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Tech football players arrested during spring break

Students cited for credit/debit card abuse, fake ID

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**
 NEWS EDITOR

Two Texas Tech football players were arrested March 9 for debit/credit card abuse and underage drinking, and are currently allowed to remain on the team.

Jace Amaro and Kenny Williams, both freshmen, were arrested March 9 on two state felony charges for credit/debit card abuse, according to statements released by their attorneys March 13. Amaro was also issued a Class A misdemeanor offense of possession/use of an altered driver's

license.

A magistrate released the football players on their personal recognizance March 10, pending further investigation by law enforcement.

A report filed with the Lubbock Police Department said the students, both 19, were in possession of a 22-year-old's debit card and attempted to use the card to purchase alcoholic drinks at the Firehouse Grill and Bar on Buddy Holly Avenue. The report states the card was used without the owners consent. Amaro also attempted to use a fake ID to purchase the drinks.

LPD officials would not release the name of the cardholder, or the individual's relationship with Amaro and Williams.

Chuck Lanehart of Lubbock, the attorney for Amaro, said in a statement released March 13 that his client maintains his innocence.

"Jace (Amaro) denies committing the offenses for which he was arrested and he looks forward to a thorough investigation that will clear him of these accusations," Lanehart said. "He cooperated fully with the management of the bar in question and he answered all of their questions. He cooperated with the police and responded to all of their questions."

David Hazlewood of Lubbock, the attorney for Williams, said his client

also maintains his innocence.

"Kenny (Williams) denies the allegations for which he was arrested and is confident that a full investigation will clear him of this charge," he wrote. "He has cooperated with all involved by answering the questions posed by the bar management and the Lubbock Police Department."

Hazlewood and Lanehart said a brief preliminary police investigation took place in a matter of minutes on the morning of March 9, and a Lubbock Police Department detective was not assigned to the case until the following Monday. They said no prosecutor has currently studied the facts of the case and no grand jury has looked into the case.

Lanehart also said his client re-

grets the attention and criticism his actions have caused.

"Jace (Amaro) is saddened by the unfavorable publicity this incident has brought on Texas Tech University, the Texas Tech football program, his teammates and coaches, his classmates and his family," he said. "He hopes the media and the public will reserve judgment on his actions until the truth is presented about what really happened last weekend."

Hazlewood said Williams also regrets the reactions that have been caused by the incident.

"Kenny (Williams) regrets the negative publicity this event has brought upon the university, the football program and all those who know him," he said. "He is confident

the public will be shown that he is not guilty of this accusation and hopes they will give him the presumption of innocence our Constitution provides."

Amaro, a tight end for the Red Raiders, and Williams, a running back, both saw some playing time last season, and are expected to be integrated even more so in this upcoming season.

Last season, Williams ran the ball 43 times totaling 135 yards and scored two touchdowns. Most of his rushing attempts came after starting running back Eric Stephens went down with a season-ending knee injury. Amaro caught the ball seven times during his first season at Tech for a total of 57 yards and also scored two touchdowns.

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Students get asked for money by beggars

LPD, students give personal experiences, advice on what to do

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**
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An outstretched hand. Torn clothes. Pleading face.

Beggars pleading for money are a common site in cities around the world, including Lubbock.

Many Tech students face tough decisions when confronted to give money, as they try to decipher whether the person is honest or not.

There are many ways to handle these situations, depending on the circumstances, and only the person opposite the begging can determine which is best.

Sgt. Jonathan Stewart with the Lubbock Police Department said there are many stores around Lubbock where beggars station themselves. He said there is no specific way to tell whether a person is in

genuine need.

"Someone coming up could legitimately really need some assistance and be in a bad spot and somebody else may be asking for money for alcohol or could have plenty of money and are asking for more," he said. "That's kind of what they do for a living."

Chris Tucker, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Houston, said he has encountered this sort of situation at the Walmart on Avenue Q. He said it is hard to judge whether to give or not.

"If it seems like they're really needing it for a good purpose, I'll give them spare change," he said. "I know I do occasionally turn my head, but it's good to help people. It depends on the situation."

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Tech grads create website to help transition from college to real world

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
 STAFF WRITER

With inspiration including both "Braveheart" and Barney Stinson, the Nix Negatives team is working to help motivate and encourage its peers.

The group consists of five Tech graduates and one almost-graduate who undertook the same challenge for Lent: to be more positive by replacing negative thoughts with optimistic ones.

"It is definitely difficult," said group cofounder Elizabeth Custy, from Lubbock. "But we're sup-

posed to give up difficult things."

The idea for Nix Negatives was born when Custy graduated in December, she said. Though graduation is a happy time, it is quickly replaced with feelings of uncertainty about the future and sometimes even the present.

While talking to John Schnettgoecke, who would end up as cofounder, she said she realized the feelings were shared by others. The time of transition from college to the next step in life is tough.

