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## Polgar, SPICE to leave Tech; cites lack of resources for move

Chess coach, players headed to Webster University in St. Louis

By SUMMER CHANDLER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Susan Polgar and the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence will

relocate from Texas Tech to Webster University in St. Louis, Mo., in June.

Polgar said eight students, all members of the "A" team of the 20-person Tech chess team have transferred or have 2012-2013 academic year.

"One of the big elements and attractions was — obviously beyond the commitment of Webster to support chess and the chess program — is their global aspect," Polgar, director of SPICE and head coach of the Knight Raiders chess team, said. "They are a global university. They already have numerous campuses

committed to Webster University for the worldwide, from Europe to Asia, and plan to expand that even further. And chess, being perhaps the most international game there is, I think it is a perfect match from that perspective. I think it's a wonderful fit for SPICE."

Polgar and her husband Paul Truong, coach and director of marketing and public relations for SPICE, said Webster University's commitment.

to growing the SPICE program was one of the primary motivators for the move. Truong said he believes the chess program grew faster than officials with either SPICE or Tech anticipated, which led to insufficient resources to grow the program.

"We are, in a way, the enemy of our own success. I don't think anybody — us or the administrators of the universitycould ever expect how fast the program grew," he said. "And, unfortunately, when you are a state institution, you know, the president, or let's say the provost or the chancellor, cannot just make a decision that, 'OK, tomorrow I am going to give you a million dollar budget for chess.' It doesn't work that way."

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## Help on the way: Tips for Tech students entering job market

Career Services Center, author, give advice to graduates

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in October of 2009 the U.S. unemployment rate climbed to 10 percent.

That number had not been that high in almost three decades dating back to June of 1983

Recently, that number has through this gone down, but students graduating from college with little to no experience in the job market senior year are still struggling to get their will have a feet on the ground.

Jay Killough, director of of finding a the Career Services Center, job around said one of the most benefithe time cial things students can do to they graduhelp themselves find a job is ate, Killough to know and understand their own capabilities.

"Self-assess, look into yourself introspectively and ask yourself don't look for a job that fits your

behaviors and characteristics then you may not find the job you like." Students

who go process earlier into their better chance

bit harder for them," he said.

'What am I good at and where "We have a website, www. should I work?" he said. "If you raiderjobs.ttu.edu that students have access to because they are

> dents that the general If you don't look population does not." said the RaiderJobs website has

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> **JAY KILLOUGH** DIRECTOR

"There are jobs available; you just have to search a little

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students continue to overlook

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## Tech track and field, Sports



The Texas Tech track and field teams had athletes compete in events both in Lubbock and New York this weekend, as a handful of them set personal-best records in a variety of events. SPORTS, Page 7

# All-World



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

SIRIA BOJÓRQUEZ, A sophomore honors arts and letters major from El Paso, won the title of Miss World University in December. The pageant took place in Seoul, South Korea, where Bojórquez competed against 63 other contestants from many different countries around the world.

## Tech student crowned World Miss University

By PAIGE SKINNER

STAFF WRITER

Her hands covered her mouth in shock as her competitor nudged her forward to be crowned.

On Dec. 15, 2011, Texas Tech student Siria Bojorquez was named the 24th World Miss University winner. She

competed for the title against 63 other Miss Teen Earth United States. women from around the world.

Bojorquez began modeling at age 15 because her quinceañera choreographer encouraged her to. From there, she entered her first pageant.

She won the pageant, Miss Teen Border Cities, where she represented El Paso. She then went on to the national level and won

With her title, Bojorquez had the opportunity to travel during her senior year of high school to spread awareness about important environmental issues. She went to several places including Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico, Florida and California.

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## Community Calendar

#### TODAY

Conditions for War, Conditions for Peace: A Symposium on Africa Time: Noon Where: Holden Hall, Room 129 So, what is it? Enjoy a lecture led by Ambassador Tibor Nagy, titled "Priorities for American Policy

in Africa Today.'

Center for Undergraduate Research Training Session Time: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Soapsuds Room So, what is it? Learn tips on formatting and structuring a research paper for humanities.

4th Annual Texas Tech Student-Athlete Talent Show Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy the 4th Annual Texas Tech Student-Athlete Talent show, which will showcase acts from most of the athletic department teams and performances from a group of Special Olympics athletes. Proceeds from the event will go to Special Olympics Texas.

#### TUESDAY

Conditions for War, Conditions for Peace: A Symposium on Africa Time: Noon

Where: Holden Hall, Room 129

So, what is it? Enjoy a lecture led by Douglas Johnson, titled "The Context of South Sudan's Independence: Ending One War and Starting Another?"

Safer Internet Day Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Where: Student Union Building

So, what is it? According to a 2010 Javelin Strategy and Research survey, the number one target for identity theft is people age 18-24. Go by the TTU ID Office in the SUB to pick up

information on how you can protect your identity.

Tech Activities Board: Bongo Ball Time: Noon to 4 p.m. Where: Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Indoor Soccer Field So, what is it? Enjoy a game that combines American Gladiator, laser tag and paintball all into one and plays much like capture the flag.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it? OLLI presents "HGTV House Hunters" as they take viewers behind the scenes with potential buyers. Learn what to look for in a house and decide whether or not a house is meant for them.

SDS Student Success Seminar: Foundations of Study

Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: West Hall So, what is it? Learn how to study smarter, as well as discuss the science behind studying more efficiently.

Center for Undergraduate Research Information Session

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Texas Tech Library So, what is it? Attend this information session to find out more about undergraduate research.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it? OLLI presents "Literary

Journalism," led by associate professor of journalism, Kevin Stoker, in which class participants will begin by reading stories by past and present literary journalists and learn the principles of immersive narrative journal-

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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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## **CAPOEIRA KIDS**



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

MATT MITCHELL, A junior clinical lab science major from Carrollton, jumps in the air while practicing the Brazilian martial art known as Capoeira with Eric Williams, a sophomore international business major from Houston, outside of the library Friday.

### **POLICE BLOTTER**

## Pedestrian struck by vehicle in parking lot

Thursday

9:03 a.m. - A Texas Tech officer investigated the theft of a camera and camera lens from the Art building sub basement No.3.

11:21 a.m. - A Tech officer investigated the theft of an unsecured bicycle from the Biology building bicycle racks.

12:05 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated the theft of an unsecured laptop computer from the Administrative Support building.

12:23 p.m. – A Tech officer investigated the theft of an unsecured wallet and its contents from the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center weight

1:53 p.m. - A Tech officer

gency, which occurred at the loading dock of the Texas Tech Library. A staff member complained of stomach pain and was transported to University Medical Center by the EMS for further

3:49 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident. without injuries, and duty upon striking an unattended vehicle in the F-2 parking lot of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

6:19 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, which occurred in the 3400 block of 15th Street.

8:45 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a theft, which oc-

documented a medical emer- curred at the Texas Tech Library. A student reported that the SIM card in her cell phone was stolen and later recovered.

> 10:20 p.m. – A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, with minor injury, in the Z4-M parking lot. A pedestrian was struck by a vehicle in the parking lot.

> > Friday

12:35 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a non-student for driving while intoxicated, in the 3100 block of 4th Street. The nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Detention Facility, and the vehicle was towed by Lubbock Wrecker Services.

2:25 p.m. - A Tech officer

ing to keep the SPICE program in name,

documented a call for medical assistance at the east entrance to Weymouth Residence Hall. A student sustained injuries after being involved in a fight at an off-campus location. The student was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room by EMS technicians for further treatment.

