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Lt. Gov. announces funding for Tech researcher

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Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced an award of \$1.5 million from the Emerging Technology Fund to MicroZAP, Inc. at 3 p.m. Monday at the International Center for Food Industry Excellence in the Experimental Sciences building.

MicroZAP is a biotechnology company that spun off of research that was conducted at Tech, Dewhurst said.

Prior to the announcement, Mindy Brashears, the director of the International Center for Food Industry Excellence, offered a tour of her laboratory on the third floor of the Experimental Sciences building to Dewhurst, Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock), Chancellor Kent Hance and President Guy Bailey. During the tour, Brashears and graduate researchers in the laboratory explained varying research methods to them.

Hance introduced Dewhurst, describing him as "a great friend of Texas Tech," and Bailey said much of Tech's progress in research could not be made without his support.

Dewhurst said he was glad to announce the funding award.

"I'm very proud to announce that the Emerging Technology Fund is going to provide a grant of \$1.5 million to MicroZAP," he said. "This company has the potential to turn its technology into a very successful business."

Such technology, Brashears said, includes the development of a method by which food products can be sterilized without cooking or causing damage to the product and E. coli-reducing agents that can be applied to food products.

The work of MicroZAP and the related research being conducted at Tech are moving food safety to the next level, she said.

Duncan, a Tech alumnus, said the announcement of the funding marks an important step in Tech's pursuit of status as a National Research University and praised Brashears for her work at Tech.

"Brashears is the level of person we need in higher education," he said. "It's people like her that enable students to learn and make research real."

Tier One institutions are important for Texas because they draw funding from outside of Texas, encourage the development of new technology, promote strong institutional faculty, provide incentive for students from all over the world and create jobs, Dewhurst said.

Tech is "uniquely positioned" to become one of Texas' newest Tier One institutions in the near future, he said.

"Texas Tech University is clearly moving in the right direction," he said.

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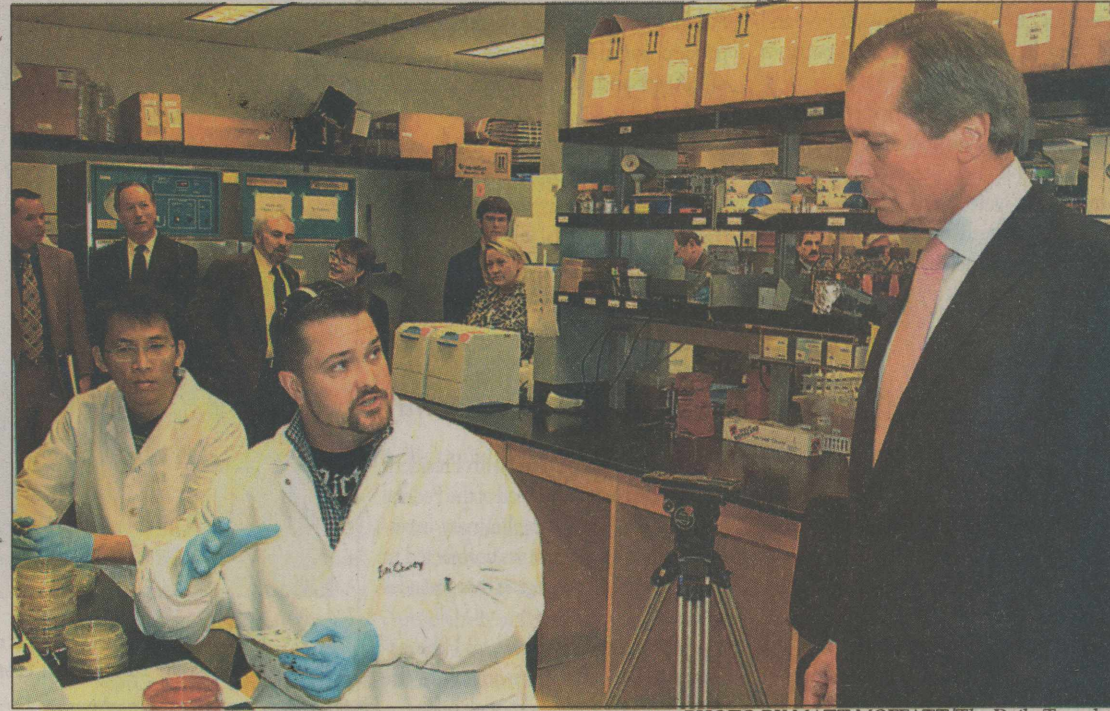


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Evan Chaney, a graduate student in food sciences from Midland, explains a newly-discovered process to kill E. coli bacteria to Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst during a tour Monday in the Experimental Sciences building. Dewhurst visited Texas Tech to announce an emerging technology grant awarded to a new bio-tech company spun out of research done at the university.

ROBOT REFEREE



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FROM LEFT, SCOTT Donham, a junior electrical engineering major from Dallas, referees while Anthony Ybarra and Mitchell Lowrie participate in the Up and Atom 2010 Robotics competition hosted Saturday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Obama administration moves to fix kids health coverage gap

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's top health care official put health insurers on notice Monday that the new health overhaul law requires them to cover kids with medical problems, trying to dispel uncertainty over a much-publicized benefit.

It remained unclear if the sternly worded letter from Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius would settle a dispute over a widely touted achievement of the health care law that Obama signed last week.

The fine print of the law appears to have been less than completely clear on whether kids with health problems are guaranteed coverage starting this year. If there's a problem, some parents and their children may have to wait a long

time: The legislation's broad ban on denying coverage to any person on account of a health condition doesn't take effect until 2014.

The sticking point is that the immediate benefit for children may not be as sweeping as Obama has claimed in extolling the legislation.

That's because the law can also be read to mean that if an insurance company accepts a particular child, it cannot write a policy for a child that excludes coverage for a given condition. For example, if the child has asthma, the insurer cannot exclude inhalers and respiratory care from coverage, as sometimes happens now.

But the company could still turn down the child altogether.

"The industry seems to be saying, 'You didn't write it the way you meant it'; the government is saying, 'Yes, we did,'" said health policy

consultant Robert Laszewski, a former insurance executive. "Now we need to see what the industry does. Is the industry going to fight this? It would create some real public relations problems."

In a letter to the main industry trade group, Sebelius attempted to remove any doubt.

"Health insurance reform is designed to prevent any child from being denied coverage because he or she has a pre-existing condition," she wrote America's Health Insurance Plans. "Now is not the time to search for nonexistent loopholes that preserve a broken system."

Sebelius specified that children with a pre-existing medical problem may not be denied access to their parents' coverage under the new law. Furthermore, insurers will not be able to insure a child but exclude treatments for a particular medical problem.

Specter pushes for stronger federal privacy laws

By MARYCLAIRE DALE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Broadening wiretap laws to include videotaped surveillance could either safeguard privacy or thwart efforts to recover stolen property, a U.S. senator was told Monday at a hearing not far from a school that's being sued for trying to find missing laptops by activating their webcams.

Sen. Arlen Specter, a Democrat from Pennsylvania, said at a field hearing of a Senate subcommittee that he believes existing wiretap and voyeurism statutes do not adequately address concerns in an era marked by the widespread use of cell-phone, laptop and surveillance cameras.

Specter had said earlier that federal

legislation might be needed to regulate the technology and said later Monday that testimony at the Philadelphia hearing had convinced him. Among those testifying, from a statement read into the record at the hearing, was Blake Robbins, the Harriston High School student who sued the Lower Merion School District.

"My family and I recognize that in today's society, almost every place we go outside of our home we are photographed and recorded by traffic cameras, ATM cameras, and store surveillance cameras," Robbins wrote. "This makes it all the more important that we vigilantly safeguard our homes, the only refuge we have from this eyes everywhere onslaught."

Robbins accuses the district of spying by secretly activating webcams on the

school-issued laptops; officials admit they did so but said they were trying only to locate 42 lost or stolen computers.

Neither Robbins nor his parents attended the session, which did not specifically focus on the Lower Merion case — the subject of ongoing county and FBI investigations. Instead, five experts debated how best to strike a balance between privacy and security concerns.

Lawyer Kevin Bankston of the Electronic Frontier Foundation argued that wiretap laws, which now cover audio recordings, should be broadened to include videotaped surveillance. But others disagreed, arguing that wiretap charges should not apply, lest they entangle innocent people using software tracking programs to try to find their own stolen phones or laptops.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Another apparent pipe bomb reported in East Texas

TYLER (AP) — Authorities say another suspected pipe bomb has been reported in east Texas, four days after the discovery of a similar device that turned out to be fake.

U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman Tom Crowley says investigators are working to determine whether the device found

Monday outside a Tyler business was an actual bomb.

Crowley says a reported pipe bomb found last week in Troup was fake.

There have been at least a dozen reports of incendiary devices found in east Texas in recent weeks. Most were bottles containing flammable liquid and a wick, and most were at postal facilities.

NATION

US transit security beefed up after Moscow blasts

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. transit agencies beefed up security as a precaution Monday after the double suicide bombing in Moscow's subway system, sending more police into stations and officers to conduct random inspections of rail yards.

In New York, caravans of police vehicles were dispatched to transit hubs, and officers assigned to subways overnight were held in place so they overlapped with the day tour. Special units distinguished by their special black uniforms, helmets and body armor also

were assigned to transit facilities.

In Washington, D.C., Metro police conducted random inspections of stations and rail yards, officials said. Atlanta's public transit system said its police department increased the number of officers and patrols throughout the system.

Russian authorities said two women blew themselves up in Moscow on Monday in a subway jam-packed with rush-hour passengers, killing more than 35 people. They blamed the carnage on rebels from the Caucasus region.

WORLD

Double suicide bombings kill 36 on Moscow subway

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of Russia's main security agency says Caucasus rebels are believed to have carried out two suicide bombings on Moscow's subway system that killed 36 people.

Officials say two female suicide bombers blew themselves up on trains as the subway was packed with rush-hour passengers Monday morning.

In a televised meeting with President Dmitry Medvedev, the head of the Federal Security Service said preliminary investigation points to terrorists connected to the restive Caucasus region that includes Chechnya.

Alexander Bortnikov said the assessment was based on fragments of the bombers' bodies. He did not elaborate.

