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Traffic accident kills three near Tech campus

Lubbock Police considering speed, alcohol as factors in traffic accident

6 couldn't move. I was just in shock. Then I saw that the driver was the only one responding..."

Ruby Jove Tech student, witness

By CAITLAN OSBORN NEWS EDITOR

Three people died Sunday morning after a collision on the 700 block of University Avenue and Glenna Goodacre Boulevard. An official with the Lubbock Police

Department said the driver, Brian Cody Hawthorne, 26, was traveling south toward Texas Tech campus in a 2001 Toyota Tacoma and tried to avoid hitting 68-yearold cyclist Courtland Whitmore as he was

crossing the street.

Hawthorne's truck hit Whitmore and flipped on its side. The truck then ran into a fire hydrant, the officer said.

Whitmore and truck passengers Arturo Hernandez Almaguer, 23, and Kendrick Laamar Johnson, 27, were declared dead at the scene. An LPD official said Almaguer was the only one wearing a seatbelt at the time of impact.

Ruby Jove, a senior political science major from Dallas, witnessed the accident while

driving to Tech at about one in the morning.

"I was driving down the street on my way back to campus, and I saw a car flipped on its side," she said. "It was in the middle of the street so I couldn't go anywhere. I just put my car in park and ran to where the accident was. I didn't know what to do."

Jove said she saw a body laying on the ground and the broken bike. She then ran to the passengers of the truck.

"I kept calling and asking if they were OK, but no one answered," she said.

Jove said she called 911 and told the dispatcher where she was. Jove was told to go to the person lying on the ground to see if he was breathing.

"I couldn't move," she said. "I was just in shock. Then I saw that the driver was the only one responding. He was trying to roll out of the windshield, trying to get out. He was having a hard time breathing and his chin was all bloody."

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Student organization plans to create business Business to start as PR firm

By PAIGE SKINNER

In today's economy, students graduating from Texas Tech might have a little trouble landing a full-time job — that is where Build Your Own Business comes in.

Todd Truesdell, the creator of this student organization, is hoping to create jobs for Tech students when they graduate.

Truesdell came up with the idea for the student organization after attending other student organizations' meetings and not feeling like he was making a difference.

He then decided to form his own organization that would also build a business.

"Texas Tech B.Y.O.B. is

By NICOLE MOLTER

STAFF WRITER

The Susan Polgar Institute

for Chess Excellence and the

Knight Raiders hosted the fifth

annual Lubbock Open at the

to help students network Build Your Own Business," said the senior public relations major from Carrollton. "It's basically a student organization that has the focus of starting businesses within the student population of Texas Tech University. We're basically building networks and creating businesses while students are in school to serve

the students, serve the com-

munity and serve the university here at Texas Tech."

Truesdell said he is an entrepreneur, starting six businesses himself. While attending other student organizations' meeting, he found himself wanting to make a difference.

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Polar Plunge





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TOP: ABBY LIVINGSTON, a senior multidisciplinary science major from Austin, Madeline Chastine, a senior theater major from Weatherford, and Carolyn Hockaday, a senior sociology major from Spokane, Wash., jump into the lazy river at the Leisure Pool for the Polar Bear Swim on Saturday. The water temperature of the lazy river was 45 degrees Fahrenheit with the air temperature 31 degrees Fahrenheit. ABOVE: Participants warm up in the hot tub after swimming around the lazy river for the Polar Bear Swim.

Lubbock Science Spectrum on Jan. 28. The tournament was a five-round Swiss System tournament and a U.S. Chess Federation-rated individual

Knight Raiders host fifth

annual chess tournament

tournament. "Just remember that it's not about win or lose," said com- any moves for granted," James petitor Marcus Gamboa, an said. "You have to focus the en-Evans Middle School student from Lubbock. "It's about having fun. If you're really wanting to win, make sure you know what you're doing before you

The tournament was open to all ages. Elementary, middle school, high school and college students, as well as adults, were

involved in the competition.

"This tournament includes seven sections including kindergarten through 12th grade scholastic sections and one adult section," said Susan Polgar, SPICE director and Knight Raiders coach.

At least three Grand Masters from Tech competed, said Brett James, president of the Knight Raiders and a pre-medicine major from Rich-

"Chess players can't take tire time, even if it's a five minute game or a three hour game. Every single move counts. Stay mentally tough and be ready to play the entire game."

The competitors consistently practice before playing in competitions, he said.

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Students participate in Polar Bear Swim

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Senior Ryan Munden said the jump from the 36 degrees Fahrenheit air into 45 degrees Fahrenheit water at Texas Tech's Leisure Pool for the Polar Bear Swim was "not actually that bad."

Munden, an electrical en- ment, he said it was not much

gineering major from El Paso, in comparison. said he once swam for about five seconds in water that had frozen

to be chipped away. Though he considered the Polar Bear Swim — an event hosted by Rec Sports that challenges students to swim in frigid waters - an accomplish-

over. In order to get in, ice had

More than 110 students went to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center at 10 a.m. Saturday to take the plunge.

"It's a point of pride," said sophomore David Lehman, a chemical engineering major from Plano.

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TechBriefly

Members selected for transdisciplinary research academy

Texas Tech has established the first Transdisciplinary Research Academy and released the names of the 34 participating faculty members Friday.

"The goal of the academy is to bring together teams of faculty who have diverse expertise and interests, and I believe the first members do that," Taylor Eighmy, Texas Tech vice president for research, said in a news release. "In these first academy members we see combinations of expertise that should produce big-picture thinking and novel solutions to global issues."

The faculty members form nine teams that are required to develop new research projects and secure funding for those projects, as well as promote interaction between the university's various academic departments.

Ex-Lady Raider dead at age 25

Judith Smith, a former guard for the Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball team, died at the age of 25.

The Long Beach, Calif., native would have been 26 today.

Lady Kaider Nation lost a family member today," said Tech head coach, Kristy Curry, in a news release. "Judith will always be a Lady Raider in all our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends during this difficult time."

Smith began her career with the Lady Raiders in 2004 and played on the team for two years. As a freshman she averaged five points per game in 27 games. In her final season, Smith averaged 3.7 points per game in 15 games.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

TAB: MYO (Make Your Own) Street Sign Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, West Basement So, what is it? Join Tech Activities Board and create your own personal street

Osher Lifelong Learning Insti-

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it? Enjoy a presentation by OLLI on "Health and Awareness: Alternative Therapies for Common Medical Conditions."

Osher Lifelong Learning Insti-

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it?

Enjoy a presentation by OLLI titled "Happy 150th Birthday Italy! A Brief History of Italian Unification."

