Red Raiders raise Japan relief money



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FARHAN ALIMAHOMED, A graduate student in petroleum engineering from Mumbai, India, donates money for earthquake relief to Take Tajima, a sophomore from Tokyo, Japan, on Tuesday outside the Library.

Students, faculty hope to collect \$10,000 for aid

By CAITLAN OSBORN STAFF WRITER

Ever since the Tohoku earthquake hit off the coast of Japan on March 11, Japanese instructor Hiroakit Umehara has been thinking of a way to help his people.

After sending an email to his students and other Japanese language instructors to help spread the word, Umehara began his quest to raise money for earthquake

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Mr. Dependable

External vice president-elect loves challenge of public service

> **By LAUREN FERGUSON** STAFF WRITER

Piloting a plane before driving a car is just one of the many goals Mike Uryasz set and accomplished as a child. Completing the latest task he set for himself, he will serve as the 2011-2012 external vice president of the Student Government Association beginning April 8.

Known to be great at multitasking, Uryasz, a junior political science major from Lubbock, divides his time between SGA, an executive office in Phi Gamma Delta, his family and finding time to relax and play golf.

"If (Mike) tells you he's going to do something, he is going to do it," George Nelson, scholarship and graduate relations adviser for Phi Gamma Delta, said. "I've dealt with him on several different projects, and he's just as dependable as the sun coming up."

Uryasz describes himself as "curious." That curiosity led him to choose a major in political science due to his interest in history.

"I like to challenge myself and challenge other people," he said. "Nothing's ever solid, so I always ask questions and look for more information."

Outside of his three years in SGA, he serves as the corresponding secretary of Phi Gamma Delta, in charge of alumni relations and Public Relations for the Tech chapter.

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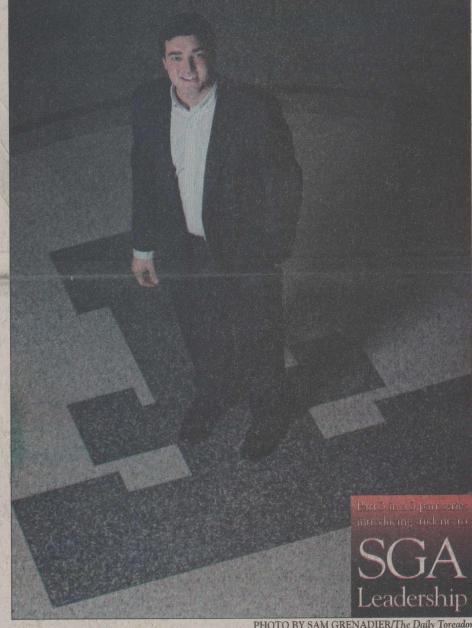


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MIKE URYASZ, A junior political science major from Lubbock, was elected as the 2011-2012 Student Government Association external vice president.

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in a news conference open to the public. SPORTS, Page 10

Traveling preachers draw crowd, comments

Students argue, make posters in reaction to accusations

By ROCIO RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Amid threats, shouting, insults and the occasional silent stare from bystanders, a man known as "Brother Jed" stood in front of a crowd and gave his religious testimony Monday and Tuesday after-

Area outside the Student Union Building.

"I do it for the glory of God, and we are preaching for man — men's souls, that they might be delivered out of the depths of Satan and come into the everlasting, ever-loving arms of Jesus Christ," Jed Smock said.

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preaches to students outside the Student Union Building on Tuesday.

JED SMOCK

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Pottery Sale Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: SUB West Plaza, between SUB and Library

So, what is it? The Clay Club hosts its bi-annual pottery sale. Come early to pick out your favorite mug, bowl or teapot for Mother's Day, a present for graduation, or just something special for yourself. The sale will continue at 9 a.m. Thursday at the School of Art main entrance foyer.

Seminar: I want a job in London, Brazil, etc.

Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Where: University Career Services So, what is it?

Learn how to develop an effective international job search. Call 806-742-2210 for questions.

Spring Master's Touch Gardening Series: Container Plants Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: University College at 605

Indiana Ave.

So, what is it? Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers a spring gardening class taught by Certified Master Gardeners from.

AgriLife Extension. Cost is \$30 per individual class. Future dates and classes are March 30 (tomatoes); April 6 (squash, peppers and herbs); April 13 (perennial and water-wise blooming

Feminist of Lubbock Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Sugar Brown's Coffee House,

So, what is it? The Feminist of Lubbock is a discussion group aimed at getting feminists within the community talking. Check out the Feminist of Lubbock Facebook page for details on weekly discussion

Sam Silva Time: 10 p.m. Where: The Blue Light So, what is it? Enjoy live Americana rock at this venue in Lubbock's historic Depot

West to Balmorhea Time: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Where: Skooner's Grill and Bar So, what is it?

Lubbock locals Kacy Liles, 23, and Rachel Porter, 21, met at South Plains College and formed this cover band. The duo specializes in putting a new

spin on old favorites and performing unique harmonies.

THURSDAY

Invention Convention Time: All-day event Where: Museum of Texas Tech So, what is it?

Invention Convention, in conjunction with "The Curious World of Patent Models" exhibition. For more information about the Invention Convention, call 806-742-2432 or send an email to museum.education@ttu.edu.

Length of Service Awards Program

Where: SUB, Red Raider Ballroom So, what is it?

The 2011 Length of Service Awards Program will honor employees of Texas Tech University who have served for 5, 10; and 15+ years.....

Landscape as Knowledge Series: Matthew Coolidge

Time: 7 p.m. Where: Rawls College of Business, LH

So, what is it? Matthew Coolidge is the founder and director of the Center for Land Use Interpretation. He will present "Decon-

structing Anthrogeomorphology: Programs and Projects of the Center for Land Use Interpretation." The presentation will focus on ways to think about human manipulation of the natural environment and the built American landscape.

"Enough" Time: 7 p.m. Where: SUB, Escondido Theater So, what is it?

The Texas Tech Women's Studies Program and the American Association of University Women Student Chapter at Tech present a film viewing and discussion of "Enough" (2002). This film viewing and discussion is part of Women's History Month. The film starring Jennifer Lopez, Bill Campbell and Juliette Lewis, addresses issues of real concern around domestic abuse while highlighting the discussion of how action films depict the unknown territory of the female, hero in popular cinema...

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Anti-bullying bills get hearing in Texas Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Montana Lance was 9 years old when he hanged himself in the nurse's restroom at his elementary school in Lewisville. His parents say the school did not do enough to protect their son, who had been bullied for years.

Lance's parents, Jason and Deborah, were among several witnesses who testified Tuesday before the Senate Committee on Education in support of legislation that would prohibit any form of bullying in Texas schools.

Bullying is the suspected cause of at least four Texas students who have taken their own lives since the 2009 legislative session.

"We need the Legislature to enact a bill this session," Deborah Lance said. "If we have to wait for the next session, that's two more years and eight more children's deaths at the least. These children are dependent on us. Let's not fail them the way the schools are failing them."

A bill proposed by Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, would change the state's current practice of sending a bullying victim to another school, moving the aggressor elsewhere instead. The legislation also requires school officials to be trained to identify bullying signs and learn effective

"It's incumbent upon all of us," Davis said. "If we see something happening where young people in alarming numbers are taking their own lives, then we must get involved."

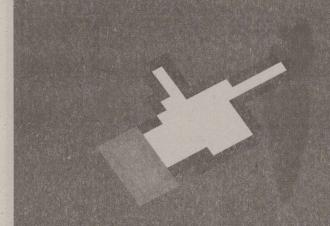
Barbara Paris, a principal in Round Rock ISD testified that many educators feel like they've been left empty-handed when it comes to methods of effectively dealing with

"I felt like I had no backbone at my disposal to deal with cyber bullying," said Paris, who's been an educator for more than 30 years. "Kids won't speak up because they're afraid nothing will happen when they report bullying. The only way we can change that is if we have a law that backs us."

The anti-bullying bills before the Senate committee expand the definition of bullying to specifically address electronic methods such as texting and Facebook posts.

