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Tuberculosis cases in Levelland, Lubbock confirmed

Texas Department of State Health Services to assist institutions with cases

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

Two cases of tuberculosis have been confirmed near Lubbock, with more suspected cases emerging.

One case was confirmed at a Lubbock Convergys call center, which provides relationship management for companies and their clients.

Amy Williams, senior manager of public relations for Convergys Corporation, said in

a statement there is one confirmed and one suspected case of tuberculosis.

"Convergys is committed to providing our employees with a safe and healthy work environment," she said in a statement.

Williams said Convergys leaders have asked the Texas Department of State Health Services for its support in reviewing health information with their teams and providing free, voluntary on-site testing for employees who wish to participate.

Employees were informed of these plans last week, the statement said.

Carrie Williams, a spokesperson for the TDSHS, said there was also a case confirmed at South Plains College in Levelland on Tuesday.

SPC is cooperating with the department and will follow the protocol outlined by the TDSHS agency, she said. The majority of the college community is not at risk of contracting tuberculosis, she added.

"What we're doing is offering a free screening to people who have been close to the infected person and they have

been notified," she said. Williams said TB is caused by bacteria spread when someone with an active form of the illness is in close contact.

"Most people exposed to the bacteria will never get tuberculosis," she said. "Controlling the spread depends on finding the people who have been exposed and getting them treatment. The illness is curable with modern antibiotics."

There are roughly 1,500 cases of tuberculosis reported in Texas each year, Williams said.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's School of Medicine,

said tuberculosis is a life-threatening disease if not diagnosed or treated in a certain amount of time.

"I think people realize that it is a very deadly disease, potentially," he said. "People get worried about it for two reasons. One, it is a very serious disease when you get it, and two, it has the ability to spread."

Berk said signs of TB include fever, night sweats, prolonged coughing, shortness of breath, unexplained weight loss and coughing up blood.

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TechBriefly

Evidence challenged in terrorism case

Attorneys for terrorist suspect, and former Texas Tech student, Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari are challenging evidence planning to be used by the prosecution during the April 30 trial.

Aldawsari's defense team, which currently consists of Rod Hobson of Lubbock and Dan Cogdell and Paul Doyle of Houston, asked U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings to not allow government prosecutors to show two videos and photographs demonstrating a government test of explosives and any information from Aldawsari's computer that depicts or promotes death, torture or terrorist groups.

A suppression hearing was also set in March to determine whether the evidence uncovered leading to the accused's arrest was obtained illegally and should not be revealed to the jury during the April 30 trial, or if the evidence is protected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

A court hearing took place Oct. 29 for Cummings to consider a defense motion challenging the use of certain evidence in the upcoming trial. The motion also asked Cummings to let the defense team see the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act materials, which are classified and sealed.

They claimed the FISA is unconstitutional and the evidence obtained does not fall under the scope of FISA because the purpose of the FBI's search was to carry out a criminal investigation and not to gather foreign intelligence.

Aldawsari entered the United States in September 2008 and transferred to Tech in August 2009, as a chemical engineering major. He then transferred to South Plains College in Levelland in January 2011 as a business major, because of his failing grades at Tech.

Aldawsari, who was born April 24, 1990, has citizenship from Saudi Arabia. Immigration records state he was lawfully admitted into the country via his F-1 student visa.

Carolina Biological Supply in Burlington, N.C., first notified FBI agents Feb. 1, 2011 of a suspicious purchase of phenol, made by Aldawsari. Phenol is defined as a toxic chemical with a variety of uses including the making of trinitrophenol, an explosive more commonly known as TNT.

The FBI conducted a search of Aldawsari's apartment Feb. 14, 2011 with an order under FISA, where they then found a notebook with Arabic writing inside. The police report states the journal confirmed Aldawsari had been planning for years to commit a terrorist attack in the United States.

He was arrested Feb. 23, 2011. If convicted, Aldawsari could face life in prison.

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Football players used teammate's card before arrest

Reports states card used without owner's consent

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

Arrested Texas Tech football players Jace Amaro and Kenny Williams had attempted to use credit cards belonging to another football player and a former baseball walk-on, according to a report filed by the Lubbock Police Department.

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

The police report said the

students, both 19, were in possession of 22-year-old Harrison Holmes' Bank of America 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.

Amaro and Williams also were in possession of a card belonging to sophomore Trent Williams.

Blayne Beal, associate director of media relations for Tech athletics, confirmed Holmes was on the university's 2008 baseball roster, though he did not make the team the following spring.

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Prayer Practice



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

MANUEL RAMIREZ, A junior public relations major from Keller, reads the Bible in the meditation room at the Texas Tech's Student Ministries' 24 hours a day of prayer event Tuesday. The event will continue through March 24th.

Students dedicate 24 hours to prayer

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
STAFF WRITER

Tech 24-7 is an unofficial student organization made mostly of students standing behind the power of prayer.

They also have dedicated the entire week to just that.

Jill Hurley, executive director of Tech 24-7, said the organization consists of students who seek to know God and believe in the power of prayer.

"We are a group made up, primarily, of students who just want to see God's kingdom come," she said. "We believe in the power of prayer, so that's what we do; we come together and pray."

The prayer house is lo-

cated at 2401 Broadway, across the street from the Student Ministries building. Students from all denominations are welcome to come meditate and pray.

Hurley said students are welcome to come and pray traditionally, but there is also a creative room for those who choose to take a different approach.

"We also provide an opportunity for creative forms of prayer," she said. "You can write on the walls, you can draw or you can paint. We believe God is a creator and we are made in his image so we also have creative capabilities."

Each month, the organiza-

tion will continue to have one week dedicated to students who wish to pray in the prayer house.

Tech 24-7 is in the process of becoming an official Texas Tech student organization.

Manuel Ramirez, a junior public relations major from Keller, said he heard about the event from another Tech student organization he is involved with.

"I'm a part of Foundation, which is an organization at Tech," he said. "Through Foundation we partnered with (Hurley) and Tech 24-7, which will be a student organization next fall."

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Health Sciences Center unveils new image analysis facilities

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center unveiled a new Image Analysis Core Facility Tuesday, allowing scientists to view samples at greater resolutions than were previously possible.

The facility is available for all types of research, said Douglas Stocco, executive vice president for research at the HSC.

"What this is, is once a faculty member has a research project, whether it's in cancer, whether it's in reproductive biology — we have a number of reproductive biologists here — whether it's in neurophysiology, neurochemistry, anything at all," he said. "If they

have research that requires them to have an image of what they're looking at, we can help them."

The microscope is the most impressive piece of equipment in the facility, said Suzanna Cisneros, unit associate director of communications and marketing at the HSC.

"The most powerful instrument in the core facility is a Nikon TIE confocal microscope equipped with an option known as N-STORM (Nikon Stochastic Optical Resolution Microscopy)," she said in a news release. "This ultra high-resolution microscope enlarges images 6,000 to 10,000 times larger than the human eye can see."

