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SGA discusses attendance issues among senators

By MATT DOTRAY
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Fifty-eight percent of the senators in Texas Tech's Student Government Association were up for impeachment during a Senate meeting Thursday night.

According to SGA's constitution, the Committee on Rules and Administration is required to offer a resolution of impeachment for any member who has been absent

a total of four times. Absences include both Senate meetings and the two office hours per week that members are required to obtain.

Erika Allen, a member of the Committee on Rules and Administration, and a senator from the Honors College, offered the resolutions to impeach 32 Senators.

Allen said some senators have argued their total number of absences by saying the machine senators swipe their card with has not

been working properly.

None of the Senators will be impeached, Allen said, because not enough people would be present for the Senate to do business if all of the members were impeached. Instead, she said the resolutions will go back to the rules committee, where the resolution will most likely die.

"This is a wake-up call to all of you," Allen said during the meeting. "It's appalling that we're not

all there doing what's required and asked of us. You know, coming into this, that you have office hours. If anyone has a problem with that, you can come talk to me or you're going to have to change the rules."

In response to the problems with the swipe-in machine, Allen said senators will be required to start signing in manually as of Monday. Senators also will need to get a signature from someone on the rules staff so Senators can't sign

in and leave, she said.

During the announcements that followed the first reading and routing motions, Colin Davis, a member of the Committee on Rules and Administration, and a Senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, said the senators should be embarrassed.

"I know there are some of you that come, swipe-in, and then turn your tail right back around and leave thinking we're not going to

find out that you're not actually sitting in your office and doing work," Allen said to members. "Some of you don't show up to committee meeting, some of you just sit in here, and text the whole time, and don't care and don't read legislation.

"If that's the case, just leave now because you're wasting our time and students' time."

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Southwest Conference Circle to be removed, relocated

Plans are under way to remove and relocate the Southwest Conference Circle because of the construction of the new Petroleum Engineering Research building, said Michael Molina, vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction.

Removal of the Southwest Conference Circle will begin within the next two weeks, he said.

"The building layout overlays onto the existing Southwest Conference Circle, which is definitely in the need of repair," he said. "So we're making the decision to relocate that or preserve it."

The landmark was constructed in 1956 when Texas Tech was admitted into the conference and features artwork displaying the teams that made up the SWC.

The landmark, made of terrazzo and concrete, has sustained decay, brittleness and cracking because of old age, Molina said.

While the design and architecture teams will try to preserve as much of the SWCC as possible, Molina said pieces will be lost.

"If it does not hold from an

integrity perspective, we will do the very best we can to preserve what we can and utilize that in some sort of new design, which is yet to be determined," he said. "We're still in the design process on that portion, if we're going to need that or not."

The primary goal, he said, is to repurpose the landmark and replicate parts of it, if necessary, to maintain the original look, feel and context.

The preservation and replication of the SWCC could range from patching in terrazzo, replacing color aggregate in the terrazzo or replacing the concrete beneath it, he said.

"The Southwest Conference Circle is very important," he said. "We're taking every effort we can to ensure we keep that as a model of our history and Southwest Conference and try to do the right thing to make sure it continues to be a part of our history."

Although design plans are being made, the new location of the SWCC will be determined at either the December Board of Regents meeting or its March meeting, he said.

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Cultural Ceremony



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

DIEGO TORRES, A senior mechanical engineering major from Lima, Peru, and Julia Mainini, the Students for Global Connections adviser, lead a crowd of students carrying flags, representing the countries of many international students at Texas Tech, during the International Flag Parade on Thursday from the Engineering Key to the Student Union Building. The organization hosted the parade as a part of International Week and to promote its Worldwide Showcase at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Several countries represented in International Flag Parade

By TORI O'HARA
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Late Thursday morning, 17 men and women carried flags from countries such as Germany and Zimbabwe from the Engineering Key to the Student Union Building.

Emily Huynh, a junior psychology major from Dallas, is the event coordinator for Students for Global Connections, which hosted the International Flag Parade.

"International Week is very important for our international students," Huynh said. "They often do not get a lot of recognition, and International Week puts the spotlight on these students and gives them the chance to share their culture."

This was the organization's second annual flag parade.

Alyssa Means, a freshman Russian major

from San Antonio, said events like the International Flag Parade exposes students to different cultures.

"I know a lot of people from back home in San Antonio who have never been outside of the state," Means said. "They are ignorant of other cultures, and events like this are great opportunities for students to get that exposure. I am majoring in Russian because it is so amazing and different, and a lot of people do not appreciate it. If more people would learn about other cultures and celebrate them, the world would be much more accepting."

Nathabo Dube, a graduate mathematics student from Zimbabwe, said she is proud to be an international student at Texas Tech.

"I think it is always a good thing to celebrate your culture and where you are from," she said. "The flag parade allows us international students

to share our culture with students here."

Diego Torres, a senior mechanical engineering major from Lima, Peru, said he has been living in the United States for about seven years, and although he is not an international student, he supports Students for Global Connections and what they do for international students at Tech.

"We are a support system for them," he said, "and events like this help us share our cultures with students who might not know a lot about it. We get to show students here that we are not just living and studying at Tech, but that we also love Tech. We want to give back, and we give back by giving them our culture and letting them experience how wonderful all of these different people are."

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South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica
Time: All day
Where: College of Human Sciences
So, what is it?
 Come out for this multidisciplinary event that is geared to present research of Mesoamerica.

Presentation by Stephanie Lindquist
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Where: Student Union Building
So, what is it?
 Come out to discuss the job market and the University of Texas Law School. Stephanie Lindquist, associate dean at the University of Texas School of Law, will be here to discuss the current admissions climate and more.

Heritage Halloween at the National Ranching Heritage Center
Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: National Ranching Heritage Center
So, what is it?
 Come out for this free event where children can trick-or-treat.

Texas Tech Soccer vs. Oklahoma State
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: John B. Walker Soccer Complex
So, what is it?
 Come out and support the Red Raiders compete against Oklahoma State.

Where: Holden Hall
So, what is it?
 Come out and take this free practice exam.

Phi Alpha Delta Annual Halloween Carnival
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: 1802 Hartford Ave.
So, what is it?
 Come out for this free carnival open to the public. Several student organizations will have booths set up with treats for children.

Texas Tech Volleyball vs. West Virginia
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
 Come out and support the Red Raiders compete against West Virginia.

Halloween Fright Night
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
 The volleyball program will host a Halloween Fright Night. All children eighth grade and younger who wear a costume can enter for free.

Pirates and Cowboys Halloween Costume Ball
Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Yoga Bean Studio
So, what is it?
 Come out and join the Vernacular Music Center for its costume ball. The Tech Set Dancers, the Caprock Celtic Association and the Roots Music Institute also will be there.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Saturday

PreLaw Program Free Practice LSAT Exam
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

College of Education provides students unique student teaching experience

By EFRAIN DUARTE
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Tech Teach is the College of Education's new teacher education program.

The program is run in two phases.

"In the early portion of the program, (the teaching candidates) are working in a classroom one full day each week," Doug Hamman, director of teacher education, said. "In the later phases, they are in a full year of student teaching."

Tech Teach, he said, began in Summer 2011 and the first pilot group was formed Fall 2011.