"In this day and age, bullying is 24/7," said Anne Wynne, co-chair of Equality Texas and chair of Atticus Circle. "If somebody does something from home that affects a child's ability to be safe, our school districts and schools need to be able to address

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Power lines up in progress at Japan nuclear plant

FUKUSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Workers at a leaking nuclear plant hooked up power lines to all six of the crippled complex's reactor units Tuesday, but other repercussions from the massive earthquake and tsunami were still rippling across the nation as economic losses mounted at three of Japan's flagship companies.

The progress on the electrical lines at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant was a welcome and significant advance after days of setbacks. With the power lines connected, officials hope to start up the overheated plant's crucial cooling system that was knocked out during the March 11 tsunami and earthquake that devastated Japan's northeast coast.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. warned that workers still need to check all equipment for damage first before switching the cooling system on to all the reactor units — a process that could take days or even weeks.

Late Tuesday night, Tokyo Electric said lights went on in the central con-

trol room of Unit 3, but that doesn't mean power had been restored to the cooling system. Officials will wait until sometime Wednesday to try to power up the water pumps to the unit.

Emergency crews also dumped 18 tons of seawater into a nearly boiling storage pool holding spent nuclear fuel, cooling it to 105 degrees Fahrenheit (50 degrees Celsius), Japan's nuclear safety agency said. Steam, possibly carrying radioactive elements, had been rising for two days from the reactor building, and the move lessens the chances that more radiation will seep into the air.

Added up, the power lines and concerted dousing bring authorities closer to ending a nuclear crisis that has complicated the government's response to the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami that killed an estimated 18,000 people.

Its power supply knocked out by the disasters, the Fukushima complex has leaked radiation that has found its way into vegetables, raw milk, the

water supply and even seawater. Early Wednesday, the government added broccoli to the list of tainted vegetables, which also include spinach, canola, and chrysanthemum greens. Government officials and health experts say the doses are low and not a threat to human health unless the tainted products are consumed in abnormally excessive quantities.

The Health Ministry ordered officials in the area of the stricken plant to increase monitoring of seawater and seafood after elevated levels of radioactive iodine and cesium were found in ocean water near the complex. Education Ministry official Shigeharu Kato said a research vessel had been dispatched to collect and analyze samples.

As morning broke Wednesday, a pair of moderately strong earthquakes struck Fukushima prefecture, which hosts the troubled nuclear plant, but there were no reports of damage or

The crisis was continuing to batter

Japan's once-robust economy.

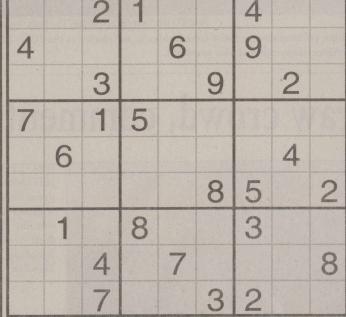
Three of the country's biggest brands — Toyota Motor Corp., Honda Motor Co. and Sony Corp. — put off a return to normal production due to shortages of parts and raw materials because of earthquake damage to factories in affected areas.

Toyota and Honda said they would extend a shutdown of auto production in Japan that already is in its second week, while Sony said it was suspending some manufacturing of popular consumer electronics such as digital cameras and TVs.

The National Police Agency said the overall number of bodies collected so far stood at 9,099, while 13,786 people have been listed as missing.

"We must overcome this crisis that we have never experienced in the past, and it's time to make a nationwide effort," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano, the government's public point-man, said Tuesday in his latest attempt to try to soothe public anxieties.

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"From a Fiji standpoint, we have been involved in SGA ever since there were Fiji here at Tech," Uryasz said. "There is a good history of cooperation between SGA and Greek Circle."

He said his best friends come

from the 32 guys who pledged Phi Gamma Delta with him.

"I have seen some pretty outstanding people go through that chapter, but I don't think I've seen anyone with any better qualifications than he's got,' Nelson said. "He is one of the best we've ever had, if not the best."

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outside and has played golf since he was young.

He was on the Coronado High School golf team and believes he has golfed at every Lubbock course more than 10 times. 'Michael was a high school

golfer, but (when he was a) young boy I actually had the opportunity, for three days straight, to Uryasz loves to spend time caddy for him at a golf tournament in Waco called the Starburst," Steve Uryasz, Mike Uryasz's father, said. "That's a really special event for me and him."

The Uryasz family relocated to Lubbock 14 years ago, and after that, choosing to attend Tech was an easy decision for Mike Uryasz. He is close to his brother,

Chris, who is six years younger. Chris looks up to Mike and even chose Mike to be his sponsor for

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his Catholic confirmation.

During the week, Mike Uryasz said, he can be found in the library studying as he prepares for the LSAT in June.

He has dreams to attend law school after his graduation and would like to get involved in state or national politics later

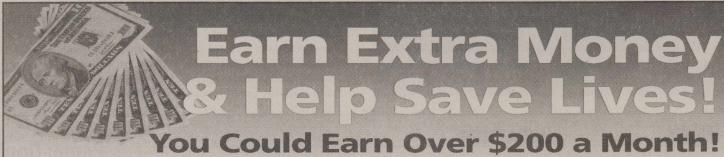
"I hope I can have a family, a wife and kids," Mike Uryasz said. "I want to live the kind of stereotypical American dream."

He believes that by working hard at positions like external vice president now, he will be able to achieve success beyond Tech.

His parents said they are thrilled to have a son who is actively involved on campus.

"He's always had a tremendous interest in the political side but also making a difference," Steve Uryasz said. "That's one of the things we are most excited about, is that he wants to make the campus better for Texas Tech students in the future."

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Jed Smock, who said he has preached for four decades, said he also has preached in 50 states and abroad. He encourages college students to consider their lifestyles.

"I am not here for my own gain," Smock said. "I am here for the glory of God and to reach souls for Jesus Christ, and I believe we will make Christianity a major issue here on campus all week."

Cindy Smock, Jed Smock's wife who has preached alongside Jed Smock for 33 years, said she preaches because people are accountable for their neighbor's actions and responsible for others' souls.

"We have to love our neighbor and warn them," Cindy Smock said. "So, we are here to tell (students) that they must repent and believe the gospel or they're

Jed Smock takes the criticisms as a necessary burden.

"The people protested and opposed Jesus, and they tried to kill Jesus more than once before they succeeded," the preacher said. "The apostles were regularly mocked and ridiculed, spat upon and mugged, beaten, stoned, imprisoned and martyred."

Andrew Montalvo, a sophomore with no declared major from Cypress, said though he agrees the Bible can teach a person to be a good individual, led and Cindy Smock back their message with hate and condemnation.

"The New Testament tells us that we need to approach people with love, not hate, and that there is no perfect person," the student said.

Montalvo, a deist, believes the preaching team is giving Christianity a

"If Christians don't want these people to be the representative of the whole religion, then they need to come out and preach love to counteract all this hate,"

Jared Sorbello, a freshman financial planning major from Denton, said he believes the group had good intentions but approached their message in a negative way by making bystanders angrier and more willing to argue than listen.

"I think if they came with a more loving attitude like Jesus Christ did when he went to minster to people then they would get a better response from people instead of people just lashing out at them and making it a negative thing,"

Sorbello said he did not like the claim the preachers made about not having sin because he believes everyone sins.

"Jed and the older guy and the older woman believe they do not sin anymore, and that is a complete lie," Sorbello said. "It really takes away people who maybe don't believe because they look at Christians now as people who twist the trust (and think they are) better than them because they don't sin anymore, which is so wrong.'

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THE FRENCH CONNECTION



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DAVID POTTER, A horn performance graduate student from Huntsville Ala. practices the french horn on Tuesday outside the Music building.

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He also enlisted the help of Genki Club, the Japanese foreign language organization.

Umehara, who has been teaching at Texas Tech since last summer, said members of his family, including his wife, were in Japan when the earthquake struck. He also said many of his friends live in the area where the earthquake hit, and he has not been able to get in touch with them since the disaster.

"I'm very worried about them," he harder and harder, and I began to feel like we better start doing something."

