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Spring study abroad fair promotes Tech's overseas education

Hundreds of programs, scholarships available

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech hosted a study abroad fair Wednesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom, to give students a chance to learn more about the hundreds of opportunities the university provides for foreign education.

Representatives at the fair encouraged college students — no matter their classification — to explore other countries, cultures and themselves, on a deeper level.

"I think students should study abroad because it's their one chance in their entire life where they can go study abroad, travel, as well as learn a whole different culture, work on their languages and degree, and open their eyes to the world," said Julia Mainini, a Tech adviser for Spanish-speaking countries.

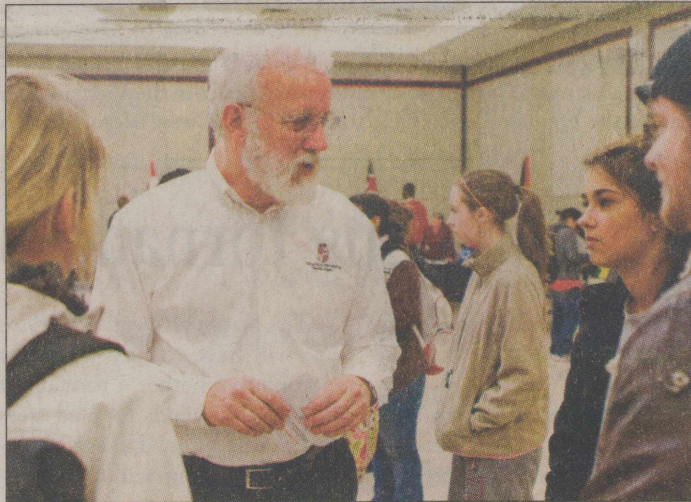
Representatives from the

Tech Study Abroad Office in the Office of International Affairs joined hosts from other programs, such as SIT Study Abroad and Studio Art Centers International in Florence, Italy.

"Our program is unique in the fact that we, instead of going to a university overseas, have a more field-based study," said Blake Hart, the university relations manager for SIT Study Abroad. "All of our program students are in a local community doing homestays, learning a local language and, some of the times, doing a very off-the-beat track languages like Swahili."

Students can also participate in specialized study abroad programs designed for their major, such as with the College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Sciences.

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DOUGLAS INGLIS, CENTER, a director and research professor from Seville, Spain, talks with Kori-Ann Holub, a junior psychology major from Lubbock, Sean McKeown, a junior exercise and sports science major from Austin, and Lizzy Stegman, a junior public relations major from Houston, in the Student Union Building Ballroom at the Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday about the costs associated with studying abroad in Spain.

Former CIA Executive Officer presents lecture at Tech

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

Lewis Sorley, author of "Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam," lectured about the military career of General William C. Westmoreland as a part of The Texas Tech Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series on Wednesday evening.

"(Sorley) has been part of our project for many years," said Amy Mondt, assistant archivist for the Vietnam Center and

Archive, "so inviting him was an easy choice. Steve Maxner spoke with him and set everything up."

Sorley graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, and then served as an executive officer in Vietnam from 1963 to 1966.

Following his deployment in Vietnam, he served as assistant secretary of general staff in the Office of the Chief of Staff until 1968 when he acted as commander of a tank battalion in West Germany.

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Kicking



the habit



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Professor, students discuss effects of smoking

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Required by law to stay at least 12 feet away from any campus building entrance, Texas Tech students sit on benches, lean against walls or meet up with each other after classes to light up a cigarette.

Lee Cohen, a smoking cessation expert and clinical psychologist for Tech's Behavioral Pharmacology Lab, said about 20-25 percent of Tech students are smokers. Giving up this

habit can be a complicated process for many college students, he said.

"Hopefully, most students are in the early stages of their smoking patterns," Cohen said. "A lot of people smoke in college for weight control or to stay alert, and I would say that the longer you smoke the more difficult it is to break those patterns."

"A lot of students don't see it as a long term thing and if they only do it for a brief period of time, they're going to get away with not having any of the health conse-

quences, and they might, but that's not necessarily the case."

Cohen said he has researched healthy alternatives to help people quit smoking since 1994. He encourages using healthy methods, instead of nicotine replacement therapies, to help reduce smoking.

"My research has looked exclusively at confectionary chewing gum, and we've looked at it over a variety of different types of situations and time frames," Cohen said. "We found that people who chew gum

reported less intense nicotine withdraws up to 48 hours with them not smoking. These people all resume smoking after the fact, but to go beyond that we're going to need some major grant money to get people involved."

Cohen said since smoking is legal, it can be more complicated to quit than other forms of substance abuse because cigarettes can be incorporated into everyday activities, such as driving a car, talking on the phone or drinking coffee in the morning.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Up Against The Wall: Posters of Social Protest

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art

So, what is it?
This exhibition has more than 70 posters by a group of designers from Europe, the U.S. and Mexico that highlights the power of design.

Movie Festival

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre
So, what is it?
Enjoy "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" hosted by the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars at Lubbock.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Time: 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
OLLI presents "Reader's Circle" from the January book selection "Main Street" by Sinclair Lewis.

FRIDAY

Daniel Kukla: Captive Landscapes

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art
So, what is it?
Enjoy Daniel Kukla's photographs of the interior of animal living quarters taken from eight zoos across the U.S. and Europe.

Center for Undergraduate Research

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Texas Tech library, room 150
So, what is it?
The Center for Undergraduate Research will hold its spring training information session for those interested.

Free Movie Matinee

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre
So, what is it?
Join Tech Activities Board for the viewing of the feature film "50/50."

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Abroad

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"Florence was a place of the Renaissance, so all artists go there at some point during their lives," said Murray McKay, associate director of enrollment management for Studio Art Centers International: Florence. "It's a mecca that's a must."

Students have the opportunity to study abroad for four weeks during the summer or for an entire semester, Mainini said.

"When I was an undergrad I did a semester exchange in western Australia and a three-month long comparative anthropology program in Southeast Asia," Hart said. "In grad school, I went back to Australia and did a three-month long internship for my degree."

Several of the organization representatives have studied abroad or traveled to other countries.

"I'm from France, so I studied

abroad in the United States when I was a student," Mainini said. "My favorite part is learning about other habits from a whole different nation, other cultures and getting to adapt. When you adapt to a different culture, and you're out of your comfort zone, you also learn about yourself."

Tech students have the opportunity to study abroad more than once during their enrollment at Tech. Scholarships also are available for the benefit of students with the desire to immerse themselves in another culture.

Seth Sartain, a peer adviser for Tech study abroad, strongly encourages students to go abroad more than once during their college career.

"I studied at the Texas Tech Center in Seville, Spain, at the American University in Cairo and at a federal university in Brazil," he said. "The most interesting place was Cairo, because it was so different than anything I had ever known."

Almost everyone comes back

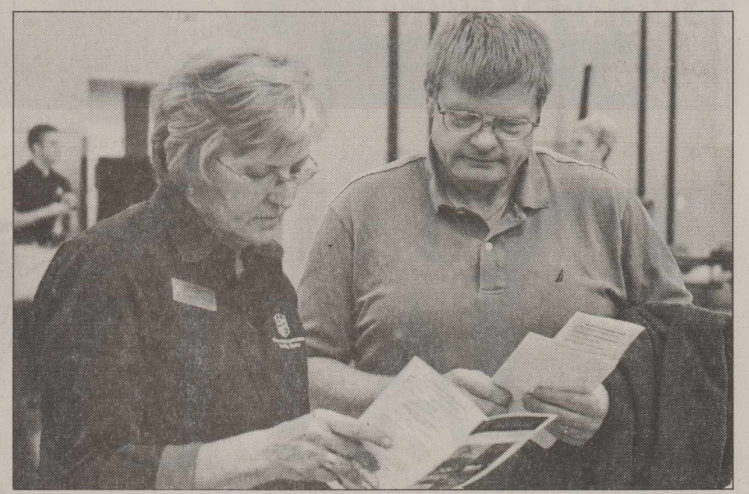


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MONTY TRIMBLE, A senior electrical engineering major from Pampa, looks over a brochure with Donna Wright, the coordinator for the Texas Tech center in Seville, Spain, at the Study Abroad Fair in the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

from studying abroad with personal, unforgettable experiences, Sartain said.

"Experiencing the food brings you closer to the culture," Hart said. "I feel like you learn so much from the restaurants and locals."

Sartain said students get to experience living outside of their

comfort zones when going abroad. "The most interesting part is when you come back to your own culture," he said. "If you live somewhere else for long enough, that becomes the norm for you. When you come back, you rediscover your own culture."

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Vietnam

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After returning to the United States, Sorley taught at the Army War College before being appointed as the Chief of the Policy and Plans Division of the CIA in 1976, said Stephen Maxner, director of the Vietnam Center and Archive.