Vanessa Chavez, a senior bilingual education major from Tyler and a part of the Tech Teach program, said previous teaching candidates had their student teaching split up, with students teaching in the spring and having to continue their student teaching with a new group of kids in the fall as they finished their student teaching.

"We are the first group to go from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year," she said.

The program was brought to the Tech campus by the dean of the College of Education, Scott Ridley, a former faculty member at Arizona State University, Hamman said.

Students are given a kit called Teachescape, which includes an iPod with a tripod and microphone so teaching candidates can record their lessons and later go back and evaluate their teaching performance.

Some of the criteria the students are evaluated on are standards, classroom management, lesson plans, activities and materials and academic feedback, said Chavez.

"The benefit is they are able to watch the video and evaluate their instructional competency using a rubric the evaluators use,"

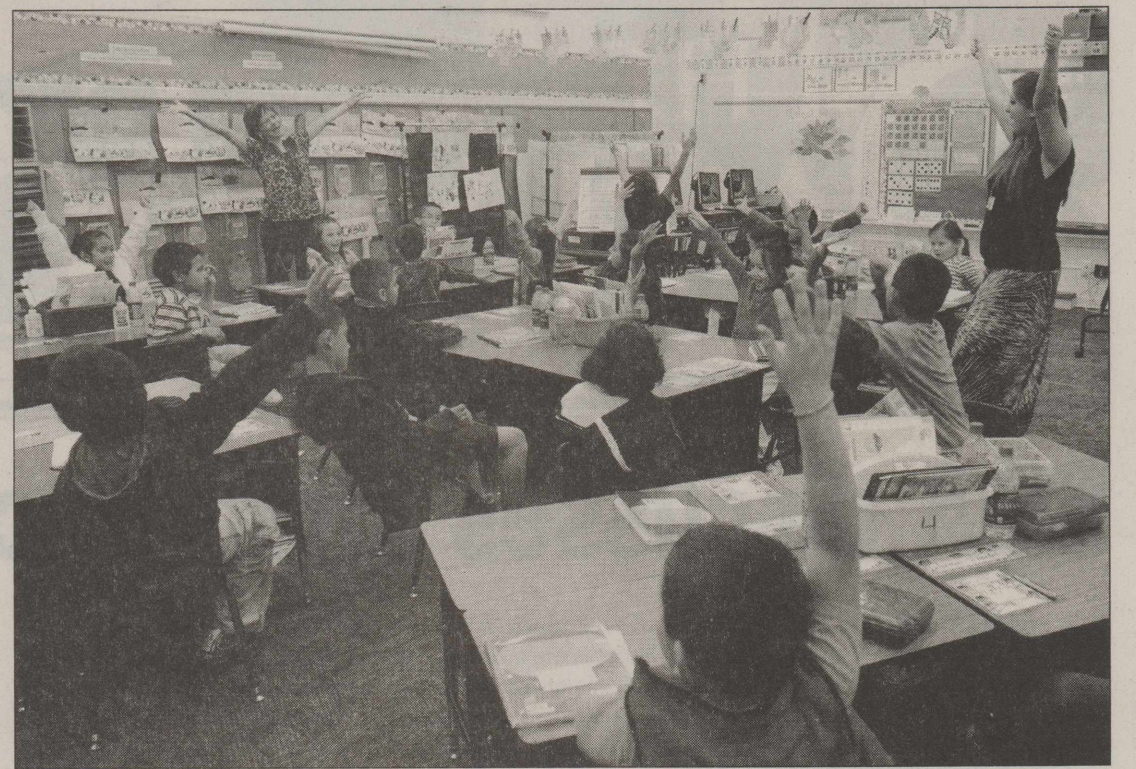


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VANESSA CHAVEZ, A senior bilingual education major from Tyler, helps Rosandra Villalobos during class Thursday at Bean Elementary. Chavez student teaches Villalobos' first grade bilingual class as part of a new program from the College of Education called Tech Teach.

Hamman said.

Another benefit of the Teachescape kit, he said, is that faculty members who have not been able to see the teacher candidates teach can see the videos and evaluate effectiveness of coursework.

Being able to see the lessons, Chavez said, was easier to critique than if she had to remember her lesson by memory.

Hamman said the program that Ridley brought to Tech has improved by collecting data about the teacher candidate impact and student achievement in schools and instructional performance of teacher candidates in the classroom.

Jennifer Offutt, an undergraduate recruiter for the College of Education, said Tech Teach is a great recruitment tool to help with the university goal of 40,000 students by 2020.

"Ultimately, this program is going to bring an amazing reputation about our college," Offutt said.

The teaching candidates are randomly assigned to classrooms, but are asked if they have any preferences on what they would like to teach, Chavez said.

Currently, teacher candidates are going to elementary, middle and secondary schools in the Lubbock Independent School District, Lubbock-Cooper School District and Roosevelt School District, Hamman said.

"One of the requirements for them to go and do the student teaching year is they have to pass the content portion of their certification test," he said.

Since students are out of school for a whole day during the early phase of Tech Teach, Hamman said, the College of Arts and Sciences has helped

teaching candidates by scheduling times of classes to later in the day or have moved Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes to occur on Tuesday and Thursday.

"They have made these kind of changes for us so we can bring about the schedule we need," he said.

The kinds of things Chavez has taught are wants and needs during a social studies lesson, and teaching the concept of main ideas.

Chavez said she read the students a story and they discussed what the main idea of the story was, then built a main idea tree where the trunk of the tree was the main idea and the leaves of the tree were the details of the story.

By Fall 2013, Hamman said, Tech Teach will no longer be in the pilot stages.

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Following the discussion about impeachments, Katherine Lindley, a senator for the Graduate School, offered a resolution to SGA's constitution.

She said the resolution would require any graduate student running for vice president of Graduate Affairs to complete at least nine hours of graduate course work and to be enrolled in six hours of graduate coursework during the term.

Currently, the Graduate Affairs vice president does not need to have any coursework completed at Texas Tech, Lindley said.

"We, as graduate students, feel

as if it is a different environment between each Graduate School you're at," she said. "If I'm at (University of Texas), it's a very different environment than if I'm here at Texas Tech. So, requiring at least nine hours to be completed before you run, allows you to get a feel and understand the policies within the Graduate School already."

The resolution was voted down with 76 percent of senators voting against it. Senators opposing the bill said it was not necessary and students in Graduate School have already shown enough responsibility and time management skills by achieving their bachelor's degree.

The next Senate meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Nov. 8.

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Obama pressures Romney to break his Mourdock ties

CINCINNATI (AP) — President Barack Obama, seeking to shore up support among women, intensified his pressure Thursday on Mitt Romney to break any ties with a Republican Senate candidate who said that if a woman becomes pregnant from rape it is "something God intended."

Romney ignored the emotional social issue, holding to an optimistic campaign tone as he fought for victory in crucial Ohio.

Obama, wrapping up a 40-hour battleground state blitz, also headed to his hometown of Chicago and cast his ballot 12 days before Election Day. The stopover was more than a photo opportunity — it was a high-profile attempt to boost turnout in early voting, a centerpiece of Obama's strategy.