4:30 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated credit card abuse that occurred at Sam's Place West. A credit card was stolen from room 704 of the Architecture building and used without permission.

Information provided by B.J. Watson of the Texas Tech Police Department.

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However, Truong said he believes the unavailability of resources led to an unfortunate situation that limited the program's ability to recruit players.

"From the previous president, to the provost, to the vice-provost, to the current administration, they are all very supportive," he said. "The problem is, their hands are tied. When we have a list of so many students that out of all the universities in the world, they want to choose this location — we don't have enough scholarships to offer everybody.

"And it's one of those very unfortunate situations. If we like the status quo, if we are OK with, say, 20 players on the team or in the program, or let's say having a few Grandmasters, it's OK. But, we get to the point where we are the No. 1 program in America — and probably in the world—and everyone wants to come here. Something has to give."

While Truong said Tech, as a state university, was limited in scholarships and methods to recruit world-renown chess players, Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing said Tech's chess foundation is fully focused

on recruiting excellent chess students. "We have — and are still going to

have a great chess program," he said, "that will recruit students not just nationally but internationally as well. We're focused on our future and toward expansion."

Truong said he and Polgar do not want SPICE to simply cease to exist

"We don't want to leave things behind," he said. "We don't want it to collapse and just go away. So we made an offer to Tech that said we offer to keep the SPICE program here and Susan would come back, fly back two or three times a semester to continue training the team and help out the local community. We are still waiting for an answer, but we're reaching out to the university."

Cook said the chess program at Tech would not end with Polgar's transition to another university.

"You have to commend Susan for all she has done for Texas Tech," he said. "One of the reasons why our chess program is so strong is because of her involvement and we hope to build on that strength."

Cook said the university will work to hire a new director, a new coach and a new outreach coordinator for the team. While he did not know if Tech is go-

keeping a high-quality chess program is

established is definitely on the radar, Cook said. "She does leave big shoes to fill, but what she has built here isn't something we're going to just let go away. First and foremost, we want the Tech name attached to it, and that's what were

On average, Truong said chess team members maintain between a 3.35 and 3.4 GPA and have a diverse range of backgrounds and majors.

"As a group, it's a very high score, very high grades," he said. "Our students are very diversified when it comes to majors, from math, to law, to engineering, to psychology, English, Spanish, finance, business. I mean, you name it, we have it."

When asked why such a program—a national-champion team with a roster of academically achieving and diverse students — did not receive the resources Polgar and Truong thought necessary to grow SPICE, Cook said the university has to balance the needs of its many successful programs.

"We have a lot of successful programs

and they all deserve more, they all do," he said. "I can't answer that question on chess accurately without knowing the "As to a high-quality chess program exact figures. We have other national that is representative of what Susan championships across the board: moot court, livestock judging, meat judging. There are a lot of them. We have a lot successful programs and I think they are

> all treated very fairly." Polgar said announcing the move now does not mean her job at Tech is finished.

> "We're still here and we're still here until the end of May," she said. "We still have big challenges ahead of us. Our team will compete in the Southwest Collegiate Championship in two weeks, and then of course we have another big event in Chicago for them gearing all of them up for the (College Chess) Final

Four, where we hope to defend our title. "So, we're not done yet; we're still here. Our heart is fully here with Texas Tech and with the students, and to bring more pride to Texas Tech."

The Tech Division 1 chess team is the current reigning national collegiate chess championship team and will defend the title at the College Chess Final Four, March 31 through April 1 in Washington, D.C.

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## Iran vows to hit any country that stages attack

will target any country where an attack against it is staged, a senior Guard commander warned Sunday, the latest Iranian threat tied to

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rate. His comments appeared to be a warning to Iran's neighbors not to let their territory or airspace be used as a base for an attack.

"Any place where enemy offensive operations against the Islamic Republic of Iran originate will be the target of a reciprocal attack by the Guard's fighting units," the semiofficial Fars news agency quoted Salami as saying.

The Revolutionary Guard started maneuvers in the country's south on Saturday, following naval exercises near the Strait of Hormuz, a vital oil export route, additional muscle flexing by Iran to ward off the prospect of a military strike against its nuclear facilities. Iran has threatened to close off the strait if Western sanctions limit Iranian oil exports.

The U.S. and its Western allies charge Iran is producing atomic weapons. Iran says its program is meant to produce fuel for future nuclear power reactors and medi-

cal radioisotopes needed for cancer

Israel and the U.S. have said that all options remain open, including military action, if Iran continues with its uranium enrichment program. U.S. officials have indicated they are concerned that Israel might launch a strike in the

Israel considers Iran an existential threat because of its nuclear and missile programs and repeated references by Iranian leaders to Israel's destruction. On Friday, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called Israel a "cancer" that must be removed.

Iran has been enriching uranium to less than 5 percent for years, but it began to further enrich part of its uranium stockpile to nearly 20 percent a year ago, saying it needs the higher grade material to produce fuel for a Tehran reactor that makes medical radioisotopes. Weapons-grade uranium is usually about 90 percent enriched.

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# Black History Month Banquet honors physician, educator

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Black Faculty and Staff Association hosted its 11th annual Black History Month Celebration on Saturday night at the law school.

This year's theme was "Forging Forward, Breaking New Ground, and Inspiring Futures for Our Black Youth: To Be Young, Gifted and Black."

"(This theme) is so well needed, some of the youth are losing their way," said Deshun Avery, a section coordinator in Human Resources, "some of them just need a chance."

The BFSA aims to help give that chance, said Kathleen McPherson, the association's vice president, by using the money raised for a scholarship, and possibly a new endeavor, for the group.

McPherson, the clinic office manager for the dermatology department, said BFSA was looking into adopting and sponsoring an elementary or middle school class, and following up with the students every year until either

high school or college gradua-

"They are our future," she said. "We want to make sure youth get all the opportunities

The night honored Mary Jo Wilson, an educator who has taught in the public school system for more than 50 years, including having retired in 1998, and then immediately going back to work for another 10 years.

Throughout her years as a teacher, Wilson worked in many places, from North Carolina to New York City, and ended her career in Lubbock, where she earned her high school degree

Adaobi Kanu, an associate professor of pediatric pulmonology and director of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, gave the keynote speech.

She too discussed the value of learning, in terms of education's association with health, wages and even teen pregnancy.

"People want to attain progression through ways that are fleeting," she said. "There are sustainable ways."

These ways are mainly in the classroom, she said, calling education "the great equalizer."

She said too many students give up on education because they see too many "role models" making millions for doing nothing on reality TV, or for being a professional athlete, which is a small field.

Presenting her topics, Kanu used many statistics and graphs showing the long-term value of continuing education and encouraged attendants to mentor a young person, as they would be more likely to stay in school.

Kanu was chosen to be honored as the speaker when she received the Covenant Health System Robert Moore, M.D. Endowed Chair in Pediatrics.

McPherson said after seeing this recognition bestowed, she and BFSA president Aretha Marbley knew Kanu would be a perfect speaker and honoree.

'We know her," McPherson, who works with Kanu, said. "She's an awesome person and an awesome physician."

The two honorees are a BFSA tradition, McPherson said. The

PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toread

THE BLACK FACULTY and Staff Assoiciation hosted its 11th annual Black History Month Banquet at the

School of Law on Saturday.

group chooses one honoree who Alexander. After he stepped is affiliated with Tech and one down from the stage to a loud who is chosen for work in the Lubbock community.

