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American Idol contestant, former Tech student and Frenship High alumnus returns to Lubbock



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JEROME BELL, A Lubbock native, was a top 40 contestant on American Idol and will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Cactus

By KASSIDY KETRON STAFF WRITER

Jerome Bell began his career, in his early teenage years, as a background singer at the Cactus Theater and plans to return to "where it all began" on Saturday,

this time as the lead performer. A Lubbock native and former Tech student, Bell was a top 40 contestant on the tenth season of Fox Network's American Idol. Caleb Howe, production man-

when Bell was younger he would sing background and lead on a few songs for '50s shows and other productions home because he believed it was lot of support from the Lubbock at the Cactus Theater.

Since then, Howe said Bell has come a long way.

singer, and my thing is you have to can Idol, you know, but he's definitely a well matured singer," he said.

Howe said he believes the connection to the theater is why Bell

performance there.

Bell said he decided to come time after not having been to Lubbock in four or five years.

"I was just so freaking excited "Jerome has really matured as a when I was on the plane," he said. "I couldn't wait to come home because be a mature singer to be on Ameri- I feel like I haven't been here in forever, which I haven't."

Wednesday, Bell said after arriving in Lubbock he had gone to Walmart and was recognized by

ager at the Cactus Theater, said chose to have his homecoming someone as soon as he entered

Bell said he has received a community.

"Everyone who I've run into since I've been home, it's all been positive, so positive," he said. "Everyone's like 'We're so proud of you,' 'Lubbock boy you're making it,' you know what I mean? So it's

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Tech biologists discover new species of bats

By CAITLAN OSBORN STAFF WRITER

Researchers from Texas Tech have officially discovered a new Micronycteris bat species from Saint Vincent Island, a section of the Lesser Antilles.

Peter Larsen, a post-doctoral research associate from the Department of Biological Sciences, said university researchers conducted two expeditions to the island in 2005 and 2006 as part of a project in cataloging biodiversity.

Larsen said while he has been studying bats in the Caribbean since 2003, Texas Tech has been doing research in the area for decades.

"Our goal was to sample the catalog of bat diversity throughout the Lesser Antilles, which has lots of islands," he said. "Bat diversity in each of these islands is poorly understood and we wanted to go to St. Vincent because a full-scale sample of bat fauna hadn't been done on the island. We went to see how many species and what kind actually species will become official. live there."

they had captured a species common throughout Central and South America, but when they examined the specimens at the Museum of Texas Tech's Natural Science Research Laboratory a year later, they found an entirely

different type of bat.

By 2008 Larsen had enlisted the help of Lizette Siles, a Tech graduate student in zoology, to see if the physical characteristics of the bat were truly different from other

Siles, a native of Bolivia, said when she examined the bat's skull and other parts of the body, she found that it was significantly larger than what they expected.

"Some people misunderstand this and think the bat is huge in comparison, like a monster bat or something," Siles said, "but what we mean is that it's maybe a few millimeters larger. It seems small, but in statistical analysis it is a significant difference and through this we were able to tell that our bat was clearly formed apart from the rest of the genus."

Larsen, Siles and researchers from South Dakota State University and the University of Scranton published their findings in an online version of the journal, Mammalian Biology. Larsen said their work will be formally published in print this fall, where their discovery of a new

Their findings also showed that Larsen said, probably around one million years old. It seems like a long time he said, but when looking at the evolution of species, one million years is relatively recent.

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Texas polygamist deaths suspect pleads guilty

mist sect leader's daughter, who was a fugitive for nearly 20 years, expressed remorse as she pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge relating to the shotgun killings in Texas of an 8-year-old girl and three sect members who had left the church.

Jacqueline LeBaron, who had initially faced murder and other charges, now only faces up to five years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to obstruct religious beliefs as part of an agreement with prosecutors. The plea comes four days before the 45-year-old's trial was set to begin.

LeBaron, the daughter of Utah small role in the killings. polygamist Ervil LeBaron, has been held without bond since she was extradited last year from Honduras after being a fugitive since her

HOUSTON (AP) — A polyga- 1992 indictment. She had faced 14 counts, including murder, conspiracy to commit murder and racketeering conspiracy. The most serious charges she had faced carried a potential sentence of up to life in prison.

"I'm very sorry this happened," LeBaron, handcuffed and wearing a green prison jumpsuit, told U.S. District Judge Sim Lake before entering her guilty plea.

Lake scheduled LeBaron's sentencing for Sept. 8.

David Adler, LeBaron's attorney, said his client was "more of a victim" because of the difficult life she endured growing up in her father's polygamist cult and her belief she could not say no to playing a

"I am not saying she did not commit a crime," Adler said. "But we're hoping the judge takes into account that she couldn't say no. She was in fear of her safety."