Sorley is the author of several books discussing the events of the Vietnam War, one of which, "A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America's Last Years in Vietnam," was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, Maxner said.

"I've written books that have covered other periods of the war, but this period — General Westmoreland's period — was the gap," Sorley said.

While I enjoyed writing the other books much more, because they were about admirable people who succeeded largely, I felt that I knew a lot about the general that I had not seen published in other places, and that it was important for this side of the story to be set in historic record."

Sorley's lecture focused primarily on his most recent book, "Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam," where he described Westmoreland as a self-proclaimed spokesperson for the U.S. Army during the war who damaged the war effort by sending messages of false hope in order to maintain the public's support.

"Westmoreland had been charged on several occasions of sending manipulative reports of enemy strength," Sorley said.

Sorley's presentation is one of five the Vietnam Center and Archive is hosting this year, Mondt said.

"This series is a program designed to enrich the intellectual and cultural life of students, faculty and the community at large," she said, "by bringing distinguished individuals to campus for presentations on specific aspects of the Vietnam War, its lasting impact on American politics, society and culture, and on contemporary issues in Southeast Asia."

The next lecture will be presented by Brigadier General Thomas B. Draude on March 1. >>sdouglas@dailytoreador.com

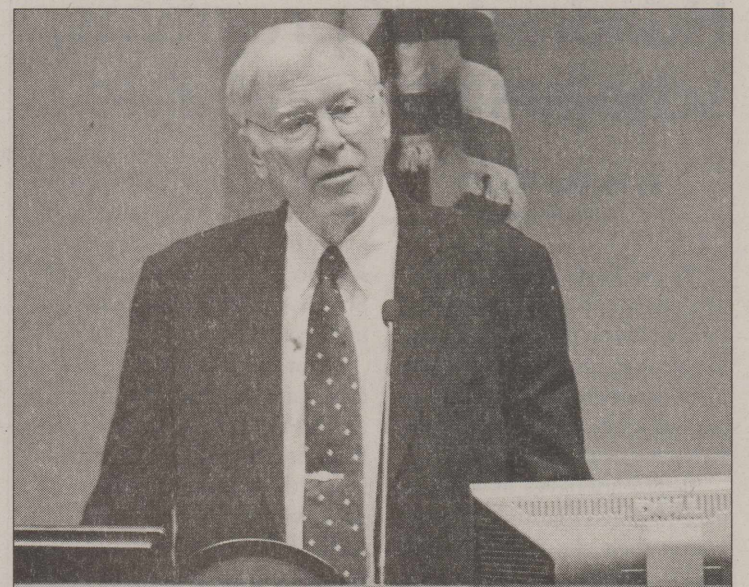
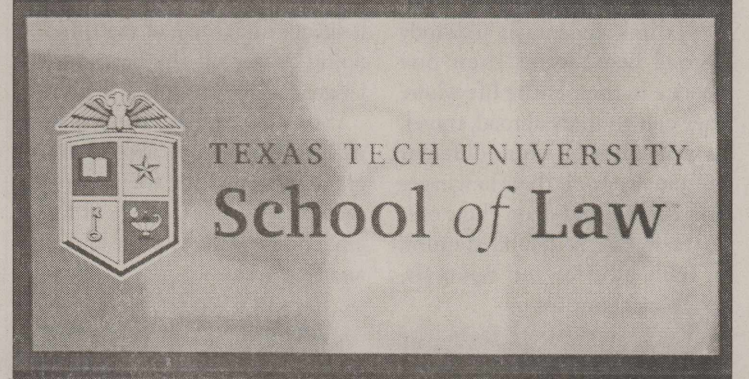


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DR. BOB SORLEY, a graduate of West Point and a former executive officer in the Vietnam War, speaks about his experience in the Vietnam War as part of the Vietnam Center and Archive's 2012 Guest Lecture Series.



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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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Severe storms drench Texas, spawning tornadoes

HOUSTON (AP) — Buckets of rain and powerful winds that apparently spawned several tornadoes swept across Texas on Wednesday, forcing drivers to abandon cars on flooded roads but not dropping enough water to make up for a historic dry spell.

The squall of storms swept from north to south, first pounding Dallas and Fort Worth overnight. At dawn, rescue workers were able to peek into car windows to make sure people weren't stuck in cars stranded in windshield-high water.

As the storms inched south and settled over Central Texas and Austin, record amounts of rain — more than 5 inches in some areas of the capital — drenched areas that just a few months ago battled the most devastating wildfires the state has ever seen.

At least one tornado touched down in northeast Austin, damag-

ing an industrial park and a few homes, but causing no injuries, said Chris Morris, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in New Braunfels. In total, the National Weather Service was investigating at least half a dozen tornadoes statewide.

By midday in Houston, some roads and freeways were flooded, and the Houston Independent School District cancelled all afterschool activities. The National Weather Service will survey damage in Pearl- and after residents reported a possible tornado touching down in town about 18 miles south of Houston.

Despite the damage, the downpour was seen as a blessing in some regions, including Washington County, a rural area northwest of Houston that hasn't seen much rain this year.

"It's really nice to see some of the cows in the county have water after all these months," said Robert Smith,

the county's emergency management coordinator. "I think the cows are doing a jig."

Near San Antonio, some areas got more than 9 inches of rain, and the National Weather Service sent experts to survey storm damage to determine whether a tornado touched down overnight. The San Antonio Fire Department made 14 rescues, pulling people out of their vehicles after they drove into rising waters.

By Wednesday morning, weather was so severe east of Austin that the Bastrop Independent School District closed schools for the day, just months after consoling students who had lost their homes and belongings in drought-sparked wildfires. At least two other school districts experienced delays and closures, and one asked parents to bring their children to school after the roof of the building that houses the school buses was damaged.

The National Weather Service also will have to survey damage to confirm whether a tornado or straight-line winds toppled trees and power lines, damaged businesses, blew out windows, flattened barns and ruined rooftops throughout Washington County and downtown Brenham, a town about 60 miles northwest of Houston. No one was injured.

Another apparent tornado damaged a tire shop in Somerville, and the third was spotted in Waller County.

Still, meteorologists said Wednesday's storms would not be enough to end a drought that has parched Texas for more than a year.

"Certainly, it's not a drought-buster. We have a long way to go to dig out of a big hole," said Clay Anderson, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service for the Austin and San Antonio region.

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Bike pad completed, largest increase in storage in 4 years

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association bike-pad project was completed shortly before classes began this semester, despite reservations from some senate members.

The purpose of the project is to consolidate all of the bike racks on the Engineering Key into one centralized location to accommodate the engineering colleges, as well as arts and sciences in Holden Hall, said SGA external vice president Mike Uryasz.

"This bike pad will house the 400 bikes that potentially could or could not be on the Engineering Key at one time," he said. "So if a student is running late to class, more than likely the bike rack in front of that building will be full, and they will have to spend an extra five minutes trying to find a place to park their bike. With the bike pad, the student will always have a place to park, and only have to allocate about two minutes to get

to the building that their class is in. That way they don't have to worry about illegally parking and getting their bike either ticketed or impounded."

According to the Tech Parking Services' "bike law," bikes chained to an unintended object are subject to impound.

The project was initiated by executive officers last July, and was intended to be completed before the fall semester began, Uryasz said.

"Unfortunately, Texas Tech requires at least three bids to be considered before moving forward on infrastructure projects," said Tyler Patton, SGA president. "While we hoped to have the storage facility completed by the time school began in the fall, the university only had two bids at the time, (which) subsequently delaying completion."

The funds for the \$91,000 project were initially allocated for a joint campus partnership to expand bicycle paths, Patton said.

"The Transportation Fee Advisory Committee was unexpect-

edly notified that the (bicycle path expansion) project could be funded by a single department, leaving the funds originally allocated for the project unused," Patton said. "Over the summer, University Parking Services approached SGA with a proposal for the bicycle storage facility. With the fiscal year drawing to a close, there was no guarantee funding for infrastructure projects would be available in fiscal year '13, so SGA approved the proposal."

Because the decision was made during the summer, the student senate was not informed of the project until August.

"A few of us in the senate are still confused about what exactly happened, why it cost so much and where exactly that money came from," said SGA senator, Colin Davis. "Hopefully these questions will be answered at the next student senate meeting."

The senate passed a resolution requiring Patton to appear at the first meeting of this semester.

"Mike Uryasz, external vice

HOUSING BROWSING



ERIN WRIGHT, A senior math and science education major from Katy, talks to Jordan Griffin, a representative of ULofts Apartments, at the Student Housing Fair in the Student Union Building on Tuesday.

president, briefed the Student Senate on this project at our first meeting in August well before construction on the storage facility began," Patton said. "At the presentation, Mike provided the senate with a full disclosure of

costs and a timeline for completion. It wasn't until November that a single senator brought his concerns to our attention, well after construction had begun. In that situation, there was little we could do."

