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University Parking Services working to overcome criticisms

Some students upset with University Parking Services, parking tickets

By **BETSY EPLER**
Contributing Writer

University Parking Services is working to establish a new image on the Texas Tech campus.

Eric Crouch, the managing director of University Parking Services, said when he was a student at Tech, he dreaded dealing with the parking services.

"Parking has a history of not being a very pleasant group of people to work with," he said.

Jon Dacey, a first-year environmental engineering graduate student from Roswell, N.M., said after seven years at Tech and more than 12 tickets, he has never been chummy with the service.

Dacey said he avoids contact with University Parking Services by paying for tickets when he pays his tuition. That way, he said, he never has to see them face-to-face.

Since Crouch began at University Parking Services in 1999, he said his focus has been to treat the students like customers. He said students are paying for a service and should be treated well.

"We can stick to our guns," he said, "but we can still treat them respectfully and hear their needs and put ourselves in their shoes."

Buddy Chambliss, an enforcement officer who has worked for University Parking Services for 11 years, said serving the students' needs is emphasized at every level of the department.

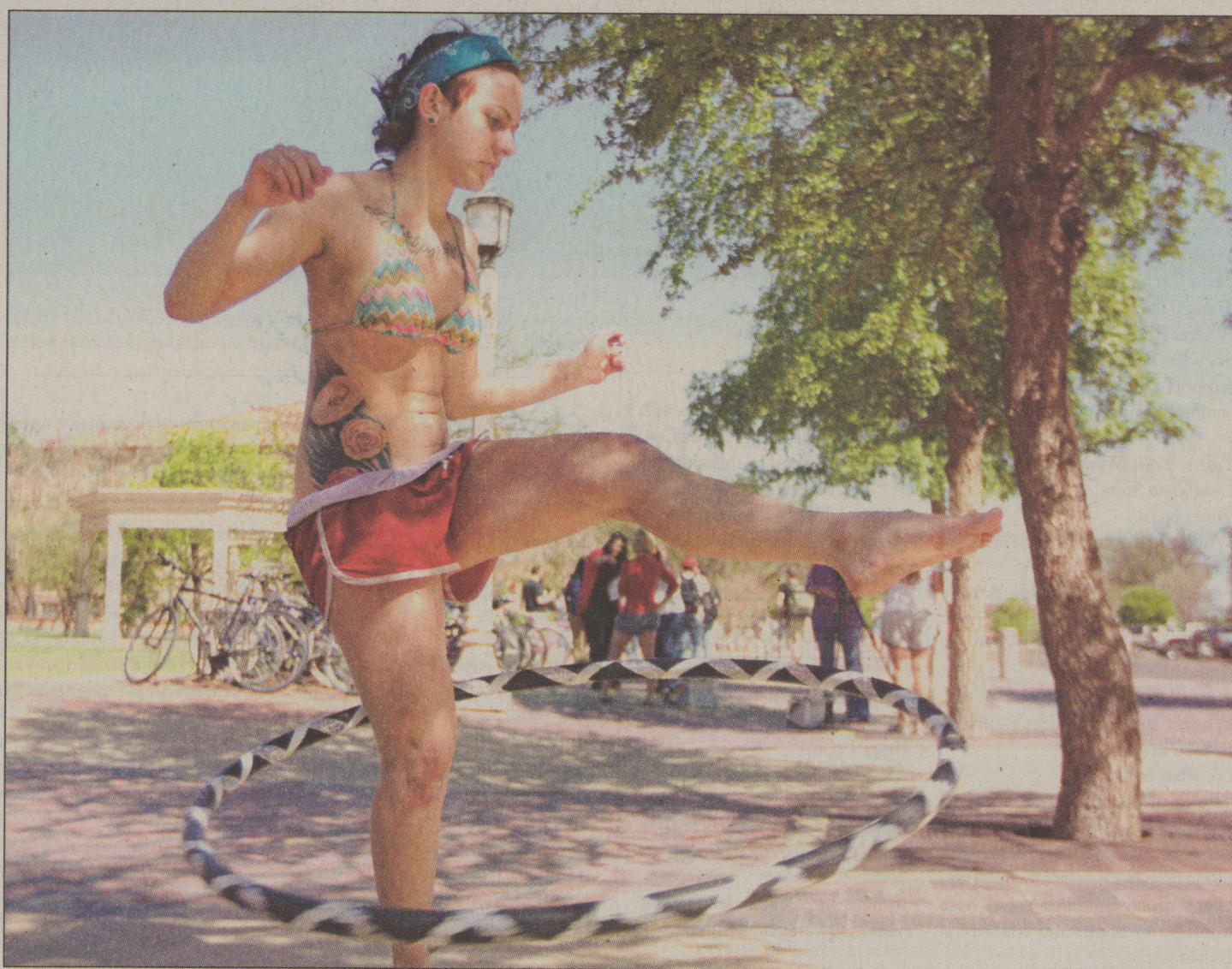
"Whether that person parks legally or illegally," he said, "in the right place or the wrong place, they're still our customers."

Chambliss said he has no law enforcement background, but instead his work history is in customer service. When looking for individuals to enforce the parking rules, he said, those skills are a necessity.

Regardless, University Parking Service receives flack from Tech students. Tina Garcia, a senior international economics major from Little Elm, said she gets irritated when she cannot drop off a paper to a professor without either walking a mile or getting a citation.

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HULA HOOP HEROINE



ANNIKA NORTON, A freshman environmental conservation major from Cleveland, Ohio, hula hoops to attract attention to the "Haters Gonna Hate" booth outside the Student Union Building on Thursday. The booth was formed in protest to Brother Jed, a religious protester with The Campus Ministry, and is taking donations for nonprofit organizations such as the American Red Cross, Women's Protective Services and Project Champs.

