Presidents approve revenue sharing

Big 12 schools would share top-tier TV money; obstacles still remain before deal

By LUKE MEREDITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

equally share the wealth from the conference's most lucrative television deals if its members agree to lock those top-tier TV rights into the league for at least six years.

encouraging sign for the long-term health of the tier-one and tier-two TV rights to the league will conference, but it is no done deal.

Missouri is considering leaving the Big 12, (AP) — Big 12 university leaders agreed to possibly for the Southeastern Conference, and the university's board of curators is scheduled to meet Tuesday in St. Louis.

Interim Big 12 Commissioner Chuck Neinas hopes the approval by the presidents and chan-The league's announcement Monday was an cellors of equal revenue sharing and a grant of tors' meeting.

help convince Missouri to stay instead of joining Texas A&M in the SEC.

"In an objective view, this should be a positive sign for Missouri," Neinas said during a teleconference with reporters.

Neinas said he plans to visit with Missouri officials this week, but not before Tuesday's cura-

Neinas said Missouri should consider its for a vote by league presidents. Neinas said that long-standing rivalry with Kansas, the Kansas City-based Big 12 basketball tournaments and the close proximity between Columbia to other Big 12 schools.

"It's one thing to talk about the Southeastern Conference, but how many people are going to be able to afford to travel to Gainesville, Fla., or Columbia, S.C., or Tuscaloosa, Ala.," Neinas said. "You know, John Q. Fan, he can get in the car and drive to Big 12 games.

"Besides, Missouri is midwestern, not south-

The revenue-sharing model had been proposed by Texas several weeks ago, but was waiting schools have shown in the Big 12.

school leaders, who make up the Big 12 Board of Directors, voted unanimously in favor of it on Sunday.

Each school must still approve the granting of TV rights, and that's where the Missouri curators come in.

The Big 12 also plans to move forward with expansion plans, apparently regardless of what Missouri decides.

Neinas said the Big 12's expansion committee has been "activated" and will start meeting sometime this week. Neinas said the league has been encouraged by the amount of interest other

Gonzales takes job at Belmont University

Former US attorney general to leave Tech

By CAITLAN OSBORN **NEWS EDITOR**

Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has accepted a role at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., after spending two years as a visiting professor at

Gonzales spent his time at Tech

as a political science professor, and working with Tech's Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community

Gonzales, who served as a member of former President George W. Bush's Cabinet, will be taking a newly established, endowed position at Belmont's College of Law as the Doyle Rogers Distinguished Chair of Law.

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GONZALES

Tech explores green initiatives

Depts. participate campuswide

By GLORIA LERMA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech is working to change its colors from red and black to green.

According to the National Recycling Coalition, the average person throws away an estimated 4.3 pounds of recyclable waste every day.

Tech has recycled more than 39 tons of cardboard since 2009 from move-in weekends alone, 12 tons of which was from this year.

Bill Brannan, senior associate director of the Student Union and Activities, said a number of Tech departments, such as University Student Housing and Student Hospitality Services, are individually participating in recycling.

"There isn't a university-wide recycling system," he said. "We all do our own part."

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Readying Raiderville

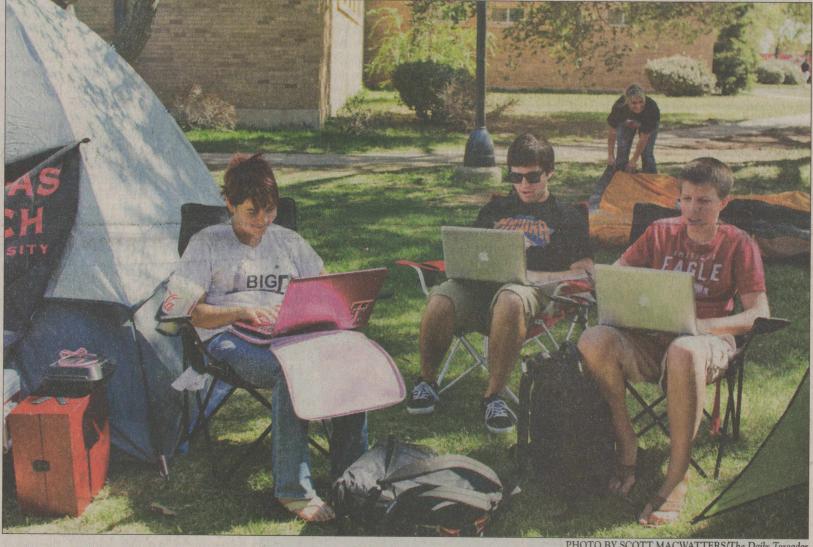


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LEIGH CROSSON, A freshman studying pre-veterinary medicine from Dallas, Jordan McDonald, a freshman business major from Pflugerville, and Brian Hartwig, a freshman Biochemistry major from Houston, hang out in Raiderville on Monday.

Plant and Soil Sciences looks for renovation funding

Department seeks private funds; project start date not yet scheduled

By GLORIA LERMA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students walking past the Plant and Soil Sciences Building have tried to catch glimpses of what changes might come their way.

Three large posters inside the building show three-dimensional images of what the Plant and Soil Sciences Building might look like once renovations are completed, if funding permits them to.

Richard Zartman, department chair of plant and soil sciences, is in charge of supervising the renovations and expansion of the project. He said the Plant and Soil Sciences Building will begin construction as soon as sufficient funding is received. The department is in the process of looking for private donations from various organizations, Zartman said, but funding has not yet been secured for the project.

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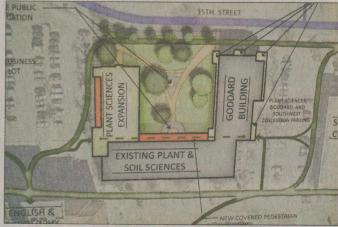


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador THE PROPOSED PLAN for the Plant Sciences building expansion is displayed inside of the Goddard Building's offices.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

David Crowder Time: 7 p.m. Where: City Bank Coliseum So, what is it? Enjoy this Christian rock band.

We Came as Romans Time: 7 p.m. Where: Wreckers So, what is it? Enjoy this hardcore rock band.

Heather McDonald Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Tech Activities Board presents comedian Heather McDonald, from the E! series Chelsea Lately, as she performs her humorous impressions and one-liners.

WEDNESDAY

Career Expo Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center So, what is it?

The Rawls College of Business will host its career expo, which is limited to RCOB students and minors only.

Movie Matinee Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy a presentation of Bad Teacher hosted by Tech Activities Board.

Aloha Karaoke Time: 7 p.m. Where: Jack and Dianne's So, what is it? Enjoy your favorite hits or perform your own originals.

Anne Challex-Boyle Time: 8 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Enjoy this violin faculty recital.

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Chemical mixing sparks massive Texas plant fire

fire sparked as workers mixed chemicals at a plant south of Dallas shot massive plumes of black smoke and bright orange flames into the sky Monday, forcing schoolchildren and residents to evacuate or take cover indoors to avoid possible exposure to dangerous gases.

Flames engulfed a large complex at a Magnablend Inc. facility in Waxahachie. The fast-moving blaze overwhelmed a sprinkler system and consumed a fire truck,

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — A but no injuries were reported from the fire or resulting smoke.

Waxahachie Fire Chief David Hudgins said it wasn't immediately clear what chemicals were involved in sparking the fire.

About 1,000 residents who had been evacuated were allowed to return to their homes early Monday evening, said Waxahachie Fire Department spokeswoman Amy Hollywood. Waxahachie, 30 miles south of Dallas, has about 25,000 residents.

DAY DRAWING

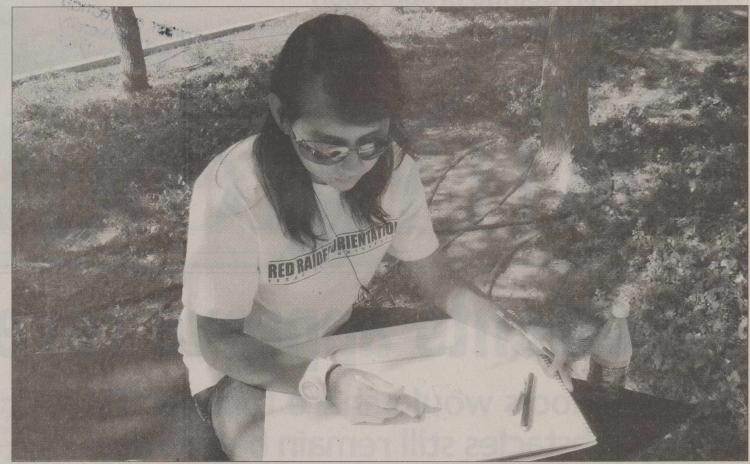


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ABIGAIL CASTILLO, A junior architecture and civil engineering major from Houston, sketches outside the English and Philosophy building on Monday.

