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School of Art opens gallery downtown

A part of Texas Tech's School of Art will find a new home at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, which is located in downtown Lubbock.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place Friday at 5:30 p.m. The event coincides with the First Friday Art Trail, which is from 6-9 p.m.

Joe Arredondo, director of Landmark Arts at the Tech School of Art, said the gallery's mission is to "showcase the creative and scholarly research of School of Art students and faculty, to promote arts outreach and education for the greater Lubbock community and to recruit high school students from the Lubbock school districts into School of Art programs."

The first exhibit in the gallery will be the art of Grant Billingsley, a Tech graduate with a master's of fine arts, and a School of Art student. His work will be on display until Dec. 17.

Tech, LISD to host Lubbock's first Spanish spelling bee

Texas Tech's chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, a National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, will organize the first Lubbock Spanish Spelling Bee, as assisted by the Lubbock Independent School District.

The competition began in individual schools from Nov. 8-17, where the top five students were selected to represent their schools at Tech.

According to a news release, Sigma Delta Pi worked with LISD schools throughout a number of years while establishing organizations around the city, including the Lubbock Spanish Reading Club, the Bilingual Afterschool Reading Club, Super Saturdays Spanish in Action Program for Children, the Annual Spanish Poetry Competition and free tutoring services.

DT, La Ventana win media awards

The *Daily Toreador* and *La Ventana* won four awards in the College Media Association's Best of Collegiate Design 19 competition.

The *DT* won first in the Nameplate-Standing Head category. *La Ventana*, Texas Tech's yearbook, won first place in the Division Page category, fourth place in the Organization Spread category and honorable mention in the Student Life Spread category.

The winners were announced Thursday.

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PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
SARAH MENDIOLA, A sophomore exercise sports science major from San Antonio, and Kayla Davin, a sophomore business management major from Conifer, Colo., members of Women's Service Organization, attach tree branches to the wreath on the Science building for the 53rd annual Carol of Lights.

Creating for the holidays Organization carries on tradition

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

A 20-foot wreath outside of the Science building will light up the evening Saturday for Texas Tech's 53rd annual Carol of Lights celebration.

Since the beginning of the tradition, Women's Service Organization has participated in one of its bigger projects: building the wreath out of cedar.

The 70 women of WSO work in shifts of a few hours, placing and then zip-tying the greenery in the wreath's frame until it is completed.

Sarah Mendiola, a WSO member, said it's scary once they have to place the greenery on top of the wreath.

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Carol of Lights

- Tradition began in 1959
- 2011 Carol of Lights is 53rd annual
- Features selections of classic holiday songs performed by the Texas Tech University Combined Choirs accompanied by the Tech Trombone Choir.
- More than 25,000 red, white and orange lights illuminate the 13 buildings around Memorial Circle
- Also features the Masked Rider, Saddle Tramps and High Riders

SGA prez's promise falls short

Davis: Patton 'ruffled a few feathers within the senate'

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association senate announced it would not be able to fulfill a financial obligation made by president Tyler Patton at its meeting Thursday.

In an email sent to all Tech student organizations by Patton on Nov. 4, he promised to allocate additional funding to organizations that attended an athletic seminar the following week.

Blake Bradley, senator-at-large and chairman of the senate budget and finances committee, said there was no effort to take attendance at the event, and if there were means of tracking the presence of organizations, he was never given a clear explanation as to where these funds would come from.

"We, as the budget and finance committee, will not honor this promise," Bradley said. "You cannot interrupt the way the budget operates for another entity."

Colin Davis, a senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, said this pledge was not widely accepted by members of the legislative branch.

"The student government president, Tyler Patton, promised all of the student organizations on campus extra funding at the end of the year if they came and attended this sportsmanship seminar," Davis said. "Unfortunately, that cannot happen. I don't know if he knew that at the time or if that was done under false pretenses, but, regardless, he ruffled a few feathers within the senate."



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Church recognizes World AIDS Day



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
LAUREN CORBIN, A worker with Project Chance, hangs an AIDS ribbon card on a tree during the World AIDS Day event Thursday in the Metropolitan Community Church.

Day raises awareness of disease

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

The topics of HIV and AIDS are still taboo to some in Lubbock, but one local church chose to recognize World AIDS Day.

Metropolitan Community Church's congregation hosted an event Thursday to commemorate the occasion.

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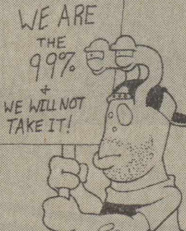
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Immigration scam awareness campaign goes national

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Immigration services scams are getting so sophisticated that fraudsters now advertise online with websites that perfectly mimic those of official government agencies, federal officials said Thursday as they rolled out a nationwide awareness campaign meant to combat such practices.

Officials from several federal, state and local agencies, as well as immigration lawyers and advocates, met in Newark on Thursday to expand nationwide a campaign that started in seven pilot cities. It focuses on enforcement, education and interagency collaboration.

"They are not just high-tech scams, they are people in the neighborhoods: people who know people, people who are out there shaking hands," said Kelvin Chen, an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, as he spoke about the need to increase awareness among immigrants who are often preyed upon by members of their own communities.

The campaign is aimed at educating legal and illegal immigrants to avoid everything from unlicensed service providers to websites that mimic those of government agencies. Most scams involve people who pretend to be able to provide legal aid or other services for immigrants, take victims' money and fail to deliver.

