# Lubbock police unable to answer questions in Tuberville case

### Attorney: Police used irrelevant criteria to close case

By IOANNA MAKRIS and CAROLINE COURTNEY THE DAILY TOREADOR

A well-known Lubbock criminal rationales for closing the investigation of Suzanne Tuberville's crash.

Lubbock police said the investigation into Tuberville's November car crash on 57th Street and Slide

Road was closed without an autopsy report on a crash victim who later died, and on the basis of a 30-day

"They (the police) apparently attorney questioned Lubbock police said (they) can't do anything because it's (the crash victim's death) outside 30 days? That's just bullshit," said Rod Hobson, the special prosecutor in the Brett Walrath case.

Ira Purdy, who sustained serious

injuries from the car wreck with Suzanne Tuberville, wife of head football coach Tommy Tuberville, died Feb. 17, 109 days after the wreck. Suzanne Tuberville was cited for running a red light.

Sgt. Jonathan Stewart of the Lubbock Police Department said the Suzanne Tuberville case was not considered a traffic fatality since there was no death within 30 days of

on whether a supplemental report must be filed, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

However, a TxDOT employee in the open records division said the TxDOT ruling does not govern the case. The Texas Penal Code governs it and the penal code does not contain a 30-day rule.

But Stewart said the police did use the Texas Penal Code.

"The Texas Penal Code did play into what we could do with this case

the wreck, which is the determinant and we did go by the Texas Penal Code," Stewart said. But he could not provide The Daily Toreador with the section of the penal code that contains the 30-day rule.

> Hobson said he believes the 30day rule is a departmental policy.

Hobson, a criminal defense attorney, was chosen to prosecute the Walrath case because Walrath was a former assistant to then-Criminal District Attorney Bill Sowder. Walrath was hit by a drunken driver in 2003 and died five months later as a

result of his injuries. The driver was initially charged with intoxicated assault. After Walrath died, the charges were raised to intoxication manslaughter and aggravated

Sgt. Stewart said intoxication made the difference between the two cases. According to the TxDOT crash report filed by LPD, the police did not perform any alcohol or drug tests on Suzanne Tuberville.

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# Craig James opts to withdraw petition

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# Attorney now considers defamation lawsuit

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By CAROLINE COURTNEY STAFF WRITER

United States Senate candidate and former ESPN analyst Craig James dropped his petition to take the depositions of the authors and publishers of former Texas Tech head football coach Mike Leach's Michael Lee

Lanning's book "Double T -Double Cross."

Facing a preliminary hearing March 7, James' attorney Mike O'Brien told the court they will not pursue this course of action in an attempt to avoid "months of procedural challenges raised by respondent's concerted efforts to defeat the discovery requested by petitioner."

O'Brien filed a motion to dismiss without prejudice Monday, meaning he can re-file at a later date. The judge granted

the motion. Copies of the documents are posted on The Daily Toreador's website.

Without being able to see the facts of the case in advance, O'Brien said, he and James must now make the gamble on whether or not to file a lawsuit.

The law requires James to file a

defamation lawsuit within one year of a book's publication, so James must file a suit before July for "Swing Your Sword" and before November for "Double T – Double Cross."

"We're going to have to sit down and make the decision whether or not to bring suit within that one year statute of limitations book "Swing Your Sword" and without that discovery," O'Brien

said. "That's what the effect of this (not We're going to have taking the depositions) is." to sit down and O'Brien make the decision

said James has the option to file a defamation suit without this discovery, or to bring it as part of a claim in connection with the Tech lawsuit that has now been brought back to the Lubbock District Court as a result of a Texas Supreme Court decision.

O'Brien depositions) is. filed the petition to take **MIKE O'BRIEN** the depositions of the authors **CRAIG JAMES** and publish-ATTORNEY ers Dec. 12 because of alleged false-

> hoods and misrepresentations contained in the books concerning both Craig James and his son, Adam James. O'Brien said they were not pursuing a lawsuit at the time, but could decide to in the

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### COPY CAT



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/ The Daily Toreador

SARAH MCKEOWN, A senior digital print major from Corsicana, creates a CMYK version of a photo of her cat during her printmaking class Wednesday in the Art building.

# Car clinic preps students for spring break travel

By CAROLYN HECK STAFF WRITER

More than 500 Texas Tech students and faculty members lined up to have their cars examined Wednesday for University Parking Services' quarterly Car Clinic event.

Eric Crouch, managing director for University Parking Services, said each event is open to Tech students and employees and is generally hosted a few days before vacation or

"We typically do it before really busy driving times," he said, "so before spring break, before Thanksgiving and before the end of the summer, so students can get their car checked out before they get on the road."

Rec Sports helped sponsor the event, Crouch said, as well as Student Health Services and Hospitality Services, which provided free hotdogs

and drinks to event participants.

The main draw of the event is the car clinic, Crouch said, in which employees of Scott's Complete Car Care examined the vehicles, checking fluids, oil, belts and other parts to see if they were in working condition.

"If you're going to be on the road, especially like coming up for spring break, if you're going to be on the road driving, then we want you be safe when you get out there and know that your car is ready for the road," he said. "I think all of us are bad about not checking up on our cars, and checking the fluids and checking the belts, so somewhere between here and Little Spring is a bad place to find out that your belt is gone.'

Scott Egert, the owner of Scott's Complete Car Care, said he offered his business services free of charge to those taking part in the event.

"I've been involved with Tech

for a lot of years," he said, "and they've been looking at something to increase the safety of kids that are going to be coming back and forth for spring break and the holidays, so I just volunteered to help out with what they need."

Egert has children in college, he said, so it was good to know he was providing services to other college students that would help prevent them from being stranded several miles from home.

The business has been working with the car clinic event for six to eight years, Egert said, and will take in anywhere from 200 to 500 cars

Egert and his team do not check the entire vehicle, he said, but they check the most important parts what is under the hood.

"We basically look under the hood to see anything that's obvious,"

he said. "We check all the fluids or any obvious things, belts, just everything we could see from under

Scott's Complete Car Care does not fix students' cars while at the event, Egert said, but simply informs students of anything that may be wrong and lets them know where it can be fixed, usually directing them to

one of three of the business' locations. Egert's biggest hope, he said, is that the event might have helped save someone's life on the road.

However, the car clinic is not the only aspect of the event, Crouch said.

Other organizations of interest to drivers volunteered at the event as well, he said, including Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Impact Tech, Help End Auto Theft and the Injury Prevention Coalition.

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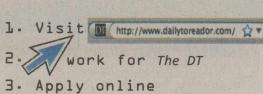


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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

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 the Student Union Building, Horn/Knapp lobby, Human Sciences building, Student Wellness Center lobby and the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Donations go to Women's Protective Services.

Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs. Baylor 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 Texas Tech School of

Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Lanier Auditorium So, what is it?

The Vietnam Center and Archive present the president and chief executive officer of the Marine Corps University Foundation, Brig. Gen. Tom Draude.

Art and Philosophy Lecture: Sherri Irvin

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Where: Human Sciences building,

room 169 So, what is it?

Enjoy a presentation by Sherri Irvin titled, "Making Contemporary Art:

Fabrication and Negotiation."

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

### FRIDAY

Texas Tech Softball vs. Binghamton/ UT Arlington

Time: 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Where: Various locations So, what is it?

Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Binghamton and again when they compete against UT Arlington.

School of Art: Community Open House

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Where: School of Art So, what is it?

Attendees will have the chance to go on student-led studio tours, purchase art, participate is faculty-led demonstrations and take a look at the school's teaching facilities.

A Night in Africa Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre

So, what is it? Enjoy "A Night in Africa" hosted by the African Students Organization in order to educate people and portray the African culture via dances, singing, poetry and drama.

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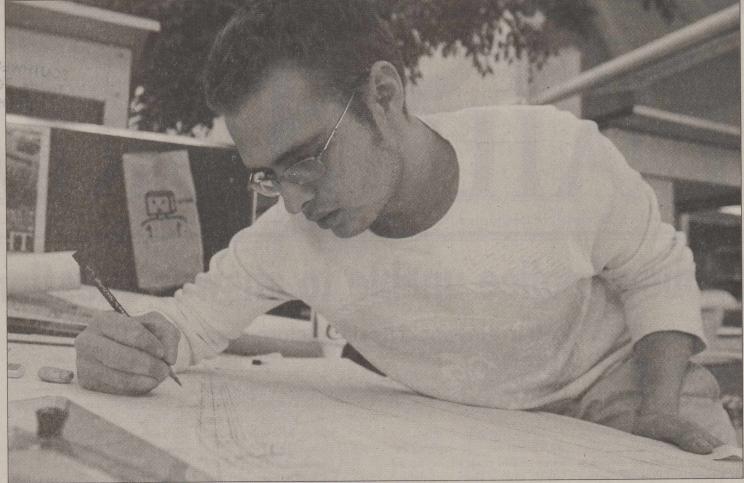


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MANUEL DELARA, A junior landscape architecture major from Austin, draws vertical road alignments Wednesday in the Agricultural Pavilion. The alignments are being made for a site construction class.

### Tuberville CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Patrick Metze, an associate professor of law at Texas Tech and the director of its criminal defense clinic, said according to the Texas Transportation Code, the police have the discretion to take a specimen of a person's breath or blood.

Hobson said if the autopsy results reveal Purdy's death was related to the injuries sustained in the car accident, it would only be one part of a two-part process to charge Suzanne Tuberville with criminally negligent homicide. The police would also have to prove she was speeding, texting, eating, talking on the phone or doing something else to

cause a distraction.

Stewart would not comment on whether police examined Suzanne Tuberville's phone records to see if she was texting or talking on the phone while driving.

The Lubbock police TxDOT crash report did not list Suzanne Tuberville's speed at the time of the wreck.

When questioned on whether the police investigation into Suzanne Tuberville's wreck will be sent to the District Attorney's office, Stewart repeatedly answered that the "case is closed. We don't anticipate any further charges to be filed."

Hobson said in most cases the Lubbock District Attorney decides whether charges will be filed.

"In my line of work, most of the time police are not decision makers," he said. "They compile the reports, they send them to the D.A., and the D.A. makes some kind of call."

District Attorney Matthew Powell would not speak directly to The Daily Toreador, but his secretary said to her knowledge, no investigative reports on the Suzanne Tuberville crash have been sent to the District Attorney's

Quetha Derryberry, the senior investigator for the Lubbock Medical Examiner's office, said Purdy's autopsy report is not complete.

Stewart said Purdy's autopsy report was not needed to complete the investigation because there was no evidence of any further charges.

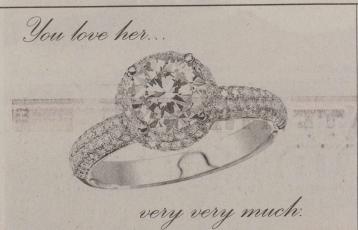
Hobson said he thought the autopsy report was pertinent to the investigation. "I don't know how they could really

decide on that issue - whether the

injuries were related to the accident — until they had the autopsy," he said. Suzanne Tuberville received a citation for running a red light. The Purdys' lawyer said she was issued the citation Dec. 1 and had it dismissed Feb. 15,

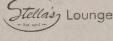
through a defensive driving class. The Daily Toreador called the Tuberville residence in an attempt to reach out to Suzanne Tuberville. No phone

calls were returned. >>> imakris@dailytoreador.com >>> ccourtney@dailytoreador.com



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The attorneys for both parties met Jan. 31 for a preliminary hearing to determine whether the depositions could be taken. James' other attorney on the case, Michael Farris, asked to ostpone the hearing after Moning Scottsdale Book Publishing,

filed a brief pointing out alleged flaws in James' petition.

Latin's motion claimed James' petition was not only filed in the wrong court, but it was asking to review information proven true by court documents. The brief is posted on The Daily Toreador's website.

In the original petition, O'Brien wrote both books porcoach Mike Leach as protecting voting public from the serious al-

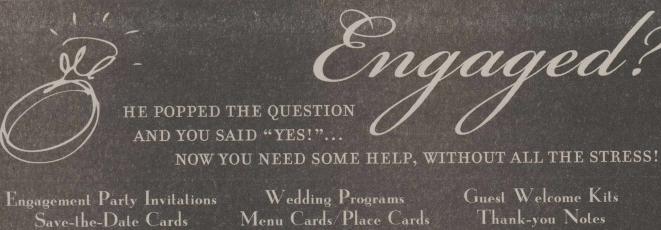
James' son Adam from a concussion, when, according to court documents, O'Brien said Leach was punishing him.

In a news release, Leach's lawver on the case, Ted Liggett, said James and O'Brien were wrong on the law and had no choice but to drop their lawsuit.

"This ploy was nothing more trayed former head football stunt by James to distract the

legations he faces in our lawsuit against him in Lubbock County,"

Liggett said he now anticipates trying Leach's case against James in the 72nd District Court in Lubbock and hopes to consolidate his case against James with his cases against Texas Tech, James' public relations than an ill-conceived political firm, Spaeth Communications



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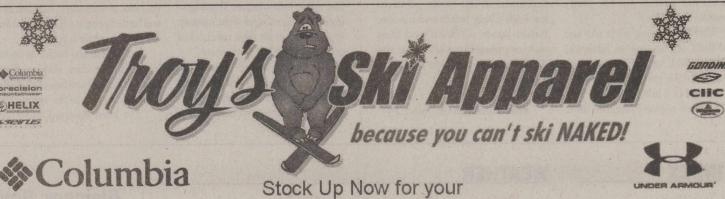
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# Clinic ←

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Each group had a booth to provide additional helpful material and information to drivers, he said.

