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Attorney in Leach case working pro bono

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Dicky Grigg Texas Tech Attorney By CAROLINE COURTNEY STAFF WRITER

After more than two years of battling in the courts concerning former head football coach Mike Leach's lawsuit, Texas Tech's attorney, Dicky Grigg, acknowledged he is working for the university pro bono, meaning he has worked for two years without receiving any money from Tech.

Grigg played football for Tech and said he took the case pro bono because he felt it was an opportunity to give back

to the university that gave him so much.

"I'm happy to do it and I would do it again," Grigg said. "I got a good education at Tech and football opened a lot of doors for me.'



While Grigg, an Austin attorney, took on the majority of the original briefs

and depositions, he said attorneys in the Texas Attorney General's office, including Lynn Carter, Sean Jordan and Daniel Perkins, did the lion's share of the work on the appeal.

The Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo denied all of Leach's appeals from the Lubbock County District Court's decision — except one. The appellate court let stand Leach's request for a declaratory judgment that his constitutional rights, under due course of law, had been violated when he was fired. However, under Tech's sovereign immunity, Leach and his legal team cannot receive any money if they win their suit.

There is no relief or remedy of any other kind that the district court can award him either. The only remedies would be money, which is prohibited by the appellate court decision, or a job, which is now out of the question since Leach has taken the head coaching position at Washington State University.

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Texas Tech head coach accused of investment fraud

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VIC HAYSLIP

TOMMY TUBERVILLE'S

ATTORNEY

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville has been sued in federal court, accused of defrauding investors out of more than \$1.7 million in Alabama following his tenure at Auburn.

A federal lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Montgomery, Ala., names Tuberville, John David Stroud and eight investment entities as defendants, claiming the two men "employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud" seven plaintiffs from Arkansas, Alabama and

The lawsuit said Tuberville and

Stroud misappropriated assets, and falsified client statements and fund performance reports as they "unjustly enriched themselves" at the expense of the attributed to him investors.

Tuberville, who spent two seasons away from coaching after leaving Auburn in 2008, released a statement

through his attorney, Vic Hayslip of Birmingham, Ala. Tuberville was "surprised" at the lawsuit and has never even met or spoken with most of the plaintiffs, the statement reads.

"He categorically denies any wrongdoing which has been attributed to him in this suit," Hayslip's statement says. "Coach Tuberville absolutely never solicited any investment from any of these or other individuals.'

The statement also said Tuberville invested significant funds and has not gotten any return. He intends to defend the allegations against him and is confident he'll be exonerated, the statement says.

A woman who answered the phone at Stroud's home in Auburn said he wasn't there and she didn't know how he could be reached. Plaintiffs' attorneys declined comment Tuesday.

Tuberville and Texas Tech agreed to a five-year, \$11 million contract after last season that included a \$500,000-a-

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, said Tuberville told Baron Lowe and Glen Williams in late September that all of the investors' funds would be returned to them, and that Stroud indicated that they'd get their money back before Oct. 7, 2011. Most of them have requested return

of their money in writing but haven't been repaid, the suit said.

> The suit contends that Tuberville and Stroud "intentionally or recklessly made untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts ... to induce plaintiffs to purchase interests in the hedge fund or funds operated and managed by defendants."

Tuberville and Stroud cofounded TS Capital Management, according to the suit, which

said Tuberville was "responsible for the investment direction, capital raising, and the day-to-day oversight of business decisions of TSCM." Tuberville and Stroud, who were

described as equal partners in the firm, didn't file federal or state income tax returns in a timely fashion and weren't registered to do business in Alabama, according to the suit. The suit said that John and Priscilla

Abrams of Wetumpka, Ala., invested more than \$745,000 and that Baron and Melanie Lowe put more than \$532,000 into the funds, including the college accounts of their two children worth some

Debra Clark of Lake Village, Ark., (\$284,345), Fredrick Williams (\$120,005) and Kristy Williams (\$18,921) of Auburn are the other defendants.



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/ The Daily Toreador

DIEGO TORRES, A senior mechanical engineering major from Lima, Peru, performs a wall flip during practice for the student organization Lubbock Parkour on Thursday outside of the Civil and Environmental Engineering building.

Student parkour group stays safe during extremes

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Parkour is a training method which has not exactly hit mainstream audiences in the United States.

Texas Tech's parkour organization does not encourage the flashy shows that get thousands of YouTube hits, but they do not shy away from it either.

Matthew Webster, a sophomore computer science major from Keller, said parkour was founded by choreographer David Belle and has foreign origins.

"Parkour is a French discipline — it originated in France," he said. "There are numerous influences, but it was founded by David Belle."

Webster said he thinks training in parkour helps people to be safer in dangerous situations.

"Safety is kind of a funny issue," he said. "We actually practice parkour to enhance our safety techniques. If I ever had to jump out of a second story window, I could do this and feel comfortable about it because I've practiced it."

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TechBriefly

Marine Corps general to speak at law school

Brig. Gen. Tom Draude will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Texas Tech School of Law in the Lanier Auditorium.

Draude, president and chief executive officer of the Marine Corps University Foundation, served in the U.S. Marine Corps for more than 30 years and served in three tours of Vietnam.

Draude also received two Distinguished Service medals and 10 personal awards for combat, including the Purple Heart and two Silver Stars.

The event is hosted through the Texas Tech Vietnam Center and Archive, to further education about the Vietnam War's lasting impact on culture, politics and society.

Chess Grandmaster wins championship

Chess Grandmaster Georg Meier, a freshman finance major from Germany, won the United States g/15 Open Championship at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque with a perfect score Sunday.

Meier is co-captain of Tech's Knight Raiders A-team, under the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence.

Meier and the rest of the chess team will defend its national title at the Final Four competition from March 30 - April 1 in Washington, D.C.

Philosophy of Art specialist to visit Tech

Sherri Irvin, an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Oklahoma, will speak in the Texas Tech Human Sciences building about aesthetics and the philosophy

Irvin, hosted by Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art, will present "Making Contemporary Art: Fabrication and Negotiation" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in room 169 of the Human Sciences building.

Irvin will argue how making contemporary works of art are not just fabricating objects. She will discuss how the hybrid process of fabrication and negotiation between curators and conservators shapes artwork.

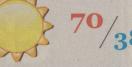
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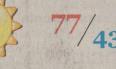


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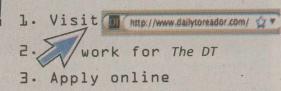
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Skinny Clothes Challenge: Feed Your Body and Soul Week

Time: All day Where: Various locations So what is it?

Practice body acceptance and donate your skinny clothes in various locations around campus. Donations go to Women's Protective Services.

Free Car Clinic

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Commuter West C17 Parking Lot, TTU Parkway and Indiana

So, what is it? Receive a number of services before you leave for spring break with Scott's Car Care, the Student Government Association, Student Health Services, Broadway Bikes, Bike Tech, the Injury Prevention Coalition and University Parking Services.

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

So, what is it? Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against the Sooners. This will be Tech's final home game of the season, and also a night to honor the seniors in their last home game.

Rossita Jekova Goza and Ani Gogova Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Legacy, Great Hall So, what is it? Enjoy a violin and piano performance at this guest artist recital.

Graduate Brass Quintet Time: 8 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Enjoy a performance from this graduate brass quintet.

THURSDAY

Senior Studio BFA Group Exhibition Time: All Day Where: School of Art So, what is it? Enjoy the artwork from 34 graduating art majors.

Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs.

Time: 3 p.m. Where: McLeod Tennis Center So, what is it? Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against the Bears.

PreLaw March Roundtable: "Mock First Year Law School Class"

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: School of Law So, what is it? Learn first-hand what it would be like to be a law school student by sitting in on a mock class led by

professor Richard Rosen with the

Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Lanier Auditorium So, what is it?