The initiative is also intended to inform immigrants about how to get legitimate legal help and how to report fraud. It began in Atlanta, Baltimore, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York City, San Antonio, and Fresno, Calif.

The campaign, spearheaded by U.S. Citizenship and Immi-

gration Services, features ads, posters and leaflets published in English and Spanish, and a website with information available in 12 additional languages. USCIS officials say they are working to strengthen partnerships at the federal, state and local levels to improve coordination, information sharing and enforcement.

Several speakers at Thursday's conference said it's often challenging to get victims of immigration scams to report them, either out of fear of deportation, or after the trauma of being scammed not just of money, but often, of important documents such as birth certificates that are sometimes stolen by unscrupulous practitioners.

By the time they reach the offices of attorney Lloyd Bennett of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, they've often been steered wrong elsewhere. Bennett said an acute and ongoing problem in the northern New Jersey communities where he works is with "notarios," or storefront offices that offer an array of immigration services and are prevalent in Spanish-speaking communities. Bennett said the word "notario" or "notary" is actually translated as "attorney" in many Spanish-speaking countries, so those seeking services assume they are legitimate.

"My clients have absolutely no idea what's going on, they see a sign for a 'notario,' they walk in, they get scammed," Bennett said. "They're given forms or applications for programs that don't exist, or they steal their money, or sometimes applications are filed, but incorrectly, and when it comes to their attention, it's often too late."

DESIGN TIME



COURTANIE TRIBBLE, A freshman visual studies student from Wollforth works on a painting for her Design I project in the Architecture building Thursday. PHOTO BY LEXI PETREE/The Daily Treador

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Matt Pippen, a senator for the College of Engineering, introduced a resolution to petition Patton to appear before the senate for a hearing on Jan. 26, 2012.

"This is well within our constitutional rights as a senate," Pippen said, "and it will open up an additional line of communication."

According to Resolution 47.12, the purpose of the hearing is to update the senate and student body with new information on the progress made by the executive branch this year.

"This is not a subpoena. Matt (Pippen) is certainly within his rights to write a resolution, but no resolution would keep me from updating the students or the

student senate at the beginning of every semester," Patton said.

"And, honestly, if any other senator feels that another update needs to be made, I'll be there."

However, Patton said it should be known that the student senate voted to release itself of an obligation of two mandatory office hours between senate meetings.

"They have absolved themselves of any responsibility to be in this office, and I think that is unacceptable," he said. "But, I am here. My office hours have been the same since the day that I walked into this office in August and when classes began."

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Senator Colin Davis, co-author of the resolution, said the student senate's members never voted to relieve themselves of their office hours and that it was an execu-

tive decision made during the summer due to the difficulty of keeping track of 83 senators' office hours.

He also said the senate is requesting an update from Patton because of excessive executive spending without the consent of legislators.

"Technically, Tyler doesn't have to come but once a semester," Davis said, "but the reason we wrote the resolution is because we have questions about issues like the \$91,000 bike pad. The executive branch shouldn't have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the entire Student Government Association."

The motion to make Patton appear for a hearing was passed, requiring him to answer questions in front of the student senate.

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RENAE PHILLIPS, THE pastor at Metropolitan Community Church, leads the service in a time of remembrance during the World AIDS Day event Thursday in the Metropolitan Community Church. This year was the 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day.



PRAYER CANDLES ARE lit at the end of the World AIDS Day event Thursday in the Metropolitan Community Church.

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The Rev. Renae Phillips said the church was known as "The AIDS church" in the 1990s because of its outreach to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population.

"We have celebrated World AIDS Day for a number of years," Phillips said. "I can't really remember the first year we started."

She said a lot of members started to come down with HIV, so they began to minister to people who are HIV positive.

Tony Thornton, a church member, presented a slideshow full of charts and graphs displaying HIV and AIDS statistics in the state of Texas. HIV is the virus that can lead to AIDS.

"They think it's somebody else's problem and that it's not going to happen to them and that it's not a Lubbock issue. That's because they don't know," he said. "They don't really want to talk about it. It's still really taboo because we're so conservative here, but what they don't understand is that it's all across the board.

It's in every zip code. It affects every race, sex and preference — or whatever you want to call that. So, it knows no barriers."

He said there is an increase of infection in African-American males and, more recently, African-American females as well.

With the growing number of HIV-positive people, Thornton said it's important to know all about the virus and ways to prevent infection.

"People need to educate themselves," he said. "They need to be aware it's still there and that it's not curable. They need to protect themselves and get tested and wear protection. Everybody needs to wear a condom. It used to be that the worst thing that could happen to a girl is getting pregnant, but now it's getting pregnant with HIV."

Lauren Corbin, a case manager at Project CHAMPS, said the service she works for offers medical care for the 300 clients who are HIV positive. She said World AIDS Day helps bring attention to this disease.

"It definitely raises awareness, especially where we live," she said. "There's still such a stigma attached to HIV. I think

it's good to educate people and let people see it can affect anyone. It could be your neighbor who has HIV, and they're just like everyone else. Prevention awareness is really important also."

The event included several prayers, an offering and a time for audience members to say aloud the name of someone they know whom AIDS has affected. After the time of remembrance, the audience members were encouraged to go forward and hang a ribbon ornament on the World AIDS Day tree in memory of someone.

Phillips ended the event by offering free and confidential HIV testing in another room.

"(We need to) remind people that they certainly need to make good choices in everything and every part of their lives, and make sure we remember those who died from AIDS and that we continue to honor their lives and continue to educate and provide testing and resources and let the community know that if they are HIV positive, they are not alone, and that there are people and resources ready to help them," she said.