The 2012 presidential contest was expected to cross the \$2 billion fundraising mark Thursday, putting the election on track to be the costliest in history. It's being fueled by a campaign finance system vastly altered by the proliferation of "super" political action committees that are bankrolling TV ads in closely contested states.

Back on the campaign trail, the

president made repeated, though indirect, references to Indiana Republican Richard Mourdock's controversial comment on rape and pregnancy.

"We've seen again this week, I don't think any male politicians should be making health care decisions for women," Obama told a crowd of about 15,000 on an unseasonably warm fall day in Richmond, Va. The president's aides pressed further, using a web video to highlight Romney's endorsement of Mourdock and to accuse the GOP nominee of kowtowing to his party's extreme elements.

Romney, who appears in a television advertisement declaring his support for Mourdock, brushed aside questions on the matter from reporters throughout the day. He centered his efforts instead on turning his campaign's claims of momentum into a more practical — and ultimately necessary — roadmap to winning the required 270 Electoral College votes. Ohio is crucial to that effort.

Government replaces body scanners at some airports

CHICAGO (AP) — The federal government is quietly removing full-body X-ray scanners from seven major airports and replacing them with a different type of machine that produces a cartoon-like outline instead of the naked images that have been compared to a virtual strip search.

The Transportation Security Administration says it is making the switch in technology to speed up lines at crowded airports, not to ease passenger privacy concerns. But civil liberties groups hope the change signals that the equipment will eventually go to the scrap heap.

"Hopefully this represents the beginning of a phase-out of the X-ray-type scanners, which are more privacy intrusive and continue to be surrounded by health questions," said Jay Stanley, a privacy expert at the American Civil Liberties Union.

The machines will not be retired. They are being moved to smaller airports while Congress presses the TSA to adopt stronger privacy safeguards on all of its imaging equipment.

In the two years since they first appeared at the nation's busiest airports, the "backscatter" model of scanner has been the focus of protests and lawsuits because it uses X-rays to peer beneath travelers' clothing.

The machines are being pulled out of New York's LaGuardia and Kennedy airports, Chicago's O'Hare, Los Angeles International and Boston Logan, as well as airports in Charlotte, N.C., and Orlando, Fla.

The TSA would not comment on whether it planned to remove machines from any other locations.

Some of the backscatter scanners have gone to airports in Mesa, Ariz., Key West, Fla., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. The TSA is still deciding where to send others.

The switch is being made as the TSA is under political pressure. Legislation approved in February gave the agency until June to get rid of the X-ray scanners or upgrade them with software that produces

only a generic outline of the human form, not a blurry naked image. The agency, however, has the authority to grant itself extensions, and the current deadline is now May 31.

So far, the upgrades have been made only to the TSA's other type of scanner. Called millimeter-wave scanners, they resemble a large glass phone booth and use radio frequencies instead of X-rays to detect objects concealed beneath clothing.

The scan is processed by software instead of an airport security worker. If the software identifies a potential threat, a mannequin-like image is presented to the operator showing yellow boxes over areas requiring further inspection, by a pat-down for example.

Besides eliminating privacy concerns, the machine requires fewer people to operate, takes up less space in crowded security zones and completes a scan in less than two seconds, allowing screening lines to move faster.

"It's all done automatically to look for threats, so you don't have anybody in a back room that has to look at the imaging," said Doug McMakin, who led the team that developed the millimeter-wave technology at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

In a statement, officials said speed was the reason for the switch to the millimeter-wave machines.

In addition to speed and space advantages, the millimeter-wave technology does not produce the ionizing radiation that has led to safety concerns with the X-ray machines, which required passengers to stand between two refrigerator-sized boxes.

The TSA and other experts have said the amount of radiation is less than what passengers get on the flight itself.

A TSA spokesman would not say whether the change was the beginning of a phase-out for the X-ray scanners. The agency said in the statement that it was confident both types of machine could ensure passenger safety.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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University aims for national recognition with new institute

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**
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Texas Tech officials are aiming for the university for global recognition and to be a national model through the newly established Institute of the Study for Western Civilization.

The institute, which is part of the Honors College, officially launched Oct. 11. Stephen Balch, the institute's director, said it is the only program of its kind among major United States universities.

"The institute was created to do something that no other institute in American universities is trying to do, and that is to bring back to the center of academic interest the study of western civilization as a whole," he said. "The study of this remarkable phenomenon that, in the last 300 years or so, has not only transformed the world, but transformed the human condition.

"If we want to understand it and preserve those very good things about it, we need to kind of look at it seriously in an integrated, focused way."

Balch said before becoming director of the institute, he served for 25 years as founding president and chairman of the National Association of Scholars, an organization of higher education professionals dedicated to promoting liberal arts education.

"One of the things that the National Association of Scholars did was encourage professors to create new, imaginative academic programs," he said. "I thought if I'm going to be telling people that this is something they should do, maybe it would be appropriate for me, and a great pleasure as well, to get back into the academic life and do it myself, so I was delighted when Texas Tech and the chancellor offered me that opportunity."

According to its website, the institute seeks to foster research and discussion among the university's faculty about the nature, origins and future of the west. Some topics the institute will investigate include liberty, individualism and progress, the Judeo-Christian tradition, technology and its limits, western utopianism, western pluralism and the west in the world.

Balch said he would like to establish a curriculum in the Honors College that focuses on these particular topics.

"The Honors College is the place in the university that is devoted to broad, liberal education to the big questions we're going to ask about western civilization," he said, "and the faculty here and the curriculum are all about asking big questions and (discussing) big issues. We have in the Honors College many students who are keenly interested in those things, so we thought it was

appropriate for this to be the home.

"I hope certainly that by next semester there will be some new courses developed and perhaps much more than that, perhaps (it will become) a big program of study, so that's part of our ambition."

Stephen Fritz, interim dean of the Honors College, said the college is the perfect fit for this type of program.

"Honors serves the entire university," he said. "If it were just with the history department or literature, or something like that, then that would be too narrow because western civilization is all encompassing and Honors serves the entire university."

"We're proud to have it here, proud to have it associated with our university and to be a part of the Honors College."

The goal is for the Institute for the Study of Western Civilization to become a national center, Fritz said, and a model for all of academia.

"It is absolutely, I think, an important component of where Texas Tech is and where it wants to be as a tier-one research institution, as a national leader," he said. "Chancellor Kent Hance has an extraordinary vision for Texas Tech and this, in my opinion, is one component of that global vision for Texas Tech University that our chancellor has brought to us."

It is important for students to recognize the many accomplishments of western civilization over the centuries, Hance said.

"I'm not just talking just about accomplishments in medicine, in law, in engineering," he said, "but also in freedom and peoples' rights. Freedom has been promoted more in western civilization than any other group or area, and so I think it's very worthwhile to have (something like this)."

There are other things the institute is focused on bringing to

the university, Balch said, like campus lectures, conferences and symposiums.

"We'd like to encourage others to emulate what we'll be doing here, both in respect to curriculum development and extra curricular activities," he said. "I hope that we will have events that many people, both faculty and students and staff and people in Lubbock generally, would want to come and be a part of."

"I hope that we'll be able to assemble over time, scholars interested in western civilization, who will come to the university in a variety of capacities to participate in the institute's work."