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Larsen said the evolution of the new species began around the Pleistocene Era during periods of glaciations. He said originally ice connected all the islands in the chain called St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

When the ice melted, he said, some bats moved from smaller islands in the chain, like Trinidad and Tobago, to St. Vincent. But once sea levels rose and water surrounded the island, Larsen said, the bats were unable to fly the distance back and became genetically isolated.

'They've been given hundreds of thousands of years to be isolated from those South American populations," he said. "Given time and isolation, a new species can evolve."

The researchers spent a long time deciding the name of the new species, Siles said, but settled on the name "Garifuna", the name of the natives of St. Vincent Island.

"The Garifuna people came from Africa and were transported to the Caribbean on a ship that wrecked on St. Vincent," she said, "and the African people blended with the Caribbean people. It made sense to name this bat after the people, because like the natives, it has only been found on St. Vincent Island."

Larsen said the team chose the name carefully because they knew what they decided would be forever.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER LARSEN TECH RESEARCHERS FOUND a new bat species in the Carribean.

ally important because it is a permanent record in literature," he said. "We really had to think long and hard about the most appropriate name and we thought the best name would be to honor the Garifuna people because it brings to light their history, which not many people are aware of. It was a good fit."

The researchers were excited about the discovery, Larsen said, and would

"The name that you choose is re- not have been able to do it without the resources Texas Tech had to offer.

"It's not common for people to identify new species," he said. "This really was a team effort and it took a lot of people to work on this together. The most important thing for us is to describe the new species and let the scientific community know that this species exists and we're thrilled about the discovery."

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PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

MICHAEL SAGER, A senior biology major from Odessa, gets sprayed in the face by a sprinkler as he helps post American flags around the Tech campus Tuesday morning in honor of Flag Day.

U.S. Rep. Giffords moves to husband's Texas home

brielle Giffords has moved into her husband's suburban Houston home, beginning a new phase in her recovery that will allow her to blend

HOUSTON (AP) — Rep. Gadaily trips to the hospital with a more killed and 13 wounded in the attack, routine family life.

> Giffords' departure Wednesday from Houston's TIRR Memorial Hermann indicates she has made enough progress in her recovery from a devastating gunshot wound to be released from the hospital. But she still has a

> long, arduous journey ahead of her. She struggles to speak and walk, and will continue daily, intensive therapy for months, and possibly years. Whether she will ever recover enough to resume her congressional duties is still unknown.

> Yet doctors, her astronaut husband Mark Kelly and experts who have been observing Giffords' recovery emphasize that going home is a key milestone and could help stimulate her progress.

> "Anyone who knows Gabby knows that she loves being outside," Kelly said in a statement released by the hospital. "Living and working in a rehab facility for five months straight has been especially challenging for her."

Giffords will still go to the hospital each day where she will participate in speech, music, physical and occupational therapy with the same team that has treated her since she arrived in Houston in late January.

Now, however, at the end of each day "she will be with her family," Kelly said.

Kelly's home in League City, a suburb staff and family, Carusone said that near the Johnson Space Center, where she will have 24-hour help from a home care assistant.

The 41-year-old was shot in the left side of the brain, the part that controls speech and communication, on Jan. 8 while meeting with constituents in Tucson. Six people were

including the lawmaker and members of her staff.

Her release from the hospital was met with excitement.

"When I went home from the hospital after surgery, I was so nervous, but boy it's wonderful to be home in your own surroundings, to be able to have things on your own schedule," said Ron Barber, a staffer who also survived the shooting.

"I'm sure it'll be uplifting and healing for her, too," he said.

Jordan Grafman, director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Laboratory at the Kessler Foundation Research Center in West Orange, N.J., said being around family often motivates patients. He warned, however, that the congresswoman is far from healed and has a lifetime of recovery ahead of her.

"Often, you can do many things for yourself but not everything, that's not unusual after a severe traumatic brain injury," Grafman said, explaining why she would need professional help at home. "It's not unusual to be released before complete independence and you may never achieve complete independence"

Giffords' Chief of Staff Pia Carusone recently gave the first clear indication of how slowly Giffords is recovering. After months of optimis-The congresswoman will move to tic, rosy reports from Giffords' doctors, while the congresswoman can speak, she struggles to express complex thoughts and sentences.

"Her words are back more and more now, but she's still using facial expressions as a way to express. Pointing. Gesturing," Carusone told the Arizona Republic.



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Bell said he hopes at his performance Saturday he will see plenty of familiar faces as well as people he has not seen.

He said he wanted to have a meet and greet following the performance to thank the people who supported him while he was on American Idol.

"I just want to meet those people and give a personal thank you to, like, every single one of them," Bell said.

Kerry Gillick Goldberg, Bell's public relations representative, said after Bell was voted off American Idol, people started posting online about how upset they were that he had been voted off.