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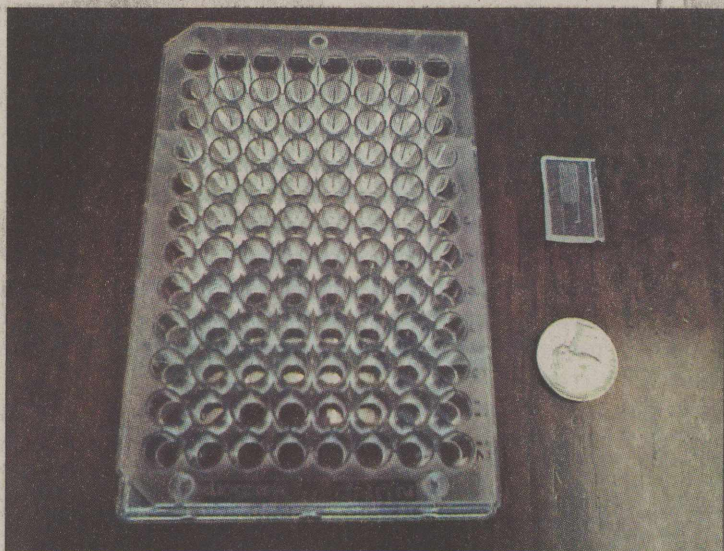


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THE "LAB ON A chip," to the right, is a smaller version of the well plates, on the left, which Tech scientists have developed to use less material and saves money.

Texas Tech scientists pursue patent of 'lab on a chip'

Researchers develop new device to save money, resources in future

By **NICOLE MOLTER**
Staff Writer

Texas Tech scientists are seeking to patent a new device, a "lab on a chip," to make research more compact, faster and to ultimately save money.

"In the process of discovering drugs, the initial step is we have a library of compounds, typically these compounds can be 100,000 or so," said Siva Vanapalli, an

assistant professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at Tech. "Now they have to figure which one of those compounds could be a drug which can treat a disease."

The chip is an innovative piece of lab equipment that will improve areas of research and education of students, said Adam Venn, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Houston.

"It's great that someone at

Tech invented something so useful and progressive and that could better the classroom experience," he said. "Hopefully, it will bring more attention to Tech and maybe we'll get more money towards our research."

Currently, robots are used to add compounds into the well plates, Vanapalli said. It is an expensive process to use the robots, the plates and the greater volume of compounds, he said.

"Let's say each volume is a milliliter and you need to do a million, Vanapalli said. "Then you're talking about a thousand liters of

just fluid with the compound and the cells to do this. Our chip, our device, tries to bring down the cost by essentially bringing down the volume which is needed. If I shrink this down to a very-small device, then the volume will be reduced."

The chip is made out of plastic that has grooves and "parking spots" for the samples, he said. Instead of using a milliliter for each well of a plate, the volume is reduced to a nanoliter in each compartment of the chip, making the chip smaller than a nickel.

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Debate questions bias, needs of American media

By **EMILY REYES**
Staff Writer

The Tech Activities Board hosted a media bias debate Thursday in the Texas Tech Student Union Building, allowing participants to question whether today's news serves the public, or is purely reporting biased information at the hands of media conglomerates.

Cliff Kincaid, the director of

the Accuracy in Media Center for Investigative Journalism, represented the conservative side of the media bias issue, while Peter Hart, an activism director at *Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting Magazine*, spoke in favor of the more liberal side.

"We encourage the media to investigate this administration to expose the deceptions," Kincaid said.

Kincaid spoke of how the

media fails to cover sensitive stories, such as the "Fast and Furious" government scandal. He explained how the administration of President Barack Obama allowed the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to smuggle weapons to the Mexican drug cartel in order to find out where the weapons were going.

However, Kincaid said, the operation took a turn for the worse when some of the weapons

were used in the killings of U.S. officials.

"We need a media who are not skeptical, but engage in an adversarial posture towards the administration," he said.

Kincaid also gave examples on how the media has influenced the American opinion on the war in Iraq. He said the media has created an exaggeration of the severity of the war.

"This idea that our media are

now clambering for war against Iraq," he said, "as if there's no case that can be made, as if it's just like going into Iraq and finding no weapons of mass destruction."

Hart said he must view the issues from a journalistic perspective due to his position as a writer for *FAIR Magazine*. He said the media system is focused on the 1 percent, and the elite interests of the elite media.

It is a media that fails to pro-

gressively scrutinize government policy, he said, and the media are conservative in a sense that they are, "afraid to rock the boat."

Hart also expressed how the media are controlled by corporate constraints, which in return lessens journalistic freedom.

"Corporate constraints shape the attitude, if not the content, of the media system," he said.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Trumpet Symposium

Time: All day
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?

Join area musicians and participate in and enjoy two days of clinics, master classes, guest artist performances and festival competition.

Title IX: History of Women's Leadership in Sports

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Southwest Collection/Special Collection Library, Marshall Formby Room
So, what is it?

In celebration of Women's History Month, the Women's Studies Program and Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library will host an informal discussion with guest speaker Judi Henry, the senior associate director of athletics at Tech.

Texas Tech Softball vs. Iowa State

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Rocky Johnson Field
So, what is it?

Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Iowa State.

Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs. Oklahoma State

Time: 6p.m.
Where: McLeod Tennis Center
So, what is it?

Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against the Cowboys.

Anoushka Shankar

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre
So, what is it?

The Presidential Lecture and Performance Series presents Anoushka Shankar, which she will perform music from her newest album, "Traveller," which combines the diverse music from Spain and traditional Indian music.

SATURDAY

Trumpet Symposium

Time: All day
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?

Join area musicians and participate in and enjoy two days of clinics, master classes, guest artist performances and festival competition.

Car Show by Formula Society of Automotive Engineers

Time: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Where: Commuter West C17 Parking Lot
So, what is it?

Support the Society of Automotive Engineers as they host a car show and other activities while raising money for the racecar they build annually.

Texas Tech Softball vs. Iowa State

Time: Noon
Where: Rocky Johnson Field
So, what is it?

Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Iowa State.

Crawfish for CASA

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Blue Monkey
So, what is it?

The Texas Tech School of Law will host its fourth annual All You Can Eat Crawfish Boil to raise money for Court Appointed Special Advocates, which is an organization that helps abused and neglected children.

SUNDAY

Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs. Oklahoma State

Time: 1 p.m.
Where: McLeod Tennis Center
So, what is it?

Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against the Cowboys.

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MAJOR MARKETING



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MADISON WEINHOFFER, A freshman anthropology major and theater major from Houston, and Jared Strange, a playwriting graduate student from Abilene, practice a scene from "Humble Boy" in the Wall/Gates Residence Hall lobby Thursday. The scene is for a career day Saturday, which will advertise theater as a potential major to high school students.

