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LIGHTING UP THE WORLD

STUDENT TRAVELS TO COSTA RICA, HELPS REMEDY ENERGY POVERTY

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

One in three people in the world still rely on primitive sources of energy, such as fire and the sun.

This disadvantage limits workdays, especially in areas such as Costa Rica where proximity to the equator means almost same-length days year-round.

Kristi Clanton, along with 10 other Red Raiders aided by \$5,000 scholarships, traveled to Shirolés, Costa Rica, to the Los Cocos community where indigenous tribes live handicapped by no electricity and unsafe, unreliable kerosene lamps to light their nights.

"Basically, the people's days were dictated by the sun," said Clanton, a senior energy commerce major from Lubbock. "From the time the sun came up, which was around 5 a.m., they would start working, then when the sun went down around 6 p.m., they would use the lamps or candles, but it was very ineffective."

The Rawls College of Business' World Energy Project brought Texas Tech students to the energy impoverished region for two weeks in August to install solar panel systems, Clanton said, allowing the residents to utilize more effective and efficient light, which meant more work could get done as well as studying.

Because the tribe lives in huts made mainly of grass and wood, the kerosene lamps were not feasible or long-term solutions to lack of energy, Clanton said. Also, because most of the children have to work to support their family, schooling is more easily accomplished at night. But this was difficult when reading by candlelight.



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KRISTI CLANTON, A senior energy commerce major from Lubbock, traveled to Shirolés, Costa Rica, to the Los Cocos community with 10 other Red Raiders to help alleviate its lack of energy.

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Tech sets record for enrollment

University reports most spring Red Raiders ever

By **BRIAN HOWARD**
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Texas Tech has seen its student population consistently grow during the last few spring and fall semesters, and the 2011 spring semester is no exception as enrollment reached 29,604 students.

The new record number represents more than a 5-percent increase from the spring student enrollment record of 28,006 hit in Spring 2010.

Kent Hance, Tech chancellor, said the student growth witnessed the past few years falls right in line with the university's goals and strategy.

"Growing enrollment is critical to our vision for the university," he

said in a press release, "and thanks to the entire leadership team, we are celebrating another spring enrollment record for Texas Tech in our journey to

reach 40,000 students by 2020."

The university will work hard to make sure students' needs are still being met as enrollment increases, he said.

"As our student population reaches record levels, we are also working to accommodate this outstanding growth

with the best services and facilities so we may continue to provide the highest quality education and college experience," he said.

The university grew in all three areas of the student population, including undergraduate, graduate and law school, the release stated.

Graduate enrollment saw an increase of 297 students, the release states, and undergraduate and law school enrollment increased to 23,550 students and 650 students, respectively.

"As our student population reaches record levels, we are also working to accommodate this outstanding growth with the best services and facilities ..."

KENT HANCE
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Professor writes 'most read' article

Solynin receives high praise from math colleagues

By **PRESTON REDDEN**
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Professor Alexander Solynin wrote an article rated "most read" by the London Mathematical Society for October 2010. Solynin and his colleagues said this is a great accomplishment.

Solynin, originally from Russia, is a professor in the math department. Professor Roger Barnard explained how Solynin ended up at Texas Tech.

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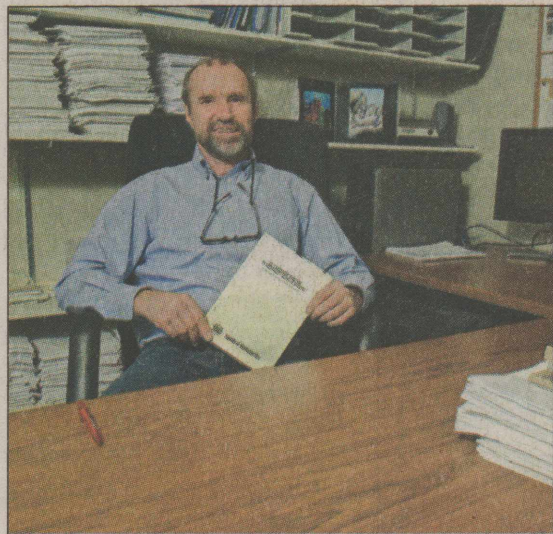


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TEXAS TECH MATH professor Alexander Solynin wrote one of the most read articles as determined by the London Mathematical Society. He has been a full-time faculty member since 2004.

A ROSY INVITATION

BAWO OYOWE, A senior industrial engineering major from Atlanta, Ga. and member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, gives a rose to Lola Omopariola, a freshman with no declared major from Fort Worth, Monday in the free speech area outside the Student Union Building. On the roses were invitations to the fraternity's pajama party at Daiquiri Lounge.



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Tech law team wins national court competition

By TRAVIS BURKETT
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech School of Law's team won the national championship in moot court competition last week in New York City.

It is Tech's second moot court national title, the first of which came in 1980.

The competition, which ran from Jan. 31 to Feb. 3, consisted of 28 teams from around the country. During regionals in November, 180 teams, and the 28 winners and runners-up, advanced to nationals.

Tech's team, consisting of third-year law school students Alexis Butler, Daniel Durrell and Jason Jordan, defeated the University of Tennessee's team in the final round. Butler and Jordan presented the oral arguments, while Durrell served as brief writer for the team.

"To win this thing, you need two great oralists and a great brief writer to all come together at the same time," Durrell said.

The team spent many hours honing its legal skills to prepare for nationals. Jordan said the team practiced about four times a week, receiving instruction from their coach.

"On the busiest days, we would spend anywhere from four to five hours in preparation and practice," Durrell said. "Our coach, professor Rob Sherwin, helped out tremendously in preparing our team to compete at the national level."



LEFT TO RIGHT Tech law students Jason Jordan, Daniel Durrell and Alexis Butler along with professor Rob Sherwin.

The three students said they all are proud of what they accomplished at nationals.

The team said competing in New York was quite an interesting experience.

Butler said some of the judges for the competition were presidentially appointed, some of whom even showed up with security details.

"The competition headquarters was at the New York City Bar Association Building in Manhattan, which was a

beautiful building and a great place to compete," Durrell said.

Butler also won the Best Oral Advocate individual award at the competition. She said she believes the award will help her in getting a job.

"For me, I'm looking at it from a bigger picture perspective," she said.

All three agreed their diligence paid off in a way they will not soon forget.