Texas Tech School of Law.

The Vietnam Center and Srchive present the president and chief executive officer of the Marine Corps University Foundation, General Tom Draude.

Concert Band Concert Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 pm Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Enjoy this concert band performance presented by the School of Music.

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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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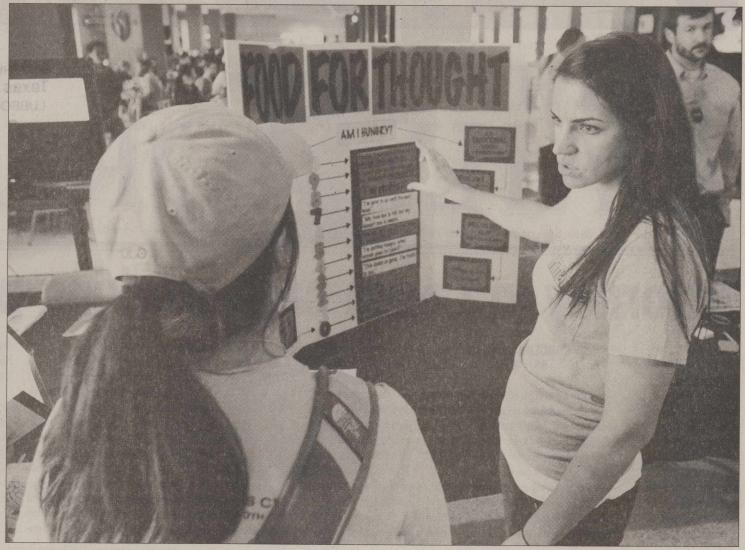


PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

EMMY TRAMMELL, A natural sciences doctoral student from Lindsay, talks to Gabriella Moreno, a senior early-childhood education major from Abernathy, about feeling hungry at the Feed Your Body Fair as a part of Feed Your Body and Soul Week in the Student Union Building on Tuesday.

Grigg

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Even if Leach were granted a declaratory judgment from the 99th District Court in Lubbock, there will be no attorneys fees awarded, said Ted Liggett, Leach's lawyer. Leach could still pay Liggett himself from the millions he made coaching the Tech football team for ten seasons, but Liggett refused to discuss his attorneyclient fee relationship.

Liggett said the only relief or remedy the attorneys seek is for Leach's good name to be cleared. But he acknowledged this was not a defamation action.

"We've been denied our ability to seek compensation and obviously (Leach) doesn't want the job back," Liggett said. "So the remedy is a judgecoming forth in a declaration issued by the state district judge saying his due process rights are violated. That's it - a declaration."

The declaration Leach is willing to fight for, without the promise of a payoff, is that he was not given 10 days notice before he was fired. This argu-

ment — what, Liggett said, was a due process claim — is the only argument the Texas Supreme Court will allow Leach to pursue. The Texas Supreme Court previously denied both Leach's and Tech's petitions for review of the Seventh Court of Appeals' decision.

When asked if there were other ways in which Leach's due process rights were violated, Liggett said he was not ready to discuss these issues yet, but will in the future.

Victor Mellinger, the deputy general counsel for Tech who worked on the Leach case since its inception, said the claim that Leach was not given 10 days notice is not a due process argument. He said it is a breach of contract argument, which the appellate court has already ruled Leach is not allowed to pursue.

There is no written rule or operating policy which states an employee of the university must be given 10 days notice before being fired, Mellinger said. The 10-day rule appeared in Leach's contract and, he said, that is the reason Leach's argument against Tech in the district court is a breach-of-contract claim and not a due process claim.

wasn't given notice or an opportunity to be heard," Mellinger said. "The 10-day rule — he may think that's a due process question — but it is not."

Mellinger said Leach had "far more opportunities to be heard than anybody could think is necessary." He said Leach had discussions with chancellor Kent Hance, Tech attorney Charlotte Bingham, who investigated the case internally, former athletic director Gerald Meyers and Tech president

Furthermore, Tech attorney Grigg said, the 10 days in Leach's contract is nullified if Leach's action causing him to be fired cannot be rectified.

"Say Leach charged alcoholic beverages to his university account," Grigg said, using a hypothetical situation to explain why Leach was not owed 10 days. "They could say you can't charge alcohol to your university account so you need to pay us \$45 within 10 days. But what he did with Adam James is something that couldn't be corrected and he refused to do anything anyway."

Leach is alleged by Tech to have locked former football player James in a dark closet as punishment for hav-

"A due process argument is that he ing suffered a concussion. Leach was subsequently suspended from coaching the upcoming bowl game and was then fired after he sued Tech and refused to sign a letter of acknowledgment of his responsibilities. Leach was fired one day before he was to receive an \$800,000 bonus from Tech.

Liggett said Leach still plans on seeking a declaratory judgment in the case against Tech, which is in the 99th District Court, along with Leach's case against former ESPN analyst and current United States Senate candidate Craig James, Adam James' father. Craig James said he complained to Tech about Leach's actions against his son, calling Leach a "bully."

Liggett said he hopes to consolidate these cases with the cases against James' public relations firm, Spaeth Communications of Dallas, and ESPN, which are in the 72nd District Court in Lubbock.

Although the final decision is up to the judge on whether the cases can be consolidated, or even tried, and when the cases can be scheduled, Liggett said, he expects them to be scheduled for this fall.

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POLICE BLOT

Officers investigate traffic accident, injury

Services.

Monday

7:25 p.m. — A Texas Tech officer documented a medical emergency in Hulen Residence Hall. A student slipped and cut his head on a desk. The student was transported to University Medical Center Emergency

Room by Emergency Medical

Tuesday

12:07 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, from striking an unattended vehicle in the C11 parking lot.

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7 accused of bilking \$375M from Medicare, Medicaid

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas doctor is accused of running a massive health fraud care scheme with thousands of fraudulent patients and intermediaries

offering cash, food stamps or free groceries, to bilk Medicare and Medicaid of nearly \$375 million, authorities said Tuesday.

The federal indictment unsealed Tuesday charges Jacques Roy, a doctor who owned Medistat Group Associates in DeSoto, Texas, and six others in an alleged scheme to bill Medicare for home health services that were not properly billed, not medically necessary or not done.

The scheme was the largest dollar amount by a single doctor uncovered by a task force on Medicare fraud, authorities said.

U.S. Attorney Sarah Saldana ac-

home health agencies that rounded up thousands of patients' names and billed Medicare and Medicaid for five years.

The indictment alleged that from January 2006 through November 2011, Roy or others certified 11,000 Medicare beneficiaries for more than 500 home health service agencies more patients than any other medical practice in the U.S. More than 75 of those agencies have had their Medicare payments suspended.

Roy, 54, is charged with several counts of health care fraud and conspiracy to commit health care fraud. He faces up to 100 years in prison if convicted on all counts. He appeared briefly in court Tuesday and is scheduled to have a detention hearing Wednesday. Authorities also moved to

cused Roy of "selling his signature" to seize cash in Roy's bank accounts, cars and two sailboats.

> His attorney, Patrick McLain, said authorities had contacted Roy months ago. McLain said it was too soon to comment on the case because prosecutors hadn't provided him with most of the evidence yet. Phone messages and emails left with Medistat, located just

south of Dallas, were not immediately

returned Tuesday.

The attorney for one of the home health agency owners, Cynthia Stiger, alleged to be part of the scheme called the charges and the dollar amounts listed overblown. Stiger pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

"They're not anywhere close to accurate," said Jeffrey Grass, Stiger's attorney.

Investigators for the U.S. Health she said.

and Human Services department noticed irregularities with Roy's practice about one year ago, officials said.