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Lawmakers should shift focus home

The U.S. Congress has a terrible reputation when it comes to approval ratings. Some estimates have the legislative body at a 5 percent approval rating in national polls.

Most people find this statistic shocking, but they do so for the wrong reasons. Given the original purpose and structure of Congress, it should have a much lower rating than it does. To assume that Congress' national approval rating is relevant is to fundamentally misunderstand the institution's purpose. This misunderstanding stems from the assumption that the job of Congress is to do the work of the American people and create legislation for the benefit of the nation. Congress is composed of 435 district representatives and 100 senators. Each member's job is to represent the people in his or her district. The upshot of this is that for every district there are 434 representatives and 98 senators who have no interest in helping it.

How, then, would Congress ever have a high approval rating?

The problem is that while the way we elect our nationwide body of representatives has changed very little in the last 200-plus years, the number of decisions and the amount of power delegated to this nationwide body has greatly increased. Congress has far exceeded the decision-making power granted to it by the founders and, as a result, people are upset with the work it's doing.

If my auto-mechanic, who really knows his job and does it extremely well, were to repair my truck's air conditioner, starter, brake pads and radiator, I probably would be extremely satisfied with the job he had done and would sing his praises to everyone I knew.

On the other hand, if he were to attempt to repair my home computer, my approval rating of him would plummet significantly, as he has no training in computer repair and would not do a particularly good job at fixing it.

When the founders set out to form this union, the job of the Senate and the House of Representatives was to do the business that impacts the entire nation. In

Jeff Frazier



the last century, however, the job of Congress has been to make everything in the nation its business. The members have decided that every policy must be decided on the national level — a one-size-fits-all solution for a vastly diverse nation.

When a blanket policy is made at this level, the 500,000-person district you live in is represented as 1/435ths of the House of Representatives' decision. This dilutes the influence of your district to near insignificance unless your representative happens to have influence on a voting block of other representatives — whose constituents are therefore completely silenced — or if your representative can play special games to get a deal for your district alone.

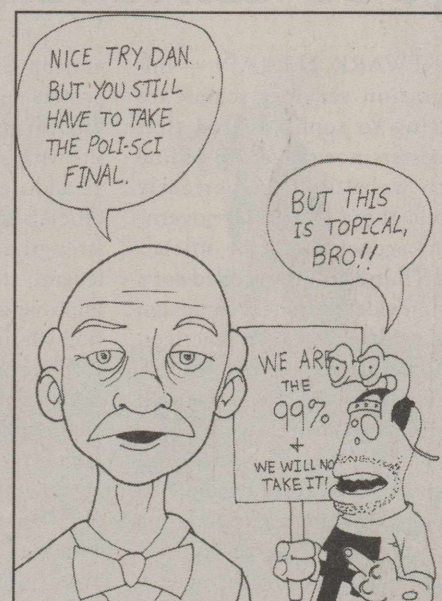
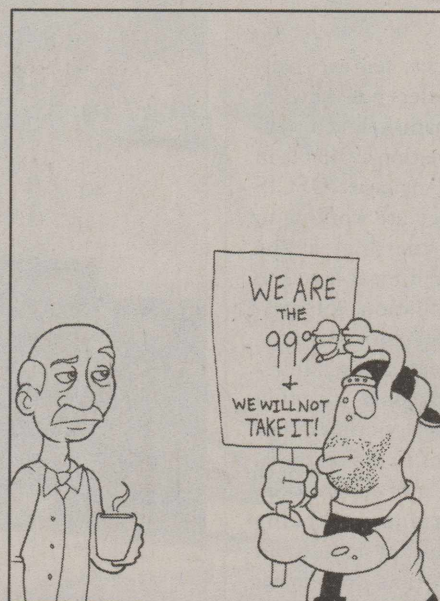
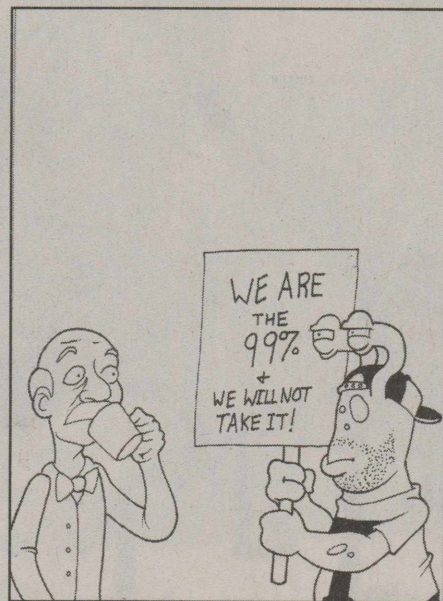
These are also known as "earmarks," which currently are maligned as the worst thing to ever happen to politics, as was demonstrated in the "Cornhusker Kickback," which exempted the state of Kansas from having to pay into the new national health care system while allowing it full access to the benefits at the same time.

When a decision is made at the state level in Texas, your district of just more than 200,000 people counts for 1/150th of the decision. And when the decision is made at the local level in Lubbock, your 42,000-person district makes up 1/6th of the decision. The more local the decision, the better represented you will be.

If Congress wants to increase its approval rating, perhaps its members should just stop making decisions at the national level and leave the vast majority of legislation to the states instead of trying to dilute your voting power to 1/300,000,000.

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Obama doesn't seem to like presidency

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President Barack Obama isn't happy.