Since American Idol, Goldberg said Bell has been successful and even performed in Central Park for the New

York City Coalition for the himself. Homeless.

She said she believed it was important to Bell to come home because not only is Lubbock his hometown, but it is what shaped him as a person.

"He's thrilled to go home, he's thrilled to see his friends, he's thrilled to see his family and everybody's been so excited about how he did on American Idol," Goldberg said.

Bell said he left Lubbock and moved to New York City in December of 2006 to try and make a living singing and doing what he loved in a place he knew it could happen.

While in New York, Bell said he was cast for the role of "Seaweed" in the musical

Bell said his friend, a drummer for Hairspray, bought Bell a ticket to Milwaukee to audition for American Idol because he knew Bell would not do it

"I was like, 'All right, I guess if all else fails I'll have a nice vacation in Milwaukee," he said. "So that was how it all actually happened, which is crazy to look back on that now because I totally went into it with no expectations, like 'I'll try,' 'I'll give it a shot,' but you never know and it worked out pretty well."

After American Idol, Bell said the show opened up new opportunities for him.

He said he is currently working on an album, which will likely come out next fall.

"All the right people have seen me now, and now it's like, it's crazy, my life is insane right now," he said.

Bell will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Cactus Theater and a meet and greet will follow the show.

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Judge delays ruling on access to Jackson footage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawvers for Michael Jackson's doctor and Sony Pictures aired some of their dispute Thursday over release of unused footage from the star's posthumous concert film, "This Is It."

But the judge presiding over the involuntary manslaughter case of Dr. Conrad Murray delayed ruling on the issue, citing confusion about exactly what the defense wants to see.

Lawyers for Sony said the defense request had "changed radically" in recent days, and the entertainment company wanted more time to research the matter and file additional legal briefs.

Sony attorney Gary Bostwick said the subpoena for raw footage has now changed to a request for film from two of Jackson's personal

Defense lawyers said earlier they

wanted all raw footage of Jackson's rehearsals for what was to have been a live concert in London.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor said he was sensitive to whether the request is merely a fishing expedition. He said release of any footage would come with restrictions to prevent it from being disseminated on the Internet and elsewhere.

"If Michael Jackson materials are just out there, there could be amazing consequences for Sony and the Jackson estate," the judge said. "I'm not inclined to order that they just turn them over.'

Bostwick added, "We will continue to be very concerned that anything shown in court leaks out

But he acknowledged that once the video becomes a trial exhibit, it will be difficult to keep it secret

Prosecutors plan to use clips from the theatrically released, "This Is It" to show jurors in Murray's trial that Jackson was in good health just before he died.

The defense wants to show otherwise. Those lawyers contend scenes showing Jackson in frail health during rehearsals may have been edited out of the movie.

Lawyers have said there are more than 100 hours of footage from which the movie was culled.

Murray lawyer Ed Chernoff said he learned recently that footage was recorded by Jackson's personal camera crew operating two cameras.

"If it's more than those two cameras, yes, we are asking for all the footage," he said.

Arizona wildfire biggest in state history

SPRINGERVILLE, Ariz. (AP) in Arizona. - High winds expected to buffet eastern Arizona starting Thursday will challenge firefighters who have been making progress in a battle to tame the state's largest-ever wildfire.

The winds will also move into New Mexico, where crews were scrambling late Wednesday to gain on growing fires near Raton and Carlsbad before winds and searing temperatures moved into the state Thursday.

Forecasters expect the winds above the 25 mph range to last through the weekend, putting pressure on the eastern edge of the Arizona fire, the least secure part of firefighters' lines and closest to the nearest town still threatened, Luna, N.M. About 200 people live there.

But a nearly completed line of cut fuels and intentionally burned areas between Luna and the fire itself should be completed by Thursday morning, and fire commanders expressed confidence late Wednesday that it would hold.

"We feel we have enough room out there," said Jerome Macdonald, who leads one of three incident management teams assigned to the massive blaze. "We'll have a mile and a half burned out in front of it."

More than 4,600 firefighters are assigned to the nearly 750-square mile Wallow fire. It was 29 percent contained as of Wednesday evening.

Meanwhile, another fire in southern Arizona's National Forest near the city of Sierra Vista had burned or damaged at least 40 homes near Sierra Vista plus 10 other structures such as sheds by Wednesday evening. And a third Arizona blaze had burned than 184,000 acres, or 287 square miles and was 60 percent contained.

In New Mexico, crews were battling a blaze that surrounded Carlsbad Caverns National Park. The fire was 70 percent contained late Wednesday and was no longer threatening the park's visitors center and employee housing were out of danger. The Loop fire started Monday and charred about 30,500 acres of desert scrub and forced the park to close.

