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Autism grant to help families connect, learn about disorder

Online resource to help parents access information

By EMILY REYES
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research has been awarded a grant from the CH Foundation to assist families in raising individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

There are two main services offered through the grant-funded initiative. One of the services provides an online community resource page for parents to access information on raising individuals with ASD. The other

service is a call-in opportunity to answer questions individuals may have about child services. Face-to-face services also will be offered to families who need more intensive services.

Becky Critz is a part of the South Plains parents support network for individuals with autism. She said the goal is to help identify different stressors and needs that families have when raising a child or individual with ASD.

"It is for anyone who has ASD or for anyone who has a family member with ASD," she

said.

There will also be studies conducted to ensure the services will constantly be up-to-date, Critz said. The studies are applied to keep track of how many individuals use the website, cms.educ.ttu.edu/research/burkhart-center. There will be studies on the similar stressors related to families who have individuals with autism.

There is a forum on the website where families can ask questions and connect with individuals who have knowledge about individuals with autism, Critz said.

"It's an isolating disability,

and just having someone else to connect with and talk to, I think, is very powerful for these families," she said.

Users will have access to resources available online, not just for children, but for young adults as well.

"We've had some adults call in and ask if there are an adult support groups for adults with autism," Critz said. "We have not always identified that need, but we will be identifying that."

David Richman, chair of the Burkhart Center, said the grant will help all individuals who need assistance in understand-

ing the needs of individuals with ASD. There may be cases that are complex and potentially need an additional follow up of face-to-face contact with faculty members, but he said he wants the center to better serve family members, no matter how complex their situation may be.

"We had heard from the community that there was some difficulty with being able to easily identify all the options that are available for services and other needs of families trying to raise children with autism," Richman said.

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TechBriefly

New judge named in Aldawsari case

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings recused himself as the presiding judge for former Texas Tech student and alleged terrorist Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari earlier this week, with his replacement named Thursday.

Chief District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater appointed U.S. District Judge Donald E. Walter, of Louisiana, to the position. Aldawsari's trial is set for April 30.

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.

The FBI conducted a search of Aldawsari's apartment Feb. 14, 2011 with an order under FISA, where they 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.

The Daily Toreador wins TIPA awards

The Daily Toreador, Texas Tech's student-run newspaper, was honored with several awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association on Thursday.

The paper won second place for overall excellence for its extensive coverage of the arrest and impending trial of alleged terrorist Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari.

Graduates Tommy Magelssen and Jon Arnold won first place for a news story with their article, "Former student charged with attempted WMD use," concerning Aldawsari.

First place in headline writing and sports news story went to current editor-in-chief Jose Rodriguez with "Rout 66-No. 2 Cowboys hand Tech its worst loss in program history" and "Special teams, Tech errors send K-State to 41-34 win," respectively. Current managing editor Brett Winegarner won first place for his sports column, "Texas A&M AD talks crap, literally."

Photographer Annie Osterland won first place for her haboob news photo and photo editor Brad Tollefson won an honorable mention for feature photo.

Former editor-in-chief Kevin Cullen won second place for single-subject presentation, third place for editorial and honorable mentions for information graphic, photo illustration and page-one design.

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Power of Perez



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

ADRIANA PEREZ IS the designated hitter for the Red Raider softball team. Perez is the Big 12 Conference leader in hits.

Junior transfer becomes offensive weapon for Tech softball team

By MATT VILLANUEVA
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On April 1 the Red Raiders were playing their last game of a three-game series against the Iowa State Cyclones.

A win, not only would give Texas Tech the series sweep, but would mark the first time since 1999 that the Red Raiders had won 30 or more games for three consecutive years.

With the game tied at three apiece and in extra innings, Tech's designated player Adriana Perez came up to bat. The junior wasted no time. On the first pitch, Perez smacked one over the outfield fence of Rocky Johnson Field to end the game.

The walk-off homer gave Perez a team-leading 13 home runs for the season and would eventually earn her Big 12

Co-Player of the Week honors.

However, Perez's skills at the plate didn't come without hard work and sacrifice.

Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, and raised in Lancaster, Calif. — a charter city north of Los Angeles — Perez has known the game of softball for most of her life.

Since her father played in an adult league every Sunday year-round, Perez said, she was always present for his games and it was on those recreation fields her love for the game began.

Every chance or opportunity to participate in any way, she would take. From playing catch with her father and his teammates to throwing the ball against the nearest wall, Perez was immersed in the team and was considered one of them.

"When I got a uniform," Rene Perez, her father, said, "so did she."

Her intrigue for the game would soon translate to the field when she was old enough to play. Starting with tee ball, Adriana Perez was one step ahead of the competition by already knowing how to catch and throw. She was so far ahead that for most of her Little League days, Adriana Perez played in an age group two years older than her.

Rene Perez said he recalls many mornings she would wake him up and be upset that she wouldn't be able to be on time to practice.

"I sometimes wondered — is it normal to be this committed?" he said.

For high school, her parents decided it was in her best interest to attend a private high school rather than a public school.