Correction

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Treador*, the pull quote from the article "Service fraternity hosts dodgeball tournament" should have read, "I don't think it's

going to make a big difference because raising money is nice, but getting the word out is just as important." *The DT* regrets the error

Mexico detains gang member, suspect in consulate killings

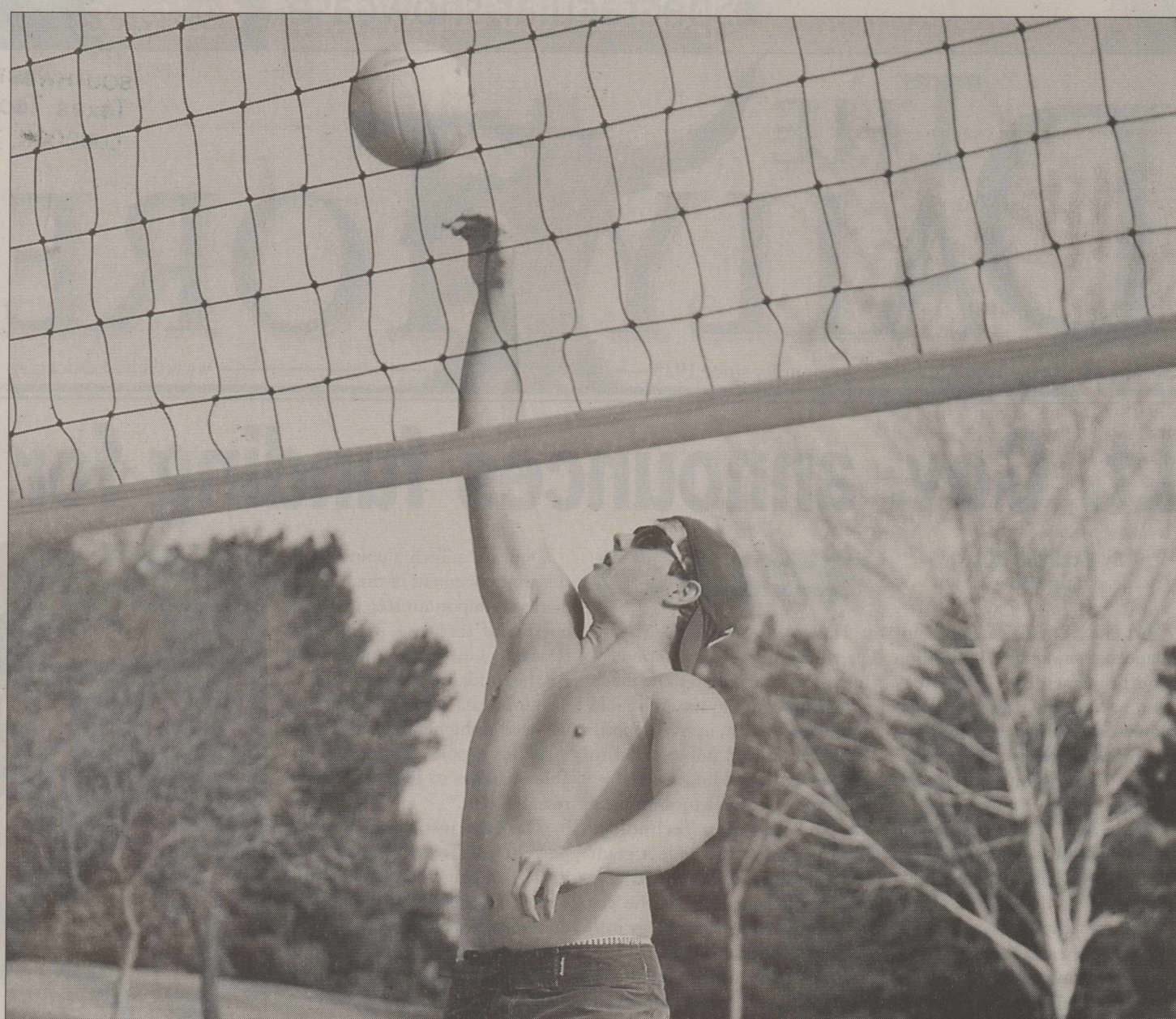
CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Mexican soldiers have arrested a gang member suspected in the killings of three people linked to the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua state police said Monday.

Police spokesman Enrique Torres said the suspect arrested on Friday was a member of the Barrio Azteca gang, which authorities say works for the Juarez drug cartel on both sides of the border.

Torres did not release the man's

name, but a Chihuahua state investigator who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the case identified the suspect as Ricardo Valles de la Rosa, 45.

Consulate employee Lesley A. Enriquez and her husband, Arthur H. Redelfs, were killed March 13 in Juarez when gunmen opened fire on their sport utility vehicle after they left a birthday party. Their 7-month-old daughter was found wailing in the back of the vehicle.



ERIC BROOKOVER, A junior marketing major from Austin, hits the ball over the net Monday while playing sand volleyball outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Iraqi panel wants to bar 4 on winning list

BAGHDAD (AP) — A committee that vets candidates for ties to Saddam Hussein's regime is recommending four people elected to parliament from the winning list of former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi be disqualified, an official on the committee said Monday. The challenge risks deepening Iraq's sectarian tensions.

If the courts accept the recommendation, it could alter the outcome of the March 7 vote in which Allawi's secular Shiite-Sunni coalition beat a bloc led by Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki by just two seats.

In particular, that could fuel feelings of disenfranchisement by Iraq's minority Sunnis, many of whom backed Allawi's list and believe the vetting committee is trying to rob them of a victory and tilt the election outcome back to the Shiite-led majority.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the

sensitivity of the matter, said Monday that the Justice and Accountability Committee found the four politicians have ties to Saddam's Baath Party. He said the committee was also pushing

for the disqualification of two other winning candidates, one from al-Maliki's list and a Kurdish candidate. He would not identify them by name.

Allawi's Iraqiya bloc rejected the step.

"The decisions of the Accountability and Justice Committee are not legal," said Hamid al-Mutlaq, a winning candidate on the Iraqiya list. "Those six winning candidates have the approval of (the election commission) and this decision

is a political one, not a legal one."

Al-Mutlaq is the brother of another prominent Sunni politician, Saleh al-Mutlaq, who was one of about 450 candidates barred by the committee from

running before the voting. Those barred included Shiites, but Sunnis feel the panel is primarily trying to block them from regaining a political voice they lost with Saddam's overthrow.

The vetting panel, often referred to as the De-Baathifica-

tion Committee, wanted another 52 candidates blacklisted just days before the voting, but the electoral commission allowed them to run. Out of that group, six candidates won seats.

A decision on whether they'll be part of the legislature now rests with the courts, according to the vetting committee and the independent electoral commission.

What is not clear yet is whether a court ruling in favor of barring the candidates would ultimately change the distribution of seats and possibly deny Allawi's bloc its slim victory and a shot at forming the next government.

One possibility is that instead of the affected political coalitions would be allowed to keep their parliament seats and replace the disqualified candidates with other politicians from their lists.

Iraqi courts have already given al-Maliki one victory by siding with his argument that any party leader able to assemble a large enough parliamentary coalition could be chosen to form the new government, rather than just the coalition that won the most seats on March 7.

Because no single group won a majority, an alliance of several groups will have to be forged.

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IRAQIYA LIST WINNING
CANDIDATE

Kandahar offensive to begin in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — NATO forces in June will make a long-planned assault on the Taliban's spiritual home in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, a senior military official said Monday.

The goal is to rid the city of Taliban forces before the Muslim holy month of Ramadan begins in August, according to the official.

U.S. officials have previously disclosed plans for a NATO-led offensive in the area this year, but have not said when it might happen. The two-month offensive will be a major test of President Barack Obama's new strategy in Afghanistan and a bellwether of the war in general.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly on the operation, discussed the operation on condition of anonymity.

Until the start of major military operations, U.S. troops are working on securing transit routes and persuading the leaders of districts surrounding Kandahar to cooperate with NATO forces.

As the Taliban's governing capital prior to the U.S.-led invasion in 2001, Kandahar remains the spiritual heartland of the insurgency and a stubborn holdout in NATO's efforts to transfer control to Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

In an effort to reverse gains made by the Taliban, Obama has ordered the deployment of 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan.

Stocks rise after February consumer spending increase

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumers are more willing to spend, and that's making investors more optimistic about the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 46 points Monday and broader indexes also climbed after the Commerce Department said consumer spending rose for the fifth straight month in February. The 0.3 percent gain was in line with economists' expectations and raised hopes that the biggest driver of the economy is continuing to rebound.

Job creation and solid consumer spending are considered crucial to a sustained recovery. At the end of the week, investors will get the Labor Department's monthly employment report. Analysts predict that employers added jobs in March for only the second time since the recession began in December 2007.

Meanwhile, easing concern about debt problems in Greece reduced demand for the safety of the dollar. The dollar's drop in turn lifted demand for commodities, which become more attractive to foreign investors when the dollar falls because most of them are priced in dollars. Energy and materials stocks including Exxon Mobil Corp. and Alcoa Inc. rose.

The debt-strapped Greek government raised \$6.74 billion Monday by issuing seven-year bonds. The country's ability to borrow is an important sign of confidence after European leaders and the International Monetary Fund last week agreed to provide a financial safety net for Greece and other countries that use the euro if they couldn't issue debt.

Financial shares were mixed after

the Treasury Department said it would start to sell the shares it owns in Citigroup Inc. The government took 7.7 billion Citigroup shares in exchange for \$25 billion it gave the bank during the 2008 credit crisis. The planned sale during the next year could result in a profit of about \$7.5 billion.

The advance Monday extended a run of incremental gains since early February on expectations that the economy is improving.

"It's more of a slow steady grind higher," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Sciaffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati.

The Dow rose 45.50, or 0.4 percent, to 10,895.86. The index is at its highest level since September 2008 and closer to the psychological threshold of 11,000.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.63, or 0.6 percent, to 1,173.22, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 9.23, or 0.4 percent, to 2,404.36.

Bond prices mostly fell, pushing yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.87 percent from 3.85 percent late Friday.

The Dow is up 987 points, or 10 percent, since its lowest close of the year on Feb. 8. Some analysts say the steady pace of the advance is a sign the market isn't getting ahead of itself by bursting higher.

"The market seems to be holding up pretty well and probably will for a while," said Frank Haines, chief investment officer at Christian Brothers Investment Services in New York. Haines said low interest rates will help stocks for now but that longer-term threats like uncertainty about policies in Washington and rising debt levels in the U.S. and other countries could eventually hurt markets.

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Cheer, pom squads heading to nationals

By SARAH SCROGGINS
STAFF WRITER

At every football and basketball game the Texas Tech cheer and pom squads lead the crowd in yells and chants to support the team. What most people don't realize is this is what they call their off-season.

They continuously are training for the main event: the National Cheerleading Association and National Dance Association Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championships. The two teams will travel to Daytona Beach, Fla., on March 5 to show their skills and prove to the judges they are the top spirit squads in the nation.