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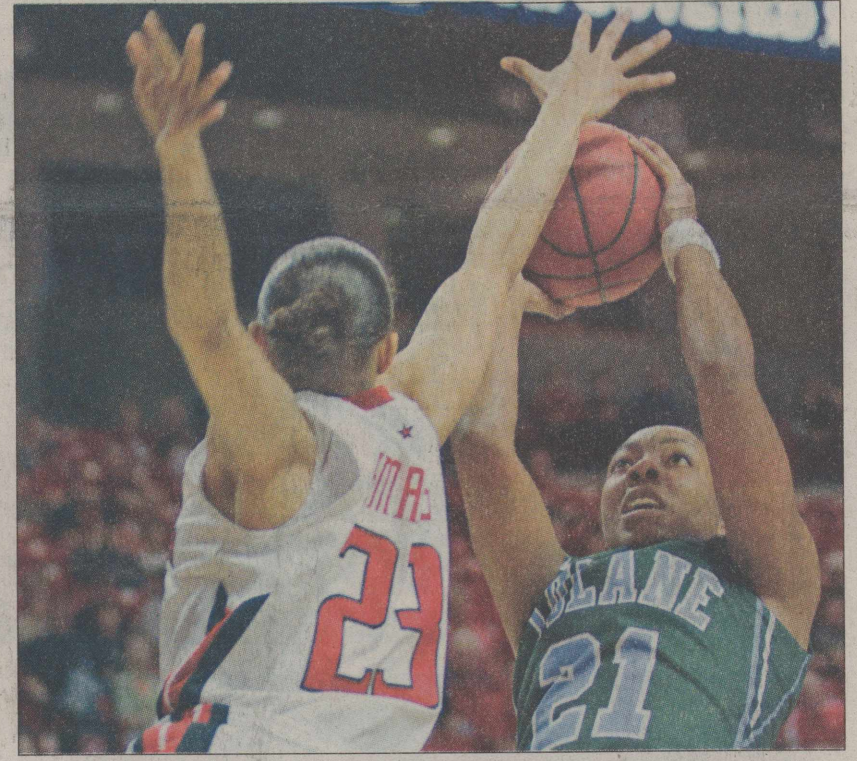


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LEFT: TEXAS TECH guard Chynna Brown shoots over Tulane guard Janique Kautsky during the Lady Raiders' 69-55 victory against the Green Wave on Sunday in United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders will play at 7 p.m. Thursday in United Spirit Arena in the third round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament. RIGHT: Tech guard Monique Smalls blocks Tulane guard Olivia Grayson's shot during the Lady Raiders' 69-55 victory against the Green Wave.

Lady Raiders beat Tulane, 69-55, advance to third round of WNIT

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**
 STAFF WRITER

The Lady Raiders defeated Eastern Illinois 85-71 Thursday night, then followed that up with a win against Tulane 69-55 Sunday afternoon in Lubbock to advance to the third round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

The win against Tulane pushed Texas Tech to 21-13 for the season.

The Lady Raiders have shown more composure in the postseason than they did at times in the

regular season, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"I liked our poise," she said. "I thought at times in both games we had a chance to go one way or another, and I thought the kids really stuck together, communicated well, and the poise that we're showing at times is really an improvement. I've been really pleased with us being able to get a stop, make a play, make a good decision on both ends of the floor."

Tech has communicated better and played in-sync as a team during

its two WNIT games, Curry said.

"The margin for error — the margin for a mistake — is so incredibly small in any game," she said. "Basketball is a game of mistakes, the team that makes the fewest is often going to be the most successful. I think we've been fortunate to be able to do that."

Free throw shooting kept Green Wave close for most of the game Sunday.

The Lady Raiders missed 13 of their 34 free throw attempts, while Tulane shot 83 percent from the

charity stripe.

Tech senior Jordan Barncastle led the Lady Raiders with a season-high 21 points, with 15 of those points coming in the first half.

Barncastle said the crowd helped push the Lady Raiders to the victory. "I thought the crowd was great for a spring break WNIT game," she said.

The Green Wave struggled from behind the arc shooting 11 percent from three.

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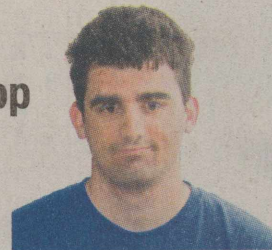
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Community Calendar

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Texas Tech's Landmark Arts
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: School of Art
So, what is it?
Enjoy Virginia Saunders' exhibit, "Visions and Dreams," with images based on Saunders' recent travels to Europe and China.

Da Vinci: The Genius
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Science Spectrum Museum
So, what is it?
This traveling exhibition features some of da Vinci's full-scale machine inventions crafted from his personal notebooks, as well as reproductions of his most famous Renaissance art, including the "Mona Lisa," "Virgin of the Rocks," "The Annunciation," the "Last Supper," the "Vitruvian Man," and the "Sforza Horse."

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Presents "Music in Shakespeare's Tragedies"
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
Stacey Jocoy, an associate professor of musicology at Tech will lead the class, which will focus on the music used for Shakespearian plays during Shakespeare's lifetime, like "Othello," "King Lear" and "Hamlet."

Piano Faculty Recital
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy a performance from Carla Cash during this faculty recital presented by the School of Music.

TUESDAY

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Presents "Beyond the Arab Spring"
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
This course, led by Mohammad Maqusi, a professor in Middle East Studies in the Honors College, will discuss a number of things including, the changing Arab Mideast, a survey of recent events from Tunisia through Egypt, Libya, Yemen and Syria, and the rising power in the Middle East.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Presents "Film as Musicology": "Amadeus"
Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
Thomas Cimarusti, an assistant professor of musicology will discuss the life of Mozart with special

attention given to myths about Mozart in the award-winning film, "Amadeus," and when to question the poetic license of a work. Participants are expected to view the film before the class.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Florida Gulf Coast
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Florida Gulf Coast.

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.

POLICE BLOTTER

Theft reported at Tech Health Sciences Center

Wednesday
2:42 p.m. — A Texas Tech officer responded to a medical emergency on the 2nd floor of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. A staff member was having difficulty breathing. She was transported to University Medical Center Emergency Room for evaluation.

Thursday
6:52 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a non-student for driving with an invalid license, which occurred in the C1 parking lot following a traffic stop. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The vehicle was released to a passenger.

4:05 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated theft on the 2nd

floor of the Health Sciences Center. A digital camera was taken from an unsecured room.

5:10 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated criminal mischief in the Health Sciences Center C3 parking lot. The trunk lid on a car was scratched.

6:18 p.m. — A Tech officer responded to a medical emergency at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. A student injured his thumb while playing soccer. The student was transported to University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

Information provided by Kathryn Kelch of the Texas Tech Police Department.