Since the group started requesting donations outside of the Student Union Building on Monday, more than \$1,000 has been raised for the relief effort, said

Michael Thompson, a student volunteer who is taking Japanese classes.

The group hopes to raise \$10,000, Thompson said.

The money will go to a national charity, Umehara said, like the Red Cross or another non-profit organization that will be able to provide people the aid they need.

Umehara also said they plan to extend their reach further and will start going to local businesses to raise more money. He wants to get sponsors and produce merchandise like wristbands or T-shirts to help get more people interested.

'We're planning to do this as long said. "Their lives are slowly getting as possible," he said. "We want to give the people of Japan as much help as they need and are trying to get as many Tech students involved as we can."

Students are creating 1,000 paper cranes that will later be put in schools across Japan to raise awareness. Tia Meeker, a junior English major from Grapevine, said she encourages other students to make paper cranes to donate so the group has a better chance of reaching its goal.

According to legend, anyone who folds 1,000 paper cranes will be granted a wish by a magical crane, usually recovery from a lifelong illness or injury.

"We just want to help rebuild Japan, and I feel like this applies so much," she said. "It would really give them hope to see 1,000 cranes from people in America who care."

Thompson, a sophomore with no declared major from Fort Worth, said he was surprised by the amount of support the group has received.

"We've had a lot of people become very sympathetic to our cause," he said. "I think it's great, and I just love the fact that people are willing to help with this cause. It shows a lot of heart.' >>> cosborn@dailytoreador.com

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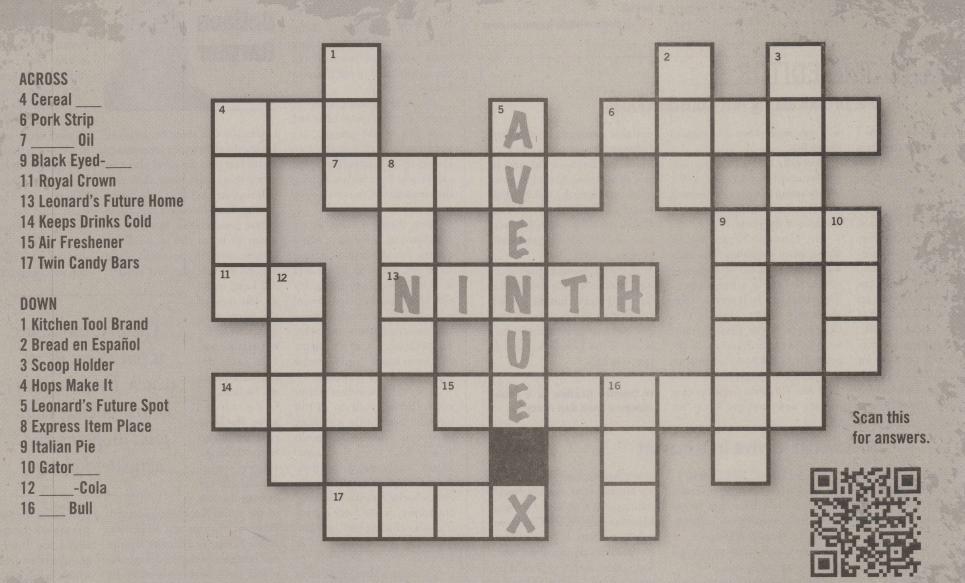
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Don't give 'Friday' record label money

he devastating earthquake in Japan wasn't the only tragedy to hit our world over the last couple of weeks. Unfortunately, a lot of people out there are giving money to support a train wreck that probably doesn't deserve a cent.

Most of you have probably heard Rebecca Black's "hit" song, "Friday," at this point. It has garnered massive amounts of attention at a fairly shocking speed, even by the Internet's normal standards. Blog after blog and tweek after tweet have posted about the song for the sole purpose of remarking how gut-wrenchingly

awful it (and its accompanying video) is.

Gotta make my Making fun mind up. Which of things that are seat can I take? bad isn't a new shtick for the Internet. Most popular Inter-**REBECCA BLACK** net memes start off by mocking

something bad, eventually making it so bad it's much are we really going to expect good. But there are a number of from someone who is barely even problems with giving "Friday" this a teenager? sort of treatment.

One is just selfish annoyance. I really don't want to hear this terrible song everywhere I go, but it's been tough lately. I thought I could escape it by stepping away from the computer for a while, so earlier this week my fiancée and I went outside to look at the "supermoon," and what could we hear from a house nearby? Rebecça Black trying to decide whether to kick it in the front seat or sit in the back seat. Please stop playing this song around me.

Another reason is more serious: Black's age. The girl is only 13 years old, and she is currently the brunt of some pretty harsh (if true) criticism. In an interview with The Daily Beast, she said that, "At times,



it feels like I'm being cyber-bullied." That might be something of an understatement.

Yes, the song is bad. Terrible, even. It's actually easy to believe Black didn't write it herself much of it was written by an adult who produced the song, which

> makes sense because only a naïve adult would think these lyrics would appeal to a youth audi-

But if we're being perfectly honest, Black could be worse, especially at that age. How

That said, the third and most

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serious problem I want to bring up

Ark Music Factory, the "label" behind "Friday," is a vanity company, built on the model that if people pay them enough money (in Black's case, it was \$2,000 for two songs and one video, according to The Daily Beast), they will help you produce content and could help you become famous. Such companies exist in all entertainment fields — they're pretty prevalent in the publishing industry — and are more often than have to tell you Sunday comes after not considered to be scams.

Ark seems to be wanting to all the attention they're getting. Their website's "About Ark" page has gone missing, making finding information about them outside of Wikipedia difficult.

Currently, their website is teasing something titled "The Truth About Ark," which could be either an article or a video, that will answer questions like, "Is Ark Music Factory a SCAM?" and much more importantly, "Who is the black guy in all the videos?"

I'm not joking. That's the top question on the teaser image.

But no matter how they slice it, Ark is making money off of wellfinanced parents willing to spend a lot in order to try to help their children become the next Miley Cyrus or Justin Beiber. I can't imagine all of them are aware their money could be better spent elsewhere.

By making "Friday" such a hit, even if it's for the wrong reasons, you are giving Ark tons of money to continue taking advantage of people, as well as nice big bullet points for their ad campaigns. "You can be the next viral video hit just like Rebecca Black, as seen on 'Good Morning America'! Just give us thoùsands of dollars!"

Forbes estimates that \$20,000 has been made by Ark and Black from YouTube views alone at this point, and who knows how much they'll rake in from MP3 sales on Amazon and iTunes.

I understand the joy in making fun of things that are bad - I've seen "Manos: Hands of Fate" more times than I'd like to admit — but remember who you're both hurting and supporting when you ironically buy that "Friday" ringtone.

Your money would be better spent helping Japan, or at least buying a calendar so Rebecca doesn't

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Admit, embrace snoring habit

"Wow — I really hope nobody

"Are people staring at me?" Un-

fortunately, what you think is an

belch so overwhelmingly reso-

nant that only God himself could

reenact the vociferous hilarity of

it all. To your dismay, the class is,

in fact, staring at you — hundreds

of beady, unforgiving eyes taking

just nanoseconds to swivel toward

followed by a sudden outburst

of laughter — a roaring sea of

embarrassment that thrusts your

But they aren't laughing at

pride into the annals of shame.

you because they find you fool-

ish - they are laughing in relief.

While snoring is heckled at in

our society, many of us secretly

desperation.

battle this slumber syndrome with

demic — one that affects more

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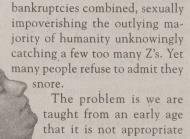
T magine this hypothetical scenario:

Attempting to listen to an early-morning history lecture, your mind lies elsewhere while wishing you hadn't stayed up all night taking shots with a couple guys named Jack and Morgan.

The consequence is surreal; heard that," you think to yourself. the slow-motion meandering of your monotonous professor seems more lackluster than innocent wheeze is in fact a nasal watching a silent film on Ny-

As time slows and your limbs turn flaccid, you inadvertently slip into a coma, tenderly tumbling into your plush cushion seat. In your mind, the soft chair is no more educational furniture than a Serta mattress - and your professor's paraphrased causes of World War II are just the overlapping murmurs of a forgotten dimension.