This is the largest increase in bicycle storage in four years. As of last year, Tech began to construct its own storage racks, providing significant savings to students, Patton said.

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La. oil officials unhappy with State of the Union speech

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A day after President Barack Obama's State of the Union speech, petroleum industry representatives called Wednesday for a more-aggressive energy development policy, saying the United States could take care of more of its petroleum needs while cutting dependence on unstable foreign oil supplies.

During the annual meeting of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, indus-

try officials said the formula should include shale oil production, offshore drilling in more areas and the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline that would bring oil from Canada to Texas.

"The game changer is the oil sands of Canada and the shale plays," said LMOGA head Chris John. "It has the potential to make us energy independent. Every barrel we bring in from Canada is one less barrel we have to buy from Hugo Chavez."

On Tuesday night, the president directed his administration to develop a plan for safe extraction of natural gas from shale deposits, which the White House said would support more than 600,000 jobs. Obama said the administration is moving forward with rules to ensure that safe drilling practices are followed and the types of chemicals in the fracking method are disclosed for operations on public lands.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, involves the high-pressure injection of millions of gallons of water, along with sand and chemical additives, deep underground to extract natural gas trapped in shale rock. The technique is being

expanded rapidly to produce oil from shale.

The industry has long contended that fracking is safe, but environmentalists and some residents who live near drilling sites say it has poisoned groundwater. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has started a study of the issue.

Obama also called again for an end to drilling tax breaks for the oil and natural gas industry — a proposal that Congress has largely ignored, even when Democrats controlled both chambers.

John said eliminating those breaks would merely drive oil exploration overseas. "These drilling operators are very mobile and they can move easily," he said.

Randall Luthi, head of the National Ocean Industries Association, repeated a longstanding industry call to open up more of the coastal United States to offshore drilling. Obama made a move in that direction shortly before the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010, but quickly backed off.

During his speech Obama said he was directing his administration "to open more than 75 percent of our potential offshore oil and gas resources." At the meeting, federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management director Tommy Beaudreau said the president was referring to the current proposed five-year offshore lease plan that includes 12 lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, plus potential sales in the Chuckchi and Beaufort seas off Alaska and the Cook Inlet in Alaska.

"Together, the planning areas included in our proposed five-year program encompass 75 percent of the undiscovered, but technically recoverable oil and gas resources offshore of the United States," Beaudreau said.

Luthi said too much of the U.S. drilling plan continues to be centered on the Gulf "where we have been looking and looking again for 30 years." At the same time, significant long-term finds are coming from new areas of overseas drilling, such as Brazil and Africa, taking away U.S. jobs and revenue, he said.

The president blocked the Keystone pipeline last week, saying officials did not have enough time to review an alternative route to avoid environmentally sensitive areas of Nebraska. The \$7 billion project proposed by Calgary-based TransCanada would carry tar sands oil from western Canada across six states to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast. Industry officials in Louisiana say part of that oil also would be sent to Louisiana refineries.

The United States could lose out to other countries if it waits too long to take advantage of TransCanada's plan, said Gary Heminger, chief executive of Marathon Petroleum Corp. He said Asian countries are investing in Canadian oil sands.

"We have a great ally of the United States willing to share that resource," Heminger said. "We want this Canadian oil to come to the United States."

After Obama's speech, U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., said she was glad to see the president's proposal on domestic energy production, but called on the administration to speed up offshore drilling permits in the Gulf, saying the current pace "continues to be far too slow."

Her Republican counterpart, U.S. Sen. David Vitter, also said he was glad to hear the president speak "a fair amount" about U.S. energy.

"The question is if he'll be serious about that and follow up with action," Vitter said.

Army to cut combat brigades to save money

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Army plans to slash the number of combat brigades from 45 to as low as 32 in a broad restructuring of its fighting force aimed at cutting costs and reducing the service by about 80,000 soldiers, according to U.S. officials familiar with the plans.

Officials said the sweeping changes will likely increase the size of each combat brigade — generally by adding another battalion — in an effort to ensure that those remaining brigades have the fighting capabilities they need when they go to war. A brigade is usually about 3,500 soldiers, but can be as large as 5,000 for the heavily armored units. A battalion is usually between 600-800

soldiers. The brigade restructuring is intended to save money without eroding the military's ability to protect the country and wage war when needed. Army officials contend that while there would be fewer brigades, building them bigger will give them more capabilities and depth, and will reduce stress on the units.

They said specialty units, such as Army special operations forces, would not be affected by the cuts.

Reducing the overall number of brigades will also eliminate the need for the headquarters units that command and oversee them.

Officials acknowledged that merging battalions together into larger brigades

could shift some soldiers to different bases across the country, although that effort could be stymied by members of Congress who don't like to see the staffing decline at bases that feed the local economy. Officials said the Army will try to limit such shifts.

The cuts come as the Pentagon puts the finishing touches on its 2013 fiscal year budget, which must reflect about \$260 billion in savings in its five-year plan. Congress has ordered the Defense Department to come up with a total of \$487 billion over the next 10 years, and could face cuts of double that amount if Congress can't reach an agreement to avoid automatic across-the-board reductions mandated by lawmakers last year.

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GOP won't find next Reagan

When Newt Gingrich won the South Carolina primary, many were shocked. The fact that Mitt Romney was the leader in the polls just a week earlier, combined with Gingrich's not-so-close victory, further adds to the intrigue.

For the first time in history, three consecutive primaries have been won by three separate candidates. With Romney's New Hampshire victory and Rick Santorum having taken Iowa, this further proves that this is quite possibly the least predictable nomination race ever.

After three years of Barack Obama demonstrating his incompetence, conservatives are looking for the next Ronald Reagan to get the country back on track. The problem is that leaders such as Reagan don't come around very often. Setting such high standards for a candidate will inevitably lead to disappointment.

Of the remaining four, only Ron Paul has shown that he has a set of principles that he has abided by throughout his political career. The problem with Paul is that he is essentially a libertarian in a race that demands someone more conservative. He could appeal to many mainstream and independent voters in a general

Andrew Gleinser



election, but he won't win the primary.

The checkered histories of both Romney and Gingrich leave much to be desired. Romney has proven to be a flip-flopper on many issues, simply saying what the listener wants to hear. Gingrich is no better, and his personal life and past ethics concerns leave some voters wary.

Santorum has also taken some hits in this campaign, though certainly not on the level of Gingrich or Romney. The fact of the matter is that none of these candidates are particularly appealing.

Some are even looking to other candidates to jump into the race. Donald Trump, former Governor Sarah Palin, Congressman Paul Ryan, Senator Rand Paul and Indiana governor Mitch

Daniels' names have all been thrown around at one time or another. Some have even suggested that Herman Cain resume his campaign.

However, this would only be detrimental to the race. Whether voters like it or not, another Reagan is not sitting out there waiting to throw his hat into the ring. What conservatives must do is accept the fact that none of the candidates will be the next Reagan and consider who would be best fit to lead the country.

Do they all have negatives and baggage? Of course they do. Some have more than others. But if voters and the Republican Party keep looking for the next Reagan, they'll never be satisfied.

Remember when people thought Rick Perry would be the one? How about Michele Bachmann? Yet neither of those candidates turned out to be what voters were looking for. There is no reason to believe that the ideal president is still out there somewhere.

Republicans must simply take what they are given and make

the best of it. None of the candidates will make everyone happy. But the fact is that any one of them would be an improvement over Barack Obama.

What voters must do is consider the candidates who are available, and decide who would be the most likely to create jobs, cut spending, deal with the threat from Iran, get the economy back on track and win the general election.

Then, once the nomination is decided, all voters who do not want another four years of an Obama White House must stand behind the nominee. This is the only way in which a victory can be achieved. If another conservative, such as Ron Paul, runs as a third-party candidate, then Obama will win re-election.

Conservatives must not lose sight of the big picture in their search for the next Reagan. The main focus of this race should be to decide who among the candidates would be the best choice to lead the country. None of them are perfect and none of them are Reagan, so voters must choose the best available candidate and get behind him in November.

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Wrong choice made on Keystone pipeline

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On Wednesday, January 18, in a move fomenting consternation within Republican circles and celebration within environmentalist ones, President Barack Obama announced the rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Though there is debate over how many jobs the pipeline's construction and maintenance would actually create—Keystone builder TransCanada posits that 20,000 jobs will be created while a Cornell study puts it closer to 5,000—an infrastructure project like this in a period of high unemployment would almost certainly help improve the economy.

