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Speed limits to increase throughout state

I-27 only approved speed limit increase in West Texas

By EMILY REYES

Interstate 27 from Amarillo to Lubbock will soon see an increased speed limit posted to 75 mph, allowing motorists to drive even faster on the road.

The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1353 in September; the government started enforcing the law last month, allowing a five mph speed limit increase on highways marked 70 mph.

However, studies must be done to determine road safety in the designated areas.

Dianah Ascencio, public information officer at the Texas Department of Transportation, said speed studies are currently being conducted on highways of 70 mph.

The Texas Transportation Commission has approved a speed limit increase on I-27 — which spans 109 miles of roadway across Lubbock, Hale, Swisher and Randall counties. So far,

I-27 has the only approved speed limit increase in West Texas.

"We'll see approximately 1,500 miles of interstate, in Texas, that will have increased speed limits,"

Speed studies must be done in order to raise the speed limit in any area, Ascencio said.

While studies in Lubbock have been completed to allow the increase,

research is still ongoing in other areas of Texas. There are many factors taken into consideration while conducting a speed study, she said. Road conditions, terrain, curves, hills and the traffic flow in the area are a few of the factors measured in determining which areas can safely have increased speeds.

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Mock trial team looks for win this weekend

By NICOLE MOLTER STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech School of Law's mock trial team is preparing for a win at the Texas Young Lawyers Association you would see it in an actual National Trial Competition, courthouse." beginning Thursday in Dallas.

Tech's mock trial team is composed of six students: Da-Nae Couch, Stephen Higdon, Larrisha Jackson, Philip McLemore, John Muniz and Brian Sullivan.

Rickie Cayton, an assistant district attorney for Lubbock County, and Frank Sellers, a criminal defense attorney, coach the team as the members participate in an imitation trial with realistic components.

"Mock trial is a fake trial," said Couch, a second-year law student from Coppell. "As advocates for this, we represent either the plaintiff — the person bringing the suit — or

the defendant — the one who's defending against the suit. We do opening statements, call witnesses, do cross examinations and closing arguments. It's the entire trial process as

The students use the same procedures and follow the same rules as in a real trial, said Sullivan, a second-year law student from Austin, which helps in preparing for a career of law.

"Everything that we do in this activity is real in the sense that we use the same rules of the court," he said. "Any objections made or any discussions lawyers have with the judge during the trial is meant to reflect live situations. The parties aren't real, but the issues are real, and the way we conduct the trial is completely

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Debate Domain



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JOEY DONAGHY, ADAM Testerman and Joe Gantt hoist the trophy they won after becoming the No. 1

Debate team prepares for nationals

By PAIGE SKINNER STAFF WRITER

For some, spring break is filled with friends, the beach and relaxation.

But, for the students on the Texas Tech debate team, their spring break will be filled with research and a lot of debating to prepare for nationals. After this year's spring break,

the team will be competing in the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence and National Parliamentary Debate Association in Bellingham, Wash.

During the fall semester, Tech's debate team spent seven weekends traveling across the country to compete in tournaments against other universities.

Tech's debate team is made up of 12 undergraduate members, making up six two-person nationals,

The debate team competed in 11 tournaments during the fall semester and placed first in seven of them.

the team is already beginning

Joe Gantt, director of forensics and the debate team's

coach, said Everybody on the they are tying up loose ends team will be to prepare themselves assigned topics and for nationals. "Our first will be responsible bit of preparation has for researching been to see where our them for the research has

> entire team. **JOE GANTT** COACH

DEBATE TEAM

missed something.' As of right now, the debate

seeing where we might we have

been lack-

ing over the

course of the

year," he said.

"We have a

little bit of a

break before

team does not know what topics

Nationals are coming up and they will debate on for nationals. Gantt said there is a national topic committee that decides

what the topics will be and then teams across

the nation receive the lists of topics on Feb. 20.

"We get the topics that we're going to debate for nationals around the 20th of February, so when we get those topics that's when our research is going to hit high gear," Gantt said. "Everybody on the team will be

and so we're going back and assigned topics and will be responsible for researching them for the entire team."

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TechBriefly

Moot court defends, keeps national title

The Texas Tech School of Law's moot court team won its second consecutive national championship Thursday in New York City.

Tech is the second university ever to have its moot court team defend and keep its national title.

The team includes thirdvear law students Brandon Beck of Austin, Allie Hallmark of Midland and Elizabeth Hill of Lubbock, and is coached by Rob Sherwin, the director of advocacy programs.

An estimated 190 teams participated in 15 regional competitions throughout the nation during November. The top 30 teams then met in New York for the national finals.

Students selected for Congressional **Internship Program**

The Texas Tech Office of the President has chosen 16 representatives for the Congressional Internship Program for the Spring 2012 semester.

Students will observe the role government plays and how it functions while working for senators and other representatives in Washington D.C. Selected students include

Sarah Arnett, a junior public

relations major from Pottsboro, Katie Evans, a junior international business major from Houston, Austin Fielding, a senior mechanical engineering major from Austin, Lauren Glover, a senior electronic media and communications major from Plano, Hollis Gurley, a senior management major from Friona, Colby Harrell, a senior political science major from Austin, Ashley Hawkes, a junior human development and family studies major from Killeen, David Hutchens, a graduate history student from Lubbock, Cash Langford, a senior agriculture and applied economics major from Wellington, Victoria Messer, a senior political science major from Canyon, Joshua Paulson, a senior energy commerce major from San Antonio, Rachael Stelly, a junior political science major from Richardson, Bryan Thomas, a senior history major from Spearman, Claudia Tristan, a senior print journalism and business major from Austin, Jamie Wallace, a graduate anthropology and philosophy student from Rowlett and Taylor Williams, a senior public relations major from Denver City.

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Red Raiders, Sports



The Red Raiders lost to the Kansas State Wildcats on the road Tuesday, extending their losing streak to 11 games. SPORTS, Page 6

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TODAY

Summer Camp Job Fair Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Ball-

So, what is it? Attend this job fair to learn more about summer job opportunities.

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 Ahmed Samatar titled, "Journey to Mogadishu: Reflections on the Somali Catastrophe."

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni

Center So, what is it?

OLLI presents "Master Touch Gardening Series-Living High and Dry and Surviving." Charlotte Davidson will give advice on how growing plants on the Llano Estacado, and a list of water wise flowers, trees, shrubs and vines.

Training Sessions for Undergraduates Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Soapsuds Room

So, what is it? Learn tips, formatting, structure and how to create a scholarly research paper for

THURSDAY

Conditions for War, Conditions for Peace: A Symposium on Africa Time: Noon Where: Holden Hall, Room 129 So, what is it?

titled, "Confronting Genocide: Bloodshed to Hope in Burundi."

Enjoy a lecture led by Bob Krueger

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni

Center So, what is it?