Yet, despite this morningafter stupor, the comfort is short-lived. As a gust of air moves up from your lungs and struggles to get past your uvula (a part of your body that sounds like a dirty word but is in fact completely proper to use in polite company. Example: "I hear she has a huge uvula."), you begin to snore just loud enough to wake yourself from the siesta.



to emit any sound or scent that could possibly indicate that we are biological organisms — snores, farts, body odor

and burps. No,

these are downright barbaric actions only appropriate in less civilized societies.

Snoring has become such a chastised characteristic that in my lifelong research of the subject (a total of six minutes), I found 10.7 million Google search results for "snoring," 4.42 million results for "snoring help," three Facebook groups called "Snorers Anonymous," and an entire website dedicated to the link between snoring and the rising divorce rate.

It's an inconvenient truth, people.

But we shouldn't feel guilty about snoring. Even I, despite an unmistakable aura of verified perfection, admit to having found myself on the wrong end of this

During a summer camping trip with teammates from my high school baseball team, my excessive snoring problem provoked two so-called friends to move my entire air mattress outside of the tent and into the pouring rain.

The revenge was, of course, much worse.

Nonetheless, I admit I too produce nocturnal noises that would make many call for an exorcist. And though I've been "enlightened" about my disorder by numerous secondhand victims, I've never quite found a reason to be concerned, and neither should you.

Though the black and blue bruises on a ribcage ravished by an angry roommate beg to differ, if you're out cold, it really isn't your problem.

Snore away, my friends, snore

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public broadcasting not Constitutional

here are two items I would like to address in Mr. Cardone's column, "U.S. needs well-funded

First, it needs to be said that the data suggesting 171 million Americans get their news from public broadcasting was information compiled by PUBLIC BROADCASTING. I believe any media outlet reporting on their own viewership as much as I believe Enron's accountants.

But if the numbers are correct, having 55 percent of America demanding your product should be enough reason to know public broadcasting private news outlets have "in-

will survive without government evitable pressure" from their financing.

Secondly, and most important, government funding of pubic broadcasting is unconstitutional. The First Amendment guarantees freedom of the press.

Mr. Cardone is completely wrong when he states, "Having a well-funded public broadcasting system is vital in a free society." The founders believed so emphatically to the contrary that they made it the first restraint on government. Freedom of the press means the press is free from

If Mr. Cardone believes that

corporate sponsorships, then so too should he think the same is true of anything funded by government. Having a free society means each individual is able to choose which news outlet they wish, thereby allowing the least popular to fail.

If public broadcasting is so vital then it will survive in the free market. But having a news outlet that is beholden to the government goes against the belief of the founders and any true journalist.

■ Charlie Braden is a Tech alumnus from San Antonio.

to stop funding for programs when

we already have market-based

solutions. If a group of people

wants to fund NPR and PBS, more

power to them. If people want

to voluntary donate their time

and money, then that should be

Sensationalism worse than ever before Frustration sure was, but panic was

are all back to the grind and done having our fun during spring break, we can get back to one of the serious parts of our life, also known as school.

As we continue getting to settled into our comfy little bed away from pesky parents, it's important to recognize that two Fridays ago, a tsunami hit Japan, and people have been watching the devastation non-stop ever

Now, there's nothing wrong with being up to date on current events, but the sensationalism today on networks like CNN or FOX News is worse than it's ever been. Play-by-play action of nuclear leaks, extreme damage and drowning tugboats never scared Granny out of her granny panties so much since Grandpa winked at her 50 years ago.

It is easy to forget about what else is going on in our lives by constantly watching television, leaving our minds to only think about the United States' involvement in Libya, the early death of Knut the polar bear, Charlie Sheen's "winning" breakdown, or how Nancy Grace is about to badger someone into admitting it is entirely his or her fault.

Of course, there's more to television than current events, but sometimes it just doesn't feel that way. From the Weather Channel to the History Channel, mainstream cable decided on spring break to talk about the same topic: the Japanese tsunami and earthquake — and how the northwestern United States is next.

I'm sorry, but it's one thing to



constantly talk about devastation. It's another when they are trying to instill fear into my mind about an event that, more likely than not, will happen long after I am dead.

Not that I shouldn't care about future generations, but I'm not about to be in the mood today to just move the tectonic plates stop watching television or at least

All I can really do, like most of the population is capable of doing, is make sure I am never living there during my lifetime.

Furthermore, the Japanese are not so happy about the sloppy, sensationalistic reporting the rest

of the world has been spoon-fed. However, they are not all perfect, either. Known to minimize severity and boast about the good, Japanese media have been scrutinized by France, America and India on the reporting of the nuclear meltdowns occurring there.

Honestly, the reality of northern Japan is that it was and still is a big mess, and we will continue to learn more about this disaster in the coming months. Hopefully, though, this time

they'll realize "panic" wasn't a widespread occurrence in Japan. not. Earthquakes occur there often; people know what to do. There was even a tsunami siren that went off at what I feel is a reasonable time, considering how much there is still left to learn about tsunamis.

Clearly, our news is out to get us to watch TV for many hours on end, with jaws dropping and activities halting. How can we get reporters to be responsible and stop this? As Roosevelt once said, "There is nothing to fear but fear itself," but he never mentioned how one can recognize fear.

It's so very easy for me to say around to seat the last supper. stop watching sudden events. How-

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activities halting.

ever, it's not easy to do that for real when we all want to be in the know. Personally,

prefer newspapers like this one, where it is easier to minimize the many levels of manipulation placed upon us. Whatever

your tactic, be aware of what it is you are watching or reading. Otherwise you'll just be your zombie grandmother freaking out about what's being recycled on TV. I'm pretty sure you don't want to end up like that; all trusting of news sources and helpless to get up when you fall off the couch.

Also, yes, if you thought I was instilling fear into you about yourself in 50 years — you're right.

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NPR would survive free market

In "U.S. needs well funded public broadcasting," the Lauthor notes all the benefits* of NPR and talks about Kow NPR is necessary. One question I would ask the author is if he believes NPR is so great, how much has he personally contributed to it?

People tend to place a higher value on things they pay for. In 2010, NPR received \$10 million from federal funding. To put this in perspective, the federal deficit for 2010 was \$1.17 trillion. I am a little confused as to why politicians are talking about cutting essentially what equates to a rounding error. I am also a little confused as

to why we "need" NPR. Need, to me, implies no alternative. Today, through a free iPhone app, people can listen to virtually any radio station in the country. I would point out this came from the marketplace and not government funding.

The author also tries to claim "171 million Americans each month watch PBS." Those people may have the option to watch PBS, but it is misleading to say all the people that have PBS watch it. Although, these millions of people could be "watching" PBS as they are flipping through

PBS also gets federal funding. The bigger issue is for government

praiseworthy. I would rather see NPR and PBS become privatized than abolished. Unlike government funding or programs, markets tell people when they are failing or succeed-

ing. We must remember there is no such thing as a free lunch.

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New website attempts to raise Tech staff morale

It made me feel

like I am making

a difference, that

what I am doing

here is important.

NEDRA GOODRICH

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

COORDINATOR

By ROCIO RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

From a simple "Thank you" for a job well done to a heartfelt "Cheers," the Bravo! Board gives students, faculty and staff a chance to display appreciation for a staff member.

"It's just a good way for people around campus to see the work that staff is doing that helps in the success of Texas Tech,' said Staff Senate president Beverly Pinson.

The Bravo! Board began as a way to increase morale among staff members by recognizing staff for things they do on a day-to-day basis, Pinson said. Students, faculty and fellow staff members can post messages of thanks online at bravoboard.ttu.

"It's just a simple way to go out and recognize

the staff - put a little note out there,"

Staff Senate member Adrien Bennings, said she believes the Bravo! Board's recognition of staff members' good intentions will help people feel welcome and proud to be a part of Tech.

"It's a great tool just to recognize those peers, those individuals, those who and answer any questions. make Tech what it is and who are here for students, faculty and staff," Bennings said.