The teams hosted a public viewing Monday of the routines they're taking to competition in just less than a week. In the crowd was Bailey Hardy, a sophomore finance major from Austin, who said she came to the show to support her friends in both cheer and pom.

"I've never been to a competition before so I was really amazed," Hardy said. "I hope all their hard work pays off."

Although the cheer and pom squads are going together to the competition, they will compete separately in front of judges and they will be scored on different skills. Cheer will be scored on their tumbling passes, execution of pyramids, stunts and basket tosses. The pom judges

will be looking for performance and choreography quality including jazz, pom and hip-hop dancing, maintaining correct spacing, and other specific dance skills.

"I'd say people underestimate the athleticism of the sport," said Davey Massoth, a captain of the squad. "They see us cheer, smile, and do some stunts and tumbling at games, but really this is the hardest, most athletic part of our year."

It's not uncommon for this team to practice more than an hour after its practice is supposed to end. Andy Fanning, a captain of the cheer squad, said she believes this is the team's year to bring the title to Tech. Both captains believe the team has become a family and they have a special bond with each other, which can make a huge difference in how they work together.

"Nationals wise they've only made it to fourth place in the past, but last year we made it to third, so this year we're expecting to take even higher," Fanning said.

At the camp they attended in the summer, the pom squad was awarded most collegiate, most spirited, best all around and placed first, receiving a full-paid bid to nationals. Last year the squad made the top 10 teams and, as a team goal, the members hope to make it into the top five teams this year. To accomplish its goal for this competition, the team puts in hours of practice and hard work.

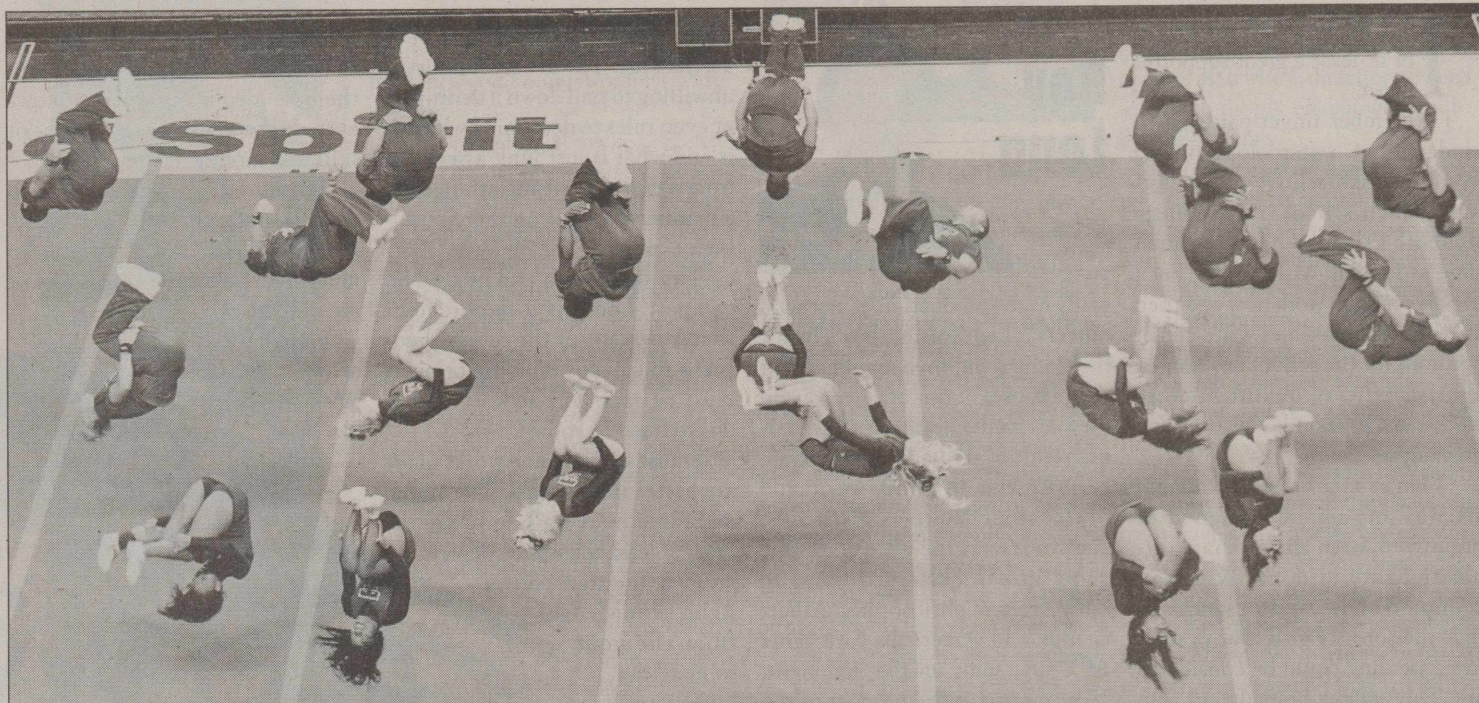


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THE TEXAS TECH Cheer and Pom Squads qualified for the NCA/NDAA National Collegiate Cheer & Dance Championship that will be hosted from April 7 to April 11 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"It's all worth it in the end when you're out there on that stage and performing," said Holly Dehaan, the captain of nationals. "It's like you know all the hard work you put into it has paid off."

This year could be considered a tougher year than others for the squad. They have been training and preparing themselves for the competition without a coach all year. Stephanie Park, the co-captain of

appearances and a four-year member, and Courtni Mills, the squad captain and a three-year member, said they believe this year is the best they've had in their pom squad careers.

"It's hard not to have that extra someone outside of the 15 of us, that is superior to us, telling us we have to get this together," Mills said.

All three captains believe they have a good shot at meeting their goal and, hopefully, taking home the

first-place trophy.

It takes a lot to get a team to nationals. Not only do they have to have their skills down pat, but they have to raise money, put together costumes, attend camp and impress the judges at camp to even be invited to nationals.

"The main thing would be skills. You would have to be able to compete and considered one of the best teams in the nation," said Stephanie

Rhode, the Spirit Program supervisor.

The teams will perform their routines for the competition 7 p.m. Thursday at the United Spirit Arena. To follow the Tech cheer and pom squads while they're at nationals, check out Tech's Facebook and Twitter or visit the spirit squad page on campuslife.edu.ttu.

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'Hot Tub Time Machine' knows senseless funny

"Hot Tub Time Machine" really is funny. I read somewhere that it's like "Back to the Future" meets "The Hangover," and I'd say that is a pretty fair comparison.

The plot isn't too hard to explain. Four guys who are disenchanted with life for various reasons head to a ski town that was hopping back in the 1980s. They get there only to find out the town is a run-down dump, so they just get smashed in their hotel room hot tub. When they wake up, it's 1986. At first they all try to do everything exactly the same way they did it back then, but needless to say, that plan is scratched pretty quickly.

The film is pretty crude and not quite as witty as some of the more recent R-rated comedies to come out of Hollywood, but it is just as entertaining. "Hot Tub" knows exactly what it is and exactly what it is trying to be. All pretenses are thrown to the wind. The stock characters are all there: the sad businessman, the guy emasculated by his wife, the geek and the party dude. The plot structure itself is a parody of the '80s.

Cusack is funny as the kind of ringleader of the pack, as is Craig Robinson ("The Office") who gets to do some really great things here. Clark Duke, who plays the geeky guy Jacob, is so-so. Duke seems to have just a smarmy nature to him that I don't like. Rob Corddry as Lou is the real star here and the one who seems to be having the most fun.

Lou is a character who you can say and do virtually whatever you want and get away with it and Corddry does it here. He always has been an incredibly funny man and hopefully his performance here will transition into him getting a vehicle role that

Jake Matthews



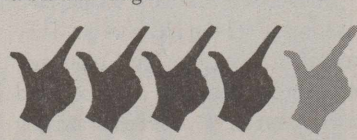
would really boost his profile.

There are plenty of cracks here that hurt the movie. The biggest one in my eyes is Chevy Chase. It's not necessarily his fault he's not given anything to work with. He says a few innocuous lines and that is it. There is a bunch of stuff that isn't right about the movie and should've been corrected and yadda yadda yadda, I'm not going to go into that because it really does nothing to change the fact that the movie is funny.

I wish they would've used Crispin Glover as the odd bellhop, Phil, more. He had some of the funniest bits in the film (in the beginning) and then fades and wanes as the movie goes on.

There really isn't too much to say. This film won't be up there with great comedies and anyone who says it is better than "The Hangover" needs to be punched in the temple, but "Hot Tub" does stand alone really well.

"Hot Tub Time Machine" is crude, vulgar, inane and hilarious. Go see it. Shut down your brain for a bit and laugh.



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iPad could be Kindle's first big threat in e-books

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Amazon.com, which has dominated the young but fast-growing electronic book market for the past few years with the Kindle, could get its biggest threat Saturday, when Apple releases its iPad multimedia tablet.

The Kindle starts at \$259 and is designed mainly for reading text on a gray-and-black screen. The iPad starts at \$499, but with the higher price comes more functions: a color touch screen for downloading books from Apple's new iBookstore, surfing the Web, playing videos and games and more.

It will take time to determine whether the iPad causes a tremor in the e-reader market, a high-magnitude quake or something in between. But in the meantime people who read electronic books or are considering buying a reading device will find their choices getting more complicated.

If the Kindle e-reader falls out of favor with people drawn to Apple's offering, there could be a very thick silver lining for Amazon: It sells e-books that can be read on many kinds of devices, including the iPad and other Apple gadgets. That means the Kindle could fade and Amazon could still occupy a profitable perch in e-books.

However, Apple could find ways to tilt the field in its favor. At least for now, both the Apple iBookstore and the Kindle service will be accessible in much the same way on the iPad — as "application" icons that users can click. Eventually Apple could give its own bookstore and reading program more

attention on the iPad.

Apple also could try to curry favor with publishers in a way that matters to consumers, perhaps by securing exclusive titles.

Publishers' relationships with Amazon have been strained by Amazon's insistence on charging \$9.99 for some popular e-books. Publishers have complained that it is an attempt to get consumers used to unsustainably low prices. Amazon takes a loss on some books at that price, and the publishers fear that if the \$9.99 tag sticks, Amazon will force publishers to lower their wholesale prices, cutting into their profits.

The iPad gives publishers an opportunity for a new pricing model. Some e-books will cost up to \$14.99 initially, and Apple is insisting that publishers can't sell books at a lower price through a competitor. The iBookstore is launching with titles from major publishers such as Penguin, Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins, Hachette Book Group and Macmillan. One big publisher, Random House, has not yet struck a deal with Apple.