POLICE BLOTTER

Nine students arrested at Tech-Nevada game, six more cited

September 24

10:57 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student for possession of marijuana following a traffic stop in the Z-5 parking lot. The student was transported to jail and the vehicle was impounded.

6:05 p.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student for consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of more than one valid driver's license at Gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium. The student was then taken to jail.

6:55-7:20 p.m. - Nine students were arrested and six more were issued citations for alcohol-related charges at Jones AT&T Stadium and the surrounding C2 parking lot.

> September 25 10:54 a.m. - A Tech officer in

vestigated criminal mischief in the Z-6 parking lot. The passenger side of a vehicle had been scratched.

September 26

12:47 p.m. - A Tech officer documented a medical emergency in the English building. A student was suffering from a seizure and was transported to the emergency

September 27

4:02 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated criminal mischief at Murray Hall. A drawing had been carved into a wall with a knife.

6:06 p.m. - A Tech officer arrested two students for possession of marijuana at Coleman Hall. Both students were then taken to jail.

September 28

2:56 a.m. - A Tech officer filed charges for graffiti. A student had spray painted on a wall in the stairwell of Weymouth Hall's 11th floor.

Thursday

9:52 a.m. - A Tech officer investigated telephone harassment at the Health Science Center. An employee received calls threatening to have her arrested if she refused to send money to an outof-state party.

10:56 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated an assault in the Z-4 parking lot. A student had shoved a Tech employee and then left Saturday

4:15 p.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student for driving without a valid license on Flint Avenue. The student was taken to jail and the vehicle was released to its owner.

Sunday

1:32 a.m. - A Tech officer documented a violation at Murdough Hall. A student was found to be in possession of a stun gun in his dorm room.

2:24 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a robbery at the Flint Ave. Parking Garage. A student was knocked off his bicycle by another person. The student's bicycle and backpack were then taken from

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The renovation project entails adding a west wing to the current

Plant and Soil Sciences Building, which is located at 15th Street and

Detroit Avenue. The \$15 million

project will allow for department

staff and faculty to be located in

The Fiber and Biopolymer Re-

search Institute of the department

is currently located off campus at

19th Street and Loop 289. If the

construction project does receive

adequate funding, Zartman said,

the institute could possibly move

primarily for research, Zartman

said, and will include research labs

for the department. He also said

faculty and staff would be under

"Currently, we have six staff and faculty who are not located in the building," he said. "They would have their offices and research spaces available to them in the

Zartman said no classrooms have been integrated in the build-

Lisa Fultz, a plant and soil sciences graduate student, said she is excited about the possible expan-

"I'm a grad student working in the lab across from here and it would be so nice to have more equipment room here in the same building," she said. "Everything

is so spread out right now and we really don't interact with each other. If the expansion occurs, we

can share resources and have more cooperation between the people in

Although the university plans

for the eventual renovation of the

building, the actual design has not

been officially approved by Tech

Facilities Planning and Construc-

to occur, but we haven't started any

construction or planning designs.

As soon as the funding is secure,

we will shortly after begin construc-

tion," Hugh Cronin, senior director

of project administration, said.

"We have plans for construction

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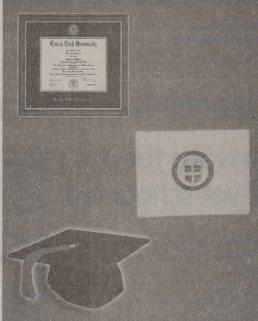
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Scientist wins Nobel 3 days after cancer death

NEW YORK (AP) — Ralph Steinman, a pioneer in understanding how cells fight disease, tried to help his own immune system thwart his pancreatic cancer.

Steinman survived until Friday. Three days later, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for

The Nobel committee, unaware of his death, announced the award Monday in Stockholm. Steinman's employer, Rockefeller University in New York, learned of his death after the Nobel an-

Steinman's wife, Claudia, said the family had planned to disclose his death Monday — only to discover an email to his cellphone from the Nobel committee.

Friends and colleagues were stunned by his death.

"For the last five years, I've gotten up in the morning of the Nobel Prize announcement and rushed to the computer to see his name," said Olivera I. Finn of the University of Pittsburgh.

"And this morning I saw it, and I just totally shrieked with joy," she said. Then she heard the bad news from a friend in Singapore.

"I have been this whole morning ... out of breath like somebody punched me in the stomach," Finn said.



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No set date has been established for the renovation.

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The Burkhart Center offers post-secondary opportunities to students with disabilities

By STEVIE DOUGLAS STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech was recently awarded a \$1.1 million grant by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities to help students with developmental disabilities navigate their ways through difficulties in the higher education system.

Beginning January 2012, the Texas Tech Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research will initiate Project CASE (Connections for Academic Success and Employment), a program designed to help students between the ages of 18 and 25 who have developmental disabilities successfully transition to a postsecondary education lifestyle.

DeAnn Lechtenberger, founder of Project CASE, said she will join Dave Richman, a Tech education professor and chair of the Burkhart Center, as coinvestigators to identify, recruit and retain students with developmental disabilities who are interested in furthering their educations beyond high school.

"Project CASE was initi-

autism that need more support than is typically offered during their post-secondary educations," Lechtenberger said. "The idea came from the Burkhart Transition Academy, a program that is already making progress in the same direction.'

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that an average of one in every 110 people will be diagnosed with autism, which is just one of the developmental disabilities Project CASE will target.

"CASE can only help these students. The switch from high school to college or even to the work place is one of the largest issues autism patients face," said Anna Phillips, a member of the Region 17 Autism Planning and Advisory Team. "Researchers are working with students at school ages, but it is evident that programs that aim to help find avenues to assist autistic patients in being productive after school are a huge need. Any project that addresses that issue is going to be well received."

To be accepted into Project CASE, students must first meet

criteria set by the TCDD and the entrance requirements for Tech or South Plains College, Lechtenberger said. The program is specifically designed for students tify the appropriate supports who already have the credentials to succeed at Tech, but who also may need assistance adjusting to the new atmosphere. A detailed application and interview process is involved before a student can be formally accepted into the

"Project CASE is for students who already possess the ability to be accepted to Texas Tech or South Plains," Lechtenberger said, "but may have trouble understanding the adjustments in college, or being able to selfadvocate and efficiently describe their disabilities to professors."

After being accepted into the program, students will develop a strong support system called a "wraparound team," she said.

"Once a student is in, Dr. Lechtenberger will meet with the student and their family to design a wraparound team," said Janice Magness, director of the Burkhart Transition Academy. "The team she said. will incorporate active participa-

developmental disabilities like the developmental disability tion of the student, their family, a facilitator, a degree program representative, local community supports and potential employers."

The team will work to idenand ensure the student has the opportunity to participate in internships to develop work skills and a competitive resume. Lechtenberger plans to first seek employment opportunities on campus and then in the local community.

'We have already received letters of support from businesses like United Supermarkets, but where we look for support ultimately depends on the needs of the students," Lechtenberger said. "For example, if a student really wants to work in the office of a bank, we would look at local businesses to try to find a receptionist or file clerk position. The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is in the process of developing data entry positions for our students who may be interested in computers."

Applications for Project CASE will be available at the Burkhart Center by November,

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DNA helps free Texas man convicted in wife's death

KELSIE TRAYNHAM, A senior chemistry major from Yorktown, care-

fully pours small amounts of proline onto a scale to weigh it during a lab

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prosecutors agreed Monday to release an Austin man who spent nearly 25 years in prison for beating his wife to death — but always maintained his innocence — after DNA tests showed another man was responsible.

in the Chemistry building on Monday.

District Judge Sid Harle recommended Michael Morton go free to the state Court of Criminal Appeals, which will make the final determination on overturning his conviction. Morton is set for release Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morn-

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

The case will likely raise more questions about John Bradley, district attorney for Williamson County north of Austin and once a Gov. Rick Perry appointee to head the Texas Forensic Science Commission. Bradley criticized the commission's investigation of the case of Cameron Todd Willingham, who was executed in 2004 after being convicted of arson in the deaths of his three children. Experts have since concluded that

case's forensic science was faulty.