In northern New Mexico, crews working the Track fire bolstered lines on the southern edge of the blaze, allowing Raton officials to lift evacuation orders for residents within city limits in the hills north of the community, Evacuations remained in place for other residents. Interstate 25 between Raton and Trinidad, Colo., was still closed Wednesday night, but expected to reopen at 4 a.m. Thursday.

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest supervisor Chris Knopp said a campfire in the Bear Wallow wilderness was the Arizona fire's "most likely cause." He confirmed that investigators had questioned two people but declined to say any more about the investigation. He called them "persons of interest," not suspects.

When forest officials were first called to the fire May 29, he said they spotted a fire near a campfire. They also saw a separate fire about three miles away, but they were unsure if it had been sparked by the campfire,

"I just hope they identify the people responsible for this," Knopp said.

Hundreds of firefighters have been working for days along the Mew Mexico line to keep the flames out of Luna. Thousands of others are working the rest of the fire, including around three mountain resort towns

Those residents still under evacuation could be allowed to go home by the weekend, Macdonald said. Alpine and Greer are under little fire threat now, but dangers like burned trees that would topple must be removed before the area is reopened.

About 2,400 people remain evacuated from Alpine and Greer and smaller vacation enclaves after about 300 were allowed to return to the town of Nutrioso on Wednesday, said Brannon Eagar, the chief sheriff's deputy in Apache County. On Sunday, all 7,000 people evacuated from the towns of Springerville and Eagar were allowed to go home.

The blaze officially became the largest in state history on Wednesday when new mapping showed it exceeded the previous record-holder, the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski fire, which burned 732 square miles and destroyed 491 buildings.

But the Wallow Fire has destroyed only 32 homes and four rental cabins. It has consumed 478,452 acres of forest, or nearly 750 square miles, fire command team spokesman Alan Barbain said Wednesday. Of that, 4,911 acres were in New Mexico. The 473,541 in Arizona topped the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski, which burned 469,000 acres.

Some questioned the Forest Service for not putting fire restrictions in place after a winter with well below-average snowfall and extremely dry conditions.

Asked about his decision, Knopp pulled out a picture of Springerville on May 19, after 6 inches of snow had fallen.

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forest to implement fire restrictions when there was just snow on the ground," he said. "If I had it to do over again, I would probably do the same thing. If I had known a fire would start, I would do it differently."

Some in the region think dif-

Toby Dahl was evacuated from Escudilla, N.M., near the Arizona border and spent six days in a temporary RV park over 60 miles away in Pie Town, N.M. He said fire restrictions should have been in place, despite the recent snow.

Dahl, 62, said his place got only 11 inches of snow all winter, compared with nearly 80 last year.

"I don't have a degree or anything but I can tell you, you just don't let anybody into the forest under these circumstances," he said.

He wasn't sure what should happen to those responsible for igniting the blaze. But he said, "Something has to be done to make people

Teresa Shawver, 61, who lives on a small ranch in Quemado, N.M., said she would want the perpetrators to get "the max, whatever the law would allow," if the fire was set intentionally.

"If it was an accident, something got away from them, then I have a different view on that," Shawver

body around here," she said. "But if it was just an accident, then that's what it was." Fires have devoured hundreds of

square miles in the drought-stricken Southwest and Texas since wildfire "It seems pretty foolish for the season began several weeks ago.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador KRISTEN VELANZUELA, AN incoming freshman biology major from Houston, dyes a shirt at the Tech Activities Board's "Tie-Dye Shirt" event by the Student Union Building on Tuesday.



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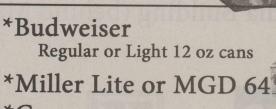
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OPINIONS

Feminism is not male bashing

he topic of being a feminist came up among my friends and I the other day. My guy friends commented that being a feminist is just as sexist as not being a feminist.

Their idea of feminism was that feminists perceive themselves as being better and superior than their male counterparts. I, however, do not believe that is the case at all.

Feminism, to me, goes way beyond just getting paid the same amount as a man in the workforce. I believe that feminism is changing the roles of women.

Previously, women were expected to reproduce and then stay at home all day and raise the children. Cleaning house, preparing meals and ironing clothes were just some of the many activities a woman was responsible for in the 1950s, while her husband was out laboring to provide for his family.



Nowadays, the role is often reversed. More and more women are getting a higher education and using it to work and be the household's breadwinner.

Sometimes the husband stays at home and does the old "motherly duties," while other times he works with the kids in day care. The "modern family" has changed dramatically over the vears with the idea that women are more than just stay-at-home

Another strong factor in the world of feminism is the idea of being a young single woman in

In my grandparents' age, the

the norm. Now, women are taking a different route. Instead of walking down the aisle on your 18th birthday, young women are going off to college to earn a degree and make a living for

After graduating college, many young adult women start looking for jobs, rather than a husband. The idea of needing to provide for you before settling down has become standard. The media has had a huge part

Replacing shows like "I Love Lucy" and "The Honeymooners," where the wife stayed back and anxiously awaited her husband to come home, are shows like "Sex and the City" and "The

These more modern shows depict women as young, single, and working; something that was not seen on TV 60 years ago.