Amazon declined to comment on the iPad's release. Although Amazon has tried to snag as much of the e-book market as possible since launching the Kindle in 2007, the company has never revealed how many Kindles it has sold. Analysts estimate it has sold 3 million. (Analysts believe Apple could sell that many iPads in the product's first year). Amazon has offered only sketches of the Kindle's effect on its

business, such as by saying that when books are sold in both hard copy and the Kindle format, it sells 48 Kindle books for every 100 hard copies.

Compared to the Kindle, the iPad would seem to have some disadvantages. The entry-level model is nearly twice the price of the Kindle, yet it can't download books everywhere. It can do that only where it is connected to the Internet over Wi-Fi. At 1½ pounds, it is more than twice as heavy as a Kindle. And its battery lasts for just 10 hours, compared with up to a week on a Kindle when it has its wireless access on.

However, among the elements in the iPad's favor is a touch screen that is 9.7 inches diagonally, compared with 6 inches on the Kindle. Ron Skinner, 70, who lives in Las Vegas and bought a Kindle last February, says he has ordered

Apple's product because he thinks it will offer a better reading experience.

Skinner, an Apple investor who reads about three books a week, says the contrast between the text and the background is too low on the Kindle's "e-ink" screen, and reading on it bothers his eyes. The difference between the Kindle screen and the iPad screen "is like daylight and dark," Skinner says.

Tim Bajarin, an analyst with Creative Strategies Inc., says the iPad signals the start of a larger shift away from static digital versions of books and magazines. Eventually e-books will be expected to have multimedia dimensions, with video and interactive elements, he says, which calls for something more like Apple's tablet device than something that is largely dedicated to reading.

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Rare items of UK's Diana to be auctioned

LONDON (AP) — Rare antiques from the ancestral home of Diana, Princess of Wales — including a 12 million pound (\$18 million) Rubens portrait from the 17th Century — will be offered for sale this summer, an auction house said Monday.

Christie's auction house said it will sell about 20 million pounds (\$30 million) worth of artifacts from Althorp House, in Northamptonshire, central England.

Althorp — Diana's childhood home and the site of her burial following her 1997 death — is now occupied by Diana's brother Earl Charles Spencer. He recently announced his engagement to Lady

Bianca Eliot, who will become his third wife.

The auction house said the Spencer family hoped to sell off a variety of valuables to invest the funds raised and protect the long-term future of the stately home.

While none of the lots were purchased by Diana, many have been in her family for centuries — including the Rubens portrait, "Commander Being Armed for Battle," owned by the Spencer family since 1802.

The portrait was painted in 1613 and 1614 and depicts a bearded man, believed to be the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, being fitted with his armor.

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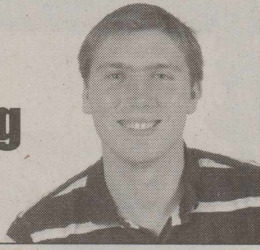
I consider myself an artist, or at least a great supporter of art.

I remember finger-painting in kindergarten, watercolor painting in junior high school and sculpting in high school. As a college student, I do not have as much time as I would wish for art, but I doodle on homework now and then and I even sometimes write clever opinions for the school newspaper. This, I believe, qualifies me to discuss art, especially the art found on campus.

What is art? Emerson thought art was any object designed or organized with more than just functionality in mind. With this definition, those Aviator sunglasses that the sorority girls always seem to be wearing could be considered art. They might be tacky art, but they are art nonetheless.

According to Merriam-Webster Online, art is "the conscious use of skill and creative imagination espe-

Roy Long



cially in the production of aesthetic objects." Leo Tolstoy thought art had to help improve mankind. For the purposes of this article, we will view art as the aesthetically pleasing result of skill and creativity.

With this in mind, we should notice that there is a bit of a controversy in the art world. One quote in particular, attributed to both French philosopher Albert Camus and American cartoonist Al Capp, sums up the argument: "Abstract art is the product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered."

Because art has such a broad definition, many imposters have

made rubbish and claimed it is abstract art. The art community is unwilling to nail down a definition or even rules to determine what art is and what is just junk assembled from a trailer town and arranged in a manner which is neither appealing or creative.

This dichotomy can be seen on campus. There is a requirement that 1 percent of the money budgeted to campus building projects must be spent on artwork. What do we have to show for it?

I must admit, some works of art are better than others. The statue of Prometheus outside of the library at least beautifully depicts an idea, the transport of light (knowledge) from the gods to mankind.

In contrast, "Tornado of Ideas" right across from it looks like a 4-year-old could bend some metal hangers and produce it. Yes,

I know that it takes incredible skill to make such a "work of art" and the base idea is interesting. However, do the results justify the use of skill and money in the piece?

I think we all agree we want to display public art at the university. However, why are spending so much money for certain works of art that, at best, disappoint?

Of course, professional artwork costs cash.

We should also recognize

that we have a large artistic talent base here, and we have an entire department dedicated to art. We could either spend tons of money to pay an artist unaffiliated with Texas Tech to produce art, or we could give art students a chance to leave their mark on the alma mater.

Further, we could vote on the art as a student body to determine we place art

that we actually like in aesthetic places.

At the very least, we could put up signs that explain the art. Before I dug down and researched some of the artwork for this article, I did not understand the ideas behind the art.

For example, the Comma Sculpture (you know, the weird circular mirror with a bell inside in the Student Forum Area) is a sculpture dedicated to music theory. It actually contains two bells which ring at a Pythagorean comma, making the unpleasant disharmony found in the bell. This information could make the art at least more interesting to the public.

Tech is supposed to have one of the best university collections of public art in the nation. I can see how the university received this nomination. However, public art can be aesthetically pleasing too. Why can't we have art that looks beautiful and makes the place more interesting? We have to live, study and work around this art. It might as well be good.

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'New' health care system doesn't necessarily mean 'polished'

So, the health care bill was historic.

I mainly disagree with doctors being paid by the government, but I must admit the changes put forth will change the landscape of the health care industry in ways none of us could fathom. Our children and their children will grapple with whatever holes we failed to seal in the creation of this new system.

At times, it will feel as though the increases in taxes are being sucked down a vortex. One of the many characteristics of government is slow progress; therefore, it will be a long time before any such system will be efficient. Thankfully, we are not the first country to implement such a radical system, and the

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United States can take note of European mistakes.

Many people would call the implementation of publicly mandated health care to be socialist. As much as I would love to call it that, I believe no one should die because they could not obtain or afford health care. In this way, I put health care on the same pedestal as education. Education, for instance, was considered unnecessary not long ago. It is now seen as a basic human right

rather than a privilege.

This shift in perspective is a huge step. However, I question whether the United States can afford to make it a right. Much of the media is hesitant to pin a numerical cost to public health care, but the general consensus of the *Wall Street Journal*, CNN and ABC indicate the amount is more than \$1 trillion dollars.

Considering the population of the United States is about 307 million people, 25 million of which is comprised of Texans, \$1 trillion is going to feel more and more like a base figure as time goes on.

I am quite sure, considering this is a college publication distributed to educated individuals, that our view of public education is one of respect. Without the invest-

ment of property taxes across the state of Texas toward our public schools, only a few of us would have ever learned beyond the middle or junior high school level. Even though some of us can still argue that public education is not as great as it was in the past, the fact remains that even the richest school districts find the need to raise funds.

As a woman, I was happy to see that abortion will not be paid for with any taxpayer money. Controversial procedures should never be paid for by the government, regardless of the legality and the ability to pay involved with the issue. The United States should be ashamed that such one-sided antics were slipped into the health care bill, jeopardizing and distracting the

effort to make adjustments on the real part of the bill. What an unbelievable waste of time and energy.

Now, I don't want to jump the gun too fast on this new law. In as many as 11 states, there are legal lawsuits against the health care reform. I fully anticipate seeing at least one of these teams to go all the way to the Supreme Court before it is all said and done. Even with the strength against the law, however, this so-called health care reform will find its way to change each and every one of our lives, for better or for worse.

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"Thankfully, we are not the first country to implement such a radical system, and the United States can take note of European mistakes."

Treasury will begin selling Citi shares

NEW YORK (AP) — The Treasury Department said Monday it will begin selling the stake it owns in Citigroup Inc., which could result in a profit to the government of about \$7.5 billion.

The government received 7.7 billion shares of Citigroup in exchange for \$25 billion it gave the bank during the 2008 credit crisis. It said it will sell the shares over the course of this year, depending on market conditions.

Like any investor, the government will likely hold on to its shares if prices fall steeply. However, Citi shares have steadily been rising with the broader market in recent months, which means the Treasury Department stands to pocket a hefty profit.

The government has been trying to unravel the investments in made

in banks under the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, that came in at the height of the financial crisis. Citi, one of the hardest hit banks during the credit crisis and recession, received a total of \$45 billion in bailout money, one of the largest rescues in the program. Of the \$45 billion, \$25 billion was converted to the government's ownership stake in the bank.

The Treasury paid \$3.25 a share for its stake.

New York-based Citi repaid the other \$20 billion it owed the government in December.

The Treasury had been planning to sell 20 percent of its stock at the time when Citi was selling new shares late last year. At a price of \$3.15 a share, the government would have lost \$158.7 million

on the sale, so it opted not to participate in the deal at that time but to unload all of its 7.7 billion shares over the course of this year.

Citi shares fell 8 cents to \$4.23 in morning trading Monday. The government would make about \$7.5 billion in profit on its stake in Citigroup if it sells the stock for that price.

When Citigroup agreed to repay the \$20 billion in loans it still owed the Treasury Department, the pair also agreed the Treasury would sell the common stock it owned in the New York bank throughout 2010.

The Treasury owns about 27 percent of Citigroup's outstanding stock, based on the number of shares that were outstanding on Jan. 31.

Even after it sells its stake in Citigroup, the Treasury Department will still hold warrants to purchase future shares in the bank.

The Treasury said Monday that Morgan Stanley will handle the sale of the shares.

On Passover, Israel concerned over world standing

JERUSALEM (AP) — Nearly one out of every two Israelis thinks the country's international standing is poor following Israel's most serious crisis with the United States in decades, according to a poll published Monday on the eve of the Passover holiday.

As Jews around the world were making last-minute preparations for the spring festival — which marks the biblical story of the Hebrews' exodus from Egypt — a poll in the *Maariv* daily showed increasing concern following the open rift between the governments of the world's two largest Jewish centers.

The U.S. and Israel are at odds over Israeli construction in east Jerusalem, the section of the holy city claimed by the Palestinians. The U.S. is demanding that Israel halt building to facilitate peace talks. Israel says it can build anywhere in the city.