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Green +

The Student Union Building alone has more than eight recycling centers, Brannan said, which includes bins for office paper, cans and plastic bottles.

"The SUB recycles newspapers, plastics and aluminum cans, and we recently started with office paper," he said. "Cardboard is the main recyclable material."

Recently, Brannan said, the city of Lubbock began to allow the establishment of recycling centers around neighborhoods after businesses were prohibited from disposing recyclable materials due to the large amount of waste produced.

"It was mostly the large quantity

primarily for neighborhoods," he said. "So, now Tech has partnered with Lubbock and recycling companies to dispose of the solid waste."

Tech recently partnered with Vista Fibers, who take the university's cardboard waste, Brannan said. It takes two-and-a-half bins — each eight-yards wide — to dispose of all the cardboard the SUB accumulates in one day alone, he said.

Alan Cushman and other members of Student Hospitality Services meet once a month to continue developing programs to encourage recycling around campus. One of these programs is "Crush 'em Tech," which encourages people to crush and take the caps off water bottles before recycling them.

Another incentive intended to encourage the Tech community includes "Raider Refill," which offers students who buy a specifically marked cup or mug to receive refills at reduced rate.

"Hospitality Services partners up with Student Housing and the physical plant to encourage recycling. We have set up recycling bins behind every dining facility around campus and the physical plant," Cushman said. "It's not just cardboard that we encourage recycling. We have eliminated the use of trays in some dining facilities in order to reduce the use of water and chemicals. Also, the ice machines now use air cooling, which uses compressed air instead of water to produce ice."

According to data provided from Student Hospitality Services, the university saved more than \$117,000 worth of resources beof waste. Most of those centers were to take steps toward sustainability tween August 2010 and May 2011,

including trees, water, oil and electricity.

From the administrative end, Cushman said, Tech continues to provide outlets and support for students to continue with their sustainability efforts.

Meanwhile, students see recycling as more of a problem than a solution.

"It's a huge burden in the sense that I feel helpless to help the environment," said Teresa Guzman, a political science major from Converse. "At school, it's easy to recycle, but when I'm at home, I'm constantly throwing away boxes of cereal and empty bottles of water. If anything, recycling outlets are needed more off campus. I just think it's a huge oversight of all the apartment complexes near Tech."

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"I am honored to be named as the Doyle Rogers Distinguished Chair of Law, created in honor of an outstanding lawyer and extraordinary human being," Gonzales said in a press release. "I welcome the opportunity to be associated with the Belmont College of Law, and I look forward to working with an outstanding charter faculty to develop tomorrow's leaders in the bar, the Nashville community and beyond."

Tech President Guy Bailey said he appreciates Gonzales' service to the university and students during his time as a Red Raider.

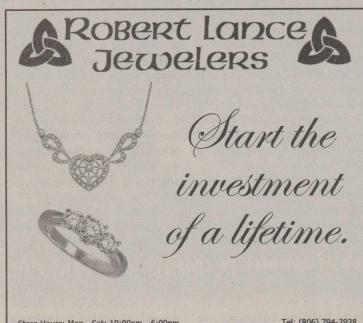
"We appreciate Judge Gonzales for sharing an inside perspective of the executive branch with our students the past two years," Bailey said in a university statement. "His

President Bush's Cabinet provided our students with an at the highest level. The feedback from students who have

periences as a member of taken his courses has been exemplary."

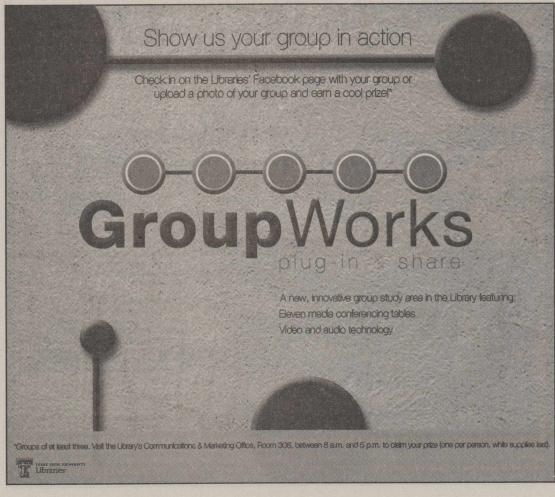
Gonzales will fill his posiintimate view of government tion at Belmont University on Jan. 2, 2012.

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Measure success by character, not material

iving in a First World country is an interesting experience. We grow up surrounded by influences that encourage the attitude that we are entitled to what we have and the privileges we see on TV and hear about on the radio.

This is particularly true in the United States. We are constantly bombarded by advertisements on all mediums. Images and products of all types are associated with beauty and wealth as western society undeniably defines them: skinny, muscular, fast cars, big houses, smart phones and so forth. More importantly, however, is the association of pure, unfiltered happiness with these products and services - often the worst contributing factor to our generation's sense of entitle-

The people depicted are not only perfect looking and wealthy,



but also unrealistically happy. Not that I would do any different were I to advertise some product, but it nonetheless changes our perspectives from the day we first see a television show or listen to

According to a Yahoo! Answers post and other sources like Wikipedia and Google Answers, the average American of our generation is exposed to roughly 3,000 advertisements per day. For people living in a dense urban environment, the number can be as high as 5,000. It is simply impossible to live in a place where the number of ads telling

us who to be and how to live isn't pride is our biggest problem. Most success in this country is most meaning of success.

Assum ing success is measured by material possessions, living situations and the ability to maintain an attractive appearance, by American standards the "successful" are a miniscule percentage of the population.

cess in a way consistent with the values we proudly - albeit dishonestly — claim to uphold in this country?

From a religious standpoint,

a massive contributing factor to of us, myself included, experiour attitudes about life and the ence it on a near constant basis, regardless of our situation. We compare our

> houses, cars and appear-... success should ances to others around us, be measured by the which leads to lives we touch and envy. In reality, we should not by the things strive to better ourselves, and we can or can't not because of the pride and afford. envy brought on by other people, adver-

tisements and Instead, why not measure suc- attitudes surrounding us, but instead by the desire to truly better ourselves for the purpose of being more fit to serve and care for future generations.

From a societal standpoint,

definitely defined by dollars and cents and the sentiment that whoever dies with the most toys wins. Don't get me wrong. It's great to reward yourself with a few luxuries if you feel you've worked hard, but, at a certain point, we

simply begin to showoff.

Instead, success should be defined by attitudes that make positive influences on lives around us. Physical assets do allow us to increase the quantity of our service to our country and fellow citizens, but not necessarily the quality.

If you think about it, I have very little doubt that of the people in life you admire and look up to the most, none of them have this status to you because of their money or possessions.

For me, it was a high school math teacher who stuck with me as a teacher and friend through

some really tough times. For you, it may be a parent or friend who stuck with you and helped you persevere through difficult times. Maybe it's someone you don't even know personally whose ideals you respect and admire. It can be anyone, but I'll bet it's not because they're rich or generically "pretty."

The point is success should be measured by the lives we touch and not by the things we can or can't afford. Most importantly, we should all strive to measure success by the strength of character we build through overcoming our own adversity and by the empathy we have for others, whether we know them or not.

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Microfinance: myth of an entire industry

By JONATHAN PEDDE THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

Microfinance — the provision of small, group loans to poor people in poor countries — is, depending on whom you ask, either the latest way for western capitalists to exploit third world laborers or the miracle cure that will allow the world's poorest citizens to successfully run their own business and thereby work their way out of poverty.

The government of Andhra Pradesh, the Indian state where I spent the better part of last summer, clearly agrees with the former view.

In 2007, after a spate of farmer suicides, the government nearly wiped out the state's entire microfinance industry by making repayment of microfinance loans illegal. Many of the development organizations that support microfinance, on the other hand, clearly believe that microfinance has significant potential.

I met many people who sincerely believed that their microfinance efforts represented their best contribution in the fight against

global poverty. However, by over-selling the benefits of microfinance, these organizations risk leaving other important problems unaddressed. eliminating global

I tend to be more skeptical — while microfinance is clearly beneficial to poor countries.

nor of the form that many of microfinance's proponents claim. First, I do not accept the implicit premise that small businesses represent the way out of deprivation for the majority of the world's poorest citizens. Second, microfinance lending is structured in a way that is of little use to people who wish to start new and innovative businesses.