Overall, Balch said, the institute has a bright future ahead.

"I think that in five or 10 years, people, when they say Texas Tech, will not only think of the Red Raiders, they will think of western civilization," he said.

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STRIP STEAKS



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Treador

JEFFREY DRYMALLA, A sophomore agricultural leadership major from Bremond, packs New York strip steaks for the Raider Red Meats packages inside of the Meat Laboratory on Thursday. Raider Red Meats are sold inside of COWamongus, which is located inside of the Animal and Food Sciences building.

Parade

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Tech has 27 international organizations on campus, including the African Student Organization, Sri Lankan Student Association and the Filipino Student Organization.

"Students for Global Connections works with these stu-

dent organizations," Huynh said. "We put on events for them, we hold meetings for them. But these student organizations all have their own events and meetings. They all showcase their own cultures. If students are interested in learning about other cultures, they should join one of those organizations."

Torres said if students want to learn more about other cultures,

they have to make an effort to be open to new experiences.

"There are so many different opportunities for students to learn more about other people," he said. "They just have to put themselves out there and immerse themselves into the culture. They cannot be afraid of diversity. They have to have an open mind."

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Hurricane Sandy lashes Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Hurricane Sandy lashed the central Bahamas on Thursday night with violent winds and torrential rains, after raging through the Caribbean where it caused at least 21 deaths and forced postponement of a hearing at the Guantanamo naval base on Cuba.

State media in Cuba said Sandy toppled houses, ripped off roofs and killed 11 people in the eastern provinces of Santiago and Guantanamo as it roared over the island as a Category 2 storm early Thursday. Nine deaths

were reported in Haiti and one in Jamaica.

Meanwhile, forecasters warned that Sandy will likely blend with a winter storm to cause a super storm in the eastern U.S. next week whose effects will be felt along the entire Atlantic Coast from Florida to Maine and inland to Ohio.

Some weakening in Sandy was forecast during the next 48 hours, but it was expected to remain a hurricane for a couple of days.

By Thursday evening, the hur-

ricane's center was about 105 miles (170 kilometers) east of the Bahamas capital of Nassau as it spun between Cat Island and Eleuthera in the central Bahamas. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 100 mph (160 kph), down slightly from earlier in the day, and was moving north-northwest at 17 mph (27 kph).

Caroline Turnquest, head of the Red Cross in the Bahamas archipelago off Florida's east coast, said 20 shelters were opened on the main island of New Providence.

In 2 murder cases, mothers turn in their own sons

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Mindy Sigg sat sobbing on Thursday, listening to prosecutors tell a court that her 17-year-old son had confessed to the abduction and killing of 10-year-old Jessica Ridgeway.

While any mother would be devastated, there was an even more heartbreaking wrinkle for Sigg: She was the one who called police.

It was not the only high-profile case this week in which a mother made that painful choice. In New Jersey, Anita Saunders saw something on a Facebook page that led her to call police.

Her two sons, ages 15 and 17, are now charged with murdering 12-year-old Autumn Pasquale, a bike-lover who authorities said was lured to their home with the promise of new parts.

What does it feel like to turn in your child, knowing they could be sentenced to many years in prison? Surely, no one knows but those who've done it.

But a main motivation, according to one criminologist, is simply a desire to do the right thing.

"These are law-abiding people, pro-social people," said Kathleen Heide, professor of criminology at the University of South Florida. "And besides doing the right thing, the parents often want to get their children help."

What they often aren't aware of, though, are the full ramifications in terms of likely punishment.

"If these are cases of first- or second-degree murder, in most cases the kids will be charged as adults," Heide said. "This means they can be sentenced to life in prison."

In both cases, authorities are deciding whether to prosecute the suspects as adults.

Certainly not all parents are ready to turn in their kids. One high-profile case from the 1990s, in fact, resulted in strains between the United States and Israel, when a father helped his teenage son escape this country after a particularly brutal murder in

Maryland. The son, Samuel Sheinbein, confessed and is now serving a 24-year sentence in Israel — a lighter term than he likely would have gotten in the United States.

Mindy Sigg made a different decision. Reached by phone on Wednesday, she told The Associated Press: "I made the phone call, and he turned himself in. That's all I have to say." Then she broke down in tears.

Her son Austin Reed Sigg made his first court appearance Thursday in the death of Jessica and in a separate attack on a 22-year-old runner, who managed to break free, in May.

Prosecutors say he has confessed in both cases, and investigators have overwhelming DNA evidence against him. He was ordered held without bail; prosecutors are expected to formally charge him next week.

Sigg's father, Rob Sigg, issued a written statement Thursday commending his ex-wife's decision and asking for prayers and support for the

Ridgeway family.

"This horrible event is a tragedy for both the families, as well as the community. I ask also for your prayers and support for Austin's mother, whose courageous act — unimaginably painful for any parent — has put this tragedy on the path to resolution," he said. "I am hopeful that as the legal process unfolds, the Ridgeway family may come to know peace."

Peg Claspell, who lives near the Siggs, said she was grateful to the mother for her decision and called it the "most loving, difficult thing."

"I can't imagine the pain for her, and she's in my prayers," Claspell said. "She has a long and difficult time ahead of her."

Claspell's husband, Tom, struggled when asked if he would turn in a child. "I can say yes, but I don't know if I would. It would be a very hard thing to do," he said, explaining it would depend on the severity of the crime.

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US should spend more on education, less on military

I have a suspicion if you're reading this, you're probably somehow entangled in the education system, possibly a student, faculty member or an alumnus. The plan Mitt Romney has laid out regarding domestic policy during the presidential debate on foreign policy is troubling.

Romney claimed he loves teachers, but he won't hire them. He claims hiring teachers is not a way to bring back the economy. Instead, he wants to allocate those resources elsewhere so the U.S. can cut the deficit.

Romney might have had a point if he truly wanted to cut the budget. After all, you can't run an economy of teachers. However, Romney went on to say he wants to increase the military and its budget. Can we run an economy of soldiers?

That idea is simply not plausible. First of all, deplorably, soldiers don't make enough. According to GoArmy.com, a private's salary at the rank E1 is \$17,862 a year. If you have four years of experience as an E2-ranking private, you stand to earn \$20,056 a year.

For the army to be profitable,

Jordan Sigler



as is the case with all armies throughout history, the goal of the operation in war must be to plunder. Thankfully, this isn't ethical or legal in the world at large.

What would be the return on Romney's investment in the armed forces? At best, there would be manufacturing in the private sector of war supplies. Of course, that would be if we didn't ship those jobs overseas. This would give us work for a while and then no long-term solution. A large, industrial complex would only encourage warfare. As we have seen, war is expensive.

When those large numbers of veterans return from war or are discharged from the army, where are they to go?

This is why President Obama wants to hire more teachers. You can't run an economy without teachers, and more importantly, the right kind of teachers. Now is not the best time to be hiring

teachers of music, drama or art. Extra-curricular teachers are helpful to give a well-rounded cultural education and to keep students interested in school, but hiring a plethora of them isn't efficient in an economic downturn.

The point of Obama wanting to hire teachers isn't to get unemployed teachers participating in the economy again, as this would make no sense because it would drain tax dollars. The idea is that the teachers would propel future workers who would, in turn, ameliorate the unemployment problem exacerbated by a lack of ingenuity and a skilled labor force.