TUESDAY

Osher Lifelong Institute Time: 10 a.m. to Noon Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it? Enjoy a presentation by OLLI on "Sculpting with Hot Glass: Wine Stoppers."

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Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Soapsuds Room So, what is it? Join the Center for Undergraduate Research for its spring training session "Utilizing a Lab Notebook" and learn how to create and maintain an effective lab notebook.

Texas Tech Men's Basketball vs. Oklahoma State Time: 7 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Cowboys.

Movie Festival Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Where: College of Mass Communications, Room 101 So, what is it?

Enjoy a presentation from Texas Tech Libraries led by Rob Weiner entitled "Two Mr. Wongs and Non-Asian Portrayals of Major Asian Character in Film."

Winter Chamber Concert Time: 7:30 p.m. Where: The Legacy Event Center

So, what is it? Enjoy a night with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's string chamber ensemble.

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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.

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Local media merges into KTTZ

By CAROLYN HECK STAFF WRITER

NEWS

Two local Lubbock media outlets, KOHM-FM and KTXT-TV, have merged into KTTZ-FM and KTTZ-TV, in an effort to save the two stations money.

The station changed its call letters to KTTZ on Jan. 15, Derrick Ginter said, a general manager of KTTZ-FM.

John Kirby, general manager of KTTZ-TV, said the merger was done to consolidate budgets and save Texas Tech and the taxpayers' money.

"On the TV side we've already saved close to \$100,000," he said, "and quite a bit less in radio, but we will be saving quite a bit at the end of the fiscal year, which is at the end of July."

KTXT-FM, a student radio station once connected to the

former KTXT-TV, broke off and the same great programming is now based out of the College of Mass Communications under the management of Dean Jerry Hudson, Ginter said.

The call letters for KTXT-FM did not change, he said, making it the only broadcast station at Texas Tech with the KTXT call sign, a legacy that goes back more than 50 years.

However, unlike KTXT-FM, the call letters for the new KTTZ stations have changed, Kirby said.

KTTZ will continue to play the same programming from NPR and PBS, and will still air shows such as "Antiques Roadshow," "Doc Martin" and "Downton Abbey.'

"We'll have outstanding classical music and National Public Radio news on the radio," Kirby said, "and then on TV we'll have

we've always had.

Sophia Halbrook, a Tech graduate and associate features producer reporter at KTTZ, said KTTZ is making an effort to connect to the Lubbock and Tech communities through locallybased and themed programming.

"We've got a couple local shows where we just want to go out into the community and find interesting either places, people or events going on, and we cover that," she said.

Halbrook is a former Tech broadcast journalism major who graduated in December from the College of Mass Communications, and one of two Tech graduates currently hired at KTTZ,

Halbrook said her time at Tech laid a blueprint that mapped out a road to her cur-

"I had a wise professor tell me once, 'If you don't know how to write, get out of this business, it's not for you," she said.

Two shows the station produces are "Keeping it Local" and "Locally Owned," she said, which focus on people, businesses and places of interest in Lubbock.

KTTZ also produces "Inside Texas Tech" with Chancellor Kent Hance, Halbrook said, which turns the spotlight on current events going on within

"We're not just focusing on Texas Tech, though that's one of our main focuses," she said. "We're trying to focus on the community and bring the community in and just make them more aware that we are becoming more local-friendly."

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Accident ←

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 More people began to arrive at

the scene, Jove said.

Tech police arrived about two minutes after she called 911, before LPD. Chris Cook, director of communications and marketing at Tech, said while university police were the first to arrive on the scene, because the accident occurred off-campus, the investigation was handed to the members of the city's Accident Investigative Unit once they arrived.

"Everyone was screaming and crying," Jove said. "The 911 person kept telling me to stay on the phone and tell them what was happening.

"An ambulance then came and the driver was being put inside," Jove said. "I kept wondering why no one was helping the guy on the ground because he was hurt too. I looked over and saw a white sheet being placed over him, so I guess he was dead. The guys in the truck weren't being moved either, so I assumed that

they were dead also."

An officer with the LPD said speed and alcohol are being considered as factors in the accident.

A report filed by the Lubbock Police Department said Hawthorne was arrested at the scene for intoxicated manslaughter, but was released pending the filing of charges due to injuries sustained during the collision. Hawthorne was transported to University Medical Center for surgery.

An officer with the LPD said no other vehicles were involved, though five are listed in the police report for investigative purposes. A fourth victim listed on the police report, Miguel Perez, is a representative for the damage done to the fire hydrant, the officer said.

"It was really shocking," Jove said. "I'm just sorry that happened to those people and I can't imagine what their families must be going through. I'm not saying it was his fault, but the driver has to live with the fact that three people died while he was driving recklessly."

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Chess ←

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"Our chess team meets once a week at school and most of them play every day at home," said Tom Messerschmidt, chess coach at Frenship Middle School. "I also have a computerized chess game that they take home and play on the computer. They play quite a bit."

Chess players practice as a team but also use their own time to better themselves at the game.

"Plan your moves before you use them," said Lawson Sittre, a Frenship Middle School student. "I practice every day at school, at lunch and during my intervention period. I practice at home sometimes, too."

Practice has a great effect on the outcome of a tournament, even for players at Tech.

"Preparation before you play is important," said Ananya

Roy, a third-year member of the Knight Raiders and a junior political science major from Atlanta. "Think about each move, even if you think it's an easy move."

The upper-level players and coaches have been involved in competitions for several years and have seen how the game has grown and changed, James said.

"I started playing when I was in fifth grade, and my tournaments were a lot smaller than this," he said. "Lubbock has a very big chess community. The tournaments I played in Virginia were about half this size, but it was a great opportunity to start playing the game. I'm glad I can help do the same for kids in Lubbock, who will hopefully go on to play chess in high school and college, too."

Hard work pays off, James said, and the Knight Raiders are an example of success in chess competitions, having a national championship title.

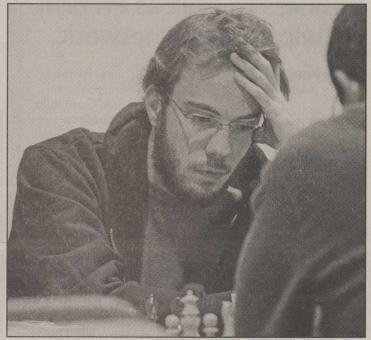


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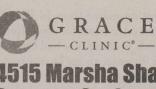
GEORG MEIER, A freshman management major from Trier, Germany, plays a match of chess during the Lubbock Open chess competition Saturday at the Lubbock Science Spectrum.

year in April and we're going he said.