Karen Peoples, a woman volunteering at the Injury Prevention Coalition booth and an employee of Traffic Safety for Lubbock and Abilene, said the coalition provided free car seats for event participants who need to replace old or outdated

"And what we do is if the parent asks us to check their seat, we make sure that it's not out of date and not on the recall list," she said, "and if it is, then we replace the seat."

Peoples said the coalition wanted to use the event to inform the public about child safety.

"The purpose of the event is just to educate the parent, to make sure they know the correct installation of the car seats, and to make sure the child is safe.'

Crouch said he believes providing safe car seats for children is a great idea and a good step toward preventing harm.

"If it saves one kiddos life," he said, "then the whole event is worth it."

MADD was also present at the event, hosting a booth to inform drivers about drunk driving and alcohol responsibility, said Amanda Eldredge, a victim advocate for the group.

Eldredge said she believes the event is important because it raises safety awareness and promotes students to be responsible.

"I think it's important for any individual to be aware of different either resources that are available,"



PHOTO BY ASHLEY RATCLIFFE/The Daily Toreador

DAVID ALEXANDER, A junior mechanical engineering major from Friendswood, waits for Scott's Complete Car Care to check his Jeep on Wednesday at the Free Car Clinic.

how to be safe and responsible adults, and the different services the community offers."

Dino Sengthavorn, a senior exercise and sports sciences and business major, said he and his fraternity, Sigma Omicron Chi, were volunteering at the event as a favor for their

Sengthavorn's fraternity was helping hand out hotdogs, soda and water to the people waiting in line.

"I think it's actually very beneficial, actually," he said. "I mean, it helps a lot of students on the go, to be able to get their car fixed real quick and get something to eat. Because, I always places to stop and go to, so it's

she said, "or to get information about mean, a lot of people don't know too nice to get my car checked out before much about cars, so this kind of helps

> Iulie Gore, a freshman journalism major from McKinney, said she was at the event to get her taillights

Gore said the event was good for students because it was free, easy to find and useful for those who do not know a lot about car repairs to get their vehicle checked before they leave for the break.

way home there are areas where I lose cellphone reception. There's not it's too late."

Egert said before students start the long trek home for spring break, it is important to have their cars checked, because the car is one of the most vital parts to the journey.

"A lot of people, when they go home for spring break, or they go on vacation, the most important part of their trip is their automobile," he said. "That's going to get them there and get them back. And we can't see ev-"I'm from McKinney, so that's a erything, but if we can see something six hour drive," she said, "so on the that could possibly cause a problem on the highway, that's what we're trying to do."

# James Murdoch resigns as News Intl executive chair

of the phone-hacking scandal at his father's British newspapers, is stepping down as executive chairman of News Corp.'s U.K. newspaper arm.

News Corp. said in a statement Wednesday that James, the youngest son of 80-year-old media mogul Rupert Murdoch, has relinquished his position at News International to concentrate on expanding the company's television business.

The 39-year-old James will still remain deputy chief operating officer of News Corp. but the move plucks the one-time heir apparent to his father's global empire away from a firestorm over his credibility and his role in Britain's expanding phone-hacking

News Corp. shares set a 52-week high in New York after the news broke, rising 1.6 percent to \$20.11 a share.

"James' resignation was inevitable," said Louis Ureneck, a journalism professor at Boston University. "He either condoned the hacking or was irresponsibly unaware. Neither is acceptable in a top executive of a media company."

James Murdoch is still chairman of satellite broadcaster BSkvB, in which News Corp. holds a 39 percent stake. The hacking scandal effectively killed News Corp.'s bid to take full control of the lucrative media company.

Revelations last summer that voicemail phone hacking went far beyond one rogue reporter at Murdoch's told why it was important.

LONDON (AP) — James Mur- News of the World tabloid have led doch, the executive at the epicenter to three parallel police investigations and an inquiry into Britain's media

There has been evidence of widespread criminality, with journalists breaking into personal phones and computers, and illegally bribing police and other officials for information to

The scandal brought down Murdoch's 168-year-old News of the World tabloid and led to the arrests of more than a dozen journalists. Other top News International executives have resigned, but Rupert Murdoch has long insisted that James had his full support.

James Murdoch has twice publicly had to change his story about what he knew when in the phone-hacking scandal. In dramatic testimony before Parliament last year, he insisted he had never been shown a critical piece of evidence that suggested that illegal practices went much further than his company was admitting at the time.

That evidence — an incriminating email recovered by police — was the basis of a massive payout made to a prominent phone hacking victim in 2008. James Murdoch authorized the settlement but insisted that he was never told about the damning email.

Contradicted by his former lieutenants, James Murdoch later had to return to Parliament to adjust his testimony. He was told about the evidence, he admitted, but said he wasn't

# New Texas voting maps 'devastate'

AUSTIN (AP) — Disheartened and angry over the latest Texas voting maps handed down by federal judges, Democrats and minority rights groups looked Wednesday to a separate court in Washington as their last likely hope of cutting deeper into a solid Republican majority in the 2012 elections.

The GOP stands poised to hardly lose any power under the latest Texas congressional and state House maps delivered this week by a San Antonio federal court, which confronted how the state's political boundaries should be changed with more than 3 million new Hispanic

Minority rights groups who sued the state over the original maps - drawn by the Republican-controlled Legislature last summer — received from the court Tuesday what will likely be the maps used this election year. They slammed those maps as a disaster, but with the twice-delayed Texas primaries on track for May 29, they also now face long odds of getting the lines redrawn yet again.

"This was a total devastation for the Latino community across Texas," said Luis Vera, attorney for the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Seeking to illustrate how poorly the maps were drawn, Vera met reporters at a San Antonio intersection where three separate congressional districts would converge. One district goes north 80 miles to Austin; across the street, another district begins that stretches more than 550 miles west to El Paso.

On Tuesday, LULAC joined with the NAACP and three other groups in asking the Washington court to expedite its ruling on whether the Texas Legislature's original maps violate the federal Voting Rights Act. They hope that a favorable. ruling from the Washington court will compel the San Antonio court to go back and alter districts ruled to be in violation.

The San Antonio court, however, is not bound to make changes to the 2012 maps based on what is handed down from the three-judge panel in Washington. In that scenario, Vera said the next step would be appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court, but even lawyers for the same minority groups acknowledge a victory there to be a longshot.