The night also featured a poem recited by a young Ashton and speeches, there was singing >hdavis@dailytoreador.com

applause, some attendees asked for his autograph.

Between the prayers, tributes

by both the audience, who sang "The Black National Anthem," and a soloist, who presented a song titled "Young, Talented and Black."

## **Bojorquez**←

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"I did different things," said the sophomore honors arts and letters major from El Paso. "I gave presentations, participated in beach cleanups and different things like that. Just helping out the environment, trying to set a good example."

Because of her Miss Teen Earth United States title, she was chosen to represent the United States and Tech in the World Miss University pageant.

"I knew a lot about it," "In World Miss University, on the intelligence of a person. just announced at the end. It used to be in Hawaii, but they switched it over to Korea because they wanted it to be focused more on a girl's intelligence, what she stands for they were announcing my and things like that."

Bojorquez said World Miss University's platforms are peace and the environment. Because her previous pageants were focused on the environment, she felt comfortable.

With no swimsuit competition, World Miss University, hosted environmental debates with Korean governors and the other women competing in the

Also, because the Peace Corps owns World Miss University the idea of peace was a topic among the competitors.

"We talked about peace, different peace events and the different wars that are going on in different countries," Bojorquez said. "Just trying to thing with ease. make that change, what we're

going to do, how we're going to work altogether to do this."

Bojorquez said she took a different approach from the other women competing in the

Instead of explaining what she planned to do with her title, she was already making a difference.

"It wasn't like, 'If I win, I'm going to do this," she said. "No, I'm already doing these things. This is what I'm doing now. So, that was kind of the approach that I took. Different girls took different approaches to do things."

The World Miss University she said about the pageant. pageant lasted about a month. On the final night of the there's no swimsuit competition, there were no tion because it's focused more eliminations. The winner was

> Bojorquez said she was shocked when she heard her name and couldn't believe it.

> "My exact thoughts when name was, 'Well, at least I get to post on Facebook that I had a good time in Korea," she said. "I didn't think I was going to win at all. Miss Argentina was next to me and she actually said, 'USA, you need to move.' And I asked her, 'Why? Is she behind me? Do I need to move and get out of her way?" And she pushed me forward and was like, 'No, you just won."

> After her win in Korea, Bojorquez returned to the United States, Tech and her classes! She actually had to take some finals she missed because she was competing in Korea.

Even with the busy schedule, her roommate Sarah Whitaker said Bojorquez handles every-

"She does a really good job >>>pskinner@dailytoreador.com

of balancing her pageant life with still studying and having friends and things like that,' said the freshman public relations and journalism major from Amarillo. "She does really well with balancing her entire life."

Now back at school, Bojorquez continues to work toward her goals and speak up for what she stands for.

She explained how she has a different background than other people. Her mother died when she was 11 and she grew up with her grandmother.

She said while helping the environment is an important platform of hers, she also wants to be a positive role model for people going through tough

"It gave me the voice that I "If you really want to do something, let me be your example, because you can. I never thought in a million years this

would happen to me." Kimberly Bebon Limon, director of Miss Earth Border Cities pageant, said she helped Bojorquez prep for World Miss University and was happy for her when she won the com-

"I think that Siria really embodies someone who deserves this type of opportunity," Limon said. "She's the type of person who never lets anything go to waste, whether it's a title she won or a piece of food on her plate. She's just a really wonderful person, beautiful inside and out and she will take advantage of every single opportunity that's given to her, so I think she's doing really

## Two filmmakers die in helicopter crash

SYDNEY (AP) — Awardwinning American cinematographer Mike deGruy and Australian television writerproducer Andrew Wight have died in a helicopter crash in eastern Australia, their employer National Geographic said Sunday.

Police said two people — an Australian pilot and an American passenger — died Saturday when their helicopter crashed soon after takeoff from an airstrip near Nowra, 97 miles (156 kilometers) north of Sydney, but did not immediately release the victims' identities. Australia's ABC News reported that Wight when it crashed.

National Geographic and "Titanic" director James Cameron confirmed the victims' identities in a joint statement that said "the deep-sea community lost two of its finest" with the deaths of the two underwater documentary specialists.

David Bennett, president of Australia's South Coast Recreational Flying Club, said the pair had set off to film a documentary when they crashed. DeGruy, 60, of Santa Bar-

bara, California, won multiple Emmy and British Academy of Film and Television Arts, or BAFTA, awards for cinema-Wight, 52, of Melbourne,

was the writer-producer of the 3D movie "Sanctum," which took in \$100 million and was was piloting the helicopter Australian cinema's biggest box office hit of 2010.

The joint statement said deGruy spent 30 years producing and directing documentary films about the ocean. An accomplished diver and submersible pilot who spent many hours filming deep beneath the sea, he was the director of undersea photography for Cameron's 2005 "Last Mysteries of the Titanic," the statement said.

"Mike and Andrew were like family to me," Cameron said. "They were my deep-sea brothers and both were true explorers who did extraordinary things and went places no human being has been." After spending three years

at the University of Hawaii in a Marine Biology Ph.D. program, DeGruy moved to the Marshall Islands, according to his website. He spent three years there, working as the manager of the Mid-Pacific Marine Lab, with his knowledge of and fascination with the ocean growing rapidly.

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"The way you write your résumé says a lot about you," he said. "Your résumé is the first thing that employers have to find out about you. If you have misspellings or a poorly put together résumé, employers aren't going to contact you."

Social media is starting to work its way into playing a bigger role in the job market as well.

Ron McGowan, author of "How to Find Work in the 21st Century," said the application and interview processes are slowly beginning to phase out due to the rise of the role social media in the job market.

"Social media will become domi-

nant," he said. "I see the old approach of going to career fairs and applying to all kinds of companies becoming history because it's easier for employers to find who their looking for online. That is becoming the future."

Recruiters and employers are already using social media to check on potential candidates, McGowan said.

McGowan also said if there is something employers find offensive on a job candidate's social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter, it could cost them the potential job.

"Offensive, racist or sexist remarks or anything along those lines will turn off an employer," he said. "The problem is they aren't going to contact you and say 'Hey, we loved your résumé and how you handled the interview, but that Facebook

posting was unacceptable'so virtually you're not going to know."

Stephanie West, associate director of the Career Services Center, said employers do not like to be added on Facebook. However, it is okay to "like" the company page. This allows the employee to keep up with what the company is doing.

Preparation before the interview can help students in a major way,

West said. "Do everything you can ahead of time to be a good candidate, it's a competition," she said. "You need to be the person who is practicing interviews and having people look over your résumé. Typically only one person is getting the job, you need to go above and beyond to be the one." >>> mdupont@dailytoreador.com

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# Lambert with Queen signifies US problem

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his week, Queen announced former American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert had been chosen as the band's new lead singer. This choice represents a sad day for western culture, not because of Lambert's talent level or his personal life, but because of the attempt to replace Freddie Mercury at all.

At its height, Queen produced some of the most original and amazing music of the 20th century. The band gave us complex lyrics and music that revolutionized not only how we think of rock but the very concept of the music video as well.

These works of genius did not simply appear out of thin air, they came from the mind of a musical giant, a man who put his mind and his tortures on paper, allowing the rest of the world to take a small peak into what he saw all the time.

Now, however, the remnants of Queen have chosen a sound

Jeff Frazier

sound-alike, to take Mercury's place. Lambert has the voice to belt out the big notes and make the sounds, but the problem lies in the fact it takes more than someone who can merely make the sounds Mercury made to serve as his replacement.