Parking

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Once, Garcia said, she took a risk and parked in a restricted spot because she knew she would be in and out in no time. When she returned, Garcia had a ticket waiting for her on her windshield.

"I was gone for like 10 minutes," she said.

The inability to park for a few minutes in a nearby spot is a common complaint among students, Crouch said.

University Parking Services, he said, is currently working on a permit allowing students to park for 30 minutes in order to make brief stops.

"I wouldn't like it if I was a

student," he said, "and I had to go park in satellite just to take a paper to a professor."

Crouch said the service is only aware of these problems if they hear them from students. That is why he involves students in every area of planning, he said.

Students help determine the construction of the parking lots, changes to rules and enforcement, Crouch said. They even play a vital role in the appeals process.

Garcia said she wants to know where the money from citations goes after being collected.

"A lot of people get tickets all the time," she said. "Where does the money go? What does it take care of?"

Crouch said students often think enforcement officers are

looking for every opportunity to dole out tickets. They think, mistakenly, that the service gets all of its funding from tickets, he said.

However, Crouch said, citations make up less than a quarter of its budget. The majority, he said, comes from permits and meter parking.

Crouch said he understands students do not want to pay for parking at all, but the money funds maintenance around campus.

"Pretty much, if it's paved on campus," he said, "this department is financially responsible for it."

The state does not provide any infrastructure money for parking lots or structures, Crouch said, so unless students want potholes

everywhere, the money has to come from somewhere.

Chambliss said the service's Motorist Assist program is a way for students to see their parking money at work. He said students are entitled to emergency car maintenance three times a year, free of charge. This can include a gallon of gasoline, a tire service and a battery boost.

"That's one of the ways we give back to the students," he said.

Crouch said he would like students and faculty to understand that Tech is a community and everyone, even University Parking Services, has an important role to play.

"It takes all of us doing our part," he said.

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Chinese firm surpasses Exxon in oil production

NEW YORK (AP) — A big shift is happening in Big Oil: An American giant now ranks behind a Chinese upstart.

Exxon Mobil is no longer the world's biggest publicly traded producer of oil. For the first time, that distinction belongs to a 13-year-old Chinese company called PetroChina. The Beijing company was created by the Chinese government to secure more oil for that nation's booming economy.

PetroChina announced Thursday that it pumped 2.4 million barrels a day last year, surpassing Exxon by 100,000. The company has grown rapidly over the last

decade by squeezing more from China's aging oil fields and outspending Western companies to acquire more petroleum reserves in places like Canada, Iraq and Qatar. It's motivated by a need to lock up as much oil as possible.

The company's output increased 3.3 percent in 2011 while Exxon's fell 5 percent. Exxon's oil production also fell behind Rosneft, the Russian energy company.

PetroChina's rise highlights a fundamental difference in how the largest petroleum companies plan to supply the world as new deposits become tougher to find and more expensive to produce.

Every major oil company has

aggressively pursued new finds to replace their current wells. But analysts say Western oil firms like Exxon Mobil have been more conservative than the Chinese, mindful of their bottom line and investor returns. With oil prices up 19 percent in 2011, they still made money without increasing production.

PetroChina Co. Ltd. has a different mission. The Chinese government owns 86 percent of its stock and the nation uses nearly every drop of oil PetroChina pumps. Its appetite for gasoline and other petroleum products is projected to double between 2010 and 2035.

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Bias

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Hart gave the audience an example of how Americans should view their media, especially during presidential elections. He said the media controls the coverage of each candidate, which ultimately leads to shaping the public's views of the candidates.

"A better question to ask of the media is not whether they're fair to the candidates," he said, "but whether they're fair to you, whether you learn what you need to from the media about the people running for president."

Logan Sammons, a senior advertising major from San Antonio, said he attended the debate because of his interest in media.

He said he came to the event with preexisting beliefs that the media was indeed biased.

"I believe that there are larger corporations that are collaborating with media outlets to decide what stories will be covered," he said.

Sammons said there is a young technological generation emerging in the United States, and there is bound to be more coverage of all stories — not just what the media chooses to cover.

He referred to the Invisible Children activism group's "Kony 2012" campaign, which became a viral Internet sensation, and the Arab Spring protesters' use of Facebook, as examples of how any individual or group can use the media to evoke change.

"I think that with the rise of social media and viral marketing, we will begin to see stories we would not normally see in the mainstream media," Sammons said.

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Chip ←

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Tubing is attached to a tiny hole in the chip, Vanapalli said. A syringe and a pump are attached to the tubing, then the pump injects the fluid into the chip. This would replace the robots, the plates and greater volume of fluid needed. "You add your compound and reagents and also the cells which you want to check against to see if the compound is effective in killing the cell or not," he said. "If somebody has cancer, that compound could be used to treat the cancer cells."

"It could help a lot in the future, especially with saving money and accelerating research toward cancer."

ELIZABETH MCLEAN
JUNIOR
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MAJOR

Water can be added to dilute the compounds inside the chip, Vanapalli said, but a concentration too high could be toxic. The goal is to find the

most effective concentration. "I think it's neat that technology has progressed that far to be able to replace that huge tray with such a small thing," said Elizabeth McLean, a junior civil engineering major from Cypress. "It could help a lot in the future, especially with saving money and accelerating research toward cancer."

Screenings of cancer and infectious diseases are currently the two main areas of research to use the "lab on a chip," Vanapalli said. "We are at a very early stage of our chip design," he said. "It has the potential to do this large-scale screening of 100,000 compounds by using these ideas of how to spot fluids at a very small volume

and how to do the operation of dilution at a very small scale inside a chip like this." nmolter@dailytoreador.com

RECOVERY READING



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
KELBI CALLAWAY, A sophomore addictive disorders and recovery studies major from Lubbock, reads a book about understanding drug and alcohol addiction outside the Mass Communications building Thursday.

Texas exoneree wants accountability, not revenge

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas father who spent nearly 25 years behind bars for a murder he didn't commit is pressing for tougher penalties targeting prosecutors who withhold evidence, saying he wants to prevent other innocent people from falling victim to overzealous authorities.