For this reason alone the President's decision to block Keystone was the wrong one. But more importantly, the movement opposing the pipeline, as noble in its ambitions as it may be, is utterly misguided.

The greatest concern surrounding the pipeline is not the danger of polluting the Ogallala Aquifer, a crucial water source in the American Midwest, as surveying is well underway to find a route that bypasses both the Aquifer and the ecologically sensitive Sand Hills region altogether.

No, the issue bothering environmentalists about the Keystone XL pipeline is the fact that it is associated with the development of the Alberta oil sands, a move that has been hyperbolically categorized as "Game Over" for the planet by one particularly vocal opponent.

When protesters swarmed the White House last year, their logic was simple: end the pipeline, stop oil sands development. But this logic is severely flawed.

The Canadian government and the Canadian energy in-

dustry have made clear that development of the oil sands will continue regardless of the ultimate fate of the pipeline.

Development is underway, permits have been issued, and a political party eager to promote Canada's energy resources has recently strengthened its majority in Parliament.

The United States is far from the only consumer interested in oil from the Alberta oil sands; growing demand in parts of Asia means that there is no shortage of potential Canadian business partners.

Plans are already being made to transport the oil sands by other means if Keystone falls through, including proposals to transfer the oil to the US by rail or to China by sea.

Rail environmental regulations are far more lax than those associated with pipelines, and China's environmental record is unimpressive to say the least.

Environmental protesters opposing the Keystone pipeline fail to understand

"The moral of the story is this: the controversial development ... will continue no matter what"

that stopping it does not change Canada's economic and political interest in developing the oil sands, and if anything paves the way for more environmentally unsafe means of transporting the oil to prospective buyers.

The moral of the story is this: the controversial development of the Alberta oil sands will continue no matter what, and transportation by pipeline to the United States is far safer and far more likely to create greatly-needed American jobs than any other method.

Rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline not only fails to address the potentially legitimate concerns environmentalists have with the development of the oil sands and our continued reliance on fossil fuels, it also throws away thousands of jobs, threatens to derail the United States' professed goal of energy security, and potentially increases the risk of an oil spill.

Prepare for spring semester, weather

So it's nearly springtime in Lubbock, or what I fondly like to call the ninth circle of hell.

As a native Houstonian, I remember as a freshman being blown away by the fact that I experienced winter, spring, summer and fall in Lubbock. And, more ridiculously, I experienced all of these seasons in a 12-hour span.

Not only this, but if you're anything like me, you'd rather fill your mouth with gunpowder and light a match than walk to class with a giant haboob in your face. Or maybe that's what you're into. No judgment.

So instead of ranting about relationships or doing a hard hitting political piece, I'll be giving somewhat of a guideline on how to survive the next three months without having to resort to Ugg's and jorts. I know there are a couple of you out there — shame on you.

Step one: Layering. In Lub-

Sydney Holmes



bock, the weather channel is merely a "what if" scenario. Once you're outside, all bets are off. It can be four degrees in the morning and by the afternoon, a typhoon is a sincere possibility. You have to layer.

I suggest pants in the morning with about 40 shirts, sweaters and scarves over top. Also, I'm not above bringing shorts in my backpack just in case. Maybe even a bathing suit, you never know. You're going to look like a very confused nomad for a while, but so is everyone else. Just steer clear of fashion majors.

Step two: Quit whining about the weather on your Facebook and Twitter. Recently, I had a friend tell Lubbock to kill itself

for the dust storm that came through last week because it blew too much dirt into his cracked car window. First, that's the stupidest thing I've ever heard. Second, it's not Lubbock's fault that you're too lazy to fix your window, bro.

I heard a girl in one of my classes complain about the fact that it wasn't raining, so she hadn't gotten to wear her new rain boots. Then, when it did rain, she whined that her hair wouldn't hold. We call these "first world problems."

Point being, I hate when people complain about the weather and yell blind threats at Lubbock either via social networks or in real life. Given, I use my column to complain most of the time. In this case, I'm complaining about people complaining, but there is absolutely nothing we can do about the weather.

Furthermore, if you bully Mother Nature don't think for a second she won't pimp-slap you with that typhoon we talked about earlier. Yes, the weather here sucks. But, just think of it as an opportunity to wear all the cool new things you got for Christmas — refer to step one for clarification.

Step three: Stay focused. Aside from the God-awful

weather, the spring semester brings about plenty of new academic challenges. More school means less time to get plastered and make terrible choices that would disappoint your parents for years. But, it's important to stay focused on your ultimate goal, which, I assume, is graduating.

If you haven't already, make connections with your professors. Go to their office hours and brown nose as much as you can. You like the things they like, you watch the same shows they watch and you totally care about their cat's 4th birthday this weekend. You could probably study a little, too.

Kids, the spring semester is rough. It's tempting to not go to class because you don't want to get dirt in your teeth and eyes, but try and remember it's only one semester of hell with a week break in between to go lay on a beach and do nothing. Then you're home free.

I hope my words of faux-wisdom helped. Now let's get out there and look like hot messes for the next four months.

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Gay/Straight Alliance president shares her story

By PAIGE SKINNER
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"God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

That statement is what Sonia M. Jimenez, president of the Gay/Straight Alliance at Texas Tech, heard in a high school sex education course from a minister who was a guest speaker for the class.

Jimenez had trouble relating to her straight friends when they started talking about the opposite sex.

"I had a lot of straight friends," said the junior psychology and Spanish double major from Lubbock. "I didn't have any gay friends, or any that were 'out.' They would always talk about boys and this and that, and so, I feel like I was humoring them with, 'Oh, yeah. He's cute. Whatever.'"

Jimenez said she always felt like she was different, but her mother tried to console her with the fact women often compare themselves with each other.

Jimenez believed her mother, and ended up having three boyfriends during her middle school and high school years, but said it just didn't feel right.

"It just didn't work for me," she said. "I was extra girly. Right now I prefer casual guy clothes, just because they're more comfortable, but I had super-long hair, painted my nails, but guys never did anything for me. Poor guys, I actually made two of them cry."

Jimenez had a close friend "come out" and said it encouraged her to do the same. However, she didn't fear of what her friends would think. She said they all had the same mentality of the sex education guest speaker.

Only one person knew about Jimenez's sexuality, which was her

girlfriend at the time. She said she trusted her not to tell anybody, because Jimenez was still uncomfortable with the idea of being gay.

Eventually, Jimenez said she found out her girlfriend told her secret. At that point, one of her good friends confronted her about it.

"I didn't know what to tell her," Jimenez said. "I didn't want to lie to her, but at the same time I wasn't OK with it."

Soon word got around and more of Jimenez's friends were confronting her.

"My friends had found out and were like, 'Oh, my god. You slept at my house. Do you like me?' And I was like, 'No. What are you talking about? You're like my sister. That's gross,'" she said.

After all of her friends found out, Jimenez said she was "shunned."

The day of her 15th birthday, she said, no one wished her a happy birthday.

"I was very close to at least 10 people," she said. "Nobody told me happy birthday. That just set me over the edge. I was like, 'Forget this! This is retarded. Why would anyone choose this if this were ever a choice? I know I can choose

right now, so I choose not to be."

That day was so bad, Jimenez said she faked a stomachache and asked to go home from school. When her mother came to pick her up, her mother knew something was wrong.

"My mom looked at me and said, 'I know you don't have a stomach ache,'" she said. "What is going on with you?"

Through a friend at work Jimenez's mother, Sonia Jurado, found out her daughter was gay.

Jurado said she was upset with her daughter at first.

"I was initially upset because I found out through a friend at work," she said. "Her daughter and Marissa (Jimenez) were close friends in junior high. When Marissa came out to her particular group of friends, some were happy, and a couple of them weren't so comfortable with it. Well, her daughter happened to be one of those people."

Jurado explained to Jimenez she still loved her and nothing would change between them.

However, when it came time for her daughter to pick a college, Jurado was nervous for Jimenez's safety.

Jurado said when she attended Tech, gay students received nega-

tive feedback if they spoke up about gay issues. She was worried her daughter would run into the same issues.

"As a female, I know she's very headstrong, not that I see her mentally or emotionally weaker than a man, but a female is a female," Jurado said. "You're going to be physically weaker than a man. And so I was afraid for her safety as in, there are a lot of men that have those negative attitudes and, 'Well, let me turn you straight.' Or just stupid things like that."

She remembered a story of when Jimenez was at a club and a college-aged man hit her because he thought she was a man. Jimenez's brother defended her, but the incident made Jurado worry.

Even with some aggressive people, Jimenez's girlfriend, Alyssa DeHoyos, said being a gay woman in Lubbock isn't as challenging as most would think.

"I don't really have anything else to compare it to," said the Tech graduate. "I don't think it's as bad as everyone thinks. There are certain people that I don't come out to. I just don't feel comfortable with that."