Roy had "recruiters" finding people to bill for home health services, said Saldana, the top federal prosecutor in Dallas. Some of those alleged patients, when approached by investigators, were found working on their cars and clearly not in need of home healthcare,

Medicare patients qualify for home health care if they are confined to their homes and need care there, according to the indictment.

Saldana said Roy used the home health agencies as "his soldiers on the ground to go door to door to recruit Medicare beneficiaries."

"He was selling his signature,"

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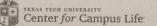
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Tech student works to become Texas country star

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

He plans to follow in the footsteps of Josh Abbott, Pat Green and Cory Morrow: To go from being a student who graduated from Texas Tech to a Texas country music star.

Tech student Haden Burchard will continue strumming and singing to ensure this path because he believes it is his purpose.

"I know for a fact that this is what I'm here to do," he said. "When I graduate, I'm going to give it 100 percent and try to be as professional as I can, and hit the road and play as much as I possibly can. It's a never-ending journey for me."

Burchard, a senior communication studies major from San Angelo, said he has always loved music and began writing some of his own songs in high school. His said his passion for music only

increased in college. "Whenever I got to college it was

natural," he said. "I was like, 'Hey, let's start a band.' It's what I knew I wanted to do when I got here."

His freshman year, Burchard said, he began singing and playing acoustic music back home and then started playing in the depot district. He said he was then joined by a lead guitarist, and found a

minutes by posting flyers in Wall/Gates Residence Halls.

Hayden Faram, the bass guitarist for Burchard and a senior advertising major from Dallas, said he joined Burchard the second semester of his freshman year and enjoys playing music and having fun being in the band.

"I like traveling and playing music in different towns and getting to experience different parts of Texas," he said.

Together, Burchard and his band began rehearsing and playing in a little studio space in the depot.

Burchard said he released his first CD last October entitled "Wrapped Up," in which he wrote every song. He said he has written countless songs and hundreds of half songs that he blames on his attention deficit disorder.

Writing songs, which he has done nonstop for four years, Burchard said, is a way for him to express his thoughts.

"It really lets me tell the stories in my head and the kind of songs that make people happy," he said. "I feel like I can't really say that kind of stuff, but when I put a pen to a piece of paper and have a guitar in my hand playing it, I can turn those stories into reality. It's cool for me to be able to reflect onto a pen and paper."

Burchard's favorite song on his CD is stage, I sang the entire 'Wear My Ring'

drummer and bass guitar player within 45 "Song for Everyone," because he aims to song because his throat was going bad." please his audience with his lyrics.

"Literally, my goal whenever we play shows, as a musician, is everyone who is in the bar or venue that night — my goal is to, by the time they leave that night, that I will have sang a song and my band will have played a song at least touched or got to one person," he said.

Burchard said one of the reasons he pursues a career in music is to attract

"One of my buddies sat down at a piano when we were in, like, ninth grade and this girl he had a crush on went crazy because he could play a piano and sing and I was like, 'I could do that," he said. "So, I learned how to play guitar and sing."

Burchard said when he plays for girls, all the guys follow them and it makes for a larger crowd.

Burchard and his band have played all across Texas. He said they play in West Texas most frequently. He has played with an abundance of artists including Kyle Park, Bart Crow, Eli Young Band and Josh Abbott. His said his dream is to perform with Pat Green, who he looks up to because of his roots

"When I played with Bart Crow on

Burchard said he is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and plays for fraternity and sorority events as well as Greek Wide. In fact, he said, one of his favorite shows he has played was at his fraternity's tailgate.

Luke Cotton, a sophomore energy commerce major from League City, is one of Burchard's fraternity brothers and became an instant fan after listening to him play at their tailgates and other events. Now, Cotton said, he attends every show he can.

"The music really caught on to me," he said. "Pretty much everywhere I go I throw his music on and everyone loves it and I tell everyone to check it out on iTunes."

Burchard's next show in Lubbock is scheduled for April 14 at the Relay

As he continues to perform and excel in the music industry, Burchard receives heartfelt support from Cotton, who said he would remain one of Burchard's biggest fans.

"I really hope it works out for him and he blows up," Cotton said, "because he definitely has the potential to be the next Josh Abbott or Pat Green to come out of Tech."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF HADEN BURCHARD

HADEN BURCHARD, A senior communications studies major from San Angelo, is the lead singer of his own band, which he started his freshman year at Tech.

ibility."

Community for Ethical Business works to negate immoral stereotype

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

While the nation's economists struggle to deal with events like the housing bubble and bankruptcy of companies like the Enron Corporation, Texas Tech student Shaun Mardones has come up with a grassroots campaign to prevent such scandals.

The senior marketing and accounting major from Sanger founded the Community for a series of videos with students Ethical Business to combat the and professionals stating their idea that business people are personal codes of ethics. entirely immoral.

"Business and ethics, unfortunately, do not always go hand in hand," said the group vice president James Haire, a senior business management major from Tyler.

While many other schools have classes in business, Marfirst-ever undergraduate ethics based on the ethical side of busiorganization.

"We feel pretty ahead of the curve," he said.

The organization grew out of an idea Mardones had last summer. He noticed all of the corruption in business and recognized how other professions — like doctors and lawyers had ethics codes, but business does not.

At first, he wanted to create

"It's a neat way to get students involved and to really think about ethics," said Justin Louder, the group's faculty adviser, "and, hopefully, to go beyond Tech." Mardones said when he ap-

proached the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business faculty with his idea, he was encouraged dones said, this would be the to create a whole organization

ness. While Tech does offer a few classes in ethics, Mardones said, there is no comparison in the business school, especially when universities like Harvard offer various business ethics courses.

Still, even with these courses, the universities produce corrupt business people, he said. Members of CEB hope to fill this gap and get students interested in ethics outside of the classroom.

As the administrator for the TTU Ethics Center, Louder said, the new group fits perfectly with Tech's overall mission statement, in that it aims to produce ethical

In the professional world, Haire said, it is vital to present oneself as ethical in order to get. a job and to continue in a career. Having a tangible line on a resume showing a student's interest in ethics can go a long way.

"It shows the true character of be encouraged to keep up with across the religious spectrum create change, rather than waiting for society to act."

CEB hopes to showcase all of the value in ethics, Mardones said, and it will highlight the many opportunities in a growing field. Many companies now have divisions dedicated to corporate

Tech students," Mardones said. ethical issues in the world and "It shows the students' drive to will learn to react in tough situations, Haire said:

> Ultimately, he said, it is a good way to mark a student as

Many religious organizations exist, Haire said, but they might not get the point across or be as universally accepted once a student is in the job market.

meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 11 of the College of Business Administration building.

agree on," he said. "To associate

oneself with that gives cred-

Business is open to students of

all majors, especially those going

into careers in business. The

group will host its first official

The Community for Ethical

>>> hdavis@dailytoreador.com "Ethics are values that people

Texas district embarks on widespread iPad program

McALLEN (AP) — A Texas the district began preparing more during the Renaissance were demschool district is trying to close its than a year ago on incorporatdigital divide by distributing thousands of Apple tablet computers in a move that could make it the largest iPads program for students

in the nation. McAllen Independent School District in the southern part of the state began distributing 6,800 devices this week — mostly the iPad tablet computers, but also hundreds of iPod Touch devices for its youngest students.

By this time next year, the district says every one of its more than 25,000 students in grades K-12 will receive an iPad or iPod Touch. The district believes it's the largest to try for complete coverage and while Apple would not confirm that, other districts the company noted as having made large investments have not made ones as big as McAllen's.

Educational use of the tablet computers is so new that there's little evidence available on their impact. Superintendent James Ponce said the district wanted to change the classroom culture, making it more interactive and creative and decided Apple's devices — even at \$500 retail for an iPad2 — were the best investment.

"We're just choosing to invest differently going forward," Ponce said.