Under the court's latest map, Democrats say 11 of the state's 36 congressional seats would be minority-opportunity districts. A surge in population over the last decade awarded Texas which are likely to be evenly split among Republicans and

Republicans largely cheered the maps as a victory. According to an analysis by the state GOP party, Republicans lost only one state House seat from their original map and projected they could win as many 20 of the 31 state Senate seats.

In all, Republicans say they could win 100 out of 150 seats the temporary maps proposed by in the next state House elec-

giving the delegate-rich state tricting has pushed the state's

four new congressional seats, a chance to remain relevant primary back twice - from in the Republican presidential primary if Mitt Romney hasn't sewn up the nomination by

> It's unclear when the Washington court will issue a ruling. But the timing is important because national party rules require primary elections be held by June 26. If the court doesn't act in time, this year's Texas elections would be held under the court in San Antonio.

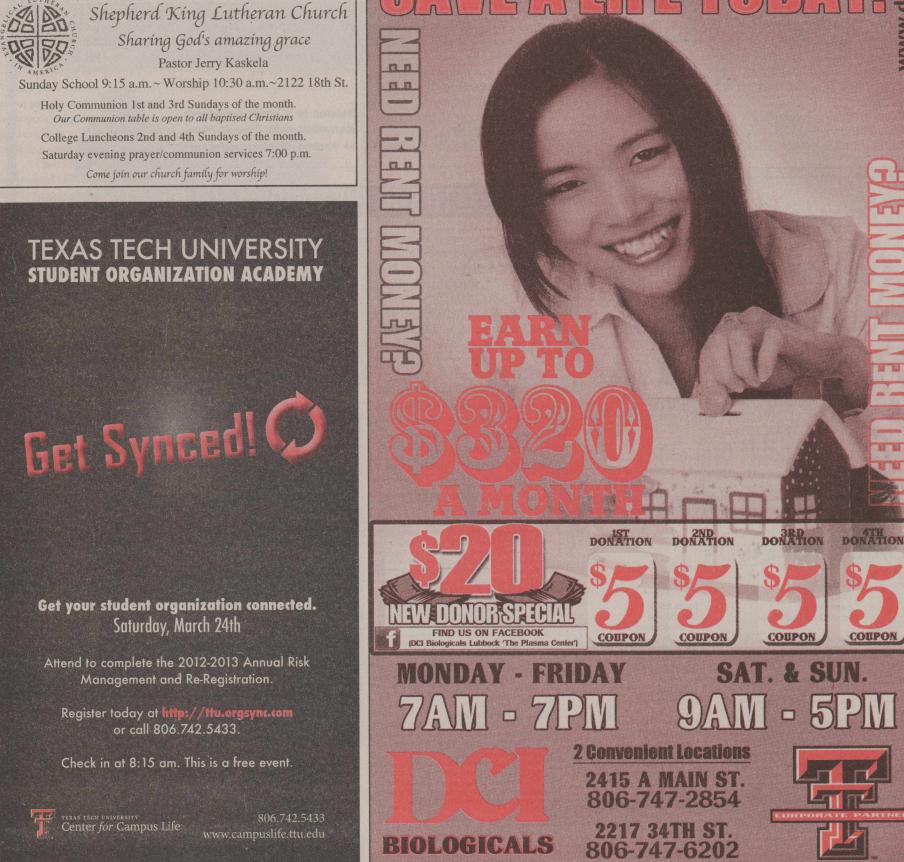
The Texas primary was once Another victory for Republi- considered the biggest prize of cans is the increased likelihood next week's Super Tuesday, but of the May 29 primary sticking, the legal wrangling over redis-

March 6 to May 29.

The U.S. Supreme Court threw out the San Antonio court's first attempt to draw temporary maps because they didn't adhere closely enough to what the Legislature created. The court released a second set of maps on Tuesday following the Supreme Court's instructions.







# Government waste needs cleanup

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7 e all know by now the federal government isn't exactly the epitome of efficiency. While some people drop a few dollars on some useless items or projects, the government spends billions.

Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma compiled a "waste book" for 2011, outlining 100 ways in which the government wasted taxpayer monies. While there is a legitimate debate over funding for entitlements and Planned Parenthood, some of these are real head-scratchers.

For example, the government awarded \$20 million to a Pakistani arts organization to produce their own version of "Sesame Street." Thanks to Uncle Sam, kids in Pakistan get to watch the same show we all grew up with, albeit with different characters, such as a donkey



Emmy-worthy material, I'm sure.

Another \$700,000 went to providing televisions and gas generators to families in seven rural Vietnamese villages. The purpose is to conduct a study about how television affects reproductive health and the family. I wonder if HBO is included in that package.

Tax credits totaling up to \$1 billion for energy efficient home improvements were claimed by ineligible recipients. These recipients included children, prisoners and people who don't even own a home. The IRS is perfectly fine with letting this officials could improve, then it aspiring to be a pop singer. It's happen, but if your tax return might be worthwhile.

is off by a penny, they're on you like Michael Moore on a box of

Since 2010, more than \$350,000 has been awarded to

the University of Kentucky so they can study how cocaine affects the libido of Japanese quail. There are bound to be some ruffled feathers over

More than \$400,000 went to a study of how elected officials in India can im-

that one.

prove through better communications. If that money went to studying how American elected

Part of a \$600,000 grant to is being thrown at worthless efthe Yerkes National Primate forts like these. Common sense Research Center went towards studying why chimpanzees throw feces. Somebody's going to catch

a lot of crap for that one.

grant worth more than \$900,000 was awarded to study how children's language skills can be improved affects the libido of through interaction with dragon robots. It seems like there was a mass escape

from the loony bin.

It's this sort of thing that makes me want to tear my hair out. The government is racking up historic deficits while money

has obviously gone out of style.

I know, however, if all of these wasteful ventures were cut, it would only make a tiny dent in the overall budget. I'm not naïve A four-year enough to think this could solve

all of America's problems. For me, it's really about the idea this is going on at all. I don't want my tax dollars to go toward a bunch of so-called researchers finding out if doing a line of coke makes two birds want to shag. It's not a huge amount of money in the overall scheme of things, but even a penny would be too much for

This just proves the size and scope of the federal government has gotten out of control. The fact that our money can go toward projects like these is an abomination. It's a blatant slap in the face and needs to be

stopped immediately.

The best way to fix this would be to simply throw the bums out. By bums, I mean incumbent politicians. Term limits need to be imposed on all offices to ensure we have no more career politicians with their hands in hundreds of different cookie jars. It will send the message that elected officials need to

Speaking of spending, it needs to be cut a great deal. There's no better place to start than with wasteful expenditures like these. Superfluous programs and agencies need to be shut down as well. It won't fix everything, but it's a step in the right direction.

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# Responsible driving habits needed

Now, I'm no

one to judge.