Instead of having voting like many other award programs, the board is a simple way of thanking somebody without a plaque or monetary reward for doing something nice such as showing somebody down the hall, Bennings said. Britta Tye, chairman of public rela-

tions and communication committee for the Staff Senate said she feels fortunate to have been a part of the staff senate that made this happen.

"I hope this is going to be a lasting program for the staff at Texas Tech that helps us remember how we all fit into the mission here at Texas Tech and really keeps us excited about being part of the Red Raider family," Tye said.

Tye said she hopes the board will help remind staff members how important they are to each other.

"It's something we can do on a daily basis to remind each other that we are all here to help each other and we are all here for the students," Tye said. "(It is also) to give a little pat on the back for anyone

who needs it." Pinson hopes the Bravo! Board will act as a supplemental or support system

for the university when nominations for more prestigious awards such as the Staff Recognition Awards begin, she said.

Nedra Goodrich, student employment coordinator for the Tech student financial aid office was thanked by Kim Cannon, an animal and food sciences staff member, for her willingness to help

Goodrich did not know she had been thanked on the board but appreciated the thought and will use Bravo! Board to thank fellow staff members in the future, she said.

"It made me feel like I am making a difference," said Goodrich. "That what I am doing here is important."

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Organ concert celebrates pastime

By SYDNEY HOLMES STAFF WRITER

On Monday evening, Tech students, alumni and faculty members, as well as local church musicians, performed various pieces on the Holtkamp Organ in Hemmle Hall during the Texas Tech School of Music's third annual Town Hall Organ Concert.

Tech's Holtkamp Organ is one of the largest ever built by the reputable Holtkamp Company.

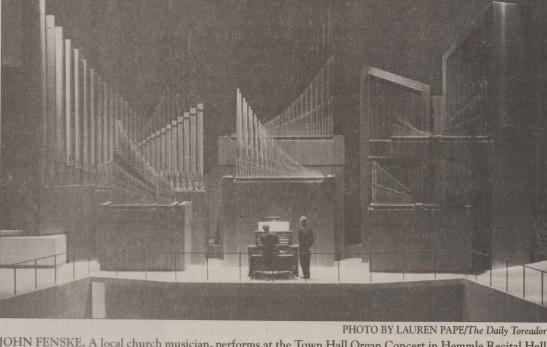
Chris Betts, a local church musician and England native, performed a piece by Bach for the concert.

Betts said he began playing the organ at age 11 and since then has found a true passion for the classical instrument.

"I was in a church choir where we had several really first-class organists who encouraged me to try (playing the organ)," he said. "I'd already been playing the piano, and, for people who are really gifted piano players, often they can play the organ. I've always loved it."

Betts said he loves the diversity an organ brings to the musical world. Sometimes, he said, it is hard to bring about the same kind of range with a piano.

"Personally, I find (the organ) a lot more fun than the piano. There is so much variety with the different keyboards and the pedals and all the different sounds," Betts said. "You can get so, so quiet, so loud. Spiky sounds, gentle sounds, warm sounds, cool sounds. There's so much variety. I just



JOHN FENSKE, A local church musician, performs at the Town Hall Organ Concert in Hemmle Recital Hall on Monday.

love that part."

instructor of collaborative piano and organ within the School of Music, also performed a piece for the event.

Øgaard's family is very musically inclined, he said. He claims his involvement with the organ. was somewhat inevitable.

"My father is an organist and church choir director, and so is my uncle. It sort of runs in the family, so I was exposed to it very early on," he said. "I just got really interested in it, and I begged my parents to start taking lessons. They wanted me to take piano lessons first, so I did that for a few years, then they finally caved in, and I began taking organ lessons."

Øgaard performed a piece he hoped would entertain and surprise the audience.

"I wanted to play something Sigurd Øgaard, the adjunct that would catch people's attention," he said. "Something that was kind of festive and fun."

Not only does the organ have three separate keyboards stacked on top of each other, but it also has a set of pedals resembling a smaller keyboard, which performers play with their feet. The complexity of the organ, Øgaard said, takes some time to fully

understand. "It's something that you have to get used to over quite some time. People that have played piano for a long time and then start playing the organ find that the most difficult part is the coordination between hands and feet," he said. "It is tricky, but when you do it over time, you learn certain techniques that enable you to perform more

smoothly as you go."

Ashley Barfield, a sophomore multi-disciplinary studies major from The Colony, attended the concert and said the organ, as a whole, was a new experience for her.

"I haven't had much experience with organs, so this is definitely new for me. It was crazy, all the different styles," she said. "Some were so loud and boisterous and dramatic, and then other ones were so quiet."

Barfield also said she was somewhat surprised to have enjoyed the concert so much.

"I was expecting really, really boring to be completely honest," she said. "It's a very old, archaic instrument that you don't really hear that often, but I think that was what made it interesting. " » sholmes@dailytoreador.com

* Based on 3 person occupancy



Cricket club takes third in championships during break

STAFF WRITER

While Fort Lauderdale, Fla., might seem like a usual place to spend spring break on the beach, one group of Texas Tech students

Cricket Club returned Tuesday from a week playing in the American College Cricket's National Cricket Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The team finished third in its league of eight teams, club president Baiju Shah said. Shah,

a master's student in management information systems from India, said the team won three of its four games "very convincingly."

However, the University of Pennsylvania managed to keep the team from the semifinals in a close last

"It was not bad for the first time," said team cap-

tain Rahul Chadha, a master's larity of professional cricket in student in management information systems from India. "No reason next year shouldn't be better."

This was the team's first year at nationals, Chadha said. The group was one of 32 teams picked

to play out of more than 40 colleges across the United States and Canada. Chadha said it was a great opportunity for the team and having the chance to play at nationals was something special.

The stadium itself was one was there for a different reason. of the most exciting parts of the The Texas Tech Raider trip for the players. As an international ground, the playing field itself was a unique experience, something Shah said few cricket players ever get to visit. The stadium in Florida is the only international ground in all of North America.

"As a kid growing up in In-

You get the same

feelings and the

same facilities the

international

professional

players get. We

even have

uniforms that

made us look like

professionals...

BAIJU SHAH

CLUB PRESIDENT

TECH CRICKET

dia and loving cricket, this was a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Mithun Pasham, a medical research technician at the Health Sciences Center from India.

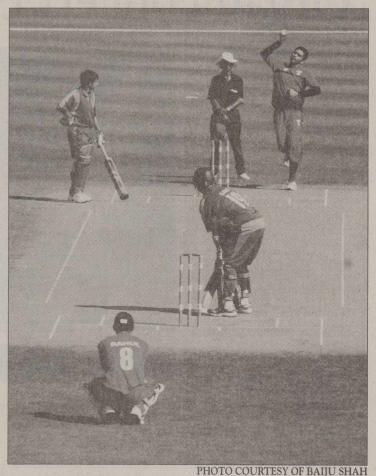
He said

many of these kinds of stadiums exist in India, but there is no way any college team would ever get a chance to play on one because of the intensity of competition

and the poputhe country.

In addition to playing in a world-class stadium, Shah said the players were treated like world-class athletes.

"You get the same feelings and the same facilities the in-



MITHUN PASHAM BOWLS in an attempt to get a batter out during a Texas Tech Cricket Club match as wicketkeeper Rahul Chadha prepares to make a catch during a match in American College Cricket's National Cricket Championships. The club took third place in the event.

ternational professional players for cricket in general. get," Shah said. "We even have professionals playing a professional game."

Playing in the national championship was worth the trip, Pasham said. The team had to drive about 28 hours each way. Pasham said the team members took turns driving, and it was not so bad to get to the end

"That shows the passion of the team," he said.

Overall, Chadha said it was great exposure for the team and

"We're really happy to see uniforms that made us look like it growing in this part of the world," Shah said.

Having started playing at age 8, Chadha said seeing Tech had a cricket club was the deciding factor in his choice to attend.

The team already is planning for next year; Shah said now the team is established and would love to continue going to nationals.