"This isn't about me because my case is finished," Michael Morton said during an interview Thursday with The Associated Press. "But there's no reason it can't happen to you or to anyone."

Morton was convicted in the fatal 1986 beating of his wife by a prosecutor who Morton and his attorneys believe knowingly withheld critical evidence. Morton walked out of prison a free man last October, after DNA testing cleared him and pointed to another man now charged in the murder and implicated in a similar 1988 slaying.

Morton was awarded nearly \$2 million under the state's compensation law, and a special prosecutor is investigating whether the lead prosecutor in his case — now a Texas judge — hid evidence.

But Morton said his fight isn't over.

He plans to sit down with lawmakers and State Bar officials, and use the notoriety he reluctantly gained from his high-profile

exoneration, to get tough new rules in place that would ensure prosecutors could be fined or even disbarred for concealing evidence in Texas, where more former inmates have been exonerated than any other state.

"We want to tell prosecutors, 'Just play fair, follow the rules, obey the law,'" Morton said. "I'm not a lawyer, but I've been around a whole bunch of them lately. They can do this and we can help get the Legislature to make it doable, too."

Investigations of court officers are rare, and the one against Ken Anderson — a rising star among young prosecutors when he handled Morton's trial in 1987 — is especially so since he's now a Texas District Court judge.

Using an even and easy tone, his voice quiet and direct, the 57-year-old Morton said he's moved beyond his hate for Anderson, then-Williamson County Sheriff Jim Boutwell and the other investigators who helped convict him while he was trying to grieve the death of his wife, Christine, and shield their 3-year-old son.

"This was intentional," Morton said, betraying the only hint of anger he showed during his nearly 90-minute conversation with AP. "This wasn't a slip of the tongue or a typo."

Morton believes that Boutwell,

who has since died, made up his mind early that he was guilty, and that Anderson was so fixated on successfully securing a conviction that he ignored the truth.

Rather than seeing Anderson punished, however, Morton simply wants him held accountable.

"I wanted revenge for a long time. I plotted the murder of Sheriff Boutwell and Ken Anderson, and a lot of folks involved with my incarceration," he said. "At a certain point, I had to let that go."

What he hasn't let go is the last memory of Christine. Morton remembers kissing his wife of seven years before leaving for work at 5:30 a.m. the day after his 32nd birthday. Sometime later that day, she was beaten to death in her bed by an intruder in their Austin home. The couple's son, Eric, was unharmed.

During his trial, Anderson told jurors that Christine Morton had fallen asleep instead of having

sex with her husband after a dinner out to celebrate his birthday. Anderson said Morton flew into a rage and killed her, though investigators had little physical evidence and Morton had no criminal record.

Morton and his attorneys now accuse Anderson of not turning over all evidence, even after the presiding judge explicitly ordered him to do so. Among that evidence were statements from then-3-year-old Eric, who told his grandmother that he witnessed the murder and his father wasn't responsible, and from a neighbor who described seeing a man park a green van near the Morton home and walk into a wooded area behind it.

Anderson apologized in November for what he called "the system's failure," but hasn't spoken publicly about the case since. His attorney, Eric Nichols, noted it was DNA testing unavailable in 1987

that set Morton free, not witness statements and other previously undisclosed evidence.

"It is a terrible tragedy that Mr. Morton served over 24 years for a crime that he apparently did not commit and Judge Anderson has recognized the enormity of that tragedy," Nichols said by phone. "But the fact that Mr. Morton was tried based on the evidence that was available at the time does not mean that there was prosecutorial misconduct."

Anderson will face a proceeding called a "court of inquiry," whereby court officials can face sanctions, in September.

For years, Morton filed appeals from prison and eventually began working with the Innocence Project, a New York-based nonprofit that specializes in using DNA testing to overturn wrongful convictions, and Houston attorney John Raley.

The district attorney's office spent many of those same years arguing that additional DNA testing wasn't necessary in Morton's case — until last summer, when testing was performed on a blue bandana found near the Morton home shortly after the murder.

It revealed Christine Morton's blood, along with DNA not from her husband, but of another man: Mark Norwood. He was arrested

and charged late last year, and also has been linked by DNA evidence to the slaying of Debra Masters Baker, who was beaten to death in her home close to where the Mortons lived in January 1988.

When asked about Baker's death, Morton said: "For me, there's no doubt" that authorities' fixation on him allowed a murder to kill again.

Morton said he's slowly rebuilding his relationship with his son, who was raised by Morton's sister-in-law and her husband. Eric Morton eventually cut off ties while his father was in prison and changed his last name when he turned 18.

"That was the darkest time," Morton said, recalling when he was told of his son's name change. "But if I'd been in his shoes, lord knows what I would have done."

Morton now gets recognized on the street, and a stranger even gave him a 2001 Chevy Tahoe that Morton later gave to another exonerated former Texas inmate.

On Thursday, as he posed for AP photographs near the Texas Capitol, a woman pulled up and rolled down her window.

"Hey, I know you," she cried thrusting her arm in Morton's direction. "You're the one who didn't do it!"

Morton smiled, nodded and called out: "Thank you."

"This isn't about me because my case is finished. But there's no reason it can't happen to you or to anyone."

MICHAEL MORTON
EXONEREE

Donkeys abandoned in lingering drought

With pastures withered from a lingering drought, farmers in Texas and northwest Louisiana have abandoned donkeys by the hundreds, turning them into wandering refugees that have severely tested animal rescue groups.

The nation's biggest donkey rescue group says that since March 2011, it has taken in nearly 800 donkeys abandoned in Texas, where ranchers mainly used the animals to guard their herds. Many of the cattle and goats have been sold off, largely because of the drought and the nation's economic slump, putting the donkeys out of a job.