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Charges in Afghan shootings expected within a week

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Charges against an American soldier accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians are expected to be filed within a week and if the case goes to court the trial will be held in the United States, said a legal expert with the U.S. military familiar with the investigation.

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales is suspected of leaving a U.S. base in southern Afghanistan, entering homes and gunning down nine children, four men and three women before dawn on March 11. Bales, a 38-year-old married father of two from Lake Tapps, Washington, is currently being held at a U.S. military prison in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The shootings have further strained ties between the U.S. government and President Hamid Karzai who has accused the U.S. military of not cooperating with a delegation

he appointed to investigate the killings in Panjwai district of Kandahar province. The Afghan investigative team also is not convinced that one soldier could have single-handedly left his base, walked to two villages, shot and killed 16 civilians and set fire to some of their bodies.

Syed Mohammad Azeen, a tribal elder from Balandi village, said Sunday in Kandahar that he and other villagers believe more than a dozen soldiers were involved. Other villagers said they saw 16 to 20 U.S. troops in the villages. It's unclear whether the soldiers the villagers saw were part of a search party that left the base to look for Bales, who was reported missing.

Allegations that 16 to 20 people were involved in the killings are "completely false," according to a U.S. official familiar with the case,

who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the investigation.

Karzai seemed to endorse the skepticism about the U.S. account of a single shooter when he met with relatives of the victims in Kabul on Friday in a meeting covered by the news media. He recounted a story from one of the families about women and children being killed in four different rooms of a house, dragged into one room and lit on fire.

"That, one man cannot do," said Karzai.

Many other officials and villagers have said it seemed impossible for a single soldier to carry out the attacks in both villages — one 1 kilometer north of the base and the other 1.5 kilometers south of the base. But the timeline is unclear. Some villagers have said the attacks, which they claim started around 2:30 a.m., oc-

curred at separate times over an hour. Others have said attacks occurred simultaneously in the two villages.

In an attempt to prove there was only one perpetrator involved in the shootings, the U.S. military has shown Afghan officials footage from a surveillance video that shows a soldier walking up to the base, laying down his weapon and raising his arms in surrender.

Karzai said Friday that the video, which was shot by an aerial blimp above the base, was "not convincing" and accused the U.S. of not cooperating with Afghan investigators.

The legal expert, who also spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the case, insisted that there had been good cooperation between U.S. and Afghan investigative teams and that Afghan officials had provided important evidence for the case.

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Solar storms join floods, terrorism as risks to UK

LONDON (AP) — Britain has added volcanoes and solar storms to floods, flu and terrorism on a list of threats to national security.

The highest-priority risks to Britain are pandemic influenza, coastal flooding, terrorist attacks and — a new addition — volcanic eruptions in Iceland, according to the recently published 2012 edition of the government's Na-

tional Risk Register for Civil Emergencies.

"Severe space weather" poses a threat to communications systems, electronic circuits and power grids, the list said. Solar storms — eruptions of magnetic energy and charged particles — are part of the sun's normal 11-year cycle, which is expected to reach a peak next year.

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'21 Jump Street' hysterical, action-packed

"'21 Jump Street' is a comedy/action film directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller starring Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum as Schmidt and Jenko, two young-looking and slightly incompetent cops posing as high school students in an undercover drug bust.

Schmidt (Hill) had been a nerd in school while Jenko (Tatum) had been the cool jock, and this gives them a chance to relive their time in high school, while trying to get in with the cool crowd who are linked to a new and dangerous drug.

They get themselves in deep when they form new bonds with their fellow classmates and things become personal. The film's costars were Ellie Kemper, Dave Franco and Ice Cube. Hill helped

London Weldon



write the screenplay and he and Tatum were producers on the project.

I went into this film expecting all of the funny parts to have been shown in the previews. Those kinds of films are always so disappointing, but, thankfully, this is not one of those movies.

There was plenty of raunchy yet satirical humor, as they mock the current high school mentality from beginning to end, which only contributed to how fun this movie

really was.

The two main characters complement each other, just as the supporting characters help make the story funnier. The crazy situations they find themselves in range from a psychotic and immature gym teacher to a horny science teacher trying to fight an inappropriate, yet hilarious, crush — a recipe for an entertaining flick. I found it impossible to not smile and chuckle in almost every scene.

This movie has something for everyone. When there isn't anything to laugh at — which is rare — a car chase or gunfight is taking place to keep the energy up. What keeps the audience interested is the fact that the main characters must fulfill their duties as police officers while blending in with their high school identities

at all times, which proves to be challenging on several occasions.

Without a doubt, I would give this film four-and-a-half out of five stars. It was shockingly good.

The writing was great and consistent, considering most comedies don't have strong screenplays. The cast just meshed so well together and all fit their parts so well. There are a few cameos that give the film an authentic feel, yet added to the craziness of the whole plot.

I definitely recommend everyone who needs a good laugh, with some adrenaline pumping action, to check this movie out. You won't be disappointed.

Weldon is The DT's movie reviewer.
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Horse racing drama 'Luck' proved too real for HBO

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Horse racing has long withstood the deaths of its skittish, injury-prone thoroughbreds. Hollywood proved it lacks the stomach for it.

HBO abruptly cancelled its race-track drama series "Luck" this past week after three horses used in the production were injured and euthanized during 10 months of filming in the last two years.

The abrupt fall of "Luck," which will end its single-season run on March 25, reveals the chasm between the racing and entertainment industries.

At the track, a horse puts its life on the line so gamblers can stake \$2 or more to win, place or show, with the

industry and fans accepting the danger to animals and jockeys as a harsh part of the bargain.

With movies and TV, which offer the on-screen vow that "no animals were harmed" in the making of make-believe, consumers have scant tolerance for harm to any creature great or small.