OLLI presents "Fair or Unfair? The College Football Bowl Championship Series." The lecture, led by Brian Hamilton will analyze the current Bowl Championship Series compared to the traditional bowl format. He will evaluate the current formula, examine financial aspects of college football playoffs and discuss traditionalism in college football.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni

So, what is it?

Center

OLLI presents "Digitally Documenting the Statue of Liberty." This lecture, led by Glenn Hill, an associate professor of architecture at Texas Tech will be a case study of a method of documenting historical structures developed by the College of Architecture and private foundation.

SDS Student Success Seminar: Foundations of Study Skills Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: West Hall, Room 246 So, what is it?

Learn how to study smarter, as well as discuss the science behind studying more efficiently.

The Harlem Globetrotters Time: 7 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it? Enjoy a performance from the Harlem Globetrotters.

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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 pub-

POLICE BLOTTER

Officer investigates forged check at Animal Food Science building

Monday

9:49 a.m. – A Texas Tech officer documented information concerning a forged check from the Animal Food Science building, at an off-campus location. A check from a closed account was written to a local business.

5:23 p.m. – A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, at the 800 block of Univer-

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6:21 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, and duty upon striking an unattended vehicle, in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center A3 parking lot.

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

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HORTICULTURE HEROES



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

NATHAN BROCKINGTON, A recently graduated horticulture major from Dallas, and John Harrison, a senior natural resources major from Austin, spread soil into a soil flat that will be used to plant lantana and copper plants for Arbor Day.

Speed +

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"There's a lot that we take into account to ensure that whatever speed limit we assign that particular segment of roadway," Ascencio said, "that it's a safe and reasonable speed for traffic to be traveling on that roadway."

The Texas Transportation Commission is requiring TxDOT to maintain valid information of why a designated roadway is safe enough to increase the speed limit.

"In order for us to raise the speed limit we have to do a engineering and a traffic study," Ascencio said, "which prove that it is safe and reasonable to

raise the speed limit from 70 to 75 mph." Ascencio also said TxDOT is moving

forward with speed and engineering studies on other roadways surrounding Lubbock marked 70 mph. Once the speed studies are finished, the information will be presented to the Texas Transportation Commission for approval of increasing the speed limits to 75 mph in other areas.

Frank Phillips, the director of transportation operations, said the average speed of motorists studied by TxDOT was between 70 and 75 mph on Texas highways.

Phillips said the speed limit is determined by the top 85th percentile speed

motorists are traveling. TxDOT has studied roadways with 70 mph speed limits across Texas, to

determine which areas are safe for a five mph increase. The bill is currently in effect across the state, and some increased speed limits on major highways in Central Texas have already changed.

"Next, we're going to look at every

U.S. Highway, state highway and farm road in Texas to study and post accordingly to what the speed studies show," Phillips said. Texas Tech student Paul Renken, a

senior mathematics major from Austin, gave positive feedback in response to the speed limit changes.

"Traveling back home will be nice now that I don't have to worry about getting another speeding ticket for going

77 mph," he said. Renken said he thinks the speed limit

ries," he said.

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us."

should have been increased years ago.

"I was aware of them getting rid of the night time speed limit and the truck speed limit," he said, "but I'm surprised that they are actually increasing the speed limit."

The Texas Department of Transportation said there are 3,600 miles of interstate being considered as potential candidates for an increased speed limit of up to 75 mph or more.

"The new law is, in fact, currently in action," Ascencio said, "but drivers must drive according to what speed limit is posted."

Ascencio adds 75 mph signs will be posted on I-27 in about three months to signify the change.

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Fake names and fake places are

used to plot the trial, Couch said, and sometimes reflects the humorous side of the hearing.

"The case for (this) competition is in the state called Lonestar (instead of) Texas and the city of Armadillo instead of Amarillo,"

Sullivan said the competition the team is preparing for is based on a civil trial, where the argument is typically money or damages.

This case in Dallas is a civil trial where we're arguing liability," he said. "We'll argue who is held liable and who has to pay money."

The team has been practicing four times a week since the beginning of the year, Sullivan said.

"We came back to school about two weeks before classes

said. "We have two teams that compete separately, but we prepare together. It's helpful having two teams, because we can practice against each

other." Mock trial gives law students an opportunity to work with professionals who

volunteer their time to coach, Higdon said.

"This team is a chance to law student from San Antonio. learn from experienced attor-

To be able to have this opportunity in the mock trial competition is a huge honor ...

> DANAE COUCH LAW STUDENT DEBATE TEAM

the regional competition in Dallas, said McLemore, a third-year

Higdon, a second-year law started to meet as a group," he neys, who have tried many cases student from Kingwood, said the in front of ju- top two teams from each region advance to nationals.

"Last year, Tech law won in our region to qualify, so we're hoping to repeat that performance," he

Tech has only won the national not typical in competition once, in 1982, Sullaw school, so livan said.

To be on the team has been a good learning experience, especially while studying law, Couch

"The upcoming competition is incredibly prestigious," she said. "To be able to have this opportunity in the mock trial competition is a huge honor. To be on this team

is a huge honor.' >>> nmolter@dailytoreador.com

Texas prof. asking court for Watergate-era docs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A history professor from Texas is seeking access to long-sealed court records that he believes may help explain the motivation behind the Watergate break-in that ultimately drove President Richard Nixon from office.

Luke Nichter of Texas A&M University-Central Texas in Killeen, Texas, is seeking the release of potentially hundreds of pages of documents. On Tuesday, a judge in Washington gave the government a month to object

Nichter wants to unseal records that were part of the court case against seven men involved in the 1972

He said the documents originally were sealed because they were seen as unnecessary to proving the group, which was tied to Nixon's re-election campaign, was responsible for the break-in at the Democratic National Committee's headquarters in Wash-

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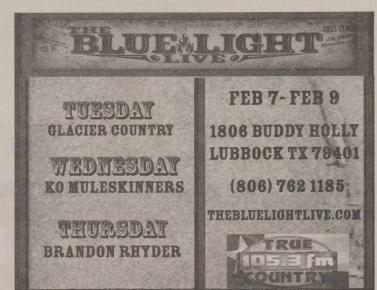
Nichter, who also runs a website cataloging secret recordings made by President Nixon in the White House, said the materials he wants may help answer lingering questions about the burglary. The documents may explain may be the key to determining why the motivation for the burglary, which has been disputed, he said.

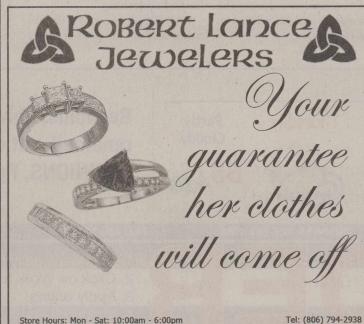
In particular, he wants access to materials resulting from an earlier, successful burglary at the headquarters in May 1972. During that break-in, a wiretap was placed on at least one phone. It was during a second burglary more than two weeks later that the group was caught with additional bugging devices.

Information about the contents of the initial wiretaps, which played a role in prompting the second burglary, were sealed and never revealed.