I drive like an

absolute maniac ...

here is nothing I love more than watching people in their cars. A friend of mine told me once if you want to find out what someone is really like, pull up next to him or her at a stoplight.

I can't say a nice first date of coffee, or lunch, wouldn't suffice my need of getting to know someone, but I definitely am not above taking stalking to the next level.

For example, if you pull up next to me, 95.4 percent of the time I will be belting out some awful show tune while choreo- if you will. graphing a full tap dance number on my steering wheel with my one: Shaving

However, the other 4.6 percent of the time I will be screaming at someone. Why? Because Lubbock drivers are notoriously

Now, I'm no one to judge. I once. drive like an absolute maniac, but the obscenities coming out of my otherwise lady-like, totally non-offensive mouth could put even the most hideous rapper to shame.

Then I realized something. People who drive like Helen Keller are usually doing some-



thing other than actually driving their vehicle, so I want to go through some examples of the most ridiculous things I have seen drivers do while living in Lubbock.

A "What not to do" list,

Example

while driving. I saw a man shaving his face while was driving to a job interview

don't know how electric shavers work. I've never used one on my legs

but I don't imagine if a speed bump came upon this man unsuspectingly his face would

Not only is shaving and driving incredibly unsafe, but I also feel like there's an uncomfortable amount of itching going on. From the stubble of your face falling into your shirt, pantaloons and other crevices, I can't say I condone something like this.

If this is the future of hair removal, though, I would really like to pioneer a "Brazilian wax while operating heavy machinery" movement. Who's with me?

I understand we are all busy individuals, but if you have to re-

sort to shaving and driving at the same time, you may need to loosen up your schedule somewhere.

My second someone we've all seen before. Some of you have perhaps

nose picker. Now I know that this is com-

may even be this person: the

pletely disgusting, but I have seen people prioritize nostril excavations over their driving.

I can understand the occasional nasal scratch, but come

on. Your windows are not tinted enough for you to go on a full mining of your nose without being seen and, in turn, embar-

rassed. All I ask is that you get a

My favorite activity is this: If I see someone vigorously picking their nose in their car, I will stare bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at them until they look at me and, blushing, pretend to not have been doing what we both know damn well they were just doing.

Go ahead a flick that booger somewhere in your car, Captain. Doesn't mean I didn't see you

Of course there are the traditional distractions like radio surfing and texting, but these are the more distinct car diversions

So, everyone, let's be a little less ridiculous and a little safer when we're driving. That way, our chance of living long lives increases and my road rage stays at a tolerable level.

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# 'Plastic' key tool for building your credit

By KELLY PARKER DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

As students go off to college, many receive their first credit card and are faced with the challenge of learning how to manage their own money. If anything is to be said about this, responsibility is a must, especially if it comes in the form of a little plastic card.

For a college student, receiving a credit card can be glorious. It gives you the option to spend money, without cold hard cash in your hand. Although this is true, the word 'credit card' means more than just a piece of plastic.

"Credit is a situation where one person or one organization loans money to somebody else," said Kathy Sweedler, a consumer economics educator through the U. Illinois Extension Office.

Using borrowed money can be dangerous, especially for students that are just jumping into the pool of financial responsibility, but obtaining a credit card is a good learning experience.

"(A credit card) gives you an opportunity to practice using credit," Sweedler said. "Remembering to pay your bill, making decisions about when you want to use your credit card and when you don't want to use it, those are all things that take practice."

Ryan Maes and Mike Ferak, seniors in Business and peer educators in the Financial Wellness Center, both agree

that college students should have credit

"Building credit is extremely important in college because you're building a credit history and credit report," Maes

With a better credit score, students will have more opportunities to make bigger purchases in the future, such as a car or a house. Ferak says that not having credit will make it difficult to make large purchases.

Besides considering future purchases, those thinking about becoming credit card holders should also be aware that some people have a harder time managing their money than others depending on their spending habits.

Waspi and Ferak agree that getting a credit card does not mean that a lastminute person will become instantly responsible — and in the credit world, this translates to one thing: late fees.

Despite the setbacks, a credit card can help when people are in a financial "In the event of an emergency, you

have money as needed," Maes said.

Emergency or not, the decisions you make about how you spend now are the ultimate testament to your ability to build up good credit in the future.

Understanding financial responsibility in college can help you make the most out of that powerful piece of plastic, wherever your future endeavors take you.

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I am very disappointed in the article published last Thursday by Sydney Holmes titled, "For Lent: add something, don't subtract

As a Catholic, Lent is very important to me and the casual off-handed manner in which Holmes discussed Lent was deeply disrespectful.

Whatever her personal opinion may be is her own business. However, when speaking about Lent, the terms "man-whore" and "dime-store hussy" are extremely inappropriate; as well as the sentence, "But don't go blaming the entire male species for the fact that they've been inside you more than Jesus has lately."

How on earth can you think that is appropriate for a newspaper representing Texas Tech? I am very disappointed in the quality of writing that is being published.

Please consider more careful editing or maybe even a higher standard to expect from your

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# Texas Tech Young Progressives hope for changes on campus

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Young Progressives was an organization used to focus mainly on political issues.

Now, they have a new president and the organization has decided to steer away from politics and focus more on the issues students are dealing with.

Jason Landrum, a sophomore English major from Katy, said the biggest focus of the organization is to make things better for students on and off campus.

"The biggest thing for us is progress," he said. "We're focused on progress on campus. We're trying to find ways to make things better for student enrollment goes up."

students and their lives."

Landrum, the vice president of TYP, said anyone interested in joining the organization may attend the weekly meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays in Holden Hall, room 128.

Earlier in the year, the young progressives offered a survey to students asking what their biggest concerns were — the biggest issue was information technology, Landrum said.

"Holden Hall is probably the most populated building on campus, next to the library," he said. "The Wi-Fi is not that good because there are too many people there at the same time. Our idea was to put a router in every classroom. The problem is only going to get worse as

the routing issues would probably have to come from students' pockets, but he thinks the investment would be worth the cost.

40,000 students, but you haven't upgraded anything, then the whole network is going to be crashing and it's going to make the university look bad.

Austen Sharp, a junior environmental engineering major from Royse City, said as the president of the organization, he wanted to focus on improving campus issues.

"Our main goal this year is to focus on IT issues," he said. "We want

Landrum said paying to improve to help them get any of the support they need to expand the IT services and make them more efficient for students.

Sharp said TYP would like to "They're going to have to up- step in and help out the Student grade eventually," he said. "It's about Government Association more, to becoming tier one and if you have take some of the load off and work

> "We're obviously supportive of SGA, but we realize their limitations," he said. "(SGA) as a large body, obviously, has a lot of things on their plate. We're hoping to tackle issues they may have overlooked or might not have time for, do some groundwork and bring them back to (SGA) as a finished product so we can enact change.'