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Community Calendar

TODAY

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 in Europe and China.

Heraldry for the Dead: The Engraved Stone Plaques of Neolithic Iberia
Time: 5:35 p.m.
Where: English building
So, what is it?
 Katina Lillios, an associate professor in the anthropology department at the University of Iowa is the featured speaker for this event.

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

THURSDAY

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presents "Economics 2012"
Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merkel Alumni Center
So, what is it?
 This course, led by Robert Ricketts, a Frank M. Burke Chair in Taxation at Tech, will review the current state of the economy and the budget and what policies, if any, could be implemented

to address the crises.
"Adventures in Study Abroad" Photo Exhibit
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: International Cultural Center, Hall of Nations
So, what is it?
 This year the ICC's exhibit will feature 39 photographs by 27 students who studied abroad from locations ranging from London to Costa Rica.

Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. San Diego
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
 Support the Lady Raiders in their third round game of the Women's NIT against San Diego.

David Asbury
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
 David Asbury, a faculty member at Southwestern University will perform a program of Turlough O'Carolan Irish harp tunes he's arranged for guitar, presented by David Brandon with the Texas Tech guitar studio and Christopher Smith with the Vernacular Music Center.

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.

Officials appoint new dean of CASNR

By EMILY REYES
 STAFF WRITER

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources named Michael Galyean the new dean of the college as of March 13.

Provost Bob Smith announced Galyean's new position as permanent dean who will begin his duties April 1. Galyean joined Texas Tech in 1998, after working with institutes such as New Mexico State, West Texas A&M and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Amarillo. He earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from New Mexico State, a master's degree in animal science and a doctorate in animal nutrition from Oklahoma State University. After joining Tech, Galyean was named chairman of the Animal Care and Use Committee from 2002 to 2006.

Smith said he is pleased to have Galyean fill the dean position. In the announcement for the college, Smith said he has faith in Galyean working successfully across Tech in unique ways to help

the college advance in the future. "His background and experience will be helpful in making successful contributions," Smith said.

Galyean has earned numerous awards within Tech, such as the Outstanding Researcher Award from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in 2004 and 2005, the President's Academic Achievement Award in 2005 and was named as a Horn Professor in 2006. He also earned the Animal Management Award from the American Society of Animal Science in 2006, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Service and Outreach Award in 2007 and was appointed a Fellow in the American Society of Animal Science in 2010.

He is a member of the American Society for Nutritional Sciences, American Dairy Science Association, American Society of Animal Science and American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.

Galyean was named interim dean of the CASNR in February of 2011. Now, as official dean, Galyean said he

will continue past successes of the institute and address new challenges and opportunities for the future.

"In the college, we have a history of strong teaching and advising and we certainly want to continue with that tradition," Galyean said.

Galyean said he believes in the philosophy of sticking with traditions, yet he also strives to work toward bigger opportunities to improve the future.

He said he focuses on curriculum, improving innovative agricultural research and the student relationships with faculty. He wants to expand the college's research component substantially by incorporating international affairs with research programs available to students.

"One of the neat things about the dean's job is it is a job in which you have to be concerned about the welfare of everyone," Galyean said, "no matter what department."

He said he makes an effort to stay involved with students and faculty members, whether it be on an everyday basis or making appearances at events.

Galyean said he emphasizes trying to maintain an open-door approach to students, making himself available whenever a student is in need.

Katie Setterbo, a junior horticulture major from Fredericksburg, said she works closely with Galyean and she is pleased with Tech's decision to choose Galyean as the new dean of the college.

She said Galyean gets along well with students and does well being unbiased by broadening his point of focus throughout the college.

"It's hard to find someone who divides the focus between each of the six departments, instead of just focusing on the larger departments," Setterbo said. "He does a good job of relating to the students and making sure they know that he's here for them."

Setterbo said Galyean is very personable and highly involved with students throughout each program in the college. She also said she values his idea of trying to break down the level of superiority that lies between the role of a dean and the students.

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TB

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Most people exposed to the illness will not contract tuberculosis themselves, he said.

"Unlike influenza — where it's easy to spread from one person to the other — tuberculosis is very hard to catch," Berk said. "It's not like walking down the hallway or touching a countertop that they touched. You need serious face-to-

face exposure or to be in a confined space with the infected person for a prolonged period of time."

Because of this, Berk said, the majority of people who contract TB from someone else are family members or a roommate of the infected.

Berk also said people who have active tuberculosis are usually unhealthy or have a chronic disease. He said people who are HIV-positive have a higher risk for contracting active TB. Individuals who are malnourished, have a weak

immune system, or have a lung disease are also at risk. The elderly and infants are highly susceptible as well.

Berk said if someone suspects they have tuberculosis, they can have a skin test done by a physician or at the health department. After 48 hours, the test will tell if an individual has been exposed to TB and whether it is dormant in his or her body.

If someone is infected, Berk said, it usually takes six to nine months

for the disease to be removed from the body and the person has to be quarantined for that time to lower the risk of exposing others.

"What people don't realize is that each infectious disease is different," he said, "and how you get it and how you handle it is different. You can get influenza by shaking someone's hand, but no one's ever gotten TB by shaking an infected person's hand."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Laptop stolen from library

Monday
 1:32 p.m. — A Texas Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, at the intersection of 7th Street and Indiana Avenue.

2:21 p.m. — A Tech Officer documented information on lost mail in the lobby of Chitwood Residence Hall. A

letter with a credit card was missing.
 7:39 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated theft on the first floor of the Main Library. An unsecured Mac Book Pro laptop was taken.

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

Arrest

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Beal also confirmed Trent Williams is on the 2012 football roster, and is Amaro and Kenny Williams' friend and roommate.

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

Jonathan Stewart, of the Lubbock Police Department, said the case is still under investigation.

Chuck Lanehart, from Lubbock and 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 Kenny 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."

Amaro, a tight end for the Red Raiders, and Kenny Williams, a running back, both experienced

some playing time last season and are expected to be integrated even more so this upcoming season.

Last year, Kenny 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 got into the end zone twice.

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Justice committed to protecting gays, lesbians

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is "committed to using every tool in its arsenal" to combat bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation and has already made strides in bringing more prosecutions in that area, Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday.

"I'm proud to say this Department of Justice has never been more committed to this (issue)," Holder said, touting the department's efforts during a speech at a conference at the University of Texas at Arlington aimed at promoting safe schools and communities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.

About 400 law enforcement officials, educators, students and community leaders registered for the one-day conference sponsored by the White House and the U.S. depart-

ments of justice and education. It was the third in a series of events the White House is sponsoring to raise awareness of LGBT issues.

Holder recounted several successful criminal prosecutions under federal and state statutes in saying the Obama administration is stepping up efforts to make sure no one is harassed because of "who they love."

In particular, Holder cited the effect of the Shepard-Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act, signed into law by President Obama in 2009. The government has secured eight convictions under the law, which expands the definition of hate crimes to include those related to gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability, he said.