"These and other sealed materials the Watergate break-in occurred, who ordered it, and what the burglars were looking for," Nichter wrote in asking the chief judge of the federal court in Washington to unseal the materials.

He said it's time they are released. "Nearly four decades after the break-in don't the American people deserve to know something closer to the truth?" Nichter wrote in another letter.





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By CAROLYN HECK STAFF WRITER

An open panel discussion on American policy in Africa was hosted at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building, as part of an ongoing lecture series about the continent.

Alan Arismendez, a senior biology major from Mission and media officer for Tech Student Democrats, said the organization sponsored the event as a way of educating students about U.S. policy in Africa.

"Basically, we just want to raise awareness about the issues surrounding the African continent," he said, "and hopefully people gain more knowledge and more insight on the region after leaving, not only tonight's events, but the guest speakers will be making separate appearances."

Arismendez said the panel discussed many contemporary issues involved with multiple nations in Africa.

"Basically, we were in conjunction with our faculty advisor, Dr. (Paul) Bjerk," Arismendez said, "who is a professor of African history here, who brought up the idea of sponsoring this type of event to kind of just engage the public and inform them about African policy, and particularly American foreign policy in Africa, in light of the recent events that have taken place."

The panel, titled "Conditions for War, Conditions for Peace," consisted of four speakers, Arismendez said, including Douglas Johnson, an expert on South Sudan, Texas Senator Robert Krueger, Tibor Nagy, former ambassador to Ethiopia, and Ahmed Samatar, an expert on Somalia.

"They have a unique insight and knowledge about these particular issues surrounding this continent," Arismendez said.

Panel members discussed how they believed U.S. foreign policy affected Africa, and what impact it had on the continent.

Nagy said while America viewed Africa as a chessboar — manipulating the players to get resources like oil, the U.S. is one of the only countries Africa depends on for aid in response to famine, natural disasters and war.

He said any amount of aid America provides Africa is appreciated by

"Africa may not be the world's wallet," Nagy said, "but it's certainly the world's heart."

Samatar discussed the issue of piracy in Somalia, mentioning how some Somalians have committed the crime as an act of retribution toward foreign countries for dumping waste on their shores and excessive fishing

The panel also discussed women's rights in Africa. Samatar described the issue as moving in a slow progress toward better education in some areas, while others are attempting to suppress women further. He said in order for things to change, the people would have to take things into their own hands.

"Liberation and progress are not given," he said. "In the end, one has

Mackenzie Maxwell, an electronic media and communications major from Rockwell, said she first became interested in Africa after debating about the country's health care on a UIL debate team in high school.

"I want to go to law school one day and do human rights law," she said, "and one of the biggest example of violation of human rights is sometimes in Africa, so it's interesting for someone who likes these kinds of things."

Maxwell is a member of Tech Student Democrats, and said she hopes the panel will get students interested

interest of the rest of the student body, even if students don't necessarily agree with me or the Tech Student Democrats," she said. "It's just nice when people are involved and interested in what's going on in

"I hope that this will peak the

PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

AHMED I. SAMATAR, a professor at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. and author of several books covering Somalia, describes what he believes are the important topics of the countries of Africa during a panel of modern African challenges Tuesday in the Matador room of the Student Union Building.

the world around them, rather than just going out and partying."

Akwasi Afriyie, a senior chemical engineering major from Ghana said he thought the panel was insightful and offered possible solutions to the issues being discussed.

"Just like one of our colleagues mentioned, educating the people, empowering the people is key to

resolving this whole thing," he said. "If more people are educated, they'll make the right choices and do the right thing.'

Afriyie said it is up to students to educate themselves about these issues in order to prevent themselves from making the same mistakes as previous generations.

"A lot of students don't really care

about these kinds of discussions, but these issues affect us all," he said, "because if there's an outbreak of war, it affects everyone. So, I think we should play a major part in what's happening around the world, not just in our society, but what's happening outside of the United States.'

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Komen exec quits after Planned Parenthood flap

ATLANTA (AP) — A vice president at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure resigned Tuesday, saying the breast cancer charity should have stood by its politically explosive decision to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood.

Karen Handel, a Republican who opposed abortion as a candidate for Georgia governor, said she was actively engaged in efforts to cut off the grants and said the charity's reversal hurt its

"I am deeply disappointed by the gross mischaracterizations of the strategy, its rationale, and my involvement in it," Handel said in her letter. "I openly acknowledge my role in the matter and continue to believe our decision was the best one for Komen's future and the women we serve."

year, went to breast-screening services ment. offered by Planned Parenthood, which provides a range of women's health care services including abortions. Under criteria developed by Komen during Handel's tenure, Planned Parenthood would have been disqualified from future grants because it was under a congressional investigation launched at the urging of anti-abortion activists.

Komen, the nation's largest breastcancer charity, reversed course after its decision ignited a three-day firestorm of criticism. Members of Congress and Komen affiliates accused the group's national leadership of bending to pressure from anti-abortion activists.

"Neither the decision nor the changes themselves were based on anyone's political beliefs or ideology," Handel said in her resignation letter. "Rather, both were based on Komen's mission and how to better serve women, as well as a realization of the need to distance Komen from controversy."

Handel said the discussion had started before she arrived at the organization last year. She said the charity was concerned that some Roman Catholic Dioceses had encouraged believers not

to give to Komen because it supported Planned Parenthood.

"I was tasked with identifying options that would allow us to move to neutral ground about this so we weren't on either side of you know, pro-life, pro-choice," Handel said.

Komen Founder and CEO Nancy G. Brinker said she accepted Handel's resignation and wished her well.

"We have made mistakes in how we have handled recent decisions and take full accountability for what has resulted, but we cannot take our eye off the ball when it comes to our mission," Brinker said in a statement. "To do this effectively, we must learn from what we've done right, what we've done wrong and achieve our goal for the millions of women who rely on us."

Planned Parenthood spokeswoman The grants, totaling \$680,000 last Andrea Hagelgans declined to com-

> Handel said the now-abandoned policy was fully vetted by the Komen organization. Its board did not raise any objections when it was presented with the proposed policy in November, Handel said.

The breast cancer charity cited a probe backed by anti-abortion groups and launched by Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., to determine if Planned Parenthood improperly spent public money on abortions. Planned Parenthood says taxpayer money is strictly separated.

Until Tuesday, Handel had publicly kept silent about her role in the

"What was a thoughtful and thoroughly reviewed decision - one that would have indeed enabled Komen to deliver even greater community impact - has unfortunately been turned into something about politics," Handel said. "This is entirely untrue. This development should sadden us all greatly."

A person with direct knowledge of decision-making at Komen's headquarters in Dallas said last week that the grant-making criteria were adopted with the deliberate intention of targeting Planned Parenthood. The criteria's impact on Planned Parenthood and its status as the focus of government investigations were highlighted in a memo distributed to Komen affiliates

According to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of repercussions, a driving force behind the move was Handel, who was hired by Komen last year as vice president for public policy after losing a campaign for governor in Georgia.