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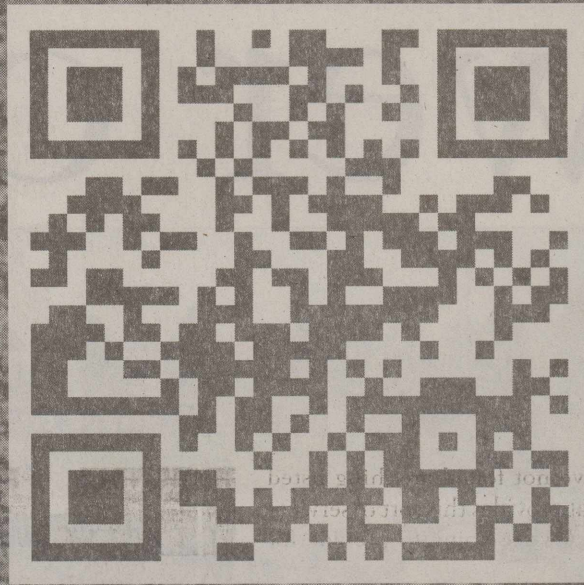
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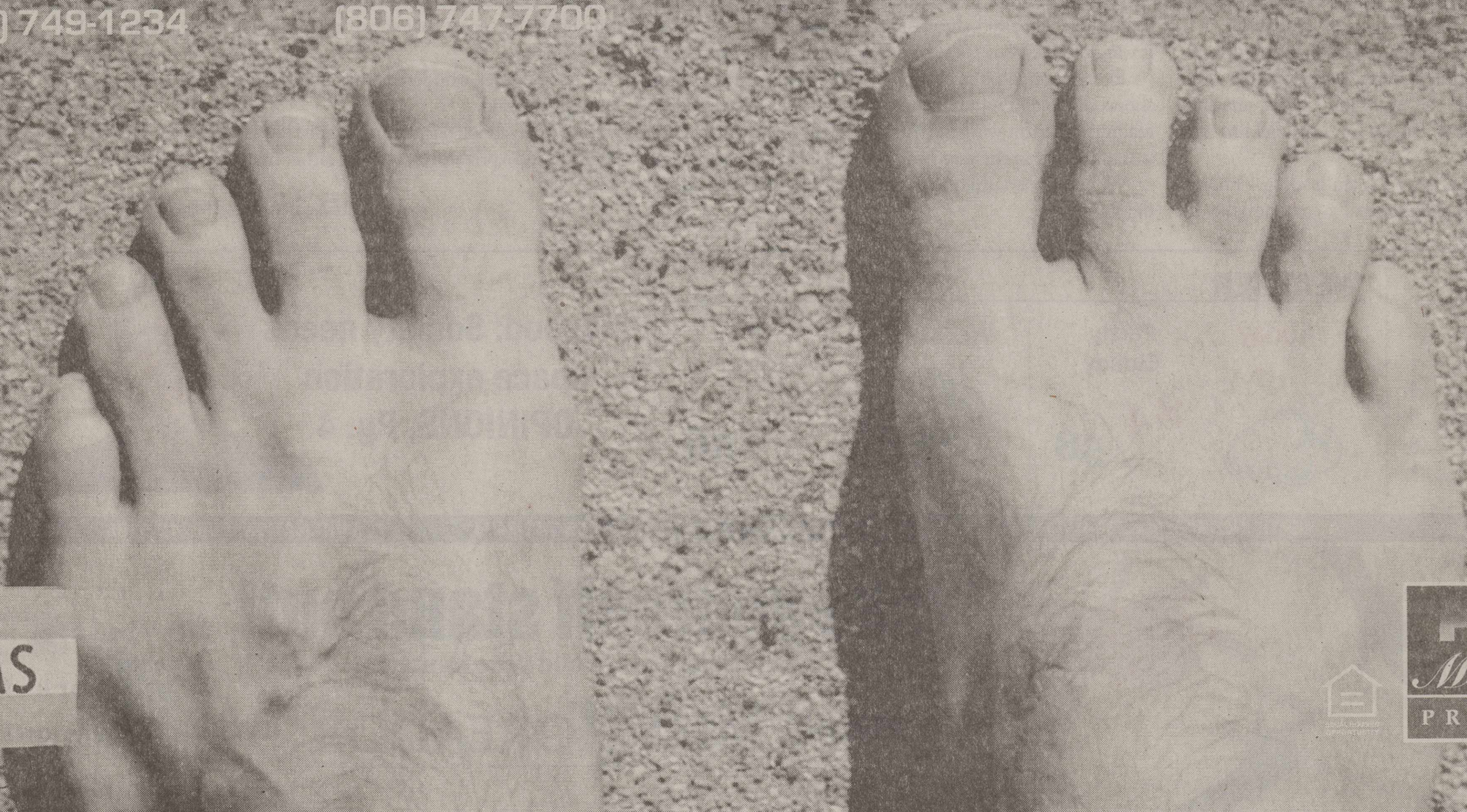
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One Day



POLICE BLOTTER

Assault, disorderly conduct occurs at Rip Griffin Park

Thursday
10:15 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated theft at the Electrical Engineering building. An unsecured Jansport backpack was taken.

4:01 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. A student sustained a small cut to the forehead while playing basketball. He was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

7:17 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, involving an unattended vehicle in the C11 parking lot.

7:48 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency at the Rec Center field. A student suffered an injury to his leg while playing rugby. A friend transported him to the hospital.

Friday
1:51 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop at Texas Tech Parkway and Marsha Sharp Freeway. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The vehicle was impounded by Lubbock Wrecker Services.

4:18 a.m. — A Tech officer

investigated the burglary of a vehicle in the Z4M parking lot. A pair of boots was taken from the bed of a pickup truck.

4:32 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the 1800 block of University Avenue. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

9:34 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated theft in Murray Residence Hall. A large table was taken.

11:30 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated theft at Weymouth Residence Hall. Two bicycle wheels were taken from a bicycle.

5:57 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency in West Hall. A student fainted and was transported to UMC Emergency Room by EMS.

7:17 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency in the Texas Tech University Museum. A non-student fainted and was transported to Covenant Medical Center Emergency Room by EMS.

7:22 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency at the Rec Center. A student injured his shoulder and was transported to the UMC Emergency Room by EMS.

Saturday
5:35 a.m. — A Tech officer

documented damaged property between Knoxville Avenue and Grinnell Avenue. A section of chain-link fence and concrete barriers were damaged by a single vehicle accident.

2:48 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated an assault at the Rip Griffin Park Stadium. A non-student grabbed the arm of another non-student.

2:48 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated disorderly conduct at the Rip Griffin Park Stadium. A non-student used vulgar language and offended another non-student. One of the non-students was also issued a criminal trespass warning from all Tech property.

Sunday
4:45 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the west parking lot of Cooling and Heating Plant # 2. A red Chevrolet pickup was taken.

Monday
3:49 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated arson at Coleman Residence Hall. Trash had been burned on the ground close to the east entrance.

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

CANVAS CUT



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Treador

JAY HAYS, A junior painting major from Memphis, Tenn., cuts a 45 degree angle for a frame to stretch a canvas over Friday in the Architecture building.

Tulsa police respond to fatal shooting

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Two men were arrested Sunday in a shooting rampage that left three people dead and terrorized Tulsa's black community, and police said one suspect may have been trying to avenge his father's shooting two years ago by a black man.

Police identified both suspects as white, while all five victims in the rampage early Friday were black.

Police and the FBI said it is too

soon to say whether the attacks in Tulsa's predominantly black north side were racially motivated. Police spokesman Jason Willingham said that investigators are considering many possible motives but based on Facebook postings, revenge appeared to be a factor.

In a Thursday update on Facebook that appeared to have been

written by 19-year-old Jake England, he angrily blamed his father's death on a black man and used a racial slur. He said Thursday was the second anniversary of his father's death.

"It's hard not to go off," given the anniversary and the death of his fiancée earlier this year, the posting said.

Grant

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Richman said there are a variety of concerns from family members. The Burkhart Center also wants to offer a more effective and efficient way for parents to be able to identify services tailored for individuals with ASD, and the online service forum offered through the Burkhart Center is a medium where anyone can register and connect with others who have individuals with ASD.