Asked how they would define Israel's international standing, only 14 percent of Israelis said it was good, 37 percent called it reasonable and more than 48 percent called it bad. The TNS/Teleser survey questioned 500 people and had a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

Israel has been under fire internationally since last winter's Gaza war,

with a U.N. commission accusing it of war crimes. Israel's relations with allies such as Turkey, Britain and Australia have also faltered.

Relations with the U.S. administration has reached such a low point, said an editorial in the daily *Haaretz*, that Washington has demanded written Israeli commitments, since "the spoken word has no meaning."

The poll came as Israelis were cleaning their houses, cars and offices, and cooking furiously to get ready for the weeklong holiday, in which leavened bread is forbidden and unleavened bread called matzah is eaten instead.

The holiday begins Monday night with a traditional seder meal. Extended families typically gather and retell the story of the exodus.

The biblical story recounts that God killed the first-born of Egypt after the pharaoh refused to release the children of Israel from bondage, but "passed over" the houses of the Hebrews.

After that divine blow, the pharaoh gave in and let the Hebrews go. They were then given the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai and wandered in the desert for 40 years before arriving in the Land of Israel, according to the Bible.

The tradition of eating matzah comes from the Bible's account that the Jews left Egypt in such a hurry that there was no time to allow the bread to rise. It is also considered the bread of the poor, meant to remind Jews of their ancestors' hardships. Leavened bread is banned and burned ceremonially before the holiday starts.

Though only about a quarter of Israel's Jews are Orthodox, most do not eat bread during Passover and hold the traditional meal on the first night of the holiday, according to surveys.

President Barack Obama plans to host a seder at the White House, attended by a group of Jewish aides and other close friends.

The *Maariv* poll showed that more than 46 percent of Israelis still support a peace deal with the Palestinians that includes the return of almost all of the war-won territory in the West Bank.

Just under 39 percent said they were opposed to such a deal and 15 percent did not respond.

On Sunday, Israel said it was imposing a closure on the West Bank as a security measure for the weeklong holiday. The routine measure, which was to begin at midnight, bars almost all Palestinians from entering Israel.

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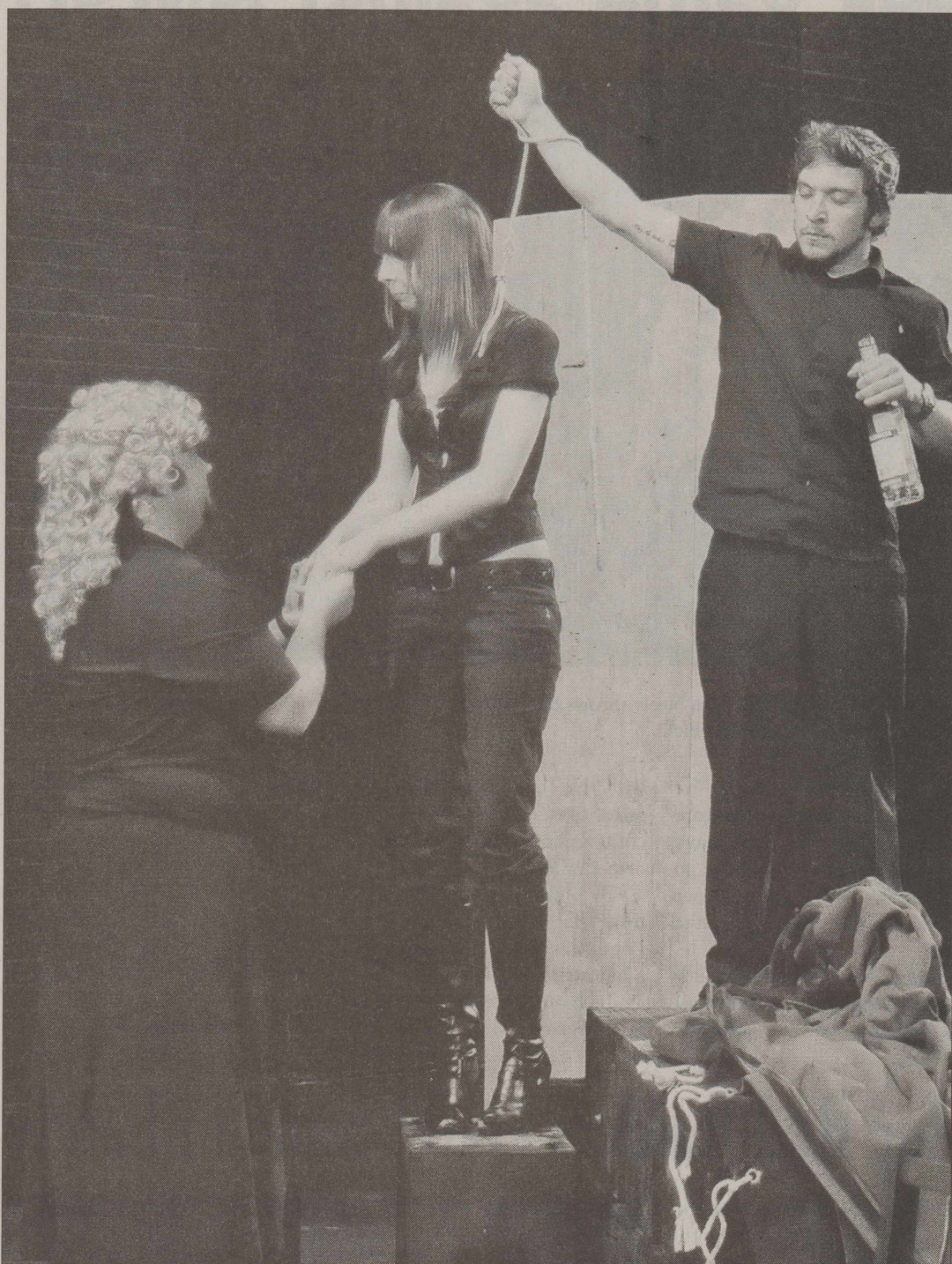


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FROM LEFT, BAXTER'S ghost played by Ryan Johnson, a graduate student in theatre from Anderson, Ind., convinces Michelle, played by Christina Jones, a junior theater major from Midland, that the only way to become free is to hang herself from a heating pipe played by Brad Rothwell, a senior fine arts and communication studies dual major from Abilene, who also provided the stage directions during a dress rehearsal of the short play titled "Stuck in the Middle With You" Monday in the Charles E. Maegdan Lab Theatre.

Tuesdays with Tina: Jersey Snore

I didn't want to get ahead on homework Sunday night. So, I decided to do the most unproductive thing I could think of instead; I watched an episode of the reality television show "Jersey Shore."

I'd never seen it before, and I was appalled.

It reminded me why I don't pay for cable — too much reality crap, not enough shows with substance. Plus, I can watch the few shows I do enjoy for free at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center or at my own pace through Netflix.

Commercials popped up every couple of scenes, because I watched the "Jersey Shore" episode for free online. The MTV advertisement with Jack Johnson was the highlight of the evening; I found the show itself shallow and boring. I'm willing to bet both my big toes that more thought went into the commercials than the show.

The episode I watched was one of the most recent full episodes available on the MTV Web site; it was the one where the cast members are preparing to leave at the end of the summer.

Nicole, aka "Snooki," seems like a vapid attention whore. In the episode I watched, she couldn't find a date for the last

Tina Arons



big night of the summer. So, she acted out to get attention.

She spontaneously begins to dance while walking along the boardwalk, attempting to attract the attention of several guys partying on the roof of a nearby building. She also wanders around making a soundboard-like crying noise that sounds similar to, "Waaaa." And then she tries to seduce one of her housemates in a last-ditch attempt at satisfying her appetite for attention.

It's no wonder that Michelle Obama doesn't allow her daughters to watch the show. The last thing society needs is more people like the cast of "Jersey Shore." I'm really glad reality television didn't hit its heyday until after I became an adult.

It's disturbing to think about the negative messages that shows like this one send to people, especially children and adolescents, who soak up reality television — consciously or unconsciously. It's certainly not my reality; it's not a reality I want

to ever experience.

I'm glad my confidence and self-worth doesn't stem from what I look like or how other people perceive me. If they did, I would have to worry a lot more about my body and getting attention every day. That doesn't sound like a satisfying or healthy way to live.

The loathing I felt for the cast members was glaringly obvious, particularly when I made a snide remark during one scene of the episode. When the male cast members return to the house after a dudes' night out, one of them comforts Snooki, who was crying on the railing outside the house. He said, "There's so many people in the world that's going to like you for you."

Maybe he's right, but I certainly am glad to not be one of them.

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'Red Steel' game revives name with quality sequel

When the original "Red Steel" launched alongside the Nintendo Wii back in 2006, it was highly anticipated. Marketing and hype made it seem like a potentially genre-changing first-person shooter, brilliantly combining swordplay with gunplay.

Unfortunately, it sucked. Pretty badly. The disappointment stung a lot of new Wii owners, and we felt as if a dream was shattered.

Now, I want you to forget that game ever existed, because "Red Steel 2" is absolutely nothing like it.

The only thing connecting "Red Steel 2" to its predecessor is the concept you use both a sword and a gun regularly. Everything else, from the art style, gameplay, story and quality, is totally different.

While the first game tried to utilize realistic (for the Wii) graphics and a super serious story about a stolen fiancé and the Yakuza, "Red Steel 2" takes a much more artistic approach with cel-shaded graphics. Rather than bouncing between Los Angeles and Tokyo, the game takes place in a sort of fantasy/science-fiction Western environment, where the East meets the Old West.

This setting actually turns out to be quite interesting, but unfortunately we don't get to learn a ton about it. The story, although present, definitely takes a back seat to the action, and only average voice acting performances don't help move the plot along.

Since the bulk of the game is devoted to action, the good news is the gameplay is actually really good this time around.

I should start off by saying the game requires a Wii Motion Plus peripheral for the Wii Remote. If you're like me, you already had a couple of these lying around after purchasing

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prisingly open, and is somewhere between a linear shooter and an open-world experience. You're still confined to moderate-sized levels, and once you finish them you can't go back, but you're given quite a few options as to which direction to head in, which mostly encourages you to do side missions.

"Wii Sports Resort," but if you don't already have one, you can buy a bundle that includes "Red Steel 2" and a Wii Motion Plus for \$60, only \$10 more than the game by itself; a good value, considering a Wii Motion Plus on its own costs \$20.

The developers at Ubisoft really put the Wii Motion Plus to good use, delivering a gameplay experience superior in every way to the original. Shooting is smooth, allowing all the accuracy you need to pull off tough shots, and the swordplay is frantic and accurate. In fact, I never felt like I struggled with the controls at all.