"More people are pet owners than ever before. More people have access to information about animals ... and care more about them," said Karen Rosas, senior vice president of the American Humane Association's TV and film unit that monitors animal safety for more than 2,000 productions annually.

Clooney arrested in protest at Sudanese Embassy

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Clooney and his father were arrested Friday during a protest outside the Sudanese Embassy, and the actor said he has asked President Barack Obama to engage China on stopping a humanitarian crisis in northern Africa.

The protesters accuse Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir of provoking a humanitarian crisis and blocking food and aid from entering the Nuba Mountains in the county's border region with South Sudan.

Clooney, his father, Nick Clooney, and others were arrested after being warned three times not to cross a police line outside the embassy. Those taken into custody included NAACP Presi-

dent Ben Jealous, Martin Luther King III, and actor and comedian Dick Gregory.

Several members of Congress also were arrested, including Massachusetts Reps. James McGovern and John Olver, Texas Rep. Al Green and Rep. Jim Moran of Virginia. They were handcuffed and placed into a U.S. Secret Service van.

Clooney was released several hours later after paying a \$100 fine.

The arrests came after Clooney met this week with Obama, testified in the Senate and attended a state dinner for British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Clooney told The Associated Press before he was arrested that he can only hope to draw attention to the crisis in

Sudan but that he doesn't know if any progress has been made. He said he was impressed, though, with Obama's engagement on the issue.

"It's amazing to sit down with a world leader who knows all of the intricacies of what's going on in Sudan," he said.

The actor said he asked Obama to involve China more in pushing for a solution in Sudan. A YouTube video Clooney recently posted online from his trip to Sudan appears to show a Chinese-made missile being used against the Nuba community.

Clooney said international leaders need to "follow the money" flowing to Sudan's leaders to expose corruption.

"This is a moment where we have a

chance to do something because if we don't, in the next three to four months, there's going to be a real humanitarian disaster," Clooney said before his arrest.

The situation is urgent, he said, because the upcoming rainy season would block transportation of food aid to the area.

Clooney said he didn't know if his actions would make a difference but that he at least wanted to make more people aware.

"It's such a silly thought to think you're actually succeeding in any of this," he said. "But if it's loud enough and you keep making it loud enough at the very least people will know about it, and you can't say we didn't know. That's the first step."

Beggars

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Tucker said one option students have if they want to help the person in need is to actually buy what the person is asking for, rather than giving them money that can be used for anything. He said if someone left his or her wallet at the house and is asking for a gallon of gas, the student should actually go to the gas station and buy the gas themselves.

"That way you see that you're actually doing something, rather than just giving five bucks," he said.

Joe Carson, a senior agricultural and applied economics major from Altus, Okla., said when he first came to Lubbock he was confronted many times by beggars in places including Wal-Mart, Walgreens, CVS, gas stations and Sonic.

"A lot of people are afraid of saying 'Leave me alone' and are always nice about it," he said. "Usually, I'll toughen up and just say no, but sometimes I just give in. I'll either make up some type of story or it may be true, but if they ask for a ride, I'll say 'I don't know, I'm sorry, I'm going the opposite direction,' just trying to be nice."

Talia Acevedo, a freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Eagle Pass, said when she goes to Mexico with her mother, there is an abundance of people asking for

money. She said after witnessing all these beggars, she can tell who is being phony or not by the stories they tell.

"If you see that they are really in need of money and you can tell they're not being fake, if you have anything, give it to them," she said. "If they're being fake, just walk away and ignore them."

While the stereotype is that college students are usually broke, Carson said, beggars know better, which is why they choose to hit students up for money.

"Most students usually have some

type of funding since they're fortunate enough to be in college," he said, "and most have some side money."

Carson said there are also dangerous situations students can find themselves in with people desperate for money. He said last spring his roommate was at an apartment complex when two men held him up after he got home from the bar and took him and his car to an ATM where they tried to make him withdraw money.

Stewart warns students in this sort of situation to call the police, and if at a store to contact management.

"There is no way to tell if someone

is being genuine," he said. "You have to use a great deal of caution with people that approach you in that manner."

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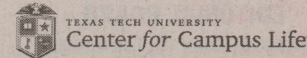
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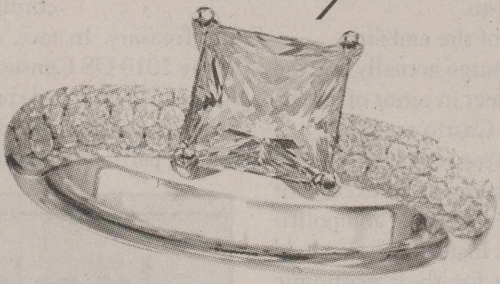


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State legislators should stop wasting money

States' rights are apparently very important to the right wing of American politics.

The federal government is the epitome of evil, the IRS is but an arm of Satan himself and the Environmental Protection Agency is a cell of communist spies.

The state government of Texas, however, is entirely perfect and looks out only for the welfare of all of its citizens.

Ha. It is well known that the abomination of a state budget — which was produced during the 2011 legislative session — was a hack job on the public sector.

State health facilities were cut, highway improvement projects were postponed and — worst of all — the public education system faced unfathomable cuts.

It began to directly affect Lubbock earlier this month, when the Texas Tech Board of Regents announced a 2 percent tuition hike next term. President Bailey said this was needed to hire and retain quality faculty. If President Bailey believes there

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are students out there who believe 100 percent of that, it's laughable.

Most of it will go in the vast pool of money being used in Tech's attempt to reach the almighty tier-one status. Some, as an unfortunate side effect, will go to hiring researchers who teach one or two classes. The rest of the money will go to plug the budget hole due to the drastic cut in state funding.

This is pure conjecture. It will be difficult to quantify that in a statistical sense, but it can be easily shown in the primary and secondary school system.

