation of Howard's Medal of Honor, he was honored "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

Holley said he did not receive the Medal of Honor the first two times he was nominated because he was involved in covert operations, but nevertheless, he was always calm in the face of adversity.

Even when Howard was not in combat, Holley said he gave off an aura of calmness which he demonstrated to a group of boy scouts when he was bitten by a rattlesnake. She said when he was bitten, he calmly told the scouts once the exact way to handle the situation, and



PHOTO BY TOMMY MAGELSSSEN/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH CATCHER Holley Gentsch holds the Medal of Honor awarded to her grandfather Col. Robert for his service in the military, which was above and beyond the call of duty.

not once did he lose his cool.

Holley said she did not realize the enormity of her grandfather's military past until she was older and able to recognize the significance of his actions.

She also said Howard never spoke to her about his military past, and was just

"grandpa" to her. She knew he was different, but did not want to upset him by asking him about his combat history.

Holley and her father would go into bookstores and find him in history books about Medal of Honor recipients and books about the Vietnam War,

she said.

"Not many people get to open up a book and read about their family members and what they have done for the country," Holly said.

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## Tech announces new FP&C vice chancellor

By JON VANDERLAAN  
NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Tech Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction will have a new face in the vice chancellor chair beginning April 1.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance announced today the hiring of Michael Molina, the owner and CEO of JDMA Architects Inc. and a partner in M3d Construct LLC, as the new vice chancellor.

"Molina's experience, technical skill and leadership qualities

make him an outstanding choice for this position," Hance said in a news release.

"Our goals of increasing research and enrollment at each of our campuses make it imperative that we have a person with vision and a passion for our university to help plan and construct the facilities

needed to support our goals. Michael is an experienced leader in this field and we are pleased that he will be part of our team."

Molina graduated from Tech with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1991, according to the release. He also worked in various roles at Tech in Facilities, Planning and Construction from 1991 through 1998.

"I am honored and excited about my new role within the Texas Tech University System," Molina said in the release. "I believe our universities have the most beautiful and well-designed campuses and facilities in the nation. I look forward to bringing creative ideas and strategies to support the System's growth initiatives."

Mike Ellicott, former vice chan-

cellor for the office, said among the things Molina will need to know for the job include public procurement laws, which can be confusing.

Although he does not personally know Molina, Ellicott said he believes the constant updates he made to the master plan should help anyone who takes the position.

Ellicott was the vice chancellor for 10 years, overseeing \$711 million in projects, before retiring in the fall.



MOLINA

As vice chancellor for the office, Molina will be the head of facilities for Tech, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Angelo State University.

Theresa Drewell was the interim vice chancellor of the office and will return to her position as associate vice chancellor of Facilities, Planning and Construction.

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## CAREER

**Michael Molina's background**

- 1991 – Graduated Texas Tech with bachelor's in architecture
- 1991-1998 – Various positions with Tech's Facilities, Planning and Construction
- 1998-2009 – United Supermarkets vice president for Facilities, Design and Development
- Current – Owner and CEO of JDMA Architects Inc. and partner in M3d Construct LLC

## Grammy-nominated saxophonist, former Tech professor returns to Lubbock stage

By BROOKE BELLOMY  
STAFF WRITER

After listening to his father's Miles Davis records, Brad Leali's interest in jazz music spiked and he began playing saxophone at age 7.

Since then Leali has traveled the world, playing his saxophone to packed crowds across Europe and in New York City. Tonight, the former head of Texas Tech's Jazz Program and Grammy-nominated saxophonist will return to Lubbock tonight to play a concert hosted by Tech's Black Faculty and Staff Association at the Cactus Theatre.

Leali, a Denver native and graduate of the University of North Texas, said he has played saxophone for 38 years and also plays clarinet and flute.

In 1999, while playing with the Count Basie Orchestra, Leali was nominated for a Grammy for his sax solo in composer Billy Strayhorn's "The Star Crossed Lovers." Although Leali did not win individually, the Count Basie Orchestra won a Grammy Award in the category Best Large Jazz Ensemble Performance for "Count Plays Duke," directed by Grover Mitchell.

Leali, who was a professor at Tech from 2005 to 2008, said

he is excited to return to Lubbock for the concert. Although he teaches at the University of North Texas, he said he cherishes his time in Lubbock.

"I love Lubbock," he said. "I had a great time and made some great friends."

He said he still stays in touch with many of his former colleagues and students.

Tonight's concert initially was intended to be the association's opening celebration for a series of events planned for Black History Month. However the severe winter weather caused, the concert to be rescheduled to tonight.

Aretha Marbley, president of the BFSA, said jazz music originated in the black community, and by attending the concert the audience will see a different aspect of black culture.

She said she hopes the concert will satisfy one of the missions of the organization: to recruit and retain faculty, staff and students in the black community.

One way she hopes the association will achieve this goal is by donating some of the proceeds from the concert ticket sales to fund a scholarship for a black student.

"The concert also serves to foster a greater sense of community," she said.

Wendy Ross, secretary of the BFSA, said the audience will

have a great time because Leali is a top-notch musician.

"He's an amazing musician, and jazz is fun to listen to," she said. "Everyone in the audience will really enjoy listening to him play, especially jazz lovers."

Don Caldwell, owner of the Cactus Theatre, said he did not know how many tickets had been sold, but he expects a few hundred people to attend the concert.

As a saxophone player and enthusiast, Caldwell said he is excited to have Leali return to Lubbock and the Cactus Theatre to play.

"I've been listening to saxophone and jazz music since I was a student at Tech in the '60s," he said, "and I'd say Brad Leali is one of the greatest American saxophonists playing today."

Caldwell said the singer accompanying Leali onstage, Sandra Kaye, is an amazing talent as well.

"She is cut from the same cloth as the greats like Ella Fitzgerald," he said. "She has a classic sound."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. today at the Cactus Theatre in the Depot District. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$15 with Tech or high school students with an ID. Tickets can be purchased at cactus-theatre.com or by calling 806-762-3233.

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PHOTO BY CACTUS THEATRE/The Daily Toreador  
BRAD LEALI, A Grammy-nominated saxophonist, performs 7:30 p.m. today at the Cactus Theatre.

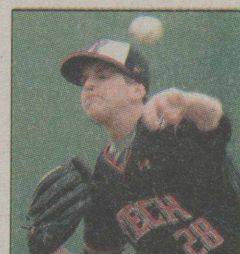
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**IN BRIEF**

**STATE**

**Neugebauer follows apology for outburst with ad**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Randy Neugebauer, who apologized to a fellow House member for shouting “baby killer” during debate on the health care bill, is now running a campaign ad vowing to continue speaking out against abortion.

“You know what, I am never going to quit speaking on behalf of the unborn,” the Texas Republican, flanked by his wife, says in the 80-second video posted on his campaign Web site.

“I will continue to speak with the same passion that I spoke last night, maybe in a little bit different forum, but still with the same intensity,” he says. The video runs above the box “donate today.”

Neugebauer, during the often-raucous debate leading up to passage of the health care overhaul bill Sunday night, yelled out “baby killer” while anti-abortion Democrat Bart Stupak of Michigan was speaking.

Just hours before the vote, Stupak reached an agreement with the

White House under which President Barack Obama would issue an executive order confirming that the legislation would not allow federal funding of abortion. With that, Stupak and other anti-abortion Democrats voted for the bill, sealing its passage.

Neugebauer apologized to Stupak while saying he was attacking the agreement reached with the White House and not Stupak personally.

A similar outburst by fellow House Republican Joe Wilson of South Carolina last year paid dividends.

Wilson — who like Neugebauer, was relatively unknown before he shouted out “you lie” last September during an Obama speech to Congress on health care — raised \$1.5 million in the week after the incident; his likely opponent in November received a similar amount. Wilson also became a favorite guest at fundraisers for other Republicans and appeared in national GOP fundraising efforts.

**NATION**

**Kremlin source: New arms treaty ready for signing**

MOSCOW (AP) — A senior Kremlin official says the United States and Russia have reached an agreement on “all documents” necessary to sign a new nuclear arms treaty.

The Kremlin source spoke Wednesday by telephone to The Associated Press but would not elaborate.

President Barack Obama has briefed top lawmakers in Washington on the negotiations but so far U.S.

officials have only said the final language is close.