"It is going to be an annual thing," he said. "It's a great tour-

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Students compete in juried art competition

By LARUEN FERGUSON STAFF WRITER

Carefully chosen, the 32 works featured in the 24th Annual Juried Undergraduate Art Student Exhibition are selected as some of the best pieces Texas Tech art students have to offer.

Juried by Virginia Rutledge, an art historian and lawyer from New York City, the show is displayed in the Landmark Gallery of the Art building through April 3.

"(The exhibition) seems like it's a good pulse of what the young artists are thinking and a good way to judge how our students are doing in general," David Lindsay, assistant professor in art, said.

With 28 undergraduate artists featured, every department has some pieces shown.

From the metalsmithing and jewelry design department, "The Hand Held Big Bang Ring" by Dillon Land is a wooden ring used to test the limits on wood manipulation.

The senior from Lubbock is proud to be featured for the second consecutive year in the juried competition.

"Everybody wants to make it (into the competition)," Land said. "You want to make it in so you can put it on your resume. I think it's good to have some type of nervousness, but you can't let it hinder what you try to do."

Lindsay identifies with Land's viewpoint on anxiety before shows, saying many students are not ready to put their heart and soul on the wall for everyone to look at.

"I used to be (nervous) because art is a very personal thing, and it's interesting to have something you've worked on and are very close to displayed in that way," Rob

Monk, a senior in painting and drawing from Sugar Land, said. "I think it can be nerve-wracking, but it's part of being an artist."

Monk is one of the students with two pieces featured in the show: "flight proposition one" and "vigilance."

He said he felt motivated by the competition but feels honored to be chosen for a gallery

Monk plans to look for a job after his graduation and understands that any type of showing will improve his job opportunities in the future.

"I like to think that my art is sort of open to interpretation," he said. "I look at these things and create my own story. It's sort of like a movie that's still a picture.'

Lindsay believes the artist is at the mercy of the curator because every curator is going to have a different interpretation of the art and how they want the final show to turn out.

"I've curated exhibitions before, recognizing I am not going to pick exactly the same artworks as someone else is going to," Lindsay said. "Maybe it's the art world's way to admit that everyone has their own taste, so we find people who we think have really good taste or really good ways of thinking about art, and we make them in charge of put-

ting the exhibitions together." Monk said he was interested to observe the changes in the show from last year after bringing in a curator from New York. He believes students need to be open to viewpoints and cultures that are different from their own.

"It brings in a whole new perspective on our work and the things they do differently and how they go about life in their culture," he said. "It is different. I think you can see that in the selection of the work."

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Rapper, actor Ja Rule pleads guilty to \$3M tax evasion charge in New Jersey

per and actor Ja Rule admitted Tuesday that he failed to pay taxes on more than \$3 million in income, and he faces up to three years in prison.

The platinum-selling rapper, whose given name is Jeffrey Atkins, earned the money between 2004 and 2006 while he lived in Saddle River, an upscale community in northern New Jersey.

If the plea conditions are met, the government will dismiss two counts against him for unpaid taxes on about \$1 million he earned in 2007 and 2008.

Atkins is scheduled to be sentenced June 13 on the three tax evasion charges. He faces up to one year in prison and \$100,000 in fines on each count.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Rap- December to attempted criminal the sole shareholder of both compossession of a weapon.

Atkins' attorney, Stacy Richman, is expected to file to have the tax evasion sentence served concurrently with the weapons sentence. Atkins appeared in U.S. Dis-

trict Court in Newark dressed in a brown leather jacket, pullover and blue jeans. He answered a series of questions from U.S. Magistrate Patty Shwartz and Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Mack about his income from 2004 to 2008, which reached \$1.59 million in 2005 and gradually fell to \$490,000 in 2008.

The government estimated the unpaid taxes from those years totaled more than \$1.1 million.

According to a court filing by the U.S. Attorney's office, Atkins Five days before that, he is earned the money from music scheduled to report to prison in royalties paid to ASJA Inc. and New York to serve a two-year live performance-related income sentence after pleading guilty in paid to Rule Tours Inc. Atkins was

panies, the government alleged.

Atkins didn't comment outside the courtroom. Asked how he felt about the charges as he stepped into a waiting car he said, "I feel great."

Richman noted that her client surrendered voluntarily and will pay the delinquent taxes.

"He's been working on addressing these issues for some time, and he's taking full responsibility," she said.

The weapons charge stems from a traffic stop after a July 2007 concert at New York's Beacon Theater. Police say they found a loaded gun in a rear door of his luxury sports car.

The rapper was nominated for a 2002 best rap album Grammy Award for "Pain is Love." His movie credits include 2001's "The Fast and the Furious" and 2003's "Scary Movie 3."



Rangers spring training: The fan's perspective

raveling to see MLB spring training games is something every baseball fan should experience.

Surprise Stadium, located in Surprise, Ariz., which is shared by the Texas Rangers and the Kansas City Royals for spring training games, rivals any Double A or Triple A stadium and was completely sold out for the March 13 game I

Families and baseball fans of all ages were there to soak up the warm sun for the day, catch a foul ball, score some players' autographs or sneak a peek at what the upcoming season will look like.

There is a sense of undying optimism at spring training with the freshly mowed grass and the brand new uniforms. In the Rangers' case, it is the beginning of hopefully another season of making it to the World Series.

The second game I attended in Surprise, on March 14, I got there a little bit early to see if I could talk to the players and snag an autograph or two.

The gates opened at 11:30 a.m. for a 1 p.m. starting time. Immediately, the fans lined up along the third base side by the home dugout and waited for the Rangers to come out before the game and make an appearance.

Fans' ages ranged from the 5-year-old boy who sat next to me to the "grandma," as she called herself,

Paige Skinner



behind me, with whom I made small talk. We all stood there, jealous, as we watched the opposing fans on the other side of the stadium get to interact with the Dodgers players.

After waiting a little over an hour, the Rangers started to creep out from the bullpen area as they barely looked toward the hundreds of screaming fans who begged for pictures, autographs or a wave.

Finally, Rangers centerfielder Josh Hamilton, after teasing the crowd, made his way over to sign a few things before the National Anthem began playing.

I don't know if that was normal for spring training games, but by the looks and sounds of the disappointed fans, it seems the Rangers are a bit stuck-up after trekking their way to one World Series.

On the last day of my vacation, my family and I ventured out to Camelback Ranch Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., the spring home of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox, to see a game between the Rangers and Dodgers.

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Women's tennis undefeated to start Big 12 play



By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's tennis team could not have asked for a better way to start its conference season last weekend.

The No. 63 Lady Raiders rattled off two Big 12 Conference wins against No. 53 Kansas State and Kansas, in addition

to a victory against Kentucky.

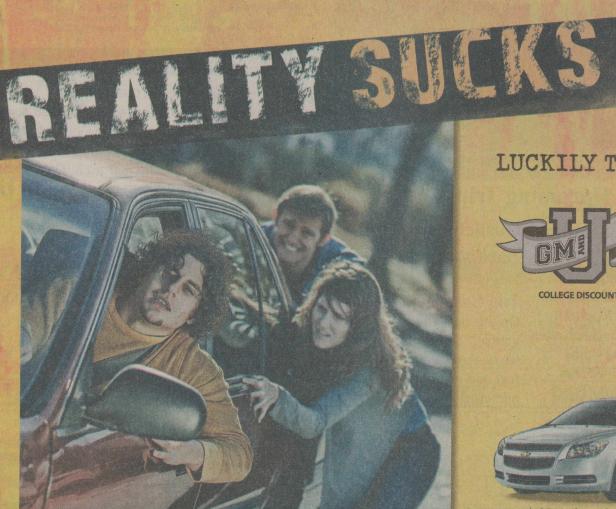
On Sunday, Tech (12-3, 2-0) blanked Kansas State, 7-0, for its eighth consecutive victory. The win solidified the Lady Raiders' status as a major contender for the Big 12 crown considering the momentum Kansas State (10-2, 1-1) brought into the

In its first conference match against

No. 10 Baylor on Friday, Kansas State pulled out a 4-3 win in Waco. The loss snapped Baylor's 57-match Big 12 win streak, with the Bears' last loss coming in

Tech coach Todd Petty said Tech is peaking after its performance against Kansas State.