I will say, though, the first thing you should do when starting up the game is mess with the control settings. There's a large array of customization options — from rotation speed to sensitivity to the size of the bounding box — but they make it easy to mess with them until you get everything the way you like it. I had to change everything quite a bit from the default settings (I like a really small bounding box and a fast rotation speed), but once everything was customized I was extremely happy with the controls.

You point and shoot just like you would in any other Wii FPS, but you can also swing your sword at any time by simply swinging the Wii Remote. It's extremely intuitive and works really well. Your arm might get tired, but I had a lot of fun when playing for hours at a time.

The mission structure is sur-

You don't gain experience or level up, but you do collect money which you can use to improve your skills and buy new weapons, so there's certainly some character progression throughout the game that keeps things interesting. Some of the later moves you learn, for example, look really cool and make combat even more fun.

"Red Steel 2" is a game very set in its fantasy ways. Late in the game, you even have a few battles underwater, in which you're not only just as fast as always, but you're also still able to fire your guns. But the ridiculousness really plays to the advantage of both the gameplay and the story. Your character acts the part of an anime-Western badass, and you love him for it.

The main game will probably take you between eight and 12 hours, and after that there's not much to do. There's no multiplayer whatsoever, but that's probably for the best. It allows for a more polished single-player experience.

All in all, "Red Steel 2" is far and away a better product than the original, and a darn good Wii game to boot. If you have a Wii and have been at a loss lately for what to play on it, "Red Steel 2" should definitely be a contender for your next purchase.

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'Nyet' to \$1 million? Math genius may reject award

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Who doesn't want to be a millionaire? Maybe a 43-year-old unemployed bachelor who lives with his elderly mother in Russia — and who won \$1 million for solving a problem that has stumped mathematicians for a century.

Grigory Perelman can't decide if he wants the money.

"He said he would need to think about it," said James Carlson, who telephoned Perelman with the news he had won the Millennium Prize awarded by the Clay Mathematics Institute of Cambridge, Mass.

Carlson said he wasn't too surprised by the apparent lack of interest from Perelman, a reclusive genius who has a history of refusing big prizes.

In 2006, Perelman made headlines when he stayed away from the ceremony in Madrid where he was supposed to get a Fields Medal, often called the Nobel prize of mathematics. He remained at home in St.

Petersburg instead.

As for the new prize, Perelman (PER-il-mahn) told a local television station he hasn't made a decision on whether to accept the money, and that Carlson's institute will be the first to know when he does.

Sergei Rukshin, Perelman's high school math teacher, told The Associated Press on Monday that Perelman is still unsure whether to accept it.

"I know that this time he is seriously thinking about whether he will accept the prize. He still has some time," Rukshin said. The awards ceremony is in June.

Rukshin said Perelman has been without work for four years and has declined all job offers. He previously worked at the Steklov Mathematics Institute.

"As far as I know, after there was so much media attention ... he did not want to be a public person and to look like an animal in the zoo," Rukshin said.

He said he had encouraged Perelman to accept the prize to provide for himself and his elderly mother.

Technically, the award is a done deal.

"He has been awarded the prize. That's the decision of the committee," Carlson said. "He may or may not accept the money."

Carlson declined to discuss what would happen to the \$1 million if Perelman rejects it. Several groups in Russia, including the St. Petersburg Communist Party, have made public appeals to Perelman to give them the cash to fight poverty if he doesn't want it for himself.

Perelman was honored for proving the Poincaré (pwan-kah-RAY) conjecture, which deals with shapes that exist in four or more dimensions, rather than the familiar three dimensions. The conjecture proposes a test for determining whether a shape in such space, no matter how distorted, is a three-dimensional sphere.

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Tech in Midland for mid-week game against NMSU

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Last time Brandon Petite was on the mound, he pitched like his coaches knew he could.

The highly-touted freshman had struggled a little bit as a starter prior to his seven-strikeout performance against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on March 23.

Another outing like that against New Mexico State at 6:30 p.m. today in Midland and the Red Raiders may have a strong arm at the end of the rotation.

"He needs to be solid again," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "He was really good Tuesday.

I hope he can build on that and if he gives us another good start, we're going to be right where we need to be."

Petite (2-0, 10.38 ERA) looks

to lead the Red Raiders (12-14) past NMSU after Tech dropped two in a weekend series against Texas.

And that series loss was stingy a little bit by Sunday afternoon.

The Red Raiders opened the series against the Longhorns with a 12-5 win. But Texas' arms prevailed as Tech dropped the final two games, 8-3 Saturday and 17-5 Sunday.

With the New Mexico State matchup being the last before the Red Raiders head into April, Spencer and his players are optimistic.

Tech catcher Jeremy Mayo said it's best to take it one series at a time at this point in the season.

Mayo also said there is no looking past the Aggies.

"New Mexico State, they hit

the ball well," he said. "We just gotta go in there and roll out our pitching. Keep the ball down and just keep our offense rolling."

It seems like offense is NMSU's forte. The Aggies (17-10) lead the Mountain West Conference in team batting average, posting .370 through 27 games.

They also have four of the top 10 batters in the conference. Ryan Aguayo, Ben Hartly and Leo Aguirre are hitting more than .400 this season. Mike Sodders is at .377.

More importantly, no one has more wins than New Mexico State in the Mountain West Conference at this point.

It's a home game for the Red Raiders but they will play at Citibank Ballpark in Midland, where the Double-A's Midland Rockhounds play.

Last year, Tech split a doubleheader in Midland against UTSA.

Spencer said having the opportunity to play in Midland is nice, but a few days off before another Big 12 Conference series against Kansas State this weekend would be nicer.

"You're torn as a coach a little bit — you want to play the games and we're excited to go play, but

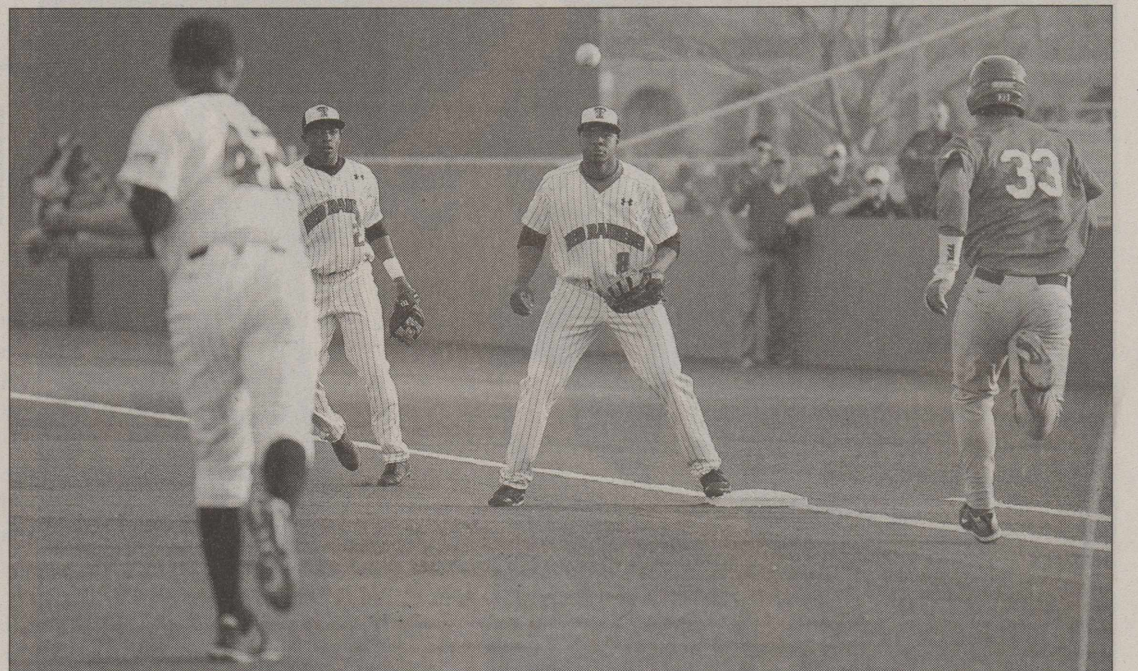


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TEXAS TECH PITCHER John Neely throws the ball to first baseman Barrett Barnes to put out Texas' Jonathan Walsh Friday at Dan Law Field.

three days off would help us," he said. "But that's not the nature of our schedule. We don't have four or five arms waiting to go on Tuesday. We've got one, our starter. You play the cards you're dealt."

And it seems the Red Raiders have passed one of the most grueling parts of their schedule

with the Texas A&M and Texas series over. But Mayo said every conference series will present its own challenge.

Tech also is a little healthier now that third baseman Nick Popescu is back in the lineup after a hamstring injury.

Tech outfielder Scott LeJeune said he enjoyed last year's experi-

ence in Midland and the New Mexico State matchup should be a good game.

"We went last year. It was a lot of fun," he said. "Hopefully a lot of people come out. They're going to be a really good team. Really good pitching. So, just gotta show up to play."

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Cruz homers to lead Rangers past Rockies

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Nef-tali Perez reared back and fired and the stadium scoreboard didn't have enough digits on its radar reading to tell the full story.

It read 01.

Perez threw a perfect ninth inning, striking out Chris Nelson on his second 101 mph fastball of the day, and the Texas Rangers edged the Colorado Rockies 7-6 Monday.

"He left it out there," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We talked to him about pitching, that sometimes you go out there and try to please everybody. We told him to leave it out there because he can get you three outs in a hurry."

Feliz's fastball earned him a quick path to the majors and he didn't disappoint, posting a 1.74 ERA and 39 strikeouts in 31 innings. His preference to start led the Rangers to evaluate him in longer stints though he eventually ended up back in the bullpen.

"I'm going to go out there whatever they give me and give 100

percent effort," Feliz said through teammate Julio Borbon. "Heading out there in the last inning, with the game on the line, I locked in and was focusing on the hitters. Thank God I'm 100 percent healthy and ready to go."

Rangers starter Matt Harrison threw seven innings in his longest spring outing, allowing six runs — five earned — on six hits with three walks and five strikeouts.

"I'd rather have the seven but not the six runs," Harrison said. "It was good to get seven innings in. I haven't done that in a long time."

Harrison allowed four runs in the second and third, two coming on Ian Stewart's first home run of the spring, as Colorado opened a 4-1 lead.

The Rangers rallied for three runs on five hits in the fifth off Rockies starter Jason Hammel, including Nelson Cruz's fifth home run, a two-run shot onto the grass batters eye behind the center field fence.

Extended rest for Red Raiders could come in handy

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Gonzalo Escobar and the Red Raiders, after a weekend of rest, are back in action as they play their final nonconference match of the season today.