Czech officials announced earlier Wednesday that Prague will host the signing of the new U.S.-Russian treaty to reduce long-range nuclear weapons that would replace the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

The Russian ambassador to Prague, Alexey Fedotov, told Czech President Vaclav Klaus of the date for the signing, Klaus’ presidential office said in a statement.

**WORLD**

**US, Israel try to repair ties with Palestinians**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Israel are in overtime talks trying to win agreement on gestures Israel can take to restore confidence among Palestinians and the Obama administration.

U.S. officials told The Associated Press that the closed-door talks are aimed at getting Israeli-Palestinian peace talks back on track and salvaging a diplomatic visit marred by the worst U.S.-Israeli breach in years.

The officials says the administration’s special Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, was meeting late Wednesday afternoon with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who extended his stay by hours to work on a deal.

They hope to come up with mutually acceptable ideas to improve an atmosphere poisoned by announcements of new Jewish housing projects on land claimed by Palestinians in east Jerusalem.

**Corrections**

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**SPECTACULAR SET**



PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador  
SARA STRIBLING, A senior theater design major from San Antonio, welds a metal frame together for the set of the upcoming musical “Curtains” Tuesday in the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre.

**Red to Black hosts financial education program**

By JOEANN BON-JORNO  
STAFF WRITER

Next week Texas Tech students have the chance to do something at school other than take notes, learn formulas and memorize vocabulary words.

The Tech Red to Black program will sponsor Financial Education Week from Monday through April 2.

Michael Guillemette, a graduate part-time instructor of Risk Management and Employee Benefits, said there will be an information booth with multiple financial counselors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day next week by the Book Man Statue outside the Student Union Building.

“At the booth there will be multiple financial counselors with handouts about budgeting, credit, debt and all kinds of financial information,” Guillemette said.

There will also be free-of-charge financial check-up sites throughout the week from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in various locations with multiple financial counselors so students can ask questions and receive individualized financial help.

He said students should bring as much documentation of their financial situation as possible to the check-up sites.

“It helps to bring documents such as credit card statements and credit reports,” Guillemette said. “The more you bring the better we are able to help you.”

There will be a Making Your Money Make Money presentation discussing different types of investments and what to avoid when investing from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday in Holden Hall Room 128 and a Psychology of Money presentation discussing why people decide on financial decisions and how to recognize and reduce behaviors that can be harmful from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building Mesa Room.

Megan Malone, a graduate assistant for Red to Black, said most of the financial mistakes people make are a result of not knowing it is financially harmful.

“Some of the harmful financial decisions we will talk about are things people do and don’t even realize are harmful,” Malone said.

Jared Herrera, a graduate assistant for Red to Black, said by learning about harmful financial decisions, students can

prevent themselves from making the same mistake.

“Once you recognize the behavior as harmful you can start to work to improve it,” he said.

In addition to the information booths and check-up sites, there will be a keynote panel discussion covering the impact of the choice of major on life after graduation with a Q-and-A session following on at 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Human Sciences Building Room 169.

The keynote speakers for the panel are Bill Gustafson, associate professor of Personal Financial Planning; Nikki Sosa, assistant director of the Office of Student Financial Aid; and Jay Killough, associate director of University Career Services.

Sosa said each keynote speaker will address a different financial issue as a part of the panel discussion. She said she will be talking about student loans.

“When a student starts college they should adjust the amount of loans based on earning potential versus the amount of debt incurred to get that degree,” Sosa said.

Everyone has natural strengths or talents and it is important to make decisions based on those, Killough said,

**IN BRIEF**

Locations and dates for check-up sites

**Monday** — University Library Atrium

**Tuesday** — Business Administration building rotunda

**Wednesday** — Law School

**April 1** — The Market at Stangel/Murdough

**April 2** — Graduate School (located in basement of Holden Hall)

which is why he will talk about strengths and spending habits.

“It’s important to be able to articulate goals for the future,” he said.

According to the Financial Education Week calendar of events, the program will present Making Your Money Make Money again from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday in Holden Hall Room 75 and the Psychology of Money again from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University Library Room 309.

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**Military to tighten rules on gay firings**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates is going to make it tougher for service members to get fired for being gay by insisting that each case be scrutinized by more senior-ranking officers.

The plan, to be announced Thursday, is considered a stopgap measure by the Obama administration until Congress decides whether to repeal the 1993 law, which bans openly gay service.

Under the new guidelines, the firings of enlisted personnel who violate the ban must be approved by officers who hold a rank

equivalent to a one-star general or above. Testimony provided by third parties also should be given under oath, the plan says.

The details were described by U.S. military and defense officials who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity because no announcement had not been made.

The officials said the goal was to ensure that the existing law was applied fairly and consistently across the military. The plan also is aimed at eliminating flimsy testimony supplied by third parties.

**Runaway train car crash in Norway kills three workers**

OSLO (AP) — Sixteen runaway train cars careened downhill for three miles (five kilometers) and crashed into a port building Wednesday, killing three workers, before two of the cars plunged into the water.

The empty train cars broke loose from a cargo train and slammed into the port terminal on the edge of the Oslo fjord, destroying the building, police and railroad officials said.

The victims had been working in or around the terminal, police spokeswoman Martine Laeng said. A worker initially reported missing was later confirmed as one of three casualties; three people were reported injured.

It was not immediately clear how the train cars became detached. Authorities said they started rolling from a rail yard in eastern Oslo and accelerated as they moved toward the industrial port, about three miles (five kilometers) down the tracks.

Vegar Halveg, who works for a transport company at the port in the Sjursoeya district of Oslo, said he heard a loud screech and looked out the window to see several empty cargo train cars speed past.

“They were going much faster than they usually do, so we realized

something was wrong,” Halveg told The Associated Press, estimating their speed at more than 100 kilometers an hour (62 miles per hour). “The last car was practically airborne.”

Halveg said several cars derailed and one hit a dump truck. The driver was injured but conscious when rescue workers put him into an ambulance, he said.

Port worker Morten Schroeder told national broadcaster NRK the runaway train cars appeared “without any kind of warning whatsoever,” despite the long distance they traveled before reaching the port.

Nine of the rail cars appeared to have derailed before the line ended, taking out cars and trucks. The rest smashed through a barrier at the end of the track before tearing into an administrative building. Two of them crashed through the building and fell into the fjord, police said.

Johan Fredriksen, chief of staff for Oslo police, said police were interviewing workers both at the port and at the rail yard to determine what caused the accident. He said there was no immediate suspicion of wrongdoing or negligence.

Fredriksen said the scene was secure and that there was no risk of explosions or a fire.

He said it wasn’t immediately clear what kind of warning — if any — had been sent in advance of the crash. He said police received the first emergency call at about the same time the train cars entered the port area.

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

**ACROSS**

- Torah holders
- Dishonorable types
- Gets off the road, in a way
- Spear or pepper follower
- End of grace
- Sound portion
- On the briny
- Pro
- Spills carelessly
- CCCC?
- Amount consumed
- Yokel
- Bird was one, briefly
- Hemingway’s Santiago, in the story’s title
- Pontificate
- Jessica of “Good Luck Chuck”
- Relieve
- AAAA?
- “Get outta here!”
- Coward of the stage
- Clarifying words
- Inchon native
- “... never work!”
- Deli option
- Hunk
- TTT?
- Santa \_\_, Silicon Valley city
- Fuzz
- DEA agent’s discovery
- Big jerks
- Ocean predator
- Penultimate fairy tale word
- Used up
- ...do-well
- Information \_\_

**DOWN**

- Valuable violin
- Like baked dough
- Prepared to speak to a tot, maybe
- Overhead projection?
- Monopoly
- Eastern nurse
- Discourage
- Messy situation
- Many a Matisse
- Doozy
- It’s added to natural gas
- Use a rag on
- Coast Guard pickup
- Olympic event since 1968
- Wolf pack member
- Poi essential
- At an impasse, as the Senate
- Medieval club
- More than wonders
- Egg site
- Trans-Siberian Railroad city
- Moneyed, in Madrid
- Banned apple spray
- Soap ingredient
- Indonesian island
- Invaldiate
- España feature
- “Finally!”
- ... sauce;
- seafood serving
- Polymer introduced by DuPont in 1938
- Blazing
- Like a babe in the woods
- British \_\_
- Childbirth symbol
- Equine sound
- Smog, e.g.
- Make smooth, in a way
- Fairy tale opener
- Items used by good buddies

By Jeff Chen 3/25/10

**Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved**

TUTU CHIC BEAM  
OLIN AESOP ESPO  
ANNIESSONG ATTU  
DAYS PA FATCATS  
EASTLA OHBOY  
STYX HOBNOB  
CIV CZAR ABUSES  
ADELA IDESLAMENT  
DESOTO LEAD GOO  
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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Fire alarm triggered by boiler**

**March 12**  
3:02 a.m., false fire alarm in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.

3:50 a.m., criminal trespass warning in the Z1-B parking lot.