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Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Intramurals

Indoor Soccer will begin play this Sunday night!

Intramural Softball playoff brackets will be available online starting on Tuesday, March 29.

Sport Clubs Update

The Tech Men's Polo Team: Jake Stimmel, Steven Stimmel, Peyton Johnson and Brady Williams, beat SMU 17-9 and moved on to beat Texas A&M 11-8 to advance to the USPA Collegiate National Championship in Cornell, NY.

individuals place at the Texas State University Gymnastics Meet:

Lauren Smith: 2nd All Around, 2nd on Vault, 1st on Bars, 7th on Beam,

Kelsey Rangel: 8th All Around, 5th on Vault, 7th on Bars

Rachel Glaser: 9th on Bars

Pierce Piland: 12th AA, 9th on Floor

The Quidditch Club finished 3rd at the Texas A&M Tournament.

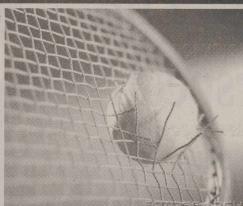
Intramurals

Friday Night Softball

Sign your team up for the Friday Night Softball League by Thursday, March 31. This four week league will only be on Friday Nights in April, and is a separate league than the normal spring Softball season. So get some friends together, make a team, and get registered in the Intramural Office!

Golf @ the Rawls Course Here is your chance to play on Golf

Week's #3 University Golf Course in America! For only \$44/person this Doubles Golf Scramble gives you green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, an engraved Rawls' luggage tag, and Rawls divot tool. Registration is happening right now in the IM Office, Rm. 203. Tournament will take place on Sunday, April 3. Don't miss this opportunity to golf the Rawls!



Singles and Doubles Tennis

Registration has started for singles and doubles tennis. Sign up in the Intramurals office, Room 203 of the Rec Center by Thursday, March 31st. For more information about play dates, stop by

the IM Office today!

Aquatics

Looking for a Job at the Leisure Pool?

Come to the April info sessions to learn more about being a lifeguard at the Leisure Pool for the summer!

5:00pm - 6:00pm April 4 April 5 4:00pm = 5:00pmApril 6 5:00pm - 6:00pm April 7 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sessions will be in Rm. 206 of the Rec Center



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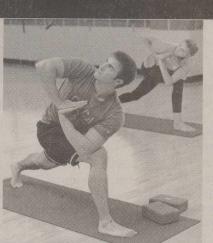
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Sessions will be in Rm. 206 of the Rec Center



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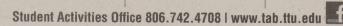
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unknown after ankle sprain

Duncan is on crutches and the San Antonio Spurs don't know when he'll be back.

Duncan passed an MRI test Tuesday with no signs of structural damage in his sprained left ankle. The Spurs won't know how long the 34-year-old might be out until later this week, but Duncan will miss at least the next three games as the NBA's winningest team tries to clinch the West's No. 1 seed.

"It structurally looks good," general manager R.C. Buford said Tuesday. "We will have a better idea of what the timeline is in the next

Duncan sprained the ankle Monday night in a win over Golden

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim State. Four minutes had barely passed in the game when Duncan, after making a short jumper, landed awkwardly on his left foot and collapsed beneath the basket.

The two-time MVP lay clutching the foot for more than a minute in the scariest moment for the Spurs all season. San Antonio has reclaimed its place atop the NBA behind the durability of Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili after injuries derailed the four-time champions the last few years.

Duncan will not travel with the Spurs on a three-game road trip that begins Wednesday in Denver. The Spurs (57-13) have a seven-game lead over the Los Angeles Lakers for the top seed in the West with 12

Duncan's recovery remains | Kickoffs moved to 35, touchbacks stay at 20

NFL will move kickoffs up 5 yards to the 35-yard line, keep touchbacks coming out to the 20 and allow the number of players in a blocking wedge to remain at two.

Kick coverage players now will be limited to lining up 5 yards or fewer from the spot of the kickoff.

Team owners also voted Tuesday to make all scoring plays reviewable by the replay official and referee. But they tabled a proposal to ban players launching themselves to make a tackle, and will reconsider it in May.

The league's competition committee proposed placing the ball at the 25 after touchbacks on kickoffs and banning the wedge altogether. Several coaches expressed concern about making too many changes to kickoffs, also saying bringing touchbacks out 5 more yards would affect field posi-

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The tion too much. Coaches worried about crease in high kicks from the 35 intended an increase in touchbacks from the 16 percent of kickoffs last season.

> "Any time there's a touchback and now it's not coming to the 20," Saints coach Sean Payton said, "I think that that probably was the most drastic of the four or five items that constituted

> Making kickoffs safer was the objective, and Payton believes the owners met it, voting 26-6 for the new rule.

"The bottom line is it's ... the highest risk of injury play," he said.

Browns standout returner Joshua Cribbs wasn't thrilled by the changes, tweeting: "Essentially taking returners out of the game...injuries will still take place, then what move it up again, or eliminate it all together."

On touchbacks, competition committee chairman Rich McKay said coaches were concerned about an into trap returning teams deep and severely decreasing the number of returns. He also said the two-man wedge was not a driving force in the uptick in injuries on kickoffs. Indeed, more injuries occur in coverage than on the return squads.

As for the six no votes, McKay said: 'The objections were, 'Hey, you're affecting my team.' Clearly, some teams have good kick returners and they said, 'What if there's 10 percent less returns?"

"We have no answer," McKay added, "but player safety will always trump any other consideration."

Yet the two player safety amendments were tabled until the May league meetings. A proposal to outlaw players launching to make hits was deferred, as was expanding the definition of a defenseless receiver.

McKay said joining those two additions to a previous rule caused the

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tabling. Each of the proposals will be made into separate amendments before being presented again.

"We didn't feel like there was enough support to get it passed," said Giants owner John Mara, a competition committee member. "A number of people seemed to be, in my opinion, more concerned about flags being thrown for questionable hits. My feeling is, I'm more concerned about needless concussions, so I'm willing to make that trade. But I think we need to go back and just clarify some of the language, maybe to make it a little bit more clear for everybody."

McKay praised players for avoiding launching themselves during the second part of last season after the league threatened suspensions for illegal and flagrant hits. No suspensions were handed out, but Ray Anderson, the NFL's chief disciplinarian, said they will be in play from the outset of next season.

Tennis ←

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"We knew that they were a solid team, but I felt like we played our best tennis of the year at that point," Petty said. "We're just going to have to grow from that."

Elizabeth Ullathorne showed tremendous tenacity by not only clinching the dual with her 6-4, 6-1 win against Kansas State's Petra Neidermayerova, but also by bouncing back from her matches against Kansas and Kentucky.

Against Kansas on Friday, Ullathorne retired after dropping the first set to Ekaterina Morozova. On Saturday against Kentucky, the sophomore was defeated by No. 112 Megan Broderick.

Petty said the decisive fashion of Ullathorne's clinching victory over Neidermayerova is a testament to the hard work she has put in even though she has seen ad-

versity at the No. 1 singles position. "She's had some nail-biters that haven't gone her way," Petty said. "It has nothing to do with the way she's playing or the way she's preparing. Sometimes it just hasn't gone her way, but she starts every match fresh and doesn't let the last match carry over."

In the Friday dual against the Jayhawks, Ullathorne's match against Morozova was the only loss Tech suffered,

The Lady Raiders showed no ill

effects from an 11-day layoff from their last dual against Denver. Kansas (6-5, 1-1) struggled as the Lady Raiders won all three doubles matches in the early going.

Tech carried that momentum into singles, with the No. 2 through No. 5 players winning their matches without dropping a set. Petty said he was pleased with the way his team "knocked off the

"These girls, I think, can beat anybody they play," Petty said. "It's not a confidence issue. It's more just getting out there and competing and getting those juices flowing again. That's what Kansas

> helped us do." Inclement weather could not even intervene and slow the Lady Raiders down on Saturday against Kentucky (3-13). Though the doubles portion of the duel was cancelled,

Tech knocked off

Kentucky, 4-2, in

the Lady Raiders

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"We were able to take care of business, so we weren't as exhausted and tired from the day before," Petty said. "But give a lot of credit to Kentucky because this was their third match in their road trip to Texas. They came out and competed with a lot of heart and really pushed us."