Feminism has gotten quite

notion of getting married during the bad rap among people like your teenage years was certainly Rush Limbaugh, who was quoted as saying, "Feminism was established to allow unattractive women easier access to the mainstream."

I don't think feminism was created at all to do that, in fact I don't even think it was necessarily created. Instead, I believe feminism was a movement that happened over time to allow the different roles of women to become more acceptable.

But, whatever your viewpoint on the sometimes-controversial issue of feminism is, think about your world without female professors and women news an-

Besides, some of your favorite, most successful companies are run by a woman, including Kraft Foods, PepsiCo, and

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Illegal immigrants should not be rewarded for ignoring regulations

...the DREAM

Act, and

legislation like it,

is not the solution

to the effects of il-

legal immigration

on students.

BY GIOVANNI OSORIO DAILY TROJAN, (U. SOUTHERN CALIF.)

Eric Balderas, an illegal immigrant studying at Harvard University, faced deportation one year ago. University of Texas at Brownsville alumnus José Arturo Guerra faced deportation last month while in his last year of school. In both cases, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement decided not to pursue deportation.

Rather than allowing ICE to selectively prosecute undocumented students, it's time for the United States to implement legislation to re-

solve the country's problem with illegal immigration and higher educa-

tion. The Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act, which has been reintroduced to Congress after failing to pass in December, is not the answer.

The DREAM Act would provide a pathway to certain qualified young undocumented individuals toward legal residency, and potentially citizenship, by either enlisting in the military or going to college.

Legislation like the DREAM Act encourages illegal immigration. Parents bring their children to the United States with the intention of taking advantage of the rights given to the country's citizens and legal residents. Provisions provided by bills like the DREAM Act reward people for not following the law. Rewards aren't usually given to those who choose to ignore laws.

An increase in illegal immigration could occur after citizens of other countries see that illegal aliens are given privileges.

Currently, 12 states, including California, allow illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition. In terms of aiding those students in college, this is as far as the government should go. Undocumented students should not receive state and federal aid.

According to USC's financial aid website, international students at USC receive aid only through merit scholarships. If international students who go through legal processes to receive a student visa cannot receive federal aid, then certainly neither should people who do not go through legal channels.

Still, to extend aid to undocumented immigrant students, AB 131 has been introduced to the California Senate Education Committee. If passed, it would allow those students to become eligible for state financial aid, such as Cal Grants and University of California grants.

Like parents of other college stu-

dents, the parents of undocumented immigrant students should assume the responsibility of getting their children through college. Illegal immigrant parents knew it would not be easy to live in another country without going through legal means. These are the

consequences of those actions.

Even if the student graduates before being deported, he or she will face challenges in obtaining employment. They would be in a worse position than a graduated international student. Illegal immigration must stop being encouraged. Deportation needs to begin. But deporting top students, such as Balderas, might mean losing students who could benefit the United States. To solve this, illegal immigrant students could be allowed to apply for a student visa without having first to go back to his or her country of citizenship. They would be granted the same status as other international students and receive the same benefits.

These students are suffering because of the actions of their parents. But the DREAM Act, and legislation like it, is not the solution to the effects of illegal immigration on students. They should not receive state and federal aid unless it is also given to international students. They should not be rewarded for laws broken when others abide by the law. Thus, the best solution is for international students to be granted

IRS crackdown leaves thousands without tax exempt status

BY KATHERINE LYMN MINNESOTA DAILY, (U. MINNESOTA)

Cheryl Reitan had a headache to

deal with Friday. The Internal Revenue Service seemed to say the entire University of Minnesota-Duluth lost its tax-exempt status, meaning donations to the school

were no longer tax-deductible. 'We're not very happy about that, and our donors are like 'What's going on?" said Reitan, a spokeswoman for about that little notice."

Reitan was quick to clarify: IRS data actually referred to the UMD Literary Guild — not the entire satellite campus of the University. She said her office would be sending a press release

The guild is one of more than 5,000 Minnesota nonprofits to lose taxexempt status last week, when the IRS cracked down on groups that hadn't filed tax returns for three consecutive years. It's the result of a 2006 law that required UMD. "We're just completely insane nonprofits making less than \$25,000 a

year to file returns, in efforts to better follow such groups.

Greek life groups were at risk of losing their status because of high turnover in management, Jeff Narabrook of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits told the Daily previously, but only defunct fraternities and sororities of the University showed up on the list. told the

Jokondo Jokondo, president of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, said his group will need to find more ways to make money because they now can't use tax-exempt status for discounts when catering events or making other large purchases.