"Personally, the championship means

a great deal because it not only represents the triumphant culmination of a lot of hard work and effort, but is also something that will be with me for the rest of my career," Jordan said.

For Butler, bringing back the title to Tech has its own perks.

"It's good to go back to Tech and see these professors who tell us, 'We haven't won this in 30 years; you did a damn good job,'" Butler said.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Hot Dog Eating Contest

Time: Noon

Where: Fat Tony's Delicatessen

So, what is it?

Eat as many hot dogs as possible in 10 minutes and earn bragging rights plus a T-shirt. The winners of each category will receive a case of Vienna beef hot dogs with all the fixings. \$10 entry fee.

Manny Rodriguez

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Stella's

So, what is it?

Enjoy New York-style Italian cuisine and relax to the sounds of smooth jazz.

Meet the Greeks

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Escondido Theatre and Lubbock Room, SUB

So, what is it?

Tech's National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council are holding the annual Greek information session. Interested women will meet with sororities in the Escondido Theater, and men will meet with fraternities in the Lubbock Room.

Mike Pritchard

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Jack and Dianne's

So, what is it?

Enjoy acoustic music while hanging out at this burger joint.

Sonia Flew

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Maedgen Laboratory Theatre

So, what is it?

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance presents this story of a Jewish-Cuban family in Minnesota. The show runs at 8 p.m. through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tori Vasquez

Time: 10 p.m.

Where: The Blue Light

So, what is it?

Come to the Depot District for live rock music performed by this Lubbock native and daughter of well-known singer songwriter Junior Vasquez.

Sprott and Ballew

Time: 10 p.m.

Where: Lone Star Oyster Bar, 34th Street and Flint Avenue

So, what is it?

Enjoy oysters, shrimp or fish tacos and kick back as John Sprott and Jesse Ballew play your favorite classics.

WEDNESDAY

Women's Basketball

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?

Join the Lady Raiders as they take on the Iowa State Cyclones.

Mary Jeanne van Appledorn Festival of New Music

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Hemmle Recital Hall

So, what is it?

Pianist Ariane Liao will perform George Crumb's modern masterpiece Makrokosmos Book 1.

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Math ←

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"I met Professor Solynin while he was working at the Steklov Mathematical Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia," Barnard said. "We met at a conference in Cyprus, and Solynin told me he was interested in coming to the States."

Barnard said he used his seniority in the department to get Solynin a temporary position. After Solynin was at Tech for a semester, he taught at the University of Arkansas. Barnard was alerted a full-time position was available in the department in 2004, and Solynin has been a full-time faculty member since.

Solynin said the article is about how different polygonal shapes have different lenses of sights. He said some of these shapes have the shape of a drum and have a bass sound.

"The article is about the lowest tone of a drum, which is a bass tone," Solynin said. "Polygonal, trigonal and pentagonal shapes all have a bass tone."

Kent Pearce, department chair, practices the same mathematical discipline as Barnard and Solynin — complex analysis.

"There are about five or six groups of disciplines in the math department," Pearce said. "I study complex analysis, which is the same as Professor Barnard and Professor Solynin."

Solynin wrote the article about complex analysis with a colleague from Israel, and he said the colleague he worked with drew some attention.

"My colleague has recently

turned 90 years old," Solynin said. "Math is stereotyped as a young person's area of study. So I think some people read the article just to see what a 90-year-old mathematician has to say."

Pearce said Tech students would be interested in the article so they can learn more about new areas of math being researched.

"Many students may or may not believe new math is being proved," Pearce said. "Many students believe their professors are not teaching them any new information."

Solynin said he appreciates the recognition for his article. However, he said he has written much better articles.

"Having a most-read article is not that big of an achievement," Solynin said. "I have written better articles than this. I also do not know how they decided my article was most read. My article may be clicked on the most but may not have been read the most."

Next on Solynin's agenda is a semester-long seminar at the Mittag-Leffler Institute in Sweden next fall.

"It is a great honor to be invited to this seminar," Barnard said. "This institute is a great mathematical institute in Sweden. It is comparable to the Institute of Math at Princeton here in America."

Barnard said students who read the article might realize how passionate Solynin is about math and research. "Many students realize by the third or fourth class how much Solynin cares about his students," Barnard said. "He is a very compassionate man."

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Accommodations to meet the growing student population's needs already are underway as the Board of Regents approved the construction of a new dorm reflecting the style of Murray Hall, the most recent campus housing addition.

"We appreciate the board's support of this project that will accommodate our ever-growing top-scholar freshman class," said Michael Shonrock, senior vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, in the release. "This support also helps us build greater capacity for retention of currently enrolled undergraduate students as we continue to grow our population

here at Texas Tech University."

The release states spring enrollment numbers are generally lower than those in the fall because of December graduation, but this spring's enrollment mark comes in at the third highest, just behind the previous two fall semesters, both coming in at more than 30,000 students.

Such a large number of students enrolled in the spring could indicate even more growth come next fall, Tech president Guy Bailey said.

"Usually, if you have a strong spring, you are likely to have a strong fall," he said. "It's a good sign of health for the university. We take our education very seriously, and it's great to see more students wanting to come to Tech."

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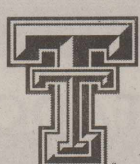
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Trivia game series makes comeback

When the "You Don't Know Jack" series of trivia games was in its prime over a decade ago, my mother didn't allow me to play it. The often raunchy, sometimes borderline offensive pop culture jokes weren't deemed fit for my young ears.

Now, the series is making a comeback with a new game for just about every gaming platform out there, and I can see what the fuss was about.

"You Don't Know Jack" plays like a television game show, to the extent that it features a host and even sponsors for each individual "episode" of gameplay. You and up to three friends (well, one friend if you're playing on the PC) gather around your TV and try to answer questions faster than one another in order to win more money.

The game features 73 episodes to play through, with each episode consisting of 10 questions that are the same every time you play. This means replaying episodes is pretty pointless, as you'll know exactly what to expect every time.

On the other hand, this eliminates a common problem you get from card-based trivia games a lot of people play at parties. With those, when shuffling the deck of questions before every game, there's always the chance that you're going to keep drawing cards you saw in the last games you played, which can really dampen the experience. By keeping questions within set episodes, "You Don't Know Jack" can guarantee that an entire gameplay session will be a new experience for those who haven't played it before.

And the humor is really where "You Don't Know Jack" separates itself from other trivia games. This comes across even in the simple act of asking questions, which the game usually does in a very roundabout way.