Even though Tech has not lost a match since Feb. 13 and nabbed three tough wins during the weekend, Petty said the road will not get any easier when they travel to Norman, Okla., to face No. 19 Oklahoma on Friday.

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Rangers +

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Not a sold-out crowd, but there were still a lot of people, mostly huddled in the shaded areas of the ballpark to keep from being blistered by the desert sun.

Finally, while I was sitting in the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Rangers outfielder Nelson Cruz made his way over to a seat in the gate, where I realized he was on my same flight back home.

Before the few other Rangers fans could recognize him, I headed over there to introduce myself and ask him why he's flying home in the middle of a series.

He grinned, flashing his braces, and responded with, "I have a dentist appointment."

After finally identifying the 6-foot-2, 240-pound man, many fans went over to him, where he

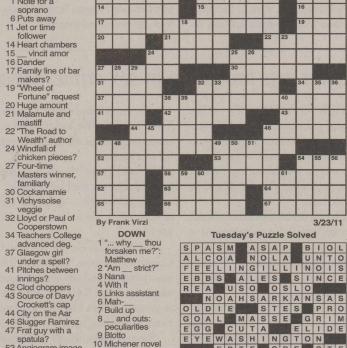
did sign autographs and take pictures, and many talked to him for a little bit, but no one seemed to have the guts to ask whether staying healthy for the whole season was out of the question or not.

In the three games I saw, Rangers' infielder Michael Young played first, third and got a day off; Rangers newcomer Adrian Beltre made his spring training debut at third; outfielder David Murphy went 7-13; and outfielder Julio Bourbon misplayed two fly balls.

And the Rangers only wore blue jerseys, while the claw and antler gimmick was nowhere to be seen, thankfully.

If I were Ron Washington or Jon Daniels, I would keep Young happy by at least communicating with him better, give pitcher Neftali Feliz a shot at starting and make sure the fans are always recognized.

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Bonds lawyer starts to pick at government's case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With prosecutors saying Barry Bonds lied about using steroids, the home run king's lead attorney started picking at the government's case Tuesday, attacking witnesses expected to accuse Bonds of willfully taking drugs to make him hit the ball harder and farther.

Defense lawyer Allen Ruby, his rich voice sometimes inflected with sarcasm, said in his opening statement that a former Bonds girlfriend, a former business partner and a former personal shopper only came forward against his client after the baseball star broke off relationships with them.

He also insisted Bonds testified truthfully before a grand jury in December 2003 when he said he did not know he was using a pair of designer steroids. Bonds claims his trainer told him that he was taking "flaxseed oil" and "arthritic cream."

"I know it doesn't make a great story. Barry Bonds went to the grand jury and told the truth and did his best," Ruby said. "That's not a madefor-TV story."

On a day when federal agent Jeff Novitzky became the first witness to testify, saying Bonds' grand jury account differed with other facts in the case, the contrast in stories and legal teams could not have been greater.

While Ruby, a high-priced, highprofile defense lawyer, spoke in a booming baritone and painted Bonds as a victim over the course of an hour, Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew A. Parrella gave his 46-minute statement in a workmanlike monotone that had some jurors struggling to keep their

His two best lines drew objections from Ruby that were sustained by U.S. District Judge Susan Illston.

First, Parrella called BALCO founder Victor Conte, Bonds trainer Greg Anderson and Bonds "the three Musketeers of BALCO."

Then, Parrella said Bonds' grand jury testimony was an "utterly ridiculous and unbelievable story."

Taylor gets probation in sex crimes case

teenage girl at the center of the sexcrimes case against football great Lawrence Taylor made a surprise appearance at his sentencing Tuesday, eager to declare that he should be hall of shame, not the Hall of Fame." behind bars.

She was denied the chance to speak in court, and Taylor was sentenced to six years' probation, as agreed when he pleaded guilty in January to sexual misconduct and patronizing an underage prostitute.

The former New York Giants linebacker must register as a sex offender, but a hearing on exactly how that will affect him was postponed to April 12.

The girl arrived with celebrity lawyer Gloria Allred, who described her as "a sex-trafficking victim." The girl, now 17, has been identified in court and by Allred only by the initials C.F.

Allred stood beside the girl at a news conference but later refused to reveal her name. She would not say

NEW CITY, N.Y. (AP) — The whether the girl plans a lawsuit against Taylor but said, "We look forward to representing her as she continues her fight for justice."

She said Taylor "should be in the

The girl was 16 — under the age of consent — when she met Taylor

Speaking outside the Rockland County Courthouse, she denied she was a prostitute and said another man, whom she called Rasheed, forced her to go into Taylor's Montebello hotel room by punching her in the face.

She said Taylor should have been able to tell she had been beaten and that she was underage.

"I believe Mr. Taylor could see my face and how young I was," she said. "I did what he told me to do because I was afraid what would happen if I didn't."

She added, her voice breaking, "I am upset that he will not go to jail for what he did to me."

Gillispie set to be officially introduced as head coach

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

Billy Gillispie has already been hired to replace Pat Knight as the head coach of Texas Tech men's basketball, but today's public news conference will officially usher in the Gillispie era in Lubbock.

Tech hosts the conference today at 10 a.m. in United Spirit Arena, doors opening to the public at 9:15 a.m. A limited amount of parking will be available in the commuter west lot.

A pep rally is set to take place prior to the conference, slated for a 9:30 a.m. start. The Masked Rider, Court Jesters, Tech spirit squads and the Saddle Tramps will lead the pep rally.

The Court Jesters is the band that plays at all home basketball

Fans are encouraged to bring signs and banners to welcome Gillispie, but all items will be screened at the door to prevent signs with bad taste and sportsmanship from entering the arena.

Additionally, fans will be allowed to sign up for both men's and women's season tickets in the arena's concourse prior to or after the conference.

Some people outside of Lubbock, however, also can watch the conference because it will be broadcast live and be available to cable and news networks throughout the country.

The conference will be started with a welcome from Tech associate athletics director Blayne Beal and is set to be followed by opening remarks from the newly appointed athletic director, Kirby Hocutt.

Hocutt's opening remarks will not include a question and answer session, but he will be available to the media for questions following the news conference.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN SHERRARD/The Kentucky Kernel

TEXAS TECH'S NEWLY hired men's basketball coach, Billy Gillispie, will be introduced at 10 a.m. today in United Spirit Arena. The news conference is open to the public.

Gillispie, following Hocutt, will be formally introduced as the head coach of the Red Raiders.

Gillispie's last tenure as a head coach occurred at Kentucky, where he spent two seasons coaching the Wildcats. Gillispie led Kentucky to an 18-13 record during the 2007-08 season and guided the Wildcats to 22 wins during the 2008-09 season before being fired on March 28, 2009.

Tech fans, though, may be far more familiar with Gillispie's run as the head coach of Texas A&M from

Under Gillispie's tutelage, the Aggies earned berths in the NCAA tournament at the end of the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons, including a Sweet 16 appearance in 2007. Both of Texas A&M's elimination-game losses in the NCAA tournament were

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Location: United Spirit Arena (main floor)

Time: 10 a.m.

Satellite feed start time: 9:45 a.m. Doors open to public: 9:15 a.m.

Pep rally: 9:30 a.m.

Live streaming: texastech.com

Conference agenda: Welcome (Blayne Beal), remarks (Kirby Hocutt, Billy Gillispie w/ Q&A session)

eventual Final Four participant LSU where the Miners won 18 more games in 2006 and a 65-64 loss to Memphis in Gillispie's first year then they did

Gillispie orchestrated two of the biggest turnarounds in college basketball history at Texas A&M and

one-point losses — a 58-57 loss to at his first head coaching job, UTEP, the season before. Gillispie is the 14th head coach

> in Tech history. » jrodriguez@dailytoreador.com