In Andhra Pradesh, small, family-owned shops are a dime a dozen: Drive down any major road, and you'll probably see at least one every hundred yards. During my time in India, none of the smallbusiness owners whom I met earned an income significantly higher than comparable daily laborers.

Economic studies done in this part of India have shown that the average owner-operator of one of these businesses earns less than the minimum wage. Most of these small business owners are running small businesses because they have no alternatives, not because they are somehow more entrepreneurial than the citizens of developed

If given the choice, many small business owners would rather be working in a stable, wage-paying job than running their own business. The owner-operator of a small business bears a tremendous amount of risk — a wage-earning employee, on the other hand, has significantly greater security in regards to future income and employment.

There is considerable empirical evidence that this greater stability improves the lives not only of the workers themselves but also of their children.

For instance, one study in Mexico showed that women who moved from running a small business to working in a sweatshop began to better feed their children, thereby largely eliminating the height difference between those children and healthy children.

Like it or not, the soulless multinationals who established sweatshops in Singapore and call centers in India are doing something that most poor small business owners can never do for themselves - create consistent employment that is the first step on the ladder out of

Research by Tuck School of Business professor Rafael La Porta has shown that more developed

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economies have a smaller proportion of the population who are self-employed or work for small businesses.

Even if small businesses were a feasible route out of poverty, microfinance is unsuited to properly support these endeav-

these benefits are neither as large ors. Traditional loans to the poor - uncollateralized, with flexible repayment schedules - are very risky and time-consuming from the lender's perspective.

Microfinance loans, in contrast, are completely inflexible — the repayment dates are fixed, and defaults are rare because an entire group of borrowers is usually responsible for the repayment of every individual's loan. This rigidity is not well suited to entrepreneurship, which, by definition, is risky and uncertain. One cannot reasonably start a new business with loans that demand quick and complete repayment.

That being said, there is considerable evidence that microfinance loans help poor families ride out hard times without falling into destitution — economists call this "consumption smoothing."

In this regard, microfinance is often invaluable. But it is wrong to think that microfinance is a panacea for eliminating global poverty. This simplistic kind of thinking obfuscates other immense economic problems that poor countries face.

Given how fortunate all of us at Dartmouth are, we owe the world's poorest citizens more than sloppy

Enjoy college years, could be best of our lives

Your early 20s are a time to "find yourself" — whatever the heck that means. Anytime someone mentions they are "finding themselves," I always ask where they are looking and if they need help. As a side note, I also ask people who are renewing their wedding vows if they expired, but that's beside the point.

Your college years are the perfect time to justify being selfish and have the time of your life. We leave our parents for four years on a trek to earn a certificate announcing we survived four years of parties, football games, a horrible data ing life and even school.

That's what college is all about, right? It's about figuring out who you want to be, what you want to do and who will be at your wedding. And we



of thousands of dollars?

I can't begin to count how many times I've been told that college is the best time of anyone's life. Most of the time, I completely agree. But, when I'm awake at 1 a.m. studying for a math exam wondering when I'll hear from a certain guy next as I search through the pantry for some nasty chicken-flavored Ramen noodles, I pray it gets

Taking classes that make you want to cry, having a seesaw of a as good as it gets, I wonder how real world. much life must suck.

I wish I could say it gets better than this. Through having an older, hot and successful sister — you're welcome, Brittney — I am often reminded that the quarter-life crisis does, in fact, exist. My sister has matured and is definitely beyond that horrible time, but I did witness her stress out about starting her career and over saving enough money for a nice apartment and the latest pair of expensive Cole Haan boots, all while still remembering to attend chic parties with the most eligible guys who dress and drink like they're still in fraternities.

years after graduating college and came out smarter than before. But, as I sit and watch dating life and being a dirt-poor a rerun of "The Real World," college student is not what I like I know she wishes she was still do this at the expense of tens to think of as paradise. If this is in college and not in the actual

Whether college is the best time of your life or a close second behind kindergarten, I think it's easy to become engulfed with the school aspect of it all. Like I always say, "I love college, but I hate school."

However, I then realize that someday I will have a "big girl" job with very little playtime. I will have a steady paycheck with nothing to spend it on except visiting my alma mater by attending football games while proudly proclaiming with my guns held high in the air, "Long live the Matadors!"

Maybe college really is the best time of your life. It may She survived those awkward take leaving it to realize it, but let's live it up while we're here.

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Occupy Wall Street good with ideas, bad with change

By SAM BOUCHAT OREGON DAILY EMERALD (U. OREGON)

My aunt commutes from New Jersey to Manhattan every day. Last week, she emailed me asking if I knew anything about the protesters who had taken up residence in Zuccotti Park in Lower Manhattan, of whom she had only just been made aware. "The protest (as I understand it) is against Wall Street," she said . "But how do you protest Wall Street?"

Not very well, apparently. Since Sept. 17, protesters have occupied Manhattan in a movement against Wall Street with the motto, "We are the 99% that will no longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the 1%." Right now, they stand in Manhattan holding signs and chanting for change of the failing economy, the shrinking middle class and the end of big-business greed.

Unfortunately, their motto is just as vague as their movement. I was not surprised to learn that many Americans, even those that frequent the Big Apple, are unaware of their existence. Aside from brief and occasional reports of police brutality on the front lines, the mainstream media is ignoring the Occupy Wall Street protesters. While some suspect a hidden agenda, the truth is that the protesters really aren't all that newsworthy.

Dick Meyer, the executive editor for news of NPR, stated that the protests "did not involve large numbers of people, prominent people, a great disruption or an especially clear objective." And while the numbers have been growing daily, not much has changed. The protests are in the name of a good cause, and the protesters themselves have good intentions and a positive goal, but the fact is that nothing of significance has changed or will change because of them. Occupy Wall Street is little more than an unorganized, liberal rage-fest resulting in a false sense of empowerment. It's admirable, but, at its current level, inconsequential.

24-year-old Monica Christoffels is a selves to protest whatever they feel like dual-enrollment student at Lane Community College and the University, and has been an active protester since 2009. She was one of 1,252 people arrested in Washington D.C. for protesting the Tar Sands Pipeline in early September. While she believes in Occupy Wall Street's cause, she does not feel that it is being approached correctly.

"It's good to demand accountability, especially at this magnitude with these corporations," she said. "But if you're just going to call out a general group, no one is going to feel the pressure to respond. You need to focus your attentions and your efforts on something more specific."

Specificity, however, is severely lacking in the movement. There exists no leader, no spokesperson, no clear-cut goal and no definitive plan to achieve anything. The movement began with a general and all-encompassing ultimatum: the end of greed on Wall Street, which is unachievable by simply standing around a park in Manhattan,

"People have taken it upon them-

protesting," Christoffels said. "It makes the whole protest organic: it is whatever people want it to be. All the issues people have are interconnected, but they're all

But an "organic" protest is not what the economy needs right now. It needs radical, deliberate, spearheaded changes, not a collection of struggling Americans who are satisfied with feeling productive rather than being productive.

The demands of the Occupy Wall Street movement are evolving daily, which makes them difficult to pin down. Everything from the smashing of the Wall Street bull statue to wide-scale debt forgiveness has been mentioned. These goals are understandable, but unrealistic—and I don't see how the smashing of an inanimate bull would help. But I can see how people would want to be a part of the protests. It's a way to release pent-up frustration with an unfair system. It's a way to gain relief from a constant feeling of rage at overwhelming and seemingly endless inequalities, even if the relief is temporary and superficial.

To those who know about it, the movement is gaining momentum throughout the country, primarily through social networks like Reddit and Twitter. But it's easy to arbitrarily agree with the broad ideas of a group of wellintentioned protestors. It's harder to actually do something like closing your account with that big-budget bank or donating to a charity that better caters to your concerns. Better yet, become an educated voter and read up on what's happening in the world, why it's happening and how you can vote to help change it.

Occupy Wall Street is a hypothetical idea the American people need. It could be a means to bring attention to the many struggling Americans who, because of a failing economy and the selfishness of powerful organizations and the insanely rich, can barely make ends meet. It could be a first step toward the eventual fixing of the many problems plaguing the government and the many injustices that exist seemingly without

But first tries are rarely successful.

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'Workaholics' cast talks about show, experiences

Stars Blake Anderson and Anders Holm and writer-director Kyle Newacheck of the Comedy Central show "Workaholics" sat down to have a phone conference on Thursday. Several different universities from across the country asked the trio some questions about the show and other miscellaneous information.