The law was named for Matthew Shepard, the Wyoming college student who was tortured and murdered in 1998 because he was perceived as gay, and James Byrd Jr., the black man who was dragged and killed by white supremacists in Jasper that year.

Holder also pointed to the government's case against the school district in Tehachapi, Calif., which it says failed to stop the harassment that led to the 2010 suicide of a 13-year-old gay student, Seth Walsh. In that case, a settlement requires the school district to take steps to prevent sexual and gender-based harassment.

"We have an obligation to protect young people who are targeted just because they are perceived as different," Holder said.

Another speaker, senior White House adviser Valerie Jarrett, told the story of an Oklahoma high school student who stood up to harassment after she told people she was gay.

"Every day, bit by bit, she changes the world around her," Jarrett said of the young woman, who was in the crowd.

Holder and Jarrett's remarks followed panel discussions on making both schools and communities safer for LGBT individuals. The panelists included federal prosecutors who have dealt directly with those issues as well as Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead, whose department came under fire in 2009 after a raid at a gay bar, the Rainbow Lounge, left a patron with a severe head injury.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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The microscope scans the images 50,000 times or more and within an hour can produce detailed images of the structure of samples, Cisneros said in a news release. The images can be used to produce a 3-D model on a computer screen for further analysis.

Samples are stained with green and red antibodies that will fluoresce in different colors when excited, Stocco said.

"If somebody says to me, 'I think these two proteins are interacting with each other,' I'll say, 'Really? Well let's try to prove it,'" he said. "If you see that in the cell that you treated with both those antibodies, you now all of a sudden have a lot of yellow in there. There's a good chance that those molecules are very close to each other. They're overlapping, because we can now see it. So the guy that said, 'I think these two proteins are interacting with each other,' we can now show him 'Yeah, they are. Look. Here's a picture.'"

Dr. Raul Martinez-Zaguilan, director of the Imaging Center,

said it is important to acquire data from experiments in a greater level of detail.

"It gives us another level of information that we didn't have before," Martinez-Zaguilan said in a news release. "With this equipment, the cell is alive. With the other, the cell was dead."

The Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy generates slices from microscopic samples by means of optics, he said. The sample stays intact and the slicing may be repeated many times, but the image is blurred and lacks detail. With the aid of the new technology and optics, more detailed information can be obtained.

"You can make the small molecules blink, and make it blink and then you make it blink a little by little," Martinez-Zaguilan said. "Then you should be able to reconstruct individual molecules."

The images from the confocal microscope are being used in research by students, such as Dr. James Wang, a doctoral student at the HSC. Wang is looking at biofilms — a multispecies of bacteria — that are present in several chronic infections.

"Chronic otitis media, basically, is a problem in the pediatric popu-

lation that necessitates surgical intervention and treatment with these tympanostomy tubes," he said. "Otitis media is infection of the middle ear. We believe that biofilm is getting seated on the tympanostomy tube and basically allowing the infection to continue. We looked at this organoselenium compound that we can use — it's coated on these tympanostomy tubes — to inhibit the formation of biofilm."

Images of the tympanostomy tubes coated with organoselenium and a control tube not coated with the selenium were compared.

"The bacteria have grown with the control tube," Wang said. "And you can see that the green light is a fluorescent tag that's on the bacteria and lights up on the control, but on the one that's coated with selenium there's not really any growth."

The Image Analysis Core Facility will allow for more state-of-the-art research now and in the future.

"It's something we needed to do here," Stocco said. "We needed to put more capabilities into the hands of the students and faculty. We're hoping a lot of people will use it, use it well, and get the data they need. We just want to make people successful."

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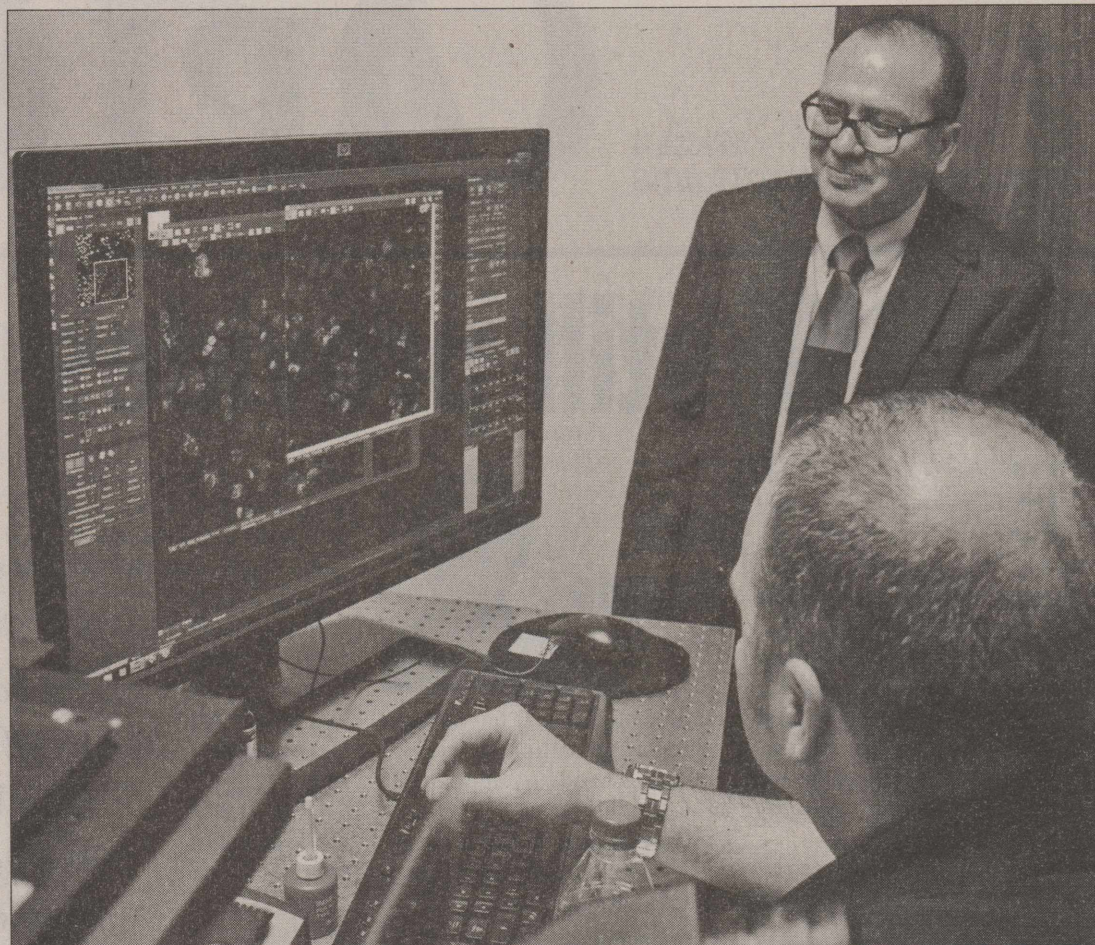


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DR. RAUL MARTINEZ-Zaguilan, director of the Imaging Center at TTUHSC, and Joseph Whatley, a Nikon Bioscience sales specialist, demonstrate how the new technology in the Image Analysis Core Facility works. The Image Analysis Core Facility is located in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Philanthropist: 'I was sure I was going to die'

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Philanthropist Anne H. Bass said Tuesday she was certain she would die during a home invasion at her Connecticut estate in 2007, describing "war cries" from three masked men dressed in black who threw her to the floor, tied her up and talked about whether to kidnap her 3-year-old grandson.