Lindsay Nichols of nonprofit tracker GuideStar said this is the way the status change will impede groups the most it will be generally harder to attract donations and grants. Plus, reapplying for tax-exempt status takes time and money.

Jokondo said since the overarching Omega Psi Phi still has the status, the University campus chapter is working on regaining its own.

"It is what it is," Jokondo said. "We're just working through it."



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Aggies overcome loss of pitching ace to reach CWS

between the rumbles of the earthmoving equipment at Texas A&M this week came the ping of metal bats as the Aggies prepare for their first trip to the College World Series since 1999.

Texas A&M (47-20) would love to bring back a championship banner an ideal adornment to the \$24 million renovation of Olsen Field, scheduled for completion before next season.

The Aggies will face defending champion South Carolina (50-14) on Sunday, the culmination of an unlikely run after ace right-hander John Stilson went out last month with a torn labrum.

A&M's offense continued to hum in the postseason, though, and righthanders Michael Wacha and Ross Stripling proved to be aces, too, guiding the Aggies to an upset of Florida State

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — In in the Tallahassee Super Regional. A&M is the only Omaha-bound team that did not host a Super Regional.

> "Our guys are playing extremely well and extremely confidently," said sixth-year coach Rob Childress. "There's not an awful lot we haven't had to come through in order to continue to play. These guys can't have any more pressure on them than they've already had, and I know they'll go up and play well."

Stilson was 5-2 with a 1.98 ERA and a highly touted major-league prospect. Childress broke the news of his injury to the team on May 28 after the Aggies beat Kansas State to reach the Big 12 championship game.

"It was definitely a shock," said right fielder Tyler Naquin, the Big 12's leading hitter with a .390 average. "We got

after it hard right after the meeting. But definitely, once you hear that Stilson's down, you're thinking, 'Wow, that's going to be tough on us.""

The loss of Stilson moved Wacha, a 6-foot-6 sophomore, into the No. 1 spot in the rotation. Wacha embraced the opportunity.

"Not really stressful," Wacha said. "I always love a new challenge, and I was definitely willing to do it."

The day after learning they'd lost Stilson, the Aggies trailed 6-0 in the title game against Missouri, then rallied for a 10-9 victory on senior Andrew Collazo's walk-off, two-run homer in the 10th inning. A&M beat Wright State and Seton Hall in the regional, then lost to Arizona, setting up a winner-take-all matchup with the Wildcats at Olsen Field for a berth in

the Super Regional.

Stripling, a 6-foot-3 junior, said the loss reset the Aggies' focus on the wake of Stilson's injury.

'That's when everyone kind of knew, right now, we've got to kick it in," Stripling said. "The bats have got to kick it in, the pitchers have to kick it in. Everyone has to know their role and perform to the best of their ability, or we're not going to make it."

Wacha did not allow a run in seven innings and Stripling pitched a perfect ninth in the Aggies' 3-0 regionalclinching victory over Arizona.

Wacha (9-3, 2.12 ERA) has continued to shine in the NCAA tournament, with a 2-0 record and a 0.89 ERA. He allowed two runs on three hits in 7 1/3 innings in the Aggies' series-clinching win over Florida State on Monday.



tional champion South Carolina on Sunday.

Boston Bruins win Stanley Cup, beat Vancouver 4-0

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — While the Boston Bruins beelined across the ice to mob him at the buzzer, Tim Thomas tapped both goalposts, sank to his knees and rubbed the

crease throughout these crazy, contentious Stanley Cup finals, and Boston's brilliant goalie just wouldn't allow the Vancouver Canucks to cross it whenever it really mattered.

After 39 years without a championship, the Bruins ripped the Cup — and several thousand hearts — out of a Canadian city that has waited four decades itself for one sip.

Thomas was just too good, and the

The Cup is headed back to the Hub of Hockey.

The 37-year-old Thomas made 37 saves in the second shutout of his landmark finals performance, Patrice Bergeron and rookie Brad Marchand scored two goals apiece, and the Bruins beat the Canucks 4-0 Wednesday night to win

"I think I went even further than I thought," Thomas said. "I was scared, I won't lie. I had nerves yesterday and today, and I faked it as best as I could, and I faked

about Thomas, who limited the NHL's highest-scoring team to eight goals in the seven-game finals, blanking Vancouver in two of the last four — including Game 7,

The oldest Conn Smythe Trophy

"If I was going to do it any way, it would have to be the hardest way possible," said Thomas, who played overseas and in the minors before finally getting his NHL break in 2005. "Three Game 7s in the playoffs, and to have to win it on the road in the final.'