No. 13 Texas Tech (16-1) faces No. 27 Fresno State (13-6) at 11 a.m. today at the McLeod Tennis Center.

"This match is going to be so big, because the next one is going to be against Texas and that match can change this season," Escobar said. "It can put us in a perfect spot, or it can let us down a little bit. This is perfect preparation, we have to take it like we were already playing Texas."

The Red Raiders were supposed to play against UTSA and New Mexico this weekend, but because of high winds in Lubbock on Saturday the matches were canceled. Tech is still riding a 14-match winning streak going into today's contest.

The Bulldogs have notched wins in three of their last four matches, all three of which were 4-3 victories. Fresno State, like Tech, competed in the Blue-

Gray Tennis Classic earlier this month. At the tournament the Bulldogs posted a 2-1 record with their only loss coming against then-No. 38 Notre Dame 4-3.

If Fresno State had defeated the Irish, the Bulldogs would have faced Tech in the next round of the Blue-Gray Tournament. The Bulldogs most recent win came at No. 58 TCU on Sunday, 4-3.

After playing back-to-back tournaments and both being on the road, sophomore Rafael Garcia said the rest was much needed after a busy week in Alabama.

"Oh definitely, because we had four very busy days over there, we were all mentally and physically tired," he said. "These days were just great to relax, we have been practicing every single day. We're not doing too much, we are just doing exercise and hitting the ball. Just keeping in touch with the atmosphere of playing in Lubbock."

Tech's next four matches will be in Lubbock before traveling on April 16 to Stillwater, Okla., to face Oklahoma State.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the extra few days of rest can be



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

RAPHAEL PFISTER RETURNS the ball during one of the Red Raiders' practices. Texas Tech faces Fresno State today at the McLeod Tennis Center.

good and bad at the same time.

"We had some guys beat up a little bit, so they could rest some injuries as well as just mentally from the weekend before," he said. "I think it worked in our favor, but you also worry about

having that extended rest, that kind of break which hopefully will not affect our play. We're thinking about now just playing well, Fresno State's a very good team."

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Power goes 2-for-2, wins IRL's Honda Grand Prix

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Will Power's right hand was wrapped in a bandage after the race, something that probably should be striking fear across the Indy Racing League.

When Power gets hurt, he seems to come back stronger.

Barely seven months after breaking his back in a scary crash, Power continued crafting a stirring comeback tale on Monday by winning the rain-delayed Honda Grand Prix for his second victory in as many IndyCar events this year. Power went to the front after a restart on the 78th of 100 laps, then stayed there the rest of the way and held off Justin Wilson by nearly a full second.

"I don't think there's anything better than winning, unless there's some other position," Power said.

There isn't.

Power is the first driver to start an IndyCar season 2-for-2 since Sam Hor-

nish did it on his way to the series title in 2001, and he's already got a 44-point lead in the standings over defending series champion Dario Franchitti, Ryan Hunter-Reay and Wilson.

Plus, Power led a huge day for Penske Racing. Ryan Briscoe was third, Helio Castroneves fourth — and after that, no one in the field finished within 22 seconds of the lead.

"I think we're pretty good just about anywhere," said Briscoe, who started 19th.

Wilson ran great at St. Pete for the third straight year, but even he could never make a serious run at the lead in the final laps.

Wilson led 18 of the 83 laps in the 2008 race in southwest Florida — only Graham Rahal led more that day, with 19. Rahal won, with Wilson settling for ninth. And last year, Wilson led 52 of the 100 laps, losing the lead late and eventually finishing third behind

Briscoe. "Third last year, second this year," Wilson said. "Can't wait for next year."

Wilson's team gave him a less-than-complicated strategy: Stay with Power.

It almost worked. Power came close with the wall on the 95th lap, but stayed clean and Wilson resigned himself to the second-place showing. "My team just kept saying, 'Just follow Will,'" Wilson said. "Obviously, when you're hot, you're hot, so we knew he would always be on the right strategy. We copied him exactly. ... I was pushing hard every lap to try to see if I could get close to Will, to see if there was any chance he would make a mistake. It didn't come."

There were 10 lead changes, five cautions for 23 laps, and plenty of near-misses.

Power avoided the mayhem on

a track still a bit slick in some areas from 4.03 inches of rain that fell in a span of about 20 hours from Sunday afternoon through Monday morning. The race was scheduled for Sunday before thunderstorms put much of the 1.8-mile street circuit under water, but the course was fairly dry when the green flag finally fell.

Franchitti was fifth, Alex Tagliani sixth and Danica Patrick — who started 21st — neatly worked her way up to seventh at the end.

"I was way too conservative," Patrick said. "I just didn't want to do something dumb in the first 10 laps. We saved a bunch of fuel and luckily we were able to go through."

Power might have started this season as the afterthought in Penske Racing's loaded IndyCar stable of drivers.

Not anymore.

"Really happy for Will Power. ... He's doing a great job," Briscoe said. "We're all learning from each other, and I'm learning a hell of a lot from him, too."

The day had plenty of incidents, one even before the start when Milka Duno spun entering the final turn of the first pace lap. Duno got out of the car after only seven laps, citing handling issues.

Mario Moraes said after the race that he will have surgery this week in Sao Paulo to have a cyst removed from an area near his ear canal, adding that it was a distraction. Moraes' day ended in a crash that happened after something went wrong with the rear of Dan Wheldon's car, putting his right tire in the air, and he slammed into the side of an unsuspecting Moraes. Parts of both cars went flying everywhere.

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Women's golf riding high

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Many people may have had high expectations for the Texas Tech women's golf team this season, considering the success first year head coach Jojo Robertson experienced during her run as the head coach at Purdue.

So the Lady Raiders may have provided a glimpse of their potential by capping off this weekend's Mountainview Collegiate Invitational in Tucson, Ariz., as co-champions with Colorado State.

But Robertson said her players may learn more from the situation they were in Saturday than from finishing as a co-champion.

"We had a one-shot lead going into the final round," she said. "They had to play in the final group, knowing that they were only ahead by one. I think if nothing else it was just a good experience for them to have to sleep on the lead and go out there and play well the last game."

The team returned to practice Monday in preparation for the Baylor Invitational, which is not until April 12 in Waco.

This past tourney may prove to be a valuable learning tool since Tech had to fight from behind to claim its spot as a co-champion. The Lady Raiders shot a 299 (+11) as a team during the morning round Saturday to jump in front of Colorado State and UNLV by two shots going into the final round.

Freshman Gabby Dominguez paced the team by shooting rounds of 76 (+4) and 72 (E) to finish in a tie for first place individually. Beverly Mendoza and Kim Kaufman finished in ties for 11th and 14th, respectively. Alex Gibson and Jackie Smith finished in a tie for 40th, each with a score of 230 (+14).

Gibson said the result was warranted, considering the amount of work all the players have done in practice.

"We feel like we deserved it," she said. "We worked hard, definitely wanted to show something. The week

before that we really didn't do that well. It was a good team tournament, everybody played pretty solid."

So the team's confidence may be at a high after the tourney, not to mention Tech has just under two weeks before the Baylor Invitational.

But the extra time gives the players a chance to improve on aspects like the short game — something Robertson has stressed all year — before going into the final tournament before the Big 12 Conference Championship.

But Dominguez — who was born in Waco and is a native of nearby Chilton — is no stranger to the course there and said the team will perform well on it.

"I'm familiar with the course because I am kind of from Waco," she said. "So I think that the course sets up well for all of us. I think that we can do well."

Robertson may be enjoying the recent performance the most out of everybody.

Robertson was critical of her team's performance in the 2010 Northern Migration Tournament, where Tech



DEBORAH DE VILLA — FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

finished ninth out of 19 teams in the field. But Robertson said she was impressed by her team's response after its performance the week before.

"I'm just really pleased with the way they came back from the tournament finish that we had the week before, when we were kind of down and out," she said. "I couldn't have asked for anything better."

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SPORTS SHORTS

Griner's shot sends Baylor to 51-48 win over Duke

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Britney Griner caught a pass, spun around and hit a short jumper with 45 seconds left to propel fourth-seeded Baylor to a 51-48 win over No. 2-seeded Duke on Monday night for its second trip ever to the Final Four.

Duke led the entire second half and

held a 46-38 advantage with 4:59 left before a pair of free throws by Kimetria Hayden launched a 13-2 run for the Lady Bears.

Hayden stole an inbound pass by Joy Cheek and dished it to Melissa Jones for a layup with 2:10 left that pulled the Lady Bears within 48-47.

Two 3-point attempts by Cheek in the last 17 seconds bounced off the rim as the Blue Devils' shot at their first Final Four since 2006 slipped away.

Griner just missed her third triple-double of the season for the Lady Bears (26-10) with 15 points, 11 rebounds and nine blocks.

Spurs' Ginobili out with lower back spasms

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili will miss Monday's game against the New Jersey Nets because of lower back spasms.

Ginobili scored 28 points in

Sunday night's win at Boston, but his back stiffened overnight.

"He couldn't put his pants on," coach Gregg Popovich said. "It's a little better now than it was this morning."

Keith Bogans replaced Ginobili in the starting lineup.

Ginobili has carried the Spurs since Tony Parker broke his right hand, averaging 24 points while leading San Antonio to an 8-4 record.

Texas college player dies after practice injury

STEPHENVILLE (AP) — A red-shirt freshman football player at Tarleton State has died after sustaining a head injury during spring practice.

Tarleton spokeswoman Liza (LYE)-zah) Benedict says 18-year-old Zach Shaver died at a Fort Worth hospital Monday, two days after he was injured at the Division II school in Stephenville.

Benedict says Shaver, a defensive lineman from Wichita Falls, was being blocked by an offensive lineman when both players went to the

ground. Shaver started to get up but collapsed and was later airlifted to the hospital.

Benedict says a cause of death hasn't been determined.

Stephenville is about 80 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Donovan to Florida in 1996. He returned to Marshall as head coach in 2007 after the Gators won back-to-back national titles.

He replaces Kirk Speraw, who was fired after 17 years at UCF.

UCF hires Marshall's Donnie Jones as coach

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Central Florida has hired Donnie Jones as its new head coach.

The university made the announcement Monday.

Jones went 55-41 in three sea-

sons at Marshall, including a 24-10 mark this season. The Thundering Herd played in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament this postseason.

Jones was an assistant coach at Marshall before following Billy

Donovan to Florida in 1996. He returned to Marshall as head coach in 2007 after the Gators won back-to-back national titles.

He replaces Kirk Speraw, who was fired after 17 years at UCF.

Strasburg to make minor league debut April 11

VIERA, Fla. (AP) — Washington Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo says right-hander Stephen Strasburg will make his minor league debut for Double-A Harrisburg against Altoona on April 11.