The president seems to have lost his spark, as media have buzzed with speculation over the root of his gloomy demeanor between coverage of those vying for his job.

Even his biggest cheerleader, MSNBC's Chris Matthews, who said he "felt this thrill going up my leg" when Obama delivered a speech during the primaries in 2008 and compared his meteoric rise to the New Testament, according to the Huffington Post, has sensed that the Obamas don't seem settled into the White House.

"Once having won the office, he seemed to think that that was the end of it in terms of his connection to the American

people," Matthews said, according to the Washington Times. "I think everybody feels an absence of communication from the time he's been elected. And it's not about being left-wing enough or too left. That's not his problem. It's connection ... I don't sense the gratitude, the happiness level, the thrill of being president."

Matthews isn't the only one to notice the change of heart from the man who, in 2010, was named "one of the best presidents ever" by presidential scholars. According to a Wednesday Gallup poll, he has now surpassed Lyndon B. Johnson as the president seeking re-election with the lowest approval rating.

Perhaps his poor spirits can be attributed to his looming to-do list.

Obama may be hoping to bring troops back from Iraq and Afghanistan in time for Christmas. However, involvement in Libya, which Obama said in March would

take "days, not weeks," according to ABC News, is still high. A year after his inauguration, the president pledged to his supporters that he would close Guantanamo Bay. Yet the infamous prison remains open, and Obama conceded that he hasn't "been able to make the case right now," according to the Washington Post.

Though war has often been used as a means to boost the economy, the U.S. unemployment rate remains at 9 percent, and according to The Associated Press, more than 46 million Americans now live in poverty, the highest numbers recorded since the Census Bureau began tracking poverty levels in 1959.

Even so, government spending is at historically high levels with respect to the nation's declining GDP. Other nations with such high levels of spending, such as Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Portugal and Spain, are all on the verge of

collapse, which certainly has done nothing for Obama's nerves.

America has managed to keep its AAA credit rating with Fitch even after losing it with Standard & Poor's, but according to Fox News, Fitch has downgraded its outlook to negative, a move undoubtedly associated with the failure of the congressional supercommittee to cut \$1.2 trillion in government spending by the end of the year. A drop in the national credit rating will drive up interest rates across the board and make it that much harder for businesses to borrow for capital expenses, which, in turn, affects hiring.

Such news is enough to make anyone, even the president, want to live in a tent in Zuccotti Park. And though Obama has pledged to look out for the interests of the omnipresent Occupy Movement's 99 percent, the polls speak for themselves.

Facebook settlement reminder to protect information

By IOWA STATE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD
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Ever since social networking sites gained popularity among, well, nearly everyone, the question of online privacy on sites such as Facebook has entered the public eye. After a few too many run-ins with angry users and some questionable privacy settings, Facebook has settled a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission regarding user privacy violations.

In the settlement, Facebook is required to undergo privacy audits by an independent third-party every two years for the next two decades.

Most of the FTC's complaint related to Facebook changing its website privacy models without informing users. Information that was once private was made public without notification. Under the terms of the settlement, Facebook must now get permission from users before they alter the visibility of a user's personal information.

We are students applying for scholarships, internships, professional jobs, graduate school, or other professional

positions in this age of the internet. We must be mindful of how we present ourselves on social networking sites and the information contained therein.

Keeping your information protected on the internet goes beyond making sure nothing embarrassing pops up when you're trying to make a good impression. Information posted on social sites like Facebook can also be used to steal your identity or plan a robbery when you leave for vacation.

The current Facebook privacy settings can be set to "public," "friends" or a customized option for status updates and photos. Further privacy settings can alter things such as who can look up your information, who can write on your wall, or who sees which apps you use.

Most people don't give much consideration to the privacy settings that Facebook automatically assigns their profile. The default for many settings is public — everyone can see your information. Unless you specifically go into the privacy controls and change this, your personal information is visible to the world.

While Facebook will continue to address user concerns about privacy issues as they arise

with new changes to the website in the future, it is the responsibility of each person to make sure that their own information is secure and they are satisfied with their visibility on the site.

No one will baby-sit your private information on the internet, and even if you restrict access to only those that you have friended. Continue to be cautious about identifying intimacies to our circle of friends

without knowing much about them, entrusting little more than strangers with our profiles.

Facebook will be doing their part by participating in privacy audits, but users must take responsibility for securing their own information as well. Like many things, it simply comes down to being smart about what you reveal. Next time you log in, take a minute to check your privacy settings and information before posting that next status.

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McCready says not able to return to Florida for court

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Country singer Mindy McCready said Wednesday she will probably not be able to bring her 5-year-old son back to Florida to fulfill a judge's order by Thursday afternoon—because she is nearly 7 months pregnant with twins. By not returning as ordered, she risks arrest.

Speaking exclusively to The Associated Press, McCready said that she and her mother have had a long custody battle in Florida over Zander. Her mother was awarded guardianship in 2007.

The battle became more public this week, when the Florida Department of Children and Families said a missing person report was filed with police after McCready took Zander from her father's home. McCready was able to visit with the boy there under a court order and the 36-year-old singer said she had spent much of the past month with her son at the home. Her mother and father are divorced.

McCready alleges that her son suffered abuse while living at her mother's home and that is one of the reasons why she left with the boy last week.

"I'm a mom first," said McCready from Nashville, Tenn. "No matter what happens, I'm going to protect my kid. If I have to go to jail, so be it."

When reached at her Lee County home Wednesday night, McCready's mother, Gayle Inge, said the abuse allegations are "absolutely not true."