The *Texas Tribune* reported the public school system had to cut 25,000 positions over the past year, or about 4 percent of the entire workforce. That's hard to overlook.

I would hope our legislators' first priority in the 2013 legisla-

tive session would be to restore the funding to schools. Clearly, there is quite a bit lying around the Attorney General's office for frivolous lawsuits.

State Attorney General Greg Abbott may not be able to parade around in front of a judge because of his physical handicap, but he makes up for it by creating a public spectacle by setting fire to taxpayer money.

The voter ID law the state wants to put into effect is a draconian and thinly veiled attempt by state Republicans to disenfranchise minorities and younger voters (conveniently two groups which lean Democrat). It's somewhat understandable why a token Republican, who is in line at the Republican establishment for a shot at governor in a decade, would sue to protect his own political backside. Abbott has also spent pre-

vious state dollars on joining the anti-Obamacare bandwagon on its route to the Supreme Court, in lockstep with the Republican establishment.

Even back in 2009, when the Office of the Attorney General defended the constitutionality of forcing schoolchildren to pledge their allegiance to the Texas flag — in order to keep deflections to the State of Louisiana

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at a minimum — Abbott's actions were simply waved off as pandering to his political base.

The recent lawsuit over the refusal of the federal government to fund part of the women's health program, due to the state selectively filtering its preferred providers of care (coincidentally, Planned Parenthood was filtered out), brought the Attorney General back to the front pages for political pandering.

But now, it seems the AG has

gotten a bit crazy-eyed and set his sights on a much bigger prize, the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Specifically, the AG is contending the portions of the Voting Rights Act which require preclearance from the Justice Department when election law changes, are unconstitutional as part of the voter ID case.

Of course, this is the actual meat and bones of the Voting Rights Act. Without federal oversight, there is little anyone can do to prevent widespread voter discrimination. Texas lost the right to participate in federal elections without oversight when it decided to discriminate against minority voters.

The strict nature of the Texas voter ID law draws clear parallels to 1964 and voter discrimination. Not as explicit, mind you. The white legislators of Texas have gotten better at camouflaging it. But the reason the 1965 law was passed was to prevent situations like this from occurring again.

The voter ID law may overcome legal challenges and become the standard for Texas. What won't happen, however,

is the overturning of the Voting Rights Act. Greg Abbott should stop wasting his time, and valuable taxpayer dollars, fighting this law.

Rather than fighting the Voting Rights Act, why not go out and ensure there aren't groups who actively discriminate against voters in our state, such as the King Street Patriots?

It's considerably cheaper and more likely to result in a free and fair election than suing the federal government over a 47-year-old voter protection law. But this isn't about free and fair elections. It's about standing up to the federal government, in particular the Obama administration.

Abbott is a perfect example of why federal law should reign supreme. Unfortunately, federal law doesn't protect the state's coffers from frivolous lawsuits while public school employees get laid off.

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Brief lesson over Ugandan history

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Since none of this "revolutionary" social media awareness-raising has included facts or historical context, here's an (incredibly simplified) overview.

Joseph Kony is the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group that has been waging war against the Ugandan government. At least, it was, until that government forced the group out of the country in 2009.

Before this defeat, back when the Ugandan civil war was raging full force, Kony and his army used despicable, inhuman tactics.

They abducted young children from their homes, forcing the girls into sex slavery and handing the boys weapons. He was a brutal, violent leader of a guerrilla force that terrorized parts of Uganda for years.

That much, the Invisible Children documentary got right. What the film ignores is the historical and

cultural context of the Ugandan conflict.

It ignores the widespread human rights abuses by the Ugandan government, which the U.S. helped to install. No where does it mention that this war has subsided, and that Ugandans are now focused on rebuilding communities and rehabilitating victims.

And it blatantly disregards both the role Western states played in creating the unstable environment in Africa and the continuing harm inflicted by the American government and American consumer interests.

The current conflicts in Africa can trace their roots back to Western colonialism, when states like the U.S., Britain and France carved up the region according to their own interests, with no regard for the different ethnic groups that lived there.

Now, many African nations see violent clashes between disparate ethnic groups vying for control of the country.

Cuban embargo is 50 years of failure

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February 2012 marked the 50th Anniversary of the US trade embargo against Cuba. President Kennedy put the embargo in place as punishment to Fidel Castro's regime, and the US hoped the embargo would force Castro into accepting democratic reforms and allowing more political and economic freedom for the Cuban people.

However, 50 years later, the Cuban embargo has only succeeded in decreasing the quality of life for Cubans, pushing the Cuban government towards leftist allies in South America and has given the Cuban government a scapegoat for their economic and political mismanagement. Furthermore, the US maintains the Cuban embargo despite many other countries in modern-times having equally poor human rights records.

An Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted in February 2012 showed that 62 percent of Americans supported re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba, with only 23 percent disagreeing. Additionally, 51 percent supported ending the trade embargo.

The current embargo includes several stringent requirements. For example, vessels which dock in Cuban ports are prohibited from entering the US for 180 days, no article produced with more than 10 percent Cuban components can enter the US and companies that do business in Cuba are often denied US visas, according to Reuters.

No other country in the world embargoes Cuba like the US does. In fact, every year for the past 20 years a United Na-

tions resolution has been passed condemning America's embargo against Cuba.

In 2010, 186 countries signed the embargo condemning the US and only the US and Israel voted against it, according to the Associated Press.

The first way the Cuban embargo is counter-productive is that the embargo does not affect its intended target: the Cuban government. Although the embargo harms the Cuban government's access to credit and foreign investment, the Cuban people feel the day-to-day effects of the embargo.

The embargo actually has the opposite effect in terms of undermining the Castro regime.

The Castro regime is able to use the embargo as an excuse for their failed economic and political policies. Instead of being held responsible for their economic shortcomings, the Cuban regime is able to blame them on the United States. Ending the embargo would end the excuses and force the Cuban government to be responsible.