Q: Do you draw any of these situations from real life? If so, what has been the most difficult part of putting those crazy situations into a comedy show?

Blake: I think we draw a lot of our stuff from real life. Of course, you kind of have to, like, juice them up for TV a little bit. I think that's what makes our characters seem real, because we kind of take stuff from real life.

Anders: Like last week's episode, where we woke up totally hungover having done stuff we didn't remember doing. I mean, obviously that's something that just about everybody's done. Have I dyed my hair in the middle of the night? No. But I will someday.

Blake: You got to do it. I say you go blonde and throw in a streak of, like, purple. That would be fresh. You and your brother — you guys would look radical.

Q: How has it been working with Comedy Central?

Anders: It's been great. They really trust our creative thoughts.

Kyle: And when they throw parties, they give us free beer, so that's really nice of them.

Anders: It is. It's very consider-

Blake: They usually have good catering, too, like tacos and stuff.

Q: Have you guys always been friends outside of the show? How did you meet?

Blake: Me and Kyle were best buddies back in - I think we met in third grade. We were drawing comic books together, and fast-forward a lot of years later, we moved up to Los Angeles at junior college and Adam met Anders in Los Angeles at an "improv" class, and then we kind of just started kicking it on the regular making Internet videos and falling in love with each other.

Q: What's coming up in the season ahead? Any surprises?

Anders: Next week, we have a lot of "cranking down," which you'll find out what that is.

Q: Do you have any special hair regimens or vitamins you have to take to make your locks look so luscious?

Blake: I think, at some point, I did have some vitamin I was taking because I heard it would make my beard grow, but that didn't really work. It may have had some effect on the hair on my head though. So, I'm pretty happy about that. Other than that, it's pretty much shampooing it when I remember, and then letting it dry via driving around in my Jeep.

Q: Do you guys improvise a lot on the show, or do you mostly go off the script?

Anders: We have a pretty detailed script, but when we like to get loose, Kyle lets us go off the leash a

Kyle: There are lines on the page, but it's the more you can say them differently and how it feels natural to you — that's how you get the natural feel.

Blake: Kyle is just a pro. He knows how to get us loose on set, but we do have a pretty strict script, too. We don't mess around. We're all business.

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Kyle: Somebody will come up with a little nugget of an idea, and we all sit around the table and talk about the story. Then, Anders and Kevin take it to the computer and write the script. Some ideas go to bed and it's like they hit a wall, and then someone comes up with an idea that brings it back to life, and then you work on it for a while longer.

Q: Is this making fun of a nineto-five job?

Blake: Of course a lot of the jobs you first get when you start out are not careers for the rest of your life. Like, before I was doing this, I was a pizza deliverer. I wasn't planning on doing it forever. I mean, it would be cool to have three kids and be a pizza guy. I would probably be their hero, but you got to make fun of that job or you're going to go insane, you know?

Q: Who have been your influences in terms of comedy?

Blake: Definitely Larry David. I know we're all big "Curb (Your Enthusiasm)" fans. I'm a really big fan of staying stupid stuff as well, like in cartoons. I like anything that uses imagination and creativity. It's better than just network-by-thenumber stuff. I'm a fan of seeing people take risks.

Kyle: And even stuff that doesn't involve comedians. That "Jackass" dude — I know we all love him. Like, just stuff that's incredibly

Blake: It's fun to watch people have fun.

Q: What has your worst job or work experience been?

Anders: I did tele-fundraising like they do on the show, except it was for non-profits, but it's still

Q: Does one person come up just as brutal because you're not meet cool people and that only leads even really selling anything. You're to bigger, better things. So, that's just asking people for money even though they just gave money and you want more. It was pretty brutal because you get three 10-minute breaks a day with a 15-minute lunch or something, and you're just sitting at a computer trying to read a magazine while you tell people to save the whales or help out the Antarctic Sea or whatever. Then, they just shout at you and tell you they're going to call their lawyers and sue you. So, that sucked.

Blake: I worked at a butcher shop, but it actually wasn't that bad. It was kind of cool. It was just a bunch of dudes making crude jokes, and I'm a fan of that, but sometimes you would have to clean out these beef barrels and they smelled like shit. But, it was worth it because you got free ground beef, and everything is worth it when you're getting free ground beef.

Q: Are you guys anything like your characters? Anders: Yeah, we are like our characters, except the ones you see on TV are our amplified versions.

Blake: It's quite possible that we're dumber on TV than in real life, but I don't know. The verdict is still out on that.

Q: How has life changed since you've gotten a really popular and famous show?

Anders: We've been able to go on comedy tours and get VIP passes to see music, and that's been pretty much the coolest thing, and you see people on the streets that like what you do and that's pretty cool too.

Blake: I've just always said that it's cool to have a popular show because of other people in the industry or, like, industries you respect. It opens doors and opportunities to kind of awesome. You have people who tend to want to work with you. For so long, we were doing Internet stuff and no one was watching, but we were fans of it. At the end of the day, that's what is important. It is cool having that response from people saying that they like it too. It feels very rewarding.

Q: Has that show gotten you laid at all?

Anders: I'm having way more sex with my longtime girlfriend.

Q: Is your show helping others

Blake: I hope our show is getting everyone in the world laid more. Actually, I think what's really cool is when dudes have curly hair like me. I hope and I pray that they're saving that they're me and getting action from that. You guys, this is a shout out to everybody with hair like me: You're allowed to say you're me if it helps, and if it doesn't help, then just bail and go back to being yourself.

Q: Blake, you're one of my favorite Twitter followers. I'm just wondering where you get all your ideas for your tweets?

Blake: I think I do my best work right after I wake up after a hard night of drinking. Those are usually my favorite tweets.

Q: Any advice for college stu-

Anders: Stay in school for forever. Don't ever leave it.

Blake: It's the most fun ever. Have fun with your life. It's more important than going to class. Make friendships because, honestly, I think that's what college is about is hooking up with people you can carry with you for the rest of your life.

You make a lot of really good friends during those years, and I think that is the coolest part, and, who knows, that could be what turns into your job rather than what your major was.

Q: Do you guys have any crazy fan experiences?

Anders: We were driving around on a golf cart in Bonnaroo trying to get to one place to another because we were doing a comedy show there, and then there was this pack of totally stoned frat dudes who saw Blake's hair blowing in the wind and took off after us — like 15 guys running to catch us. I don't know what they wanted. That's the weird part. If they would've caught up to us, it probably would've just been an awkward silence, and then they

would've walked away. Blake: We did have a pretty hard clinger-onner girl from Wisconsin where we weren't sure if she liked us or wanted to stab one of us with a fork. We would tell her to her face. "Please, you're really mean. Just leave us alone," and she would just laugh and say she hated us and then say, "Can I have a picture?" and keep following us.

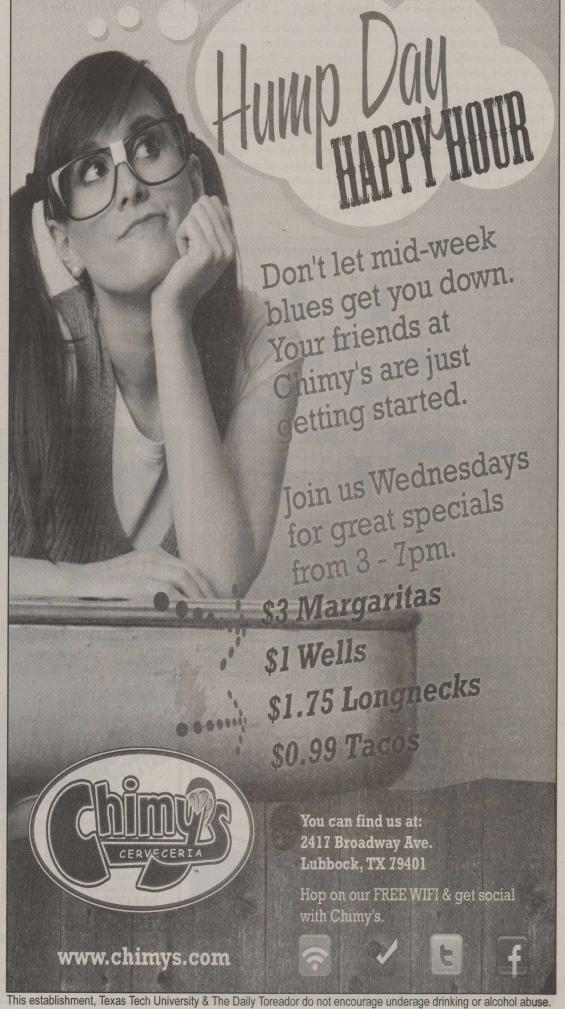
Q: What are your plans for the future?