During the interview with the AP, a tearful McCready recounted a messy and confusing tale of court custody battles and family fights. McCready is suing her mother and a tabloid newspaper for libel in a Palm Beach County court.

On Tuesday, DCF discovered that McCready and the boy were not at her father's home and a judge ruled she must return him voluntarily by 5 p.m. Thursday or risk an arrest warrant. According to Aimee McLaughlin

of the Children's Network of Southwest Florida, a case manager filed a missing person report with the Cape Coral Police on Tuesday. The DCF spokesman said Children's Network of Southwest Florida is the Community-Based Care agency for the area.

McCready said she was under the impression that the Florida judge was transferring the custody case to Tennessee and that it wouldn't be a problem if she brought him there.

McCready, who was born in Florida and found fame in Nashville as a singer in the 1990s, said she left with her son to the Tennessee city before Thanksgiving.

Both McCready and her mother agree that a Florida judge had heard testimony during court hearings at the end of October and early November regarding the singer regaining custody of Zander. Both women agree that the judge had not yet ruled and that he said for now, the boy should remain with his grandmother.

Cape Coral Police Lt. Tony Sizemore said McCready called the department via Skype on Wednesday.

Since topping the country charts in the mid-1990s with her music, the singer's life has been filled with domestic abuse, drug and DUI arrests and a suicide attempt. In August, she filed the libel suit in Palm Beach County against her mother and the National Enquirer's parent company, American Media Inc., over a story published in the tabloid newspaper that quoted Inge.

In July 2007, she was accused of scuffling with Inge and resisting arrest at her mother's home in Florida. She was sentenced to jail for 60 days for a probation violation and released; she served 30 days in jail. She also lost custody of her son.

And in 2008, McCready was admitted to a Nashville hospital after police said she cut her wrists and took several pills in a suicide attempt.

LISTENING LIBRARY



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador
MINERVA ALANIZ, AN associate librarian at the Texas Tech Library, leads a tour of the Tech Library for Wilson High School students on Wednesday.

Carol ←

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"It's really fun when we get on the cherry picker and you go up to the top," said the sophomore health, exercise and sports sciences major from San Antonio. "It's kind of scary. You're, like, fighting away the birds. It's an action-packed kind of thing."

Jessica Temple, president of WSO, said Tech's Residence Halls Association asks the organization to build the wreath every year.

WSO participates in many other activities throughout the school year, including Homecoming and volunteering at different service events. However, because the organization works on service projects individually, Temple said, building the wreath is a nice way to bond with one another.

"This is one of those things where the whole organization comes out and does it — maybe not all at the same time, but you see the majority of the girls when you're out there working, and it's just fun," said the senior

journalism major from Rockwall. "Our service that we do, we do it based on our personal schedules. We may go do a service event by ourselves or five or two girls, so this is a chance for us to work with eight or 10 girls at a time and really get to know some girls we may not know very well. It's just a fun way to get to know our sisters."

Kayla Davin, a member of WSO, said the organization will be recognized during the Carol of Lights for building the wreath.

She also said building the

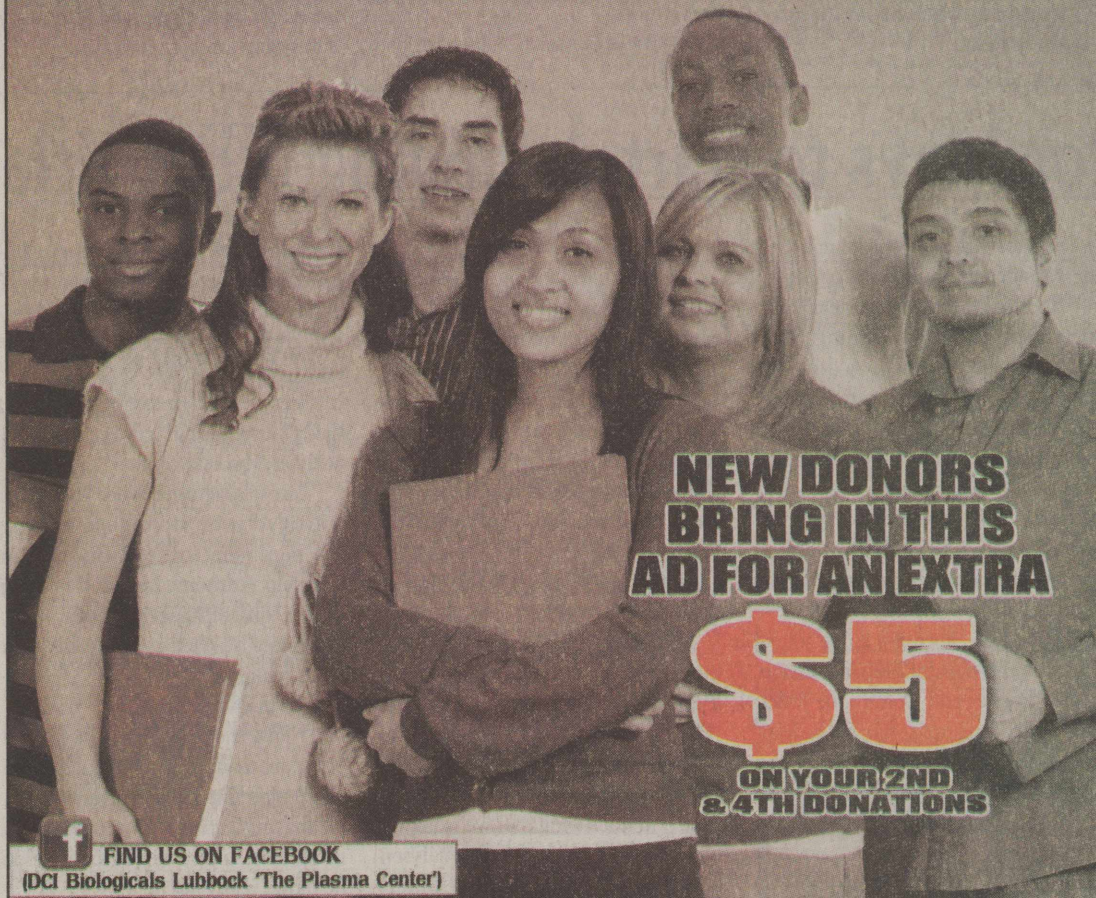
wreath is a way for the members to get in the Christmas mood before the celebration.