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As a senior, McDonald thinks

"Even a freshman can obtain an

events like these can give advantages

to underclassman who may learn to

internship or co-op," she said. "It

doesn't matter what your classification

is, the sooner you get that information

and experience it, the better off you'll

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through the RaiderJobs application on

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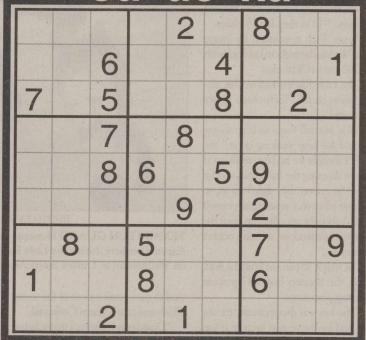
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# Career Services Center gives students opportunity to learn networking

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Throughout the semester, the Career Services Center offers different Career Café events with different topics allowing students to gain knowledge outside of the classroom to help with future job searches. Today the Career Café will be focusing on how to network.

Two panelists with experience in the field of networking will give an overview on the art of networking, learning how to meet other people, what types of language to use, how to leave a positive impression and how students can use those skills when searching for a job.

Antoinette Burse White, associate director of the Career Services Center, said the Career Café is open to any student interested in how networking can benefit them in their job search.

meet someone," she said. "A freshman get that job."

Last madam of

infamous Texas

brothel dies at 84

She was 84.

October.

HOUSTON (AP) — The last madam of the infamous Texas brothel that inspired the movie and Broadway show "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" has died in Phoenix.

Edna Milton Chadwell's nephew, Robert Kleffman, said Wednesday his aunt, the last owner of the Chicken Ranch brothel in La Grange, Texas, died Feb. 25. She had been in the hospital since a car accident in

Chadwell began working at the

Chicken Ranch in 1952, Kleffman

said. Within three years, she had

become the manager. In 1962, she

or sophomore could use those skills to find a summer internship or a summer job. The juniors and seniors are learning it because they are about to go find a job as well."

The event will take place in the presentation room of the Wiggins Complex at 2 p.m.

Jay Killough, director of the Career Services Center, said being able to do the right kind of networking has helped him in building his career.

"Every new person you meet opens a new door to potential jobs and volunteer opportunities," he said. "Every open door leads to another open door." Killough said students entering the

job market need to be more aggressive when selling themselves to employers. "Students are very honest and

humble," he said. "If they're wanting said. "That may include a staff dinner that job, they need to have a clear objec-Networking starts the moment you tive and know how to sell themselves to

Priscilla McDonald, a senior computer engineering major from Duncanville, said she won't be attending the Career Café because she's been to events similar to it, but recommends it for those who haven't.

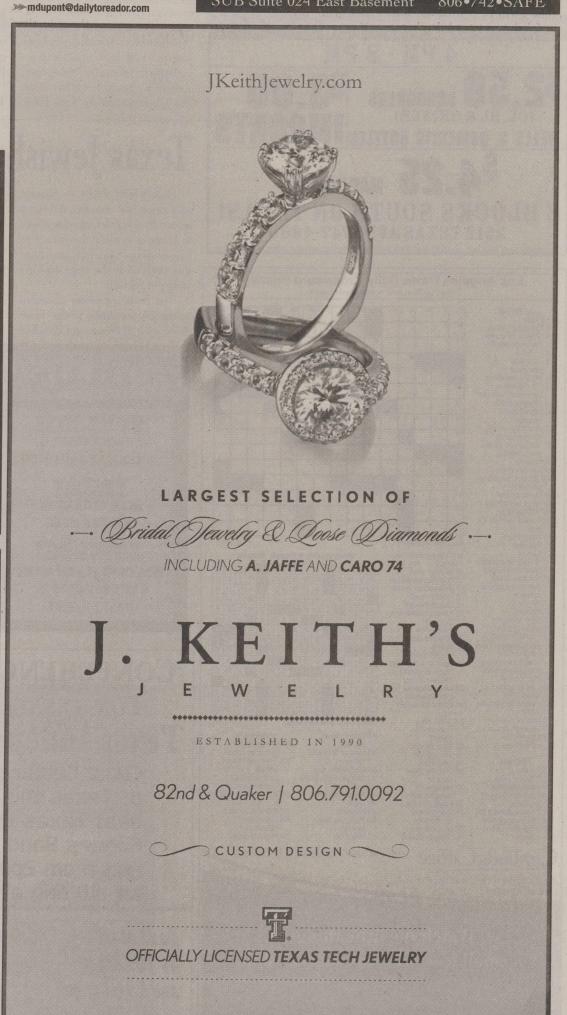
"I've been to an etiquette dinner that was followed by a mixer, so I feel like I'm already prepared," she said. "I think (students) would really benefit because they don't realize that the smallest things you do in front of a group of people says a lot about you and how you're perceived."

McDonald thinks in the professional world, networking with others is a vital

"In the business world they have events such as mixers and companies try to get the employees involved," she or a late night mixer, so you need to know how to interact with others in a work setting."

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# Tech falls on senior night in final home game

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

Since starting the season 14-0 and being ranked as high as No. 10 in the nation, the Lady Raiders have faltered and gone 3-12 in their last 15 games.

Texas Tech continued its losing trend Wednesday night in Lubbock with a 71-62 loss to Oklahoma.

The Lady Raiders had trouble getting shots to fall, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"You just tell them to keep shooting and we keep working on it," she said. "I thought we had two really good days of shooting the basketball and for whatever reason they didn't go in, so you stay positive. I wasn't disappointed at all. I thought our effort up until the shot was tremendous, we just couldn't get a make."

Tech shot 30 percent from the field, while the Sooners had a 47 percent shooting percentage.

The loss was disappointing for the fans and for the seniors because it was the final home game and senior night, Curry said.

"It's always emotional on senior night, so that definitely adds to it," she said. "Anytime you have a loss, it's definitely emotional. Obviously they're upset, and I think you can tell from both of these (Jordan Barncastle and Casey Morris) had tears in their eyes."

Oklahoma was led by strong play out of its guards, with all three starting guards scoring in double digits.

The guard play from the Sooners is

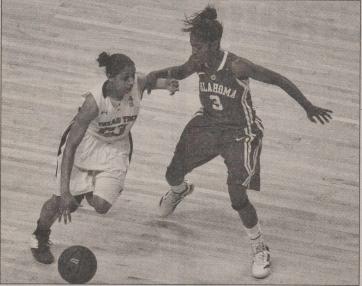


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Monique Smalls dribbles past Oklahoma gaurd Aaryn Ellenberg during the Lady Raiders' 71-62 loss against the Sooners on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

vital to the overall success of the team, Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said.