At one point, the men taunted Bass when she requested water, asking if she would prefer wine or Champagne instead, she testified at her former butler's trial.

Authorities say the men broke into the house on April 15, 2007, injected Bass and a guest with what they claimed was a deadly virus and refused to provide an antidote unless they turned over \$8.5 million. The substance turned out to be harmless.

Bass testified at the trial of

Emanuel Nicolescu, the former butler who is charged with attempted extortion. His attorney says he did not participate in the crime.

"I heard these war cries, very terrifying sounds, and saw three men wearing black hoods, black clothes, completely covered, storming up the steps," Bass said, crying briefly during her testimony.

Bass said that initially she froze, and then she ran into the kitchen screaming for her longtime companion, Julian Lethbridge, a New York artist who was inside the home with Bass and Bass' grandson.

Bass said she tried to pull a door closed, but the intruders grabbed her, dragged her to the living room and threw her to the floor and tied her wrists.

"I kept asking them what they

wanted and I would just give it to them," she testified.

She said the intruders told her to shut up.

"I spent a lot of time thinking about my children and how horrible it was going to be for them because I was sure I was going to die," Bass said.

When she asked the men for water, Bass said one of them said, "Or would you rather have wine or Champagne?"

Bass said she heard the intruders talking about whether to kidnap her grandson. She said she told the men the boy would be terrified to see them dressed in black.

The boy was not harmed.

She described waking up at dawn to a quiet house, realizing the invaders had left and freeing herself with scissors. After freeing Lethbridge, she asked him to go

check on the child, fearing he would be missing.

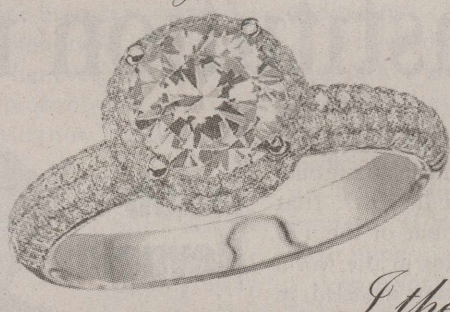
She said Lethbridge returned a moment later, carrying the boy, who apparently had slept through the entire event. "Obviously that was a huge amount of relief," she said.

Lethbridge testified last week that the six-hour ordeal began when he was falling asleep in a sitting room when he was startled by a crashing sound. Then he heard the sound of heavy feet rushing up the stairs and what sounded like a "war cry sound."

Prosecutors say Nicolescu's DNA was found in a Jeep stolen from the property during the crime.

Bass, former wife of Texas billionaire Sid Bass, also has homes in New York City and Fort Worth, Texas.

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SXSW still provides authentic experience

Every year, eager college students exit the halls of their universities and head south for warmer weather and the freedom that spring break provides.

One of the main attractions this state has to offer during this time is the SXSW music, art and film festival, located in Austin.

Growing up in Austin has led me to truly value this unique, weeklong experience.

Yet, I have noticed over the past five years that this event has grown into a gigantic party filled with skinny-jean wearing yuppie wannabes looking for a good time. Small, independent label bands have been slowly replaced by big names such as 50 Cent, Bruce Springsteen and The Cure.

The original intent of this festival was to provide smaller bands with an opportunity to showcase their music and be noticed by up-and-coming re-

Nick Maggio



cord labels. Now, it has become infamous for selling out to bigger name bands to draw larger crowds of all types.

Despite all of these drawbacks, I decided to try my luck this year at experiencing SXSW as it should be: raw, un-hyped and completely free.

I came across a couple of showcases via Twitter and found out they were completely free to the public. One of the venues was called Hotel Vegas, which is located in the east Austin arts district. I decided to attend Saturday's showcase featuring consecutive bands from noon to 7 p.m. I arrived feeling a little reluctant toward the setting in

which I had found myself.

The "hotel" was a complete dive with a hollowed out lobby and a stage. The back yard was turned into another venue with a larger stage. This was where my experience began.

The first band came on, to a crowd of about 10 or so people, yet were pleased at even this attendance. The band was called Field Report, a six-piece group with a mean slide guitar and mellow rhythm.

After about 30 minutes, they were finished and the next band to perform set up their equip-

ment. They were from Seattle and were oddly named Ivan & Alysha. The lead singer had an Elvis Costello look, wore a fedora and wayfarers, and sang with a Paul Simon sound. They were much more upbeat than the previous musicians, with a driving bass and decently long instrumentals.

Next up was a solo artist called Father John Misty, whose actual name was J. Tilman, from the band Fleet Foxes. I was unimpressed with his performance, as he lacked any kind of range in his voice and strained to reach high

itches.

The band that followed Tilman was a hard-rocking, piano-led band called J. Roddy Walston and The Business. They were perhaps the biggest surprise of the afternoon, which led the crowd to ask about them with much curiosity and excitement.

By the time J. Roddy had finished, the backyard of the hotel was almost completely full with many anticipating the arrival of one of my favorite bands, Lucero. This band has a cult-like following and recently released an album featuring a horn section and easy rocking lyrics.

After their show, I grabbed a quick bite of dinner near Lake Austin and headed to where a rumored Mumford and Sons concert was taking place. My arrival was a bit late, but I posted up behind the stage located near the UT football stadium, and enjoyed the final two songs of the night, which were "The Cave"

and "Wagon Wheel."

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at SXSW this year. And though it was only a one-day experience, I saw three talented bands I had never heard of and, more importantly, did not pay a single penny.

Among all the talk of huge names and popular venues throughout the week of SXSW, I felt a small venue vibe with "no-name" bands was much more of a genuine endeavor.

College students should take note that a good time can still be had at SXSW while missing the big crowds and the badge-only gigs that cost a fortune. My experience is one that provides hope for such an event that continues to grow and evolve, for better and for worse.

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Constitution not above tweaking

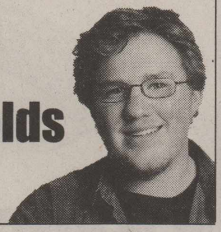
Time magazine calculated, in an article published in 1987, that more than 160 out of the 170 existing countries in the world had written charters modeled, in some way, after the United States Constitution.