"The long-term goal is to identify the consistent patterns within raising a child with autism," he said. "We might be able to do some preventative work in the future, with regards to disconnecting those stressful events before they occur."

The grant will last for two years; but officials with the Burkhart Center hope to see a continuation of the new services with further funding.

Critz said the grant will constantly stay upgraded to improve the services offered to families.

She encourages families to sign-up on the forum and to ask questions, comment and connect with other families.

"I feel like this is something that we have not had in the community before, or possibly even in this area," she said. "I've been doing some research, it looks like Houston has something similar, but I have not found anything listed that provides this sort of services that we're going to provide for families."

Critz said money from the grant is going to give the Burkhart Center a variety of services available to people. The services provided through this funding is also going to make the center more aware of what more to provide and how to help families, and the center is hoping to expand services and identify additional services to be added to the program.

"We're very excited about the positive response we are already having," she said. "I think it's going to bring a lot to our community."

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Pope marks Easter with call for Syria violence to end

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI implored the Syrian regime Sunday to heed international demands to end the bloodshed and expressed hope that the joy of Easter will comfort Christian communities suffering because of their faith.

Benedict, struggling with hoarseness and looking tired, celebrated Mass on Christianity's most joyous holy day on the flower-adorned steps of St. Peter's Basilica, before a crowd of faithful that swelled to far more than 100,000 by the end of the 2-hour-long ceremony.

Only hours earlier the pontiff, who turns 85 on April 16, had led a long nighttime vigil service in the church. There have been concerns over his health, and he has recently used a cane in public appearances. He no longer walks down the basilica's long aisle, traveling instead aboard a wheeled platform pushed by aides.

At the end of Sunday's Mass, Benedict moved to the basilica's central balcony to read his Easter message "to the entire world," as he put it, delivering a ringing appeal for peace in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East, and in Africa, citing coup-struck Mali and Nigeria, where Christians and Muslims alike have been hit by terrorist attacks.

"May the risen Christ grant

hope to the Middle East and enable all the ethnic, cultural and religious groups in that region to work together to advance the common good and respect for human rights," the pope said.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
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ACROSS

- Dark, to a poet
- Tony who played a sitcom
- Across employee
- Sitters' charges
- Lae with frozen desserts
- Barkley who served under 41
- Across
- "... thunder, lightning, rain?": "Macbeth"
- It arranges pickups
- Modest dress
- Like a crowd in awe
- End-of-week exclamation
- Vagrants
- Emir
- Moodlades hit whose title means "you are"
- Golf units
- Slippery swimmer
- How Dennis Eckersley pitched
- Simple ... or a hint to the hidden puzzle theme in 17-, 25-, 50- and 59-Across
- Desexes
- FDR's successor
- Outbursts that provoke blessings
- Harley alternative
- Maryland seafood fare
- The Lusitania, e.g.
- Sidewalk border
- Guitarist, slangily
- Carlisle's wife in "Twilight"
- Sit-up relatives
- It may be barred or bolted
- Songs for two
- English aristocrat
- meeny
- Muslim god
- June 6, 1944

DOWN

- Key to the left of F1
- Sheepish reply?
- Heavenly body
- Cheese-topped snacks
- Electricity generators
- 5-lbs: cereal
- Pro hoopster
- "The Prisoner of ..."
- Vague quantity
- Tiny fairy tale hero
- Starting point
- Cleaned (up)
- Searches like a detection dog
- Give the boot
- Donkey syllable
- Cinnabar or magnetite
- Lugosi of "Dracula"
- Having a lot of nerve
- Chef Cat
- Patotic Olympics chant
- Believer's suffix
- Gray hair disguiser
- Place for a ring
- Elliam
- Fed. anti-discrimination org.
- Biggers' detective
- 44-Across pronoun
- PI goo
- Acquiesce
- Deloe title surname
- Longtime Tiger Woods coach
- Butch Shepard
- Chopped, as garlic
- Afghan capital
- Stand out in a field
- Mattress giant
- Shed dog command
- Drillers' org.
- "I've been ..."
- Important time
- Surreptitious

4/10/12

By David Steinberg

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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ANTED	WAS	TORME
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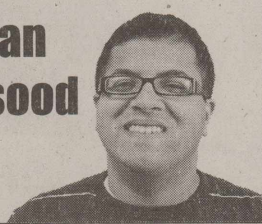
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Society needs space exploration

On a recent episode of the hit British automotive show "Top Gear," host James May travelled to the Johnson Space Center in Houston to drive NASA's Space Exploration Vehicle, or SEV. May drove the SEV around a mock lunar surface and was so astounded by the technology and innovations in the vehicle that he called it the best car he had ever driven. This is quite the statement coming from someone who gets paid to regularly drive around in Bugattis and Aston Martins.

Hasan Masood



on this title.

How did we get to this point? Much of the problem comes from budget cuts.

Twenty years ago, NASA's budget represented about 1 percent of the entire federal budget. Today, NASA's budget is half that amount.

Of course, some of the decrease in spending comes from the end of the Shuttle Program and the end of the expensive upkeep of an aging space shuttle fleet. But spending was also cut from the Constellation Program, a space flight replacement for the Shuttle Program that was to return astronauts to the moon and eventually to Mars. This

decision left the United States without a space flight program for an indefinite period of time.

American space exploration, a previously non-partisan endeavor, also became a victim of partisan bickering.

In 2004, President George W. Bush laid out a set of policies that

became known as the Vision for Space Exploration. This vision, made in response to the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster, called for the completion of the International Space Station and laid the groundwork for what would become known as the Constellation Program. But Democrats quickly criticized these plans for the large costs that were to come from this new vision.

The partisan bickering around space flight did not end when President Barack Obama entered office. Many Republicans were extremely critical of Obama's decision to end the Shuttle Program, despite the fact it was Bush and not Obama who had originally called for its end.

Much of the criticism of space exploration comes from the enormous costs that are encountered with space flight. This begs a question: why should we explore space?

The purpose of space exploration transcends fiscal questions. At the end of the day, space exploration is about increasing our knowledge of just about everything. The pursuit of knowledge,

in any case, will be a noble cause.

This pursuit of knowledge through space exploration has brought us many technologies that have made our lives better, such as global positioning satellites, LASIK eye surgery and fire-resistant fabrics used by firefighters and soldiers.

These advances have come from a combination of many different scientific fields and disciplines. According to Neil deGrasse Tyson, Director of the Hayden Planetarium, "nothing spurs cross-pollination like space exploration, which draws from the ranks of astrophysicists, biologists, chemists, engineers, planetary geologists and subspecialists in those fields."