The idea of replacing a productive genius with a soundalike idea mirrors the major problem with western culture as it stands. There is a refusal to recognize genius as it comes from a brilliant mind, which one cannot replace by simply finding someone who can parrot back the works of another, rehashing and remaking the work over

That we would resurrect alike, albeit a very talented a band and prop them up for another round of tours of their greatest achievements knowing full well they will never produce another piece of genius again speaks volumes about our culture.

has a serious lack of genius mark it down — and treat these

production and we celebrate our past achievements as if they will bring us future successes forever. They will not. Another Queen tour with a sound-alike will not produce another Bohemian Rhapsody or Somebody to

little more money for those who suckled off one man's genius and depended on his mind to make their way in life.

the rehashing of our great triumphs, but without recognizing where they came from. We flock to the movies to see the newest version of Harry Potter or The Western culture presently Hobbit — December 14,2012,

> stories and characters as if they emerged Western culture no from the cultural miasma and belong to all of us.

They did not and they do not. They emerged from the desire of a brilliant mind to produce something of great value, to take the ideas

Love, it will only produce a and concepts they saw in their head and manifest them into

> Today we scorn that which produces the new, the unex-

Our culture now celebrates pected, and the brilliant while celebrating the mediocre, the talentless and the commonplace.

> Joss Whedon and Tim Minear produce some of the greatest works of genius of the last 20 years, only to see their series canceled one after the other.

> The TV show "Community" produces week after week of sheer comic genius but still struggles to survive every six months. Yet, in midst of all this genius, all this application of thought and the work of great minds, an untalented woman makes a sex tape with a minor celebrity and becomes one of the most famous and followed people in the nation.

Western culture no longer celebrates genius; instead it celebrates the talentless for their lack of talent, it lifts the hopelessly mediocre to the position of idol and calls this "reality".

Abandoning the genius and the productive for the talentless and counterfeit leaves western culture in a position of stagnation. We will make no true leaps forward in our culture or our understanding of ourselves. We will gain no greater understanding about the scope of our true capabilities, nor build anything for future generations to look back on with pride.

A living culture needs to grow and expand; it yearns to produce something of value. On our current track of intellectual and creative idleness we will do no such thing. Looking to mediocrity as our ideal will produce nothing, and we will become exactly that to which we aspired.

So enjoy Adam Lambert's voice, but remember the words and notes coming out of his mouth belong to a genius. Without more people like Freddie Mercury emerging in the future, the Lamberts will have no one to parrot.

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# Komen shouldn't meddle in politics

eligious people and nonreligious people have been getting along fine for decades. Our country was founded by religious and non-religious people working together.

Secular America has reportedly been at war with the religious right. Two hundred years of bloodshed in the famous war on Christmas is only the tip of the iceberg. Secular groups want to follow the First Amendment and remove biblical tablets from courthouses, remove religious teachings from science classes and stop government sanctioned prayer days.

All of these seem to be minor altercations that really don't affect the ability for the religious to worship. Yet, of late, the religious right has decided these are the most important things ever and have declared all things bad in this country are due to the removal of God from

Gay people and abortions come in second and third, respectively, when listing top reasons for hurricanes.

This week, the battle over the Susan G. Komen foundation's funding of Planned Parenthood wasn't officially about religious beliefs.

A Komen board member told The New York Times the organization would cut off funding for 17 of 19 Planned Parenthood affiliates because of an investigation by a Florida Republican.

An internal Komen memo obtained by The Atlantic stated any group "under formal investigation for financial or administrative improprieties by local, state or federal authorities, the applicant will be ineligible to receive a grant."

It's not just this new investigation policy, as Mother Jones pointed out. Komen is currently funding a \$7.5 million research grant to Penn State's medical center. Penn State, of course, is under investigation for violations of the Clery Act in the Jerry Sandusky scandal. No threat to stop Penn State's funding was issued from Komen.

It came to the attention of the vast left wing liberal media conspiracy that the new Komen senior vice president



for public policy was a former Georgia Secretary of State who had stated she is pro-life and against the mission of Planned Parenthood.

Putting one and one together, I can roughly translate the Komen statement to normal language. Komen's new senior vice president for public policy doesn't much care for the abortion services Planned Parenthood provides and decided to punish those liberals by yanking funding for vital breast cancer screenings.

Breast cancer doesn't discriminate. Women who had abortions get breast cancer at the same rate as women who have not, according to the National Cancer Institute. Poor people served by Planned Parenthood get breast cancer. Even if you're "pro-life," what is pro-life about denying a mother who is considering an abortion a breast cancer screening?

Komen, and other organizations entrusted by the public's charity dollars to find a cure, should not play politics. The same goes for the American Cancer Society, which rejected \$500,000 from an atheist organization last year.

Luckily, after immense public outcry, the Komen foundation re-evaluated its stance and agreed to resume funding to Planned Parenthood. But this won't be the last time an organization plays politics over healthcare in the name of an individual opinion.

Health charities and hospitals must remain committed to their cause without having to worry about the political or religious blowback. Otherwise, it compromises their purpose and their cause.

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## Afghanistan's war on opium needs solution

Underlying

investment.

economic

By AMANDA GRESS

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When the United States invaded Afghanistan in October of 2001, I naively assumed the mission would be easy: American and allied troops would root out the bad guys, and the Afghan people could create a new country with neighbors flying kites, children attending school, and families planting flowers around their homes. Ten years later, Afghanistan stubbornly defies my predictions, and news reports remain amounted to mostly negative.

However, in early January, value — 15 PBS released a documentary percent of Afnoting that farming families have indeed planted flowers specifically, poppies.

The documentary "Opium Brides" tracks journalist Najibullah Quraishi interviewing families whose poppy crops have been destroyed by the Afghan government. Without crops to sell, the families find themselves indebted to drug traffickers who often demand farm children as repayment.

It's painful to watch. The

young, mostly female children to turn a blind eye, fostering range from five to fourteen years corruption. This strengthens old. They sit passively as their parents describe their depressing future of servitude and forced

Although no reliable statistics on the number of debt children exist, the United Nations estimates Afghanistan pro- tion vulnerable to exploitation duced 5,800

tons of opium in 2011—a 61 percent increase from 2010. This a \$2.4 billion ghan GDPand supplied 82 percent of global opium.

estimate over 90 percent of heroin worldwide originates in Afghanistan.

Illicit drugs directly threaten Afghan security. Trafficking generates revenue for militant networks that siphon off protection money and levy taxes. These groups bribe officials non-state actors like the Taliban at the legitimate government's

Unfortunately, few easy solutions remain. Simply destroying poppy harms farmers' economic interests, leaving the popula-

and poisoning public opinion against the United States. Although the Obama admindesperation can istration ended the policy of only be addressed eradicating poppy crops through further in June 2009, leaders should try persuading the Afghan government to

> halt crop destruction as well.

Which policies might work? Underlying economic desperation can only be addressed through further investment. Current foreign aid to Afghanistan amounts to \$80 per person, as compared to \$275 per person given to Bosnia after its 1995 war. Development-focused policies that combat opium have shown success—for example, in

2009, British troops distributed wheat seed to 32 thousand farmers, and began creating irrigation infrastructure necessary for

Opium remains a symptom of a state without adequate rule of law, stability, or alternatives. If the United States expects to leave any hope of stability when troops depart in 2014, leaders must recognize that the absence of insurgency does not ensure the creation of stability.