While the influence of our most revered founding document may have been impressive then, there is a study set to be released in June in *The New York University Law Review* that suggests other countries nowadays are, not surprisingly, beginning to find the U.S. Constitution less appealing than they once did, as the time comes to revise their own national charters.

The authors of the study, Dr. David S. Law, of Washington University School of Law, and Dr. Mila Versteeg, a professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, examined 729 constitutions adopted by 188 countries from 1946 to 2006, coding and analyzing 237 variables concerning a variety of provisions, such as individual rights, freedom of religion, freedom of the press and expression, prohibition of torture and their enforcement.

What they concluded was that constitutional drafters in other countries are drawing less on the rights-related provisions and even governmental structure written in the U.S. Constitution.

Jakob Reynolds



There are several possible reasons Law and Versteeg give for our Constitution's waning influence.

Chiefly, the possibility that foreign constitutional drafters are looking to other nation's constitutions — such as Germany, South Africa and India — is presented. In conjunction with this is the general decline in American hegemony and the increasingly few citations in foreign courts of constitutional interpretations by the U.S. Supreme Court.

However, one reason that struck me in particular as the most probable cause for the decline in American constitutional appeal is that, simply put, the Constitution of the United States is old and outdated.

Law was quoted in an interview with the *New York Times* saying,

"Nobody wants to copy Windows 3.1."

In fact, the American Constitution is the oldest legal document still in use in the world today, as well as the least amended. It also guarantees relatively few rights that are becoming increasingly popular among other countries around the globe.

The idea of revamping our Constitution has been under debate for years with parties both conservative and liberal pushing for reforms such as congressional term limits and removing personhood from corporations.

Unfortunately, despite the Constitution partially providing the means for a free people to confront the issues of their times in Articles 5 and 10, the methods

of doing so are problematic, old-fashioned and not practical in a modern context.

In a television interview in January, Supreme Court Justice Ruth

Bader Ginsburg said, "I would not look to the United States Constitution if I were drafting a constitution in the year 2012." Instead, she pointed to the South African and Canadian Constitutions as better examples.

Though she received an ample amount of flack for her comments, she still makes a valid point in that the 18th century methods and ideas contained in the U.S. Constitution are not necessarily going to be optimal for 21st century constitution-writing.

Does this mean the U.S. Constitution is completely obsolete? No. We're still here, after all.

However, Thomas Jefferson, in 1789, wrote in a letter to his fellow compatriot James Madison, "The earth belongs always to the living generation." I believe that if the United States wants to remain an example for the rest of the world to follow, we don't need to completely toss out our founding document, although, a little tweaking here and there couldn't hurt either.

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Affirmative action intrinsically racist

By STEPHEN MCGARVEY
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

In view of our nation's tragic history of segregation and discrimination, lawmakers realized that action was necessary to correct the many wrongs done to blacks and other minorities during this period.

Their solution, called "affirmative action," includes giving minority citizens preferential treatment for college admission and scholarship purposes.

At the time, this reverse-discrimination was exactly what the nation needed, and it served as an apology to those citizens whose lives were hurt by prior policies.

However, the continuance of affirmative action into modern society has become more of a plague than a benefit.

Abigail Fisher v. University of Texas, a new discrimination case against UT, is going to the Supreme Court, and for the good of Fisher, the court should take Fisher's side and abolish affirmative action in college admissions once and for all.

The biggest problem with affirmative action is simple. Using discrimination to combat discrimination encourages racial hatred in our society.

By being discriminated against, whites and Asian-Americans may feel resentment toward those races that have been selected as the most elite of the disadvantaged. In turn, African-Americans and Hispanics could feel inferior because the government is essentially telling them that — for no reason other than the color of their skin — they need special assistance to put them on par with their peers.

Ideally, we would like to reach a state where society does not judge its members based on the color of their skin but rather on the content of their character, as Martin Luther King Jr. said.

If he could only see how his speeches are being interpreted and where the direction of racial equality is going in our nation today, he would

surely be rolling in his grave. Reversing the direction of inequality does not bring anyone closer to equality.

Perhaps what is most foolish about affirmative action is that it doesn't even directly target the problem it is trying to solve.

It makes the assumption that since blacks and Hispanics are typically more economically disadvantaged than whites and Asians, blacks and Hispanics should be given extra support.

However, it would seem to make monumentally more sense to give the economically disadvantaged more support, regardless of race.

For example, who needs a scholarship more: a black child from a family of doctors and lawyers or a white child living in a slum with a single parent working as a janitor? Financial data does a much better job of predicting financial need than does the color of one's skin.

If scholarships and admission procedures aim to help the disadvantaged, they should target the disadvantaged. It makes no sense to simply target a race and assume that race will be disadvantaged.

Supporters of affirmative action point to the racial gap in socioeconomic equality. While they point to valid statistics, they have somehow come to flawed conclusions in their goal to help level the playing field.

It is true that blacks and Hispanics represent the impoverished at higher rates than the general population, but by taking a socioeconomic approach to the problem, the government does not have to use racist policies to fix it.

Good arguments can be made for factoring financial need into scholarships. And while more of a stretch, factoring socioeconomic position into college admission criteria could have positive benefits. However, race has no place in either criterion.

Though this may seem to be a complicated issue, it all boils down to a single underlying question: Should it be legal to discriminate against people based on the color of their skin? Answer that, and you've answered whether we should continue affirmative action.

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Guns Up All Night provides students with late night activities

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
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Lubbock is known by some for its lack of things to do.

To combat this, the recently founded committee Guns Up All Night aims to offer late night events for students.

So far, the group has hosted a Salsa Night and a mocktail party, said Delia Tibbs, the group's co-facilitator. Many more events are in the planning stages, she said.

One of the committee's strengths is how it cooperates with the rest of campus, Tibbs said. She and the group routinely meets with representatives of other departments, ranging from Campus Life to Parking Services.

"Everyone knows students in a different light," said co-facilitator Desiree Markham, Tech's health educator. "It's great to have so many perspectives."

Guns Up All Night brings more than 20 different on-campus departments together to help plan events, Tibbs said, but ultimately, students decide what will happen.

The group itself rose in 2010 from a diagnostic assessment attached to AlcoholEdu. When given a choice between 15 options, Tibbs said, a clear majority said they would like to see events on campus between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

"We have an area where we aren't meeting students' needs," Tibbs said. "We're try-

ing to bring everything back to campus."

The group is also interested in partnering with student organizations and has been working with Impact Tech for its first events.

Anna Lorenzi, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from the Woodlands helped with both.

Each event hosted more

than 150 people, Tibbs said, and Lorenzi said both were successful.

Lorenzi said in a town like Lubbock, with little to do other than drink, Guns Up All Night provides something else to do for fun.

"(Students) don't always want to go out and drink, but if that's what their friends are doing (they do)," she said. "Now they can

suggest an alternative."

This alternative is something the students themselves get to decide. The next event will be a movie on the big screen at the leisure pool, Tibbs said, and there will be a vote on which movie will be shown.