"Guard play is always a major factor for our team," she said. "It doesn't matter up on the season yet, the senior Barnwho we're playing."

Oklahoma sophomore guard Aaryn Ellenberg had game-highs in scoring, rebounding and assists, with 20 points, 11 rebounds and six assists.

Curry credited the loss to Tech's inability to make shots and Oklahoma's ability to knock down plenty of shots.

"We had a couple of mental breakdowns defensively," she said. "You're going to have that at times, you've just got to go get a make on the other end.

If you miss shots, you've certainly got to go get stops.'

The Lady Raiders have not given

consistency," she said, "and I think that we can go beat K-State and keep and still be successful and do the things that we set out to do in the beginning of the season."

Morris led the Lady Raiders with

She said Tech can still build off the loss if the team is able to stay positive.

police seized about 2.7 pounds of marijua-

na and \$46,000 in the TCU-related drug

sting that led to the arrests of four football

players and a dozen other students, accord-

ing to a report obtained by a newspaper.

weapons during the six-month sting, ac-

Undercover officers also seized nine

"I think we can improve on our looking forward and keep being positive



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle shoots the ball during the Lady Raiders' 71-62 loss against Oklahoma in United Spirit Arena on Wednesday. Barncastle was a graduating senior and this was her last home game.

"I think we can take any situation like this and make it into a positive," Morris said. "Just build character by it and know that we still have more basketball to play and stay positive like she said."

a fraternity house, the only weapon seized

seized drugs at about \$29,000, including 37

grams of prescription pills, 1.10 grams of

cocaine and methamphetamines, and 5.3

grams of MDMA, also known generally as

10 more are expected to be taken into cus-

Police say 23 people were arrested and

Police estimate the street value of the

on campus, police said.

Ecstasy in pill form.

FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth Information Act. One was a rifle found at

Despite the record, Curry said the

team has been great to coach this season. Well, honestly I could not be prouder of a core group of kids that day in and day out had given every single

tody. Among those arrested last week were

four Texas Christian University football

players and 12 other students accused of

selling drugs to undercover officers. Four

drugs were found at the home shared

by defensive tackle D.J. Yendrey and

offensive tackle Ty Horn. A shotgun, 4

ounces of marijuana and paraphernalia —

including pipes — were among the items

According to the Feb. 20 report, no

former students also were arrested.

thing they could," she said.

Cops seized 2.7 pounds of pot in TCU sting

The Lady Raiders play their final regular season game in Manhattan, Kan., on Saturday before the start of the Big 12 Conference Tournament next week.

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seized from the home of cornerback Devin

Johnson. A half-ounce of marijuana, five

pipes and a digital scale were found at

the home of linebacker Tanner Brock,

All students arrested have been "sepa-

rated" from TCU, which means they are

banned from campus, said spokeswoman

Lisa Albert. But if they want to be reinstat-

ed, they must attend a disciplinary hearing

where evidence is presented, she said.

police said.

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Texas Jewish high school again denied playoff reset association has again voted down a request by a Jewish Orthodox school in Houston to move the start of its scheduled boys' basketball playoff game this weekend so the team wouldn't

violate its Sabbath.

The Beren Academy advanced to the 2A semifinals of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial

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HOUSTON (AP) — A state School's boys' basketball tournament, but its next game was slated for 9 p.m.

> on Friday. The Beren students, bound by their religion, recognize the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown on Saturday. The school appealed to TAPPS to change its game time, but the TAPPS board unanimously voted down the

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appeal, citing a bylaw.

Beren coach Chris Cole did not immediately return a phone message

it was merely following its Constitution and By-Laws with its decision. Director Edd Burleson said Tuesday that TAPPS had previously informed Beren that scheduling conflicts may occur, and

The story gained national attention, and the TAPPS board met again just wanted their players to have an on Wednesday, but voted 8-0 to keep this weekend's schedule intact.

left Wednesday night. TAPPS released a statement, saying

TAPPS reiterated that on Wednesday. "The Athletic Director (Cole) stated that he understood and did opportunity to play in a 'district," the statement said.

TAPPs cited a rule that states that schools "must notify the TAPPS office in writing if their team will not participate in all playoff games in which they qualify as scheduled by TAPPS. If for any reason, the team cannot follow the schedule as provided by TAPPS the school shall remove itself from the playoffs without penalty so that the next highest ranked team may represent the district in the playoffs."

Cole said Tuesday that he was hoping TAPPS could make an exception without disrupting the tournament. Burleson said TAPPS had to stick to its bylaws, despite a flurry of e-mails and phone calls in the wake of the national recognition that the case generated.

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# Mavs plan now clear: Win now, win later

The Dallas Mavericks are taking a huge gamble on the future of the franchise.

Fresh off a NBA championship, Dallas let defensive stopper and essential championship piece Tyson Chandler leave town. They also let DeShawn Stevenson and J.J. Barea head to other teams as well. It seemed like the Mavericks were giving up on the season.

The replacements included an aging Vince Carter and oft troubled Delonte West. Brendan Haywood would be stepping into the starting spot to take over Chandler's spot. Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and Jason Terry are all a year older. It seemed like Mark Cuban was mailing it in after his team's title run. He



wasn't, though.

Cuban was in fact doing just the opposite, he was pushing

With the short off-season and hectic start to the regular season, it wasn't clearly apparent where the Mavericks were going to fall this season. They looked old and out of sync. Initially, it looked like Carter would be a possession assassin and Haywood would be soft on the interior.

The team has hit its stride

the Mavs do look old, but the contract can be voided by the Howard will finish the season guard tandem if they played injury concerns. Lamar Odom be bought out of his final year. could have been the best addition of the season, but he has yet to get right between the ears.

to watch in this short season where anyone can get hot at the right time — all while staying on target for the perfect future scenario this off-season.

This would be the addition of Dwight Howard and Deron Williams.

It is now clear the Mays are targeting the two all-star players to run the floor with Dirk in his waning years. It has all come together perfectly.

Kidd and Terry both have exthough. There are times where piring contracts and Haywood's be getting both players. I think

season has rarely given them amnesty clause the Mavericks a full deck to play with due to haven't used yet. Also, Odom can

The addition of Howard and Williams with Nowitzki and a resurging Shawn Marion would The Mavs have stayed a team make the Mavs starting lineup tough to beat, even without knowing who is playing the shooting guard.

> It is a huge risk, though. The New Jersey Nets — soon to be moving to Brooklyn — are hard after Howard in trade talks. They would be able to offer a greater amount of money to both players. The prospect of being the faces of a new franchise in a large market has to intrigue both Howard and Williams.

I don't think the Mavs will

in Orlando, but the money he would have to leave on the table to come to Dallas would be too significant.