DeHoyos was the one who encouraged Jimenez to attend a Gay/Straight Alliance meeting for the first time. After seeing what Jimenez has achieved, DeHoyos said she is proud of her girlfriend.

"I think she's doing great," she said. "I've always thought she was a pretty good leader. She has this charisma that people are just drawn to."

Jimenez said she has made some of the Gay/Straight Alliance meetings themed. One themed meeting involved everyone telling his or her "coming out" story.



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATERS/The Daily Toreador
SONIA M. JIMENEZ, a junior psychology and Spanish double major from Lubbock, is the president of the Gay/Straight Alliance.

For the gay students, they told when they first told someone they were gay.

But the straight people also have a "coming out" story, Jimenez said. Straight people have to explain to other people that they have a gay friend, family member or someone else close to them. They have to explain what their feelings are about someone being gay and any other questions someone might have.

"Anybody affiliated with a gay person also have to come out almost every day," Jimenez said. "If you're talking about them, you

almost feel like you have to come out because you're putting forth what you think about that and if you think it's OK."

Jimenez said there are more than 300 members of the Gay/Straight Alliance, with about a 70 to 30 gay-straight ratio and the meetings average about 35 to 40 people.

"People leave with more friends than they came with," Jimenez said about the organization. "It always happens. It's what we offer here as a student organization."

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J.C. Penney gets rid of hundreds of sales

NEW YORK (AP) — J.C. Penney is permanently marking down all of its merchandise by at least 40 percent so shoppers no longer have to wait for sales to get bargains.

Penney said Wednesday that it is getting rid of the hundreds of sales it offers each year in favor of a simpler approach to pricing. Starting on Feb. 1, the retailer is rolling out an "Every Day" pricing strategy with much fewer sales throughout the year.

The plan, the first major move by Apple executive Ron Johnson since he became Penney's CEO in November, is different from Wal-Mart's iconic everyday low pricing. Unlike Wal-Mart, Penney's goal isn't to undercut competitors, but rather to offer customers more predictable pricing.

"Pricing is actually a pretty simple and straightforward thing," Johnson told the Associated Press during an interview ahead of the announcement at the company's Plano, Tex. headquarters. "Customers will not pay literally a penny more than the true value of the product."

Penney's plan comes as stores are struggling to wean Americans off of the profit-busting bargains that they have come to expect in the weak economy. The move is risky, though, because shoppers who love to bargain-hunt may be turned off by the absence of sales.

"The big question on investors' minds will be: How customers will react to a single price point versus a perceived discount under the old strategy," says Citi Investment Research analyst Deborah L. Weinswig.

Here's how Penney's pricing strategy will work:

— Sale prices become everyday prices. The company will use sales data from last year to slash prices on all merchandise at least 40 percent or lower than the previous year's prices. So, a woman's St. John's Bay blouse regularly priced at \$14.99 could have the "Every Day" price of \$7.

— Fewer sales. The retailer will pick items to go on sale each month for a "Month-Long Value." For instance, jewelry and Valentine's Day gifts would go on sale in February, while Christmas decorations would be discounted in November. Items that don't sell well would go on clearance during the first and third Friday of every month when many Americans get paid. Those items will be tagged "Best Prices," signaling to customers that's the cheapest price.

— New tags. The retailer used to pile stickers on price tags to indicate each time an item was marked down. But now each time an item gets a new price, it gets a new tag too. A red tag indicates an "Every Day" price, a white tag a "Month-Long Value" and a blue tag a "Best Price."

— Simpler pricing. Penney will use whole figures when pricing items. In other words, you won't see jeans with a price tag of \$19.99, but rather \$19 or \$20.

— New advertising. Ads began airing Wednesday with a shopper screaming "No" to discounts as they look in their mailboxes, a pile of coupons and big sales signs. The company also has a new spokeswoman (talk show host Ellen DeGeneres) and logo (a red outline of a box that features JCP in the corner.) And a 96-page catalog will be mailed each month to 14 million customers, along with other promotional efforts.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Hospital must pay \$1M to Brooks

CLAREMORE, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma hospital in Garth Brooks' hometown must pay \$1 million to the country singer because it failed to build a women's health center in honor of his late mother, jurors ruled Tuesday evening.

Jurors ruled that the hospital must return a \$500,000 donation to Brooks plus pay him \$500,000 in punitive damages in Brooks' breach-of-contract lawsuit against Integris Canadian Valley Regional Hospital in Yukon. Brooks said he thought he'd reached a deal in 2005 with the hospital's president, James Moore, but sued after learning the hospital wanted to use the money for other construction projects.

The hospital argued that Brooks gave it unrestricted access to the \$500,000 donation and only later asked that it build a women's center and name it after his mother, Colleen Brooks, who died of cancer in 1999.

"Obviously we are disappointed, particularly with the jury's decision to award damages above and beyond

the \$500,000," Integris spokesman Hardy Watkins said. "We're just glad to see the case come to a resolution."

Brooks called the jurors "heroes" and said he felt vindicated by their verdict.

"I no longer feel like I'm crazy," he said.

Jury member Beverly Lacy said she voted in favor of Brooks because she thought the hospital went back on its word. As far as the punitive damages, she said: "We wanted to show them not to do that anymore to anyone else."

During the trial, Brooks testified that he thought he had a solid agreement with Moore. Brooks said the hospital president initially suggested putting his mother's name on an intensive care unit, and when Brooks said that wouldn't fit her image, Moore suggested a women's center.

"I jumped all over it," Brooks told jurors in tearful testimony. "It's my mom. My mom was pregnant as a teenager. She had a rough start. She wanted to help every kid out there."

His attorney told the jury during closing arguments that Brooks kept his end of the agreement.

"This case is about promises: promises made and promises broken," lawyer John Hickey told jurors shortly before they started deliberating. "Mr. Brooks kept his promise. Integris never intended to keep their promise and never built a new women's center."

But hospital attorney Terry Thomas said Brooks' gift initially came in anonymously and unrestricted in 2005. He also noted that Brooks couldn't remember key details of negotiations with the hospital's president — including what he'd been promised — when questioned during a deposition after filing his lawsuit in 2009.

"At most, it was a misunderstanding between these two," Thomas told jurors during his closing argument. "Am I calling Mr. Brooks a liar? Absolutely not. It's perfectly understandable that he does not remember these events."

SUPER SKETCH



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ERICA GARCIA, A sophomore apparel design and manufacturing major from San Antonio, sketches on an easel during a drawing class in the Architecture building Wednesday.

Smoking

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In order to quit smoking, Cohen said cigarette users have to plan how to fill the time they spent each day smoking.

"Don't have easy access to cigarettes," he said. "People say 'I like to smoke in the car,' but if (cigarettes are) not in the car, you can't smoke them in the car. Have healthy snacks. Because oftentimes when someone quits, they get to where they want to snack more and it's a really easy way to start putting on weight."

"Some people are not okay with that and would rather be smoking, but I would argue that putting on a little weight is probably more healthy for you than smoking."

Some students think smoke breaks allow time to remove themselves from stressful situations, take deep breaths

outside and relax.

"There's no data to suggest that cigarette smoking actually leads to less stress for people," Cohen said. "In fact, I think the data says the opposite, but people think that it helps them reduce their stress and it's unclear whether it's smoking or the other behaviors they're doing while they're smoking."

Cohen said his observations of college students reveal that as drinking increases, smoking does as well.

"Because they are kind of related behaviors, a lot of our students would say that they are not smokers, that they only smoke when they're out drinking," he said. "Over time, drinking kind of plateaus and drops because it's hard to function if you're drinking at high levels, but the smoking doesn't stop. So I would say to quit before it becomes so ingrained in your lifestyle (and makes it) even more difficult to quit."

Holly Bearden, a sophomore advertising major from Stamford said she first

began smoking whenever she drank,

then it developed into a habit.

"I didn't necessarily crave them and still don't, but after getting used to having one every time you drive some where, it's hard to stop the urge," she said. "It started getting really expensive for me, and I know all about the health risks so I've quit except

for occasionally when I'm out drinking."

Cohen said in order to stop smoking, people must learn more about their smoking habits. He recommends cutting back cigarette use by 10-20 percent each week.

"We encourage people to learn more about their smoking behavior: how they're feeling when they want to smoke, what they're doing when they want to smoke, what are they comparing it with

"I attempted to quit in the past, and when I finally got to that place where I was done with smoking, it made it a lot easier."

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feeling when they want to smoke, what they're doing when they want to smoke, what are they comparing it with

— such as drinking coffee or talking on the phone — and then slowly work to fade yourself into lower and lower levels of nicotine," he said. "So instead of going from a pack a day to zero, the recommendation is to drop a little bit of a time, kind of like you would on a nicotine patch."