"We won the Final Four last back to defend that this April,"

Georg Meier, a freshman





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management and international business major from Trier, Germany, is rated second in the country, said Haraldur Karlsson, adviser for the Tech Chess Club and associate professor of the geosciences department. "I was chess professional

for about four years and last November I became European Team Champion with the German team," Meier said.

Meier, as well as other foreign players, saw Tech as a great opportunity to continue playing chess competitively.

"The Tech team is famous in the whole chess world," Meier said. "I heard about this program and contacted Susan Polgard and then everything just started working out."

The strategy learned in chess can also be applied to life, Messerschmidt said.

"Keep focused and don't let the other players distract you," he said. "The moves you make depend on the moves your opponent makes. Think ahead. It's problem-solving; a life skill." >>> nmolter@dailytoreador.com

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Tech faculty member hones leadership skills through program

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Every year the Volunteer Center of Lubbock has a program dedicated to helping young professionals learn how to become better leaders and how to apply those qualities out in the community.

Nikki Bohannon, a coordinator for the Institute for Leadership Research, is a graduate of the Emerging Leaders program and also a faculty member at-Texas Tech.

Bohannon said through the Emerging Leaders program she was able to develop a better overview of her skills as a leader.

"I walked away with a better understanding of what my leadership role is within my organization," she said. "I have a better understanding of which leadership skills are my strengths and which ones could use a little brushing up on."

Rachel Flores, community engagement manager interim, said the goal of the program is

connected to volunteer opportunities that fit their skills

"Emerging Leaders is a program for young professionals in Lubbock," she said. "The program teaches leadership skills, how to serve on a nonprofit board and how to get connected to volunteer opportunities."

After completing the program, it is not unusual to hear participants have made major changes, Flores said.

'We've had some participants that have had complete life changing stories," she said. "A lot of people have said they weren't happy with their job or where they were in life and coming out of this program they've really found their purpose and what they're good at.'

Flores attributes these changes to the full-year commitment each participant puts into the program, which really allows them to hone their skills as a

Emily Wooley, the leadership development director of the

to help young professionals get Volunteer Center, said one of the main goals of the program is to help get people active in the Lubbock community.

> "We teach them throughout the year to find volunteer projects if they're not currently volunteering," she said. "We give them the tools to become the leader that they want to become and find that leader that's inside of them.'

Wooley has worked closely with programs like Emerging Leaders for three years now. She said every year the expectation to be great remains the same.

"This is one of the biggest things that we do here at the Volunteer Center," she said. "We're very proud of these programs. We don't want to do something and put our name on something that isn't going to be a great program."

Bohannon said the commitment and dedication of people like Wooley is what helped her so much in the Emerging Leaders

Wooley said the most reward-



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

EMILY WOOLEY IS the leadership and development director for Emerging Leaders.

ing thing she gets out of the program is watching the progress people like Bohannon make in the participants lives.

growth throughout the entire year," she said. "We can see the potential in them but helping

"It's really neat to see the them get it out is one of our favorite things and the best thing

British radio's popular 'Desert Island Discs' celebrates 70th birthday Sunday

Thatcher chose Beethoven, Michael Caine picked Frank Sinatra and boxer George Foreman selected The Beatles' "All You Need is Love."

They are among almost 3,000 guests who have appeared on the radio program "Desert Island Discs," a British broadcasting institution that turned 70 on Sunday.

The show's simple format hasn't changed since 1942: Ask an illustrious or famous figure to choose the eight pieces of music they would take with them to a deserted isle, and

them. At the end of each program, the guest is sent into imaginary exile, along with their choice of a book, a luxury and one of their eight records.

Almost 3 million listeners tune in each week to the show, which has stranded royalty, prime ministers and movie stars, as well as scientists, poets and philosophers.

Its success is a mark of radio's enduring popularity in the age of the Internet and high definition TV. Host Kirsty Young said its strength lies in the "unique blend of a cast-

LONDON (AP) — Margaret talk about what the tracks mean to away's life and the music that forms careful," said Young, one of only four Her musical choices included "Rule its soundtrack."

"At best it displays the frailties and strengths of the human condition — how our creativity, grit and humanity can see us through," she said in a BBC radio documentary marking the anniversary.

Young told the Radio Times magazine that scientists made the best guests, because they often had not been interviewed before.

"Politicians are awful, especially when they have the responsibility of office, because they have to be

hosts the show has had in 70 years.

Still, politicians rarely refuse an invitation to soften their image. Former Prime Minister Tony Blair revealed a love of Spanish guitar music, his successor Gordon Brown enthused about Bach and current leader David Cameron selected Bob Dylan's "Tangled Up in Blue" as his desert island record.

Even a senior member of the British royal family has appeared. Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, was a guest in 1981.

Britannia" and — more surprisingly - "Sixteen Tons" By Tennessee

The probing of the castaways is gentle — a style pioneered by the show's creator and original host Roy Plomley, who plied guests with food and drink at his club before recordings. But the interviews are often revealing and can occasionally make headlines.

There were hundreds of complaints when Lady Diana Mosley, widow of Britain's World War II

Fascist leader Oswald Mosley, was a guest in 1989 and offered the view that Hitler "was of course extraordinarily fascinating and clever."

In February 2003, a month before the invasion of Iraq, actor George Clooney accused then U.S. President George W. Bush of manipulating the country into supporting war and said it was Americans' "patriotic duty to question the actions of your government."

Few refuse an invitation, which brings no fee but considerable pres-

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ning. I wanted to be part of the groundwork. I wanted to be part of the explosive nature that went with the organization," he said. "I felt like a lot of other students wanted

Another thing I was looking at, with student organizations, all too often it's simply and only for the purposes of tagging up a resume. People are part of this because it looks good on a resume. People are part of this because it's going to help them get a job in the future. My outlook on it is, 'Why do something that's going to help you get a job in the future, when you could do something to create your own job right now?""

B.Y.O.B. had its first meeting Thursday with 17 people in attendance. Truesdell said everyone was motivated and there was "a ton of energy in the room."

He also explained how the organization is a network within itself.

"The organization itself is all about building businesses," Trues-

first business we want to build is a PR media firm due to the fact that every business needs publicity to get kicked off. And so, next year, if they decide to come up with a refrigeration business, then this business we're building right now with the PR firm is going to promote them. So, it's a network within a network. With each business that's built, they're already becoming part of the exclusive network that Texas Tech University B.Y.O.B. is entailing."

Truesdell said B.Y.O.B. is looking for all majors, especially businessrelated ones.

Rachel Harless, one of the first students interested in B.Y.O.B., said she wanted to be involved in an organization, not just pay a membership fee and watch the council of the organization do everything.