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- 5 Go slowly
- 9 Start to strip?
- 13 Neural transmitter
- 14 Old carrier
- 16 Count (on)
- 17 Actor roomies' mailbox label that sounds like racing groups?
- 19 Fifty-fifty
- 20 In the wrong way
- 21 On a cargo ship, say
- 23 Mink cousin
- 24 Actor/flutist roomies' mailbox label that sounds like a croak?
- 28 Jodie Foster title role
- 31 First apartment, perhaps
- 32 TV host/singer roomies' mailbox label that sounds like a vital sign?
- 37 Begins a concert tour
- 38 Flamenco shout
- 39 Cyberspace giant
- 41 Waikiki wreath
- 42 Digestion-related commercial prefix
- 45 Actress/comic roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an auto safety feature?
- 48 Youth who flew too near the sun
- 50 Appointment
- 51 Actress/cartoonist roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an airport employee?
- 54 Frankfurt's state
- 58 Winningest NFL coach
- 59 Resentful
- 60 Former elf
- 63 Screenwriter/actor roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an old announcer?
- 65 Track
- 66 Net business
- 67 "Sesame Street" gigger
- 68 Heredity unit

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- 1 Hall a '60s quartet?
- 2 Get a life?
- 3 Game you usually lose
- 4 3-Down player, e.g.
- 5 Nimble
- 6 Seine filler
- 7 30-ton computer
- 8 Ristorante offering
- 9 Invent
- 10 Gun
- 11 Sleazebag
- 12 MD for women
- 15 Desert rises
- 18 Work the party, in a way
- 22 Opposite of exo-
- 25 "A Passage to India" heroine
- 26 Montana, once
- 27 Respectful response
- 29 Not clerical
- 30 Alibi provider, sometimes
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- 33 Smart guy?

By Pancho Harrison 3/30/12

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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OPINIONS

Book always better than film

Today's world does not require us to do much reading, unless you count a textbook.

Although we are students, there are some of us who won't even pick up a book in an effort to pass a class.

Well, to those who simply refuse to get lost in literature, you don't know what you're missing. The movie usually not as good as the book.

Not being a fan of reading when I was in middle school, I vividly remember being forced to read a book from the Harry Potter series. From then on, the name has made me sick to my stomach. Those books and films grossed a ton of money.

Although this isn't the novel of my choice, to the book's credit, there are many people who enjoy it. There is plenty of detail that could possibly draw in readers and force them to use their imagination.

Do people read anymore? The question isn't if people read small articles such as this one. The trouble is most people won't dedicate to reading a novel. This is understandable. You may not have the time or just plain don't enjoy sitting quietly and reading.

I was once one of these people who thought reading was boring.

Jaira Keys



But, one day, I found a great book I just couldn't put down. Ever since, I am constantly on the look out for a new and interesting book.

Watching television allows us to check out, while reading challenges us to use our brains. With the constant stream of information through the Internet, we no longer have to search for news.

Everything is quick and fast. We need to retrain ourselves to work. Do we really think anymore? Although we get plenty of information, we never work for it. We only get the news the people in charge believe we should have.

We have become too dependent on technology. I will not

go into all the ways we depend on machines, but for one, we need them for entertainment. Can we not be entertained intellectually? There are ways to have fun without turning on the television.

Before we had televisions, radios and computers, there were books. Books served as a source of excitement and fun. Book series were like our modern day television show. People couldn't wait until the author published

the next installment.

It seems asking someone to read now is like pulling teeth. Has our generation become too lazy? We sit more, watch television more and exercise less than genera-

tions before us.

The general population will soon be overweight, unhealthy and uneducated. We already see proof of that. Graduating from college doesn't mean you actually learned anything, it just means you have a piece of paper that says you did.

Instead of reading Facebook statuses and tweets, read a book. It will benefit you more in the long run. After all, who really cares about what some stranger you probably don't even know ate for breakfast today?

Read because, as the saying goes, "knowledge is power." Exercise the most powerful muscle you have.

Reading is fun. You just need to find a book that you thoroughly enjoy. People often say they don't like to read, perhaps they just haven't found something they like to read yet. But the book for you is out there waiting.

"The Hunger Games" was released this past weekend. This movie comes from a trilogy of books. The film earned \$155 million its opening weekend. People love films based on books.

The problem is the film doesn't explain how the characters feel and what they are thinking. The film skims over certain details that may make it a little difficult for viewers to follow.

The book is always better. Try reading. It's wonderful.

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Obamacare: More than just health care

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Twenty-seven states have officially filed lawsuits against it, and more than half of Americans favor its repeal. Now, it's the Supreme Court's turn to give its opinion on Obamacare and decide the fate of President Barack Obama's most recognized "achievement."

Amidst all the hype, this unpopular piece of legislation might not even be constitutional.

Aside from the basic question of whether or not the Supreme Court can hear the case (based on the Anti-Injunction Act), the primary question before the court is a simple one: Does the minimum coverage provision of Obamacare exceed Congress' power to regulate interstate commerce?

The left will continue to cite precedents such as Wickard v. Filburn and the more recent Gonzalez v. Reich as case law justification for the controversial legislation. Wickard, for instance,

determined that Congress could regulate the amount of crops an individual farmer grew simply because it affected interstate commerce in the aggregate. The same precedent applied later to those cultivating and using local non-medical marijuana (Gonzalez v. Reich).

While these two cases and others expanded the latitude of Congress' interstate commerce power, they fail to align entirely with the unique nature of this particular case.

The individual mandate in question does not only permit Congress to "regulate" a new area of interstate commerce; it actually forces individuals "to engage in commerce" so they can be better regulated. Once it takes effect in 2014, any individual who refuses to purchase a "government

approved level of healthcare" will face a financial penalty.

According to the legislation, the concept of a contract is outdated and unnecessary. Why is there any need for freedom of contract when the federal government can simply force people to enter a commercial agreement, and then regulate them accordingly?

"If our health care system doesn't get fixed soon, it will be the cause of its own demise."

Paul Clement notes in his brief on behalf of Florida and the other states represented in this case: "The power to compel a person to enter into an unwanted commercial relationship is not some modest step necessary and proper to perfect Congress' authority to regulate existing government intercourse. It is a revolution in the relationship between the central government and the governed."

And as we have seen in the decades of expansion following New Deal legislation, this can be a very slippery slope, setting dangerous precedents for federal government power.

If familiar with the Patriot Act, it becomes obvious we can't ignore the fact that this legislation deals with the health and well-being of Americans. As Solicitor General Donald Verrill rightfully notes, "No one is more than an instant from needing health care."

But there are better (and more financially sustainable) ways of ensuring universal health care in the U.S. Contrary to what the

media constantly feeds us, the Republican position on Obamacare is "repeal and replace" — not "repeal and relax."