The second way the embargo is counter-productive is that it pushes Cuba towards leftist governments in Latin America. Due to economic necessity, Cuba has close relationships with the Chavez regime in Venezuela and Evo Morales in Bolivia.

If America were to allow economic relations, Cuba would not rely on other undemocratic regimes for support.

The third way the embargo

has failed is that the reasoning behind the establishment of the embargo is inconsistent and outdated.

The Freedom House 2012 Report, which ranks countries on their levels of political and civil rights, rated Cuba "Not Free" and placed it in the same category as China, Laos, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia among others. China and Saudi Arabia actually had identical scores to Cuba.

Interestingly though, the US does not have economic embargoes against either of these countries, according to the US Treasury. In fact, according to the 2010 US Census, China is America's No. 2 trade partner and Saudi Arabia is America's No. 10 trading partner. So if the embargo

is truly being maintained because of "moral" obligations to freedom or democracy, then we are being very selective about whom these morals apply to.

President Obama deserves recognition for lifting bans on Cuban Americans ability to travel to Cuba and for sending remittances to families in Cuba, according to the Associated Press. These are moves in the right direction.

America should continue to slowly scale back the embargo and eventually end it completely. It is also vital for the US to reestablish diplomatic ties with Cuba.

I am confident once the US embargo ends and diplomatic ties are reestablished, America's economic and diplomatic influence will help move Cuba towards democratic reform.

One thing America has historically failed at is acknowledging its mistakes in foreign relations. The Cuban embargo, a holdover from the Cold War era, is a prime example of outdated and ineffective policy and should be ended.

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"We latched onto each other in our post-grad life, facing these challenges," said Custy, who is currently living in Austin and using her advertising degree to work on political campaigns. "It was surprising how similar our lives were."

The websites began as a way for the group to connect and the members posted inspirational quotes and videos to encourage one another. Soon, others were interested, Custy said, and the team realized even they were not alone.

"The base of the idea is to stay positive," said the group's graphic designer, Elliot Salazar. "A lot of people can identify with that."

Salazar's story is different from the others'. He said he joined the job market, even though he was waiting for graduate school. At first, he was wait-listed. After a year of working as a graphic designer for the Tech School of Art, Salazar, from Lubbock, was accepted to the Maryland Institute College of Art. Though the waiting was hard, he said he saw the value in having a job and gaining experience.

"It doesn't matter what job you have, or what location you're at, if you feel incomplete," Custy said.

To motivate their audience, Custy said the team focuses on five pillars of challenges in a post-grad world: self-improvement, friendship, romance,

job search and finance. As the principle author of the Twitter account, she posts things such as articles about interviewing and ideas for activities to help keep readers on track to achieve their goals. The tweets offer advice about working hard and being successful, and even a few breaks from all the work with YouTube videos and random pictures of cats.

Though Custy said the team itself was Red Raider exclusive, Salazar said the message was not.

These pillars are universal, he said, and the worries and fears the group is taking aim at can be found in anyone going through any life changing transition.

Because of this, Custy said, the project will continue long after Lent's 40 days are over.

"We're hoping to impact people on a larger scale," she said. "We can tell there's a market."

First, the Nix Negatives group will simply continue to inspire through social media. Custy said they would like to reach out to graduates from other schools and spread the message and will see where it goes from there.

"Post-grads need a support system," Salazar said. "The transition is difficult, but if you stay positive, it's helpful."

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Apple firestorm leads artist to change his show

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Daisey, the off-Broadway performer who admitted that he made up parts of his one-man show about Apple products being made in Chinese sweatshops, has cut questionable sections from the monologue and added a prologue explaining the controversy.

Oskar Eustis, artistic director of The Public Theater, where the monologue is being performed, said Saturday that Daisey has "eliminated anything he doesn't feel he can stand behind" from the show and added a section at the beginning in which he addresses the questions raised by critics.

Eustis called the prologue "the best possible frame we could give the audience for the controversy" and said Daisey agreed to make the changes himself, which are "his and his alone."

"Mike is a great storyteller, not a journalist. I wish he had been clearer about that distinction in the making of this piece," Eustis said after seeing Saturday's matinee performance. "If we had understood the rules Mike was using to make the show, we would have framed it differently from the outset."

Daisey portrayed his work as fact during a media blitz to promote

his critically acclaimed show, and he misled dozens of news and entertainment outlets, including the popular public radio show "This American Life," The Associated Press, The New York Times, MSNBC and HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher."

But in an interview with "This American Life" host Ira Glass broadcast Friday, Daisey acknowledged that some of the claims in his show, "The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs," weren't true. The show retracted its Jan. 6 episode because Glass said he couldn't vouch for the truth of its claims.

Daisey, who admitted Friday on

his website that the work is a mix of fact and fiction, did not respond to questions sent to his personal email account, and his publicist did not respond to a request for comment Saturday.

The controversy is unlikely to lessen the media scrutiny of the Chinese factories that make Apple products, since news outlets including the Times have reported about the dangerous working conditions in them, including explosions inside iPad plants where four people were killed and 77 were injured.

But some of Daisey's older monologues might get a second look.

Super busy SXSW wraps up with poignant moment

AUSTIN (AP) — Stars of all stripes and celebrity hit town to close out South By Southwest, but it was a marching band that stole the show Saturday.

Members of the Austin High band watched their star turn in the premiere of filmmaker Emmett Malloy's "Big Easy Express," then joined documentary subjects Mumford & Sons, Edward Sharpe and The Magnetic Zeros and Old Crow Medicine Show in an outdoor concert at the University of Texas as the music conference fell into an exhausted heap on its final night.