Harless said she saw a flier for B.Y.O.B. and decided to email Truesdell to learn more information about the organization.

She said after exchanging emails with Truesdell she became interested.

"I would love to get hands-on experience with building a business, especially from the ground up because I'll know what all it takes," said the dell said. "It just so happens the sophomore business management

and marketing major from Longview. "And if I do get a good job offer later with a higher position, I'll know what all these people had to go through to get to this point instead of just never knowing or never being there, and then all of a sudden having a higher position and not being able to relate to those people. Also, I do want

to be able to help the community for people we're going to be serving to jump start my future."

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PINIONS

Don't take GOP proposals at face value

here are a lot of crazy propositions flying around in the GOP primary.

Rick Santorum, for example, essentially wants to outlaw being gay because he believes being gay is a choice, akin to choosing car insurance.

Newt Gingrich thinks we can establish a permanent moon base in eight years if we try hard enough.

These policies are easily laughed off as ridiculous. Nobody seriously believes in eight years we can restart NASA funding enough to build an undeveloped moon transport vehicle, engineer and construct a sustainable moon living habitat and find and train long-term colonists in eight years. If we did one of those in eight years, I'd

Ron Paul's policies seem quite tame in comparison. They are even realistically possible. But, if enacted, their economic and social results will be far more devastating on our country than any mission to the moon.

Paul, for starters, is the former military doctor from Texas' 14th District, and has served 12 terms in the U.S. House of



Representatives. His libertarian principles have struck a chord with social conservatives upset with the increasingly "liberal" Republican Party.

Despite being a lifelong public sector employee, Ron Paul is crusading for the shrinking of the government. This message has been echoed by the GOP since the Reagan administration, mostly with little electoral

However, with the rise of the Tea Party, his candidacy has been dent Obama able to unite the young people who base their vote on their fu-. ture ability to smoke weed with those faux-Reaganites who want to see us return to the Articles of Confederation.

There is plenty to like about Paul, such as the legalization and taxation of marijuana and his plan to reduce the Department of Defense. These are issues most candidates should agree on, but for some reason, don't.

it. Anyone who benefits from public good will be considerably worse off under a Paul presidency.

He wants to eliminate five cabinet level departments: the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Interior, privately run.

the Department of Education and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Each of these apart from the Department of Commerce (which Presihas proposed to essentially close) — have a crucial pur-

pose in our government, even if American Prevention, National Institutes citizens aren't directly influenced by them.

Sure, they can be curtailed in certain areas, but completely eliminating them would be devastating to our wellbeing as a country. The Department of the

Unfortunately, that's about Interior, for example, manages our national park system, something most Americans favor.

Paul wants to privatize the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration. There's plenty to dislike about the TSA, but prior to 9/11, airport security was

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Despite being a lifelong public sector employee, Ron Paul is crusading for the shrinking of the government.

> Control and of Health, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Homeland Security, by at least 20 percent. He does not outline how, or which, programs will be

> eliminated, only that they will. There's a big difference be

regulations under the FDA and eliminating the snow cone budget of the Department of Homeland Security. It's more of a plan to restore America to the 1950s than a plan to restore America to the forefront of the world stage.

For some reason, supporters of Paul tend to shout out about liberty and freedom, as if he is the only acceptable candidate for freedom loving Americans. If you are a white, Christian American, that's true. If all of your beliefs are shared by a majority of Americans, you'll

But the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were not written dom to me. to protect the majority opinion.

The separation of church and state is one of the most important provisions in the document, and the congressman doesn't believe in it.

In a column Paul wrote entitled "The Trouble With the '64 Civil Rights Act" he said he believes the Act "violated the Constitution and reduced individual liberty."

He said he would have voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which allows states to ignore

tween eliminating food safety the full faith and credit clause when it comes to recognizing gay marriages.

So if you're among the 74 million Americans who are non-Christians, Ron Paul doesn't believe you should be able to go to school without hearing school-sponsored prayer.

Or if you're among the 38 million Americans who are black, Ron Paul believes your ability to get a job, ride the bus or vote would be better off without the Civil Rights Act. And if you're among the 6 million LGBT Americans, Ron Paul doesn't believe the federal government should allow you to get married.

That doesn't sound like free-

This dangerous combination of selective freedom and irresponsible shrinking of the federal government is far more dangerous than any mission to the moon. At least if we were to colonize the moon, Ron Paul would be able to escape the tyranny of the National Park Service.

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In time of crisis, understanding what 'capitalism' really is

of history, a

men like Adam

Smith and

By RONALD EDSFORTH THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

The current presidential campaign and the Occupy movement have many Americans discussing the character and causes of grossly unequaldistributions of income, wealth and political power. But most of the dialogue I hear suffers from a faulty understanding of "capitalism."

Capitalism is not a structure or a system, but a logic capable of transforming the world and

Capitalist logic is not natural, but rather is a product of history, a human invention, not a set of natural laws discovered by men like Adam Smith and David Ricardo.

No society has ever organized all its human relationships and institutions according to the logic of capitalism. Therefore, there is a great variety of capitalist societies.

Canada, Norway, France,

all called "capitalist societies," but they differ greatly in the extent to which capitalist logic organizes economic activity, social institutions and human relationships.

Capitalist logic is amoral. All attempts to extend the sway tion, body parts, slavesy murder maximization are also essenof capitalist logic provoke resistance from social groups who of mass deemploy moral logics in their struction — as everyday lives. Thus, capitalists well as human need control of governments to activities inestablish and maintain capitalist practices and to suppress leisure and those groups opposed to these practices.

Historically, groups committed to religious, paternalistic, ethnic/communal and socialist logics have formed the most important resistances to capi-

Of course, each oppositional logic has its own history. Many predate the emergence of capitalism. Most importantly, unlike capitalist logic, they all construct human beings as social beings who have moral Japan and the United States are obligations to each other.

The first principle of capitalist logic is that anything real or imagined can be constructed as a commodity. Commodification precedes market exchange. Commodities include such moral content. things as clean water, air pollu-W

and weapons cluding labor, sexual inter-

Capitalist logic does not permit the assignation of intrinsic moral values to commodities. Regulation or suppression of markets in the name of fairness, human rights, human health and environmental

protection cannot spring from capitalist logic.

Political society regulates capitalism by imposing a moral logic on the production and exchange of commodities that exploit, endanger or degrade human beings and the natural environment.

Capitalist logic establishes the value of commodities in markets where sellers and buyers set prices, the money measure of that value. Buy low and sell high is the first rule in capitalist markets.