Space exploration is also capable of uniting not just Americans, but all of humanity. When Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon in 1969, it was a defining moment in human history. For one short moment, humanity was united in

amazement and wonder — awed by the incredible things humans are capable of.

Throughout history, humanity has always sought to explore and — to borrow a phrase from "Star Trek" — to boldly go where no man has gone before. In the past, this need has appeared in the form of explorers such as Magellan and Columbus, pushing the borders of the known world.

It also appeared in the form of adventurers seeking to reach the North Pole or being the first to climb Mount Everest. This need has also manifested itself in the form of space exploration and the desire to push beyond our earthly boundaries into the darkness of space. To deny space travel is to deny a fundamental part of our humanity.

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Pepper spray: face of education

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Last week, students protesting fee hikes at Santa Monica College were pepper sprayed by members of the college's police force as they attempted to enter a Board of Trustees meeting.

The police officers involved kept the protestors at bay and from airing their grievances and voices with the Board of Trustees. Adamant not to let the protestors into the meeting, the police force held them back, and in an all too damning photo now spread across the internet, a police sergeant stands pointing at the protestors while holding his baton over his head ready to strike.

This scenario is a horrifying one, and much like the U. California-Davis incident in which seated students were pepper sprayed, one I never thought I'd see on a college campus.

When did it become wrong for students to air their grievances? When did it become wrong for students to stand together on their campus? Students have a right to their opinion and anger when they see their education becoming less valuable but more expensive. Yet, incidents, like the one at Santa Monica College, are examples of a system rotting from the inside.

A university education is still

the goal of many people. Even though the value of that education seems to be dwindling at some levels, people still flock to college campuses around the country to study in the hope that they may better their life circumstances. However, students seem to only be permitted to disagree if that disagreement doesn't get in the way of the university administration's politics.

All education is political, but universities don't always educate students on how to navigate such politics. If the UC-Davis and Santa Monica College incidents have taught us anything, it's that students aren't allowed to voice their opinions to people who control the politics of a campus, that students don't deserve to be around those who take the control of their education away from them.

Students should control their education. Students should have a say about their education and future. Yet, students' voices on campus are increasingly unvalued. This phenomenon will destroy education in this country.

Without students, there is no need for universities. Protest and debate should be encouraged on all university campuses because it is the passion of students that keeps higher education afloat. So, when events transpire that exemplify the lack of respect by administrators and university officials for students' voices, it's disheartening and counter to what a university should exemplify: respect for and service to the public good.

Reports of police brutality and overzealousness have become commonplace in the news media. Reports of police arbitrarily arresting people without probable cause, pepper spraying randomly and without direction and bullying

citizens engaged in protest are common news stories now. College campuses are not immune. But what does it mean for the future of education and protest?

These types of incidents create a hostile environment in a place where hostility should not exist. Universities are supposed to be centers of learning and expression. Students should be able to peacefully protest and challenge those officials who would stand in the way of their education.

What becomes troublesome is when those officials dismiss the issues of students as not their problem. Indeed, education is becoming far too expensive in this country, and there aren't enough protests about it. How long are we going to let the price of education rise in this country? Soon only the very wealthy will be able to afford education, and those without will continue to be subjugated to those with advanced privilege.

Access to education is no longer enough. We must have access to

those who will control and direct our education. University administrators and those in power must be held accountable and must be accessible to the students whose lives they hold in the palm of their hands.

The examples of police officers arbitrarily pepper spraying students, professors, children and others in their way is symptomatic of a system run amok. It is symptomatic of administrators who are out of touch with the populations of their universities. It is symptomatic of how university officials see students: as cattle. Students, who continuously see their rights eroded, are becoming cattle that are seen as nothing more than PEZ dispensers forking over loan money that they'll never be able to pay off.

So, when students finally stand up and protest such lack of respect, what happens? They get pepper sprayed by baton wielding, overzealous police officers. Welcome to your college experience. This type of behavior is unacceptable on many levels, but none so more than that it is an overt example of oppression in a place that should be fighting oppression.

The issues at stake are not merely about tuition hikes; it's about a student's constitutionally protected rights being eroded in the one place many thought they'd never see them eroded: a university. The future of higher education in the U.S. is an ambiguous one; however, at the heart of that future will be the students and their teachers. It would be a shame if that future was one of voiceless students and teachers locked inside their walled classrooms instead of a passionate group of people working for a better and more equitable world.

George Orwell once remarked, "If you want a vision of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face — forever." I really hope Orwell was wrong, but the path we're heading down doesn't look promising.

"Students should have a say about their education and future."

Romney's riches nothing to mock

By CORRINE HARRIS
DAILY EVERGREEN
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The U.S. Senate's top Republicans called for the GOP to unite behind leading presidential candidate Mitt Romney on April 1.

On CBS' "Face the Nation", Vice President Joe Biden appeared to think this was a joke. In the interview, Biden said, "I can't remember a presidential candidate in the recent past who seems not to understand ... what ordinary middle-class people are thinking about and are concerned about."

Reuters has identified this as only one of many attacks by the Obama administration focusing on Romney as an out-of-touch millionaire and former businessman. In all honesty, the Obama administration appears to be more out of touch with the voters than Romney.

Many Democrats, including President Barack Obama, have targeted Romney as coming from the elite.

One of Obama's best attacks on Romney has been his use of the word "marvelous" to describe the House Republican budget plan. Obama spent a disproportionate amount of time criticizing Romney's word usage, as stated by the Hill.

Obviously, Romney's use of lofty language is one of the most important discussion topics of the election. In fact, it might even surpass the importance of the unemployment rate or nuclear arms.

It is impossible to dispute that Romney did come from a well-off family. From one of his many biographies, you will immediately find that his father, George Romney, was a 1968 Republican presidential candidate and governor of Michigan. Romney is no stranger to the world of politics, but he began his career in business. Democrats may see this as a weakness, but I see it as what makes Romney a better candidate than Obama. There is no one better to relate to the business owners of today

than a man who founded his own investment firm. The investment firm, Bain Capital, was founded in 1984 and helped launch or rebuild hundreds of companies under Romney's leadership, according to Romney's campaign website.

Not only did Romney find his own business, but he did well, resulting in the opportunity to live the lavish lifestyle he is so often criticized for. But he is entitled to do so. The American people have no right to begrudge him the benefits of his hard work.

The Obama administration may criticize Romney for being a millionaire and a businessman. However, it would appear that the real issues that the ever logical Obama campaign has with Romney is that he is familiar with how the economy works and he can relate to the modern business owner. Business owners make up the majority of taxpayers these days, according to The Wall Street Journal. Thus, calling Romney out of touch with taxpayers is ridiculous, bordering on insane.