Next semester, Markham will take the helm as facilitator of the program. She said the group will put on one event per month.

One of the biggest events to look forward to, Tibbs said, is a campout in cooperation with the Athletic Department. Students will be given the opportunity to stay the night on either the baseball or football field.

The group will continue

to look for student feedback, Tibbs said, and will continue to rely on surveys, focus groups and any sort of advice students are willing to give.

"We know what students like," Tibbs said. "We are hoping to incorporate all elements."

The task to create events that students like Lorenzi won't call "lame" is a challenge, but, Tibbs and Markham said it will be a fun challenge. "It's one of those times when you go to work, and it's not really work," Tibbs said.

Guns Up All Night can be found online at www.facebook.com/ttugunsup. The Late Night Dive In Movie will be at 10 p.m. April 12.

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DELIA TIBBS
CO-FACILITATOR
GUNS UP ALL NIGHT

Prayer

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The students have been praying on behalf of Tech, the students that attend and whatever else may be on their minds.

"You come here and you get away from your classes or whatever you may be doing throughout the day," Ramirez said. "There are two different rooms, an art room and a mediation room, where you can pray about whatever you want."

Ramirez said he enjoys the opportunity because it is a different way to pray.

"You don't have to worry about reading from a script or being formal," he said. "Whatever is in your heart, you just pray about."

Will Tatum, a freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Lubbock, said he came to pray for the university and its students.

"I really just came to pray over the campus and everyone that is here," he said. "After being here



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

ASHLYN MARTINO, A freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Bedford, uses Crayons to draw a picture of two hands holding the Earth while in the creative room at the Texas Tech's Student Ministries' 24 hours a day of prayer event Tuesday. The event will continue through March 24th.

for a little while I feel a strong peace from the Lord, so it's great."

Tatum said he thinks by uniting and helping each other, students will be able to overcome the trials and tribulations and eventually become a stronger, more unified campus.

"We need to lift each other up because we can't get through the daily struggles alone," he said. "We're all brothers and sisters in Christ and if everyone unites together we'll be a much stronger campus."

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Zsa Zsa Gabor's daughter files for conservatorship

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zsa Zsa Gabor's only daughter asked a judge on Tuesday to place her mother in a conservatorship that will independently control the ailing glamor queen's medical care and financial needs.

Constance Francesca Hilton claims Gabor's husband, Frederic von Anhalt, has been isolating her 95-year-old mother and leaving her heavily sedated. She also questioned whether her mother's finances are being properly handled by von Anhalt.

"By isolating me from my mother, not only does

her current husband deprive her of my love and companionship, but he goes against estate planning documents that appear to reflect her wishes that he not be in sole control of her affairs," Hilton wrote in a declaration accompanying her petition.

Hilton is asking the court to appoint her as Gabor's conservator, although her attorney, Kenneth Kossoff, said they would be willing to have an independent

third party handle all oversight duties.

Hilton and von Anhalt have squabbled for years over Gabor's care. Von Anhalt blasted Hilton in a phone interview, saying his wife is comfortable and that he cares for her every night.

"It's probably her last card she's playing now," he said of Hilton.

"It's all about money. She's afraid, her mother passing away eventually, and there's nothing."

FREDERIC VON ANHALT
HUSBAND

"It would be a strange way to get ahead of Ms. Gabor's money," Kossoff said.

Von Anhalt said he welcomed the court scrutiny of Gabor's care. "I want the court to come and see what's going on," he said.

"I want the court to see how comfortable my wife is."

A news release issued before

the filing stated that Hilton has been waiting for a year for financial and medical information about her mother that husband von Anhalt has refused to disclose.

"While her husband has been having her see a cardiologist and has caregivers at her house, I am very concerned that her medical needs and treatment are not being managed in her best interest," Hilton wrote in her court filing.

Von Anhalt said he is acting in his wife's best interest and is forced to sell her Bel Air mansion to cover his wife's debts and medical bills. He said expenses amount to around \$30,000 a month, even though Gabor's monthly income is only \$6,000.

Hilton, he said, "doesn't want me to sell the house."

Kossoff said any sale of the mansion should be handled through the conservatorship proceedings.

The first hearing on the matter was scheduled for May 2 before Superior Court Judge Reva Goetz, who also oversees the conservatorship of Britney Spears.

Gabor, a Hungarian-born sexpot of the 1950s and 1960s, has been in declining health and didn't make an appearance at a February birthday party hosted at her mansion.

Sean Penn's Haiti work earns humanitarian prize

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Actor Sean Penn is being honored by a group of Nobel laureates for his relief work in Haiti following the country's devastating January 2010 earthquake.

Penn is to receive the 2012 Peace Summit Award at the 12th

World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates. The event will be held in Chicago next month and is expected to draw such luminaries as Poland's Lech Walesa and the Dalai Lama.

Penn arrived shortly after Haiti's quake and established an

aid organization now known as J/P Haitian Relief Organization. The group has provided schools, medical care and housing to thousands of people displaced by the quake.

The actor issued a statement Monday calling the award an "extraordinary honor."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 17-time NBA champs
- Stem with strings
- Hrs. before noon
- Filing board
- Word of praise for si ñño
- House plant's housing
- With "The," Bette Midler's debut album
- Gun lobby org.
- Funny idle
- Regarding
- Classic name in toys
- Floors
- Kellogg's cereal
- 1-Across, e.g.
- Govt. cryptanalysis org.
- Bar graph, say
- Alluring
- Purely academic
- Ones making deliveries at colleges?
- Lady in a Beatles song
- Carafe cousin
- First razor with a pivoting head
- Acquire, as debt
- Austrian article
- Conceals from the enemy, in a way
- Riboflavin
- An ace has a strong one
- Italian violin craftsman
- Sci. with cliff notes?
- Shite Islam is its state religion
- Slangy refusal
- Spectacular concert ender, or what 17-, 26- and 51-Across numerically contain
- Self-esteem
- Caribbean country
- Dry out, in rehab
- Cross-reference word
- ...were the days!