Across town, Timbaland held a listening party at Perez Hilton's annual to-do. Norah Jones played her new album for an appreciative group of fans. Matthew McConaughey joined The Cult during

a free concert. Punk rock icon Bob Mould played "Copper Blue" in its entirety, bringing out the graybeards. And Peter Buck and Mike Mills of R.E.M. joined The Posies and Blitzen Trapper in one final tribute to Big Star frontman Alex Chilton, who passed away two years ago as he was due to participate in SXSW.

Rumors of celebrity appearances swirled up and down Sixth Street, but few of them materialized as St. Patrick's Day revelers clogged downtown Austin in a frenzy of partying that didn't end till 2 a.m. last call.

Superstars such as Bruce Springsteen, Jay-Z, Eminem and others made this the busiest SXSW ever, overflowing with celebrity, secret performances

and high-dollar endorsements that made sure the festival looked nothing like the humble event that started 25 years ago with just 200 bands spread over 12 clubs. With so much going on and plenty of places to get hammered on green beer, even the usually most exclusive events were easy to get into.

It took a bumpin' tuba line and a bunch of enthusiastic high school kids to shake off the glitzy veneer that had many longtime festival participants grumbling about the good old days and inject a little innocent joy back into the conference.

With the UT Tower lit up in the background, the band took the stage, then laid down a rolling groove before joining Mumford &

Sons on "The Cave," recreating a powerful moment from "Big Easy Express" in front of thousands of fans on the lawn at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library.

"That's real music, ladies and gentlemen," Marcus Mumford told the crowd after the song. "That's real music from real people."

Afterwards fans surrounded marching band members on the street and chanted: "One more song! One more song!"

The love of making music and the community brought by close collaboration were the dominant themes of "Big Easy Express," which made its world premiere earlier in the day at the Paramount Theatre, then was replayed for the crowd before the night's concert.

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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kierra Mallard tries to block Tulane center Brett Benzio's shot during the Lady Raiders' 69-55 victory against the Green Wave on Sunday in United Spirit Arena.

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Tech sophomore Kelsi Baker came off the bench to help the Lady Raiders with 10 points and five rebounds.

"The team and my coaches have shown a lot of confidence in me the whole year," Baker said. "Through the times that I was in the trenches and wasn't playing real well, they continued to show confidence. So I just want to keep playing well, keep trying to improve in every aspect of my game — no matter if it's free throws, rebounding, setting a screen — just keep trying to get better."

Baker has been a key to Tech's post-season success, Curry said.

"Kelsi is one of the most versatile forwards in our league," she said. "Obviously we have a lot of confidence in her. She's got to grow and be an impact player, so she might as well

start right now."

The winner of the Pacific-San Diego matchup will be Tech's next opponent. The game will be at 7 p.m. Thursday night in United Spirit Arena.

The team is excited to have another home game, Bamcastle said.

"We really enjoy staying home and being able to keep in routine and doing the things that we're used to and feeding off great energy from the crowd," she said. "It just gives you the confidence that you need going into playing the next game."

Bamcastle said she is not ready for her college career to end and hopes to keep winning.

"For it to end would mean we would have to lose," she said, "which isn't ideal and isn't anything that any of us want to do. So, it would be nice to go out on a high note and keep this going as long as we can."

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A&M coach Blair faces former Arkansas team

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Gary Blair of Texas A&M is one of three coaches in Division I women's basketball history to take two schools to the Final Four.

He will coach one of those teams against the other Monday when the third-seeded Aggies meet No. 6 seed Arkansas in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Blair took the Razorbacks to the Final Four in 1998 and led the Aggies to the national title last season.

He isn't excited about facing his former team for the first time, though.

"I would have loved to have played Arkansas two to three years ago when they were rebuilding, because I thought by far we had the better talent," he said. "The talent

level has closed."

He is happy for the success of Arkansas coach Tom Collen, a former assistant for Blair at Arkansas who has guided the Razorbacks to the tournament for the first time since 2003.

Blair coached Arkansas from 1993 until he was hired by A&M in 2003. Collen worked for him from 1993-97.

"Over the years people have said I sound a little bit like him," Collen said of Blair. "I learned a lot of things from him. A lot about building programs and a lot about integrity and marketing and coaching a basketball team and getting ready to play."

While Blair wouldn't acknowledge that a win against Arkansas

would be any more meaningful than any victory in the tournament, his players know that Monday will be a bit more special for their coach.

"He's definitely brought it up and I think as players it's a pride thing that you don't want your coach to go out with a loss to a team he used to coach," Texas A&M senior Sydney Carter said. "We've got a lot of pride and we want to get it done for him."

Blair has been a bit annoyed by what he perceives as a lack of national respect for his team, considering the Aggies are the defending NCAA champions. It really irked him that President Barack Obama picked Arkansas to beat Texas A&M in the bracket he filled out for ESPN. Blair did acknowledge that part

of people underestimating his team is its own doing.

"It's time for us to live up to it," he said about being the defending champs. "This will not be a good season if we don't advance and get to the next round."

A win would put the Aggies, who beat Notre Dame for their first title last season, in the round of 16 for the fourth time in five years.

It is the first meeting between these teams since 1991 and it will be a glimpse of things to come next season, when Texas A&M leaves the Big 12 to join the Razorbacks in the Southeastern Conference. Arkansas has dominated the series, going 20-2 against the Aggies. Texas A&M's only wins came in 1988.

49ers look like serious player in Manning pursuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jim Harbaugh coaching Peyton Manning. In the Bay Area, they're beginning to think about the possibility and believe it truly might happen.

A former NFL quarterback, Harbaugh worked wonders with Alex Smith in a matter of months for the NFC West champions, and now all signs point to the 49ers being a serious player in the Manning sweepstakes. Smith, who had a three-year offer on the table to return, traveled to Miami on Sunday to meet with the Dolphins.

"It's crazy," said 49ers running back Frank Gore, who has long been a big supporter of Smith. "I'm going to sit back and let them do their job. I'm sitting back and waiting for it to happen."