Brinker, in an interview with MSNBC last week, said Handel "did not have anything to do with this

Handel ran for governor in 2010. She received an endorsement from former vice presidential candidate and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, but lost a primary runoff to former Georgia Rep. Nathan Deal, who won the general

Throughout the campaign, Deal accused Handel of being soft on

Deal repeatedly attacked Handel over a 2005 vote she took while serving on a metro Atlanta county commission to give more than \$400,000 to Planned Parenthood, though not for abortion services. The Georgia affiliate of Planned Parenthood said the money went to a downtown clinic for services such as cervical cancer screenings, testing for sexually transmitted diseases and birth controls.

A longstanding law bans using federal money to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or to protect the health of the mother.

Anti-abortion activists in Georgia praised Handel's decision.

"I commend her for it," said Daniel Becker, president of the Georgia Right

He said the organization still had concerns about Handel's belief that women who are raped or victims of incest should be allowed to seek

Romney battles Santorum, Paul in GOP caucuses

WASHINGTON (AP) -Republican front-runner Mitt Romney battled Rick Santorum and Ron Paul on Tuesday in political caucuses in Minnesota and Colorado, hoping to extend his winning streak in the race for the presidential nomination.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich mounted no significant campaign in either state, looking ahead to primaries elsewhere.

Romney prevailed in both Minnesota and Colorado in 2008, the first time he ran for the nomination, but the GOP has become more conservative in both states since then under the influence of tea party activists.

Convention delegates at stake in Minnesota and 33 more in Colorado.

In addition, Missouri held a nonbinding primary on Tuesday. The state picks its delegates at caucuses next month.

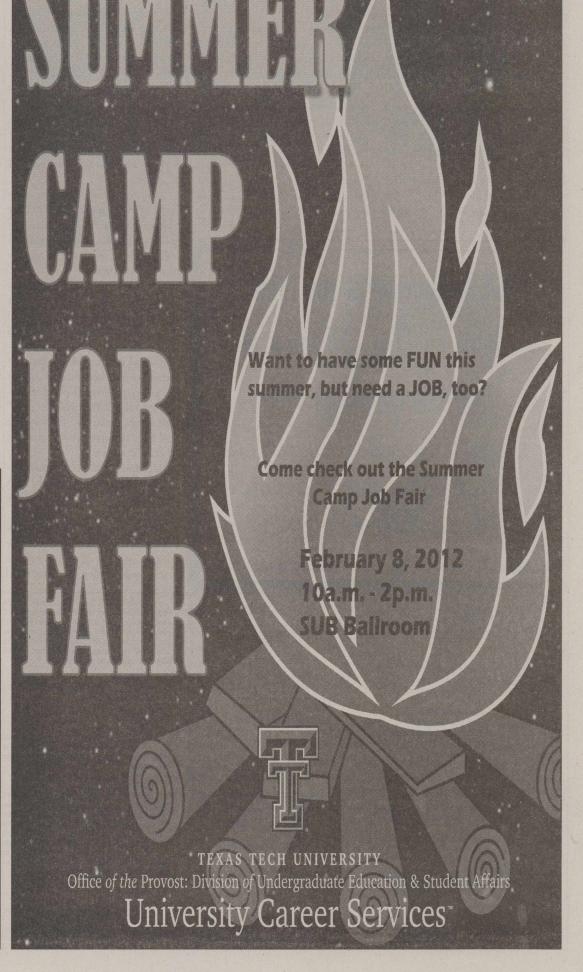
Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, campaigned aggressively in all three states, seeking a breakthrough to revitalize a campaign that has struggled since his narrow first-place finish in the Iowa caucuses a month ago.

Paul, a Texas lawmaker, has yet to win a primary or caucus. He arrived at a caucus site in Coon Rapids, Minn., in early evening to shake hands with early arrivers, and

There were 37 Republican National had to squeeze his way through a crowd of autograph seekers.

> Romney began the day the leader in the delegate chase, with 101 of the 1,144 needed to capture the nomination at the Republican National Convention this summer in Tampa. Gingrich had 32, Santorum 17 and Paul nine.

Taken together, the number of delegates at stake Tuesday was the largest one-day total yet in the Republican race to pick a rival for President Barack Obama. Even so, the campaigning was a pale comparison to the Iowa caucuses or primaries last month in New Hampshire, South Carolina and Florida.





Chivalry renamed, not dead

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America ...

t seems like every other day I hear someone, usu-Lally of the female persuasion, mention how "chivalry is dead" and "men are pigs these

These statements are usually preceded by a man not opening a door for a lady, not picking up a dropped item or some other show of bad manners. When you take a brief glance at how the vast majority of us men act today, one would not find it hard to think these sentiments are not totally unfounded.

However, I don't think that people seem to realize what they are referring to when they criticize society's lack of chivalry. In today's society, these are considered common courtesy and not the original knightly values of an age long past. While there are certain similarities between what is considered good manners today and knightly virtues, they are not the same.

Interestingly enough, virtually all of the common knightly virtues have parallels in the Scout Law and Oath of the Boy Scouts of America, which has over 4.5 million members who must learn this oath upon joining. I believe this Boy Scout Oath has helped to keep chivalric ideals alive.

Chivalry is a code of conduct



that was used to set standards of social and private behavior for knights. This system included a set of virtues knights were supposed to adhere to. Though these sets of virtues varied from place to

place, there are a few certain traits which could be found

everywhere. A chivalrous knight was supposed to be courageous, confronting danger and uncertainty without fear, even if it meant risking his life. It also meant standing up for what's right, even in

the face of personal loss. This my duty to God and my Country." knightly virtue is echoed in the Scout Law as being brave.

Knights and scouts are also supposed to have a sense of justice. Obeying and upholding code and the Scout Oath include

the law and holding oneself to a higher standard of behavior are important traits in chivalric and scout-like individuals.

and scouts is mercy. These are echoed in the Scout Law as the "kind" and "friendly" points. Both chivalry and scouting require a measure of forgiveness, benevolence and compassion in one's interactions within his or her community.

> Faith is another important aspect of both sets of virtues that can have many meanings. Scouts and knights alike are expected to be trustworthy and loyal to and to their beliefs. In fact, the first point of the Scout

> > Law is "to do

Faith also means having a strong sense of moral integrity and honoring one's promises.

Furthermore, both chivalric

generosity as a defining trait of their respective adherents. The second point of the Scout Oath is "to help other people at all Another virtue shared by the times." Knights often made concodes of conduct for knights tributions of money and service to their local churches and were supposed to be champions for

Finally, both chivalrous knights and Boy Scouts are supposed to have hope and be cheerful. Maintaining a positive mindset and outlook on life inspires those around you, especially when the going gets tough. Having a hopeful attitude and a strong will to push forward during the good times and the bad is an important characteristic of a chivalrous

Despite what people who confuse this with manners will tell you, chivalry today is just as alive as it was in the Middle Ages.