DOWN

- 1 Give up
- Muslim noble
- Jeans pioneer Strauss
- October custom done in costume
- Dict. entry
- Some PCs
- "I'm fine with that"
- Greek with 12-Downs
- Crossword entry: Abbr.
- Funny pages
- Sleep disorder
- Point
- Pursue, cat-style
- The life of Riley
- De Beers properties
- Hall of Fame quarterback Graham
- One-named Irish singer
- "Close call!"
- Political contest
- ...D.A.
- Largest OH airport
- Marvel superhero
- Tots' story starter
- Burden
- Roof application
- Rajah's wife
- Big name in couture
- University officers
- "Perhaps"
- Young dolphin
- Windmill blades
- Public relations concern
- Second-deepest U.S. lake
- New Zealand-born crime writer Marsh
- 10-Down drooler
- "Bah!"
- Natural skin treatment
- "Who's turn is it?"
- Stadium sound
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A quick look at what is going on in the Rec Sports world

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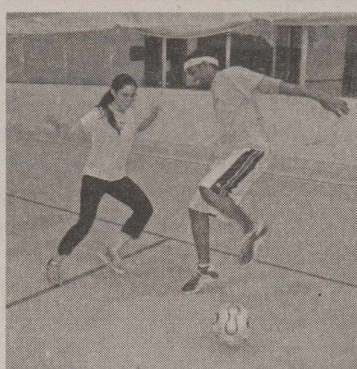
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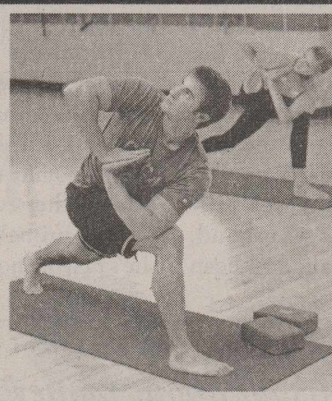
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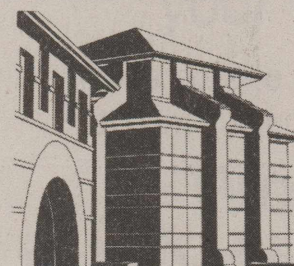
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Tech Habitat for Humanity prepares for its next project

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

Helping build a house for a family in need is something most college students will not experience.

Texas Tech's Habitat for Humanity chapter is hosting a week of awareness and advocacy events to recruit more Tech students to get involved with Tech Habitat's builds.

The week is called Act, Speak, Build Week and is from April 1 to 7.

But, before the organization brings awareness to Tech students and Lubbock residents, 10 of its members went to Sante Fe, N. M. to help with a project.

Tech Habitat's president, Kristy Moore, said the 10 Habitat members helped build two two-story duplexes.

The group was never able to meet the family the houses were going to because the family's work schedule wouldn't allow, said the junior advertising major from

Jackson, Miss.

Tech Habitat worked on the duplexes for four days and even though they were not able to finish them, Moore said, the experience was rewarding.

"It's always a good philanthropy to help build a house for someone who can't necessarily afford the house on their own without any help," she said. "I just wish we could have gotten to meet the family because it's always better when you get to meet them, but their work schedules just didn't allow it."

After returning from their trip, Tech Habitat is gearing up for its annual Act, Speak, Build Week.

Phillip Morello, the organization's external vice president, said the week's events will take place on Tech's campus.

The events will include a trivia hut explaining what low income is and where students are riddled into finding the next location of a trivia hut, a candlelight vigil on Memorial

Circle and a guest speaker.

Morello, a senior geography major from Houston said Coca-Cola and The Home Depot sponsor the week. There will be a kick-off event March 26 at the Student Union Building.

Act, Speak, Build Week is a worldwide weeklong advocacy program to raise awareness about poverty and the standards of housing on a global scale, Morello said.

Tech Habitat will focus on building houses for people in Lubbock and those in surrounding regions.

The build is April 5 through April 7.

Morello said even if there are students or people who want to help and get involved, but have never helped build a house before, there will be people teaching and willing to help other people.

He said Tech Habitat tries to make sure everyone has a part in building the house and no one is left doing boring tasks.

Poverty and poor housing is something most people know about, but something very few people do to help, Morello said. He said he hopes Act, Speak, Build Week can help change that.

"It's a thing that never really gets resolved," he said. "Everyone always knows there's poverty and bad housing in the community, but no one ever really does anything about it. A lot of times politics gets involved and it never really gets solved. Eventually, we've got to take things into our own hands."

Moore has enjoyed her time in Tech Habitat and is able to say she has had a part in people's lives.

"Well, I think it's rewarding to know that you helped a community you live in and the people and then getting to know the people," she said, "because the houses we build in Lubbock, I've gotten to know all the homeowners because they're right there next to you the whole time. It's just rewarding to build a



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TEXAS TECH'S CHAPTER of Habitat for Humanity will host an event April 1st to the 7th called Act, Speak, Build Week, which is worldwide weeklong advocacy program to raise awareness about poverty and the standards of housing on a global scale.

house because a lot of people can't say that they've built a house before. But, I can say I've built eight in the past year-and-a-half. So, it's exciting." pskinner@dailytoreador.com

3 online date sites agree to screen for predators

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three online dating giants agreed to screen for sex offenders and take other safety steps after a woman was assaulted on a date, the California attorney general's office announced Tuesday.

Match.com, eHarmony and Spark Networks signed a joint statement of business principles intended to provide an example for the industry and help guard against sexual predators, identity theft and financial scams.

"Consumers should be able to use websites without the fear of being scammed or targeted," Attorney General Kamala D. Harris said in a statement.

Among other things, the companies agreed Monday to check subscribers against national sex registries, supply members with online safety tips, and provide a quick way to report abuses. Some of the companies already are using some of those practices.

The dating services also will provide the attorney general's office with reports of suspected criminal activity, she said.

The statement is nonbinding and carries no enforcement penalties, but it does publicly hold dating sites to account for their members' safety, said Lynda Gledhill, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office.

"They can't be sued by private parties based on this agreement. We fully expect that the companies will, in good faith, comply," she said.

Match.com, based in Dallas, was a pioneering dating website. Owned by IAC/InterActiveCorp, it now operates in 24 countries and territories in 15

languages.

Based in Santa Monica, eHarmony operates in the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Spark Networks Inc., based in Beverly Hills, runs a number of dating sites geared to specific religions and ethnicities.

Last year, an estimated 40 million Americans used an online dating service and spent more than \$1 billion on dating website memberships, according to the attorney general's office.

In statements, the three companies all said they make the safety of their members a priority and hoped the statement would encourage other companies to adopt similar policies.

The statement was prompted by the 2010 sexual assault of a Los Angeles-area woman by a man she met through Match.com, Gledhill said. Alan Wurtzel had a string of previous convictions for sexual battery.

Prosecutors said that on their second date in 2010, Wurtzel drove the woman to her home, followed her inside and assaulted her.

The defense at first argued the sex was consensual, but Wurtzel last year pleaded no contest to sexual battery by restraint and was sentenced to a year in jail. He also was ordered to register as a sex offender.

The woman sued Match.com, seeking a court order requiring the website to check applicants' backgrounds to weed out convicted sex offenders. She dropped the suit last year after the site provided proof of such screening.

Can 'Hunger Games' do 'Twilight' \$140M debut?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fans are so hungry for "The Hunger Games" that Hollywood's buzzing about an opening weekend to rival the \$140 million debuts of some of the "Twilight" movies.

Early tracking pegged "The Hunger Games" at only about half that much. But box-office forecasters have been continually revising their predictions upward based on audience awareness and advance ticket sales.

Opening Friday, "The Hunger Games" has a strong shot at shattering the record March debut of

\$116.1 million domestically for 2010's "Alice in Wonderland." It would be only the second movie opening in March to top \$100 million in the first weekend.