But it would be almost irresponsible for the Obama administration to not play into Romney's riches. The media constantly portrays rich people as evil, holding back the wealth they themselves earned. In reality, rich people are not evil. For example, Paul Allen donated \$26 million to WSU Global Animal Health program in 2010. Allen is only one of many wealthy people who donate to worthwhile programs around the globe.

As unemployment remains high and out of control spending is the popular motion in the U.S. government, Obama has rather foolishly pointed out Romney's strengths. As a successful businessman, Romney can offer the change that the U.S. needs. Obama can continue to have a field day with his petty accusations on Romney's elite language. Romney has demonstrated real experience by bringing the unemployment rate in Massachusetts down to 6.9 percent, as reported by the Boston Globe. This should be far more impressive to voters than empty rhetoric.

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Hudson star power to complicate murder trial

CHICAGO (AP) — Accustomed to wearing Vera Wang gowns on red carpets, singing at the Grammys or autographing her weight-loss memoir, Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson will take on a new role under a very different spotlight — in Chicago's drab criminal courts building at the trial of the man charged with murdering her mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew.

The Hollywood star's presence, and the accompanying media hubbub, is bound to affect the proceedings, which begin Monday. That's when presiding Judge Charles Burns plans to start questioning would-be jurors one by one, trying to weed out anyone who could be swayed by Hudson's celebrity status.

Hudson is expected to be at the trial every day once testimony begins, court officials say, and she's on the 300-name list of witnesses who could testify. While the judge will warn prospective jurors to avoid watching TV coverage of the trial, they may see Hudson on "American Idol" on Thursday.

Legal experts widely agree on the No. 1 challenge at trials involving megastars: It's identifying 12 jurors able and willing to assess guilt solely on what they hear in court.

Hudson will need to refrain from overt displays of emotion as potentially starstruck jurors' eyes dart back at her, said Gerald Uelmen, a defense attorney at O.J. Simpson's murder trial.

"The risk is that jurors may be watching her rather than testifying witnesses, and they could be influenced by how she reacts," he said. "She would be well advised not to engage in any facial expressions or outbursts. That could be grounds for a mistrial."

Prosecutors say William Balfour, the 30-year-old estranged husband of Hudson's sister, shot the family in a jealous rage because Julia Hudson was dating another man. Jennifer Hudson, also 30, and Balfour grew up in the same South Side neighborhood.

The bodies of Hudson's mother, Darnell Donerson, 57, and brother, Jason Hudson, 29, were found shot to

death in the family's home on Oct. 24, 2008. The body of her nephew, Julian King, was found days later in a vehicle several miles away.

Balfour's attorneys have said the evidence is circumstantial, though prosecutors say proof he committed the crime will include gun residue found on his car's steering wheel.

Adored by many Chicagoans, Hudson will pose a stark contrast to Balfour, a short man with a long criminal record. He was a one-time Gangster Disciples gang member and known by his street name, "Flex," according to court documents.

The dilemma posed by Balfour's trial became clear last week, when 150 potential jurors filled out their questionnaires in court. Nine of the 66 questions dealt with Hudson's career: Would-be jurors were asked if they'd ever seen her Academy Award-winning film "Dreamgirls" and if they belong to an organization for which Hudson is a spokesperson, presumably a reference to Weight Watchers.

BUNNY BASHFUL



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ROBERT GARCIA, A junior mechanical engineering major from Lubbock holds his niece Liliana Argullin, 3, as they pose for a picture with the Easter Bunny on Saturday at Don and Ethel McLeod Tennis Center.

Former homeless man who co-wrote best-seller dies

FORT WORTH (AP) — Denver Moore, a former homeless man who co-wrote the bestselling book "Same Kind of Different as Me" about his unlikely friendship with a Texas art dealer and their shared faith in God, has died. He was 75.

Moore, who had been in ill health, was found dead at his Dallas home. The Dallas County medical examiner's office said Moore died March 31. A cause of death was pending. A memorial

service is set for Thursday in Fort Worth.

"We were Velcroed at the heart," Moore's co-author, Ron Hall, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It leaves a huge hole and void in my life. I spent the last 14 years thinking about him, worrying about him, wondering whether either I could find him or help him. It's hard to imagine that responsibility no longer being there."

The two became friends after Hall's wife, Deborah, told her husband she'd had a dream in which God told her "there was a particular homeless man, a poor man who was wise and by his wisdom our cities and lives would be changed if we could find him." The couple met Moore later after he was involved in a fight that broke out while they were serving meals at the Union Gospel Mission for the homeless in Fort Worth in 1998.

Hall recalled his wife telling him, "That's him, that's the man I had the dream about."

Moore was reluctant at first to befriend Hall. In their first meetings, Hall learned Moore never had attended school and had lived as a sharecropper in Louisiana before becoming a homeless drifter.

Moore also had spent time in prison. He was convicted of armed robbery in Louisiana after trying to rob a bus driver using a rusted

revolver that had no cylinder. He threatened to kill the driver but left when the man said he could not get the change out of the bus till. Moore was arrested, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 years in the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola. He was released in 1976 and went to Fort Worth, The Dallas Morning News reported.

He spent more than two decades living on the streets of Fort

Worth.

After Deborah Hall died of cancer in 2000, Moore moved in with Ron Hall, and they began writing their book. Moore and Hall had delivered about 400 joint lectures nationwide after their book was released in 2006.

"He changed a lot of lives," Hall said. "People who read our book are never able to look at homeless people the same way again. He was a rock star."

'Hunger Games' scores Easter feast with \$33.5M

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Film fans are still forking over for "The Hunger Games," which took in \$33.5 million to lead the box office for a third-straight weekend.

According to studio estimates Sunday, Lionsgate's "The Hunger Games" raised its domestic total to \$302.8 million. It easily out-earned two returning favorites, Universal's "American Pie" sequel "American Reunion" and a 3-D version of the blockbuster "Titanic," released domestically by Paramount and overseas by 20th Century Fox.

Both newcomers opened solidly, though. "American Reunion" pulled in \$21.5 million, the lowest haul since the 1999 original but still a decent return for a comedy franchise whose last big-screen chapter came nine years ago.

"Titanic" in 3-D reeled in \$17.4 million over the weekend, raising its domestic take to \$25.7 million since opening Wednesday. That lifts the lifetime domestic gross of James Cameron's mega-hit to \$626.5 million.

Starring Jennifer Lawrence as a teen forced to fight other youths in a televised death match, "The Hunger Games" now has topped the domestic gross of each of the "Twilight" movies and all but the first and last of the "Harry Potter" films.

With \$25.5 million overseas, "The Hunger Games" raised its international total to \$157.1 million. That put its worldwide take at about \$460 million.