Anders: I think we'd do this as long as this is fun. As far as what I want to do eventually, the weird thing is I'm already doing it. I'm on a show that I like, with friends that I like, writing stuff that keeps me interested. This is something you build over a career and we're lucky enough to get it when we're still kind of young.

"Workaholics" airs Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. CDT on Comedy Central.

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ER doc: Jackson physician never mentioned propofol

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson was clinically dead when he arrived at a hospital and two emergency room doctors said they thought it was futile to attempt to revive him. His doctor, however, insisted that

Both doctors, testifying at Dr. Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial Monday, said Murray failed to tell them that he had been giving Jackson the anesthetic propofol or when Jackson had been medicated or stopped breathing.

"He said he did not have any concept of time, that he did not have a watch," said Dr. Thao Nguyen, a cardiologist at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, where Jackson was taken on June 25, 2009.

"Dr. Murray asked that we not give up easily and try to save Michael Jackson's life," she said. "...In Dr. Murray's mind, if we called it quits, we would be giving up easily."

Nguyen said Murray "sounded desperate and he looked devastated." But, she said, without knowing how much time had passed since he stopped breathing, resuscitation was a remote hope.

"It was not too little too late," she said. "It was a case of too late. I feared that time was not on Mr. Jackson's side.'

Murray, 58, has pleaded not guilty. Authorities say Murray administered the fatal dose and acted recklessly by providing Jackson the drug as a sleep aid at his home when it is supposed to be administered in a hospital. The defense argues that Jackson gave himself an additional dose of the drug when Murray was out of the room.

Nguyen and Dr. Richelle Cooper, who oversaw Jackson's care in the emergency room, said Murray never mentioned that he had given the singer the propofol. They said he told them that he had given two doses of lorazepam, also known as Ativan, trying to get him to sleep.

"Did he ever mention propofol to you?" Deputy District Attorney David Walgren asked Nguyen.

"Absolutely not," she said in a

Before leaving the stand, Nguyen said, "I've never heard of propofol being used outside of a hospital.'

She said at least three medical personnel, including an anesthesiologist, should be present when the drug is given. Walgren asked her: "Have you ever heard of propofol being used in someone's private bedroom?"

Nguyen replied: "That would be a first. I've never heard of it."

In cross-examination, defense attorney Michael Flanagan was able to get Cooper to say that, even if they had known about the propofol, they could not have saved Jackson's life.

"Michael Jackson had died long before he became my patient," she said. "It is unlikely with that information I could have done something that would have changed the outcome."

She also said that the amount of propofol which Murray has since claimed he gave Jackson would not have put him to sleep and would have dissipated from his body in five to seven minutes.

Murray claimed he administered 25 milligrams. An autopsy showed that he died of an overdose of the

Cooper said Jackson was "clinically dead" by the time he reached the hospital and she had advocated pronouncing him dead at his home when she received radio calls from paramedics describing his condition.

"Mr. Jackson was my patient and I didn't really have an explanation of why he was dead. I knew it would be a coroner's case," she said and suggested he should have been pronounced dead at 12:57 p.m. when the radio call came in.

But she yielded to Murray and Jackson was brought to the emergency room where more than 14 people worked on the effort to revive him.

"My assessment when he arrived was he was clinically dead and given the time — it was about an hour — I thought the attempt at rescue would be futile," Cooper said. She has said more than an hour of resuscitation efforts at the hospital did nothing to improve Jackson's condition.

Cooper also told jurors about trying to speak to Jackson's children after he was pronounced dead at the hospital at 2:26 p.m. "They were crying," Cooper said. "They were fairly

Murray's phone records are a central part of the prosecution case. Two staffers from cell phone providers identified records of his calls on the day of Jackson's death.

Prosecutors intend to show records of Murray's phone calls and emails from the hours before Jackson's death to show that Murray had other things on his mind — getting his \$150,000 a month deal to serve as Jackson's personal physician approved, running his medical practices and fielding calls from mistresses.

One of Murray's former patients, Las Vegas salesman Robert Russell, detailed one of those calls for jurors last week and the phone traced a call to his number.

Later in the case, prosecutors will further detail calls and messages Murray fielded that day, including several the physician apparently made to his girlfriend as he rode in the back of the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

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'The artwork's awesome,"

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NICOLE DEAMDA, A sophomore exercise sports science major from Shallowater, lifts weights in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Monday.

Kansas City public art project takes on debt

KANSAS CITY (AP) -Across the street from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, a foreboding tower of shipping containers glowers at the building spelling out an in-your-face message: "IOU."

On the other side: "USA." The 65-foot-high structure by artist John Salvest is made up of 117 carefully-aligned cargo and storage containers — the kind that ply the world's rivers and oceans carrying everything from Hyundais to Happy Meal toys.

The piece is creating a buzz in Kansas City as debate about the national deficit surfaces as a key theme of the upcoming presidential race and budget shortfalls are the top concern in the nation's statehouses.

The artist behind it says the message is open to interpretation. But the symbolism of shipping containers stacked tall in the shadow of the city's Federal Reserve building can be taken as a slap at a government groping for ways out of its debts.

"Obviously the inspiration was the national debt problem," Salvest said in a telephone interview from his home in Jonesboro, Ark., where he teaches at Arkansas State University. "But that trickles down into a lot of peoples' lives, and I think a lot of people are frustrated or angry or worried about their economic well-being."

He added: "Some people are offended by it. One woman said 'I feel it's nothing but a big waste of money.' Some have sent me really sweet emails about how it really moved them."

Since the piece went up earlier this month there have been more than 50 visitors a day, said Stacy Switzer, artistic director of Grand Arts, the nonprofit Kansas City gallery and sculpture studio that funded the project.

"We've gotten everything from 'When is that ugly thing coming down?' to people coming out of the Fed's Money Museum saving they may not like the looks of it, but they understand the piece. Mikkelsen was tak-

it," Switzer said.

Switzer would not say how much the project cost. But she said with renting the containers, hiring a crane to put them in place, paying for round-theclock security to make sure no one climbs the structure or tags it with graffiti, it is "definitely one of our biggest projects."

The "IOU" side faces the Federal Reserve's new building and is fully visible to employees from windows looking directly out on to the park. Bill Medley, spokesman for the Kansas City Fed, says the bank is not commenting.

Salvest described an installation process that required NASA launch-like precision to line up the containers and bomb-sniffing dogs sent over by the Kansas City Fed to ensure the containers were safe.

So far, the piece has generated discussion, but no incidents. Michael Mikkelsen, 29, of Kansas City, was among fans of our economic situation," said Jan Schall, curator of modern and contemporary art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. "It's a very complex work,"

she said. "To me with one sculptural, monumental-sized installation piece a whole flood of ideas is released for our consid-

Pittman takes CEO reins at Clear Channe

the heels of organizing a two-day concert in Las Vegas that kicked off Clear Channel's iHeart Radio online radio service, media veteran Bob Pittman was named Sunday as chief executive of its parent company, CC Media Holdings Inc.

Pittman, 57, is an expert at

fore its ill-fated merger with Time Warner Inc.

He joined the company last November with a \$5 million investment and the job of chairman of media and entertainment platforms. He is betting the company can turn itself around, although ad years than Internet ad spending.

Pittman says radio's often-untapped power was demonstrated a week ago, when Clear Channel's network of stations and billboards helped sell out a 12,500-capacity arena with top acts like Jay-Z, Lady Gaga and Sting. The end of September is not usually a time for big arena shows especially for tickets that cost \$45 and up.

"I think it was a game changer, and that's what every marketer looks for," Pittman said in an interview. "The proof is in the pudding. We used it ourselves."

Pittman is the first Clear Channel head who is not a member of the founding Mays family. The privately held media empire began in 1972 when investment banker L. Lowry Mays bought his first radio station in San Antonio, Texas. His son Mark Mays stepped down as CEO in March.

Clear Channel, based in San Antonio, now owns 850 stations nationwide.