Hollywood.com box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian said "The Hunger Games" could approach the \$130 million to \$140 million level achieved by two of the "Twilight" flicks.

"The Hunger Games" may have an edge, too. Female fans drive "Twilight," while "The Hunger Games" has strong interest from both sexes.

"Given that this is the first

installment, there's no precedent for what this movie could do. We don't have a track record for 'The Hunger Games,'" Dergarabedian said. "This is one of those movies that because of that appeal to virtually every kind of audience, it could exceed even our strongest expectations this weekend. But we just don't know. Everybody's speculating."

A debut of \$140 million would put "The Hunger Games" into the top-five on the all-time charts for domestic opening weekends.

At No. 1 is last year's "Harry

Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (\$169.2 million), followed by 2008's "The Dark Knight" (\$158.4 million); 2007's "Spider-Man 3" (\$151.1 million); 2009's "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" (\$142.8 million); and last fall's "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1" (\$138.1 million).

Based on the first of three best-sellers by Suzanne Collins, "The Hunger Games" stars Jennifer Lawrence as a teenager hurled into a televised fight to the death among other youths in post-apocalyptic North America.

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Tech bats carry Red Raiders to victory

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
MANAGING EDITOR

While it was a chilly 51 degrees Fahrenheit with overcast skies and a light drizzle at Rip Griffin Park, it was a sunny and warm 86 degrees Fahrenheit in Ft. Myers, Fla., — the home of the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles.

However, it was Tech's bats that were as hot as their opponent's home, while it looked like gray skies and cold wind kept the Eagles from getting anything going.

The hot offense — along with some strong pitching early on — helped Tech to an 11-4 win against FGCU on Tuesday, snapping a three-game losing streak for Tech after being swept at Baylor last weekend.

Tech coach Dan Spencer said it was good for the team to pick up the win, but he felt the team could have played a more complete game.

"We're trying to win games, and winning's important, but I think more the way you do it is more important," he said. "So I'm very happy with the win, but not entirely happy with the whole nine innings."

It did not take long for Tech to jump on FGCU's starting pitcher Danny Patrick — who usually is in the bullpen and was making his first start of the season — as the Red Raiders knocked in six runs in the first three innings.

Patrick only lasted for 1.2 of those innings, giving up two runs on four hits.

Tech's offensive attack came from the

entire lineup, as five different Red Raiders accounted for the team's first six RBIs.

David Paiz also helped Tech to victory with a strong performance in his third start of the season. Paiz went five innings while allowing no runs on two hits and threw 70 pitches, a season high. The sophomore utility player now has pitched in 17 innings while only allowing one earned run on six hits.

Right now Paiz has found his way into the starting role for Tuesday matchups and has not jumped into the weekend starting rotation, despite some strong pitching performances.

Paiz said he is content with wherever the coaching staff puts him, but would not shy away from a weekend start.

"I'll just keep doing what (Spencer) asks me to do," he said. "We have a lot of good pitchers — they've been throwing good on the weekends — but if that's what (Spencer) asks me to do, I'll be ready for it."

The Red Raiders and the Eagles both put up zeros in the fourth and the fifth inning — the fourth inning being the first time that Tech had failed to get a runner into scoring position.

Kevin Whitehead got Tech going on offense again, though, by plating Tim Proudfoot on a single in the sixth to extend the lead to seven.

Tech then blew the game wide open in the bottom of the seventh with FGCU's starting third baseman coming in to pitch. The Red Raiders finished the inning by hanging a four spot on the

board to push the lead to 11-0. McGruder and Proudfoot each drove in a run, and it was a looper by Scott Lejeune that plated the other two runs for Tech in the inning.

The offensive production on the night was a strong point for the Red Raiders, and the team will now just need to take the weakness and work on those to get even better, Lejeune said.

"It was very pleasant for us to score 11 runs," he said. "I think we needed a little confidence at the bat, so I think we can take the positives from it and try to focus on the negatives."

The Eagles tried to respond in the top of the eighth, as they had already scored three runs and had the bases loaded with two outs in the inning. But a deep fly ball to center fielder Barrett Barnes ended the threat, with FGCU still looking at an eight run deficit.

With three pitchers having to combine to get the Red Raiders, Brennan Stewart was forced to make his third appearance of the season. Stewart gave up one run on three hits, but was ultimately able to secure the final out three hours and seven minutes after first pitch — making this game the longest home game for Tech this season.

Spencer said he was not pleased with the effort Tech and its bullpen gave down the stretch, and said he felt like they became complacent after gaining a big lead in the first six innings.

"I think basically the bullpen — those guys down there — put it away after six," he said. "You know, they put the thing



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH SHORTSTOP Tim Proudfoot throws the ball around Florida Gulf Coast's Brady Anderson toward first baseman Scott Lejeune during the Red Raiders' 11-4 victory against the Eagles on Tuesday at Rip Griffin Park. Lejeune forced out Alex Diaz to close out the seventh inning.

to bed and got distracted, and all of a sudden they have to get in the game and it's a little cool and they then have to try to get warm.

"But, you know, you have to play nine innings, and we did not take care of the game very well down in the bullpen at the end of the game."

The Red Raiders wrap up their mid-week series against FGCU at 6 p.m. today at Rip Griffin Park.

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Rangers, Derek Holland strike \$28.5 million, 5-year deal

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Derek Holland wanted to ensure his long-term future with the Texas Rangers, so he agreed to a \$28.5 million, five-year contract rather than wait to become a free agent.

The deal, announced Tuesday, calls for salaries of \$1 million this year, \$3.2 million next year, \$5.4 million in 2014, \$7.4 million in 2015 and \$10 million in 2016.

Texas holds an \$11 million

option for 2017 with a \$1.5 million buyout. If the first option is exercised, the Rangers have an \$11.5 million option for 2018 with a \$1 million buyout. There are additional escalators.

He would have been eligible for free agency after the 2015 season.

"I know I gave up that stuff, the three years, but to me it's all about being in Texas and wearing that

Texas uniform and going back and getting some championships," the 25-year-old left-hander said. "I'm very excited to be a part of this. We've got an unbelievable team. We've got upcoming stars coming

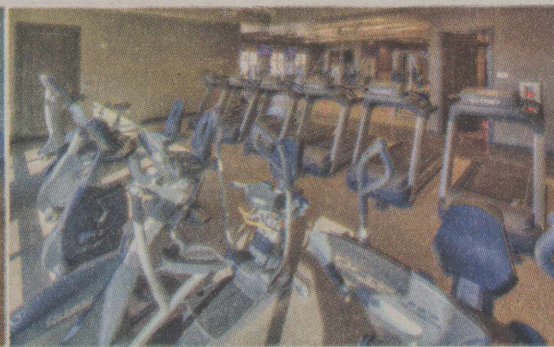
up through the organization, and I want to be part of that, as well. I want to show them what it takes to be up here. That's my main objective is to carry out what I've been doing, continue to work hard."

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