"The Hunger Games" has helped studios race to a record box-office pace, with domestic revenues for the year now at \$2.8 billion, up 20 percent from 2011's, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"We're heading into summer with a tremendous amount of momentum, led obviously by

"Hunger Games," said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "Just about everything seems to be working."

The first big-screen "American Pie" sequel since 2003's "American Wedding," "American Reunion" brings back all key cast members from the 1999 gross-out hit, including Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Mena Suvari and Tara Reid.

The new sequel had the smallest start since 1999's "American Pie" debuted with \$18.7 million. Factoring in inflation, the original movie also sold more tickets than "American Reunion."

Yet adding its \$19.3 million earnings in 28 overseas markets, "American Reunion" started well with a worldwide total of \$40.8 million.

"We're very content. It's a great launch worldwide," said Nikki Rocco, Universal's head of distribution. "It's a successful reboot of a franchise that we believe in."

"Titanic" follows such past hits as "The Lion King" and "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" to be converted to 3-D.

"This is something that has already been seen by tens of millions of people in the domestic market. To have taken the time and care that Jim Cameron did to re-create it in 3-D and to do \$25-plus-million over five days is just a home run," said Don Harris, head of distribution at Paramount.

Cameron's 1997 smash added \$35.5 million in 84 overseas markets, putting its 3-D worldwide total at \$60.2 million.

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in a tragic romance aboard the doomed ship, "Titanic" won 11 Academy Awards, including best picture. At \$1.84 billion worldwide, the film remained the No. 1 modern blockbuster for 12 years until Cameron's "Avatar" bumped it off with \$2.8 billion.

The 3-D version has closed the gap a bit, with the lifetime total of "Titanic" now at just over \$1.9 billion.

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Baylor teams exceed limits on calls, texts

WACO (AP) — Less than a week after its women's basketball team won the national championship, Baylor said Monday it has been involved in a three-year investigation with the NCAA into what are believed to be hundreds of impermissible phone calls and text messages sent by coaches to young prospects.

The school did not describe any details of the investigation, including which sports were involved, but the announcement came a few hours after ESPN.com reported that coaches for both the men's and women's basketball programs had made more than 1,200 calls and text messages to prospects over a 29-month span dating to 2008. ESPN.com cited an NCAA report it had obtained.

The NCAA may dole out harsher punishment that what is listed in the report, which details a number of self-imposed penalties including barring women's coach Kim Mulkey from recruiting off campus in July and fewer scholarships for both programs.

Nick Joos, Baylor's executive associate athletic director for external affairs, said the school had not received notice of a "final decision" from the infractions committee.

"Regarding today's premature public reports of the matter, the institution remains committed to protecting the integrity of the totality of the case in accordance with its obligations under NCAA legislation and, therefore, the university, and its officials, will make no comment," Joos said.

NCAA president Mark Emmert said the NCAA would not comment on the case because it's still under review.

"However, each member agrees to abide by the rules established by the association and our membership expects those who do not follow the rules will be held accountable," he said in a statement.

The report comes as Baylor athletics is in the midst of a heyday.

The Baylor women beat Notre Dame for the national title last week, capping the first 40-0 season in NCAA history. The men's team, coached by Scott Drew, won a school-record 30 games and reached an NCAA regional final, where it lost to eventual national champion Kentucky.

Mulkey was named AP's national coach of the year and Brittney Griner was AP national player of the year. Drew's team spent much

of the season in the top 10 and star quarterback Robert Griffin III became the school's first Heisman Trophy winner after leading the Bears to 10 wins for the first time since 1980.

According to the summary disposition quoted by ESPN.com, Mulkey, Drew and their assistants were involved in sending 738 impermissible text messages and making 528 impermissible calls. The violations were termed "major" because of their frequency.

According to the report, Griner's recruitment is part of the investigation.

The report said Mulkey and her staff committed minor NCAA violations for having impermissible contact with Griner and her family. During a 2007 camp, coaches spoke with the Griners about the basketball program, academic requirements and the school in general both before and after the camp.

Mulkey also reportedly broke NCAA rules when she sat next to Griner's father and discussed what the Baylor experience would be like. Brittney Griner, who is from the Houston area, played on the same AAU team as Mulkey's daughter, Makenzie Robertson.

Besides keeping Mulkey off the recruiting trail in July, Baylor said one of her assistants, Damion McKinney, has been barred from making recruiting calls since January through April. The school also reduced its women's basketball scholarships from 15 to 13 in 2011-12.

FOXSports.com reported in October 2010 that the NCAA was investigating the men's program's recruitment of Hanner Perea. The FOXSports report said assistant coach Mark Morefield sent dozens of texts to Perea's AAU and high school coaches while they were coaching events, which is against NCAA rules.

The report cited Monday by ESPN.com said Morefield urged two AAU coaches to provide false and misleading information to the NCAA about a series of text messages—a major violation. Morefield resigned in July 2011.

Current men's assistants Paul Mills and Jerome Tang also were named in the report. The school reportedly prohibited Drew and Tang from making recruiting calls in January and February this year, and reduced the maximum number of official recruiting visits to campus from 12 to seven in 2012-13.