8:14 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

12:30 p.m., theft of four framed pictures in the Art building.

3:07 p.m., documentation of reports of disorderly conduct in the multi-gender bathroom in the Human Sciences Building.

5:28 p.m., unlawful carrying of a handgun, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in the 900 block of Flint Avenue.

6:17 p.m., discovery of marijuana during dorm safety checks in Coleman Residence Hall.

10:45 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

**March 13**  
11:14 p.m., fake vehicle inspection certificate and driving without a valid driver's license in the 1700 block of Texas Tech Parkway.

**March 14**  
8:08 a.m., fire alarm activated by a damaged boiler in the Business Administration building.

**March 16**  
3:15 p.m., theft of an exit sign in Weymouth Residence Hall.

4:34 p.m., arrest of a student for two outstanding Lubbock County warrants.

**March 17**  
12:28 p.m., theft of \$80 from a March of Dimes container at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

12:55 p.m., criminal mischief to book shelves in the basement of the University Library.

**March 18**  
12:26 a.m., possession of alcohol by a minor in the 1800 block of Texas Tech Parkway.

2:36 p.m., damage to a vehicle in the C-13 parking lot.

7:15 p.m., medical call in the United Spirit Arena.

**March 19**  
8:11 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia in the 1800 block of Indiana Avenue.

11 p.m., public intoxication and resisting arrest in the Z6-A parking lot.

11:54 p.m., retaliation in Wall Residence Hall.

**March 20**  
8 a.m., accident without injuries in the intersection of Fourth Street and Joliet Avenue.

**March 21**  
8:02 p.m., arrest of a non-student for five outstanding Lubbock County warrants in the 300 block of Quaker Avenue.

9:17 p.m., possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Sneed Residence Hall.

9:35 p.m., discovery of drug paraphernalia in Murdough Residence Hall.

**March 22**  
8:36 a.m., theft of a laptop in the Electrical Engineering building.

9:06 a.m., accident without injuries in the C-16 parking lot.

9:14 a.m., criminal mischief in the English/Philosophy building.

1:59 p.m., water damage due to a broken sprinkler head in Wall Residence Hall.

2:29 p.m., possession of a dangerous drug and drug paraphernalia in Wall Residence Hall.

2:48 p.m., theft of a bicycle at

Knapp Residence Hall.

7:01 p.m., sexual assault in Hulen Residence Hall.

7:22 p.m., investigation of credit card abuse in Wall Residence Hall.

11:22 p.m., arrest of a non-student for one outstanding Lubbock County warrant in the 700 block of Texas Tech Parkway.

11:47 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor in Murdough Residence Hall.

**March 23**  
10:36 a.m., criminal mischief in the University Library.

3:02 p.m., medical emergency at the Biology building.

3:07 p.m., disorderly conduct in Murdough Residence Hall.

4:45 p.m., theft of a Garmin GPS unit, a bale of hay and a plastic steer head from an unsecured vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot.

9:29 p.m., unwanted telephone calls and text messages in Stangel Residence Hall.

**March 24**  
2:23 a.m., graffiti on the surplus storage building in the 4600 block of Erskine Avenue.

**POLICE INVESTIGATE PEEPING**

An unknown male suspect allegedly looked into occupied bathroom stalls Tuesday on the third floor of Murdough Residence Hall, but it's not the first time such an incident has occurred this semester.

A similar offense was reported March 12 that occurred in the multi-gender bathroom in the Human Sciences building and involved an unknown male suspect who was reported engaging in the same activity.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, said he does not believe the offenses are related due to differing suspect descriptions, although the specific events reported are rare.

Similar offenses have been uncommon in the past at Tech and witnesses are strongly encouraged to report an accurate description of the suspect and the incident immediately to the police, Hoffman said.

"We rely heavily on witnesses," he said. "(Their accounts) are necessary,

sometimes, to break the case."

The offense is referred to as "disorderly conduct," Hoffman said, and is considered a class C misdemeanor, according to Texas Penal Code Section 42.01 (a)(11)(C).

According to the code, "a person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly ... for a lewd or unlawful purpose ... while on the premises of a public place, looks into an area such as a restroom or shower stall or changing or dressing room that is designed to provide privacy to a person using the area."

The offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, Hoffman said.

Disorderly conduct is not punishable by imprisonment unless it involves a firearm, he said, in which case the offense would be considered a class B misdemeanor and could warrant imprisonment.

Hoffman said both cases of disorderly conduct are being investigated by police and there is no indication of whether the suspects were Tech students.

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**BALANCING ACT**



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADEIER/The Daily Toreador  
JOHN BONEWITZ, A sophomore geography major from Grapevine, balances his way across a slackline Tuesday outside Murray Residence Hall.

**Obama issues low-key order on abortions**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Anything but jubilant, President Barack Obama awkwardly kept a promise Wednesday he made to ensure passage of historic health care legislation, pledging the administration would not allow federal funds to pay for elective abortions covered by private insurance.

Unlike Tuesday, when a beaming Obama signed the health care law in a nationally televised ceremony interrupted repeatedly by applause, the White House refused to permit coverage of the event. It occurred in the Oval Office in the presence of a small group of anti-abortion Democratic lawmakers who had extracted the commitment over the weekend. The president supports abortion rights.

The political maneuvering occurred as the FBI announced it was investigating threats received by about 10 Democratic lawmakers in recent days in apparent connection with the intensely controversial health care law.

"All threats and incidents directed

against members of Congress are taken seriously and are being investigated," the bureau's Washington field office said in a statement.

At the same time, Senate Democrats drove toward final passage of a second health care bill, drafted to supplement the first by sweetening benefits for seniors with high prescription drug costs and for lower-to-middle income families who cannot afford the cost of insurance.

Lacking the votes to stop it, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, vowed, "We'll continue to fight until this bill is repealed and replaced with commonsense ideas that solve our problems without dismantling the health care system we have and without burying the American Dream under a mountain of debt."

That drew a swift rebuttal from Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who said the legislation Obama signed on Tuesday was a "wonderful bill" that would help millions with inadequate coverage or none at all.

The follow-up bill before the Senate included a second triumph for the administration on domestic policy. It generally strips banks and other private insurers of their ability to originate loans to students, in favor of direct government lending.

The government's savings would raise the maximum amount needy students could receive in Pell Grants, and pump about \$2.6 billion over a decade into historically black and Hispanic colleges. The changes would mean the loss of billions of dollars for student lending giant Sallie Mae as well as large financial institutions such as Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America.

The bill passed the House on Sunday and it appeared Reid had as many as 57 votes in hand for its approval, far more than needed. Among 59 Senate Democrats, only Sens. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Ben Nelson of Nebraska announced in advance they would oppose it.

Far outnumbered, Senate Republicans sought votes on politically-charged

proposals that, while potentially troublesome for Democrats, were doomed to defeat. The first, to roll back the bill's Medicare cuts, was jettisoned on a vote of 56-42; the second, to strip out special projects, by 54-43.

Another proposal was a call by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, to make sure none of the bill's tax increases would fall on an individual with annual income of less than \$200,000 or a couple with wages of less than \$250,000 combined — taxpayers whom the president has vowed to shield.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, offered an amendment to force Obama and others in the government to obtain insurance coverage through new purchasing exchanges the law will create in 2014, as members of Congress and some staff would. The White House said the move was unnecessary because the president would do so voluntarily, but it was unclear whether the day-old law permitted him to.

**54 alleged traffickers added to Mexico drug kingpin list**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Barack Obama's administration named 54 alleged Mexican drug cartel lieutenants and enforcers as drug kingpins Wednesday under a law that allows the U.S. government to freeze their bank accounts and penalize their business associates.

The action, carried out as part of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, involves members of the Gulf Cartel

and a gang of former Gulf cartel hit men known as the Zetas, Adam J. Szubin, director of the Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control, said Wednesday in Washington.

Dozens of cartel-related businesses and individuals have already been named, allowing authorities over the past decade to seize \$13 million and freeze \$3 million in drug-related assets.