As capitalists see it, commodities that find no buyers

have no value; production and exchange of commodities are good if profits result, and bad when losses result. Here, the terms good and bad have no

tial elements of capital-Capitalistic logic ist logic. In capitalism, we is not natural, but rather is a product Capitalism defines human beings as individuals motihuman invention, vated by selfinterest who not a set of natural are essentially alienated from laws discovered by each other. For example, asking the question,

"Am I profiting from this David Ricardo. relationship?" turns love and affection into an investment

and cost/benefit calculation that relies on capitalist logic for its answer.

In capitalism, true liberty means full ownership of ourselves. Yet in capitalist societies most people must sell parts of their lives by the hour, the day, the week, the month, etc.

These transactions make those who sell their labor power — even if it is enriched "human capital" — less free than those who do not have to sell parts of their lifetime to live.

Since the rich possess more liberty than most people, they evoke a variety of responses among the non-rich including anger, resentment, envy, adulation and attempts (through unwise borrowing) at emulation.

Business history is primarily the history of changes in Private ownership and profit capitalism itself that stem from the imaginative use of capital, to socialist and progressive ist logic.

The invention and sale of new kinds of financial commodities — in the past, securilateralized mortgage debt and credit swap defaults — creates opportunity and instability.

Great financial crises occur when understanding of the implications recently invented financial commodities lags far behind the rapid growth of markets for these commodities. This is what happened in the

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1830s, 1930s and since 2007. Crises in capitalist markets

and the insecurity, unemployment and poverty they create always promote resistance to capitalism.

In crises, a Left committed logics that demands fairness forms. At the same time, a Right committed to the logic of fundamentalist religions and/or own ourselves ties like bonds and stocks, and ethnic communalism will insist most recently derivatives, col- on restoration of "traditional" values.

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Basketball tournament to benefit Uganda

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Marsha Sharp is fairly wellknown in Lubbock, and maybe even Texas, but most would probably not guess her name is recognized in places like Uganda, Africa.

To recognize Sharp's efforts in the African country, the Texas Tech Kinesiology and Athletics Society will be hosting a 3 v. 3 basketball tournament February 4.

Sharp started the initiative with Jens Omli, an assistant professor at Tech, to promote sports and schools in Uganda, Africa, said Lisa Berg, a sports psychology graduate student from Duluth, Minn.

The program is working to more help.

build schools and sports centers, as well as training coaches and players in Africa, she said.

"(Sharp) sees the value in that," Berg said. "What character-building sports can bring to children.'

Berg, who is coordinating the event, works closely with the Ugandan school, and has just recently returned from a trip there, where she had been promoting women's soccer.

In May, Berg worked an event in Lira, Uganda, for basketball education for 20 coaches and 400 children. Though the program receives some money from Sports United, funding via the state department and the International Sports Connection, she said they could always use

rectly benefit the building of basketball courts at the school in Uganda, and will cost \$10

Teams may be made up of all males, all females or be co-ed, in which case they will play in the men's division.

The event will also feature raffles, said Lacy Rosenburg, the president of KAS. Local businesses like McAlister's Deli and Red Raider Outfitters have contributed prizes, and raffle ticket prices will be \$2 each.

excited to be a part of the fundraiser, being an organization that promotes healthy lifestyles.

"The children (in Uganda) don't have an opportunity to get an education as much as we do,"

The tournament will di- she said. "This is about helping them learn about exercise and fitness, which is what KAS is all about."

Plus, Rosenburg said, the final game will be played in the United Spirit Arena during the halftime of either a Red Raider or Lady Raiders' basketball game.

If nothing else, Rosenburg asked that students participate to benefit the cause.

"We just want a good turn out," she said. "We want to be able to help as much as possible."

There will be sign-ups for Rosenburg said KAS was the tournament in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and Wednesday. Students can also join by emailing Berg at lisa.e.berg@ttu.edu.

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Celeb pot busts place Texas county on map

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas have made its way inland from (AP) — Nestled among the few remaining businesses that dot a rundown highway in this dusty West Texas town stands what's become a surprise destination for marijuana-toting celebrities: the Hudspeth County Jail.

Willie Nelson, Snoop Dogg and actor Armie Hammer have been among the thousands of people busted for possession at a Border Patrol checkpoint outside town in recent years, bringing a bit of notoriety to one of Texas' most sparsely populated counties.

"Once I was in Arizona, and when I said where I was from, they said, 'That's where Willie Nelson was busted," said Louise Barantley, manager at the Coyote Sunset souvenir shop in Sierra Blanca.

Hudspeth County cameos aren't only for outlaws: Action movie star Steven Seagal, who's already deputized in Louisiana and Arizona for his reality show "Steven Seagal Lawman" on A&E, has signed on to become a county

Locals already have found ways to rub shoulders with their celebrity guests.

Deputies posed for pictures with Snoop Dogg after authorities said they found several joints on his bus earlier this month. When Nelson was busted here in 2010, the county's lead prosecutor suggested the singer settle his marijuana charges by performing "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" for the court. Nelson paid a fine instead, but not before county commissioner Wayne West played one of his own songs for the country music legend.

West acknowledged he's a big fan of Nelson and wanted to capitalize on a golden chance to perform for such a noted "captive audience."

"Willie loved the song, he is a real outgoing individual" he added.

The once-thriving town of Sierra Blanca began to shrink to its current 1,000-person population after the construction of nearby Interstate 10 — a main artery linking cities from California to Florida — offered an easy way to bypass the community.

Now the highway is sending Blanca's way, courtesy of a Border Patrol checkpoint just outside of town where drug-sniffing dogs inspect more than 17,000 trucks, travelers — and tour buses — daily for whiffs of contraband that may

the border.

Hudspeth County Sheriff Arvin West, younger brother of the musically inclined commissioner, said his office handled about 2,000 cases last year, most of them having to do with drugs seized at the checkpoint.

Border Patrol agents say people busted with small amounts of pot often say they have medical marijuana licenses from California, Arizona or New Mexico — three states along I-10 that, unlike Texas, allow for medicinal pot prescriptions and claim to believe the licenses were valid nationwide.

Nelson's publicists declined to comment about the specifics of the singer's case. Representatives for Snoop Dogg, who will pay a fine and court costs after being cited for possession of marijuana paraphernalia, did not return several messages seeking comment.

County authorities have not yet decided whether to prosecute or issue a citation for Hammer, who starred in the 2010 film "The Social Network" and more recently played the FBI's number two man in "J. Edgar" He was arrested in November on his way to his wife's bakery in San Antonio after authorities said they found marijuana-laced brownies and cookies. His attorney Kent Schaffer has called the case a "total non-issue."