Williams is a must have for the Mavs, even without Howard. He played high school basketball in the Dallas area. Kidd is not the long-term answer, but has said he would be willing to stick around at a discount. If Howard won't head to Dallas, there will be money to bring Terry back at a reasonable price as well.

However, the options the Mavs have if Howard and Williams aren't in Dallas next season are not terrible. How would Mavs' fans like to see a Steve Nash and Nowitzki reunion? Nash and Kidd could spell each other and even play a formidable at the same time. It doesn't shock and awe like Williams and Howard would, but it is an under the radar move that could also set the Mavs up for future movement.

The Mavs are still competitive now, so fans shouldn't start worrying about the off-season without enjoying the ride this season could bring. The Mavs have a unique opportunity to be a title contender three years in a row, with three different team dynamics. This season they could surprise, but now it is clear the Mavs look to set the team up for years to come in the off-season.

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# Woman's journey to become yell leader at Texas A&M comes ends

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Samantha Ketcham's quest to become Texas A&M's first female yell leader ended abruptly Wednesday when the university's election commission said no runoff would be needed after it discovered a votetabulation error.

Ketcham was hoping to be elected to the five-member group, which A&M has instead of cheerleaders and has always been comprised of men at the formerly all-male military institution. Yell leaders are couraging since she isn't a member among the most visible students on of either group that normally wins

The commission released results Tuesday night that showed Nelson Ingram had been elected senior yell leader, with Ketcham and three other students facing a runoff for the two remaining positions. A day later, the commission said "the percentages were tabulated incorrectly" and that Drew Nelson and Hunter Skoog had won the other

"I'm disappointed that there won't be a runoff, but happy for the people who won," Ketcham said soon after learning the news.

While all the yell leaders are a recognized student organization members of Texas A&M's military organization that includes about 2,100 students in The Corps of Cadets. About 200 students in that

Ketcham, who was one of two women running for the position this year, received 22 percent of the 14,580 votes cast. Though she finished fifth out of six candidates, she thought her showing was enthe positions.

"I knew it was a very long shot in the first place as a non-(Corps member) and a female," she said.

Texas A&M was founded in the 1870s and women were allowed only after a court fight in the 1960s. Much has changed at this campus of more than 45,000 since then and 46.6 percent of its current enroll-

Despite the change in the makeup of the student body, some aren't quite ready to see some of the university's long-held traditions end. An all-female dance team has been the election."

male, a majority of them are also since the mid-1990s and performs at men's and women's basketball games, but isn't allowed to set foot on Kyle Field, where the football team plays.

An editorial in The Battalion, Texas A&M's student newspaper, had urged voters to "preserve allmale yell leader tradition." Tim Bardin, a senior finance major who wrote the piece, said he believes the dance team should be kept away from football games and that yell leaders should always be men.

"If we allow the dance team on Kyle Field, or a woman to hold the position of yell leader just to get with the times and modernize, how are we different than any other school in the nation," he wrote. "If we allow one, what is to stop the other from happening?"

Ketcham isn't worried about people who think a woman should never be a yell leader.

"The outpouring of support has been huge and overwhelming," she said. "I've received hundreds of notifications on Facebook since

# Queen Elizabeth II to open 2012 Olympics

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II's busy summer calendar just got a bit more crowded.

Buckingham Palace said the monarch will open both the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics this summer, signaling that both events will be celebrated as great state occasions — something the British are famous for.

It is the first time the queen has opened the Paralympic Games, though she has often honored Paralympians for their achievements in the past.

Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, will perform the ceremonial role at the 80,000seat Olympic Stadium when the Olympic games begin on July 27, and for the Paralympic Games on Aug. 29.

footsteps of her father, the late King George VI, who opened the 1948 London Olympics, and her great grandfather, King Edward VII, who opened the 1908 London Olympics. Elizabeth also opened the 1976 Games in Canada, where she is the head of state, while Philip did so on her behalf at Melbourne, Australia,

The decision to open both ceremonies caps a very busy year for the queen, whose Diamond Jubilee this year marks her 60 years on the throne.

The monarch, 85, and Philip, 90, are planning an extensive tour of the United Kingdom during the celebrations, including visits to Scotland, Wales herself.

The queen follows in the and Northern Ireland. Philip is planning to stick to the schedule despite his December heart scare, which required the insertion of a stent to keep his coronary arteries open.

At home, the celebrations will include a flotilla on the River Thames, a gala concert in front of Buckingham Palace (with headliners including Paul McCartney and Elton John) and a carriage procession through the streets of London following a service of thanksgiving.

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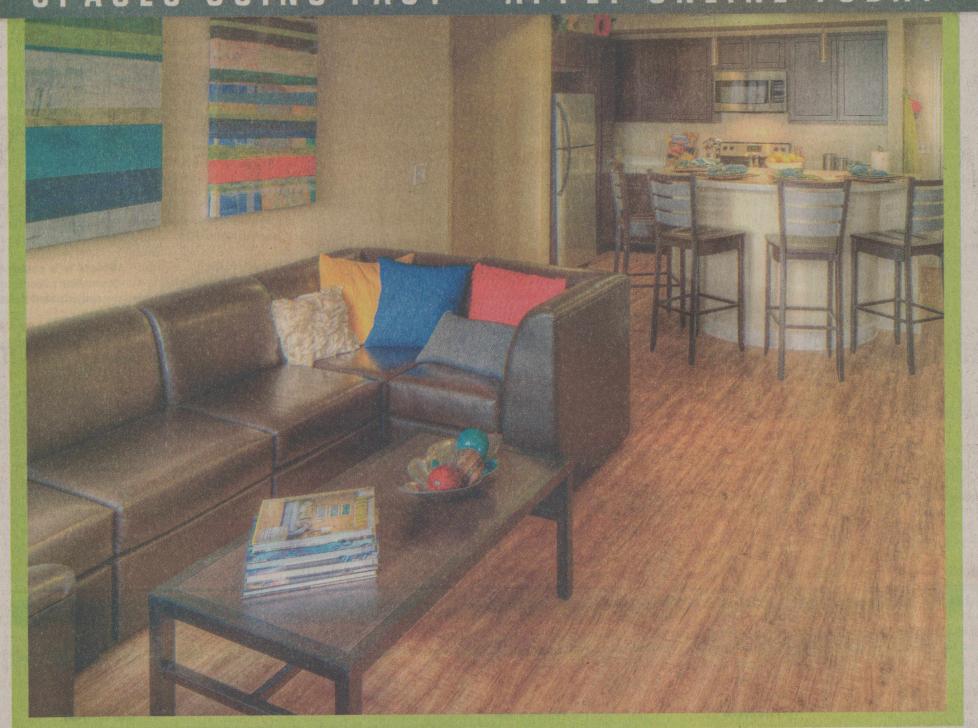
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