**House passes infrastructure bill**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local governments would receive billions of dollars for construction projects and welfare programs under a bill passed Wednesday in the House, the latest in a series of election-year jobs bills Democrats are pushing in Congress.

The bill combines \$13.2 billion in interest subsidies for local construction bonds with \$3.6 billion in tax cuts for small businesses and \$2.5 billion in aid to states to pay for expanded welfare programs through September 2011.

The House passed the measure 246-178, with nearly all Republicans opposed. It now goes to the Senate.

The Democrats aim to pass a series of modest measures to address unemployment as congressional elections approach in November. With unemployment hovering near 10 percent, jobs and the economy are sure to be big issues in elections.

Last week, President Barack Obama signed a bill that offers tax breaks to companies that hire unemployed workers. On Wednesday, the House also passed a bill that would provide \$5.1 billion to fund lo-

cal disaster relief projects, including some that date back to Hurricane Katrina, and \$600 million for summer jobs programs. The bill passed 239-175.

Democrats said the economy is starting to rebound, but with high unemployment persisting, they will continue to work on the issue.

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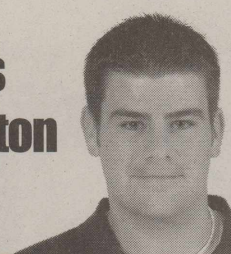
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## Class cheating never worth risk, price

There comes a time in every college student's career where a class is going to seriously test your academic integrity. It does not matter what your major is or what college you attend. Sometime or another, you will be given a great opportunity to cut a corner to get the grade you want. I didn't think it was that big of a problem, but after yet another class lecture this week, I am convinced there must be a problem with students earning their grades dishonestly. Even though I have heard the rumors that business students cheat the most, I am sure we are not the only program on campus that struggles with moral integrity.

**Travis Ellington**



As hard as some of the classes are, I hate to think some students are willing to neglect their ethical values and their beliefs of what is right and wrong for some silly grade. One single grade for a single class should not be so important that we are willing to risk our entire academic careers (entire futures really) because we didn't take the time

to learn the material honestly. My high school graduating class had one of the closest races for valedictorian that our administration had seen in quite some time. I'm not going to name the candidates, but most of the students knew it was going to be either him or her. All the students acknowledged that these two were going to battle down to the wire. He ended up winning and took a pretty large scholarship to attend the University of Texas at Austin. Our salutatorian accepted a scholarship to attend our very own Texas Tech. When the word broke the valedictorian cheated on his end of the year physics exam, it didn't matter anymore. The damage was done and there was nothing

left to lose; except respect. Respect from his classmates, teachers, friends and whoever actually believed he was one of the smartest kids in school. Some would say a good measure for success would be the number of people who respect you. Honestly, as long as you are working hard to succeed, more people will respect you than if you cut a corner for personal relief. It is hard to accept the fact getting your foot in the door in the real world is decided upon little bubbles on a piece of paper or the numbers on a resume, rather than who we are as people and what we hold most important to us. However, that is the world we live in. Two weeks ago the chief of staff at

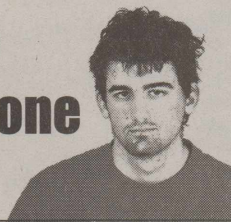
Tech gave a guest lecture for Chancellor Kent Hance's senior seminar class and he told us something I will never forget; "We are not striving for perfection, but rather striving for progression." He passed that along from his pastor, but I do not know his pastor so I'll just thank him. I think this is very applicable here. Personally, I like taking tests because I use it as a guideline for how hard I need to study for the next one. It gives me a chance to evaluate my strengths and weaknesses with enough time to prepare for the next one. I'm sure most of us have heard the old saying, "everyone has the same 24 hours a day" and how we utilize our

time is what sets us apart from everyone else. Instead of going through all the trouble to make a cheat sheet or waiting outside for your buddy to show up so you can sit next to them, just study. In the upper-level courses, if you two are in the same class you are more than likely competing for the same position down the road. I really hope this isn't as big of a problem as some of my professors have led me to believe it to be. Just remember, as Red Raiders we should all strive for honor. ■ Ellington is a junior business major from Midland. >> [travis.ellington@ttu.edu](mailto:travis.ellington@ttu.edu)

## Immature Congress behavior deserves serious repercussions

In a lecture, there are unspoken rules and requirements of every student. Most of them are common sense, like respecting the teacher, not distracting your fellow students and not talking above a whisper unless being spoken to. In high school, breaking those rules would land a student in detention, but in college, most students are mature enough to not break them. The United States Congress is the most important political body in the country. There are unspoken rules there as well, most of which mirror those in the classroom. Except on this stage, there are grown, mostly responsible human beings who know better, and as such there is no need for disciplinary action when a rule is broken. Unfortunately, this year two members of the House of Representatives showed the world that they are not, in fact, any more mature than the average high school student.

**Tony Cardone**



the funding of abortions from the new bill. The president assured the group, led by Michigan Democrat Bart Stupak, he would issue an executive order prohibiting federal money from going to abortions (aside from rape, incest or life-threatening situations to the mother). True to his word, the president signed that order Wednesday. Going back to Sunday, while many of us fought to keep our sanity in an airport, the House was coming to a conclusion of the debate. Stupak was at the podium explaining his views when he was interrupted by a verbal insult: "baby killer."

was unfolding before my eyes and that was government takeover of health care and somehow using lives of unborn children as somehow a backroom deal maker to push legislation through and I found it unacceptable I think American people find it unacceptable." My political-spin-ometer is blaring. Regardless of the intent, or who it was intended for, it clearly embarrassed the representative. Unfortunately, by extension, when he appears on television or in newspapers, the name Neugebauer is followed by "R-Lubbock." As a current citizen of Lubbock, it is deeply embarrassing to see the name of my city next to a representative who obviously has no ability to control his emotions. It's guilt by association. The problem with voting in Lubbock is quite simple. Simply seeing an R next to someone's name will likely win them a vote. Unfortunately, re-electing Neugebauer in November can only vindicate this atrocious behavior. Lubbock deserves better, and there is definitely an option come this November.

Imagine sitting in a physics course, and although the professor is speaking about why everyone did poorly on the midterm, yelling out, "Jerk." Simply put, it's unacceptable behavior for any person with full mental capacity to do such a thing. Then, later, when you apologize to him or her, you explain you actually said, "The third derivative of a position time function is jerk." Obviously, that wouldn't happen somewhere as important as in the United States House of Representatives, right? Clearly, you have not met Rep. Randy Neugebauer. Neugebauer told KCBD on Monday that he regretted yelling, "It's a baby killer," during Stupak's speech. No microphone picked up the crucial part preceding "baby killer," so it will have to be assumed that this was not shouted at all and the congressman is using his media exposure to backtrack and use the good ole CYA method. Here's exactly what he told KCBD: "It was directed at what

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## Where is ethics in relation to your life?

Extended conversations, historical and current, address the question of "what is ethics?" What is ethical and what isn't? How do you know if something is ethical or not? A colleague of mine once remarked, "When we talk about ethics we talk about 'doing the right thing,' but there is much confusion and often little talk about what the 'right thing' is." As human beings, we have a need to do the right thing. Perhaps this need comes from a sense of what Rudolph Otto and C.S. Lewis refer to as the "Numinous." Perhaps, as another colleague of mine noted, "We want to do more than just metabolize during our lives." Perhaps the need is a response and recoil to what happens when people do not do the right thing (e.g., systematic annihilation of Jews in WWII, 9/11 and terrorist events around the world, corporate scandals, political scandals, religious scandals, climate scandals, research scandals, academic scandals, business scandals, etc.). For whatever reason, we want to have meaning in our lives and to accomplish good — to make a positive difference. We like those around us to want and do the same. Hence, we continually ask, and well we should, "What is ethics?" This is a discussion that must be dynamic and must continue from generation to generation. An inquiry equally important, if not more so, is the issue of: Where is Ethics? It is a different angle on ethics but indeed, such an important one. Where is ethics in relation to where you are? Is