Local officials say they're not on a celebrity witch hunt, but some residents are enjoying the publicity from the high-profile arrests. They say the once forgotten town of Sierra Blanca should take pride in not pandering to famous people caught breaking the law.

"We get attention because something is being done right," resident Adolfo Gonzalez said while shopping at a local convenience store. "It'd be worse if we'd let them go because they are celebrities."

That's not expected to change when Seagal comes to town. Sheriff West insists the "Under Siege" star hasn't indicated any plans to film his show here — but the sheriff isn't ruling it out.

"If he wants to, we can do it but that's not what he said this was about," West said.

West's spokesman, Rusty Flemthousands of drug bust cases Sierra ming, said Seagal will patrol the area and train colleagues in martial arts and weapons techniques. The actor is expected to arrive in Hudspeth County within months, once he's done filming a new movie in Canada.

Neeson's 'The Grey' tops box office with \$20M

NEW YORK (AP) — Beware the Liam in Winter.

Liam Neeson's "The Grey" topped the weekend box office with \$20 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, continuing the actor's success as an action star in the winter months.

The Alaskan survivalist thriller opened above expectations with a performance on par with previous Neeson thrillers "Taken" and "Unknown." Those films, both January-February releases, opened with \$24.7 million and \$21.9 million, respectively.

But the R-rated "The Grey," which has received good reviews, drove home the strong appeal of Neeson, action star. It's an unlikely turn for the 59-year-old Neeson, previously better known for his dramatic performances, like those in "Schindler's List" and "Kinsey."

"Liam is a true movie star, period," said Tom Ortenberg, CEO of Open Road Films. It's the second release for the newly formed distributor, created by theater chains AMC and Regal.

"My guess is that Liam Neeson in action thrillers would work just about any time of year."

January is often a dumping ground for less-stellar releases, a tradition held up by two badly reviewed new wide releases: "Man on a Ledge," with

Sam Worthington, and "One for the Money" with Katherine Heigl.

"One for the Money" fared better. earning \$11.8 million, while "Man on a Ledge" opened with \$8.3 million.

Those were reasonably solid returns, and, in an unusual twist, were both ultimately for Lions Gate Entertainment. Its film studio, Lionsgate, released the romantic comedy "One for the Money." The action thriller "Man on a Ledge" was released by Summit Entertainment, which Lions Gate bought for \$412.5 million earlier

"One for the Money" was helped by a promotion with Groupon, the Internet discount site, with which Lionsgate previously partnered for "The Lincoln Lawyer." David Spitz, head of distribution for Lionsgate, said the large number of older, female subscribers of Groupon matched well with the audience of "One for the Money."

Groupon email blasts, he said, had a significant promotional effect.

Last week's box-office leader. "Underworld: Awakenings," Sony's Screen Gem's latest installment in its vampire series, came in second with \$12.5 million, bringing its cumulative total to

The unexpectedly large haul for "The Grey," strong holdovers (such

as the George Lucas-produced World War II action film "Red Tails," which earned \$10.4 million in its second week) and the bump for Oscar contending films following Tuesday's nominations added up to a good weekend for Hollywood. The box office was up about 15 percent on the corresponding weekend last year.

So far, every weekend this year has been an "up" weekend, after a somewhat dismal fourth quarter in 2011.

"Mission: Impossible,' I think, really helped reinvigorate the marketplace, and that's carried over into the first part of the year," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "That's good news for Hollywood after the down-trending box office of 2011."

Oscar favorites "The Descendants," "Hugo" and "The Artist" sought to capitalize on their recent Academy Awards nominations. Each expanded to more theaters and saw an uptick in

Fox Searchlight's "The Descendants," which is nominated for five Oscars including best picture, added 1,441 screens in its 11th week of release. It added \$6.6 million and has now made \$58.8 million, making it one of Fox Searchlight's most successful releases.

Sheila DeLoach, senior vice president of distribution for Fox Searchlight, said the film's nominations and its recent Golden Globes wins (for best drama and best actor, George Cloonev) "played a big role" in its weekend box

Paramount's "Hugo," which led Oscar nominations with 11 including best picture, saw a 143 percent jump in business over its last weekend. In its tenth week of release, it earned \$2.3 million, bringing its total to \$58.7

The Weinstein Co.'s "The Artist," with 10 Oscar nominations including best picture, expanded a modest 235 screens to bring it to a total of 897 screens in its 10th week of release. It earned \$3.3 million, with a total of \$16.7 million.

The Weinstein Co. is being careful with the black-and-white, largely silent film. Thus far, it has appealed particularly to older audiences.

"It's not the same type of picture as any other picture in the marketplace," said Erik Loomis, head of distribution for the Weinstein Co. "Now that the nominations are out, we're going to look to capitalize on it as best we can. ... We're being very, very meticulous with it. We're not throwing it out there and grabbing every theater we can. At some point, we'll open the floodgates on the movie, maybe closer to the awards."

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 The event drew thrill seekers

to the Rec to create awareness for the upcoming opening of the pools, said Rec lifeguard Vincent Cowan, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Lubbock. It was also an opportunity to get students more interested in aquatics.

Looking forward to the jump, Lehman said he had done similar events and felt prepared for this one. Others were not so ready.

Ruth Field, a junior anthropology and history major from Magnolia, said she had not done anything like it before and was expecting a little pain and a lot of adrenaline.

Participants in small groups, jumped from the nearly freezing air into the Leisure Pool and were required to make it all the way around the lazy river.

Most "swimmers" simply ran the length of the pool as quickly as possible, but as a member of the Tech triathlon team, Field swam the whole lap.

After the initial jump into the water, she said she could not breathe for a few seconds due to the shock-

Luke Buckner said the key was



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

KELLY DAVIS, A senior cell and molecular biology major from Sand Diego, Calif., Ali Luempert, the aquatics director, and Susanna Rogers, an aquatics intern from College Station, walk down the lazy river at the Leisure Pool for the Polar Bear Swim on Saturday.

to swim quickly and keep moving in order to keep the body's temperature up — and, of course, to get out of the pool and into the nearby and packed hot tub as quickly as

"The hot tub was the best thing ever," he said.

What was not so great, he said, was how quickly the T-shirts were handed out.

The event had promised a limited supply of T-shirts to the first "swimmers," but many said they felt like the supply was far too limited.

The event began with 50 shirts, Cowan said. Although he said the T-shirt was the biggest draw for participants, there were fewer than half as many shirts as people.