"I just love the Christmas spirit, so I just love anything that has to do with Christmas. It's my favorite holiday," said the sophomore business management major from Conifer, Colo. "I like putting together the wreath because it's a really big focal point at the Carol of Lights. So, it's cool to say the WSO helped out and contributed to such a cool thing at the Carol of Lights."

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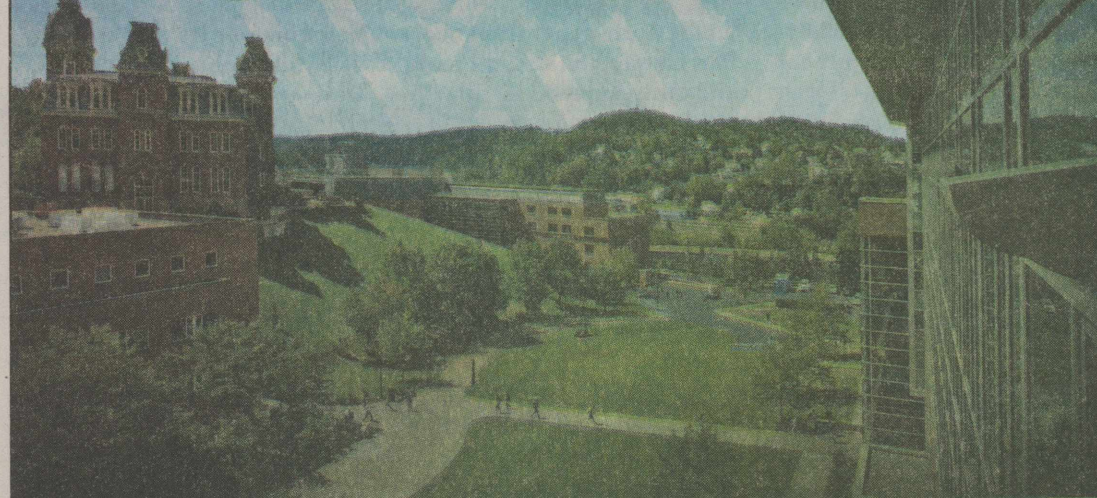
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Tech set for showdown with No. 16 Penn State

BY CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The undefeated No. 19 Texas Tech women's basketball team will face its hardest test of the season Saturday at 2 p.m. when it battles No. 16 Penn State at United Spirit Arena as a part of the Big 12-Big Ten Challenge.

The Lady Lions' guards are what make Penn State an elite team, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"Obviously, we're playing a team that's picked to win the Big 10," she said. "We won't see a better backcourt in Big 12 play. (Alex) Bentley and (Maggie) Lucas are as good as anybody in the country, and (Zhaque) Gray — at the one, two and three."

All three guards average double figures in scoring. Lucas leads the team with 18.3 points per game, Bentley averages at 15.3 and Gray adds 13 more per game.

Penn State is coming off its 103-84 victory against No. 14 North Carolina on Wednesday night. The Lady Lions have a 6-1 record with the team's only loss being to Delaware.

After defeating their first six opponents by more than 25 points each, the Lady Raiders are up for the challenge in taking on this talented Penn State team, Curry said.

"It's going to be a great experi-

ence for us," she said. "It's what we need badly at this point. Obviously, we know with each game that we're going to see some different things, and obviously this weekend is going to be a great test for us. It's time for that."

Tech will be hoping to avenge a 76-68 loss at the hands of Penn State last year.

"I know that we feel like we didn't play our best basketball a year ago up there," Curry said. "We feel like we're a much better basketball team, and I'm sure they feel like they're much better. So, it's going to be a great Big Ten-Big 12 battle."

However, the Lady Raiders need to play how they've been taught, she said.

"The biggest thing with us is being who we need to be and doing the things we need to do," Curry said. "We have to control the tempo. We're going to have to make sure we understand that."

Fans should expect an up-tempo game against the Lady Lions, she said.

"Transition defense will probably be the difference in the basketball game," she said, "(as well as) getting back and finding their shooters and doing the things that we need to do. They're outstanding in transition and so are we. We both like to push the basketball and be the most aggressive team."