Everybody is eagerly anticipating decision day, likely this week.

If San Francisco doesn't sign Man-

ning, the 49ers will have some serious relationship-building to do with Smith even after he developed a close relationship with Harbaugh. The Niners might even need to bump him up from the \$24 million he has reportedly been offered.

And there could be similar fallout in Tennessee and Denver if those teams don't land Manning, who turns 36 on Saturday. The four-time NFL MVP sat out the 2011 season and is trying to come back after he was released by Indianapolis following a string of neck surgeries.

For Smith, his visit to South Florida also could be a move by the 2005 No. 1 overall draft pick to protect himself with a possible backup plan. He and Manning are both represented by agent Tom Condon of CAA Sports.

"This is the NFL. I guess nothing surprises me anymore," Smith told

the South Florida Sun-Sentinel upon arriving at the airport Sunday. "I never thought a year ago (Peyton) Manning would be a free agent either. I'm never surprised by anything."

Harbaugh watched Manning work out last Tuesday at Duke, and now the former Colts star has held sessions for all three of the franchises believed to be the finalists to sign the biggest free agent of 2012. Only the 49ers are yet to publicly acknowledge their interest.

Manning worked out for Tennessee on Saturday in Knoxville, one day after he showed his skills to Hall of Famer John Elway and the Broncos at Duke.

While Harbaugh and offensive coordinator Greg Roman saw Manning last week and San Francisco emerged as a surprise contender to sign the 2007 Super Bowl-winning quarterback, it seems 49ers CEO Jed York and general

manager Trent Baalke certainly would want to make their pitch to Manning in person, too.

Pulling off this one would be the second major splash by the 49ers' brass in as many offseasons.

In January 2011, York and Baalke wooed Harbaugh away from nearby Stanford on a \$25 million, five-year deal. And what a job Harbaugh did: San Francisco went 13-3 and ended an eight-year stretch without a playoff berth or winning record, losing 20-17 in overtime of the NFC title game to the eventual Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

If Smith leaves and Manning doesn't sign or were to get hurt, the 49ers would be left with unproven second-year pro Colin Kaepernick, but this is a team that isn't afraid to take chances when the reward could be huge. Just look at a two-day span for San Francisco last week. The 49ers signed Randy Moss on Monday and a day later cornerback Perrish Cox, who was acquitted earlier this month on sexual assault charges in Colorado.

Harbaugh has a knack for coaching anybody into a winner with his "Who's got it better than us? Nobody!" chants and other unorthodox motivational tactics — some of which he learned from his coaching father, Jack, and big brother and Baltimore Ravens coach John.

The NFL coach of the year last season, Harbaugh has to believe he'll have no problem coaching a veteran quarterback like Manning. The former Colt is among the greatest ever to play with 54,828 yards passing, 4,682 completions and 399 touchdown passes.

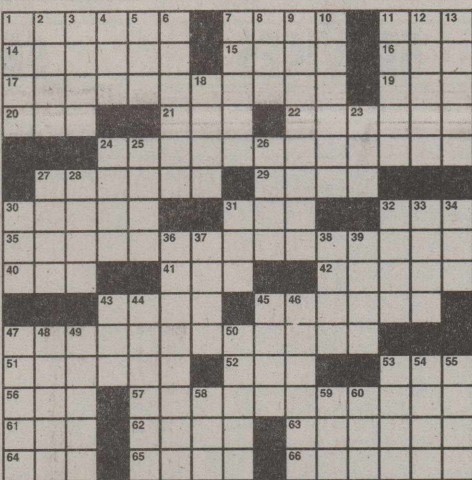
"He's a Hall of Famer, first ballot, that's all I got to say," Gore said of Manning. "He's one of the best ever to play the game. I'm going to sit back and let them do what they think is best."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Subdued color
- Take a breather
- Marx's "Kaptain"
- Christmas carol start
- Green Gables girl
- All-Star starting pitcher
- Airfare-plus-hotel stay, say
- Convent dweller
- Invoice total, abbr.
- Thriller in Mania fighter
- "I'd be delighted"
- Poultry hierarchy
- Camaro and Corvette
- Sound from a snout
- Comic actress Cleli
- RR stop
- Diagnostic scanner, briefly
- Soul food pork snack
- Comics cry of disgust
- Cold War KGB rival
- Stop in the Sahara
- Commissions
- Beachgoer's souvenir
- Coins in one's pants
- Texas city on the Rio Grande
- NFL drive killer
- "My lips sealed"
- Note after fa
- Ready to be kissed
- Capote's nickname
- "It's her relationship ultimatum
- Lack of comfort
- Has way too much, briefly
- Bygone royal Russian
- Main course



By Patti Varsi

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

4 "For shame!"
5 Seventh Greek letter
6 Inheritance
7 Pizza slice edges, geometrically
8 180 degrees from WSW
9 Becoming tangled, as a fishing line
10 Rat out
11 Classic role-playing game, for short
12 Extreme, as pain
13 Barcelona mister
14 Yellowstone grazers
15 Noah's handiwork
16 On-the-job extra
17 Like villains
18 "Don't look at me!"
19 Elegant and stylish
20 "Damn!"
21 Yr.-end auditor
22 Hot springs facility
23 Flat-topped elevation
24 Equestrian's control
25 "Baby You": Shirelles hit

36 Trips to environmentally protected areas
37 Part of CD
38 iTunes download
39 Destiny
40 Alias, to the LAPD
41 65-Across, e.g.
42 All there, so to speak
43 "That's a lie!"
44 Fettuccine topping
45 Prayer starter
46 Slightly above average grade
47 Backpack toter
48 Petri dish gel
49 Bit of chicanery
50 Sport with swords
51 Nashville-based awards org.
52 Country stopover
53 Badminton divider

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