Although today's men don't their comrades walk around in shining armor carrying a colorful standard, I do believe the ideals and virtues found in the codes of chivalry have simply evolved and taken on different names, not faded into the pages of history.

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Libyan intervention cost-effective, right

One billion dollars

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million people.

By KEITH YOST THE TECH (MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)

War is never a clean affair. The recent action in Libya is no exception — in victory, the rebels have taken to killing pro-Gaddafi forces in retribution, including, it appears, Gaddafi himself, who was captured while fleeing his final holdout in Sirte.

But the final outcome is as pure and as cheap a victory as the United States can hope to force on the modern battlefield. The Department of Defense estimates that from March to September, the Libyan intervention cost the DOD a mere \$1.1 billion, with no U.S. casualties.

Critics were right to chastise the president for his weak initial foray into Libya. The U.N. mandate he secured as part of

a left-wing experiment in the "responsibility to protect" doctrine did not go far enough to support the ouster of Gaddafi and his forces.

Had the president refused to go

further in support of regime change, the Libyans would likely still be locked in a bloody civil war. But ultimately, Obama changed course, putting larger forces into the conflict while avoiding an overcorrection. The result is the most cost-efficient liberation that the U.S. could have hoped for.

tion that the U.S. can force a combat eventualities. regime change without adhering to Thomas Friedman's "pottery barn rule" of "you break it, you bought it."

The U.S. does not need to engage in decade-long nationbuilding exercises after having helped rid the world of Colonel Gaddafi — U.S. advisors might remain on the ground through the end of the year, but the brunt of democratization can be born by the free men and women of Libya, not the American

The victory should also embolden Obama to act more forcefully in Libya-like states. The military advisors sent to Uganda

to help African forces put an end to Joseph Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army in October are a positive indication.

More significantly, President Obama will soon be faced with a decision of whether to intervene in Syria.

For months, the Syrian opposition has refused to ask for protection against the government forces brutalizing them. Ausama Monajed and other leaders firmly believe that the Syrian government will fall before it becomes excessively violent. Their reticence toward western help has been reason enough to avoid intervention.

It is only a matter of time however before the Syrian opposition realizes its miscalculation. Bashar al-Assad is not going quietly as his Egyptian counterpart Hosni Mubarak did. The U.N. estimates

> that 3,000 Syrians have been killed since the start of the upris-

The Syrians will switch from protests to armed revolt and call for protection before they let their dreams of democracy

founder on the clubs and guns of Syria's military forces.

When that moment comes, Obama should be ready to take the same steps he took in Libya. Already, diplomatic efforts should be underway to bring NATO members on board with a future intervention. NATO planners should be laying out a strategy With luck, the success in to neutralize Syrian air defenses Libya will put to rest the no- and work out the details of other

And though the U.S. amb dor to Syria recently had to leave the country for security reasons, the U.S. State Department should continue its conferencing with the Syrian opposition, both to keep close tabs on the mood of the resistance, as well as to plan for a post-Assad Syria.

One billion dollars is a cheap price to pay for the liberation of six million people. At that price, the United States could buy the freedom of the whole of the autocratic world with less than what Bush spent in Iraq alone. The president should be congratulated on his purchase, and sent back to the market to buy more.

Electoral college should be abolished

By MICHAEL VELDMAN THE TECH (MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)

A new poll from Gallup confirms once again the widespread support for amending the Constitution to provide for presidential election by popular vote.

For those unacquainted with the issue, in the United States, the president is not elected by direct popular vote. Rather, the framers of the Constitution saw fit to create a college of electors, appointed and regulated by their respective state legislatures, to choose the president by majority vote.

While the procedure for the selection of electors has been modified in the intervening 200 years — for example, electors are now nominated by state political parties and elected on Election Day — the gist is largely the same. Currently, allocate their electoral votes on a winner-take-all basis; only Maine and Nebraska delegate part of their votes on a district-by-district basis.

Gallup has been tracking the level of support for an amendment to establish direct presidential election since 1967, when they found that 58 percent would approve and only 22 percent would

Approval peaked in 1969 at 80 percent and has since leveled off to 62 percent according to their polling this year. In 1970, a popular resolution to amend the Constitution passed the House but died after a successful filibuster by small-state and Southern Senators.

The original logic behind the college is that the President is not elected to govern a people, but a federation of states, each with their own right to an equal place at

48 states and Washington D.C. the table. According to its modern proponents, it has a number of other benefits. For instance, it prevents candidates who are regionally popular in densely-populated areas but unknown elsewhere from

> Other touted advantages include its ability to negate factors like bad weather that affect voter the issue of candidates ignoring minority groups, since these groups often mean the difference between winning a majority of the statewide popular vote, and thus all of the electoral votes, and receiving no electoral votes at all.

And in the end, the college has had a pretty decent record of ensuring that the winner of the popular vote has won the general

However, many of these concerns are no longer valid, if they ever were. Ease of communication and travel make it an economical use of time to reach out to all corners of the country.

Members of several minority groups can testify to the fact that they have been, and continue to be, categorically ignored or even used with an electoral college system. And I don't think I have to remind people how even though it has failed to move the popular winner into the White House "only" four times, indirect election can still have disastrous consequences when it does fail.

Ultimately, none of these factors matter if we as a country wish to adhere to the principle of "one person, one vote."

Ironically, while small states are often considered to have the greatest interest in preserving the status quo, under the Electoral states may have the greatest voting power, or probability of casting the deciding vote. Some say the index used to

College system, citizens of larger

reach this conclusion, the Penrose-Banzhaf Power Index (BPI), may not be the most realistic way of modeling an election; the BPI assigns each voter a probability turnout within a state. It also skirts of one-half of voting for either by Gelman, Katz and Tuerlinckx at the Institute for Mathematical Statistics reveals that, while the relation between state population and voting power is not nearly as simple as the BPI-model suggests, one thing is clear: dividing voters into "coalitions," e.g. states, causes voting power to vary drastically.

The only way to ensure that each vote has the same power is a direct election. Conveniently, this system also maximizes the average

For many people, this is a nobrainer: we cannot simultaneously keep the Electoral College and claim to have democracy.

Unfortunately, widespread belief in the near-infallibility of the Founding Fathers is at least partly responsible for preventing progress. What people who hold on to this notion must realize is that the Framers had flaws: stunning hypocrisy and a belief in their superiority as rich, white men, for example.

While not infinitely so, many of them were indeed wise. Hence, foreseeing that social mores and technology would change, they granted their future countrymen the opportunity to amend the Constitution as needed. Let's take them up on that offer and move toward real democracy.

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Eastwood: A maverick who does politics his own way

The plot seemed familiar: A and dieting dogs. hotshot Hollywood filmmaker shills for a bailed-out car industry, yet another limousine liberal going to bat for big government.

"It's Halftime in America" Super Bowl spot was Clint Eastwood, who has made a habit out of confounding expectations in his work and his politics. He's a tough guy who makes antiviolence films, a fiscal conserstands on social issues.