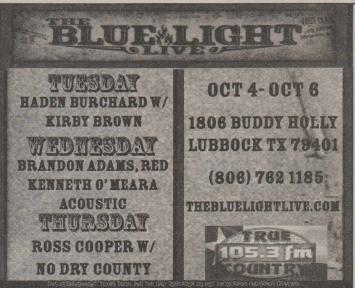
The company is struggling under the huge load of about \$20 billion in debt — amassed when it was taken private in 2008 by funds Thomas H. Lee Partners and Bain Capital. In the quarter through June, company cut its net loss by more than 90 percent to \$13.3 million on \$1.6 billion in revenue, but the company continues to pay more in interest than it makes through operations.

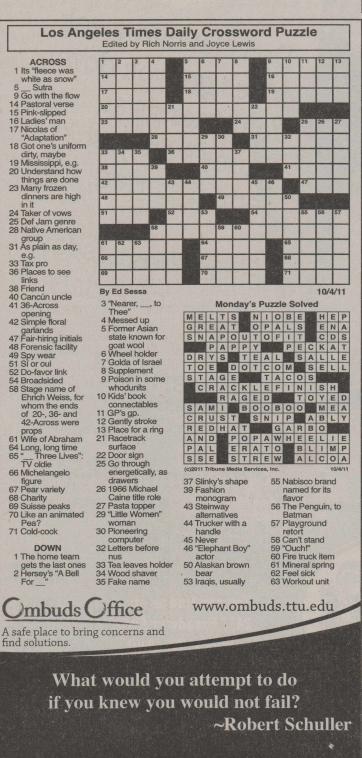
Pittman acknowledged that turning around the company will take a lot more than just creating a rival to Pandora's customized online radio service, which is struggling to increase online ad revenue and turn a profit itself.

He said the main opportunity is using Clear Channel's stations, which hit 237 million listeners every month, to sell nationwide ads as most of its ads are now booked in local spots.

He speaks about the network's reach in the same breath as social media giant Facebook and search leader Google Inc.

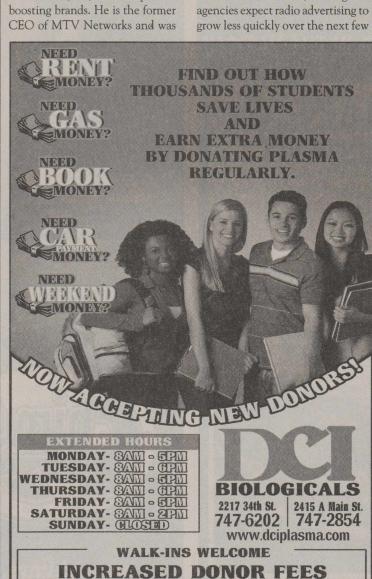
"There's a whole new player out there for national (ads). It's called Clear Channel," he said.





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Women's tennis gets solid work in California



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador NIKKI SANDERS WILL begin her play in the ITA All-American Championships on Tuesday. However, other Lady Raider tennis players have already started competing in the tournament.

> By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

The fall season serves as preparation for when the Big 12 Conference schedule rolls around in spring.

The Texas Tech women's tennis team is using its early opportunities to put in work, competing in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's All-American Championships in Los Angeles.

In her first match since retiring due to an injury in the Texas Invitational last week, Elizabeth Ullathorne was dropped in straight sets by Utah's Sarah Pham in the prequalifying draw.

Ullathorne continues to battle tendonitis in her knees, hampering her performance this season. "I wouldn't say it's all because of her injury, but she definitely isn't moving at 100 percent," Tech head coach Todd Petty said. "It was tough for her to really get her feet into the match, but (Pham) is a very good player, so I mean lots of credit to her.'

Since the beginning of the season, Petty has said he is not concerned with Ullathorne's results.

"Our main focus at this time is to make sure that by January, you know, by the spring season, she's 100 percent," Petty said. "I think there's no question she'll be ready by then."

Samantha Adams was not ready at the onset of her first match in the prequalifying draw. That did not matter as the sophomore rallied from a three-game deficit in the first set, defeating Northridge's Jennifer Sher in two sets.

"She had a lot of really good work last year," Petty said. "She was down 4-1 early in that match and showed a lot of poise to win five straight games and she really kind of controlled that second set. She was really out in front the whole time."

The sophomore continued her

strong play in her second match against North Carolina's Lauren McHale, but she lost in a three-set battle. Even though Adams did not advance, Petty said Adams played quality tennis.

'We talked a lot about not giving (McHale) an edge and making her earn every point," Petty said. "She really hunkered down and was solid. She's really tough mentally, and physically she's even tougher, so I think that much is really going to go a long way for her confidence."

The New Braunfels native will hit the doubles court today alongside Nikki Sanders. At the Racquet Club Collegiate Invitational earlier this fall, Adams teamed up with Kenna Kilgo to win the doubles

This will be the first time Adams has been paired up with Sanders, creating a new dynamic for the two players.

"I was a little nervous about it, but we've had a lot of time to spend together," Petty said. "They've had a lot of time to spend together while we've been down here, and they're getting better and better every day and every practice."

Last spring, Adams was a part of the No. 1 doubles team with Kelsy Garland, who has since graduated, so her experience, along with Petty saying Sanders is one of the top doubles players on his team, bodes well for their chances today.

"Obviously, Sam, being as successful as she's been over the past couple years with her doubles, kind of lends itself for them to be pretty solid together," Petty said.

Most importantly, the Lady Raiders are getting valuable court time to prepare for the spring season.

"We've been putting in some good work since we've been down here," Petty said. "I feel like, every day, they're getting a little bit better than the last day."

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Season ←

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This season's Lady Raiders team features players that were able to defeat the No. 1 Lady Bears in Big 12 Conference play last year.

Senior forward Jordan Barncastle said an important element she plans to work on with her team is developing good communication skills.

"I plan to lead this team by example," Barncastle said. "We all just need to maintain a high level of focus as we move forward, and I think we'll end this season on an even better note than last season."

Morris said she feels her team will perform well this year, considering the Lady Raiders have most of the team coming back.

"We're like a family," Morris said. "We've been working together for so long, so we really have an advantage coming into this year with all of the experience these girls have."

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The Razorbacks, trailing

A&M has now blown a dou-

35-17 at halftime, rallied to

ble-digit lead in consecutive

weeks after giving up a 20-3

advantage to Oklahoma State

problem finishing games. The

Red Raiders just struggle to

consistently get off to fast starts.

against Kansas in Lawrence,

Kan., on Saturday, reeling off

24 unanswered points en route

was expected due to the inex-

perience of the offensive skill

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A degree of inconsistency

Tech faced a 20-0 deficit

Ironically, Tech has had no

knockoff the Aggies 42-38.

in College Station.

to a 45-34 victory.

Saturday's win, however, showed that Tech's coaches are offense in the first half, Tech still attempting to find the right limited the Jayhawks to 175 mix in terms of the personnel yards in the second half.

team on Sunday during practice.

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Hubert and Cobb went on to mistakes in what they were combine for 20 tackles. Hubert also tallied an interception.

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QUARTERBACK

TEXAS TECH

COACH KRISTY CURRY explains a drill about communication on the court to the Lady Raider basketball

when they made mistakes. They

other two can't do it, but it will be fun to watch those guys compete each week to see who is going to be the starter. But all four will play." Although Tech's ability to

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

After allowing 303 yards of tackled better. Not to say the

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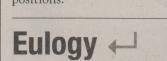
the game.

pull off the comeback is not in question, their odds of doing so against the Aggies may decrease considering the boost in talent and experience at A&M. At least Tech quarterback

Seth Doege is aware of this entering the week's preparation

"I don't think we can start as slow as we did against Kansas and expect to really climb back," Doege said. "I mean, we could. If it came down to that, I feel like we could. But at the same time, we need to start early just like they can."

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Eyes from every player suiting up in maroon and white are looking at Lubbock. This game is the first real road game for the Aggies, and it's Tech's first

premier test against a good team. Stopping the running game is a concern, and Tech has shown it may have a problem against teams with a good running attack. Not only do the Aggies sport two of the best running backs in the Big 12 in Christine Michael and Cyrus Gray, quarterback Ryan Tannehill can run with the ball. Tannehill is the unknown factor in

Dees suffered

an injury.

this game. He was a Tech fan growing up as both of his parents went to Tech, and his father played football here. Regardless of the outcome, it made sense for him to come to Tech, but the last regime passed on the dual-threat quarterback. He now returns with nothing to lose and everything to prove.