From the earliest debates, Republicans have advocated a "more market-based" health care reform through a "defined benefits" structure. Taxpayer-supported health insurance inevitably leads to "un-needy" people taking advantage of the system. This has already happened to our welfare system. Do we really want it affecting everyone's health care as well?

Of course, for the sake of expediency, the left ignored conservative solutions during the debates and squashed all resistance as it forced the bill through the legislation process. Still today, the mainstream media refuses to acknowledge any conservative alternatives to Obamacare.

We have already witnessed the ridiculous arguments stemming from this bill's passage.

Suddenly, free contraceptives are a human right (obviously, this is what the Founding Fathers must have intended with the phrase "pursuit of happiness"), and proponents treat pregnancy as if it were some sort of disease. This legislation leaves far too much room for manipulation by its beneficiaries and by the federal government.

If the Supreme Court severs the individual mandate or decides the entire legislation is unconstitutional, Congress will have the opportunity to consider more effective and less imposing methods of ensuring the health of our nation's people.

If our health care system doesn't get fixed soon, it will be the cause of its own demise.

Republicans: Crazy or misunderstood?

By JONATHAN PEDDE
THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

Over the last three years, many on the left have argued that the Republican Party has gone crazy.

At first, I didn't think much of this argument. However, I recently read a bizarre article opposing fiscal stimulus; and, in light of the whole stimulus debate, I could not help but contemplate the possibility that the Republican Party has indeed gone off the rails.

While the Republicans-are-crazy argument is not new, it seems to have really gained traction only after congressional Republicans near-unanimously opposed the 2009 stimulus bill.

To many people on the left, this opposition seemed inexplicable. New York Times columnist Bob Herbert described the GOP as "a party without a brain." Times columnist Frank Rich chimed in that Republicans are "isolated in [a] parallel universe and believe all the noise in its echo chamber," labeling them as "out of touch with reality" and as "zealots" who were "committing suicide."

The Republicans-are-crazy argument has since snowballed so far that, earlier this month, The New York Times editorial board declared that the GOP is "a party consumed by anger and frustration, led around by its most extreme base and lacking any sense of forward direction."

Recently I read an article opposing fiscal stimulus titled "Time on the Cross" that made me rethink the arguments of stimulus opponents. The author argued that discretionary fiscal stimulus is at best a temporary measure that will cause longer-term problems by increasing the national debt.

In fact, the author found it difficult to understand why "massive, unsustainable deficit spending" is regarded as "The orthodox, sensible thing to do." However, if this author decided to step out of the anti-stimulus echo chamber, he would have understood. After all, the United States' most pressing issue is jobs, and, as Rich so wisely stated, "the government can't create jobs without spending."

But the article gets even worse. The author also argued that discretionary fiscal stimulus can only be justified by highly implausible economic assumptions that "only a professor could believe." This

argument is utterly nonsensical and shows just how far many people's intellectual streak has gone.

There's only one problem — "Time on the Cross" was written by liberal economist Paul Krugman, not a Republican-leaning nut. Furthermore, he was not writing about our current economic crisis but about Japan in the late 1990s, which was experiencing a similar economic situation. In fact, Krugman was arguing that better monetary policy, and not fiscal stimulus, was the solution to Japan's economic malaise.

Obviously Krugman, who is now strongly in favor of fiscal stimulus, has changed his views over the last decade, and there is nothing wrong with that. However, there is something wrong with condemning current fiscal stimulus opponents as crazy given how similar their arguments are to those that Krugman once made.

Thus, it is ridiculous to claim that Republicans have gone crazy just because they oppose fiscal stimulus. Keep in mind that the GOP's "most extreme base" has almost certainly delivered its party's presidential nomination to Mitt Romney, the candidate whose platform is centered on jobs and whose two chief economic advisors — Greg Mankiw of Harvard University and Glenn Hubbard of Columbia University, both well-respected economists — have been saying pretty much the same thing over the last four years that Krugman was saying in the late 1990s.

Obviously, the stimulus bill is not the only reason that many left-leaning pundits have hastily declared the Republican position crazy.

For instance, many people seem to find it utterly inexplicable and unreasonable that anyone would oppose the federal requirement that all health insurance plans cover contraceptives, or that anyone would oppose the individual mandate in general. As little as a cursory glance at the opinion page of The Wall Street Journal would show otherwise — regardless of whether these positions are correct, they are certainly both explicable and reasonable.

So, the next time you find yourself nodding in agreement with an article that elucidates how the GOP has run off the cliff, you need to take some time to read the other side.

While you have every right to disagree with the GOP's policy positions, you need to recognize that these positions usually aren't as crazy and extreme as many left-leaning publications would like you to believe.

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Zeta to host Zumba class as fundraiser

By PAIGE SKINNER
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Texas Tech's Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will host its second annual Zumba Class Fundraiser to raise money for the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation.

The Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation donates money to several organizations and causes including Think-Pink!, Collection of Yoplait Pink Lids and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. All of these organizations promote breast cancer education and awareness.

Lauren Ferguson, Zeta's director of philanthropy, said the sorority did the same fundraiser last semester and chose it again so they could also promote fitness.

"Whenever you're promoting breast cancer education awareness, you're promoting being fit and knowing your body," said the sophomore marketing major from Corpus Christi. "I think that promotes the fitness side of what we're trying to do, a lot. Zumba is really fun, too."

The Zumba class will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center's indoor soccer court and will be taught by Dallas-based Zumba fitness instructors, Brittini Hunt and Lori McGinnis.

Zeta members have been selling tickets in the Free Speech Area outside the Student Union Building all week and will sell the \$10 dollar tickets Saturday morning at the Rec Center before the class.

Ferguson said 100 percent of ticket sales, donations and sponsorship money will go directly to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation.

Taylor Norris, president of Zeta, said she enjoyed seeing women from the Lubbock community at the Zumba class last semester.

The senior energy commerce major from Houston said she is most looking forward to the class because it's also Zeta's "Mom's Weekend."

"I'm excited about everyone's moms coming in town and being able to join us for Zumba," she said.

Ferguson said all 195 of Zeta's

members will be at the Zumba class — some with their moms — and more tickets are still being sold. She estimates between 300 and 500 people will attend the one hour and 20-minute Zumba class.