Obama wants to hire science and math teachers, which are essential to the future of productivity in the U.S.

From an economic recovery perspective, math and science are important subjects to learn when it comes to fixing the economy. These subjects help workers learn

how to better innovate and create new technologies and a skilled workforce. Without looking to build a skilled workforce, the U.S. may trade places with countries that employ sweatshops, which would be a shame, considering the vast talent of our citizenry.

The Programme for International Student Assessment ranked the U.S. 17th in science and 25th in math. This puts our students behind in a world competing for jobs. One of the reasons this ranking exposes us as inferior to our global peers is that teachers of these subjects aren't qualified for the position.

According to <http://www.math.vcu.edu>, a study concluded 25 percent of mathematics and 20 percent of science teachers at the high school level don't even hold a minor, much less a major, in the subject they're teaching.

How can students learn when their teachers do not have suf-

ficient expertise in the subjects they teach? Worse, how can students get excited about learning a challenging subject when their instructor isn't even particularly interested in the material?

Many science teachers aren't even teaching the material correctly, as they don't even believe in its veracity. In a poll of more than 900 biology teachers, Science magazine researchers found only 28 percent of the teachers taught evolution as recommended by the National Research Council.

How can students learn correct science and compete with the rest of the world on a subject when their instructors refuse to teach it because they feel alchemy is a better science than chemistry and prefer astrology to astronomy?

Obama plans to hire 100,000 science, technology, engineering and math teachers in the next decade. These teachers will be well qualified to teach those important subjects.

Students going to college, both now and in the future, should be incentivized with more grants to go into these majors. If they're going into education with

them, they should be compensated well. Chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics degrees are challenging.

Taking out a high amount of student loans for these degrees to make mediocre pay as an educator isn't worth the energy expended in college or the sacrifice after graduation. In the classroom, if the students are excelling, those teaching them should make more money.

Now is not the time to be looking to cut the Federal Pell Grant budget, as Romney's budget will do when he looks for cuts. It should definitely not be cut to raise funding for the military, which as Obama said, is doing fine, especially since the funds allocated to our military are more than those allocated to the next 10 best-funded militaries combined.

As a country, we should make our best and brightest students a priority so they can go into mathematical and scientific fields, helping manifest future prosperity.

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Obama, Romney fail to make distinctions

By THE DAILY ATHENAEUM
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Monday night, President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney met at Lynn U. in Boca Raton, Fla. for the third and final presidential debate of the 2012 election season. The debate, moderated by CBS's Bob Scheiffer, focused on foreign policy.

This debate provided the candidates with the opportunity to finally discuss issues, such as the ongoing war in Afghanistan, which have not been extensively debated this election season.

It was also the last chance for the two candidates to attack one another in person, and both President Obama and Gov. Romney attempted to make the most of this opportunity.

Despite the fact the partisan pundit-led discussion on the broadcast networks will undoubtedly focus its attention on these rhetorical jabs for the coming days, it is important to note that there were, in fact, some important takeaways from this debate.

The most compelling of these is that, despite what the candidates and their surrogates claim, the differences between President Obama's policies and Gov. Romney's proposals on most foreign policy issues are very hard to discern, if not altogether nonexistent.

On Syria, where a brutal dictatorship headed by Bashar Al-Assad continues to massacre its own people, both candidates expressed their support for the opposition without committing to getting involved in the conflict

militarily.

On Iran, both candidates stressed that they will do everything they can, presumably including taking military action, to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

Both candidates endorsed Obama's surge of troops into Afghanistan, which cost U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars without substantially improving the situation on the ground.

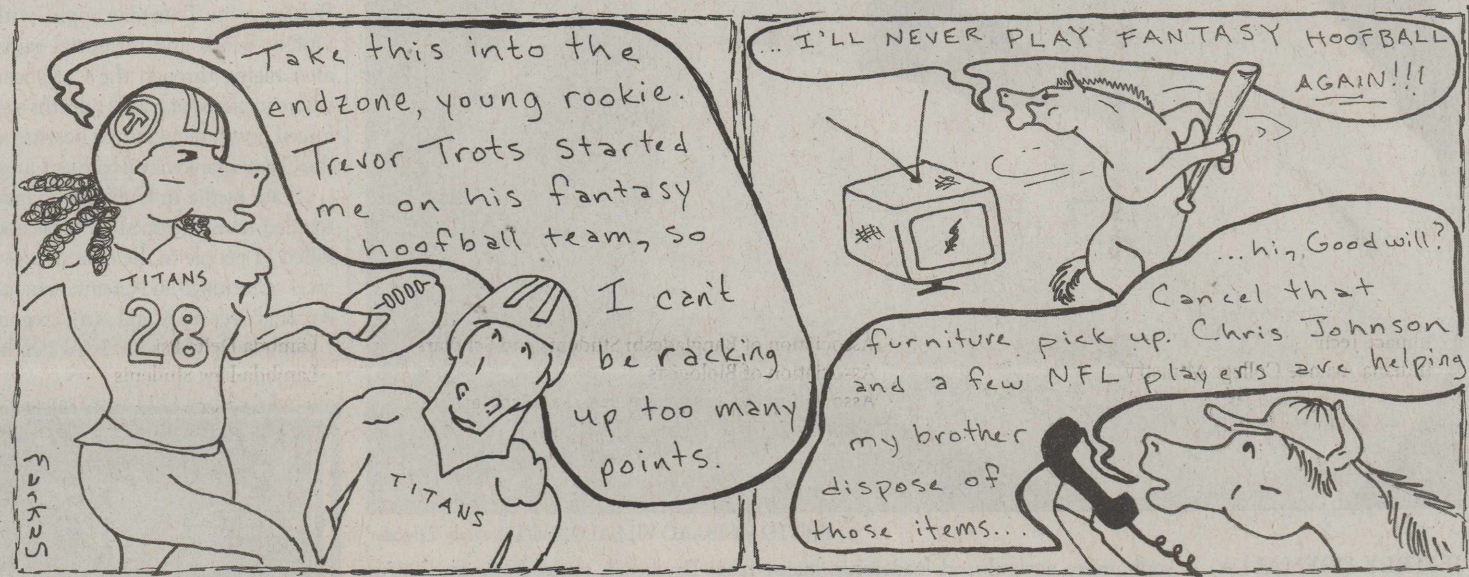
Both Obama and Romney also seemed to be on the same page concerning the U.S. response to the Arab Spring, with Romney agreeing that turning against Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak and joining the NATO coalition to oust the late Libyan strongman Moammar Ghadafi were both the right courses of action.

Of course, neither candidate or political party will acknowledge these similarities, and the two argued over subtle rhetorical differences, such as Romney's designation of Russia as our greatest geopolitical foe and Obama's so-called "apology tour." But the reality is, the two candidates do not differ substantially when it comes to most foreign policy issues.

What this means for voters is that they should make an extra effort to understand the two different visions Obama and Romney have when it comes to domestic policy, as this is an area where there are substantial differences.

With only two weeks until Election Day and early voting underway in many states, it's time for America to finally make its decision. Based on this debate, it doesn't seem to have much of a choice when it comes to foreign policy.