For example, while a bland and boring trivia game might ask, "What is the second stage of the seven stages of grief?" "You Don't Know Jack" instead asks, "If 'I Can't Believe It's Not Butter' released a new product based on the second stage of grief, what would the product be called?"

And the host doesn't tend to pull punches. He'll insult Lady Gaga, bad-mouth "Jersey Shore" and definitely insult you, the contestant, whenever possible.

Usually, questions are of the type where you are given a set of possible answers and you want to select the

Britton Peele



right one as quickly as possible. But the game is good about mixing things up from time to time, such as with its "Dis or Dat" questions.

Every episode also has a "sponsored" "Wrong Answer of the Game," which is a very specific wrong answer to a question that, if you guess it, will give you tons of extra cash, as well as a silly prize.

The only problem with all the humor in the game is that it gives the game a fairly limited shelf life. The pop culture references are great now, but a number of them could easily be outdated or tired in a year or even less.

One upside and potential solution to this is that the developer seems committed to supporting the game with downloadable content. There is already a \$5 pack available for download that adds 10 more episodes to the game, and more are on the way. This sounds like a much better solution than releasing a new version of the game every few months, as happened last time the series was a really big deal.

For 73 episodes that take between 10 and 15 minutes to play through, there's quite a bit of content packed onto this disc. On top of that, it's appropriately priced at \$30, which feels like the right choice and offers a really good value.

Obviously, you're going to get the most out of the game if you can play it with several friends in the same room. The Xbox 360 and PS3 versions offer online play, which is great, but it's not as fun as playing in a party setting or with family.

If you want a good, funny trivia game and don't mind if it's outdated next year, I highly recommend "You Don't Know Jack."

This game was reviewed on the Xbox 360 with a copy of the game provided to *The Daily Toreador* by THQ.

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Student's photo selected as Face of Tech

By **LAUREN FERGUSON**
STAFF WRITER

Liked by 97,461 people, the official Texas Tech Facebook page launched a photo contest in January to find the "Face of Texas Tech." Tech junior Lesley T. Lastufka was announced as the photographer of the winning image Sunday.

The contest was a group effort from the media team in the Office of Communications and Marketing.

"We basically just came up with (the contest) to see all of our fans' pictures that they have taken and generate some original content," Ashley Gilliland, senior graduate assistant for new media, said.

To enter the contest, fans could post a picture featuring any type of Red Raider pride on the Facebook wall or e-mail a photo by Jan. 31, according to the website, and the photo accumulating the most "likes" by Feb. 11 would become the official image of the Facebook page for a week.

The album features 81 photographs of infants, children, students, alumni and fans showing their school pride in settings ranging from a wedding to Tech sporting events to underwater.

Lastufka, a pre-nursing major

from Cedar Hill, was taking photographs for a class during the Lady Raider vs. Kansas State basketball game when she shot the winning picture of two Tech freshmen from Amarillo cheering on the Lady Raiders. In the photo, which gained 42 "likes," Casey Heath holds up a red Tech bandana to Gates Gibson, who is wearing a gorilla mask.

"The first day of my photography class, I took my portfolio to my professor, and he gave me some things to work on," Lastufka said. "He told me to look for getting really sharp focus, and I have also been working on my consistency."

Lastufka said she wanted to make sure the bandana in the photo had the best focus.

She said she has taken photographs since junior high but became frustrated three years ago when her photography was not turning out the way she expected.

"I started reading books, talking to people with cameras and just really knowing what I am doing instead of just doing it," Lastufka said. "It's about understanding the whole process and how each factor affects the photo that really makes the difference."

Lastufka said she has taken many photos of Tech spirit but chose the one she posted because she thought it showed students supporting the school in an ex-



PHOTO COURTESY OF LESLEY T. LASTUFKA
FRESHMAN CASEY HEATH holds up a bandana to freshman Gates Gibson at the Lady Raiders vs. Kansas State game Jan. 15 in United Spirit Arena.

treme way.

Alex Looney, a freshman business major from Forth Worth, said he enjoyed watching for photos to be uploaded to the Faces of Tech Contest album.

"It is important to utilize Facebook because today everyone uses Facebook, Twitter and all that stuff," Looney said. "This is a good way to advance and use technology."

More importantly, Facebook does not have to be accessed through an eRaider username and password, so more people can get involved by simply becoming a fan of the page, Lastufka said.

"I think (Facebook) is a very

good way of connecting to all of the students because you know they are on Facebook 24/7, and it is a good way to get information," Lastufka explained. "It is more accessible."

Gilliland emphasized the accessibility of Facebook for students and other Red Raider fans as a way to share information and connect with people of common interests.

"We make it easy for people to interact with us, and we always try to comment back and stay engaged with everyone," Gilliland said. "We try to make it very personal, and we make it fun for

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Students present research at Texas capitol

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
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Hearing science and poster in the same sentence might bring back memories of an elementary science fair project, but for Jess Lees and Zev Friedman it's not quite as simple as a baking soda and vinegar volcano.

The two students presented their undergraduate research projects Monday in Austin as part of the Undergraduate Research Posters at the Capitol event.

Fifty schools from across Texas selected one or two representatives each to present research to their peers as well as to legislators.

"It's important for scientists to break down their findings so the public and politicians can understand what they are doing and how it affects them even on a daily basis," said Lees, a senior

microbiology major from Plainview.

The poster Lees presented is the result of two and a half years in the research lab, he said. Lees' research involved what makes cells become cancerous and possible ways to prevent it.

Students created posters about their research and set them up in one room as an exhibit for attendees to walk through while the students explained their projects.

Not too worried about speaking in front of a crowd, Lees said he was glad to represent Tech and undergraduates in general to show how much undergraduate researchers care and are willing to work.

Tech's growth was also an important factor both Friedman and Lees pointed out, saying being able to present at such a prestigious event brought recognition to Tech that would be valuable for the tier-one status the university is working toward.

Lees and Friedman were selected

out of a group of about 35 applicants in various fields of study, but they are not the only ways Tech is involved with the conference.

Jeannie Diaz, the director of the Tech Center for Undergraduate Research, said as soon as she heard about Posters at the Capitol, she offered Tech's assistance. The center helped design the entire conference, and all registration and online interaction for the event took place on Tech websites.

"We're definitely excited Texas Tech has a strong presence," she said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase student research. It also helps to make sure students receive the PR and recognition they deserve."