Door prizes will be raffled off according to a person's wristband number. The door prizes include a teeth whitening kit, gift cards and more.

Since fundraising began in March, Ferguson said, the sorority has raised more than \$10,000, not including ticket sales.

Hunt, a 2009 Tech and Zeta alumna, said because she was Zeta's philanthropy chair when she was in the sorority, she is still really passionate about philanthropy events.

She said she suggested the zumba class fundraiser to the sorority and they thought it was a good idea.

Because the Zumba class fundraiser wasn't open to the public last year, Hunt said, she is excited about seeing everyone who attends



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EMILY GILLAM, A freshmen communications from San Antonio, Megan Tam, a junior public relations and energy commerce major from Fort Worth, and Jen Jett, a junior international business major from Georgetown, sell tickets for Zeta Tau Alpha's Zumba class March 31. Tickets are \$10 each and are being sold in the Free Speech Area of the Student Union Building.

"I'm really excited about getting people who have never done Zumba before involved, but also letting them realize why we are doing this event and making it more of a dance party than a fuddy-duddy fundraiser," Hunt said.

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Tech, Kansas both looking to halt losing streak

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The Red Raider baseball team has had a rough time the last few weeks, dropping six of its last nine games, but might have the perfect opportunity to right the ship this weekend.

Texas Tech (15-11, 1-5 in Big 12 Conference play) travels to Lawrence, Kan., to take on a struggling Jayhawk team in a three-game series.

Kansas (10-14, 0-3) has dropped seven of its last nine games, has the only sub .500 win percentage in the Big 12 and is last in team batting average.

Despite these things, Tech coach Dan Spencer said, Kansas just needs something to get them started and the Red Raiders better not be the team to give them this moment.

"Like I said, they are well coached," he said. "Coach (Ritch) Price has been there and knows what's going on at Kansas. They're looking for a spark, so they need to have that spark against somebody else."

The offensively challenged Jayhawks will have their hands full in game one of the series today, as Duke von Schamann takes the

mount for Tech. The Red Raiders' go-to pitcher has had a solid season so far, ranking fifth in the conference in opponent batting average, fourth in innings pitched and tied for sixth with a 2.08 ERA.

In his last outing, von Schamann helped Tech cruise to its first conference win by throwing a complete game, giving up six hits and one unearned run against Oklahoma.

With Tech needing to get back on the right track, von Schamann said, he is willing to embrace the role of a stopper.

"I'm all cool with that," he said. "If that's what people want to call it, then I'm ready to man up on Friday night and get this win streak going."

Recently, the Red Raiders have had difficulty coming through with clutch hits during crucial points of the game. In its last three games, Tech has stranded 26 runners on base including 12 in its game against New Mexico State on Tuesday to go along with 14 strikeouts.

The latest offensive struggles — for a team that is second in the conference in batting average — is disappointing, Tech shortstop Tim Proudfoot said, but the team knows they will get things turned around eventually.

"We're all frustrated right now, as you would think," he said, "but we're all still confident. We just need to battle like we know how to do."

The pitching staff also has struggled of late, as Tech has had to use numerous starters and many different looks out of the bullpen this season. Once everyone settles into a role, von Schamann said, the team will get things rolling.

"I think it's a concentration aspect," he said. "I think guys are still trying to figure out their role. We've got a great, great staff and everyone will figure it out and we'll be fine."

With its current losing streak and winning only one of its first six conference games, Spencer said, the team has put itself behind and needs to start picking up some wins.

"We're getting to a point where it is still early," he said, "but we've dug ourselves a little bit of a hole and we need to start to climb out of it."

First pitch at Hoglund Park will be at 7 p.m. today followed by a 2 p.m. pitch Saturday and then the series will conclude with a 1 p.m. game Sunday.

Even though Tech has been on a bit of a downfall in its recent games, von Schamann said, he is confident the team will get it turned around