The district's typical classroom is outfitted with three computers for students and one for the teacher. Going forward those technology investments will be supplanted by the iPads. For now, McAllen's iPads don't carry its textbooks, but eventually they will and at much lower cost than the hard copies that can cost \$200 apiece.

ing the devices into their lessons. Recently, more instructors have started studying the devices. Teachers already training will see their students receive the first wave of devices. About two-thirds of McAllen

students were characterized as economically disadvantaged in 2010, the most recent data available according to the district. The median household income in McAllen, a city on the U.S.-Mexico border near the southern tip of Texas, was about \$41,000 in 2010. School board president Sam

Saldivar Jr. said the \$20.5 million investment in the technology aims at "equity."

'We know that when they do achieve and are successful they are going to be generationally impacting their families and this community," Saldivar said.

Stacey Banks, a social studies teacher at McAllen Memorial High School, helped the district shape its program. She said textbooks for her class were 12 years old and she hadn't used them in the past five years, choosing to cobble together her own lessons instead with hopes of collaborating with colleagues to build electronic textbooks.

"It's given us a great opportunity to hone our skills as teachers and change our paradigm a little bit about what our classrooms look like and how we approach learning," Banks said of the iPads program. "That excitement has definitely migrated to the kids."

Sophomores in her class pulled up art images Monday on their iPads. Banks asked them to find A small group of teachers in out how changes taking place

onstrated in art from the period.

"It's actually a really good technology," said 15-year-old Christian Hernandez, gently polishing the screen with the cuff of his sweat-

He had never used an iPad before last week when he and other students got a sneak preview. After spending some time with it over the weekend, Hernandez was using the note-taking application and others with ease.

The district installed tracking software on the iPads so they won't go missing and their Internet connections will still be through the school district's filter, meaning students won't be able to access any sites that they'd be restricted from in school. Parents have to pay a \$40 refundable deposit in two payments and can receive help with paying.

Zeeland Public Schools in Michigan gave 1,800 iPads to all of its high school students last fall and hopes to eventually cover every student in grades 3-12. Chicago Public Schools bought about 10,000 iPads and some individual schools in the district have bought more using discretionary funds, but it's far from districtwide.

Hundreds of other districts are experimenting with iPads in individual schools or grades.

Carmen Garcia, director of instructional technology for the McAllen district in Texas, said past technology investments only benefited the students when they were at school. But with the iPads, students and their families will be able to use the technology at

"It's about transforming learning," Garcia said. "It's really not about the device."

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Tier one should not be ultimate goal

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s our university begins to grow and gain acclamations nationwide, it behooves me to worry about the path Texas Tech has started down.

While enrollment steadily increases and we inch closer toward Tier-one status, we must take a step back and admire where we have come from as an institution and as a community.

It was not until 1964 that Texas Tech earned the title "University," which is extremely young compared to other schools in this state and, no less, the nation. My parents attended Texas Tech in the late 1970s and fell in love with everything the school and west Texas had to offer.

Naturally, I have been a passionate Red Raider since the day I was born.

There have been certain tendencies I have noticed throughout the years where our university consistently struggles, and also areas where it has enjoyed

For instance, the annual rankings released by U.S. News

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and World Report have actually shown a steady decline in Texas Tech's performance. However, our reputation for producing quality graduates, in state and nationwide, has gained recognition by the Wall Street Journal and other publications.

Personally, I believe the greatest attribute of Tech is the treatment and focus on its "average" students. Some may claim Tech is a fairly large school, yet more often than not I feel like I am more than just a number. This is what concerns me when I hear our administration speak of raising enrollment and putting more emphasis on research.

The focus this past decade for Texas Tech has clearly been to increase the student body and achieve tier-one status, as well as boost our endowment and begin to work toward becoming an As- El Paso and University of North by 2020 will cost the school sociation of American Universities establishment.

My question for the administration and for our board of regents is this: Will our focus on these achievements neglect the average student who chose this university for reasons other than not become eligible immedirankings and merit?

Recently, The Texas Tribune released a story announcing Texas Tech and the University of Houston as having met "tier-one eligibility requirements" and could begin receiving

this fall. The universities that were also in competition for the National Research University Fund funding were Texas State University, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at

Texas. Every single one of these schools listed has set new records for enrollment and, in certain contexts, could be considered as "commuter" schools.

Furthermore, it is expected that if these listed schools do ately for NRUF funding, it is not too far off

> in the future. I would urge our administration to recognize this "achievement" will lose its legitimacy when these other universities earn tierone status. While the

label of tier funding for research as soon as one may seem like a positive step for Texas Tech, I believe it causes the focus of our university to shift away from the foundations that have made Tech a special and unique place for thousands

> of students and alumni. The quest for 40,000 students

enormous amounts of money to accommodate such an enrollment. Also, the admissions requirements will have to remain stagnate, though the past few years University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M have raised their standards. If not careful, our reputation could actually plummet to that of the aforementioned "commuter" schools.

As for attaining AAU membership, it is evident more than half of the universities that are AAU members have enrollments of 20,000 students or less. It would be nice to take quality over quantity in terms of freshmen classes, but to get to 40,000 students would be impossible within the next 10 years.

Our youth as a university should be the main reason to abstain from rapid growth and an immediate desire for new accomplishments.

The average student may never even see the benefits attending a tier-one university. According to the issue of The Texas Tribune mentioned above, the requirements to be considered for tier one are a "\$400 million endowment, 200 PhDs awarded annually, high achieving freshman class, high quality faculty, membership in a national honors society and a commitment to graduate research."

As you can see, only one of these requirements involves undergraduate students, who outnumber graduate students

My desire is that administration realizes its obligation to thousands of undergraduate students who love Texas Tech and the sense of identity and exclusiveness felt within this community.

I am in no way against the progression of our beloved institution, but if it comes at the cost of losing respect for our average student just to gain a few accolades, then I deem our journey toward tier one as disreputable.

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early education

started playing the violin in the second grade Land began playing the French horn in the sixth grade. I continued to play both until I graduated high school in 2010 and subsequently stopped playing the French horn.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed band and my brief yearlong to individuals for their careers, experience in theater, I could I think what people forget is the never listen to someone refer to band as an "extracurricular" without wincing a little.

The term "extracurricular" is used to describe any activity falling outside the normal school curriculum. Your typical public school curriculum will include subjects like sciences, mathematics and history. However, if there is one thing I have learned during my time involved in the fine arts, it's that they should be considered anything but "extracurricular."

Music and other arts are critical to not only the economic success, but also the cultural success of a society.

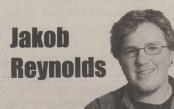
When most people write or speak about the importance of the arts to a society, they like to point out the quantitative benefits of emphasizing the arts in education. For example, a series of studies conducted from 2006-2010 by the College Entrance Examination Board showed students involved in the fine arts scored 11-13 percent higher on the SAT than their counterparts who were not involved in the arts.

A report issued in 2008 by the Dana Foundation, a philanthropic organization that supports brain research, showed "interest in a performing art leads to a high state of motivation that produces the sustained attention necessary to improve performance... in other domains of cognition."

The report also included a study showing a correlation between formal musical training and spatial reasoning skills.

Furthermore, many industry leaders have also been known to comment on their preference for hiring artistically trained applicants because of their tendency to think more creatively, work better with teams and show stronger discipline. Therefore, including an emphasis on the arts in the core curriculum of schools holds great economic potential.

However, while it may be true there are numerous benefits to



emphasizing training in the arts arts are much more important when you consider their role in our culture.

Music, art, dance, poetry and theater are all important mediums through which a civilization can immortalize its ideas, beliefs, values and even its history.

In fact, the arts sometimes provide us with the only historical accounts of some societies. Cave paintings and sculptures have been excavated dating back to the Paleolithic era. The arts of non-literate or semi-literate civilizations have carried important aspects of their culture, through the centuries, which otherwise would not have survived.