Many would-be swimmers decided it was not worth it without

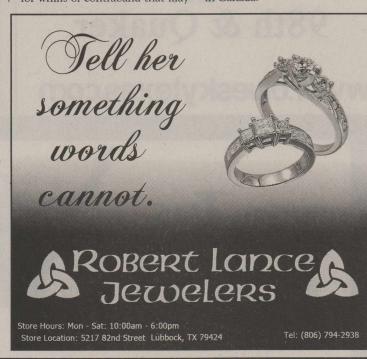
Junior Jordan Kirk said next year he might plan ahead to see how early he would need to be there to get one.

The mechanical engineering major from Idalou said it was fun, but many of his friends left without

even getting in the water.

Kirk was offered a consolation shirt, which, while appreciated, did not say anything about the event. Though he was not exactly pleased, he took it all in stride.

"Life's a lazy river," he said, "you've just got to jump in." >>> hdavis@dailytoreador.com



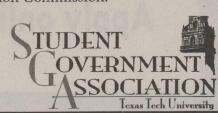
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Lady Raiders end losing streak in nail-biter against Texas

By MIKE GUTIERREZ STAFF WRITER

No. 21 Texas Tech defeated Texas 75-71 Saturday in front of a crowd of 10, 411 in United Spirit Arena.

This win marks the end to a five-game losing skid in Big 12 Conference play for the Lady Raiders.

Determination to win was a difference maker in the game, said Texas coach Gail Goestenkors.

"I think Tech was more determined than we were," she said. "They showed it from the start, but also showed it while we were making our runs — it's like they would never let us get that lead. To me, rebounding shows determination. Even when Tech missed shots, they'd go get that offensive rebound and put it in."

After an early 11-0 Lady Raider lead

in the first half, it seemed as if Tech would Austin) next time." have its way with the Longhorns.

With a few shifts in momentum, the Longhorns were able to cut the deficit down to two points heading into the half, trailing Tech 33-31.

Both teams battled to the finish, but Tech was able to keep the lead after a three-point play by senior Jordan Barncastle, which made the score 73-71 with eight seconds left. Two free throws by junior guard Monique Smalls secured the victory for Tech.

Barncastle said this was a significant win for the Lady Raiders.

"I think it's really cool to go into these next couple games with this momentum and kind of get in the swings of things," Barncastle said. "It was nice to do something we haven't done in a while. Hopefully, we can beat them (in

The Lady Raiders did a good job of composing themselves against the Longhorns, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"I thought we executed at critical times today," she said. "In the past, our decisionmaking hasn't always been great. We had great play in the post for us today. I just couldn't be happier for the kids. They did a great job."

Barncastle led the way for the Lady Raiders as she recorded a double-double, tallying 19 points and 10 rebounds.

On the defensive end, Smalls made her presence known all game, recording five steals to go with 15 points and eight assists.

Lacking the presence of leading scorer and rebounder Kierra Mallard who was out for a second consecutive game due to an undisclosed injury — the Lady Raiders needed to tap into other

resources for production.

Barncastle stepped up and became

"I think this win had a lot to do with Barncastle's leadership today," Curry said.

Prior to the game, Curry stressed to the Lady Raiders the need to be aggressive and confident against the Longhorns, Barncastle said.

"Curry was talking about how everyone needs to be aggressive and everyone on our team has a green light," she said. "I was trying to be more aggressive offensively and defensively. With great energy, I think a lot of things just fall in place. "

For their next challenge, the Lady Raiders travel to College Station to face defending national champion Texas A&M on Wednesday. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH FORWARD Shauntal Nobles tries to dribble past Texas' Chassidy Fussell during the Lady Raiders' 75-71 victory against the Longhorns on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

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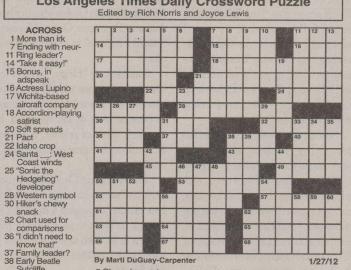
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Carter gives Texas A&M 66-64 win against Iowa St.

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M's Sydney Carter wasn't haven't a good game on Sunday.

Still, she was confident she'd sink her free throws with 2.4 seconds left and the game on the line.

"Free throws are like layups for me," Carter, an 85-percent free throw shooter said. "I know if I can't make any other shot, I can make a free throw. I knew I could hit them."

And she did, hitting two to lift No. 14 Texas A&M to a 66-64 win over Iowa State. Carter, who entered the game averaging 12.1 points a game, went 0 for 4 on Sunday and her only points came on the late free throws.

"Thank heavens for Carter," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said. "Carter is the only kid we could have gotten down there that fast. She did a good job of making it happen.'

Iowa State's desperation heave down the court as time expired was grabbed by A&M's Kelsey Bone.

The Cyclones' possession before Carter's free throws ended when Nikki Moody, apparently thinking the game clock was the shot clock, didn't try to get a shot off as the shot clock expired with 7.3 seconds remaining.

Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said he hadn't talked with Moody, a freshman, about the play and wasn't sure what happened.

"We do late-game situation every "Maybe she did lose track of it. We wanted to run down the clock as much

Carter, who was guarding Moody on the play, also didn't realize the shot for Iowa State.

clock was winding down. She was simply focused on keeping her from getting a good shot. She said Adaora Elonu helped out on the play.

"That was all-around team defense right there," Carter said.

The defending national champion Aggies were coming off a loss to Oklahoma State on Tuesday and Blair felt fortunate to escape with a win in

"We needed this game bad," Blair

Elonu had 19 points and Tyra White added 14 for Texas A&M (14-5,

The Cyclones (11-8, 2-6) were led by Chelsea Poppens, who had 22 points and nine rebounds.

"We couldn't make a shot, we couldn't get a break and they made the plays they needed to make," Fennelly said.

Iowa State led by two points before a three minute scoring drought by both teams. White finally got the scoring going again with a basket with about 4 1/2 minutes remaining that tied it at 59-59.

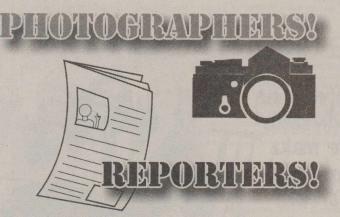
Poppens put Iowa State back on top with a layup before A&M took a 62-61 lead after three free throws. Moody gave Iowa State its last lead with a layup with about three minutes left, before A&M regained the lead with a jump shot by Elonu seconds later.

Poppens made one of two free single day in practice," Fennelly said. throws with about two minutes left to tie it at 64-64.

> Hallie Christofferson had 13 points and Moody added 12 points and had six rebounds, but had eight turnovers

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Tech baseball adds renovation, experience, assistant coach; looks toward 2012 season

By MATT VILLANUEVA STAFF WRITER

While the \$5 million renovation to Rip Griffin Park is in the final stretch of completion, the Texas Tech baseball team had its first team practice Friday in preparation for the upcoming season.