The Bruins are the first team in NHL history to win a Game 7 three times in the same postseason, and Thomas posted shutouts in the decisive game of the Eastern Conference finals and the Stanley Cup finals. The Bruins' postgame celebration centered around Thomas, who carried them through long stretches of a perilous postseason that began with two home losses to Montreal.

The postgame celebration in downtown Vancouver was uglier, with fans setting cars on fire, throwing bottles, trashing cars and staging bonfires while riot police dispersed them with truncheons and shields. The crowd appeared bigger than the estimated 100,000 fans that gathered for Game 5, and the riot raged for hours after the Bruins raised the Cup.

Bergeron stunned the Vancouver crowd with the first goal, getting the eventual game-winner in the first period. His short-handed score late in the second period put the Bruins up 3-0, turning the third period into a virtual wake for the Canucks, who have never won the Stan-

scary how good he was."

Zdeno Chara, the Bruins' 6-foot-9 captain, nearly slipped under the Stanley Cup's weight when he skated away from Commissioner Gary Bettman. And the shiny silver trophy eventually got a lift from Nathan Horton, the injured Boston forward whose Game 3 concussion on a late hit irrevocably swung the series' momentum to Boston.

Luckily for the Bruins, their goalie is cooler than ice. Boston dropped the first two games in Vancouver, but became just the third team since 1966 to overcome

"Their goaltender was real tough to beat," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said. "The way they played in front of him was real tough to beat. We had some Grade A chances, and we were unable

Thomas thoroughly outplayed and crushing short-handed goal to slip under-



TEXAS A&M HEAD coach Rob Childress and the rest of the Aggies advanced to the College World Series. They will take on defending na-

ice in front of his empty goal. Thomas drew a virtual line in his

Bruins are the NHL's best.

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it all the way to the Stanley Cup."

Nice try, Tim. There's nothing fake the only win by a road team in the series.

winner in NHL history stopped a jawdropping 238 of the Canucks' 246 shots in the finals for a .967 save percentage. That's even better than his .940 mark and 1.98 goals-against average for the entire postseason.

ley Cup in nearly 41 years of existence. "We got the first goal, and we knew that would be important coming here," said 43-year-old Mark Recchi, who plans

to retire after winning the Stanley Cup with his third franchise. "If they got any chances, Timmy was there, and it was just

Horton traveled to Vancouver for

Game 7 and worked to give the Bruins a

home-ice advantage, pouring a bottle of Boston water onto the ice in front of the Bruins' bench 90 minutes before warmups.

"I was just trying to get some Garden ice here and make it our ice," Horton said. "I was trying to be sneaky about it."

that finals deficit.

outclassed his Vancouver counterpart: Star goalie Roberto Luongo gave up 18 goals in the last five games of the finals. Despite a pregame walk on the Vancouver seawall in his special mind-clearing ritual, the enigmatic netminder capped a brutally inconsistent series by allowing Bergeron's



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Gillispie announces Walker as associate head coach

By BRETT WINEGARNER MANAGING EDITOR

Texas Tech men's basketball team announced the hiring of former Villanova assistant coach Chris Walker on Wednesday. Walker was named associate head coach for the Red Raiders.

Head coach Billy Gillispie introduced Walker, and said hiring him was a key edition to the coaching staff in news release Wednesday.

"We are pleased and excited to have Chris Walker the job, he was one of my top

join our staff," lispie said. "Chris is one of the best

people, best recruiters and best coaches that I know."

Gillispie also said as soon as he became the Red Raider's head coach Walker was a top candidate to fill out his coaching staff.

"From the moment I took

targets because he is a relation- to the NCAA Tournament. ship builder," Gillispie said. "He has tremendous relationships not only in Texas but across the country. He develops great relationships within the program and the community, and that pays off in so many ways. I think this was a great move for Chris. and it's definitely a great move for Texas Tech.'

Walker, 41, joins the Red Raiders after coaching at his alma mater Villanova the past two seasons, helping lead the

Before that, Walker had made coaching stops at other schools which are traditionally competitive when it comes to basketball, such as the University of Massachusetts, New Mexico and Vanderbilt.

However, just like Gillispie, Walker has strong ties to Texas, as he is a native of Houston. Walker was a talented high school basketball player at Milby High School becoming the schools leading scorer with Wildcats to back-to-back trips 1,800 points, and was named

First-Team All-State twice in over the next 15 years. his time at Milby.

Walker then left Texas, and would not return for about 23 years. He went on to play basketball at Villanova, and, as a point guard for the Wildcats, led them to a pair of NCAA Tournaments and also to a pair of trips to the National Invitational Tournament.

After his playing career was over, Walker became an assistant coach at Loyla Marymount for four seasons, and then coached at five other schools

Walker said although he is saddened to leave Villanova, he is excited to be coaching back in Texas and for the Red Raiders.