In a time when everyone is trying to place the utmost importance on science and mathematics in our education and careers, it is sometimes easy to forget that although mathematic and scientific breakthroughs are important to a civilization's history, their cultural feats are going to be even better remem-

This has been demonstrated in any history or literature class you've taken, most of which have at least touched on the art, poetry, or literary works of the time period being covered.

Indeed, Homer, Shakespeare, Beethoven, Mozart, Picasso and their works are all household names even centuries after their lifetimes. When future generations look back on our civilization, they may judge us by our technological innovations or our scientific achievements, but what they will really judge us by is what we did to contribute to the cultural heritage of

The education of the arts is therefore crucial to not only the economic prosperity of our society but also to the survival of our cultural identity and should be treated as such.

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Arts integral in Counting delegates in GOP primary

By ELIAS J. GROLL HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD U.)

In a Republican nominating contest that has been marked by fiery debate performances, Tuesday's debate, the twentieth and final such event, underwhelmed.

No candidate delivered a memorable performance, and the debate lacked the fire that helped resuscitate some campaigns—think Newt Gingrich in South Carolina, for example—or flubs that sank others think Rick Perry's "oops" moment.

With the floodgates opened on o-called super PAC spending, this nominating cycle has seen an unusual level of menacing attack ads. But the unprecedented number of debates has offered voters an important chance to view their candidates in a (relatively) unscripted situation.

Voters have responded in kind, and this year's debates have received record ratings. So in a race that was supposed to be Mitt Romney's for the taking, the debates have offered a leveling effect and have contributed to the race's longevity.

Newt Gingrich's fiery debate performances in South Carolina, for example, were widely credited with his victory in that state, which played no small part in helping his candidacy limp forward.

So if the Republican debates have helped define the race, what impact does Tuesday's debate have on the remainder of the contest?

Most observers have argued that Romney has the momentum going into next Tuesday's primaries in Arizona and Michigan, but this week's debate occurred against the backdrop of a national surge by Rick Santorum, who now has a slim lead in national polls. But Santorum failed to deliver a knock out blow on Tuesday, offering a convoluted response on Congressional ear marks and a rigmarole explanation of why he had chosen to endorse Arlen Spector over Patrick J. Toomey, Sr., his conservative rival, in

state of Pennsylvania.

Romney, meanwhile, acquitted himself just well enough and offered a disciplined performance that saw him deliver a few effective jabs at Santorum over his Congressional voting record.

To Santorum's chagrin, Ron Paul continued to play the part of Romney's unlikely attack dog. Paul delivered the night's most memorable line when asked by CNN's John King why he had chosen to air an ad describing Santorum as a fake. "Because he is a fake," Paul

On a set that resembled a set of school desks, Paul looked like the class prankster who had just made a fool of in Iran, bringing up the historical back

got the entire class to laugh along with him. The only thing missing from Santorum's embarrassed teacher get-up was his sweater vest. Paul continued to play that role throughout the evening, and Santorum could do little but look on in astonishment as the boyish Con-

stitutionalist ran circles around him. The issues discussed in Tuesday's debate, however, did little to set up the Republican candidates for the upcoming contests. The economic portion of Tuesday's debate was dominated by a discussion over the federal deficit. Jobs seemed to take a backseat as the candidates bickered over one another's

budget-cutting credentials. That did not do the candidates any favors as they head into contests in Michigan and Arizona on Tuesday, which boast a 9.3 and 8.7 percent unemployment rate, respectively.

With the debate being held in Mesa, AZ, there was plenty of red meat served on the immigration question. But no candidate distinguished them-

the 2006 Senate election in his home selves on the issue, and the debate was a wash on this point as well.

> When the debate shifted to social issues, Santorum owned the stage, but Romney turned in an acceptable performance on this point as well. Mystifyingly, no candidate brought up Romney's shifting position on abortion, and Romney managed to escape unharmed on an issue that many Conservatives have doubted his credibility.

On the Middle East, Romney presented himself as the most statesmanlike of the bunch as Santorum continued to pound his steady drumbeat for a war against Iran. Gingrich offered a blistering argument in favor of intervening

drop of the Holocaust to explain Israeli thinking Romney currently about an Iranian nuclear bomb. has the lead in But the moment was an excepdelegates, but ... tion in his overall performance, only 12 percent of which lacked the fire of his previdelegates have been ous performances. As Slate's John F. Dickerson wryly noted, "he sounded like a man who

will make mountains of money on the lecture circuit."

divvied up.

With no defining narrative emerging out of Tuesday's debate, the time is long past to start looking long and hard at the delegate math of this year's

Romney currently has the lead in delegates, but that lead does not amount to much at this point—only 12 percent of delegates have been divvied up. After Super Tuesday on March 6, 34 percent of delegates will have been decided. While those contests offer the opportunity for a candidate to deliver a knock out blow, polling data indicates that much of the race remains up in

Of the upcoming contests, swing states Michigan and Ohio will be most

closely watched. In Michigan, the race is currently in a dead heat. In Ohio, Santorum has the edge. On March 3, in a prelude to Super Tuesday, Washington will hold its GOP caucus, and according to the latest Public Policy Poll, Santorum has an 11 point lead in that state.

But given the state of the race, Super Tuesday appears unlikely to settle the affair. Georgia, which with 76 delegates is the largest state to go to the polls that day, is in a statistical tie according to the latest local poll. However, Mike Huckabee's win there in 2008 should give hope to Santorum who appeals to a similarly minded

religious electorate. Massachusetts, with 41 delegates, will likely go to Romney. In Idaho, with 32 delegates, the state's significant Mormon population should give Romney a boost, though, according to media reports, Santorum has been generating some buzz in the state in recent weeks. But it is important to note that many of these primaries are proportional, so even if one candidate racks up a series of wins, a challenger could easily limp along and keep accumulating delegates in the hope of staging a late upset in a large state like Texas or California, both of which vote late in the calendar.

While the specter of a brokered convention seems ludicrous, if the candidates continue to amass delegates at about the same pace as they are currently doing, that dream may very well become a reality.

So with the race in flux, the fact that no narrative emerged out of Tuesday's debate only reflects the state of the Republican nominating process, which now appears headed toward an extended fight not unlike the 2008 Democratic primary. And Tuesday's debate only exacerbated this problem for all three candidates, as no one was able to craft a moment off of which they could pivot into Super Tuesday.

But is there any way one can find a winner in this mess? Yes—Barack Obama, who can only be watching with glee as his would be opponents destroy one another.

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Texas woman, 60, celebrates 15th birthday

VICTORIA (AP) — After waiting 60 years, Carmen Lockstedt will finally celebrate her 15th birthday Wednesday.

Lockstedt, a retired special education counselor, said her special birthday is her "secret to staying young."

When she realized her 60th was approaching this year, she promptly corrected herself.

"No, it's not," she said. "It's only my 15th birthday."

Lockstedt's granddaughter, Alex Fiew, 18, encourages her to think

"It's her quince this year," Fiew said. "In four years, it'll be her Sweet 16 ... but I guess buying a car is out of the question.'

Lockstedt's birthday rolls around once every four years as the result of a system intended to keep the seasons, years, months and days in working order.

Although leaplings will never have a "Golden Birthday," when the day and age match, and they might run into problems with bartenders on their 21st birthday, they have a special predicament being born on the least

probable day: an even greater reason to celebrate when "real birthdays" come around.

When Lockstedt was younger, her odd birthdate befuddled her friends.

"They said it didn't make sense," Lockstedt said. "It wasn't on the

She simplified, and just told people her birthday was the last day of February.

"When we had a real one, it was always special," she said.

Not many 60 year olds go snowskiing for their 15th birthdays, or celebrate with hundreds of other leaplings in a giant parade and a cake too big to fit in the room at the Worldwide Leap Year Birthday Club in Anthony, NM.