While many other challenges exist-corruption, extremist networks, and influential regional actors, to name a few-it seems unlikely that Afghanistan can achieve stability without addressing illicit drugs.

It's entirely possible that in this time of fiscal belt-tightening economic development will be ignored, or prove insufficient to end drug trafficking's stranglehold on Afghan society. Sustainable livelihoods for farming families won't eliminate the Taliban, and some areas may continue illegal production.

However, investment in Afghanistan's economic future may alleviate some challenges the country faces and prevent future atrocities—and a country on the brink of failure can't afford to squander that chance.

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# Boy Scouts earn badges thanks to APO

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

In one room, students learned the basics of journalism from KCBD-TV weatherman John Robison. Next door, a Lubbock police officer explained crime prevention and finger printing.

The classes were not completely unusual for Texas Tech, except for being conducted on a Saturday, and students were all boys around 12 years old.

Alphi Phi Omega facilitated the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America's Scouting University and Merit Badge College event Saturday in the Student Union Building.

Scouting University is a training program for adult volunteers; Merit Badge College offered scouts the opportunity to earn up to four badges in one day, said district executive, and tech alumna, Katy Tabor. Local professionals from firemen to journalists taught the classes.

"It's a great learning experience," said Life Scout, Jeff Young, a 7th grader from Levelland, "it helps you get ahead, learn skills you didn't know before and meet a lot of people."

Young earned two badges in journalism and finger printing. He said what he learned in the classes would carry over and be useful for a long time.

"I'll definitely use these skills," he said of his journalism badge workshop, "I can take notes everywhere."

The event brought scouts and scout troops from across the South Plains, and Tabor said there were about 150 scouts in attendance, along with about 40 adult volunteers for various trainings, also hosted in the SUB.

This was the first year the annual event was hosted on Tech campus, Tabor said, and the university was a good said Jeff Young Sr., Scoutmaster for Troop 625, and the scouts were getting a taste of what the academic side of college life could be like someday.

their own," he said. "They have to to be done. do their own work and they're taking

To promote the college part of the experience, APO members offered campus tours for scouts who had a free period.

"Everyone from APO who is here loves APO and loves Texas Tech," said junior Katie Quinn. "They're really enjoying it."

Quinn, a psychology major from Arlington, said helping out with this event was perfect because APO was founded on the same principles as the Boy Scouts of America.

The co-ed service fraternity spends most of its time volunteering, usually

The college atmosphere was ideal, with places like the Haven Animal Shelter, the Bridge of Lubbock, Habitat for Humanity and the Scouts. On certain weekends, the group goes to nearby Girl or Boy Scout Camps and volunteers "They have to find the classes on with cleaning and any work that needs

> What the Boy Scouts do as kids, we try to do in college," Quinn said.

The South Plains Council noted the group's helpfulness with an appreciation award, thanking them for facilitating the event and acting as teaching assistants for the classes.

"(APO has) been absolutely wonderful," said assistant Scoutmaster Todd Newberry. "We've been blessed to have these guys helping out."

APO will host its Spring Rush at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Escondido Theatre of the SUB and at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Senate Room.

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador ZACHARY PRUITT, AN assistant scoutmaster from Lubbock, talks about the the duties of U.S. citizens during the citizenship in the nation merit class as a part of the Merit Badge College on Saturday in the Student Union Building. Boy scouts are able to attend the college in order to earn some of the 14 offered merit badge classes.

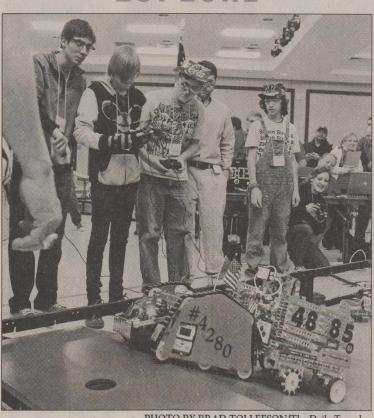


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador STUDENTS FROM QUANAH and Midland-Lee control their robots to push a bowling ball up a platform to win their qualifier round of the FIRST Tech Competition on Saturday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. FTC allows high school students to design, build and program robots to do various activities in competition.

## Students volunteer for retreat

STAFF WRITER

Dancing, cheering, praying and competing, all for the glory of God.

These are only a few of the activities staff members of Foundation Retreat lead as part of the four-day camp for incoming freshmen and transfer students.

Current students now have the opportunity to point these campers to God at Texas Tech by applying to be staff members of the retreat, which is completely student-led and takes place a week before school begins in August.

"You get to reach out to freshman and love them and share the love of Christ with them," said Heather Wright, a sophomore human development and family studies major and former staff member. "It's honestly one of the best decisions I've made applying for

The retreat helps new students lay a Christian foundation as they attend college, she said.

It also provides an opportunity for students to discover campus ministries and organizations as well as meet a community of believers seeking Christ.

"In college, everyone has the expectations that people are going to party and drink," Wright said. "Coming into this community of believers that are of all different denominations was so beneficial to me because I was like 'OK, I can be a Christian in college and

Wright said serving as a staff member was very encouraging.

"As much as we think that we're going to teach the campers something, they teach us so much more," she said. "Applying for staff challenged my walk with the Lord so much, to be a part of staff last year."

Staff members work long in advance to prepare for the retreat: A mandatory staff retreat will be hosted Feb. 24 and 25, in which staff members will learn the mission for the 2012 camp, financial responsibilities and which team and small group they will lead.

Jessie Kuhl, a freshman who attended the last retreat said Foundation was a great transition into college because it helped her meet new people and make lasting friendships.

"Being a staff member would be a really rewarding experience because you get to connect with incoming Tech students and build lasting friendship," she said.

Caroline Weir, the 2012 camp director, said Foundation is one of the main reasons she chose to attend Tech. She said serving as a counselor allowed her to befriend freshman, some

and I'm so thankful that I got of which she considers her best friends today.

> "I decided I wanted my college experience to teach me about living in a Christian community," she said. "So many adult habits are formed in the four years of college, having those habits be godly is of utmost importance to me. Foundation allowed me to meet incredible godly people and it was a wonderful way to begin the best year of my life."

> Those interested in becoming a staff member can visit www.foundationretreat.com to fill out an application and sign up for an interview time slot.

> Team leaders, counselors and ministry teams are among positions available. The next available interview dates are Saturday and Sunday. Applicants must be Tech students in the Spring and Fall of 2012. There will be from 90 to 120 staff members hired.

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## Celebs suit up for DirecTV Beach Bowl

Deion Sanders said he wasn't for three and a half hours. I worried. Joe Montana went want Madonna to come out in with his game face on and Jordin Sparks just hoped sand

did not end up in her eyes. Athletes and celebrities had different strategies as they prepared to play in the sixth annual DirectTV Celebrity Beach Bowl. The event teams up stars with former and current professional athletes for a flag football game on the sand.

Assistant coach Neil Patrick Harris admitted he didn't know much about the game, so he was going to rely on his teammates to make the calls.

"I really am not competitive at all. I quite frankly don't know what is going to happen or what we are playing," the actor said with a smile. "I know it is football of some sort, but it might be flag football, touch, two-handed touch. I don't know.'

Lucky for him, legend Joe Montana was on his team.

"I hate to lose," Montana said ahead of the game. "I am not very good at losing. You try to go into this as it's going to be a fun game, but as soon as you get involved ... if they score, you go, 'OK.' You have got to at least keep it competitive. I can't just go through the motions. I want to win."