it above you? Is it at the same level with you? Is it something beneath you? There are many long, lonely, level lengths of dual-lane road in West Texas and New Mexico that traverse countryside where few opt to travel. When these vehicular trails converge at right angles in uninhabited realms, sentinel stop signs silently announce kinetic expectations (societally endorsed as orderly, right, good and needed), for solitary motorists who encounter such isolated junctures. Those who hold the spirit of — the ethics of — driving virtues above themselves will respect traffic codes and stop at the stop sign, even if there is not another car around for 300 miles. It will not matter to them if it is only the big, beautiful, bountiful sky, some coyotes, some scrub brush and some vultures who see them do it. Those who hold driving codes below themselves — subject to personal whims, short- and long-term desires, self-serving sign interpretations, whether it seems needed or not, whether it is convenient or good for self, or dependent on whether or not anyone is there or watching — will blow right through the stop sign and intersection at accelerated rates of speed. The issue to be considered here is not whether individuals should conform themselves to rules or should conform rules to themselves. Instead, the issue is whether or not individuals are willing to discipline themselves to principles and virtues that are higher than themselves — to consciously choose to embrace and embody codes

and patterns of behavior that are above themselves. This is a mere traffic example but the same consideration can be applied to how someone writes a term paper, how research is done, how business is done, how law is practiced, how one treats a neighbor, how one communicates and on and on. Holding ethical principles at your level or below you will tempt you to revise your own "standards" each time you get in a bind and when holding to them does not seem to be in your immediate self interest. From a divine, transcendent, humanistic, naturalistic or other perspective, where do you place ethics? Is ethics something above you that you aspire to, that you reach for, that you hold in esteem and practice above yourself? Or is ethics something at your level or below you that you choose to use as it suits you at a given time? We all will make mistakes at times and violate ethical principles. Let us be encouraged, however, to make a practice, a habit, a life of pursuing ethical purposes and standards that are higher than ourselves. May we seek the good of virtue and of others above the good for ourselves. May we become a part of something bigger than ourselves. This is our ethical calling. What is ethics? Where is ethics? Your answer to these questions will affect who you are, how you live, and the difference you make in the world. ■ David Roach is a professor and Associate Dean in Communication Studies

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## 2 freshmen in running for US polo team

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI  
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After playing polo for almost their entire lives, two Texas Tech freshmen, Rob Payne from Dallas and Jake Stimmel from Midland, were invited as two of 24 players to try out for the U.S. men's equestrian polo team.

Both men grew up in polo families and have had a strong background in the sport which "absolutely" helped them get a chance to be a part of the national team, said coach Clyde Waddell.

"They played polo almost every day of their life prior to coming to college and that makes a real difference," Waddell said. "They're both aggressive players and both extremely good players, and it's really fun to watch them play together."

Payne's father got him interested in polo at a very young age, and has been riding horses for even longer, he said. After playing in high school, he had the opportunity to continue playing at the collegiate level by joining the Tech team.

"I liked Tech and I have four years to play with (Jake), since we're both freshmen and that's why I really wanted

to come," Payne said.

Stimmel's father, grandfather and three brothers played polo; his older brother Steven is the president of the Tech polo club. During high school, Stimmel helped his team win a national title and was chosen the MVP of the season.

"It wasn't forced onto me, but I had to at least try it," Stimmel said with a laugh.

Seventy-four other players between the ages of 19 to 25 applied for a position on the U.S. polo team, and he said only 24 were chosen to continue their auditions.

"To be one of 74 to be selected between the ages of 19 and 25, and being 19 which is the youngest age was pretty cool," Payne said.

Even though Payne and Stimmel are among the youngest contenders for a spot, they believe they have a chance of making the final team. Stimmel said most of the players are older and have more experience, and with time players get better. But Payne said he believes they match up very well against them.

"I know a few of the other guys who are (Tech polo team) alumni, so they have had a few more years of experience playing at that level but (Payne and

Stimmel) have as good a shot as anybody in my opinion," Waddell said.

Within the next few months, the team will be narrowed down to six to eight players which will make up the final team. After the final decisions are made, Team USA will play other teams within the country as well as internationally.

"They're going to select team members to go over seas and play during the summer," Waddell said. "And I hope either one or both of those boys are selected for that, although the 24 people they selected are all good so it'll be tough."

The two men have played with the other 22 men in Florida as part of their continued try-out. Now, they are waiting to hear back within the next month or two about the final decision of who will become a part of Team USA.

"They're both good students here at Tech, and they're going to bring a lot of positive reflection upon Texas Tech by their efforts and their actions," Waddell said. "They deserve to get this not because I'm their coach and not because they're from Texas Tech, but because of their abilities and they should be on this team."

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JAKE STIMMEL, A freshman undecided major from Midland, demonstrates some Polo techniques Wednesday at Cross Winds Farm.

## Adventures in Spain: Spring break with family in Madrid

By CARRIE THORNTON  
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Visiting the biggest city in Spain and the inspiration for Walt Disney's Fantasia castle, making cheesy bean burritos in our retro hotel room, and hanging out with my mom and sister made for an incredible spring break — minus the rain that followed us to Madrid.

Although, I'm not sure if I can safely call last week my spring break, because we had a Spanish test that Monday, which kicked off the week with a great start.

My mom, Carolyn, and sister, Lisa, flew in to Seville on March 13 and from the moment we left to check into their hotel room to when I watched them catch a taxi to the airport a week later, we never stopped walking — or so it seemed.

To be fair, I wanted them to have an adequate viewing of the city I have been calling home for the past few months, so I showed them as much as I could. This did not go over all too well with them, but I know the mere fact they were spending the week with me made it all better — at least I would like to think.

Oh, and I forgot to mention — my old friend Lorenzo made an appearance. You may ask who Lorenzo is. Lorenzo is not actually a person, but what the Spanish call their sun. The moon is named Catalina, by the way. Regardless, the weather was absolutely gorgeous. I forgot what the city looked like without its usual veil of clouds.

We sat by the river, visited the cathedral, the Giralda, Alcázar, Plaza de España, Maria Luisa Park, watched

Carrie Thornton



flamenco one night and even ate great Spanish food. Tuesday we met at 6:30 a.m. to depart for Calatrava to see an ancient castle resting on hill. Super cool, minus the bus ride up the steep hill with no guard rails. I'm pretty sure I saw the wheel slip once or twice.

We also visited the Don Quixote windmills. Loved it, and all you Spanish-literature lovers would have loved it too. We stopped by Segovia (no, not the town from "Princess Diaries") to see a still-functioning Roman aqueduct built 100 years after the birth of Christ. How crazy is that? It was so surreal. We arrived at Toledo late afternoon, and I immediately fell in love.

Unlike Seville and other cities I have seen, the buildings had a rustic feeling achieved my dark-tiled roofs, and its sweet castle and cathedral. Toledo also is famous for its suckling pig. I made sure to avoid any restaurant offering this... dish.

It is a baby pig on a plate, and I imagine it has an apple in its mouth while staring up at you with its cute little baby eyes. That guy on the Travel Channel says they are pretty good, though.

Walt Disney's Fantasia castle's model was there, too. Well actually, there are two — a larger one is in Germany — but this one is close enough.

To do last week justice, this column would have to be much longer than anyone would want to read, including me. But to sum it up, from Toledo we drove to Madrid, the New York City of Spain. Personally, I wasn't too impressed.

It was loud, too many people and awkward performers dressed as off-brand Winnie the Pooh and Spiderman crowded the streets. But I loved the Prado and visiting the royal palace.

The rooms there were lavishly decorated, and while staring openmouthed at the porcelain walls and velvet curtains, I was reminded of scenes from "Pride and Prejudice." What a stereotypical girl, I know. I don't even like that movie that much.

The best part of the trip was having my family with me. Now we are all at a point that spending every hour of the day with each other wears on you, and it was nice to see familiar faces. The last night of their stay we cooked bean burritos in our hotel room kitchenette (with Tabasco sauce, I've been needing something spicy) and watched "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Couldn't have asked for anything better.

There is only a month and a half, even a little less, left of my semester in Spain. Yes, I'm a little tired of eating spongy tortilla de patata and dodging dog poo on the streets, but I love Seville. I love the parks, the restaurants and everything else I cannot experience in Houston or Lubbock. And if the weather stays this nice, I'll even consider staying.

Too bad weather.com says rain next week.

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## 'Hot Tub Time Machine' is lukewarm

(AP) — If you had a hot tub that could transport you to any era in time, would you really make a beeline for the 1980s?

That's where the filmmakers headed with "Hot Tub Time Machine," a not-so-excellent, dude-where's-my-youth adventure that's occasionally amusing but mostly is as lazy, self-involved and garish as that chintzy decade itself.