Around 150 politicians, college faculty members and other important figures in Texas education attended the event and could ask questions of the presenters, said Zev Friedman, Tech's other representative.

"It's great for networking, meeting other researchers and legislators," said Friedman, a senior math and computer science dual major from Albuquerque, N.M. "They get to see the results of funding of higher education, something they are voting on right now."

Friedman's research was about web services and data consistency, and he said it was his first time to present at a formal conference.

Both representatives agreed getting involved in undergraduate research is a good experience and they would gladly do it again.

Lees said these presentations are a part of the crucial and practical job scientists need to do.

"One of the most important things for scientists is to be able to convey our findings," Lees said. "We have to understand they aren't just for the scientific community, but they're for everyone."

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Energy

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"The children have to start working and contributing to the household income," Clanton said. "With solar energy, maybe the kids can study more or go to school at night, which increases productivity."

A remote and rural community, the Bri Bri tribe was hard to access. Clanton said every morning they would take a bus to a river where they would cross on a banana boat then travel more miles on a school bus, then when the road hit a dead end, they footed it through jungle-type terrain until entering the village.

The two- to three-hour commute further instilled a sense of appreciation for the modern technology many Americans enjoy, Clanton said.

"It was an extremely eye-opening experience to be able to observe firsthand a community that didn't have running water, that didn't have electricity — the things we take for

granted on a daily basis," she said. "For these people, the only source of energy they had was fire. It was very, very basic."

"After I came home, it made me realize how much I have and how much I take for granted, and I've been more grateful for what I have. I think twice before I turn on a light switch."

Not every family in the village received the sustainable light source, Clanton said. Those interested would sign up and pay about \$20 a month for approximately a year before they were the system's owner. The expense wasn't much more than what they were spending on kerosene, which set families back about \$15 a month.

Local technicians ensuring the systems function correctly also provide follow-up service.

Terry McIntuff, director of academics and development for the energy commerce program, said he hopes the study abroad opportunity can continue for future students and was pleased with the outcome of the pioneering trip.

"It went better than I had hoped and was a great learning experience for everyone," he said. "What I tell students is when they get into the energy business, most of our students will go into the oil and gas industry and will have fun and make a darn good living. What they're doing is hugely important, and that is supplying energy to the world."

"It's important work that's not just about the paycheck; you're also doing something significant for the energy-impooverished."

McIntuff said he wanted students to see the other side of the energy business, the one where clients do not have modern-day energy, and that is where

they step in to initially supply it to them.

Liz Clanton, Kristi's mom, said she was slightly nervous about her daughter's out-of-the-ordinary study-abroad choice, but the presence of McIntuff and other Tech students quelled her fears.

"I (ended up) thinking it would be a wonderful experience because we tend to live in a little bubble in the United States and don't know the conditions of people across the world," Liz Clanton said. "And I've really seen a change in her."

"I feel like she appreciates where she is and what she has in a much deeper level."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Small GOP support for killing Patriot Act sends message

It is well known that the Republican Party's staple campaigning platform is the push for smaller government. It is ironic, then, that they also have a rather long history of approving increased security measures and government surveillance.

More ironic still, and perhaps even hypocritical, is that these increased public security and surveillance measures are usually accompanied by civil liberties taking a back seat.

With that in mind, it comes as a surprise that 26 House Republicans last week sided with 122 Democrats to prevent the reauthorization of three questionable provisions of the Patriot Act, the post-9/11 law passed during the presidency of George W. Bush.

This served, according to an article in *The Washington Post* run on Feb. 8, as an "embarrassing setback" to the House Republican leadership. Especially surprising was that among the rogue Republicans was Tea Party-supported Justin Amash, who expressed concern about the provisions' effects on civil liberties in an e-mailed statement to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Michigan.

The three provisions set to expire on Feb. 28, if renewed by the House bill and supported by the Obama administration, would last until the end of December. One of the provisions of the Patriot Act allows a roving wiretap that would allow the government to monitor terror suspects if they use more than just one phone. Although that would be useful, the provision doesn't require the govern-

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ment to specify the suspects' names for warrants, which would easily enable abuse.

Another provision set to expire that has raised more than one eyebrow concerning civil liberties allows the government to examine library and bookstore records, computer hard drives, tax documents and gun records of terror suspects. However, this provision does not require investigators to provide probable cause that the material is related to terrorist activities.

The final provision that would be done away with allows the surveillance of so-called "lone wolf" suspects that are not affiliated with known terrorist organizations. Though the qualifications that must be met to dub people "lone wolf" suspects are vague, this provision has never been used. However, the government should probably outline reasons this provision is necessary rather than renewing it year after year.

The vote was carried out under "fast-track" rules, which require a two-thirds majority to pass, and the House leaders have expressed intent to bring it back later this week under the normal rules, requiring only a simple majority to pass, which it will probably get.

The bill would go on to the Senate, where the chairman of the Judiciary

Oversight Committee, Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy, has sponsored a bill that would bring under control "national security letters" that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has used to obtain evidence without a court order. Unfortunately, that bill would bring about the extension of the expiring Patriot Act provisions until 2013.

Nevertheless, last week's House vote against renewing the provisions brings to light an important point. Obviously the actions taken by Republican Party members of the House (most of them freshman congressman elected during the 2010 midterms) to vote with the Democrats was a bit of a splash of cold water to the face for GOP leadership.

However, the vote should send a message to the White House and the Senate that laws concerning potential treading on civil liberties and rights need to be reviewed and justified

before being mindlessly renewed every year.

Our government needs to protect us from terrorism, but it shouldn't forget to protect our individual rights in the process. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We must scrupulously guard the civil rights and civil liberties of all our citizens, whatever their background."

Considering their repeated support of government surveillance, it's odd that Republicans, the Tea Party, and conservatives in general love to quote Benjamin Franklin when he said, "Those who would sacrifice liberty for security deserve neither." Hopefully they will put into practice what they so ardently preach later this week.

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People shouldn't undervalue medical laboratory employees

"What are you in school for?" It's a common question that is assumed to have a simple answer. But when I answer with "medical laboratory science," it tends to lead to confusion.

Everyone in the medical laboratory knows what I'm talking about. I talked to a lab scientist last week whose mom still thinks she is a nurse.

It's not her mom's fault; doctors in the TV show "House" are looking in microscopes and doing their own lab tests all the time. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

I decided to join the lab science program because it was something different than a biology or chemistry major. It's surprising to me that more people don't know about the major or about the importance of the career in general.