"Although I am leaving my alma mater and great friend Coach Wright, I am thrilled and excited to join Billy Gillispie and the Texas Tech basketball family," Walker said. "I am humbled by this opportunity, and being back in Texas makes it even more special."

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What can go wrong in CBA talks

clouds no longer dominate the NFL horizon. Rays of sunshine have broken through as owners and players make progress in labor talks.

So what could cause rain to fall, washing away the chance of a deal? Plenty.

"Much can still go wrong — every negotiating session is unique to itself," says Don Yee, who represents Tom Brady and is an adjunct law professor at Southern California. "Just because one day was good doesn't mean the next day will be,

How good those days have been also is relative. Although meetings in Chicago, New York and, most recently in Maryland have been productive, they have not created enough common ground for either side to declare a breakthrough is imminent. The owners have their own meetings in Chicago on Tuesday, with a possibility they will stick around through Wednesday to discuss the many topics being negotiated, from the percentage of

a rookie wage scale to parameters for free agency.

There's even a chance a framework for a new collective bargaining agreement could be presented

Yet it all could come crashing down in this fourth month of the

"More than the business points, two things will impact the final outcome: the ability of the participants to moderate their egos, and the actual drafting of specific language to fit the concepts being discussed," Yee said. "The language of the last CBA gave rise to many grievances, which was fairly predictable as every lawyer tries to inject an edge for their client in the language. This will be a significant area of contention."

Also potentially contentious is the ownership dynamic currently in place. The league wisely has included such hard-liners as Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and Panthers owner Jerry Richardson in all sigmoderates — and dealmakers — John Mara of the Giants and Robert Kraft of the Patriots. But there's a wide split in team values and opportunities for outside income. Small-market owners such as Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, Jacksonville's Wayne Weaver and Cincinnati's Mike Brown won't approve any deal that doesn't protect their interests.

A new CBA will require 24 of the 32 owners voting yes, and while Mara, Kraft, Art Rooney of Pittsburgh, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell can be very persuasive, there surely are more than eight owners who feel burned by the 2006 agreement. The owners opted out of that CBA in 2008.

There's also the potential for a power play by one side or the other.

"A deal is far from over and until there is agreement on everything there is agreement on nothing," says Marc Ganis, president of Chicagobased sports business consulting firm Sportscorp Ltd., and a keen observer of the league's business side, "the

NEW YORK (AP) — Dark total revenues offered the players to nificant negotiations, along with greatest risk to a deal getting done and playing the entire 2011 season is if one party or the other grossly overplays their hand. It's possible, more from the players' side because there has been more emotion, pride and hyperbole during this process from their side. But the owners could also overplay their hand."

Also worth considering: How can each side come out a winner? That was one of the beauties of the relationship between the late Gene Upshaw when he ran the NFLPA and then-Commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Initially, at least, both the owners and the players had elements they could brag about in the latest CBA.

But what if one side gets greedy? "Nibbling," attorney and player agent Ralph Cindrich, who has been through every NFL labor dispute, calls it. "Reaching an agreement and then adding one more thing. In my view this is unethical when it occurs. Careful negotiators close it completely and allow nothing in from the point of understanding."

Dirk Nowitzki caps parade with 'We Are The Champions'

DALLAS (AP) — Standing on center and the arena. Franchise an arena balcony, Dirk Nowitzki led the Dallas Mavericks and thousands of fans in singing their new favorite song: "We Are The Champions."

Team owner Mark Cuban led fans in another round of the chorus, with Jason Kidd holding the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

The joyous scene came Thursday at the end of a parade honoring the NBA champs. An expected crowd of 250,000 - although it may have been more — endured temperatures approaching 90 degrees to enjoy a party 31 years in the making since this one is the first title in Mavericks history.

There was still one more layer to the party, a ceremony with 10,000 season-ticket holders inside American Airlines Arena. The plaza around the building was filled to its 3,000-person capacity about two hours before the parade even began.

Fans filled the streets and sidewalks all along the roughly milelong route between the convention founder Donald Carter and his wife, Linda, for whom he started the club as gift, were in the lead vehicle, a white convertible.

"Fantastic," Carter said.

In a waiting area at the start of the parade, Cuban clutched the championship trophy as entertainer Jamie Foxx, who is from the Dallas area, joined the fun. Most wore T-shirts that read, "Raise the Banner," and other championship gear. Cuban tweeted several pictures from the holding area.

"It's unbelievable," Nowitzki said as he took a cigar from teammate Jason Terry before boarding his float. "If it hasn't sunk in yet, it will now. ... We're on the top of the world now so it feels amazing. For 13 years I've waited for this moment. It's amazing and we're all going to enjoy it."

At the end of the parade, those who rode along said they were overwhelmed by the turnout — people as far as they could see.