Eastwood also is an opponent of government bailouts who just happened to appear in a commercial for a company that benefitted from government support.

nothing to do with his turn as pitchman for job growth and American resilience. But the ad the Academy Award-winning director who, at 81, shuns complacency and retirement (next up: directing Beyonce in a remake of "A Star is Born).

"It's a cliche, but he is an the movie choices he's made, the acting choices he's made," said Democratic ad-maker Bill Carrick. "He's a wonderful, unique voice, and this spot was a gutsy call."

The cinematic Super Bowl commercial, two minutes of Eastwood exhorting the nation to reclaim its spirit and tionally confused zealot who at work starring in a movie economic glory, was the star at his best. His acting trademarks — the determined squint, the quiet, life-roughened voice were even more effective amid

"This country can't be knocked out with one punch," Eastwood murmurs, urgently. "We get right back up again and when we do, the world's Except the star of Chrysler's gonna hear the roar of our owners. engines.

There are Oscar best-picture nominees out now with less dramatic punch. Eastwood, who's already given pop culture his fair share of hallmark moments (as police detective vative who takes left-leaning Dirty Harry, with gun trained on a robber: "You've got to ask yourself one question: 'Do I feel lucky?' Well, do ya, punk?"), helped create one that went beyond fiction and into the nation's economic struggle.

All that, and it threw the He's said that politics had right and left into a tizzy — no big deal for a guy who's used to upending expectations.

In movies, Eastwood has has turned up the spotlight on often played the unyielding tough guy who could turn vicious if pushed too far. As a filmmaker, he's poetically shown the anguish of conflict in works including the Western "Unforgiven," World War II American icon and he's often companion films "Flags of Our been ahead of the culture in Fathers" and "Letters from Iwo most troublingly obsessed with Jima," and the urban drama "Gran Torino."

> His portrait of J. Edgar Hoover in last year's "J. Edgar" took a measured view of the long-entrenched FBI chief, portraying him as an innovative crimefighter who became a dangerously powerful, emoabused his position.

> Eastwood's nuanced work hasn't stopped politicians from making use of his film image, including Harry's snappy, crim-

LOS ANGELES (AP) — an ad circus of talking babies inal-taunting lines. Colorado, which has a "Make My Day" law that allows homeowners to shoot intruders, is weighing a measure named "Make My Day Better" that would extend the legal protection to business

But toeing any party line is not his style. He's a pennypinching conservative who vigorously backs gay marriage and environmental protections. He supported GOP presidential contender John Mc-Cain in 2008 and can't recall voting to put a Democrat in the White House, but expressed admiration for California's Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown.

Then came the buzzedabout commercial, which drew millions of hits online after it aired for a record TV audience of 111-plus million viewers.

There was a quick reaction in political circles, with GOP strategist Karl Rove saying he was "offended" by the ad he called tantamount to spending tax dollars on corporate advertising, and White House senior adviser David Axelrod calling it "powerful."

"I think you have to be alpolitics to see it through that lens," said Republican strategist Mike Murphy. "It's not a political ad. It's the trivia we're talking about today because nothing else happened."

The ad and the tempest it created may have a limited shelf life. Eastwood, back with Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake, clearly has other business to think about - and we'll hear what he has to say, like it or not.

CHANGE FOR CHARITY



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreadon

GLORIA OGLETREE, A senior journalism major from El Paso, asks for spare change to "bail her out of jail" and support the Children's Miracle Network outside of the Student Union Building on Tuesday.

Debate ← **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

The topics mainly involve current events or foreign policy. The team not only has to speak and debate well, but they also have to know the current events and a lot of information to be able to argue their point.

Gantt said debaters are mainly judged on substance instead of style.

"That's not to say style is not important, but for the most part you can be a somewhat poor speaker," he said. "But if you know more, then you win the debate."

Lauran Schaefer, the president of the debate team, said she spends about seven to 10 hours a week doing debate team related activities.

She said the team will be doing about two practice rounds a week, participating in research days and will have a practice tournament where the team will debate each other.

Schaefer said the debate team has

taught her something she did not learn in the classroom.

"I just enjoy the separate type of education you get from debate," said the senior communication studies major from Sonora. "You learn how to defend yourself; you're constantly having to defend things that you don't necessarily agree with. I just like the plethora of knowledge you get from it."

Currently, Tech has the No. 1 debate team in the country.

The No. 1 team is made up of Adam Testerman and Joey Donaghy.

Testerman said he and Donaghy were happy to be named No. 1 in the "Well, we're definitely really, really

excited to have been ranked so high this late in the year, especially because there aren't that many tournaments left before nationals," said the senior communication studies major from Springfield, Mo. "It definitely was something we were very proud of, but it also gives us motivation because we know that it's possible that we can

make a really good run at nationals. So I think more than anything it just motivates us to work harder, so that we can perform well when it matters

He said while all the team members must still go to school and work at their respective jobs, they also have to dedicate some time to the debate team.

With all the information the members must research, Testerman said he stays up-to-date with current events.

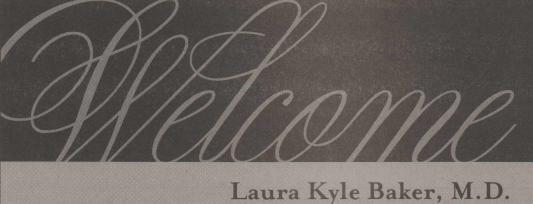
"You can't help but, with reading the news all the time, to be more aware of the world and what's going on in politics and in the international sphere and all of that different stuff," he said. "So it definitely makes me more aware, especially given that it's an election year.

"There's so much going on that it feels kind of empowering to have to know what's going on and all these people who are running for president are talking about it especially."

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Tech loses to K-State, 65-46

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — 3-pointers. It's not very often a coach wins a conference game by 19 points and begins his postgame radio show by apologizing to the fans "for a lack of focus and enthusiasm."

That was the case Tuesday night for Kansas State coach Frank Martin, whose Wildcats defeated Texas Tech 65-46 to favor. keep the Red Raiders winless in Big 12 play. The teams combined for 26 field goals, the lowest total in Bramlage Coliseum's 24-season

"After warmups, my assistants came in and warned me this might not be a very fun night," Martin said. "We had no emotion."

That's how it played out, even for Kansas State (17-6, 6-5). Pushed by Shane Southwell's 13 points and 10 each from Rodney McGruder and Will Spradling, the Wildcats led by 14 at the break and 25 midway through the second half.

But Texas Tech (7-16, 0-11), despite two droughts of more than eight minutes without a basket, was within 10 points in the game's final three minutes.

"It's frustrating," Southwell said. "We know we can play bet-

Luke Adams, a 5-foot-9 freshman who did not play in Texas Tech's first seven games, led all scorers with 15.