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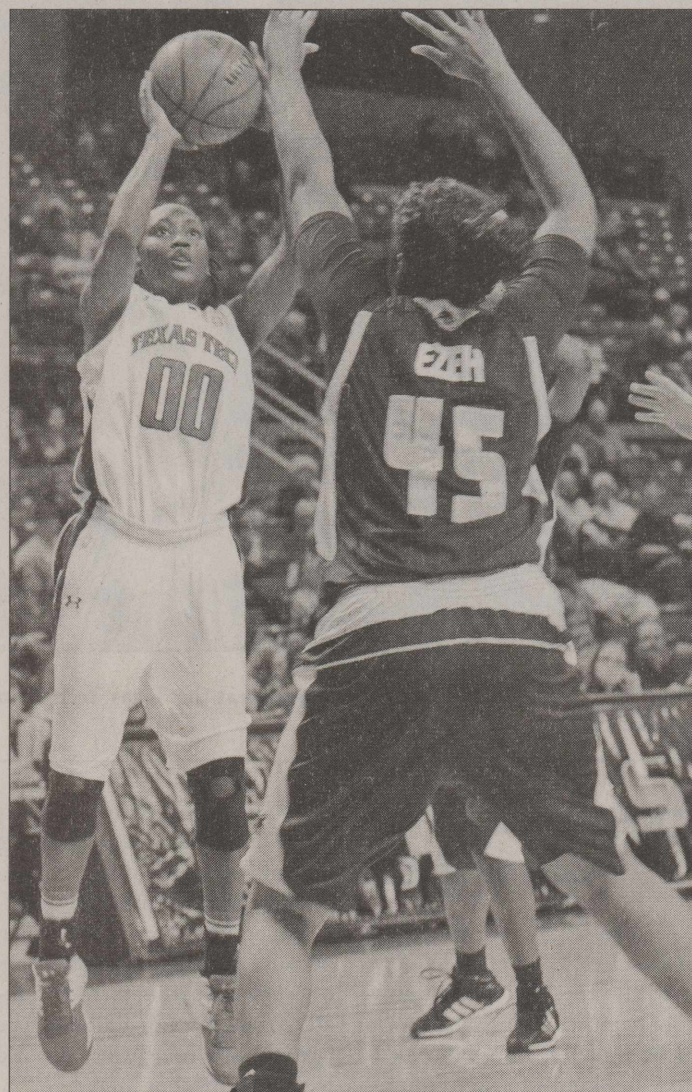


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TEXAS TECH GUARD Chynna Brown goes for a jump shot during the Lady Raiders' 85-40 victory against Texas State on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

Baylor's Ganaway rushing for records



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
BAYLOR RUNNING BACK Terrance Ganaway takes a handoff from quarterback Nick Florence during the Bears' 66-42 win against Texas Tech on Saturday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

WACO (AP) — Terrance Ganaway is setting records while running in the shadows of a Heisman Trophy hopeful.

If the 6-foot, 240-pound senior running back with surprising speed wasn't in the same backfield with Robert Griffin III, people outside of Baylor might actually know about who is.

"I'm able to relax without people knocking on my door because they figured out where I live. In that aspect, I really like it," Ganaway said. "I'm a team player, Robert's a team player. He's the best quarterback in the nation, so why wouldn't he have all that hype?" Ganaway has a Big 12-leading 1,195 yards rushing for the 19th-ranked Bears (8-3, 5-3 Big 12), and needs only 24 in the regular season finale Saturday at home against Texas to set a single-season school record. He already has a school-record 14 rushing touchdowns.

"He is the most important piece to our offense," said Griffin, the record-setting quarterback. "He makes a lot of things easier for me. ... He's special because he's a 240-pound back that can break an 80-yard touchdown run. He's got all the skills, whether it's run over you, make you miss, and he gets tough yards."

Griffin missed the second half last Saturday in a 66-42 victory over Texas Tech because of concussion-like symptoms. Ganaway had 25 of his school-record 42 carries after halftime and finished with 246 yards, his second 200-yard game this season, and two TDs.

Before this season, Ganaway had

started only one of 25 games his first two years at Baylor. There was a point this summer when he was anxious to be done with football. But coaches changed his mode by letting him know they wanted him to be a key running back.

"I was one of those guys that said I'm counting down the days," Ganaway said. "Now I'm one of the guys trying to savor the rest of the days."

After being a two-time Texas Class 2A offensive player of the year at DeKalb High, Ganaway played 13 games for Houston as a freshman in 2007, coach Art Briles' final season there before going to Baylor.

Then during the summer after his freshman year at Houston, Ganaway's mother died of kidney cancer. Ganaway, among the youngest of 11 children who grew up in a dilapidated house, then left Houston and spent a year at Texarkana (Texas) College without playing football before reuniting with Briles at Baylor.

"He's a very mature person," Briles said. "He's very, very focused and very driven. ... He brings a level of mature confidence to our team because of where his focus and energy lies."

Griffin has heard Ganaway share the story about his mother and growing up before several different groups.

"When he does, it just hits you. This guy has been through a lot," Griffin said. "He had to do a lot of learning and growing up in that process. ... Just to see how vocal he is, and how much of a leader he is, it's incredible. It really is inspiring to watch him."

Red Sox bring out Bobby Valentine as new manager

BOSTON (AP) — Bobby Valentine took over as manager of the Boston Red Sox on Thursday, promising to be hard-working, open-minded and even humble as he tries to help the franchise return to the playoffs and forget after the disappointment of this season's unprecedented September collapse.

"It's more than a special day. It's the beginning of a life that's going to extend beyond

anything I thought I'd be doing," Valentine said. "The talent level of the players we have in this organization is a gift to anyone, and I think I'm a receiver of this gift."

"I think we're going to do this, man," he said, shaking hands with general manager Ben Cherington, "And I really and truly appreciate this opportunity."