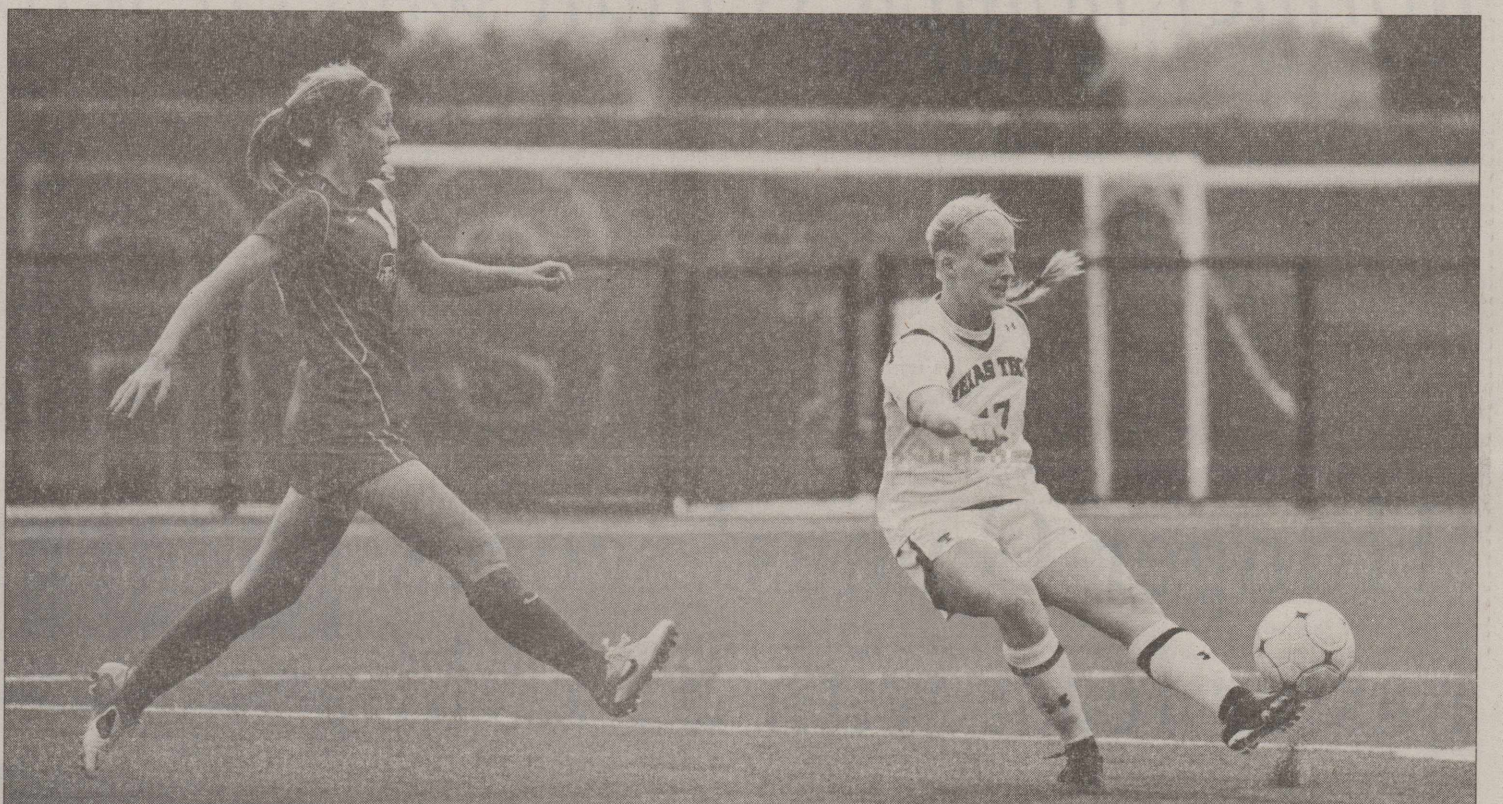
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TEXAS TECH CORNERBACK Eugene Neboh helps load bags of donated clothes onto the Texas Tech football trailer Friday near Jones AT&T Stadium. People donated blankets, food, bottled water and more to benefit people near Dallas who were affected by the recent tornadoes.

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SOCCER SCRIMMAGE



TEXAS TECH MIDFIELDER Hayley Haagsma passes the ball downfield during the Red Raiders' 2-0 victory in a scrimmage against New Mexico on Saturday at the John Walker Soccer Complex. Haagsma scored one of the goals for Tech, while Jessica Fuston scored the other.

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Bubba Watson wins Masters in playoff

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The rarest shot in golf can happen any time Bubba Watson has a golf club in hands.

Watson was so deep in the woods late Sunday afternoon that he couldn't even see where he was going. With his golf ball nestled on a bed of pine needles, he hit a gap wedge that shot out toward the fairway and hooked some 40 yards and onto the elevated green.

Nothing less than the Masters was riding on the outcome. Nothing else would do except for a page right out of "Bubba Golf."

And on a thrill-a-minute Sunday at Augusta National, where Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa made only the fourth double eagle in the 76-year history of this major, it made Watson a Masters champion.

"I've never had a dream go this far, so I can't really say it's a dream come true," Watson said. "I don't even know what happened on the back nine. ... Nervous on every shot, every putt. Went into a playoff. I got in these trees and hit a crazy shot that I saw in my head, and somehow I'm here talking to you with a green jacket on."

His amazing shot in the playoff settled 10 feet from the hole, setting up a simple par for the win.

Lost in all the commotion was Oosthuizen making what is commonly called the rarest shot in golf — an albatross — when his 4-iron from 253 yards on the par-5 second hole landed on the front of the green, took the slope and rolled some 90 feet into the cup for a 2.

Oosthuizen had never made a double eagle in his life.

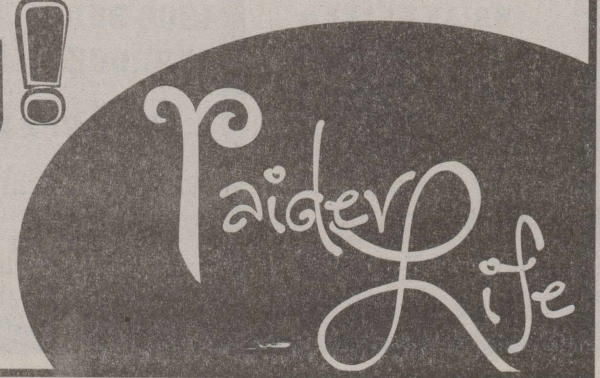
His Masters ended by watching a shot he didn't know existed.

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"The area where I was raised, the public high schools were not the greatest," she said.

It was at Paraclete High School where Adriana Perez would learn the equal importance of academics.

When times became too financially tough for the family to continue to give their daughter a private education, Rene Perez said, he and his wife, Perla Perez,

considered pulling her out. However, it was arranged between her parents and the school that Adriana Perez could stay in exchange for Rene Perez doing community hours for the school that would count toward tuition.

"We wanted her to be there because of academics," Rene Perez said. "It was a good decision."

Adriana Perez finished her time at Paraclete as a four-year letterwinner, along with being honored with a California High Sports/ESPN All-State section mention and All-Olympic League first team her senior season.

Colleges took note of her feats, Adriana Perez said, but because her grades were borderline average, it was in her best interest to attend Antelope Valley College — a local junior college — and work her way to a Division I school.

In her two years, Adriana Perez amassed 31 home runs and 117 RBIs, along with hitting

.500 both seasons and setting school records in RBIs, slugging percentage and batting average in a single season. Those stats, coupled with being named the California Junior College Player of the Year twice, made Division I teams come recruit her in a hurry.

In his first year of coaching Tech, Shanon Hays caught word of Adriana Perez when she was playing in her first year at Antelope Valley, from family friend Brad Pickler — who happened to be the head coach of a rival junior college.

"He played against Adriana (Perez)," Hays said, "and I said 'Have you seen any girls out there who can help us?' and he said, 'There's this girl over here at Antelope Valley College that can really just swing it, she had a couple of home runs against us and I'm really impressed with her.'"