Still, I can understand why most people don't know the importance of a clinical lab. I didn't even understand a lab's role in health care until I experienced it for myself.

I'm not saying other health care professions are not important. Everyone in health care has an important role. The public already knows the great importance of doctors and nurses; they are the ones that people see every day. Compare that to a lab scientist who has significantly less patient contact and anyone can understand why the field is misunderstood.

Even with all the classes and stories, I still did not fully understand how important a lab could be. It took my last semester of college, while doing rotations through a hospital lab, to fully understand its impact.

Two weeks ago, I was working in the hematology (blood) department when we got a call from the pediatric intensive care unit. They decided to perform a bone marrow aspiration on a young girl who they suspected might have leukemia.

I went up to the ICU with the lab scientist and watched the painful procedure take place. After it was over, we took the bone marrow back to the lab and made some slides.

After it was done staining, I did the same thing I've been doing for the past month: I put the slide under the microscope and looked at it. As I focused the objective, I noticed that it didn't feel the same. I've looked at a lot of slides, but this time was different; I had a face to match a name. Once I reached focus, I saw the type of cell that no one ever wants to see.

The cells were textbook in shape and color; I knew that it couldn't be anything

Michael Chaney



other than the immature dominating cells diagnostic for leukemia. I quickly moved my way around the slide and couldn't help but notice the predominance the cell had already established. Never have I wished to be more wrong.

At that moment, I realized the impact of what I had just seen: This minor piece of glass will have a major effect on this family, and I was the only one at the time that knew it. This one slide was a big reminder that the work done in the laboratory can have serious implications on a patient's life.

People unknowingly underestimate the role a medical laboratory has in quality of health care. How could someone know about something they never see or hear?

Last week, a lab scientist found some irregular cells in a child's blood. She requested a bone marrow to be done, but a pediatrician cancelled it after looking at the cells himself and called them normal. The lab scientist was furious, so she took it upon herself to persuade the doctors that something was wrong with the bone marrow. Turns out she was right and the child had leukemia.

Even in situations where a lab worker directly led to a child's diagnosis, the only person the family saw was the doctor. They probably had no idea there was a lab scientist whose decisions led to their child's early diagnosis. It's the hidden aspect of the laboratory that keeps the public totally clueless. Most people would probably be surprised to know that around 70 percent of the objective information used to form a diagnosis will come from the laboratory.

It's moments like these that break the everyday routine and remind lab scientists of the impact they have on people they will probably never meet. I wanted to share these stories because I think it's the best way to help people understand the role of a laboratory.

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Skid

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The Tigers haven't always been a pressing team, and the rest of the Big 12 coaches know about it. Tiger coach Mike Anderson brought his 40-minute full-court press style to the Tigers in 2006.

"Before he got in the league, you never really worked on the press until you played a pressing team," Knight said. "But with him in the league, you actually start working on the press from the first day of practice, even if we aren't going to play a team that presses for months. And so he kind of calls all of us, from a coaching situation, from day one to really work on it."

Tech guard David Tairu said teams tend to conform to losing when dropping close games.

"What we definitely have to do is we're going to have to learn from (Saturday's) loss and just try to not create a losing pattern," he said.

Tairu and forward Brad Reese paced the Red Raiders on Saturday, scoring 16 and 18 points, respectively. The loss marked the first time in eight games someone other than John Roberson or Mike Singletary led the team in scoring.

"We got a lot of seniors on this team," Reese said. "You know, we've been facing adversity all season, but I think we'll be ready. Tough one (Saturday), but we're going to regroup and go up there and play well."

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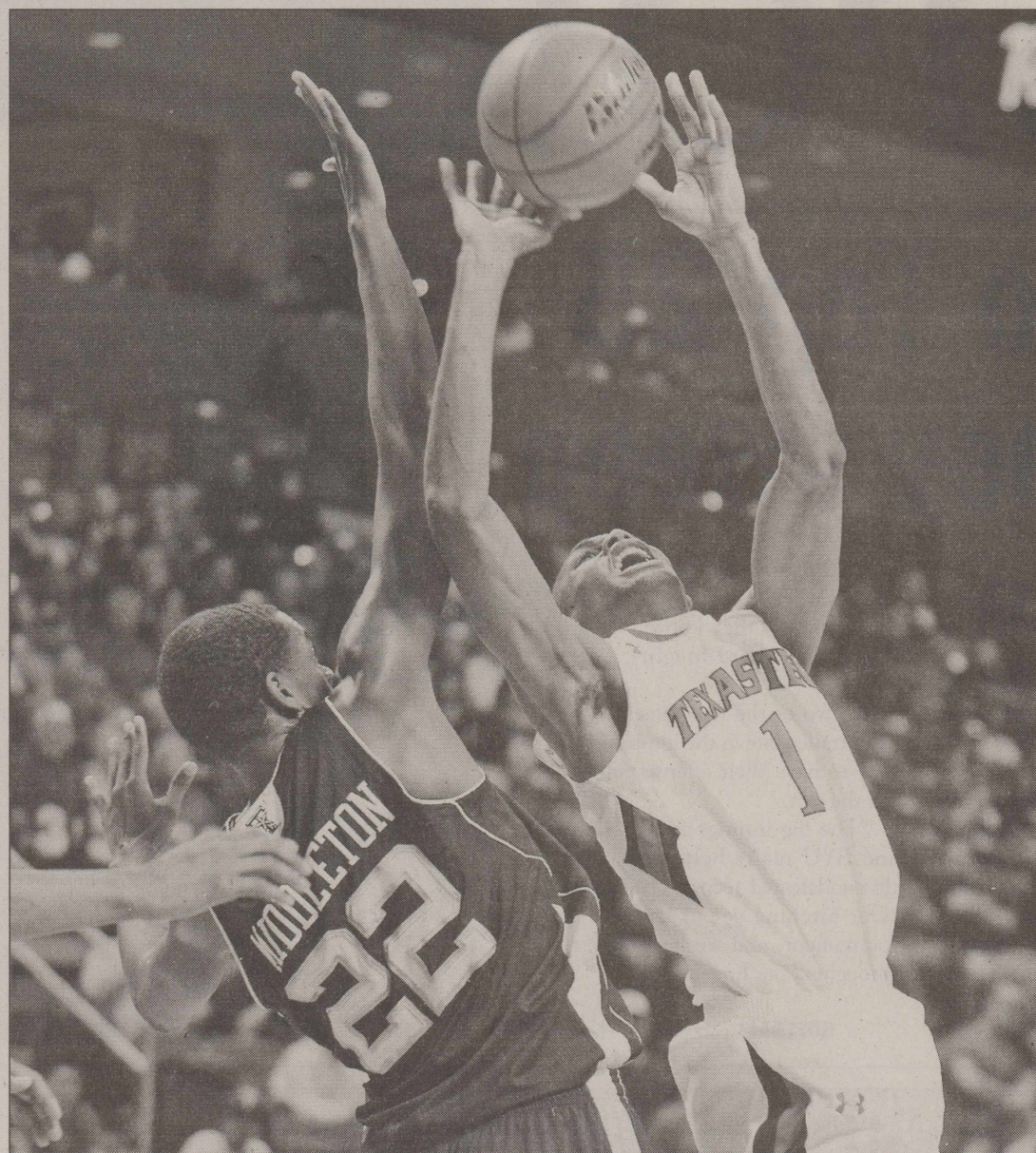