For her 40th birthday, Lockstedt made a grand entrance by parachuting from 10,000 feet into her backyard

If her Feb. 29 birth has had any effect on her personality, it is only that she maintains an upbeat perspective.

"It's kept me motivated to have lots more birthdays," she said. "I celebrate year 'round, I figure I have the

right to since it's not on the calendar." According to records from the Victoria City Secretary's office, Victoria County has seen 54 leap day births in the past 100 years.

Dr. Philip Suarez, medical director of the Community Mother and Child Health Center, said leap day births are a "nonissue."

"The odds are pretty low for having that be an issue," he said.

His nurse, Cindy Kelly, said a patient has her birth scheduled for

"She chose it," Kelly said. "It was kind of neat. It's her first baby and she said, 'Let's go all out."

Lockstedt said she thinks the numbers are skewed.

"Back then, you had your baby when you had your baby," she said.

The ease in practically scheduling childbirth "throws everything off," Lockstedt said.

She draws from a recent conversation with a pregnant friend who was due around Leap Day.

Despite Lockstedt's insistence, the woman opted for a "normal"



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MICHAEL CHURCH, A junior music education major from Stanton, performs one of Johann Sebastian Bach's interventions on the tuba inside the Music building Tuesday.

Woods' agent criticizes book by former swing coach

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods' agent lashed out Tuesday against Hank Haney's book, saying his "armchair psychology" about Woods was "ridiculous" and that it was clear the former swing coach only cares about self-promotion.

Haney's book about his six years as Woods' coach is titled, "The Big Miss." It is to go on sale March 27, a week before the

Golf Digest began releasing small excerpts Tuesday on its tablet applications and on its website. Haney's book was written with help from Jaime Diaz, a senior writer at the magazine who has covered Woods more extensively than anyone over the years.

In one of the excerpts, Haney, a McKinney, Texas, golf guru, said his job became more difficult in 2007, when Woods had 12 majors and was getting closer to the record 18 won by Jack Nicklaus.

"There was more urgency and less fun. ... He never mentioned Nicklaus' record, but it started to weigh more heavily at every major," the excerpt said. "And Tiger's actions indicated he believed he had less time to do it than everyone thought."

Haney said the objective of re-

vamping his swing was to preserve his left knee.

He also said Woods was seriously considering becoming a Navy SEAL. Woods' father, Earl, was a green beret in the Army who did two tours during the Vietnam War.

"I didn't know how he'd go about it, but when he talked about it, it was clear he had a plan," Haney writes in the excerpt. "I thought, 'Wow, here is Tiger Woods, greatest athlete on the planet, maybe the greatest athlete ever, right in the middle of his prime, basically ready to leave it all behind for a military life."

Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at Excel Sports Management, said in a statement that excerpts show Haney's claim of the book being about golf is "clearly false."

"His armchair psychology about Tiger, on matters he admits since 2005. they didn't even discuss, is ridiculous," Steinberg said. "Because of his father, it's no secret that Tiger has always had high respect for the military, so for Haney to twist that admiration into something negative is disrespectful."

Haney also mentions the time Woods spent four days of special operations training in 2004 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"Tiger did two tandem parachute jumps, engaged in handto-hand combat exercises, went on four-mile runs wearing combat boots, and did drills in a wind tunnel," Haney wrote. "Tiger loved it, but his physical therapist, Keith Kleven, went a little crazy worrying about the further damage Tiger might be doing to his left

Haney said he was in the kitchen when Woods returned from a long run wearing Army boots. He said Woods told him he's worn the boots before on the same route and told Haney, "I beat my best time."

Woods is playing the next two weeks in south Florida, at the Honda Classic and Cadillac Championship at Doral, as he. prepares for the Masters. Woods has not won at Augusta National

"The disruptive timing of this book shows that Haney's selfpromotion is more important to him than any other person or tournament," Steinberg said. "What's been written violates the trust between a coach and player and someone also once considered

Parkour ←

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David Chandless, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Austin, said the goal of parkour training is to focus on rational movement in both natural and urban environments by using more efficient paths of motion.

"Parkour is the training of getting from one point to another point as quickly as possible," he said. "Whether that's going over an object or staying in a straight line, either way, the fastest way from point A to point B."

Chandless said as an assistant coach of the organization, he has to pay special attention to make sure everyone is operating safely.

"I got my certification over Christmas break," he said. "I feel comfortable teaching parkour. The main thing that coaches take care of is safety. It's our only Golden Rule — everybody has to be safe."

organization, above everything else, is the safety of the members.

"Safety's number one with us," he said. "We wouldn't be a certified Texas Tech student organization if it wasn't

use the multi-purpose room at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center because it has padded walls and provides a safe area for members to practice flips, jumps, rolls and other moves.

"Everybody pushes their own envelope," he said. "That's what intrigues people to parkour, they're not used to doing this stuff. Everybody's going to try and push their boundaries. The best



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

Mayer said the main concern of the MATTHEW WEBSTER, A sophomore computer science major from Keller, performs a wall climb outside the Civil and Environmental Engineering building Thursday during practice from the student organization Lubbock Parkour.

thing is for someone to be there with to anyone interested. There are no them in a safe area."

Chandless said the group likes to major from Frisco, said he first found every Saturday in Memorial Circle at his interest in the new training method through his friends and YouTube.

> "My friends showed me a couple of videos," he said. "It didn't look that hard and it looked like fun. I tried it out and started training with my friends and that's how I got into it."

> Mayer has been with the parkour organization at Tech since the group started in the Fall of 2010.

dues and they meet behind the Main Sean Mayer, a sophomore nursing Library every Thursday at 5 p.m. and 1 p.m. for practice.

Diego Torres, a senior mechanical engineering major from Peru, said he enjoys being able to do things that others cannot.

"It's exhilarating," he said. "You see people do stuff like this in the movies and you want to go do it, then I actually learn how to do it so it's pretty cool."

Sabbath ends Orthodox Jewish school's playoff

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas agency has turned down a request by an Orthodox Jewish school in Houston to reschedule a championship game potentially involving its boys' basketball team because the game time falls during the Sabbath.

The Beren Academy advanced to the semifinals in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools' 2A tournament with a 23-5 record and was scheduled to play Dallas Covenant at 9 p.m. on Friday.

Beren players observe the Sabbath between Friday night and Saturday night and won't play basketball during

The academy appealed to TAPPS to have the game time moved, but the agency's nine-member board unanimously voted it down.

Dallas Covenant will instead play Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, the team that Beren defeated in the regional final. The Beren team, meanwhile, will continue practicing this week, hoping that TAPPS moves the game time to earlier Friday.

"They say the inconvenience of rescheduling the games outweighs any other factors," Beren coach Chris Cole said Tuesday. "I don't know where that decision goes. That's a decision for people who are a little higher than I am. The main thing for us is to do the best we can, keep working hard and just be hopeful. We feel like it's still Tuesday, and things can still happen."

TAPPS director Ed Burleson said Tuesday that he doesn't expect the agency to reverse course. He said he has received hundreds of emails and phone calls, some from as far away as Canada, accusing him of bigotry and anti-Semitism since word spread of the agency's decision.

Burleson said the decision had nothing to do with religion, but rather has to do with the organization's longstanding policy not to change the playoffs date — a rule that has been in place since TAPPS' inception in 1978.

Beren joined TAPPS last year, and Burleson said the school was told then to not expect TAPPS to adjust its postseason schedule.

We think it's clear-cut," Burleson said. "They were advised, up front, that TAPPS would not change that, and they chose to join TAPPS anyway. There was never any indication from TAPPS that their appeal would be

Cole, the coach since the 2002-03 season, acknowledged that he was aware of the possibility of such scheduling conflicts but was still hoping TAPPS would make an exception.