Kansas State made only six

"We got real stagnant," South-

Texas Tech went 8 minutes, 24 seconds between field goals, a stretch that lasted until Adams' backdoor layup with 3:48 remaining in the half. The basket made the score 20-13 in Kansas State's

Texas Tech coach Billy Gillispie said his team's offense was often halted before it even got

"We weren't able to get around their guards," he said.

The Wildcats ended the half on an 8-2 run to lead 31-17 at halftime despite shooting 6 of 26 (23.1 percent) from the floor. And it got worse for Texas Tech in the

The Wildcats pushed the lead to 42-20 on McGruder's 3-pointer with 14:15 to play. The Red Raiders did not make a second-half basket until Jave Crockett sank a baseline jumper with 10:11 remaining.

Gillispie said Tech's 22 turnovers were to blame.

"Just had too many," he said. "No matter the situation, we just kept turning the ball over."

Texas Tech did not make a 3-point shot until Adams hit one with 7:40 left in the game. The Red Raiders soon hit three more 3-pointers, two of them by Adams, to cap an 18-3 run that shots in the first half, four of them made it 50-40 Kansas State with

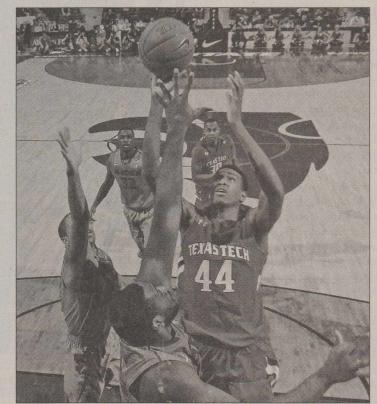


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TEXAS TECH'S JARON Nash shoots the ball over a K-State defender during the Red Raiders' 65-46 loss Tuesday in Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kan. The loss marks the 11th straight defeat for the Red Raiders, leaving them winless in Big 12 Conference play.

2:53 remaining.

Martin was forced to put Mc-Gruder, nursing a toe injury, back in the game.

"I didn't want to do it," Martin said. "But the frustrating part, as a coach, was the guy who didn't practice the last two days had the

Kansas State regrouped and pulled away, helped by it going 30 of 40 at the free-throw line.

Texas Tech tied its season low for points, matching an 81-46 loss against Kansas on Jan. 11. In three losses this season to teams from Kansas, Texas Tech has scored 46, 47 and 46 points.

RB Ricky Williams says he is retiring from NFL

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) - Ricky Williams is retiring from the NFL.

Again.

This time, however, it appears to be for good.

The 34-year-old Williams told the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday he won't be back to fulfill the second year of a contract he signed in August. Playing as a backup to Ray Rice this year, Williams ran for 444 yards and scored two touchdowns.

He also became the 26th player in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards rushing, reaching the plateau in the season finale at Cincinnati.

"The NFL has been an amazing page in this chapter of my life," Williams said. "I pray that all successive adventures offer me the same potential for growth, success and most importantly, fun. ... As for what's next, I am excited about all the opportunities ahead continuing my education, running The Ricky Williams Foundation and whatever other opportunities present themselves.'

Williams retired previously before the 2004 season when facing a four-game suspension for violating the league's drug policy. He returned in 2005, then left to spend the 2006 season with Toronto of the Canadian Football League.

After an outstanding college career at Texas, where he won the Heisman Trophy, Williams broke into the NFL in 1999 with the New Orleans Saints. Mike Ditka, then coach of the Saints, traded all the team's draft and first- and third-round picks in 2000 to pick Williams fifth overall.

Williams spent only three years with New Orleans, but during over 11 years in the league he had five 1,000-yard rushing seasons and finished with 10,009 yards on the

Williams led the NFL in 2002 with 1,853 yards rushing for the lone Pro Bowl invitation that season. He backed that up with 1,372 yards in 2003, giving him what remains the two most productive rushing seasons in Dolphins

Although Williams' last start was in 2009, he enjoyed coming off the bench for the Ravens.

"It's been interesting," he said in November. "It's been an adjustment for me, but I love the organization and I love my teammates so I'm having a good time. I'm enjoying myself. Anytime you play a team sport, the success of the team really makes everything better. It's nice."

Baltimore went 12-4 this season and lost to New England in the AFC championship game.

During that November interview, Williams was asked whether playing as a backup could possibly extend his career.

"At this point, my focus is just to finish my career strong," he said. "I'm not even thinking two or three years down the line. But one positive about not carrying the ball is my body does feel good."

Williams scored 73 touchdowns over his career, all but eight of them on the ground. His last score came on Dec. 4 against Cleveland.

"I have to thank coach (John) Harbaugh and the Ravens organization for the opportunity they gave me this year," Williams said. "I had so much fun and really appreciated the chance to finish on such a great note."

Williams fit in well with the Ravens and made a lasting impression on Rice, who led the NFL this season with 2,068 yards from scrimmage.

"I was a big fan of Ricky before we were teammates, but being around him this year is the best thing that happened to me in my NFL career," Rice said. "As a young player, you need to be around a guy who knows what he is doing, and Ricky was tremendous to learn from. The way he took care of his body and the way he prepared, he always showed that he is a true professional. This past season with him is a year I will never forget.

"I had the best year with him beside me, and that was no acci-Miami Dolphins and received his dent. I believe that Ricky Williams is a Hall of Famer. All that he has done in his career, he deserves that."

Harbaugh said during his time in Baltimore, Williams "made a valuable and lasting contribution. I especially enjoyed getting to know him as a person, and I have the utmost respect for him.

Rangers and Andrus agree to 3-year deal

FORT WORTH (AP) -Shortstop Elvis Andrus and the Texas Rangers have agreed to a three-year contract and avoided salary arbitration.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was pending a physical and hadn't been finalized.

The agreement came two days before a scheduled arbitration hearing.

The 23-year-old Andrus is a .271 career hitter with 102 stolen bases and has played at least 145

games in each of his three seasons for the Rangers. The new deal will take Andrus through his final three arbitration-eligible seasons.

Andrus hit a career-best .279 runs through the 2014 season. League pennant. He had asked games. for \$3.6 million in arbitration and was offered \$2.65 million for next season before agreeing to a multiyear deal with Texas.

> The Rangers still are in talks with catcher Mike Napoli and outfielder Nelson Cruz, who have salary arbitration hearings scheduled next week.

Cruz, whose eight postseason

homers last year included six in the AL championship series with a game-ending grand slam in Game 2, asked for \$7.5 million while the Rangers offered \$5.5 A person familiar with the with 37 stolen bases last year million. He made \$3.65 million deal told The Associated Press on when the Rangers won their last year, when he hit .263 with Tuesday night that the contract second consecutive American 29 homers and 87 RBIs in 124

> Napoli set career highs by hitting .320 with 30 homers and 75 RBIs in 113 games in his first season with Texas, when he made \$5.8 million after spending his first five seasons with the Los Angeles Angels. He asked for \$11.5 million, and Texas offered \$8.3 million.