While some smokers are successful at quitting "cold turkey," as Cohen puts it, many people take somewhere around seven quit attempts before they reach their goal.

"So, if this is your first attempt, don't beat yourself up if you fail," he said.

One student who recently quit smoking is Wes Farrow, a sophomore history education major from Tyler. He said he smoked for roughly five years, and then he got help by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW and receiving free patches. His last cigarette was six and a half months ago.

"What helped me quit was a few reasons, (like) my physical health,"

Farrow said. "I noticed that I was out of breath and I was coughing a lot and I smelled like smoke, but essentially what made me really quit is that realized that I pretty much had no choice in the matter anymore. This little drug was dictating my whole pattern throughout the day."

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Scott Walker, a graduate student in marriage and family therapy, said he smoked for 30 years before taking his last puff in January 2008.

He advises students to have family and friends keep them accountable as they attempt to stop smoking. A friend called him every morning of his journey to quit his addiction, and Walker said it helped.

"Keep trying," he said. "It's hard to do."

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Slim race for best song at Oscars

NEW YORK (AP) — The race for the best original song Oscar is a slim one with two songs up for the honor, a first for the Academy Awards.

Sergio Mendes' "Real In Rio" from the animated adventure "Rio" will compete with Bret McKenzie's "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets," despite having songs from a bevy of all-star musicians like Elton John, Mary J. Blige, will.i.am and Pink in contention for nomination.

Charles Bernstein, the former chairman of the Academy Awards' music branch, says he "personally was surprised" that only two songs are up for the honor.

In the past, the number of nominees for best original song has ranged from three to 14. Only up to five songs are eligible for nomination.

"I personally felt that there may have been more than two that I personally would have championed," he said in an interview after the Oscars nominations were announced Tuesday. "But it is a majority vote situation."

Blige, who co-wrote a song for the Deep South drama "The Help," said in a tweet Tuesday that she was sad, and felt like the Academy "is being mean" for only nominating two songs for the award.

This year, 39 songs were eligible for nomination for best original song, including tracks from Brad Paisley, Robbie Williams, The National, Zooey Deschanel, Zac Brown, Chris Cornell and others.

Members of the music branch can rank songs using 10, 9.5, 9, 8.5, 8, 7.5, 7, 6.5 or 6, and a song must have at least an average score of 8.25 to be nominated. If only one song gets that score, it and the song receiving the next highest score will be the two nominees.

Since two songs were nominated, it could mean that voters were unimpressed with this year's contenders.

"Each person is voting on a subjective impression ... so you'd have to go into the head of each individual voter to kind of know what it was that made them feel that any given song was or wasn't award-worthy," Bernstein said.

Bernstein also stressed that the songs "have to be written for the picture, and the judgment of its quality has a great deal to do with how it functions in the movie as well as how well written it is."

Bernstein, who did vote in the category, wouldn't say how many people voted this year, but did say that the rules for each Academy Award are carefully observed each

year. He says the music branch will most likely take a closer look at the requirements for best original song after this year's results.

"It's very likely because there were two this year that the rules committee will probably take another look at it next year and make sure it wants to continue the same rules," he said.

Madonna's "Masterpiece," which won the Golden Globe for best original song and is from her directorial effort "W.E.," was not eligible for an Academy Award because "the song does not occur either in the body of the film, or as the first song at the end of the film," Bernstein said.

Mendes, who shares his nomination with Siedah Garrett and Carlinhos Brown, says "Rio" director Carlos Saldanha delivered the good news to him.

"I don't know much about the voting process really. I'm not an expert in that, but I'm so happy about me being nominated," Mendes said Tuesday afternoon. "I don't really know the criteria, but I can only think about celebrating."

Winners of the 84th annual Academy Awards will be announced Feb. 26 in a ceremony that will air live on ABC from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

New map for planting reflects global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Global warming is hitting not just home, but garden. The color-coded map of planting zones often seen on the back of seed packets is being updated by the government, illustrating a hotter 21st century.

It's the first time since 1990 that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has revised the official guide for the nation's 80 million gardeners, and much has changed. Nearly entire states, such as Ohio, Nebraska and Texas, are in warmer zones.

The new guide, unveiled Wednesday at the National Arboretum, arrives just as many home gardeners are receiving their seed catalogs and dreaming of lush flower beds in the spring.

It reflects a new reality: The coldest day of the year isn't as cold as it used to be, so some plants and trees can now survive farther north.

"People who grow plants are well aware of the fact that temperatures have gotten more mild throughout the year, particularly in the wintertime," said Boston University biology professor Richard Primack. "There's a lot of things you can grow now that you couldn't grow before."

He stands the giant fig tree in his suburban Boston yard stands as an example: "People don't think of figs as a crop you can grow in the Boston area. You can do it now."

The new guide also uses better weather data and offers more interactive technology. For example, gardeners using the online version can enter their ZIP code and get the exact average coldest temperature.

Also, for the first time, calculations include more detailed fac-

tors such as prevailing winds, the presence of nearby bodies of water, the slope of the land, and the way cities are hotter than suburbs and rural areas.

The map carves up the U.S. into 26 zones based on five-degree temperature increments. The old 1990 map mentions 34 U.S. cities in its key. On the 2012 map, 18 of those, including Honolulu, St. Louis, Des Moines, Iowa, St. Paul, Minn., and even Fairbanks, Alaska, are in newer, warmer zones.

Those differences matter in deciding what to plant.

For example, Des Moines used to be in zone 5a, meaning the lowest temperature on average was between minus 15 and minus 20 degrees. Now it's 5b, which has a lowest temperature of 10 to 15 degrees below zero. Jerry Holub, manager of a Des Moines plant nursery, said folks there might now be able to safely grow passion flowers.

Griffin, Ga., used to be in zone 7b, where the coldest day would average between 5 and 10 degrees. But the city is now in zone 8a, averaging a coldest day of 10 to 15 degrees. So growing bay laurel becomes possible. It wasn't recommended on the old map.

"It is great that the federal government is catching up with what the plants themselves have known for years now: The globe is warming and it is greatly influencing plants (and animals)," Stanford University biology professor Terry Root wrote in an email.

The changes come too late to make this year's seed packets, but they will be in next year's, said George Ball, chairman and CEO of the seed company W. Atlee Burpee, which puts the maps on packages

of perennials, not annuals. But Ball said many of his customers already know what can grow in their own climate and how it has warmed.

"Climate change, which has been in the air for a long time, is not big news to gardeners," he said.

Mark Kaplan, a New York meteorologist who helped create the 1990 map, said the latest version clearly shows warmer zones migrating north. Other experts agreed.

The 1990 map was based on temperatures from 1974 to 1986, the new map from 1976 to 2005. The nation's average temperature from 1976 to 2005 was two-thirds of a degree higher than it was during the old time period, according to the National Climatic Data Center.

USDA spokeswoman Kim Kaplan, who was part of the map team, repeatedly tried to distance the new zones on the map from global warming. She said that while much of the country is in warmer zones, the map "is simply not a good instrument" to demonstrate climate change because it is based on just the coldest days of the year.

David W. Wolfe, a professor of plant and soil ecology at Cornell University, said that the USDA is being too cautious and that the map plainly reflects warming.

The revised map "gives us a clear picture of the 'new normal' and will be an essential tool for gardeners, farmers and natural resource managers as they begin to cope with rapid climate change," Wolfe said in an email.

The Arbor Day Foundation issued its own hardiness guide six years ago, and the new government map is very similar, said Woodrow Nelson, a vice president at the plant-loving organization.

"We got a lot of comments that the 1990 map wasn't accurate anymore," Nelson said. "I look forward to (the new map). It's been a long time coming."

Nelson lives in Lincoln, Neb., where the zone warmed to a 5b. Nelson said he used to be in a "solid 4," but now he has Japanese maples and Fraser firs in his yard — trees that shouldn't survive in a zone 4. Vaughn Speer, an 87-year-old master gardener in Ames, Iowa, said he has seen redbud trees, one of the earliest blooming trees, a little farther north in recent years.

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Red Raiders still looking for first win in conference play

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**
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Offensive woes hurt the Red Raiders as they lost their seventh straight game in Big 12 Conference play against No. 22 Kansas State on Wednesday in Lubbock.

The Wildcats forced a season-high 25 turnovers out of Texas Tech which helped lead to a 69-47 Kansas State victory. Kansas State scored 27 points off of Tech's turnovers.

The Red Raiders made it difficult on themselves by missing shots close to the basket, Tech coach Billy Gillispie said.

"When you get a layup you need to make it, either that or get two foul shots," he said. "We miss — I mean we just continue to miss layups, and I have a hard time understanding how a college basketball player can continue to miss layups. I mean we missed 13 shots within four feet of the basket."