"It was our feeling that we could complete the playoffs," Cole said. "There was no reason we saw (not to compete), other than changing the game times. We felt like we could make those changes, and the request was reasonable."

Cole argued that there was a precedent to Beren's request. Last year, the soccer team at Arlington Burton Adventist Academy reached the TAPPS semifinals and faced a similar conflict with the Sabbath.

Burleson said the logistics were much easier for the soccer tournament, which has one classification and is played on a single field. The basketball tournament involves five classifications for both boys' and girls' teams for a total of 40 teams playing 30 games in two days.

"It's a big affair and requires a lot of planning and scheduling and coordination to play that many games in said. "We have to rent facilities and we're limited in the amount of time we have to rent those facilities."

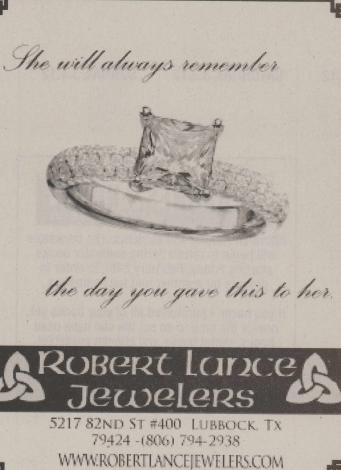
TAPPS is comprised of 220 schools, and Cole said the benefits of joining outweighed the drawbacks when Beren decided to apply for membership. He says most schools have been "very understanding and accommodating" in adjusting game times to allow the Beren players to observe the Sabbath.

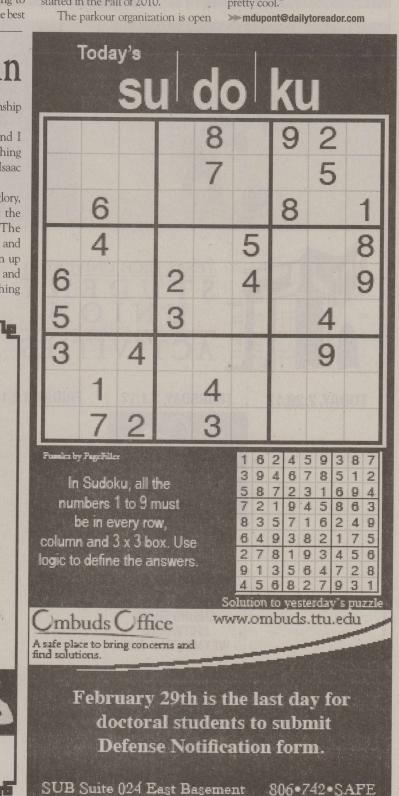
Only now, they realize they'll have else.

that narrow amount of time," Burleson to watch others vie for a championship that could've been theirs.

"I will feel disappointed, and I think it'd be silly to feel something different," senior guard/forward Isaac

The lure of championship glory, though, isn't enough to uproot the players' deep-seeded beliefs. The enrollment at Beren is only 274, and most of the students have grown up together, in a culture where faith and religion trump virtually everything







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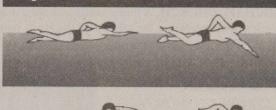
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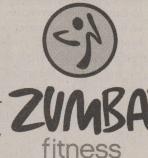
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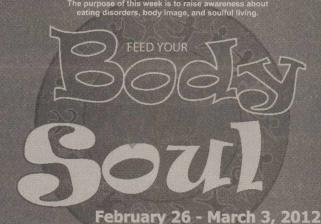








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IRVING (AP) — Texas A&M and Missouri have agreed to pay \$12.4 million each to leave the Big 12 and join the Southeastern Conference in July.

Big 12 Interim Commissioner Chuck Neinas said Tuesday in a statement that the agreements were reached "though a collegial, respectful process among the Conference, its institutions," and the departing schools.

Texas A&M will receive unspecified benefits from the Big 12's new television contract with Fox Sports and "certain other concessions."

"We appreciate the Big 12 working with us on a quick and amicable settlement," said Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin, who indicated that the bottom-line financial impact of the withdrawal settlement for the university will be \$9.31 million.

Missouri waived any claims to revenue from the TV deal, which takes effect in July, and agreed to pay the Big 12 another \$500,000 to cover officiating expenses for 2011-12.

"We are pleased to have these issues resolved and we wish the Big 12 and its continuing member



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Eric Ward weaves through the Texas A&M defense during a 45-40 Tech loss to A&M at Jones AT&T Stadium on Oct. 8. Both A&M and Missouri will leave the Big 12 Conference for the Southeastern Conference in July.

institutions the best in the future," University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton said.

The Big 12 is adding TCU

replace Texas A&M and Missouri. The Mountaineers and the Big East settled competing lawsuits earlier

and West Virginia next season to this month, with the Big East receiving \$20 million from the school and the Big 12 for West Virginia to

Rangers slugger Nelson Cruz happy to be healthy

Nelson Cruz grins as he envisions the player he might be for Texas if only he can stay on the field.

Cruz tweaked his offseason routine in hopes of not tweaking his hamstring. Or quadriceps. Or any other body part, for that

if he could bring that big bat on a

"I think a lot about that," Cruz said of his 2012 potential. "I have to do it. I think this year what I could do. The main thing from there."

The 31-year-old slugger is so determined to stay off the disabled list and play a full season this year for the two-time AL champion list since 2010 and last year was of one series. Rangers that he worked to drop sidelined for 29 games because 12 pounds from his previous play-

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — ing weight of 240 and take some pressure off his lower body. He did more jumping drills to strengthen his troublesome legs. He met up with teammate Mike Napoli in Miami to work out this winter and find a program he believes will work — finally.

"I feel my hamstrings are The Rangers would be thrilled strong and flexible. I don't know the last time they felt this way,' Cruz said. "I've just got to go out there and play, and make sure I stay there for 150-160 games."

Last year's AL Championcould be the year. I don't know ship Series MVP has played 128 games or fewer in each of the past is to contribute daily and then go three seasons because of injuries, and has never played more than that number of games during his has five stints on the disabled of a strained left hamstring and the last two years, he batted .270

strained right quadriceps muscle. Now, Cruz also is taking pride

in backing up his new incentiveladen \$16 million, two-year con-

"Yeah, more security, you know, security for my family. That's all about it," he said. "Go out there now and enjoy my game and try to do my best.'

He earned it, all right.

Cruz is one of the main reasons the Rangers returned to the World Series for a second straight year. He hit six homers and drove in 13 runs during the ALCS against Detroit — both major league records for a postseason series. That included the first game-ending grand slam in postseason history. seven-year big league career. He Cruz became the first player with extra-inning homers in two games

In 33 career playoff games over

with 14 home runs and 27 RBIs.

Cruz has long since proven himself, and knows that gives him some clout around the clubhouse. Not that he plans to alter his focused approach or flaunt anything. At the start of spring training, he said he had yet to treat himself to anything new with the money.

"I come here to get ready. There are different years when you come to make the team. It changes the way you think, the way you come and do your job," he said, noting with the new contract, "Probably come and play harder and try to do better. I've got to play the same way I played before. Nothing's going to change."

into his routine this spring and monitor his work, including limited base running.

Dempsey has best season by an American in Europe

(AP) - Clint Dempsey jumped high in the air, both arms raised, as a fan in the stands at Fulham unfurled a Lone Star flag.

On this January afternoon in London, Dempsey had become the first American to score a hat trick in the history of the English Premier League. The eyes of English soccer were on the 28-yearold from Nacogdoches.

With 16 goals this season, the Texas trailblazer is destroying the image of the U.S. as a nation still searching for a top scorer.