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BRAD REESE SHOOTs over Texas A&M's Khris Middleton during Tech's 70-67 loss against the Aggies on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

Love

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Brown said despite her injuries and surgeries during her career, her mother always has been by her side, motivating her to continue the game she loved instead of quitting.

The sophomore's game-winning performance marked the second consecutive game she led the Lady Raiders in scoring — Brown had a career-high 22 against Missouri three days earlier.

But Brown hasn't always lit up the scoreboard. The sophomore averaged 7.9 points per contest before Big 12 Conference play began. She averages

11.4 points per game since the start of conference play.

The improved performances earned her a spot in the starting lineup twice.

Fellow sophomore guard Christine Hyde said there is not a single role Brown cannot play on this team.

"She can start, she can come off the bench, she can do whatever and come in and be a good spark and be a superstar — that's Chynna Brown for you," Hyde said. "She doesn't have to start to play the way she does, and I think that's why she's so good at what she does."

The dramatic finishes and high-scoring performances are akin to one of her basketball heroes, Michael Jordan. She said she has been a fan of

Jordan's forever and wanted to do some things like him. She continued to admire Jordan even when he came out of retirement and played for the Washington Wizards.

Brown said, with a chuckle, a 360 dunk wouldn't be on that list of tricks, but maybe a 360 layup would be instead.

Although Jordan wore the famous No. 23, Brown said she favors her unconventional choice of No. 00.

Brown has worn the double zero ever since she started playing basketball, she said, because she wanted to do something different than everybody else.

In the eyes of Tech coach Kristy Curry, Brown does, in fact, bring something to the table that's not a normal

trait in a lot of players today.

"Just unselfishness," Curry said earlier this season. "It's, 'What can I do to make my team better?' You know, that's really a rare quality this time and date in sports. Because everybody's so selfish, she's just really so unselfish."

Unselfish on the court and strictly business, Brown said she's just like any other college student.

"When I'm on the court, it's all about the game, so I'm focused and serious," she said earlier this season. "But off the court, I like to play around. I love to eat; if you can cook, I love to eat. So love food, just hanging out."

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH'S STEPHANIE DREWRY hits the ball during a game against Iowa State last season at Rocky Johnson Field.

Softball

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Cydney Allen had a solid first tournament as a Red Raider. The catcher had a hit in each of Tech's first five games, including her first home run of the season to put the game away against Indiana.

Hays said she is always surprised when a player starts as hot as Allen has but said she is a great ball player with a good future in the program.

"She has great command of the strike zone and is a very patient hitter," Hays said. "We were lucky to sign her over some top-10 schools."

When asked about why she picked Tech, Allen said the small town feel and excitement of the fans drew her to Lubbock.

Allen said the tournament was good in many ways, mainly because it gave

the team an opportunity to play as a unit against another team.

"It is so fun seeing how our practice works out on the field," Allen said. "For me, it's not about winning; it's about remembering why I play. I just try to go out there and have some fun."

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CYDNEY ALLEN
CATCHER
TEXAS TECH

Of her early season success, Allen said she won't let it go to her head because she tries to stay grounded as a player.

The Red Raiders begin their homestand this weekend against Bradley and Utah Valley State in the Texas Tech Invitational. Hays said having so many home games in a row is extremely beneficial to his team.

Tech junior infielder Emily Bledsoe said all the upcoming home games are comforting because they know the field so well.

"We just feel more at peace here," Bledsoe said. "It's like you know you are going to win."

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Pujols

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Pujols is 31 years old. He will be 32 in June. A 10-year contract would conclude when Pujols is 42. There will be a decline. Pujols has already played 10 MLB seasons. Not many bodies can play 20 years at the major league level and not wear down. Age will catch Pujols.

Pujols has missed time with elbow problems before. Can the Cardinals risk Pujols getting hurt and having one-fourth of their salary sit out?

The Cardinals have to be smart about the Pujols deal, though. They cannot handcuff themselves on the payroll without being able to add pieces to help out their star. No one player can carry a team all the way to the playoffs.

The 10 years and \$275 million is the absolute maximum Pujols should be asking for from the Cardinals. Can

you imagine if he asked for \$30 million a year? The Cardinals already invested seven years and \$120 million in Matt Holiday. Do you think they regret that deal yet?

Pujols is the best in baseball and should be paid as such. The Cardinals are a smaller market team, and the money doesn't flow as easily as in a larger market like New York or Los Angeles.

If the new contract isn't worked out by Wednesday's deadline, it isn't an awful thing, but it should make Cardinals fans uncomfortable. A bad and rushed deal could cripple the franchise but so would Pujols leaving for another team.

The Cardinals need only to look to the Cleveland Cavaliers to see what can happen when you let the franchise player get away.

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Tech beats two Top 25 teams in tourney sweep

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The Red Raider softball team got off to as good a start as it could have entering a 25-game homestand beginning Friday.

Texas Tech defeated two top-25-ranked teams in their sweep of the Kajikawa Tournament in Tempe, Ariz., beating No. 16 BYU, 7-5, on Thursday and No. 12 California, 5-4, on Saturday.

In their first tournament of the season, the Red Raiders encountered many scenarios, from a blowout of Bradley, which was called in the fifth inning, to a walk-off two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh from Emily Bledsoe to beat Appalachian

State on Sunday.

Bledsoe said the game-winning home run is one of the top-five moments of her softball career.