THE TROTS



BY ANDREA FARKAS

Media should spend time on smaller economic issues

By OKLAHOMA DAILY
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Polls have shown the economy is the highest priority of voters. The candidates' most specific plans have focused on taxes and spending. But many other factors affect the economy and the recovery — factors that have received significantly less focus from either candidate.

Wages:

In 2008, President Barack Obama campaigned on a promise to increase the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour. He planned to raise it to \$9.50 an hour by 2011 and then raise it to compensate for inflation periodically. He has failed to take action on this promise since taking office and has not yet mentioned it in his 2012 campaign.

Republican candidate Mitt Romney originally favored raising the minimum wage as well and also favored adjusting it yearly for inflation. But Romney changed his mind after an outcry from supporters concerned about job losses and now has come out against raising the minimum wage

at this time.

The president supported and signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which gave women more freedom to sue over pay discrimination. Romney never has come out in support of equal pay and refuses to release his views on related legislation.

Wall Street regulation:

Obama signed the Dodd-Frank bill, an answer to the financial crisis designed to limit the risk in future recessions. This legislation provides for oversight on risks to the financial institutions most essential to the economy, consolidates regulatory organizations, creates a non-bankruptcy mechanism for the take-over of "too-big-to-fail" institutions and limits consumer financial fees, among other regulations.

Romney's campaign website promises the candidate would "repeal Dodd-Frank and replace with streamlined, modern regulatory framework." A more efficient regulatory system sounds nice, but Romney so far has offered few specifics on how this will be accomplished. No president should work to repeal a law before developing a workable replacement with some

chance of passing Congress.

Outsourcing/foreign markets:

Romney has emphasized the need to go after China for currency manipulation, unfair trade practices and the violation of existing economic agreements. Obama largely agrees with this stance but has drawn criticism for not doing enough to protect America's interests.

Obama's website says he will eliminate tax breaks for companies that outsource and create incentives for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

His opponent has declared he would not support such an elimination of tax breaks. Romney also would eliminate taxes on profits American businesses earn on foreign soil. This could encourage business growth, as Romney claims, but it is just as likely to encourage businesses to favor foreign markets and move jobs overseas.

Other regulation:

The largest new set of regulations Obama has added fall under the umbrella of health care reform. The Affordable Care Act forces insurance companies to provide more fair coverage to all Americans. Insurance

companies no longer will be able to deny citizens policies on the basis of pre-existing conditions, charge exorbitant fees for medical services or cap the amount of coverage available to a person in the course of a year or in the course of his or her lifetime, among other restrictions.

Romney has vowed to repeal this law as quickly as possible, allowing states to waive its requirements in the meantime, though he has said he would keep some unspecified measures of the law.

The Republican candidate also has expressed support for a "regulatory cap of zero dollars on all federal agencies," meaning federal agencies would not be able to pass any new regulations that have associated costs. This would indeed keep additional costs from being passed down to the consumer — Romney's stated inspiration for the cap — but it also would tie the hands of agencies responsible for ensuring the educational quality, consumer safety and environmental health of this nation.

As Romney's website puts it, this would restrict new regulations "no matter what the social benefits."

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Student competes in bikini fitness training

By **EMILY GARDNER**
STAFF WRITER

Paige Paris, senior communication studies major from Flower Mound, was energetic and smiling after completing her daily workout.

Paris said she competes in the bikini division of women's bodybuilding and competed in her first competition Saturday.

Paris' personal trainer Adrian Abraham, the director of personal training at Bodyworks on 4th Street, said Paris started her fitness training in January and began working with him three months ago.

"I do a fitness assessment with all the new members here," Abraham said. "I just approached her, and she kind of told me what her goals were. I gave her a fitness assessment, and she liked the workouts so she was like, 'Hey, I want to start weight training because I feel like I want to try to compete.'"

Paris said she started her training in January after she lost her dad to a heart attack in September 2011.

"He had, like, a massive heart attack," Paris said. "It was random and unexpected. He was in really good shape, took good care of his body, worked out twice a day. So everyone was really shocked and surprised. So of course after that, I was really down and upset when I came back to school, and then I

decided to start trying CrossFit."

Paris loved CrossFit, she said, and started to do some research about competing in it, and she found out about bikini competitions. She talked to a team, which brought her to Bodyworks Family Sports Centers even though the team fell apart.

"Adrian kind of saw me left out in the cold without a trainer," Paris said. "And he contacted me and got together to get a fitness plan and set some goals for myself, so he's been working with me ever since."

Paris trains with Abraham five days a week, she said. On Mondays, Paris trains her legs, hamstrings and quadriceps. Tuesdays, she works on her chest and triceps, Wednesdays are plyometrics, Thursdays are back, biceps and shoulders, and Friday is gluteus maximus.

Paris said she works an hour with Abraham every day, followed by 20 to 30 minutes of cardio.

"After losing my dad, he was actually who I grew up with. It was completely life-altering," Paris said. "I really just needed a hobby to kind of pick me up. I, of course, started being concerned about my heart after discovering that the heart attack he died from was genetic, and it couldn't necessarily be prevented. I just wanted to make sure I was doing everything I can to live as long as I can and keep my insides

healthy."

Paris is training to win local competitions so she can qualify for a national show, said Gino Villanueva, a personal trainer and senior sociology major from Coppell. The ultimate goal of bodybuilders is to earn their pro card and start competing for money, which is done by winning a national show.

Villanueva said there are different levels of muscularity women can compete in. The least muscular of these is bikini, followed by figure, physique and bodybuilding.

"With any fellow competitor, we can relate to each other a lot more than a normal person who just recreationally works out," Villanueva said of his relationship with Paris.

Paris said she also volunteers at a nursing home, assisting with workouts and helping the elderly to use their muscles.

Paris will finish school in December and would like to use her degree and experiences to help her get a job in the fitness world since it has become her life and passion, she said.

"It's helped with every aspect of my life," Paris said. "It's just made me a more energetic and happier person and once you kind of get on that high, all you want to do is share it with everyone you know to try to bring them up there with you."