"Being an American, I think you have a little bit of a chip on your shoulder because there's a point to prove," Dempsey said this week as the U.S. national team prepared for Wednesday's exhibition game at Italy. "I guess you'll kind of feel that way until maybe you're doing better as a country as far as going further in World Cups or you have Americans who are playing on the biggest teams in the world."

Craven Cottage is a quaint, Wrigley Field-type stadium next to the Thames in southwest London. Dempsey walks onto the field before games, turns and blows kisses to his family sitting in the Cottage Pavilion seats, above the locker rooms.

He's given Fulham, which has never won a major title in its 133 years, reason to cheer. Dempsey has had the best season by an American attacking player in England. His 10 league goals (nearly one-third of Fulham's 32) raised his total to 43 since he was bought from Major League Soccer's New England Revolution in January 2007, and eclipsed the 36 by Brian McBride from 2003-08.

It's smashing no matter the nationality. Only seven players have more EPL goals this season, a starry group that includes Robin van Persie, Wayne Rooney, Sergio Aguero, Demba Ba, Edin Dzeko, Ayegbeni Yakubu and Emmanuel Adebayor.

"I think what he is doing he can get to."

and the attention he is getting is long overdue," said former U.S. national team forward Eric Wynalda, now a commentator for Fox Soccer. "Not only is he a constant performer, constantly earning his spot in the team, in my opinion, he's scoring a lot of goals from deep positions. He's not always playing up front, and that impresses the hell out of me."

Having never scored more than twice in a professional game, Dempsey had not just one, but a pair of hat tricks last month. First, he scored twice from the run of play and then added a penalty kick Jan. 7 in a 4-0 rout of thirdtier Charlton in the FA Cup.

Exactly two weeks later, he scored three times from the run of play against goalkeeper Tim Krul in a 5-2 league win over Newcastle.

"It's always good to be doing well and to get accolades and stuff like that. But I'm not trying to be the first American to do this," he said. "I'm just trying to be the best player that I possibly can be."

Scoring against Ghana in 2006 and England in 2010, Dempsey joined McBride as the only Americans to score in two World Cups (Landon Donovan matched the feat later in the 2010 tournament). A week shy of his 29th birthday, Dempsey hopes to be adding to that total at the 2014 tournament in Brazil. The game in Genoa is a prep for the start of qualifying for the Americans in June.

"It's a huge weapon that we have with him because his vision on the field, because of his sharpness, his one against one skills," said U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann, one of the top forwards in World Cup history. "I'm going to push him. I'm going to push him not to be content with anything that happens in the Premier League. I will push him hopefully to another level that

Brett Myers back to the bullpen, Astros name him closer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) other shot, see if I can." - Brett Myers, who started seasons with the Houston As-

"I know I'm going to enjoy it," said Myers, Houston's opening day starter last year. "It's something that I've done before. I want to give it an-

The 31-year-old right-hand-66 of the 67 games in which er has 94 wins in 249 career he played during his first two starts, including a 7-14 record with a 4.46 ERA for the Astros tros, will be the team's closer last season. He saved 21 games for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2007 after starting that season in the rotation.

"I look at it as a challenge for me. I like challenges," he said. "They asked me about

it and . . . I've always wanted to do it. I didn't like getting taken out of the role in '07, but we won the World Series the next year so it worked out

The move came out of necessity for the Astros, who lost 106 games in 2011. New general manager Jeff Luhnow came up with the idea about three weeks ago.

"We have a lot of options in the rotation to replace his innings," Luhnow said, "and I really felt like our options in that role weren't good, with (Brandon) Lyon coming back from his injury and young guys who haven't done that role yet. I really wanted to make sure that we don't put extra pressure on the team, not being able to close out games."

Slaughter joins W. Va. defensive staff

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. Joe DeForest on the defensive (AP) — West Virginia has staff. Holgorsen says he'll hired Erik Slaughter as a defensive assistant coach.

Head football coach Dana Holgorsen announced Slaughter's hiring Tuesday.

"Erik brings an extensive background with more than 20 years of coaching experience to the Mountaineer staff," Holgorsen said. "Having spent his entire career as a coach and a recruiter in the state of Texas also gives him an outstanding knowledge and extensive network base that will increase our recruiting efforts in the Southwest as we enter the Big 12 Conference."

Slaughter joins recent hires Keith Patterson and announce the trio's coaching responsibilities on Monday.

Slaughter served as defensive line coach at Stephen F. Austin for the past three years.

Before that, he spent one season as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Texas A&M Commerce and three years as linebackers and strength and conditioning coach at Houston.

The three openings were created when defensive coordinator Jeff Casteel, defensive line coach Bill Kirelawich and defensive backs coach David Lockwood joined Rich Rodriguez at Arizona in Janu-

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Seniors prepare to play their final game in United Spirit Arena

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's basketball team will honor its two seniors as they play for the final time in United Spirit Arena tonight.

The team will be expecting a large crowd for the final home game of the season, as Tech takes on Oklahoma, Tech senior Jordan Barncastle said.

"I'm sure we'll have a great crowd," she said. "There's so much to be thankful for. Them, and all the support that they've shown us throughout the years in all of the ups and downs. It's just something really special, and my family will be here and that will be nice."

The Lady Raiders will be trying to halt their four-game losing streak.

After losing to the Sooners in the first meeting this season, Tech will try to improve from its mistakes in Norman, Okla., Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"You just want to see them go out with a win," she said. "You want to see them beat a very, very good Oklahoma team. Obviously, being close up there we feel like we can make a few adjustments here or there and grab another loose ball or two and give ourselves a chance."

Tech senior Kierra Mallard still is not officially cleared to play on senior night after she was suspended for the game at Texas A&M on Saturday for violating team rules, Curry said.

"We're just taking it one day at a time," she said. "We got through today and we're just taking it one day at a time. It's all you can do. Live in the moment and see what tomorrow brings. Today was a good day."

Her career has not gone as she has anticipated, but she will learn from her experiences at Tech later on in life, Barncastle said.

"I don't really think life ever goes as you would expect it," she said. "That's what makes it exciting and you just



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kierra Mallard shoots the ball while Texas A&M's Karla Gilbert tries to block it during the Lady Raiders' 67-55 loss against the Aggies on Feb. 1 in United Spirit Arena. Tech will play in its final home game tonight, as the Lady Raiders take on Oklahoma.

never know. And I think some things we would have liked to have gone differently, obviously, and maybe not be in the position that we are, but I'm sure that I'll be thankful for it down the road and it will have taught me something along the way."

Curry said she is as proud of Barncastle as she has been of any player she has coached in her career.

"You want your little girl to grow up

and be like Jordan (Barncastle) as far as — you know, she really walks the walk every day and gives you everything she's got — classroom, court, community; never asks why," Curry said.

The seventh year head coach described her other senior's career as "up and down."

Both seniors will go on to do great things in life after basketball, Curry said.

"The thing that I'm most excited

about is I know (Barncastle) is going to have a great future and hopefully Kierra (Mallard) as well," Curry said. "Just going to be ultra successful in the game of life and that's what it's about."

The seniors want to go out with a win in their final home game, Barncastle said.

"Nobody wants to end the season on a loss or go out wondering what might have been or leaving any re-



TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle's shot gets blocked during the Lady Raiders' 76-49 victory against the Tigers in United Spirit Arena on Feb. 5.

grets," she said. "I think that's kind for Tech. of where we are now and where I am personally is just leaving it all out on the floor and knowing that I've done the absolute best that I can every single day."

After a 14-0 start and being ranked as high as No. 10 earlier in the season, the Lady Raiders looked like an automatic in for the NCAA Tournament, but now a tournament bid is doubtful

However, the Lady Raiders are not completely out of the race for getting a bid, Curry said.

"There's a lot that can still happen," she said. "Not only that, but I don't think that we think we're out of the NCAA tournament because I'm going to wake up planning to go win that tournament."

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