"We have such a young team this year," Bledsoe said Monday. "It is good we are getting the experience from all these types of games so early in the season."

Tech coach Shanon Hays said he is proud of the way his team started and is pleasantly surprised to see his team start the season 5-0.

"We can't complain any time we start a season 5-0," Hays said. "I would have considered 3-2 a good start to the season."

Hays said though some of their games were a bit sloppier than he had hoped for, the team found a way to win. He said that is

one of the big advantages this team has going into the season — they know how to win hard-fought games.

In two of the five games, Tech trailed late in the innings only to have their offense pull out the win.

"The big innings against Cal and BYU really helped us keep this undefeated record," Hays said. "Our pitching got us through the tournament, and we have power all throughout our lineup."

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Cards' Albert Pujols is worth every penny

The Cardinals have to extend Albert Pujols' contract — at any cost.

With a Wednesday deadline looming on contract talks for Pujols, fans of baseball should be nervous.

If the Cardinals do not extend the contract before the season, which seems unlikely, he would certainly test the waters of free agency. The Cardinals would still be the favorites to sign him, but if Pujols left the Cardinals, it would shatter baseball.

If Pujols were to hit free agency with an open mind, teams with open wallets would court him. I don't think Albert Pujols has any intention of leaving St. Louis, but he would certainly have to listen to offers.

The Red Sox and Yankees would certainly think about Pujols. The Cubs could swing the division if they pulled Pujols to Chicago. The Rangers signed a big contract like this before, albeit under different management, but why wouldn't they at least think about it?

Pujols is nearing the end of his seven-year, \$100-million contract. He will make \$16 million in 2011 — that is a bargain for the best

Cody Stoots



player in baseball.

The estimation is Pujols will look for an A-Rod-type deal, something along the lines of 10 years and \$275 million. The money is outrageous, but Pujols might just be worth it.

I may be an Astros fan, but I greatly respect Albert Pujols. I have had the luxury of watching him play live and many times on television. I know, without a doubt, one thing about Albert Pujols.

Pujols is the best player in baseball, and it is not even close.

Pujols had had at least 30 homeruns, 100 runs batted in and a .300 batting average every season since joining the majors. He has never struck out more than 93 times in a season. His defense is solid. He is clutch. He is the best.

The Cardinals have their concerns, and I understand that.

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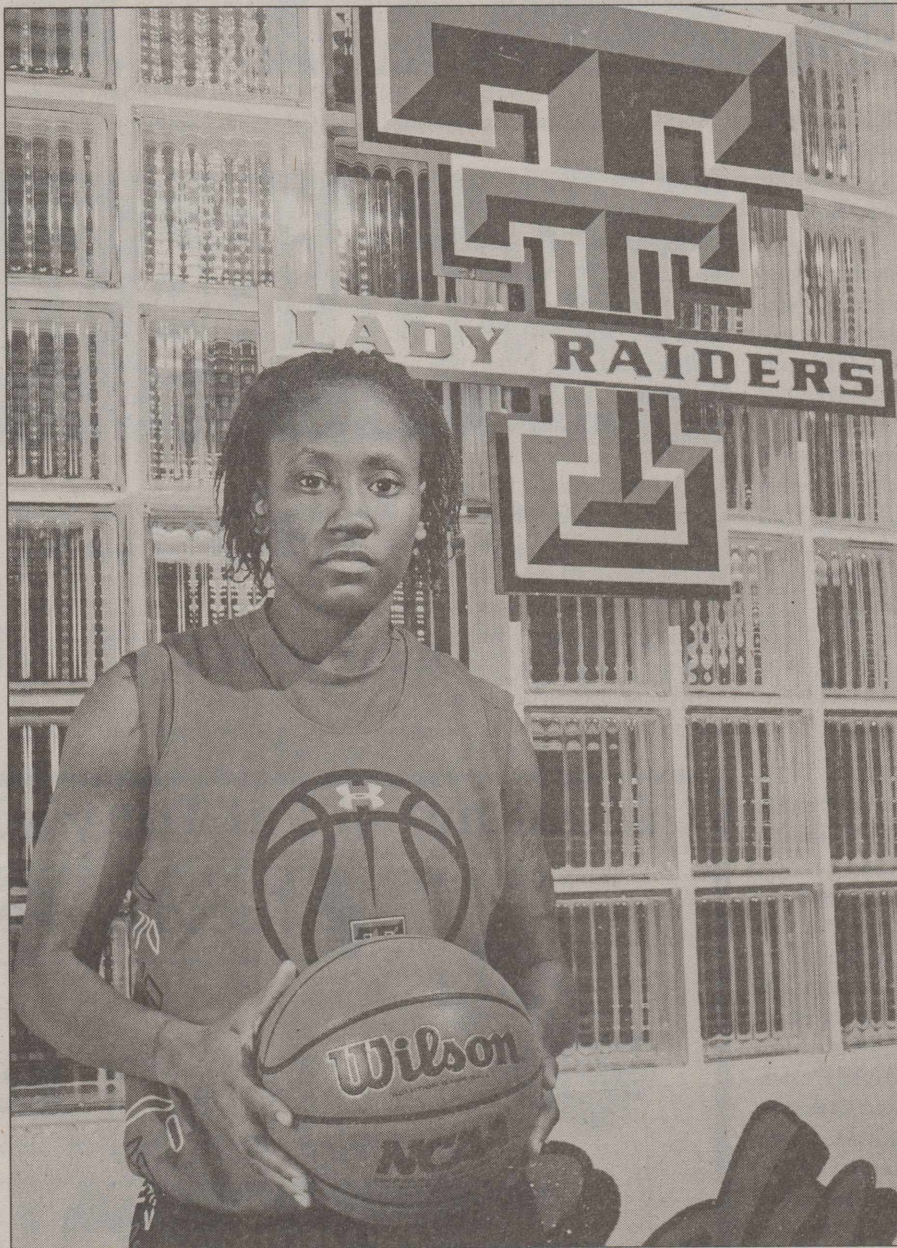


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TEXAS TECH SOPHOMORE guard Chynna Brown draws inspiration on the court from her mother. The Lady Raiders host Iowa State at 7 p.m. Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

NOTHING LIKE A MOTHER'S LOVE

Brown's success in thanks to mother's love, encouragement

By JOSH KOCH
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 15, Texas Tech sophomore guard Chynna Brown had more than 7,019 pairs of eyes on her when she hit the game-winning shot against Kansas State in United Spirit Arena.