The Red Raiders are returning most of their 2011 starters, bringing back 19 letterwinners from a squad that barely missed the cut for the postseason last year.

Tech is also welcoming redshirt players, namely pitcher Rusty Shellhorn, who just completed his year of sitting because he transferred from Washington State, and will return pitcher Daniel Coulombe, who missed the majority of the 2011 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery.

Fourth-year head coach Dan Spencer said one of the positive differences from last year is the experience of pitching he has to start the year.

"The experience on the

that many guys back in that many first baseman for the 2012 MLB innings back, with the addition of some key guys. Our depth on the mound is the most experienced that I've ever had.'

Senior third team All-American closer John Neely did not allow a home run during the entire season last year and finished the season with a 9-1 record and 2.97 ERA. Neely said it would be fair to place high expectations on the Red Raiders this season.

"There obviously is some expectation of failure because we haven't succeeded to our expectations in the past few years," Neely said, "but I think that our talent level is a lot better than last year and we should be in the tournament this year."

Another positive Spencer mentioned was the offensive experience the team has returning.

Junior centerfielder Barrett Barnes has been named a preseason All-American by College Sports after a season that included batting .290, while recording 47 runs and 38 RBIs. Barnes is

Draft by MLB Draft Guide and is projected to be selected in the third round of the draft.

After being drafted last year in the 37th round by the Los Angeles Dodgers, senior third baseman Reid Redman returns as Tech's most dependable hitter, as he led the team in batting average (.320) and sacrifice bunts (13).

Spencer said the return of Scott LeJeune, who left the team last season because of personal reasons last season, will be a key addition to the lineup and will open up opportunities for other players as well.

"He can make a huge difference," Spencer said of LeJeune. "Just the addition of him in the lineup and what he can do to the guys in front of him and behind him. So you can look for the guy that hits in front of him and the guy behind him to have — their numbers are going to jump because of him."

Another welcomed addition to the team is 1992 Tech alumnus mound," Spencer said, "having ranked as the No. 14 collegiate Tim Tadlock, who was named as-

sociate head coach this offseason after leaving the same position at Oklahoma. Tadlock is regarded as one of the nation's top recruiters and was part of the reason for Oklahoma's appearance in the 2010 College World Series.

Redman said Tadlock has already made contributions to the team.

"He's had a huge impact," Redman said. "He's brought a lot of new stuff to the table for us to think about as infielders. Just staying focused mentally and he's really helped us physically

With all these returning factors, Barnes said he expects a productive season for Tech.

"I think this year we've got it from the defensive standpoint, the offensive standpoint, our pitching, our coaching, and everything seems like it's coming together," Barnes said. "It should be a good year for the Red Raiders."

The Red Raiders host Missouri State for their season opener at 4 p.m. Feb. 19.

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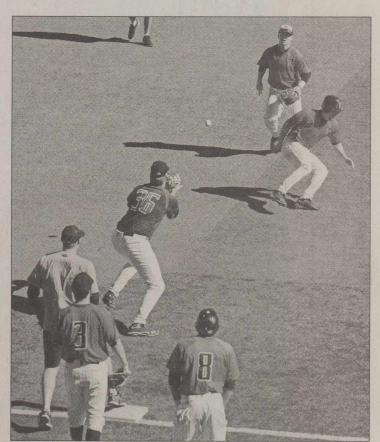


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador TECH BASEBALL PLAYERS work on their infield defense during practice Sunday at Rip Griffin Park.

Djokovic defeats Nadal to win Australian Open in longest final match

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Novak Djokovic ripped off his shirt and let out a primal scream, flexing his torso the way a prize fighter would after a desperate, last-round knockout.

This was the final act in Djokovic's 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-5 victory over Rafael Nadal in the Australian Open final — a sweat-drenched, sneaker-squeaking 5 hour, 53-minute endurance contest that ended at 1:37 a.m. Monday morning in Melbourne.

Djokovic overcame a break in the fifth set to win his fifth Grand Slam tournament and third in a row. None, though, quite like this. This one involved tears, sweat and, yes, even a little blood. It was the longest Grand Slam singles final in the history of pro tennis and it came against Nadal, the player who built a career on his tenacity — on outlasting opponents in matches like these.

"It was obvious on the court for everybody who has watched the match that both of us, physically, we took the last drop of energy that we had from our bodies," Djokovic said. "We made history tonight and unfortunately there couldn't

When the drama was finally over at Rod Laver Arena, the 24-year-old Djokovic joined Laver, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer and Nadal as the only men who have won three consecutive majors since the Open Era began in 1968. Nadal was his vanguished opponent in all three.

Djokovic will go for the "Nole Slam" at Roland Garros in May.

As the players waited for the trophy presentation, Nadal leaned on the net, while Djokovic sat on his haunches. Eventually, a nearby official took pity and they were given chairs and bottles of water.

opened his speech with a lighthearted one-liner.

"Good morning, everybody,"

A few minutes earlier, after hugging Nadal at the net, Djokovic tore off his sweat-soaked black shirt and headed toward his players' box, pumping his arms repeatedly as he roared. He walked over to his girlfriend, his coach and the rest of his support team and banged on the advertising signs at the side of the court.

"I think it was just the matter

Nadal held his composure of maybe luck in some moments during the formalities, and even and matter of wanting this more than maybe other player in the certain point," Djokovic said. "It's just incredible effort. You're in pain, you're suffer(ing). You're trying to activate your legs. You're going through so much suffering your toes are bleeding. Everything is just outrageous, but you're still enjoying that pain."

The match was full of long rallies and amazing gets. Djokovic finished with 57 winners, along with 69 unforced errors. Nadal had 44 winners against 71 unforced

Laver was part of the 15,000-strong crowd when the players walked on at 7:30 p.m. Sunday to flip the coin and start the warmup. He was still there, along with most of the crowd, after 2 a.m. for the trophy presentations. Djokovic called it the most spe-

cial of his five Grand Slam wins.

"This one I think comes out on the top because just the fact that we played almost six hours is incredible, incredible," he said. "I think it's probably the longest finals in the history of all Grand Slams, and just to hear that fact is making me cry, really.

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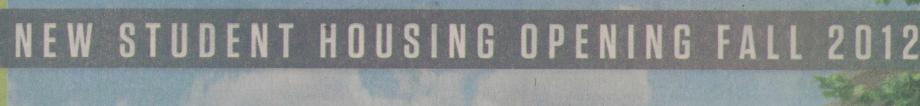
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