Sparks arrived with her dad, Phillippi Sparks, a former New York Giant. The former "American Idol" champ says she wasn't expecting intense action.

"I know it is not tackle. They are just grabbing the flag, but who knows, we could get tripped up and stuff, so I am glad there is sand," she said. "I am nervous about it getting in my eyes if I fall but other than that, it is going to be a lot of fun. I am excited. "

As for the other big game in Indianapolis, Sanders said he would not pick the New England Patriots or the New York Giants to win on Sunday.

"I am a former player. I am not rooting for anybody. I just want a good quality game. I just

IINDIANAPOLIS (AP) — want the fans to be entertained and do the doggone thing like she can do it," he said of her halftime performance.

Other big names at the event included Peyton Manning, Chace Crawford, Cam Newton, Terrell Owens and David Arquette, who said he's been having a great time in Indianapolis.

"What I really like about Super Bowl in general is that it introduces you to another city," he said. "Indianapolis is a beautiful city a lot of people might not know about or have not visited. To come here and to meet the people and see the city, that is my favorite part actually."







# SPORTS

# Tech cruises to victory against Missouri

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

The No. 25 Texas Tech Lady Raiders got a much-needed win against struggling Missouri on Sunday in front of crowd of more than 6,000 at United Spirit Arena.

Tech had lost six of its last seven games before its 76-49 win against the Tigers.

The Lady Raider defense deserved the credit for the win, Tech coach Kristy

"Just a great team defensive effort," she said. "When we can do that, things are going to happen on the other end."

Tech's defense was too much for Missouri, forcing 26 turnovers — 11 of them were steals — in the game. The Lady Raiders scored 27 points off Missouri's turnovers.

The win was big for the team, but it cess, Morris said. needs to continue to be tough against every opponent they face, Curry said.

we've got to understand that consistency and all the little things — from our free throw shooting tonight to how hard we played on the defensive end, I thought our focus was good. We've got to be consistent with our focus. It's not what's across the other team's chest, it's what's across ours and how we need to play the game."

The team needs to take the momentum from the win and carry it into its next game at Oklahoma State on Wednesday, Tech junior guard Casey Morris said.

"It was big, I just think we need of February." to keep the momentum up," she said.

"Every game is important, every game we want it to be a win."

Morris led Tech's balanced scoring attack with 15 points against the Tigers. The Lady Raiders had four players who scored in double figures.

Kierra Mallard struggled from the field, shooting 4-13 in her second game back from her hand injury, but she still managed 10 points and led the team with nine rebounds.

Mallard leads the team in scoring, but said she does not mind coming off

"I just want my team to win," she said. "I just want us to go far. I don't care if I start or come off the bench. I'm just

Sydney Crafton led the Tigers with 13 points, but also had eight turnovers in the game.

Tech's defense is the key to its suc-

"The defense was a big part of it tonight," she said, "so I think if we just "We're in the Big 12," she said, "and continue with it then we'll have success."

The Lady Raiders were successful on the offensive glass with 18 offensive rebounds and 12 second chance points.

"They did such a tremendous job of pounding the boards," Missouri coach Robin Pingeton said.

Tech is at the climax of its season and is trying to make a push for postseason play, Curry said.

"February is where it matters because that's going to get you to March or it's not," she said. "Each of those months before gets you where you want to go, now we've got to understand the importance

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TEXAS TECH GUARD Chynna Brown dribbles past Missouri guard Kyley Simmons during the Lady Raiders' 76-49 victory against the Tigers in United Spirit Arena on Sunday.

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# Texas cruises past Texas Tech 74-57

20 points and grabbing nine re- at Texas A&M on Monday. bounds to help the Longhorns defeat Texas Tech 74-57 Saturday night.

throws. He was one rebound away from his second collegiate doubledouble, the first of which came at Iowa State on Jan. 4.

"You just need to finish with the ball," Chapman said. "I think that's what is special about having a game like this is feeling at ease."

Sheldon McClellan and I'Covan Brown each added 17 points for Texas (14-9, 4-6 Big 12), which won for the second time in seven games, although the five losses during that stretch came by an average of fewer than five points.

The Longhorns rebounded at home against Tech by making 25 of 31 free throws. Texas attempted 22 in the first half alone, only two fewer than they took all game at Missouri on Jan. 30.

Chapman, who graduated in December, averaged 1.7 points per game before this season. This season, he leads the team in rebounds and had the most productive offensive game of his career against Tech.

"He was extremely effective to-

AUSTIN (AP) — In his fifth day but now he's going to have to do year at Texas, Clint Chapman finally it again against a team that's going to had a marquee game in front of the ... be more physical," said Texas coach home crowd, scoring a career-best Rick Barnes, referring to a matchup

It was a turnaround for McClellan as well. The freshman made 7 Chapman was 6 of 10 from the of 11 shots after scoring a combined floor and made all eight of his free total of four points in Texas' last two games. He surpassed that mark within the first 4:38 against the Red Raiders.

Ty Nurse scored 18 points for Texas Tech (7-15, 0-10), which is off to its worst start in league play since 2000 under head coach Billy Gillispie. The former coach at Texas A&M, Gillispie is back in the Big 12 after two years off from basketball following his firing from Kentucky in 2009

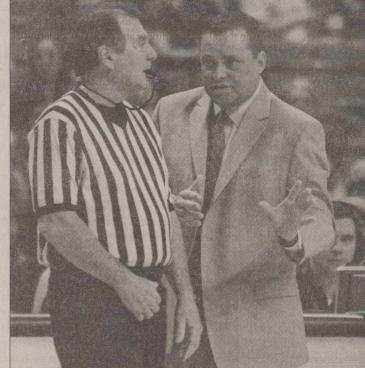
"We weren't physically able to give them any kind of resistance inside," Gillispie said. "They put up a shield around the basket today."

Texas is 14-0 at home against Tech since the schools moved to the Big 12 in 1996.

Texas made six of its first seven field goals to lead 16-4 within the first five minutes, then missed 16 of its next 18 and finished the half shooting 35 percent. The Longhorns made 19 of their

22 free throws in that period and still led 40-25 at the break.

All that pressure put Texas Tech already out of reach.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH HEAD coach Billy Gillispie talks to a referee during the Red Raiders' 69-47 loss against Kansas State in United Spirit Arena on Jan. 25. The Red Raiders are currently on a 10-game losing streak and remain winless in Big 12 Conference play.

in foul trouble. Robert Lewandowski, Tech's 6-foot-10 center, missed the last 7:55 of the first half as he sat with three fouls. Nurse fouled out in the final two minutes with the game

Tech, sixth worst in the nation with 17.3 turnovers per game, gave the ball up 14 times on Saturday and the Longhorns turned those into 13 points. Texas also won the rebound battle 41-25.







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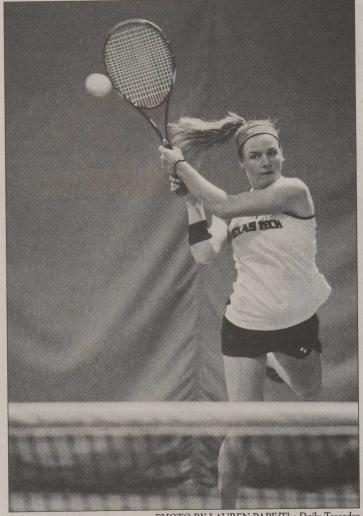


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SAMANTHA ADAMS HITS the ball during a doubles tennis match against Ole Miss at the Lubbock Country Club on Saturday. Adams, along with Kenna Kilgo, dropped their match to Ole Miss' Kristi Boxx and Abby Guthrie 8-6, but the No. 45 Lady Raiders dominated in singles play as they upset the No. 23 Rebels 4-3.