But one of the sets of eyes had been on her the entire game: Brown's mother, Sandra.

"It was, like, the first game she's been to this year ... Just her coming, that made me just wanna go out and play for her, Brown said.

Brown certainly played well for her mother — the Dallas native led the team with 13 points.

It is fitting Brown's mother saw her hit the game-winning shot, considering how the two have bonded through the game of basketball.

Brown said her mother was the one who sparked her interest in basketball at home in Dallas, but now, years later, she's playing on a stage much bigger than the living room floor.

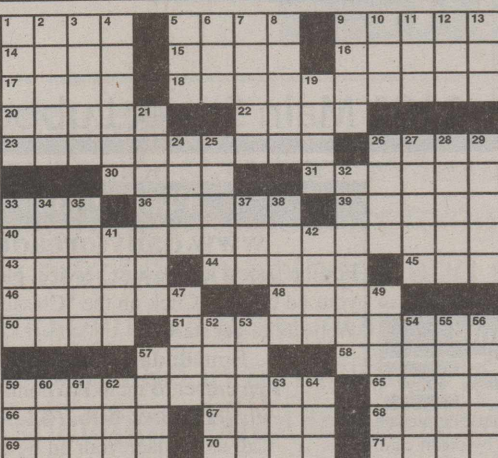
"She went out and bought me a basketball," Brown said about her mother. "And I just went around the house breaking up all kind of things dribbling the basketball. Looking back on that now, she tells me, 'You're gonna have to pay me back eventually,' so I always laugh about it."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rope material
 - 5 Ready for the picking
 - 9 Staff symbol
 - 14 Old apple spray
 - 15 Like some vaccines
 - 16 "The Magic Flute," for one
 - 17 Diamond team
 - 18 Knock off
 - 20 Screwup
 - 22 Capitol worker
 - 23 Doomed fairy tale abode
 - 26 Overcharge, in slang
 - 30 Max of "The Beverly Hillsbillies"
 - 31 Point a finger at
 - 33 Satisfied sound
 - 36 Drink away, as sorrows
 - 39 Largest of the Philippines
 - 40 Stick to formalities
 - 43 Reef material
 - 44 Mito of "Ulysses"
 - 45 Place for buoys and gulls
 - 46 Gibson of tennis
 - 48 Let us know, in an invite
 - 50 bargaining center
 - 51 Fast-cook grain product
 - 57 Meat pkg. letters
 - 58 It has banks and a mouth
 - 59 Penultimate, and where you might see the first words of 18-, 23-, 40- and 51-
 - 65 Ice cream drink
 - 66 Writer _____ Rogers
 - 67 Cavern sound
 - 68 Metal sources
 - 69 Veranda
 - 70 Gush
 - 71 Wall St. market
- DOWN**
- 1 Associates (with), slangily
 - 2 "The Naming of Cats" poet
 - 3 Lord's estate
 - 4 Ready-made home
 - 5 Legendary bird
 - 6 Songwriter
 - 7 2005 "Survivor" island
 - 8 Island, former immigration center
 - 9 Coop
 - 10 No-crunching pro
 - 11 Guided
 - 12 Big Band
 - 13 Wray of "King Kong"
 - 19 It may be half-baked
 - 21 Wrap, as an infant
 - 24 Saver of the day
 - 25 Maine college town
 - 26 Pond problem
 - 27 Greek liqueurs
 - 28 What "two shall be" after the 1 do's, in song
 - 29 Land of Obama's father
 - 32 Butcher's tool
 - 33 Musicians' org.
 - 34 Lagoon border
 - 35 Poker Flat creator
 - 37 Loos, briefly
 - 38 Big name in Indian politics
 - 41 Okinawa's capital
 - 42 Musical silence
 - 47 Playground retort
 - 49 Place up the 58-Across?
 - 52 Sits at a light, say
 - 53 Anti-racism gp. since 1909
 - 54 Classic Procter & Gamble soap brand
 - 55 Formally gives up
 - 56 Wipe off the board
 - 57 Colorado neighbor
 - 59 Short sleep
 - 60 Tokyo, once
 - 61 Signer, at times
 - 62 Jilted lover's need, briefly
 - 63 Miss identification
 - 64 Stranded motorist's need



By Jack McInturff

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

GAME DABS FERMI
AJAX ATOP ILLIAC
SAGA KOLA AISLE
PRIC EONONESHEAD
TATA TCU
TOZ TALLYHO MAV
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KICKUPONESHEELS
ALIEN POLA PLEA
NETWT TROY AMOK
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Tech tries to avoid four-game losing skid at Mizzou

By TOMMY MAGELSEN
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In Big 12 Conference games, Texas Tech basketball ranks 11th in the conference in turnover margin.

After Saturday's three-point loss to the Aggies, Tech coach Pat Knight said his players have to stop making such obvious mistakes.

Unfortunately for Knight, Tech's next opponent seems rather adept at forcing miscues from its opponents.

The Red Raiders play against the 40-minute full-court press of No. 20 Missouri at 6 p.m. today in Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Mo.

"We've actually worked on (facing the press) all week because you just can't do it in one day," Knight said after Saturday's loss. "So you know again you're going to have to

handle the ball, take good shots, get layups when you can get them."

The Tigers force an average 15.6 turnovers per game in conference play this season.

The Red Raiders already faced a press-heavy team in the likes of Oklahoma State on Jan. 29 in the United Spirit Arena — a Red Raider overtime victory.

Tech had 14 turnovers against the Cowboys, allowing just 10 points off the wasted possessions.

In order to beat the Tigers, Tech is going to once again have a stellar game against a pressing team. Missouri also is the conference's second highest-scoring team, which means Tech mistakes could potentially turn today's game into a rout.

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TEXAS TECH'S D'WALYN Roberts blocks a shot by Texas A & M's Kourtney Roberson during the Red Raiders' 70-67 loss Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

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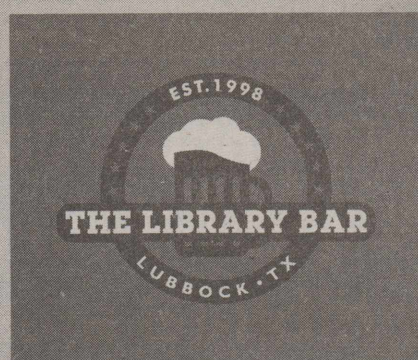
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