The '80s make an easy target, and casting John Cusack, one of the most enduring stars to rise from that decade, adds to the flashback and lends some assurance that you're not forking money over for a hot tub and getting a rusty, leaky old claw foot tub instead. If this guy signed on, it can't be as dumb as it sounds, right?

Well, "Hot Tub Time Machine" pretty much is as dumb as it sounds, its goofy but potentially clever concept landing closer to the moronic monotony of "Dude, Where's My Car?" than the inspired idiocy of "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure."

Some of the trouble arises from Cusack's castmates in this tale of four losers who travel back to 1986 to settle old scores and do a little messing with the timeline for personal profit.

Cusack is fine, wandering the action like a manic Scrooge who has come back to see how he squandered his early promise with bad choices. As one of his buddies, Craig Robinson captures the same

droll charm he brings as the warehouse foreman on "The Office."

But much of the story hinges on character actors Rob Corddry and Clark Duke, who overdo everything with a shrillness that makes the movie's crass jokes and gags all the more obnoxious — and a lot less funny than they might have been.

The thin plot centers on three middle-aged buddies grown apart: insurance salesman Adam (Cusack), whose girlfriend just left him; party guy Lou (Corddry), who has no friends, no job and no prospects; and hen-pecked married man Nick (Robinson), who gave up his music dream and now works in a chic canine-care shop.

With Adam's video-game geek nephew Jacob (Duke) along for the ride, these three take a weekend trip to the ski resort that was the scene of their best times in the '80s.

One drunken night, and presto, Mr. Hot Tub Time Machine sends them back to a pivotal night of their youth for a chance to either let time play out the same sad grooves or use

their knowledge of the future to create a better past for themselves.

Lizzy Caplan, Collette Wolfe and Lyndsy Fonseca unremarkably round out the cast as some of the women in their lives.

Chevy Chase bizarrely turns up as a mysterious hot tub repairman, his fleeting scenes so pointless and forgettable they beg the question, was this really one of the biggest stars of the '80s?

Crispin Glover, who co-starred in 1985's time-travel adventure "Back to the Future," continually takes over the movie with his weirdly amiable turn as a bellhop who has his own dark fate hanging over him.

Cusack and production partner Grace Loh are producers on "Hot Tub Time Machine," and they brought in Cusack's old high school pal and longtime creative collaborator Steve Pink to direct. Three screenwriters — Josh Heald and writing partners Sean Anders and John Morris — teamed up on the script, which has flashes of humor and a couple of truly hilarious moments.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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## Bieber's manager pleads not guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — The manager for teen pop sensation Justin Bieber surrendered to police Wednesday in connection with a fan frenzy last year at a mall in Long Island that sent five people to the hospital with minor injuries.

Scott "Scooter" Braun, pleaded not guilty to charges of reckless endangerment, criminal nuisance and endangering the welfare of a child.

His arrest stemmed from a planned appearance in November by the 16-year-old Bieber at Roosevelt Field Mall.

When the crowd of 3,000 became unruly, Nassau County police canceled the event. But some fans refused to leave, crowding the narrow area outside the clothing store where Bieber was scheduled to sign autographs. Five people were taken to hospitals with minor injuries.

According to a release from the district attorney, police efforts were hindered by a message from Bieber's Twitter account to fans stating: "On my way to Roosevelt Field Mall in Long Island, NY to sign and meet fans! I'm pumped. See u there."



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## Fattest state's lawmakers shed pounds, fried stuff

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — In a gym at a tiny college in the capital of the most obese state in the nation, state Rep. John Hines dropped his chest to the floor, let out an "Aaaaarrrgggh!" and forced through a few final pushups.

Hines and 71 fellow lawmakers, 19 members of the governor's staff — though not the portly governor himself — and 21 "civilians" have been working out several days a week since January to promote healthful living in a culture that prizes its sweet tea and fried food.

They've shed more than 1,300 pounds collectively, giving new meaning to cutting the fat out of state government.

Hines, a 6-foot-1-inch Democrat, said he started at "well over 300 pounds," though he declined to give a specific number. The 43-year-old has dropped 73 pounds — about one-fifth of his entire eight — through the pre-dawn workouts and can now wear a suit that's been too tight for two years.

"I didn't know I had a self-esteem problem, but my self-esteem has really improved," Hines said. "My endurance is wonderful now. I feel good about myself."

Lawmakers in other states have

held weight-loss contests, though Mississippi's seems to be the most organized, said Joseph Nadglowski Jr., CEO of the Florida-based Obesity Action Coalition.

And nowhere is there a greater need for a positive example.

Mississippi has the highest obesity rate in the nation, at 32.8 percent in 2008, the most recent figure available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Gov. Haley Barbour admits he struggles with weight and recently tried to deflect questions about a possible run for the presidency in 2012 by joking: "If you see me losing 40 pounds that means I'm either running or have cancer."

Michelle Obama came to Jackson just last month to promote her "Let's Move" program that battles childhood obesity.

Lawmakers started their fitness competition at the urging of a lobbyist who shed more than 100 pounds last year.

Legislators go to Millsaps College, a private school a couple of miles north of the Capitol, to run sprints, lift weights and tackle football blocking dummies. They do mixed martial arts and joga stairs.

## Free online tools can help tax filing

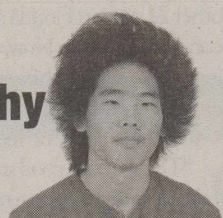
It's only a scant three weeks until April 14. What's on April 14? It is the day before the deadline to file taxes without penalties.

Did you forget? It's OK because so did I, but that doesn't mean I don't know my way around some online tax preparation tools. I was an avid TaxACT user for quite some time, but it never hurts to try new things, so I decided to give some of the big names a once over to see what they offered. Granted, I don't own a home or stocks or a business per se, so I'll just be covering the skimpy free editions.

First up is TurboTax, probably one of the biggest names in the tax prep software arena. It is a great tool for people looking to file some simple taxes and not looking to spend any money. I'm no CPA, but I know how to match up numbers and letters on some papers with numbers and letters on my monitor.

However, TurboTax manages to make things even easier by breaking down each tax form into its base elements and telling you exactly what you need to put in to the blanks to get the biggest return possible.

### Timothy Poon



Purely on aesthetics, TurboTax is very appealing. Everything is AJAX'd out the wazoo for a snazzy user interface, and it always keeps a running total of your current refunds at the top of the page. You can even ask an "interactive agent" some basic questions if you really get stuck.

The only downsides to using TurboTax is that they're constantly pushing paid upgrade options down your throat (sometimes furtively) and don't allow free users to import past tax returns to facilitate current and upcoming filings.

H&R Block at Home is almost completely identical to TurboTax. They could, actually, be the same software but with a different skin. They always want you to upgrade, they always let you know how much you're getting back by using their software,

and they have a pseudo-chat feature for users lost in the tax fog.

Where H&R Block differs, however, is its knowledge database is much deeper than TurboTax's. The inline help may not be as useful as with TurboTax, but H&R Block's help center is like a tax education course.

It also seems to me H&R Block at Home features a lot more helpful automatic calculations than with TurboTax, where I had to begrudgingly fire up the calculator once or twice.

If you're into it, H&R Block also sports some beefy paid features, the most notable of which is its audit defense. If you fall into an audit situation with the IRS because of their application, the company will send a lawyer on your behalf to resolve the issue.

My old standby TaxACT is, unfortunately, as stock as the other two options. In years past, free users were able to import old tax information, but now that is a feature of the so-called Online Deluxe plan. Now the only thing differentiating TaxACT from TurboTax and H&R Block is its decidedly lackluster design and slightly disconcerting video tutorial assistants.

But the company offers a pretty slick FAFSA application integration, so anything tax related or pertaining to personal information automatically is filled in on any FAFSA forms.

All three share some key features that are worth mentioning, though. First and foremost is that any penalties and interest caused by using their software will be covered by the company. Second is that they all use federal e-file for the speedy returns. Lastly, they are all narrowly better than the IRS's barebones Free File program, a masochistic experience if there ever was one.

It seems that each year, the tax preparation companies continue to strip features from their free online tools and push users to go with a paid option. TurboTax even gets a little shady and hoodwinks less exhaustive terms of service readers into paying for an upgrade. Eventually, these sites may just consist of a price tag and a request for your credit card number.