The Red Raiders could never get anything going offensively against the physical Kansas State defense, Gillispie said.

"We struggled a lot, we couldn't get open on the wing, we couldn't get open in the high post, we couldn't deliver the ball to the low post," he said. "When we did catch it on the wing, they just physically manhandled us and didn't let us do what they didn't want to let us do."

The Wildcats made Tech uncomfortable on offense throughout the game, Kansas State coach Frank Martin said.

"When we're good defensively, we try not to let teams get in rhythm," Martin said. "Offense is all rhythm. It's all about what you practice, the timing of the play, getting the guys the shots from the places that they are comfortable from, and we've been a lot better here since the Oklahoma game."

The Red Raiders shot less than 40 percent from the field for the seventh straight game.

One positive thing Tech can take from the game was the strong play of Jordan Tolbert, but the Red Raiders did a poor job of getting him the ball, Gillispie said.

"I thought (Tolbert) played great, I thought he battled the whole time," Gillispie said. "And for us to get him

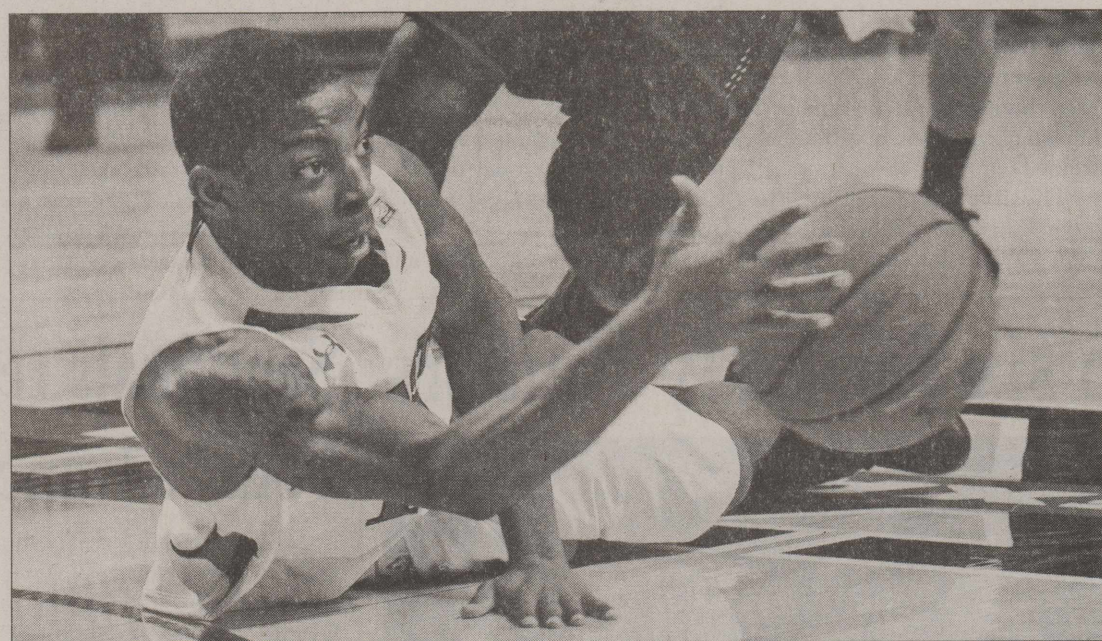


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TEXAS TECH'S KEVIN Wagner dives for the ball during the Red Raiders' 69-47 loss against Kansas State on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

only eight shots is not very smart."

Tolbert had a game-high 18 points and added two blocked shots on defense.

The freshman said he was happy to have a strong game after struggling early in Big 12 play.

"It felt real good," Tolbert said. "I was really, like, stressing these first couple of games — the six games before this game — but it feels real good to know that I played well even though we lost."

Although Gillispie did not think the Red Raiders got Tolbert the ball enough, Tolbert still said the point guard play was helpful in his big game.

"Kevin Wagner played really good tonight, and got me the ball and I just finished," Tolbert said.

Wagner, a Lubbock native, led the Red Raiders' backcourt with 16 points and four assists. Wagner got his fourth start of the season.

Only four Red Raiders scored during the game, and two of the

scoring players — Luke Adams and Jaye Crockett — came off the bench. After a season-high 20 points, senior Robert Lewandowski failed to score a single point and was in foul trouble throughout the game.

"We had three starters tonight that got a goose egg," Gillispie said. "That's been kind of a common occurrence."

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Texas A&M struggling in Big 12 Conference play

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M was expected to contend with Kansas for the Big 12 title this season.

Instead, a loss to the fifth-ranked Jayhawks on Monday was their fifth conference defeat. In a season filled with struggles, the Aggies must finish strong if they hope to make the NCAA tournament for the seventh straight season.

"It's pretty obvious that we're going to have to get on a run at some point," leading scorer Elston Turner said. "This stretch right here would be a perfect time to do it ... if we can just get a four or five game winning streak, then we feel like our chances will be pretty good."

It won't be easy in the Big 12. Texas A&M has 11 wins and 11 regular-season games remaining, but three of them are against teams ranked in the top 10. They face No. 6 Baylor next Wednesday and have back-to-back games against Kansas and No. 2 Missouri at the end of February.

First-year coach Billy Kennedy acknowledged Wednesday that this year has been tough and that he didn't realize exactly what he was inheriting in a program that won 24 games last season.

"It's been challenging," he said. "The more you're in a program, the more you realize there are holes in the program. It's like buying a new house. You're excited the first day and then you start realizing that you've

got a leaky faucet, you've got a hole in the wall somewhere that was hidden that you didn't see. That's kind of the situation with this program unfortunately."

The Aggies have had their share of difficulties this season. Kennedy took a medical leave early in the season after being diagnosed with the early stages of Parkinson's disease. Just before his return, star Khris Middleton had knee surgery that kept him out for almost a month.

Another setback came when freshman Jamal Branch, one of two point guards on the roster, decided to transfer just days before the start of conference play.

"The injuries are part of the game. We can't control that," Kennedy said. "We just don't have enough depth or enough experience in our program to weather a lot of negative happenings."

They picked up their second conference win on Saturday in overtime against Oklahoma. But Middleton banded his injured knee with a teammate in the first half and is out indefinitely, Kennedy said the injury isn't serious.

The Aggies are also waiting to see if Dash Harris, their only point guard, will be able to play when they host Oklahoma State on Saturday. Harris injured his right foot at the end of the first half against Kansas. He played most of the second half out of necessity, but looked gimpy the entire time.

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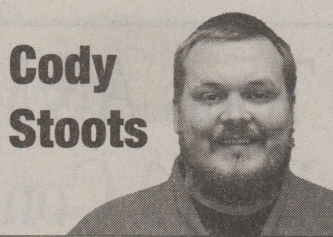
Yu Darvish has to be Rangers' savior

The Rangers needed to make a splash this off-season to help forget the painful memories associated with the playoffs of the last two years.

There wasn't any way to get around this. The Rangers had to keep up with the moves the Angels made this offseason. A healthy team in Los Angeles and the addition of Albert Pujols and C.J. Wilson — who they stole away from Texas — would make for a World Series favorite.

The pressure is now on the person who made the splash for the Rangers, Yu Darvish. The Rangers just spent more than \$110 million on the Japanese superstar to help get the Rangers back to the World Series and actually come back

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with a ring this season.

That is right: Baby steps with the big shoes. Repeat success is never guaranteed, and the Rangers will be in a dogfight with the Angels all season in a race for the American League West title.

Darvish doesn't have to be good; he has to be the Rangers' savior.

The Rangers may not seem like they need saving, considering they have been to the World Series in back-to-back years.

The only problem is they walked away without the trophy both times. This move has to pan out. Anything less than a World Series win, and this move meant nothing.

This seems like a lot to place on him in his first year in the league, but when was the last time a player was hyped this much? Yes, the posting system and lack of tape displaying Darvish against real hitters is limited, but not since Daisuke Matsuzaka — better known as Dice-K — has there been this much anticipation for a foreign player. Look how that has panned out.

The hype is unbelievable around this player. Anything less than 90 wins for Darvish in his

six-year contract would be a disappointment. We have been reminded again and again he is not like any other Japanese pitcher.

He needs to prove he is different against Major League Baseball teams.

He might be a power pitcher, but has he ever dealt with 100-degree summers in Texas? The World Baseball Classic gave the pitching sensation a taste of major league hitters, but those are out of shape players in the spring.

Darvish will have to prove himself in August in the sixth inning of a one-run game. He will be tested from the first day on. The success of the Rangers could all be on his shoulders.