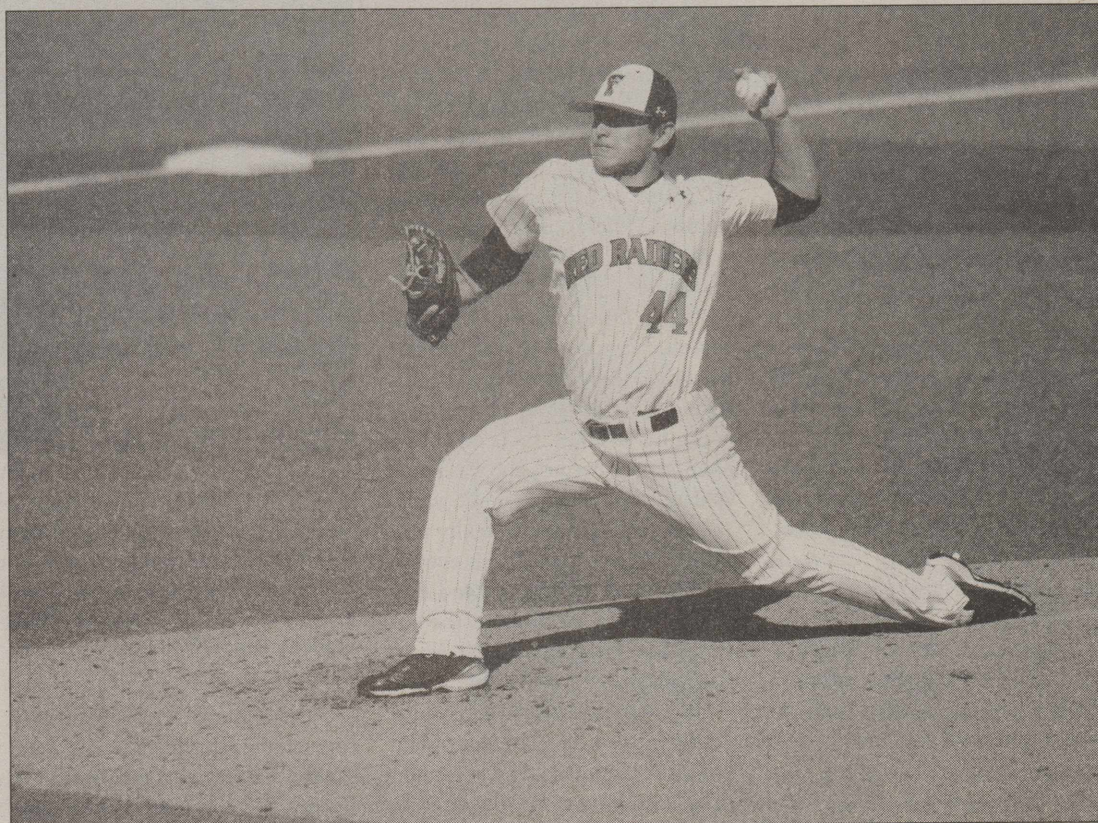


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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Rusty Shellhorn pitches during a 7-6 loss against New Mexico State on Tuesday at Rip Griffin Park to extend the Red Raiders' losing streak to three. Tech will look to snap the streak this weekend, as it heads to Lawrence, Kan., to play in a three-game series against the Jayhawks.

and is glad the struggles are coming early on.

"Everyone goes in a funk," he

said. "You know, we went through one there last year there for a few weeks. Hopefully, we'll just get ours

out of the way early so we can be hot at the end of the year."

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Tannehill works out for NFL scouts

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Ryan Tannehill could be a top 10 pick in next month's NFL draft, less than two years after lining up as a receiver for Texas A&M.

Tannehill returned to his old high school position of quarterback halfway through the 2010 season and caught the attention of NFL scouts despite starting just 19 games behind

center for the Aggies.

On Thursday, he worked out for representatives of 22 NFL teams, including Seahawks coach Pete Carroll, Miami coach Joe Philbin and Cleveland offensive coordinator Brad Childress. It was their first off-season look at Tannehill after he missed the combine while recovering from foot surgery.

Tannehill ran a 40-yard dash and threw about 70 passes, putting on a performance that Carroll said he should be pleased with.

"I felt good," Tannehill said. "The foot felt great moving around, moving in the pocket, escaping. The ball was coming out good and the guys were making plays for me. It was a good day."

Childress, whose Browns have the fourth overall pick, raved about the workout.

"He made every throw that he needed to make," said Childress, who was joined at the workout by Cleveland quarterbacks coach Mark Whipple. "The leg didn't look like an issue. It was an impressive workout."

Tannehill is expected to be the third quarterback taken in the draft behind Stanford's Andrew Luck and Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III of Baylor.

Tannehill was moved to receiver as a freshman after losing the quarterback battle. He had 1,453 yards receiving and nine touchdowns in his first two seasons combined at A&M and had 143 yards receiving as a junior before returning to quarterback.

"It was a frustrating time for me," he said of his time at receiver. "I had a lot of fun being able to help the team out at the receiver position, but I still wanted to be a quarterback. So when I finally got that opportunity, I wasn't going to let it slip."

Tannehill went 12-7 in 1 1/2 years at quarterback. He threw for 1,638 yards and 13 touchdowns in 2010 and had 3,744 yards passing with 29 touchdowns last season.

NFL personnel like that he played in an NFL-style system at A&M under former coach Mike Sherman, who coached the Green Bay Packers for several years.

Baylor coach Kim Mulkey diagnosed with Bell's palsy

WACO (AP) — Kim Mulkey's voice echoed loudly from the court as the fiery Baylor coach shouted instructions and encouragement to her players during their final on-campus practice before leaving for the NCAA Final Four.

Mulkey had promised to make no changes in how she will coach the undefeated Lady Bears this week, even after learning that she has Bell's palsy, a form of facial paralysis. And she showed it on Thursday, with her voice clearly audible from practice nearby as the team prepares for Sunday night's semifinal showdown with Stanford.

"When I smile it's crooked and when I talk, and talk loud, the hollowness in my hearing is weird," Mulkey said. "But it's not going to keep me from hollering."

Mulkey disclosed the diagnosis before practice, unveiling and then discussing a potential distraction for the team. She said she first noticed a strange feeling in her tongue while in Des Moines for the NCAA regional last weekend. Things got worse Wednesday when the coach had what she described as a weird feeling in her mouth while eating, then saw in a mirror on her way to practice that her left eye was drooping and her smile was crooked.

Concerned that the symptoms could be the onset of a stroke, Mulkey checked with team trainer

Alex Olson, and he advised her to get immediate attention. The diagnosis of Bell's palsy came after she saw two doctors and had an MRI that ruled out a tumor or a stroke.

"I know that I will recover," Mulkey said. "It will take some time to recover and it may get worse before it gets better."

Olson said Mulkey is being treated with anti-viral medication and oral steroids to reduce the inflammation of the facial nerve that causes the problem. It can take weeks or months for symptoms to subside.

The Lady Bears are two wins away from their second national championship under Mulkey and the NCAA's first 40-win season. In the other semifinal Sunday, also featuring No. 1 seeds, Connecticut plays Notre Dame. The Lady Bears left for Denver after practice Thursday.

Baylor advanced to the Final Four, its second in three years, with a 77-58 win over Tennessee and coach Pat Summitt on Monday night. Summitt announced in August she had early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type. It is unclear if the 59-year-old Summitt, whose 1,098 career victories are the most by any coach in NCAA basketball history, will return for a 39th season.

Baylor officials said Bell's palsy is caused by a dysfunction of the facial nerve that results in the inability to control facial muscles on the affected side. It usually has a rapid onset of partial or complete paralysis that often occurs overnight. Many doctors believe the inflammatory condition is caused by a virus.

"I don't obviously have a severe case of it," the 49-year-old Mulkey said. "Because I've seen the worst. I've seen people who have it where their face is totally drooping."

Mulkey said don't think she's not happy because she's not smiling.

"I'm not smiling because I don't want people to see my crooked smile," she said.

Olson said most people taking steroid medication like Mulkey will begin to see improvement within about 10 days. He said the coach will be monitored to make sure there aren't any adverse effects from the medicine, which he doesn't expect.

"You sure?" Mulkey yelled while turning toward him, inducing some humor into the explanation. "And y'all (reporters) need to look out because they tell me these steroids make me irritable."

Mulkey said she is concerned about possible inner ear problems because of the mile-high elevation in Denver, and that doctors will have medicine for her if that becomes an issue.

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