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## SC filmmaker: Channels showed porn, not his comedy

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A former South Carolina lawmaker is suing cable TV channels HBO and Showtime, claiming they promoted his low-budget comedy about Appalachia called "The Hills Have Thighs" only to instead show a soft-core pornographic movie with the same title.

James "Bubba" Cromer said the mix-up defamed him and caused emotional distress, according to a lawsuit filed Monday in Los Angeles. He accuses HBO and Showtime of negligence and is seeking unspecified damages.

How the legal action came about is its own Hollywood story.

It started as Cromer and his father surfed the TV listings on March 1 as they waited for his mother to finish her bridge game. The Columbia lawyer saw "The Hills Have Thighs" was set to make its television debut on The Movie Channel, which is owned by Showtime. He said the listing included the description of his movie and the names of its actors.

It was the first Cromer had heard

about it, but he had recently hired a talent agent to promote his work. And the 1:30 a.m. premiere was just hours away. So he called the cast of the film, his friends and family to tell them to set their digital recorders. He wrote to his more than 4,000 friends on Facebook: "The Hills Have Thighs is on The Movie Channel all month!!!"

Cromer said he stayed up late even though he had to be in court at 8:30 a.m. and in the South Carolina House a few hours later, where he serves as reading clerk. Before the movie came on, Cromer said he heard a voiceover: "Bubba Cromer later tonight does it again with his second feature film 'The

Hills Have Thighs.' Deliverance in reverse."

"All my words," Cromer told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I got on my floor and I crossed myself because that was a dream come true."

Then the appointed hour arrived, with a surprising plot twist: "I saw a set of thighs and realized instantly that wasn't my movie."

Instead of his "hysterical Appalachian comedy," it showed the film directed by Jim Wynorski, a longtime cult favorite and director of exploitation films with plenty of skin and risqué turns on popular movie titles, such as the "The Da Vinci Coed" and "The Witches of Breastwick."

The plot is pretty straightforward for its genre, according to its current Showtime listing: "A group searches the desert for a missing friend but instead find a trio of crazed, sex-starved mutant women."

Cromer said he spent a long, sleepless night answering phone calls, e-mails and text messages. Some were from Cromer's colleagues in the House, whom he had told to watch. Several rebuked him, asking if he had lost his mind and accusing him of embarrassing the chamber.

"It's been the most disturbing and frightening thing that has happened to me," Cromer said.

Cromer said the movie also showed later in the month with the wrong listing on Cinemax, which is owned by HBO, though HBO disputes that.

HBO spokesman Jeff Cusson said all references on Cinemax were to Wynorski's film, not Cromer's. Officials at Showtime didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

*"It's been the most disturbing and frightening thing that has happened to me."*

**JAMES CROMER**  
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## Bees in more trouble than ever after bad winter

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — The mysterious 4-year-old crisis of disappearing honeybees is deepening. A quick federal survey indicates a heavy bee die-off this winter, while a new study shows honeybees' pollen and hives laden with pesticides.

Two federal agencies along with regulators in California and Canada are scrambling to figure out what is behind this relatively recent threat, ordering new research on pesticides used in fields and orchards. Federal courts are even weighing in this month, ruling that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency overlooked a requirement when allowing a pesticide on the market.

And on Thursday, chemists at a scientific conference in San Francisco will tackle the issue of chemicals and dwindling bees in response to the new study.



# Tech sweeps Islanders, turns attention to No. 10 Longhorns

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

A couple of solid pitching performances and an abundance of offense has the Texas Tech baseball team feeling like it has all the momentum at the right time.

Brennan Stewart led the Red Raiders to a 10-9 win against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Wednesday at Dan Law Field, sweeping the two-game mid-week series against the Islanders. It pushes Tech's win streak to three right before Texas comes to town this weekend.

Tuesday night, it was Brandon Petite who dished out a solid outing on the mound. Stewart followed that up with five shutout innings in relief Wednesday. He allowed five hits, four runs, three walks and struck out two in five innings for his first win of the season.

The five solid innings from Stewart came after the Islanders grabbed an early 3-2 lead and are a career-high for number of innings pitched.

"Come in there, we were down one run, I just wanted to make sure that we stayed within the game, put up some zeros," Stewart said. "Just got out there and throwing strikes. Our defense played great. Joey (Kenworthy) made some great plays out there and the offense was able to put together some runs."

Ben Flora gave up two runs and Tech (11-12) had an fielding error that allowed a run to cross home plate through the first two innings.

But Stewart's third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings were almost perfect, and they set Tech up for a big fifth inning offensively.

He allowed one hit through those five innings and the Islanders couldn't extend their lead. His fifth,

sixth and seventh innings were the strongest, with 1-2-3 outings in each.

With Stewart's pitching, the Red Raiders still needed to grab the lead, and they did that in emphatic fashion in the fifth. After tying the game at three in the fourth, Tech scored six runs on six hits during the fifth.

Barrett Barnes jump-started the inning by taking advantage of a wild pitch and error on catcher Omar Garcia. What was a strikeout for Barnes got him to third base because Garcia couldn't handle the pitch.

Then Scott LeJeune and Kevin Whitehead hit RBI singles and Bo Altobelli chipped in with a two-RBI single of his own. A wild pitch during Altobelli's at-bat brought in another run. The Red Raiders did all of that with one out.

Reed's RBI single capped off the scoring run. The inning was a tough one for the Islanders — Barnes and LeJeune got second at-bats. Tech went into the sixth up 9-3.

"What was important for us was when we had runners on third with less than two outs," LeJeune said. "That's pretty much the time when we need to get the runs. Lately we haven't been doing that. But it was really great for us, get the runs when we can and that was huge in the end because, (A&M-Corpus Christi) had a big inning at the end there."

That big inning at the end almost cost Tech the game.

Stewart could not shut down the Islanders (10-11) much longer. He gave up a home run, two singles and a two-RBI double to start the eighth. He was soon replaced by Scott Erzinger, but more trouble came when Erzinger gave up a three-run blast to the Islanders' Jacob Perales. It had A&M-Corpus Christi down 10-9.

But Colt Farrar replaced Erzinger



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador  
BEN FLORA PITCHES against Texas A&M Corpus Christi Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

and closed out the game for the save. An RBI single from LeJeune in the seventh turned out to be crucial.

"I don't think we coasted," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "I just think we scored one more late. Thank goodness, because that was the winning run in the seventh I guess. We scored just enough runs."

There is no need to remind the Red Raiders who visits Dan Law Field this weekend.

A three-game series against a Texas squad that started the season No. 1 in every major college baseball poll could be the perfect opportunity for Tech to make a statement.

"I'm pumped," Stewart said. "I'm so excited, I can't wait and I hope everyone gets some opportunities to play. I think we're going to play great. I know they have a great team over there in Austin, but it's going to be great weekend."

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# 14-match win streak has Tech men's tennis rolling

By JOSHUA KOCH  
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No single achievement can sum up the Texas Tech men's tennis team's performance so far this season.

No. 13 Tech, at 16-1, is off to the second-best start in school history and has notched 14 consecutive wins since falling to California on Jan. 30 on the road.

"Well, it's been a result from our hard work," freshman Raphael Pfister said about the success. "We just have been working for this and

we go into every match trying to win, we're not thinking about the winning streak. We're just going onto the court and playing tennis, this is what we are doing and we're having results."

In the ITA rankings released Tuesday, the Red Raiders jumped three spots to claim No. 13. Other Big 12 Conference notables include No. 4 Texas, No. 8 Baylor and No. 17 Texas A&M.

But the ranking is not the big story for the Red Raiders.

The last six matches for the squad have come against ranked opponents, all of which were on the road. Also during the winning streak, Tech has swept eight matches and has had two matches in which it won by one.

In the Blue-Gray Tennis Classic, Tech had the opportunity to get an early look at Big 12 competition. The Red Raiders faced then-No. 54 Oklahoma State and No. 17 Oklahoma Friday and Sunday, respectively.

The great play for Tech starts at the top.

No. 1 Raony Carvalho and No. 2 Gonzalo Escobar have been nearly untouchable. Carvalho has posted a 14-2 record and Escobar has posted a 12-2 record, this giving the duo a combined record of 26-4 this season in singles.

The fast start to the season has been a lot to process, but Carvalho said the personal success is a bit of a surprise.