MLB is very competitive and

nobody is guaranteed an easy road to the World Series. Making two consecutive World Series is impressive, but at the end of the day the postseason runs still ended in failures. At this rate, the Rangers are getting close to becoming the Buffalo Bills of MLB.

Baseball has so much parity. Teams are turning things around more quickly every year. The window is closing on the Rangers as more and more teams around them are getting better, and will be looking to knock off Texas, which has now established itself as a perennial contender.

Darvish had to be the answer for the Rangers. There was no other. It wasn't Prince Fielder, because the Rangers don't have

question marks on offense. Pitching will make or break this team.

Therefore, Darvish will make or break this team.

With other young arms in the rotation, it won't look good if the new kid on the block gets paid \$60 million to be average. He has to be great, or it will ruin the Rangers.

The Darvish signing will either put the Rangers over the top, or it will cause this franchise to collapse. There is no in-between.

No one remembers second place, unless you finish there enough times.

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Losing streak climbs to six for Lady Raiders

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Carolyn Davis walked into Kansas coach Bonnie Henrickson's office Wednesday afternoon before their game against Texas Tech.

Henrickson handed Davis a box score from last season's game against the Lady Raiders. On it was one marking: A square around Davis' shot attempts.

"Squares are bad, circles are good," Henrickson said.

Davis handed the sheet back to her coach and knew what she had to do. On Wednesday night, she scored 34 points, a Big 12 high, on 17-for-24 shooting as Kansas' 62-43 win over No. 21 Texas Tech.

"I didn't realize that, I thought I did pretty good last year," Davis said. "Obviously I didn't. Once I saw that, it drove me to play hard tonight."

Davis was frustrated early as she missed three of her first four shots. But she eventually got into a groove scoring 20 points in the first half.

"For her to have 34 and none from the free throw line is amazing,"

Henrickson said.

Aishah Sutherland added 10 points and seven rebounds as Kansas (16-3, 5-2 Big 12) snapped a 12 game losing streak to the Lady Raiders (14-5, 2-5). The victory was Henrickson's first in nine tries against Texas Tech.

Chynna Brown scored 11 points for the Lady Raiders, who were without leading scorer Kierra Mallard, who didn't make the trip due to an undisclosed injury. Mallard averages 13.1 points per game.

Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry said Mallard's return to the lineup is in the hands of the team's physician.

Mallard's absence left a hole in the Lady Raiders' frontcourt that Davis was able to exploit. She scored 18 of the final 20 points of the first half for Kansas, including the final 12 as the Jayhawks used an 8-2 run — including back-to-back layups by Davis — to take a 30-23 into halftime.

"It's very important to understand that you can't give up dribble



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Monique Smalls dribbles past Baylor guard Odyssey Sims during Tech's 72-64 loss against the Lady Bears on Jan. 18 in United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders lost their fifth consecutive game, as Kansas knocked off Tech 62-43.

penetration and that you have to have great help," Curry said. "I thought there were a few times that (Davis) is so hard to defend, no matter who you're trying to defend her

with, if you give up dribble penetration and you don't have great help and great ball pressure, you're going to have some problems. That's where we broke down."

Semifinals rebranded: 'Big Four' advance in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — With Novak Djokovic clutching his leg and struggling to breathe, it looked like the "Big 4" semifinal lineup at the Australian Open might not come together.

Then Djokovic's championship instincts kicked in.

The top-ranked Serb held off No. 5 David Ferrer in a second-set tiebreaker Wednesday night and then raced through the third set for a 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-1 win, setting up a rematch of last year's final against fourth-ranked Andy Murray.

Order was restored.

For 10 days, nearly everyone at Melbourne Park has talked about the top four players and how they are on a higher level than the rest of men's tennis. But with the other three already in the semis, Djokovic looked to be in trouble in the second set.

"No, I don't have any physical issues," Djokovic said, playing down any health concerns. "I feel very fit and I feel mentally, as well, very fresh."

"It's just today I found it very difficult after a long time to breathe because I felt the whole day my nose was closed a little bit. I just wasn't able to get enough oxygen."

The win ensured that the top four men reached the semifinals for the third time in four Grand Slams. Murray beat Kei Nishikori 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 earlier Wednesday, while second-ranked Rafael Nadal and No. 3 Roger Federer were already preparing for their semifinal showdown, their 10th clash at a major but their first meeting at that stage of a Grand Slam since 2005.

Doubts about Djokovic's temperament surfaced after he won his first major at the 2008 Australian Open. He went another 11 majors before reaching another Grand Slam final, which he lost.

In his first title defense in 2009, he struggled with breathing problems and the heat and had to retire from his quarterfinal match against Andy Roddick.

Trying again to defend the Australian Open title, and again in the quarterfinals, the 24-year-old Djokovic was leading by a set

and a break when he dropped a service game against Ferrer.

At break point, he scrambled to hit a defensive lob on his backhand and didn't even wait for it to land out before turning to face the back of the court, grabbing at the back of his left leg. He leaned over and rested his head on the top of his racket. Ferrer was back in contention.

For the rest of the set, Djokovic sneaked looks at his coaches and team in the stands. He cajoled himself at the baseline and took time between points.

At times he looked exhausted.

At times he looked sore.

"Look, you know, in these conditions, at this stage of the tournament, when you're playing somebody like David, somebody that has great shots from both sides from the baseline, makes you always play over five to 10 shots in the rally, your physical strength and endurance comes into question," Djokovic calmly explained of his on-court demeanor. "Actually I'm not concerned about that at all."

"I'm really fit and I have no concerns of recovering for the next match. It's just a matter of breathing better through the nose."

That may not be how Murray's new coach, Ivan Lendl, sees it. Lendl has been working with Murray this month, trying to help him break his Grand Slam title drought — the Briton has lost three major finals without winning a set, including the last two in Australia.

Lendl lost the first four Grand Slam finals he contested, before winning eight of his next 15.

He was doing some scouting Wednesday night at Rod Laver Arena, sitting about 15 rows behind the Djokovic group, surrounded by people waving Serbian flags. He couldn't have missed the sideways glances from Djokovic to his support crew, or the fact that he sat down in a line judge's chair when Ferrer challenged a line call. Murray and Djokovic have been playing each other since they were 12, and know each other so well they sometimes hit together and kick a soccer ball around.

Minnesota wins 105-90 after Mavericks get title rings

DALLAS (AP) — Kevin Love had 31 points and 10 rebounds after signing his new contract and the Minnesota Timberwolves handed defending NBA champion Dallas another ceremonial loss, 105-90 Wednesday night.

The end of the Mavericks' seven-game home winning streak, and their franchise-record streak of holding 15 consecutive opponents under 100 points, came after they finally received their champi-

onship rings during a pregame ceremony.

That presentation came exactly a month after Dallas raised the championship banner before the season opener. They trailed by 21 points at halftime that day on the way to a 105-94 loss to Miami in an NBA finals rematch.

Dallas led by 14 points before halftime against the Timberwolves. But Minnesota finished the first half with eight consecutive points

in the final minute, then had a 13-4 run in the first 5 minutes of the third quarter for the lead.

Love, the 23-year-old forward, signed a four-year maximum extension worth more than \$60 million after the morning shoot-around. That beat a Wednesday night deadline and keeps him from becoming a restricted free agent after this season.

The Mavericks tied it again at 70 on two free throws by Shawn Marion with 3 minutes left in the third quarter. But a minute later, Love's 3-pointer broke that tie and put the Timberwolves ahead to stay.

That was one of four 3-pointers by Love, who also had one at the end of the first half to get the Timberwolves within 54-52.

Wayne Ellington rebounded his own miss and made a layup to start that quick Minnesota surge before halftime. After Jason Kidd missed a 3-pointer, Ricky Rubio made a 3-pointer before Love's half-ending trey set up by Jason Terry's only turnover.

Not long before that, the Mavs were up 55-44 when Jason Kidd scored on a pass from Terry, who

wore gold shoes for the special night.

Rubio had 17 points and 12 assists. Ellington had 16 points while Nikola Pekovic had 13 for the Timberwolves, who also beat Dallas 99-82 on New Year's Day.

Terry led Dallas with 17 points, while Marion had 15 points. Brendan Haywood had 10 rebounds.

Before the game, Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and coach Rick Carlisle presented the diamond-encrusted championship rings to NBA finals MVP Dirk Nowitzki, Kidd and seven other current players who were on last year's team. Also getting their rings during the ceremony were retired player Peja Stojakovic and J.J. Barea, who now plays for the Timberwolves and part of the reason the ceremony was held when it was.

Barea, who missed his fourth consecutive game for Minnesota because of a sprained left ankle, received a huge ovation when he was the first player introduced by Carlisle. The rest of his Timberwolves teammates had retreated to the locker room before the ring ceremony.

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