## Rangers' RF Hamilton confirms alcohol relapse

ARLINGTON (AP) — Josh Hamilton shed no tears and used no prepared statement as he apologized and shared few details about his relapse with alcohol. Still, it was clear he was upset by what he had done.

The Texas Rangers slugger and recovering drug addict said he had "three or four" drinks during dinner at a Dallas restaurant and bar Monday and continued drinking later that night.

"Things happened that me, personally, I'm not proud of after I drank, and they are personal and are being handled as that," he said Friday during a news conference called specifically to address the incident. "Knowing this was going. people get excited. There was no pictures taken of me having a beer with somebody or anything like that, but I did take pictures with people."

Hamilton didn't elaborate or give any real indication about what those things were.

Hamilton was suspended for more than three years for drug and alcohol use while in the Tampa Bay organization. The former No. 1 overall draft pick missed the entire 2003, 2004 and 2005 seasons, but has become one of the best players in baseball on a team that has won

the last two American League pennants. He was the AL MVP in 2010.

The 30-year-old Hamilton said his latest actions "hurt a lot of people very close to me." He closed his eyes at one point and seemed to force a smile another time. He didn't take questions during his 12-minute appearance.

Without being specific, Hamilton said he had a "weak moment" that stemmed from "personal reasons" involving a family member. He said he walked to a restaurant to have dinner and ended up "ordering a drink, and probably had three or four drinks."

Hamilton said he did not take any drugs, and had no thoughts of to get out in social media, Twitter, doing so. He said he has been tested for drugs twice since Monday, part of his normal mandated routine.

This is Hamilton's second known alcohol-related relapse in three years. Both came during the offseason, and this one has put on hold talks with the Rangers about a contract extension.

After his public apology earlier in the day, Hamilton appeared as scheduled Friday night at a Christian men's rally in Katy, Texas, near Houston. He again didn't take any questions and spoke only to the congregation.

"I could hide in shame, and not

## Tech athletes set records at final home indoor meet, New Balance Invitational

By MIKE GUTIERREZ STAFF WRITER

A handful of Texas Tech athletes set personal records in the team's final home meet of the indoor season in the Athletic Training Center on Saturday.

Tech also had athletes register quality performances in the New Balance Invitational in New York on Friday and Saturday.

Senior All-American Kelly Closse won the weight throw competition with an NCAA qualifying mark of 70-9. With that mark, Closse set a record for both Tech and the Athletic Training Center.

Closse said she can only hope to improve after setting a new personal

"I can really focus on my technique now," Closse said. "It's like a huge barrier just fell. Now I can see beyond that, and what I am capable of."

Closse has improved on pace with what the coaching staff thought she would, throwing coach Cliff Felkins said.

"If we can get another meter before the national meet, then she is in position to place really high, and maybe have an outside chance to win it," Felkins said. "I'm happy that she finally got a really good throw off. That, technically, was a very good throw."

Tech's pole vault team also ended the home indoor season on a high note.

Sophomore Kyal Meyers set a personal record by clearing 17-7 3/4 and winning the event. Meyers' vault currently ranks seventh in the country after Saturday's action.

Associate coach Rock Light said Meyers should continue to improve as the season progresses.

"He's not done yet," Light said. "He's got more to go."

In the preliminary round of the women's 55-meter hurdles, senior Roxy Greve ran a season-best time of 8.28 seconds, besting her time of 8.39 seconds which she ran twice during



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TEXAS TECH'S RACHEL Folan, right, and Caitlin Waters, left, lead during the second lap of the woman's 800-meter run. Waters and Folan placed first and third, respectively, in their heat.

At the New Balance Invitational,

the Texas Tech Open on Jan. 21.

On the field, Tech's weight throwers captured two of the top three marks, led by sophomore Kole Weldon who won the event with a toss

Tech also had a strong showing in the women's 800-meter run, grabbing two of the top three spots in the race. Junior Caitlin Waters won the race with a time of 2:17.02 while teammate, sophomore Rachel Folan, followed in third place with a time

Assistant coach Jon Murray said Waters and Folan both gave a

"They went in there and competed well, and I thought it was a very suc-

cessful run," he said.

Candace Jackson and her teammates Erica Alexander, Olivia Lewis and Taylor Evans grabbed a third place finish with a season-best time of 3:36.10 in the women's 4x400 relay. That group defeated relay teams from No. 2 LSU and No. 3 Arkansas.

Head coach Wes Kittley said he is pleased by how the women's 4x400 relay team performed.

"I am very proud of our women's 4x400 team running wire-to-wire and capturing a season-best time," Kittley said. "This was just great competition for our kids this weekend."

The men's 4x400 relay team recorded a fourth place finish with a time of 3:11.33, just two seconds off its fastest time of the year.

Junior hurdler Katie Grimes broke the women's indoor 60-meter hurdles record by finishing the race in 8.28 seconds, placing fourth in the consolation heat. Senior Shane Brathwaite garnered a top-5 finish in the men's 60-meter hurdles, finishing fifth with a personal-best time of 7.77 seconds.

"It was a very good day for our hurdlers," Kittley said. "I believe this meet is just like a miniature NCAA meet. We looked composed and competed very well."

Tech returns to action this weekend, sending athletes to both the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., and the Don Kirby Collegiate Elite in Albuquerque, N.M.

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## No more Naptown: Super Bowl boosts Indy's image

Place for a reason.

Native son Kurt Vonnegut Ir. referred to it in 1970 as "the 500-mile speedway race, and then 364 days of miniature golf, and then the 500-mile speedway race again." People used to roam city streets on Sundays, picking off pigeons with shotguns as part of "Operation Pigeon-Rid." For decades, there was no reason to stay downtown after dark.

This week, as 150,000 visitors descended on a new, vibrant district before Super Bowl Sunday, even cynics agreed that the city had successfully shed its image a 3-mile canal walk flank Lucas Oil Stadium and Super Bowl Village. Thousands of residents have moved into downtown apartments and condo complexes are rapidly rising. And visitors have noticed. "Incredulity is in the air. Nap-

town is alive and thriving. The urban Super Bowl is a huge success, where everything is in walking distance, and everyone feels the electricity," wrote Dan Bickley of the Arizona Republic. The transformation was decades

in the making, beginning long before city leaders ever dreamed

Hotels, restaurants, theaters and decided that sports was the ticket the team. to revitalizing the city and putting it on the national map.

It seemed to be a good fit. Indianapolis was the capital of a sports-crazed state that had Notre Dame winning national football championships in the north, Indiana University winning national basketball championships in the south, the Indianapolis 500 in the middle and a high school basketball tournament that created Hoosier Hysteria. The city had one professional

team, the NBA's Indiana Pacers, but it struggled financially; a would ever house an NFL team.

(AP) — Indianapolis was once as a bastion of boredom in what of bidding for the Super Bowl. In telethon was staged to sell tickets called Naptown and India-No- was once called "flyover country." the 1970s, then-Mayor Bill Hudnut to ensure the owners didn't move

But, Hudnut said, "we needed an NFL team."

Hudnut, mayor from 1976 to 1991, began attending NFL meetings with other city officials in the late 1970s; in 1978, he traveled to Chicago to meet with Baltimore Colts owner Robert Irsay about moving the team to Indianapolis.