Hays and assistant coach Kristie Fox both traveled to Cali-

fornia to scout her, liked what they saw and immediately began recruiting her. Adriana Perez committed early and chose Tech instead of other schools such as Missouri and Cal Poly because she liked what direction Hays was trying to take the program.

"I've always wanted to go really far in my career in softball, so I felt like playing in the Big 12 and playing for such a good organization like Tech ... I knew coach Hays was hired to change the program around. I knew this is where I wanted to be," she said.

The transition from growing up and living in Southern California to West Texas proved difficult. Adriana Perez became homesick during her first few months in Lubbock and even considered leaving Tech midway through the fall semester, but recognized she was in a situation many female athletes would be envious of.

"I come out here to a new state, I don't know anybody, I'm

on my own, my parents aren't here — It was very, very hard," she said. "It took coach Fox to (help me) realize that I should be here, and I worked so hard to be at the position that I'm at right now and I should feel blessed."

Roommate Brittany Talley said Adriana Perez has found her group of friends within the team and has opened up a great deal since coming to Tech and now fits right in.

"She's a great teammate," Talley said. "She's always positive, she's always on time, she works hard and I love that."

Her family back home continues to watch every game live online when possible and checks

Twitter updates when they cannot. Rene Perez said everything her daughter has achieved was earned and her dedication to softball has been shown every day.

"It's not a coincidence that she is where she is," Rene Perez said. "When her friends were out partying during the summer, she was training at the gym."

An exercise and sports science major, Adriana Perez said after her playing days are finished, she would like to pursue a career in coaching and already has job offers lined up in California.

"I enjoy showing other girls and teaching them what I want to do," she said.

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No. 23 Longhorns take 2 of 3 from Red Raiders



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JAMODRICK MCGRUDER AND HIS TEAMMATES CELEBRATE AFTER THEIR 7-6 VICTORY AGAINST TEXAS IN THE 14TH INNING FRIDAY AT RIP GRIFFIN PARK.

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Heading into Saturday's rubber match with Texas, the Red Raiders, at the very least, had momentum on their side after pulling off a 14-inning, 7-6 win against the Longhorns and All-American closer Corey Knebel on Friday.

Momentum again appeared to favor Texas Tech early on in the pivotal third game of the series Saturday, but faded away almost as quickly as it had appeared the night before.

After three innings of shut-out pitching from John Neely, the Longhorns took their first big step toward beating Tech by generating four runs off of Neely in the fourth inning. Texas would eventually erupt for a total of 14 runs, 19 hits off of seven different Tech pitchers and, most importantly, a 14-3 victory.

"We need to pitch better," Tech coach Dan Spencer said Saturday. "We need to find another guy or two out of the (bullpen), there's no doubt about that."

By winning two of three in Lubbock, No. 23 Texas (17-12, 7-2 in Big 12 Conference play) kept pace with Texas A&M in the conference standings, as the two teams share the No. 2 slot atop the Big 12.

Tech's (18-15, 3-9) three wins in conference play are better than Kansas' two, who is currently in last place.

Tech shortstop Tim Proud-

foot said the team remains confident in its pure ability, but has yet to display that talent on a consistent basis.

"We're pretty frustrated," Proudfoot said. "We feel like we can play with that team and showed that last night. But today we just didn't show up at times and it cost us."

Proudfoot, however, did show up and he wasted no time doing so.

In the first inning, Proudfoot took a pitch delivered by Texas' Ricky Jacquez over the wall in right field for a solo home run and a 1-0 Tech advantage.

The home run was Proudfoot's second of the season and his first of two hits on Saturday. Proudfoot went 2-for-5 at the plate, scored a run and was the only Red Raider to record multiple hits Saturday.

Although Tech never regained the lead after going down 4-1 in the fourth inning, the Red Raiders did encounter an opportunity to make up some major ground.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth inning, down 5-2, designated hitter Jamodrick McGruder stepped up to bat with two outs and a chance to — in a best-case scenario — take the lead.

Instead, McGruder belted a pitch from Jacquez directly at center fielder Tim Maitland, ending what ultimately became Tech's best opportunity to regain any amount of momentum.

"Like (Spencer) said, we're in this game in the sixth inning, 5-2," Tech third baseman Bo Altobelli said, "if (McGruder's) ball falls down, you know, we score two, maybe three."

"So, that's kind of the deal-breaker right there."

When looking at the series in its entirety, the Longhorns came just one out short of sweeping the Red Raiders, outscoring Tech 28-13 during the course of the series — Texas beat Tech 7-4 Thursday.

Switching gears, Tech gets a break from conference action as it hosts Dallas Baptist on Wednesday and Houston for a three-game series starting Friday.

In Big 12 play, the Red Raiders finish out the season with a series at Oklahoma State, at home against Missouri, at A&M, and at home against Kansas State.

Three of those four clubs are trying to climb out of the same hole the Red Raiders find themselves in — a winning percentage below .500 — as Baylor, A&M and Texas remain the only teams with more conference wins than losses.

"It's a fickle game. It's a frustrating game," Spencer said. "I think we can build on the weekend from the standpoint of team and the competitiveness we showed. But we need to get better in all areas, some very specific."

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Odom done playing for Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks and Lamar Odom are done with each other.

The NBA's reigning Sixth Man of the Year and the defending NBA champions who are trying to make sure they get back to the playoffs made it clear Monday that the partnership is over after an underwhelming

50-game stint.

"We've got to be able to look down that bench and count on folks to be consistent," general manager Donnie Nelson said. "Unfortunately with him in his state right now, he's just not capable of doing that. I say that with his best interest in mind. He's going through a very, very

tough personal time. We certainly understand that. But we're in the thick of it in the West and we've got to win games."

Odom will be on the inactive list and not play again for the Mavericks, who were seventh in the Western Conference standings with nine games left in the regular season.

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Chipper Jones expects to come off DL Tuesday

HOUSTON (AP) — Atlanta Braves third baseman Chipper Jones expects to come off the disabled list when he's eligible Tuesday.

Jones and a number of Braves took early batting practice Monday before the start of their three-game series against the Houston Astros. Jones took more than 100 swings and also took ground balls in the almost one-hour workout.

"It's progressively gotten better and while I've had some sore days along the way, (Monday) I feel great," he said. "I did what I had to do to prove that I can go out there (Tuesday)."

Jones, who turns 40 later this month, opened the season on the DL following surgery March 26 to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee.

He went through the rigorous workout as a test to make sure he's ready to play. Jones did not want to go on a minor league rehabilitation assignment and officials let him opt out of making one.

"I just thought it was a waste of time," he said. "Six at-bats in the minors is not going to help me. You might as well just throw me back into the fire."

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