That's the same day that the fifth

starter in the Nationals' rotation is slated to pitch for the first time during the regular season.

Rizzo also said Monday that Strasburg won't pitch in an April 3 exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox at Nationals Park. The

team had considered having him play that day.

Strasburg was optioned to Harrisburg on March 20 after going 1-0 with a 2.00 ERA and allowing eight hits, walking one and striking out 12 in nine exhibition innings.

Heat's Wright apologizes for explicit photo

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Heat forward Dorell Wright says he is "embarrassed" that explicit photos of himself have been posted on the Internet.

The photos were taken in a private video chat about a year ago, and appeared on Web sites and several Twitter accounts.

Though the team, Wright is-

sued an apology Monday, saying the matter "is something I truly regret."

The Heat had no comment on the incident.

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Crawford, running backs ready for anything in new offense

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Texas Tech running back Aaron Crawford has had a difficult three years as a Red Raider.

In 2007, Crawford came into the spotlight as the first true freshman to score four touchdowns in a game under Mike Leach against Baylor. But with injuries that gave Crawford a medical redshirt in 2008 and playing in just two games in 2009, things have not shaped the way he had hoped.

"I'm not a fortune teller, but hopefully I'm going to do my best and work hard," Crawford said after the Red Raiders' fifth practice of the spring Monday. "Nothing is given, and I've learned that over the past two years. You have to take advantage of every opportunity, hopefully just go with the flow and do your best."

It looks like Crawford is putting out his best after the first few practices. Even though it's still early, he may be rising on the depth chart after leading the running backs in the first scrimmage of the spring with 63 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries.

Like Crawford, the rest of the running backs are not sure what

their role will be in the new offense of head coach Tommy Tuberville and offensive coordinator Neal Brown.

Both coaches have said — and showed — they want to keep elements of Leach's pass-heavy offense, but running backs will get more touches.

Tuberville said last week's spring practice sessions emphasized the pass, this week's emphasized the run.

"(Monday) was a physical practice," Tuberville said. "We did a lot more in terms of run-oriented practice and we'll continue to do that. This week is more of a running week."

Last season, Tech rushed the ball 319 times compared to 669 passing attempts. In total, the Red Raiders rushed for 1092 yards compared to opponents' 1682 yards.

However, running back Eric Stephens said he does not know how many more touches the running back corps will get.

"I won't put a number on it because there's no telling what the coaches have got in their heads,"

he said. "I will say that it will be a significant amount, that's what they've been preaching to us. If y'all were out here for our last scrimmage, you've seen we run the ball a lot more than we have in the past."

"I've only been here for a year and I think I've touched the ball more now than ever."

From the running backs' standpoint, if there was ever a good time for an overhaul of the offensive system it's now. No running backs from last season's squad were lost to graduation, including Baron Batch, who ran for 903 yards.

Batch was followed by Stephens with 259 and Harrison Jeffers with 231. Crawford was the odd man out, getting only one carry for a loss of a yard.

With the potential for more carries throughout the running back corps, however, Crawford might just get a chance to be one of the big contributors this season if he can continue to impress this spring.

"I had some minor setbacks," Crawford said. "Everyone goes through that. I can't complain, I just keep fighting, never quit. That's the mentality."

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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Aaron Crawford participates in a running drill during spring practice Monday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Depth carries Duke to another Final Four

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke is headed to another Final Four after showing it takes more than a cold night from one of the "Big Three" to stop the Blue Devils.

Kyle Singler missed every shot he took in the regional final. In an earlier round, Jon Scheyer was 1 for 11.

"It's not always about what we do in terms of shooting," Scheyer said after beating Baylor in the South Regional final. "If we have a couple of off shooting nights ... usually the three of us try to make up for it in other ways."

And they have. Duke has won three of four NCAA tournament games by double figures. The Blue Devils play West Virginia on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Duke (33-5) depends on the trio for most of its scoring. For the most part, they've come through all season. Each averages at least 17 points, and the threesome combines to average more than 53 points — nearly 69

percent of Duke's points.

For opponents, the challenge is figuring out how to stop the one with the hot hand.

California slowed Scheyer in the second round, continuing his shooting slump and holding him to seven points on 1 of 11 shooting. But Nolan Smith lit up the Golden Bears for 20 points and Scheyer added 17.

Then Baylor thought it had Singler figured out, holding him without a field goal for the first time in his college career while he focused on defending Bears star LaceDarius Dunn. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski later admitted that with Singler's "anxiety to cover Dunn, he got out of his game a little bit."

"I think Kyle's a great player, and he's not always going to play great," Krzyzewski said. "You can't give knee-jerk reactions when a kid just doesn't perform at a top level. He's trying to fight through it and a lot of us, most of us, if we were trying to guard Dunn, it would take away from our offense."

There's no question about it.

"You can get into a mode where you're a little bit more conservative," he added, "because you on the court is a valuable asset, even if it's not 100 percent."

Not to worry, Smith stepped up like he did against California. He had a career-high 29 points and Scheyer added 20 and five 3-pointers while breaking out of that slump in a 78-71 win that put the Blue Devils in yet another Final Four.

"Just coming into the game, I wasn't going to worry about or think about my shot. I was just going to let it go if I was open," Scheyer said. "Just play my game, not worry about just being a spot-up shooter or anything like that. I really want to follow my instincts and not worry about it. Just throw myself into the team, and naturally it just goes in when you're doing that."

Indeed, Duke never seems rattled when one of its "Big Three" has an off night. It's when two of them go cold that the Blue Devils could be in trouble. Fortunately for them, it's only happened once.

Georgia Tech was the only team this season to hold two of them to single-digit scoring, limiting Singler and Smith to nine points apiece in a 71-67 win two months ago in Duke's ACC road opener.

Now the Mountaineers will try to get in down against Duke. West Virginia effectively mixes man-to-man and zone defenses and seems constructed to slow down the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils have started preparing for West Virginia, but they took a moment to savor what they accomplished.

LA Dodgers owner, amidst divorce, offers estranged wife \$150K in spousal support

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt and his estranged wife squared off in court for the first time Monday in a bitter divorce case that featured the couple's high-flying spending habits after the team was purchased in 2004.

The court hearing, only a mile from Dodger Stadium, centered on whether Jamie McCourt should be awarded nearly \$1 million a month in temporary spousal support. Sorrell Trope, an attorney for Frank McCourt, offered her \$150,000 in monthly assistance and argued his client can't tap credit lines to maintain Jamie McCourt's lavish lifestyle despite Frank McCourt's \$5 million annual salary.

"If we look at this case, realistically, you can't order Mr. McCourt to borrow money to pay support," Trope told Superior Court Commissioner Scott Gordon.

The details of the couple's 30-year marriage seemed more of a dream than a reality. From private jets to stays at five-star resorts, the lawyers threw out a slew of dizzying figures that indicated the McCourts may have been spending beyond their means. Most of their assets are tied up in real estate, including Dodger Stadium and the land around it.

"These people have lived their lives with borrowed money," Trope said. "They have to stop spending. This isn't the federal government."

While the couple is squabbling over money, the larger issue is

whether the Dodgers are community property. Jamie McCourt maintains she is the team's co-owner, while her husband argues a marital agreement between the two gives him sole possession of the Dodgers.

Gordon ordered attorneys on both sides to make further arguments in court papers by April 12, after which he'll have 90 days to make a decision. A hearing will be held Tuesday to determine a trial date on the validity of the marital agreement.

Jamie McCourt's attorney, Dennis Wasser, said his client is entitled to the lifestyle she had during her marriage. He also said she has to spend about \$568,000 every month on mortgages and related expenses for six homes and one condominium — more than half of what she is asking from her husband.

When asked if Jamie McCourt would accept her husband's \$150,000 offer, Wasser said outside of court that the figure wouldn't even cover the mortgage for one of the homes. He added the mortgages had been paid through February, but his client is behind on her attorney fees by \$800,000. Wasser estimated her legal bills could reach as high as \$9 million.

Meanwhile, Frank McCourt con-

tinues to live in luxury despite claims the economic downturn has hurt his businesses. Wasser said Frank McCourt attended the Super Bowl and recently spent as much as \$80,000 on a Caribbean vacation.

"Mr. McCourt desires to continue the lifestyle while trying to erase Mrs. McCourt from the Dodgers, from the marital lifestyle," Wasser said.

Jamie McCourt estimated she has about \$4 million in savings and roughly \$450,000 in cash that will quickly run out due to the monthly mortgage

payments. She believes she shouldn't have to "invade" her savings to pay for her living expenses.

She also cites a long list of other expenses she and her husband had during their marriage such as trips to Paris and Vietnam, country club

memberships and dining at expensive restaurants. She said she enjoys wearing designer clothing and has a hair stylist and makeup artist.

She has said in court documents that the couple's worth is more than \$1.2 billion.

Jamie McCourt was fired in October as the team's CEO where she drew a \$2 million salary. Wasser said during the hearing that the couple enjoyed a lifestyle few could imagine.

"They have to stop spending. This isn't the federal government."

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Nats name Stammen No. 3, Hernandez No. 4 in rotation

VIERA, Fla. (AP) — Livan Hernandez can forget about waiting for Washington Nationals manager Jim Riggleman to sit him down for a formal talk about Monday's official word that the 1997 World Series MVP earned the fourth spot in the team's starting rotation.

"Livo probably would say, 'No kidding. Why are you telling me that? Was there ever a doubt?' So might not want to offend him by telling him," Riggleman said with a smile. "We'll just act like I'm assuming it's him."

Riggleman announced Monday that the Nationals have settled on four-fifths of their starting staff, with right-handers Craig Stammen and Hernandez added to the already-decided jobs assigned to opening day pitcher John Lannan and free-agent signing Jason Marquis.

Stammen will be the team's No. 3 starter, coming off right elbow surgery.

"He knows he's outpitched everybody here, except maybe Lannan," Riggleman said.

Stammen will be followed by Hernandez, who signed a minor league contract in late February and has made only two spring appearances so far.

The 35-year-old right-hander was supposed start Monday against the New York Mets, but that game was canceled after heavy showers overnight and into the morning left large puddles in the outfield grass at Space Coast Stadium.

As for the fifth starter?

Riggleman said that slot is still "up in the air," with left-hander Scott Olsen and right-handers Garrett Mock and J.D. Martin in the running. The Nationals have some time to make a decision on who will fill that role, because an off day early in the regular season means they won't need a fifth starter until April 11.

Hernandez has a 2.25 ERA this spring against major leaguers, and in his second spring start, against the New York Yankees' real lineup Wednesday, he went five strong innings, allowing one run and three hits.