"He wasn't that interested at that time in talking with me," Hudnut said. In 1982, the city began con-

struction on a \$77.5 million stadium without any guarantee it

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Giants win Super Bowl XLVI, 21-17, behind QB's MVP effort

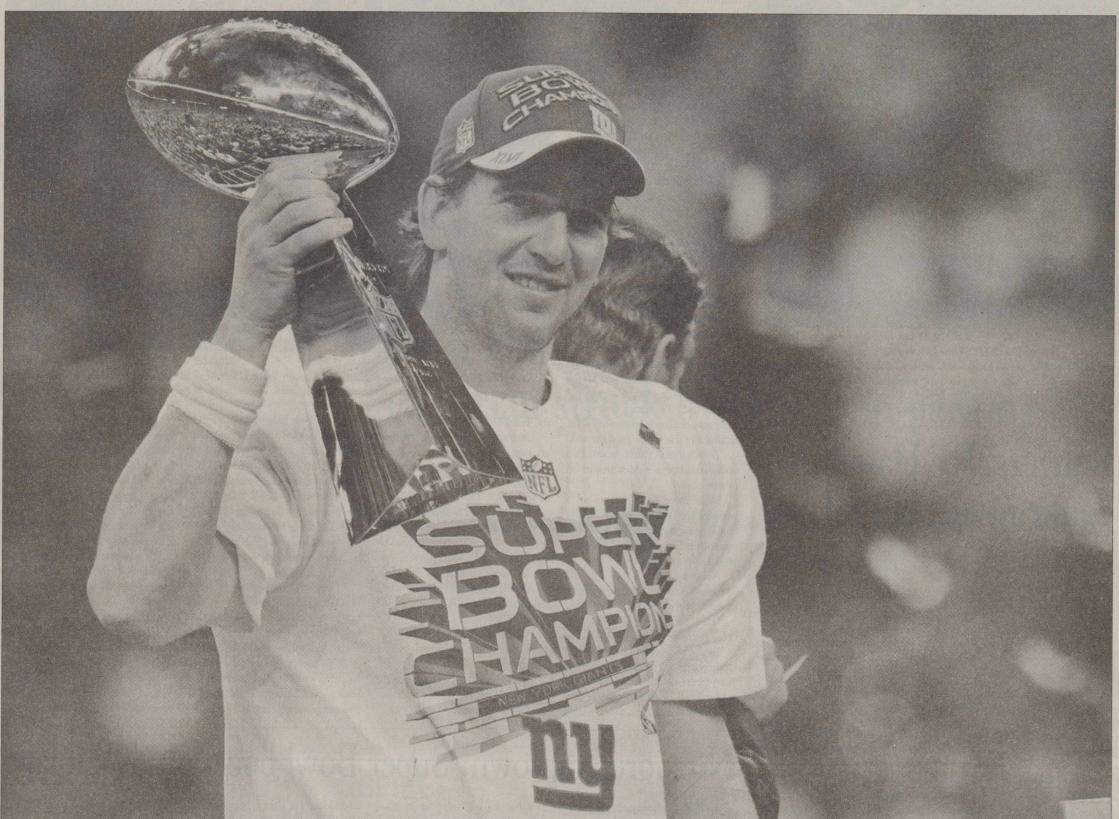


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that, Brady. You too, Peyton.

Eli Manning is the big man in the NFL after one-upping Tom Brady and leading the New York Giants to a 21-17 victory over the New England Patriots in Sunday's Peyton's house, at that.

ago when the Giants ruined New England's perfect season, he guided them 88 yards to the decisive touchdown, which the Patriots didn't contest as Ahmad Bradshaw ran 6 yards with 57 seconds left.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick reasoned the Giants would run the clock down and kick a short field

the six points.

The gamble failed.

And now Manning not only has stamped himself as the elite quarterback he claimed to be when the season began — in the same class Super Bowl — in older brother as Brady — he's beaten the Patriots in two thrilling Super Bowls. The Just as Manning did four years Giants (13-7), who stood 7-7 in mid-December, now own the football world, and Manning owns two Super Bowl MVP awards, the same number as Brady.

"It's been a wild game, a wild season," Manning said. "This isn't about one person. It's about one

team, a team coming together." Manning led six comeback vic-

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Take goal, so he gambled by allowing tories during the season and set an NFL record with 15 fourth-quarter touchdown passes. He showed that brilliance in the clutch on the winning drive. He completed five passes, including a sensational 38-yard sideline catch by Mario Manningham to open the drive.

On second down at the Patriots 6 and with only one timeout remaining, Belichick had his defense stand up as Bradshaw took the handoff. Bradshaw thought about stopping short of the end zone, then tumbled in untouched.

"I was yelling to him, 'Don't score, don't score,' "Manning said. "He tried to stop, but he fell into the end zone."

Brady couldn't answer in the final 57 seconds, although his desperation pass into the end zone on the final play fell just beyond the grasp of All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski. New England (15-4), winner of 10 straight since a loss to the Giants in November, was done.

Brady headed off with his head bowed, holding his helmet, while around him was the wild celebration by the Giants, NFL champions for the eighth — and perhaps most unlikely — time.

"Great toughness, great faith, and great plays by a number of guys today," Manning said, deflecting some of the attention. Still, he one-upped Brady. And Peyton.

"It just feels good to win a Super called on again. Bowl, it doesn't matter where you are," Manning said.

It was the fifth trip to a Super Bowl for Brady and Belichick, tying the record. And it looked like a successful one when they stormed back from a 9-0 deficit and led 17-9 in the third quarter. But the Giants, who reached New England territory on every possession except a kneeldown at the end of the first half, got field goals of 38 and 33 yards from Lawrence Tynes. And it looked like Tynes, who kicked them into the Super Bowl four years ago at Green Bay and again this year at San Fran-

Then Belichick, known to try just about anything in a game, took a risk that didn't pay off.

The Giants are the first Super Bowl winner that was outscored during the regular season. They were 6-2 after that 24-20 victory at New England, then lost four straight and five of six.

Coach Tom Coughlin insisted "the prize" was still within reach. Now the Giants are holding tight to that Vince Lombardi Trophy.

"What I was concerned with was these guys making their own history," Coughlin said. "This is such a wonderful thing, these guys carving their own history.'



## Chavez Jr. retains belt against Rubio

cisco, both in overtime, would get

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Julio 12-round bout. Cesar Chavez Jr. retained the WBC middleweight title Saturday night, earning a unanimous decision over fellow Mexican Marco Antonio Rubio.

The judges scored the bout 118-110, 116-112 115-113 for Chavez, which drew a mixed reaction from the 14,120 in attendance Saturday at the Alamodome.

Neither fighter went down despite taking continuous heavy blows to the head and body throughout the

Chavez (45-0-1-1) overcame a gutsy performance by Rubio (53-6-1) despite having some trouble entering

Chavez, who hails from Culiacan, struggled to make weight for the championship bout and was arrested on drunken driving charges Jan. 22 in Los Angeles.

"He wasn't as tough as I thought he would be," Chavez said. "I felt good about myself the whole fight. I felt a lot stronger than him. He

never hurt me in the fight. I felt his punches, but he never hurt me."

The fighters spent most of the bout standing shoulder to shoulder, which resulted in a couple of head butts and two warnings to Rubio for low blows. Although Chavez won handily on the scorecard, many of the closely contested rounds could have been scored either way.

"He was too heavy for me," Rubio said. "I couldn't handle his weight. It was body to body. It was too much