The 61-year-old former Rangers and Mets skipper was

introduced during a news conference in a Fenway Park luxury club attended by owner John Henry and his wife, by Red Sox CEO Larry Lucchino, by dozens of team employees, and by about 100 members of the media, many of them from New York outlets that covered Valentine in his days with the Mets.

Valentine, who guided the Chiba Lotte Marines to the 2005 championship, greeted

one reporter in Japanese.

"There is a buzz," Lucchino said, acknowledging that Valentine's personality and his history in New York could enhance an already intense AL East rivalry with the Yankees. "I think it does add a little bit of kerosene to the fire."

Valentine takes over a team that blew a nine-game lead in the AL wild-card race to miss the playoffs for the second straight season.

Terry ready for Mavs to start defending NBA title

DALLAS (AP) — Just last week, the lockout was sapping Jason Terry's usual optimism.

This was the first fall since he was in fifth grade, more than 20 years ago, that he wasn't part of a basketball team. It was especially agonizing because it was his most anticipated season yet. Months after winning his first NBA championship, and the first for the Dallas Mavericks, he was supposed to be on the court with Dirk Nowitzki and Jason Kidd, trying to defend their title.

As the Mavs' player representative, Terry had been part of several high-level meetings. So he knew just how dire things were. When his brother went to play in Japan two

weeks ago, Terry was so distraught that he considered joining him.

Standing on the Mavericks' practice court Thursday morning, Terry was sure glad he didn't. A deal is so close to being done that teams were allowed to let players return to the facility, and the smiling shooting guard was the first one through the door.

"I'm glad my card worked so I can get into the gym," he said. "I was a little nervous out there at the front gate."

Terry was expecting to be joined later in the day by Shawn Marion, Corey Brewer and Dominique Jones. His bigger concern is who will be joining the Mavericks when their season opens, likely on Christmas against the

Miami Heat.

Center Tyson Chandler is among the top free agents, and it remains a toss-up, at best, whether he returns.

Giving Chandler the kind of long, lucrative deal he can likely get elsewhere could mean severe luxury tax ramifications for Mavs owner Mark Cuban, and it would limit their ability to chase the crop of coveted free agents available next offseason.

Then again, there's the lure of defending their title.

"You can't see my fingers or toes, but they are crossed hoping that Tyson's coming back," Terry said. "He was a big part of what we accomplished here. We've laid a foundation. To take a step backward would be terrible. I'm not saying that we wouldn't have a chance to win this year if Tyson doesn't come back, but it definitely puts things up against us."

Terry said he's spoken to Chandler every day for two weeks and believes he wants to return.

"It's up to ownership to make it happen," Terry said. "We'll see."

J.J. Barea, the backup point guard who proved to be an invaluable offensive sparkplug in the postseason, also is a free agent. So are Caron Butler, the team's second-leading scorer until an injury in December; DeShawn Stevenson, Brian Cardinal and Peja Stojakovic.

Terry knows they won't all be back to make another run at a title together. But he hopes Cuban doesn't let the 2012 free agent crop detract from their chances this season.

"I think people put too much emphasis into next year," said Terry, who happens to be going into the last year of his Dallas contract.

As the player rep, Terry said he

attended four or five meetings. He learned a lot about the business side of basketball, and it wasn't always pleasant. His biggest surprise was "just how ugly it can get."

"People like to say 'it's business, never personal,' but it did get personal at times," he said.

Terry said there were meetings with everyone from guys making the minimum to Kobe Bryant and Carmelo Anthony. He liked hearing all the different perspectives. And, of course, he tried to make his own voice heard.

His main theme? "Make the deal right so we could bring our team back — make it so we could sign Tyson, bring (back) J.J., DeShawn, Caron, that was my main thing," he said, acknowledging that he didn't really get it.

"Right now I'm glad I'm a player and not in (management's) shoes because it is going to be a tough decision," Terry said. "But we definitely want Tyson Chandler back."

The proposed plans are for training camps to open next Friday, with a 66-game season tipping off Dec. 25. Consider that Terry, Nowitzki and Kidd are all in their 30s, there's a theory that the late start and shortened season will help Dallas' title defense. Another theory is that a condensed season will be tougher on older bodies.

"Some people say it helps, some people say it hurts," Terry said. "I think mentally we're one of the strongest teams in this league, so whatever the schedule is this year, whatever presents us, I believe our core guys will be ready for it. ... For me, I'm tired of just working out. That's getting old. It's time to play some games and get after it."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS
1 Family nickname
5 Turkeys
10 Together, in scores
14 Say and mean
15 "Star Wars" name
16 Locks that are hard to manage
17 Shed tool
18 Restraints to prevent the eating of forbidden fruit?
20 "Who am I judge?"
21 ID theft target
22 Eastern faith
23 Crooked white tips?
26 Sleep: Pref.
28 Present in court
29 Resistant to punches?
32 Officiate
34 Word often ignored in alphabetizing
35 Galls, e.g.
36 Scary place to pray?

DOWN
40 Thickness
42 Wide size
43 Big-league
44 Actor Holbrook under the weather?
48 Island mentioned in the Beach Boys' "Kokomo"
52 At ___ in one go
53 Underwater menace?
55 Doha resident
58 Patience-virtue link
59 Regulus's constellation
60 Rooster that doesn't wake you up?
62 End of school?
63 Rhode Island senator for whom an education grant is named
64 Struggling with
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By Michael Yanagisawa 12/2/11

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