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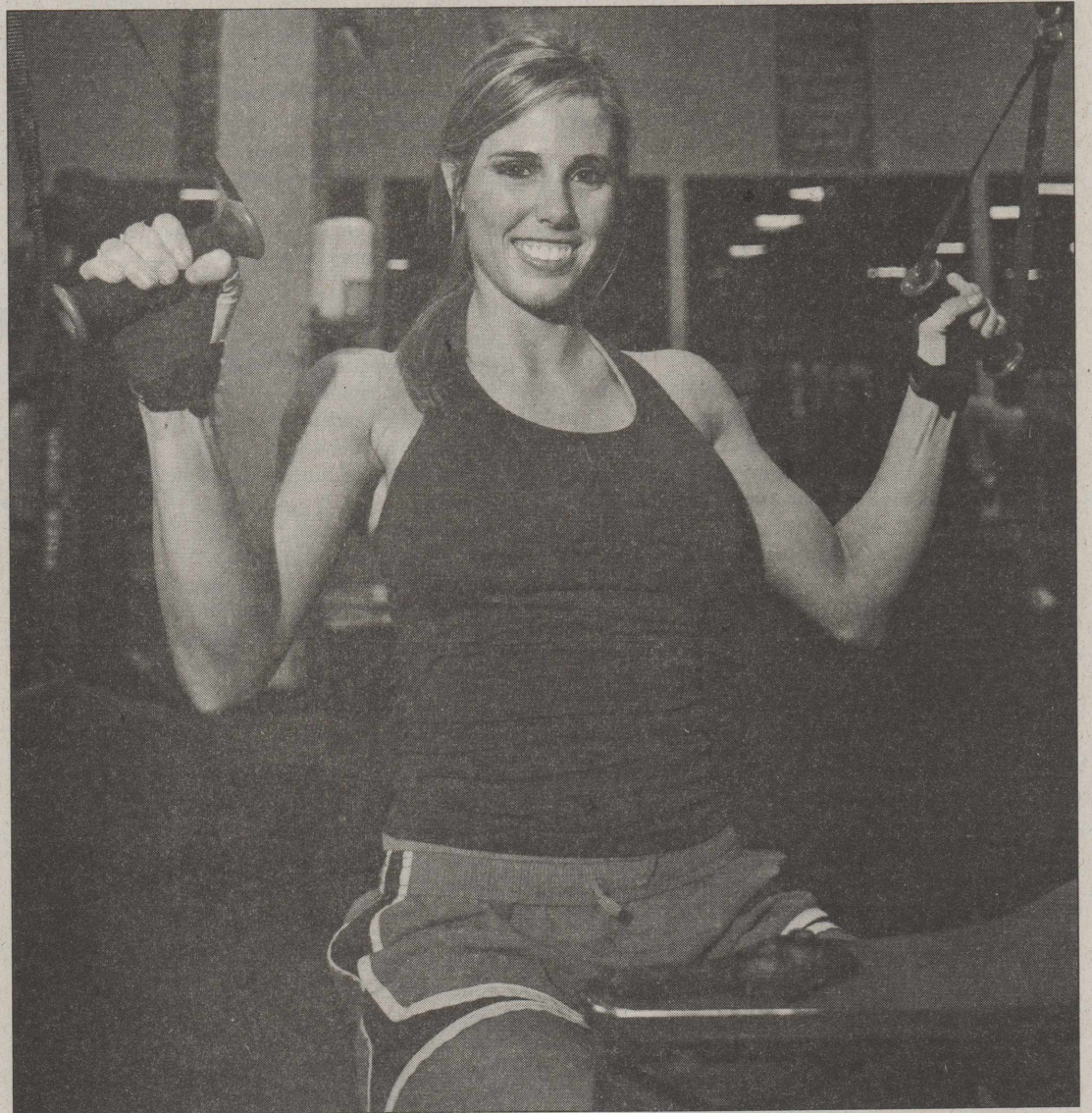


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PAIGE PARIS, A senior communication studies major from Flower Mound, competes in the bikini divisions for competitions around Lubbock and plans to work toward the pro division and earn her pro card. Paris trains at Bodyworks with her personal trainer Adrian Abraham, director of personal training and nutrition, at the gym.

Television networks, AP changing exit poll strategy

NEW YORK (AP)—A growth in early voting and tough economy for the media are forcing changes to the exit poll system that television networks and The Associated Press depend upon to deliver the story on Election Night, all with the pressure-filled backdrop of a tight presidential race.

The consortium formed by ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News Channel, NBC and the AP is cutting back this year on in-person exit polls while upping the

amount of telephone polling. This is to take into account more people voting before Nov. 6 and households that have abandoned land lines in favor of cell phones.

"It makes it trickier," said Joe Lenksi, executive vice president of Edison Research, the company that oversees the election operation for the news organizations. "It means there are a lot of different pieces to keep track of."

On a perfect Election Night, Amer-

icans who are tracking results won't notice all the work being done behind the scenes. The Associated Press reports actual vote counts nationwide and news organizations use those numbers, plus the exit polls, results from precinct samples in some states and telephone polls of absentee voters to do their own race calls.

But things haven't always gone perfectly. The news organizations completely rebuilt their exit poll system after the 2000 embarrassment, when TV networks mistakenly called the race for George W. Bush when it wasn't decided until a month later (the AP mistakenly called Florida for Al Gore, retracted it but, unlike the networks, never called the overall race for George W. Bush). In 2004, early exit poll results overestimated the strength of Democrat John Kerry.

To save money this year, the consortium is doing bare bones exit polling in 19 states. Enough voters will be questioned in those states to help predict the outcome of races, but not enough to draw narrative conclusions about the vote — what issues mattered most to women voting for Mitt Romney, for instance, or how many Catholics voted for Barack Obama.

The affected states are: Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming, along with the District of Columbia.

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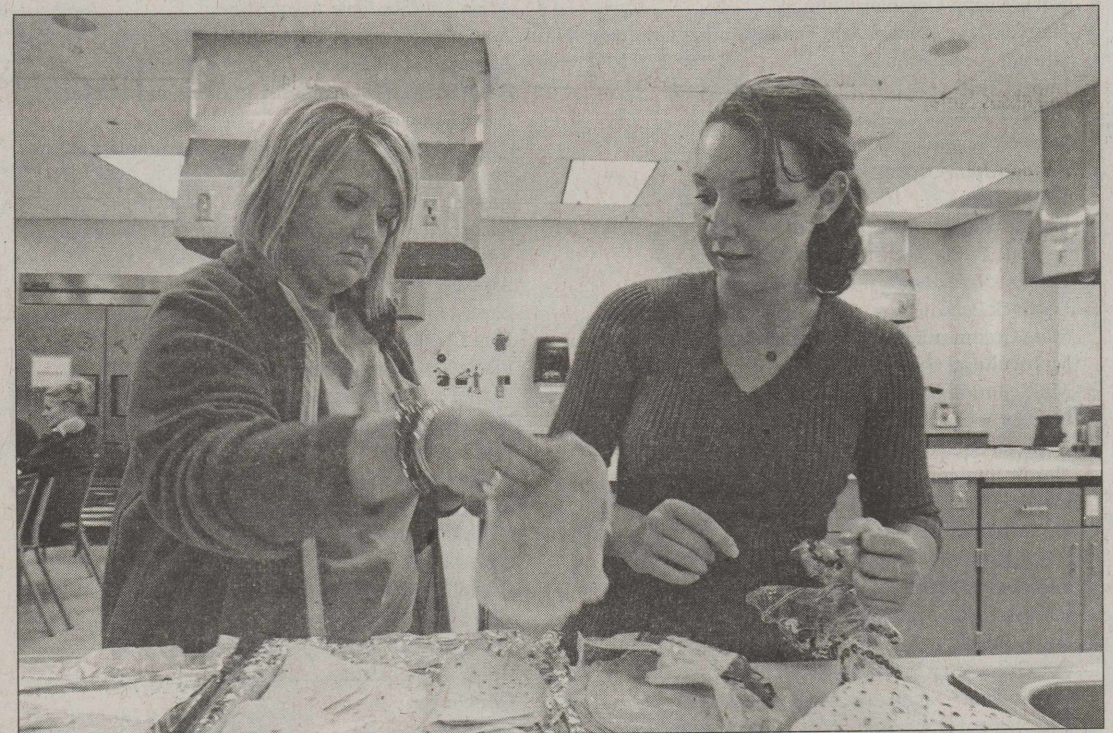


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JULIE SZAMATULSKI, A sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Grandview, and Whitney Williams, a junior a restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Mesquite, lay out tortillas, meat and cheese for a presentation on the preparation and cooking of quesadillas in a Latin American cuisine class Thursday in the Human Sciences building.