Andrus was among several Double-A level.

key players the Rangers got from Atlanta in a July 2007 trade for Mark Teixeira after the switchhitting first baseman turned down a contract extension.

Hard-throwing closer Neftali Feliz, who is making the transition into the rotation this spring, and left-hander Matt Harrison (14-9, 3.39 ERA last season) were also part of that deal.

Andrus made his major league debut in the 2009 season opener after the Rangers moved five-time All-Star shortstop Michael Young to third base for the shortstop who was then only 20 years old and had never played above the

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Baylor gets top-10 rematch at home against Kansas

WACO (AP) — Baylor coach Scott Drew was talking about the challenge of facing Kansas again and what to do differently this time when Brittney Griner, the 6-foot-8 blocking phenom for the top-ranked Lady Bears, briefly walked into the room.

Somebody jokingly asked Drew if she might be his secret to countering Kansas forward Thomas Robinson.

The sixth-ranked Bears (21-2, 8-2 Big 12) have to figure out something..

Three weeks ago, Baylor couldn't stop the inside-outside combo of Robinson and Tyshawn Taylor, who combined for 55 points as seventh-ranked Kansas in more than six years — a span won by 18 points to end Baylor's perfect start.

Because of the Big 12's full round-robin schedule this season, Baylor gets a top 10 rematch at home Wednesday night. The winner takes a share of the Big 12 lead with fourth-ranked Missouri, which has already beaten them both.

"It's always good to get another shot," Bears senior post player Quincy Acy said.

Kansas (18-5, 8-2) is coming off a 74-71 loss at Missouri, and has lost two of its last three games. But the Jayhawks still haven't lost consecutive games of 227 games — and will try to extend that streak against the

"I'm not used to losing and don't like how it feels," said Taylor, the senior guard with 111 starts who matched career highs with 28 points and 10 field goals made in the first Baylor game. "I don't even know how to handle it sometimes. I don't know what I'm supposed to do, how I'm supposed to act. ... I don't like it. I'm sure my teammates feel the same way."

The 6-foot-10 Robinson, the only Big 12 player averaging a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds a game, had 27

points and matched his career best with 11 made field goals against Baylor.

"We learned how good of a team Kansas really is," Bears forward Quincy Miller said. "Thomas Robinson is a different kind of dude, man. He's super good. ... All parts of his games, he's exactly what you want in a power forward."

Robinson overpowered the Baylor front line with an array of rim-rattling dunks and shortrange jumpers, while Taylor hit four 3-pointers and had six assists in that game. Taylor has scored at least 15 points in eight consecu-



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Curry, Lady Raiders ready for OSU

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry said she feels like the Lady Raider basketball team is in prime position to make a push for a NCAA Tournaits games in February.

Tech travels to Stillwater, Okla., to take on Oklahoma ary, you're not going to have State tonight at Gallagher-Iba

middle of the pack in the Big right now because it's the 12 Conference standings and can start to move up with a win at Oklahoma State, Curry I think our kids understand

"It's obviously a great opportunity to separate yourself when you start looking," she said, "and you get your pencil

with who's playing who this week — things that we do as coaches. It certainly is an important game, and I think our kids understand that."

Teams trying to make the NCAA Tournament have to ment bid if the team can win play well in February, Curry

"If you don't play in Febru-March," she said. "And there is no one across the coun-The Lady Raiders are in the try that's in the tournament first week of February. That's where resumes are made and that. We've certainly tried to educate them February is important."

The Lady Raiders have to prepare for Oklahoma State's

out and start messing around depth and balance and the gers, Curry said. lineup will be different from the last time the two teams win is what I like the most," met in January, Curry said. Tech won the matchup 58-53.

> "They've changed their lineup," she said. "If you look" over the last four games, there's been a constant change. We know they've got great shooters and they're physical inside. They started (Toni) Young and (Lindsey) Keller and (Kendra) Suttles has been out with a stomach disorder. Again, you've got to prepare for the whole and not the some with Oklahoma State because they're so balanced."

Tech is coming off a 76-49 win against Missouri on

The team played well from start to finish against the Ti-

"I think the way we got the she said. "It was 40 good minutes from us and decisive, and when they would make a run we were able to counter. So I was pleased with how we won the game. Sometimes you win and you don't like the way you win, but I like the way we won."

Tech will build off its past success at Oklahoma State, Curry said.

"The bottom line is understanding the importance of going up there," she said. "We've had success up there - Kierra (Mallard) and IB (Jordan Barncastle) have, and we feel like we can draw from that experience as well."

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador MISSOURI GUARD SYDNEY Crafton looks around Texas Tech guard Christine Hyde while trying to pass the ball during the Lady Raiders' 76-49 victory against the Lady Tigers on Sunday in United Spirit Arena.

urges Feds to hand over Armstrong info

(AP) — The World Anti-Doping Agency on Tuesday urged U.S. federal authorities to quickly hand over evidence collected in their lengthy probe into seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong and doping in American cycling.

WADA president John Fahey said federal agencies in the United States gathered "significant evi-

LAUSANNE, Switzerland dence" in the criminal investigation of Armstrong tion that was abruptly closed last week with no charges filed and no explanation given.

Fahey said it would be "very, was handed over" to the U.S Anti-Doping Agency. That agency has said it will continue its own probe into doping in cycling.

last Friday, ending a nearly twoyear effort aimed at determining whether the world's most famous cyclist and his teammates joined in very helpful if that information a doping program during his most successful years.

evidence taken on anti-doping areas, on what may have occurred Federal prosecutors dropped in the way of doping. It would be

very, very helpful if that information was handed over," Fahey said of the U.S. probe that was led by federal agent Jeff Novitzky, who also investigated baseball players Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens.

"The United States anti-doping 'There has been significant organization is keen to get hold of that evidence and we would like to see that happen because there could well be some very relevant

information there," Fahey said.

WADA's director general, David Howman, noted that U.S. federal agencies previously shared evidence gathered in their probe of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution ring that brought down American sprinter Marion Jones and others.

He said WADA anticipates that evidence from the Armstrong

probe "will be shared in the same way" and expressed hope that could be done in the six months before the London Olympics open

"It is important that that happen as quickly as possible, just in case there are athletes who might be looking at going to London and where there is evidence in relation to them," he said.

Hamilton visits alcohol relapse

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) ted relapse with alcoholeanener

General manager Jon Daniels says Hamilton was accompanied to New York on Monday by Shayne Kelley, the team's newly hired major league staff assistant whose job will include being in a support role

Daniels, speaking Tuesday night before an appearance during the team's winter caravan, said he has not yet gotten a report from the doctors regarding their evaluation. But Daniels says any discipline by the team against Hamilton was unlikely after the outfielder and recovering drug addict had several drinks last week while

earlier Tuesday.

MLB docs after

- Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton has been to New York to visit with doctors for Major League Baseball and the players' association following his admit-

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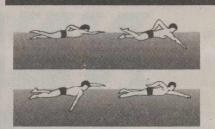


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