The expectations on this Aggie team, from Tannehill and Sherman on offense to Tim DeRuvter's defense. were high. They have failed to reach these expectations. The Aggies will enter Lubbock for maybe the last time

with a chip on their shoulder, looking to stick it to the Red Raiders on the

Tech has started slow and won in the second half in the past two games, while the Aggies have flipped it, started fast and ended with a sputter in their past two. If I was betting man, I would say we are in for quite the game this weekend, especially if the trends continue.

Tech and its fans need to be hospitable, but appropriately hostile, to the Aggie contingent headed here this weekend. Show any Aggie you see a good time in Lubbock, as this may be their last visit. Don't let them leave

with a bad taste for Tech, but rather just for their team's final performance on the field.

I am not ashamed to say I will miss the Aggies, and while it never crossed my mind that A&M would fail to appear on a Tech football schedule, it is the reality at hand. This weekend is a chance for both teams to add to the memories we all have of the games played. I want to send the Aggies off in a manner they know well: with a loss in Lubbock.

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Lewis outpitches Price, Rangers beat Rays 4-3

playoffs, the Texas Rangers won

Colby Lewis outpitched All-Star David Price, Mike Napoli hit a go-ahead two-run homer and the defending AL champions survived a shaky night from the bullpen to hold off the Tampa

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> The Rangers' fourth straight division series road win matches the third-longest streak in major league history and gives Texas a 2-1 lead heading into Game 4 Tuesday at Tropicana Field. Texas won three ALDS games Beltre, playing deep and guard-

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) Bay Rays 4-3 Monday night here a year ago, when it eliminated Tampa Bay in five games.

> Rookie Desmond Jennings hit a pair of solo homers for the Rays. who kept it interesting by scoring twice off Rangers relievers before Neftali Feliz got four outs for his second save of the series.

Texas third baseman Adrian

ing the line to prevent a double in the ninth, started an aroundthe-horn double play on Kelly Shoppach's grounder to end it.

Price was the losing pitcher in two of Tampa Bay's playoff losses in 2010 and welcomed the opportunity to try to redeem himself against the only AL opponent he's yet to beat in his career.

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GEARING UP FOR A FINAL RED RAIDERS BEGIN WEEK WITH A&M ON MINDS



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RUNNING BACK ERIC Stephens and quarterback Seth Doege have played key roles on the offense this season and face their toughest test yet when Texas Tech hosts Texas A&M at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

> By JOSE RODRIGUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

Sophomore corner Tre' Porter probably isn't the most reliable source to go to for history lessons on the Texas Tech-Texas A&M rivalry.

Porter, a native of Midwest City, Okla., would have an easier time discussing the Bedlam Series — Oklahoma and Oklahoma State's rivalry.

But, in just a little more than a year's time, Porter is experienced enough at Tech to at least understand the magnitude of the Red Raiders' history with the Aggies.

"Honestly, I pretty much don't know anything," Porter said during Monday's media luncheon regarding the history of the Tech-A&M rivalry. "I was an OU fan growing up. So, I pretty much know the Oklahoma State and OU rivalry.

"But dealing with it last year, I know it's a pretty big deal."

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Porter realizes, along with the rest of the Red Raiders, that Saturday's game against the Aggies could be the last meeting between the two schools for an extended period of time.

A&M officially joins the Southeastern Conference beginning July 1, 2012, where it will become the league's 13th member.

A&M's departure effectively ends an active rivalry spanning 69 games, the first of which took place on Nov. 28, 1927, when the Aggies won 47-6

However, much has been said of the chances A&M has in becoming a contender in the SEC, which is home to college football's last five national champions.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said he believes the Aggies will fit in just fine.

"If you take all the teams in our league, they probably fit in the SEC more in terms of their philosophy," Tuberville said, "because of how they run the ball, how physical they are and how they play defense. So, they won't have any problems."

A&M, however, ran into an SEC-related problem last Saturday: Arkansas.

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Eulogy for the Aggies: A look back at rivalry

early beloved, we are gathered here today to celebrate the life and times of the Texas A&M Fighting Texas Aggie football program.

Take this moment to reflect about the storied past we have shared with the Aggies as they leave this life in the Big 12 Conference and depart for the supposed greener pastures of the Southeastern Conference. Join with me as we take a stroll down memory lane and remember the best of what was once a proud football matchup.

Our Red Raiders have not always been kind to the Aggies - both on and off the field. It was just a mere 10 years ago when our Red Raiders took down the Fighting Texas Aggies. The fans then proceeded to take down the goalposts and march them up and down the field. There are the comeback wins in 2002 and 2006 at Kyle Field that bring back fond memories and smiles to Red Raiders' faces.

One of my most rewarding memories of Tech's success against the Aggies is from 2007, my freshman year at Tech. My friends and I camped out Raiderville before it was cool to camp out at there. We waited all week to see if Aggie running back Jorvorskie Lane would come through on his promise of an Aggie victory. If you don't remember, Lane started the game with a touchdown, but the Aggies never saw the end zone again as they lost to Tech.

Cody **Stoots**



AT&T Stadium. I can't live in the past, though. If I did that, then I would be an Aggie. Let's talk about this year's game.

in the friendly confines of the Jones

This isn't a rivalry game in the traditional sense. We don't have a good name for it or play for a goofy trophy, but tell me there isn't the semblance of a rivalry after spending a weekend in College Station or Lubbock when this game is played. Even Soapsuds' rear points toward Aggieland.

This is not a team to sleep on for the Red Raiders. Yes, the Aggies have blown huge leads in back-to-back weeks. Yes, they may have been a little too excited about the SEC move to stay focused, but make no mistake about where the Aggies' focus lies this week. Their record is not representative of how well this team can play when focused.

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Lady Raiders look forward to season

By MIKE GUTIERREZ STAFF WRITER

With the majority of her teammates returning to play for the Lady Raiders, Kierra Mallard said she is excited about the upcoming basket-

"It's great when a team doesn't need to learn a new system," said Mallard, a forward for the Lady Raiders. "I think our team just needs to play hard on both ends of the court

and pick up where we left off last season."

With the exception of former teammate Teena Wickett, the Lady Raiders have all of their players returning this season.

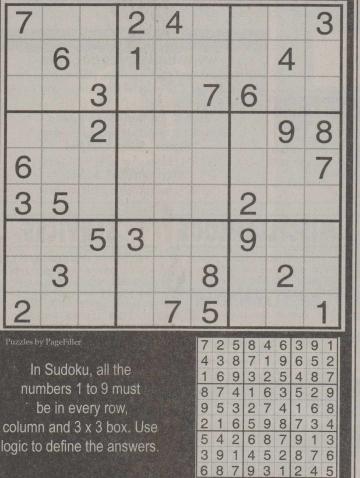
As a senior, Wickett played a vital part in the Lady Raiders' 2010-2011 campaign as the team's third leading scorer.

The Lady Raiders finished last season with a record of 22-11, ending the season with a first-round loss in the NCAA tournament to St. John's.

After turning down the head coaching position at LSU last spring, Tech head coach Kristy Curry decided to remain at the helm of the Lady Raiders basketball team after one of their most successful seasons since 2004-2005.

Curry said her team has a lot to work on, but she thinks it is great to have so much experience returning to the team.

"We just need to continue to work on the fundamentals every day," Curry said. "We need to work on the little things that become big things. You know, we just want to be better tomorrow than we were today and just continue to grow as a team."



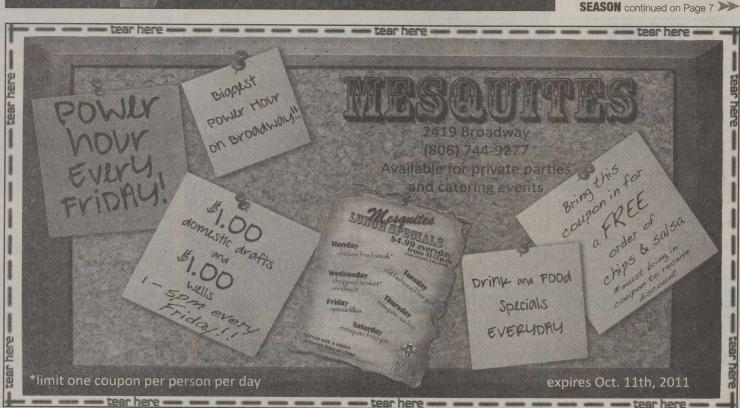
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