"It's been a pretty good season, not just for me and Gonzalo, but the whole team," he said. "I think we

*"It's been a pretty good season, not just for me and Gonzalo, but the whole team."*

**RAONY CARVALHO**  
NO. 1 PLAYER  
TEXAS TECH

are well-prepared to keep improving each day. I think it's weird for me and Gonzalo at doing well because the position one and two is pretty tough and it's not for sure that we're going to win."

What makes the success even more surprising is that the entire starting lineup is

made up of freshmen and sophomores. The expectations for this squad were high at the beginning of the season, but the team has made huge strides on the court.

But that is not the most impressive thing Tech coach Tim Siegel has noticed.

"How much they've grown up between today and late January," he said. "I mean, the change in this team in two months has been really hard to describe. I'm really impressed with how much they've bought into the fact that you have to play every match, every team is good, and the fact that being a team having good team chemistry is important."

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## Tech receivers use spring to adjust to coaching style

By MIKE GRAHAM  
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The departure of former Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach immediately left uncertainty for the future of the "Air Raid" offense the team had become famous for.

After just two spring football practices, it's safe to say the Red Raider receiving core is in no danger of losing its notoriety, just as Tech coach Tommy Tuberville promised.

"We have a lot of depth," senior wideout Detron Lewis said. "We pretty much have the same receiving core (from last year). I think for next year we're not going to lose a step. I think we're going to be even better and the guys behind me and the other starters are just as good so I think we're going to be good next year."

Tech only lost one major contributor from last year's receiving core in Eddie Britton and adds a strong group of newcomers including redshirt freshman Eric Ward, one of the more attractive names in Tech's 2009 recruiting class.

But with the coaching changes, it has not been an ideal transition for the receiving crew.

New offensive coordinator Neal Brown is making minor changes to the offense of old, including some new plays and more of an emphasis on the running game.

"It's definitely a big learning curve," sophomore receiver Alex Torres said. "It's really the same offense, we're sticking to our guns and what we do, but there's a little more structure to it. Adding a little more stuff here and there, and really the tempo, just thinking as fast as you possibly can, there's definitely a learning curve we've got to get the hang of."

However, changes have been subtle thus far into the spring practice sessions. The quarterbacks and running backs seem to practice more handoffs and the running



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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Eric Ward catches a pass during the first day of spring practice Monday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

backs get more passes thrown their way during team sessions.

But it is obvious the receivers have not lost their place in the offense. In fact, Tuberville said it is going to take eight or

nine receivers to contribute to have a successful offense this upcoming season.

Senior receiver Lyle Leong said the important thing is having a successful offense — regardless of who gets the majority of touches.

"I doesn't concern me," he said. "We have great running backs and every single running back we have is capable of breaking a 90-yard touchdown. I'm just excited we're getting to get them more involved in the game, and it's all about winning so as long as we win I'll be happy."

"I hope (it's still primarily a throwing offense), but it's up to coach Brown. He's going to put us in the best position to win and I'm with him 100 percent."

According to multiple offensive players, the new coaching staff is structured and more detail-orientated than their predecessors.

The tempo of Tech's spring football practice sessions seem faster. Coaches push players to hustle through their drills and

on their way to the next drill. Players answer coaches with "yes sir" after a coach critiques their play.

Tuberville said the new coaching staff has studied film on all of their players, but they have learned more during the first two spring practices than film could ever show.

Consequently, no starting positions are locked up — including the receiving core.

"Right now, we've been like spectators," Tuberville said. "You can do as much as you want to in the film room, and you do all the drills and all that. But in the last two days we've found out more about these guys than in the last three months. Then of course, they start competing. You put those pads on and it changes a lot of things."

"It will slowly come not just for the players but for us as we learn more about them."

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## Men's golf impresses, women prep for Friday

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With Big 12 Conference play less than a month away, Texas Tech men's golf coach Greg Sands may like to see some solid performances against top competition.

This week's Callaway Match Play Championship in Marana, Ariz., might be a good example of the things his team is capable of in that aspect. The No. 13 Red Raiders got wins from Chris Ward, Brian Scherer and Tyler Weworski in a 3-2 win against No. 4 Washington early Monday.

But the Red Raiders lost to UCLA in match play Tuesday, 3-2.

"I think that's what's neat about the head-to-head matches, you learn a lot about the guys and how they compete, if they can win their respective matches," Sands said.

Tech dropped its opening match to San Diego and lost its second match Monday afternoon to Arizona.

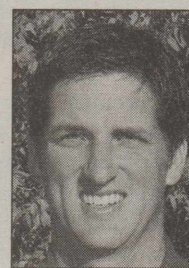
Despite a few struggles in the tourney, Sands said he likes what he is seeing out of his top performers. When looking at the season to this point, he said Weworski may have a chance to be a dominant player if he stays on top of his game.

"When he plays well, it's as good as anyone in the country," he said. "We've just got to get him more consistent, because when he plays bad he gets down on himself and plays bad. He just doesn't realize how good he is yet and so I'm real excited about his potential and the upside."

With the men finishing their tournament, the women have spent their time gearing up for the Mountainview Invitational in Tucson, Ariz., which begins Friday and ends Saturday.

The team is coming off an appearance in the 2010 Northern Migration Tournament in Florence, Ariz., where Tech

finished ninth out of 19 teams. Freshman Kim Kaufman finished in a tie for 13th place to lead Tech, while junior Jackie Smith finished behind her in a tie for 16th place, logging scores of 79, 71 and 76.



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Tech head coach JoJo Robertson said Kaufman and Smith's outings are a good sign as they begin to take over leadership roles on the squad.

"I think Kim will continue to be a leader for us even though she's a freshman," she said. "Jackie played in individual and she's going to play in the top five this week. She's proven herself this spring. She definitely deserves to be in the top five this week."

"I think it's good that she is playing well, she's able to push some of the other players."

Robertson likes the individual showings, but was not impressed by the team's overall showing.

One thing Robertson has stressed this season is improvement in the short game, something Tech struggled with against its opponents. The tourney also gave the Lady Raiders a chance to scout conference opponents in Nebraska, Iowa State and Kansas State, all of whom finished ahead of Tech in the final team standings.

Robertson said she believes her team did not show up mentally prepared, which is something she doesn't expect to see Friday.

"Our team just really didn't show up to play it seemed like," she said. "After a long talk, I think hopefully the team is getting refocused again. I'm hoping to see better things this week in Tucson."

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## Medal

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Enlisting in the Army at age 17, Howard spent most of his life serving his country. Howard retired from the Army in 1992, but continued in service to the military by going to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2006, he retired from the department after 52 years of military service.

Holley said Howard was never able to see her play softball because he always was traveling to help his nation.

"Softball is a big part of my life but I'd feel guilty if I was mad at him for not coming to watch me because he was helping the country and serving our country his whole life," she said.

"I know now that he can watch me because he's in heaven."

A man with as many honors as Howard was always in the spotlight when in the military. However, Melissa said he always bragged about his grandchildren's accomplishments instead of his own.

Howard always stressed to Holley and his other grandchildren to get a good, solid education and to work hard for their success and never quit.

When Howard found out she wanted to go to law school, Holley said he was constantly talking about it.

"Most of his advice was basically just about life," she said. "He always stressed school, school a lot. He knew that I always made good grades and he was always proud of that. He told me to do good in college and just learn as much as I can."

Melissa said the word "try" was not in Howard's vocabulary; when a person sets a goal then they need to just go out

there and do it.

Holley said she pushes herself harder by thinking about everything Howard had to go through, and the insight he provided her to reach for her goals.

Something Holley shares with her grandfather is the strength and desire to overcome obstacles and help her team.

Holley said she came down with mononucleosis in high school and worked extra hard and pushed herself when she came back to help her team.

Holley's father, Frank Gentsch, said Howard survived battles and wounds a normal man would have succumbed to, and Howard would have done anything to be with his fellow soldiers.

"That was his mission — was to take care of his people," Frank said. "And that was the way throughout his career was taking care of his soldiers and we've heard so many stories about that."

Holley is following in her grandfather's footsteps. She said she values the teamwork she and her fellow Red Raiders have shown so far this year in their program-best 28-4 start.

Noticing those intangibles is senior pitcher Ashly Jacobs.

She said it is important for her and Holley to be on the same page because they are involved in every play together.

"Holley is a really good leader," Jacobs said. "She keeps everybody on track, she keeps everybody in line and that's a sign of a good catcher. I mean (catchers) see everything on the field. They're in the best position to see everything so they have to make sure they can control everything that's going on. And I think Holley does that really really well."

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