New series shows adoption from both sides

NEW YORK (AP) — Pregnant at 18, a high school dropout, Genavieve Diggs knew she wasn't equipped to raise a child, but after surrendering her newborn for adoption, she nearly changed her mind.

Under state law in Connecticut, where she lives, Diggs had 30 days to make sure the adoption was what she wanted. Such post-birth waiting periods are common in the patchwork of laws governing adoption around the country, in Diggs's case an open arrangement where the two dads she had chosen had

already agreed to grant her regular visits with her baby girl.

The waiting period nearly melted her resolve.

"The 30 days were just a rollercoaster of emotions," she said in a recent interview. "I had just had the baby and all my hormones were going crazy. I had to struggle, to tell myself, you know, 'You can't take care of a child right now. You're not ready. You're not ready emotionally or financially.'"

Diggs poured her sadness, longing and frustration into "The Baby Wait," a new, six-part documentary series on Logo that focuses equal attention on agonizing post-birth waiting periods from the perspectives of both biological and adoptive parents.

Mark Krieger and Paul Siebold, the Manhattan couple matched with Diggs, agreed to appear on the show to shed light on same-sex couples who want to adopt. They were in the delivery room when baby Morgan was born and handed over to them first as Diggs lay sadly nearby.

Later, after agreeing to the adoption but still in the 30-day wait, Diggs laments as she shops for baby clothes, camera rolling: "I honestly wish I could just take it back and be her mom." She explodes in anger during a fight with her parents as the clock ticked, Krieger and Siebold already home caring for the baby.

"It was a very vulnerable time," said Siebold, who does public relations for a real estate company in Manhattan.

"Genavieve, this is her baby, and she loves Morgan and anything could have really happened at that point. Thank goodness she had a certain amount of time to decide whether she was making the right decision."

Diggs moved ahead with the adoption after the 30 days passed and sees Morgan regularly. The show premieres with her story and that of Morgan's two dads on Oct. 30, with other segments featuring other same-sex and heterosexual couples.

The series, produced by Tony DiSanto and Liz Gateley, coincides with a heart-wrenching account of domestic adoption gone wrong in the October issue of Vogue magazine, headlined "The Long Wait."

New York writer Jennifer Gilmore chronicles her failed attempts to conceive with her husband and their two years of trying to arrange an open adoption, so their baby's biological parents could be part of their lives. The difference: This story's ending wasn't a happy one for the childless couple.

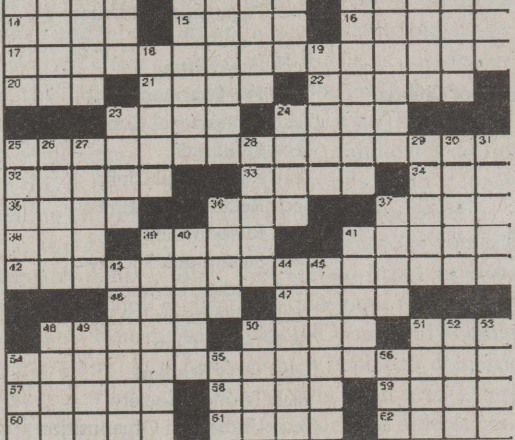
There were false starts with birth moms who chose other families, disappeared or decided to parent their babies after all. And there were many of them, including scammers looking for money. The desperate couple finally agreed to fly to St. Louis soon after a hurried contact with a woman who had just given birth two months prematurely and wanted to arrange an adoption.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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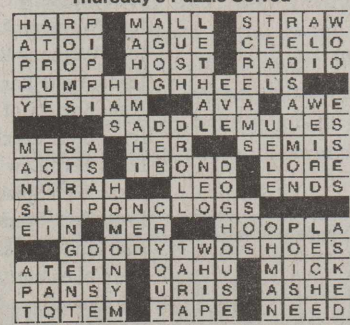
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- 21 Jackie's designer
- 22 Wikipedia policy
- 23 Part of a flight
- 24 Vendetta
- 25 Pasteurize?
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- 33 "Sweet!"
- 34 Feel poorly
- 35 Like many college texts
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- 37 "So Big" author



By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



- 5 "Marilyn: A Biography" author
- 6 Say yes
- 7 Barrel-bottom bit
- 8 Hi
- 9 Party hearty
- 10 Skies-Ball spot
- 11 Cow poke
- 12 Big-grin borders
- 13 Theatrical entry: Abbr.
- 18 Rosters
- 19 Year in August's reign
- 23 "Mork" org.
- 24 Frustrate
- 25 More faithful
- 26 "Do the Right Thing" actor
- 27 Hot spots
- 28 Switch type
- 29 A harm might be on one
- 30 Chant's, e.g.
- 31 Cheer
- 36 Colgate-Palmolive shaving lotion
- 50 Beantown hockey nickname
- 51 Actress Falco
- 52 It's assumed
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Tech travels to Kansas State to face undefeated Wildcats

By **MICHAEL DUPONT II**
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raiders are bowl-eligible, but that does not change their focus.

Texas Tech (6-1, 3-1) travels to Manhattan this weekend looking to upend another Heisman front runner in its quest of the first Big 12 Championship in school history.

Led by senior quarterback Collin Klein, No. 3 Kansas State (7-0, 4-0) already has impressive road wins against Oklahoma and West Virginia.

Klein accounted for seven touchdowns in the win against the Mountaineers last weekend.

Senior safety D.J. Johnson said a tough task many teams have is keeping Klein from falling forwards and picking up extra yardage at the end of a play.

"You have to be aggressive and physical with that guy when he runs the ball," Johnson said. "He's not one that's an elusive runner or a speed runner. He's just consistent. If you hit him, you have to make sure he falls back. That's one thing a lot of people have difficulty with is when they're making a tackle. He doesn't fall back too often."

This weekend, the Wildcats will be the home team when they face the

Red Raiders at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Bill Snyder Family Football Stadium.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege has recently emerged as a Heisman candidate after his performance against TCU.

Doege leads the nation in passing touchdowns with 28 and has been announced as a Davey O'Brien Semifinalist for the second straight season.

Doege said the Red Raiders have proven they can win on the road after the triple-overtime victory in Fort Worth.

"I think our focus has just been really, really good during away games," he said. "It's a different environment. It's hard to play in, everybody's against you. It seems like everybody's against you. I think that's just another way to explain why we have so much fight."

This week will be the fourth straight week Tech has faced a nationally ranked Big 12 opponent.

Doege said he thinks there is a mutual respect between his Red Raiders and Klein's Wildcats.

"I think each and every week, we kind of I think we're the underdogs," he said. "We didn't have much respect going into the (West Virginia) game. I think now that we've won two big

games and we're playing at a pretty high level, I think teams are starting to respect us. I think Kansas State will respect us just like we respect them. I think our film is our resume."

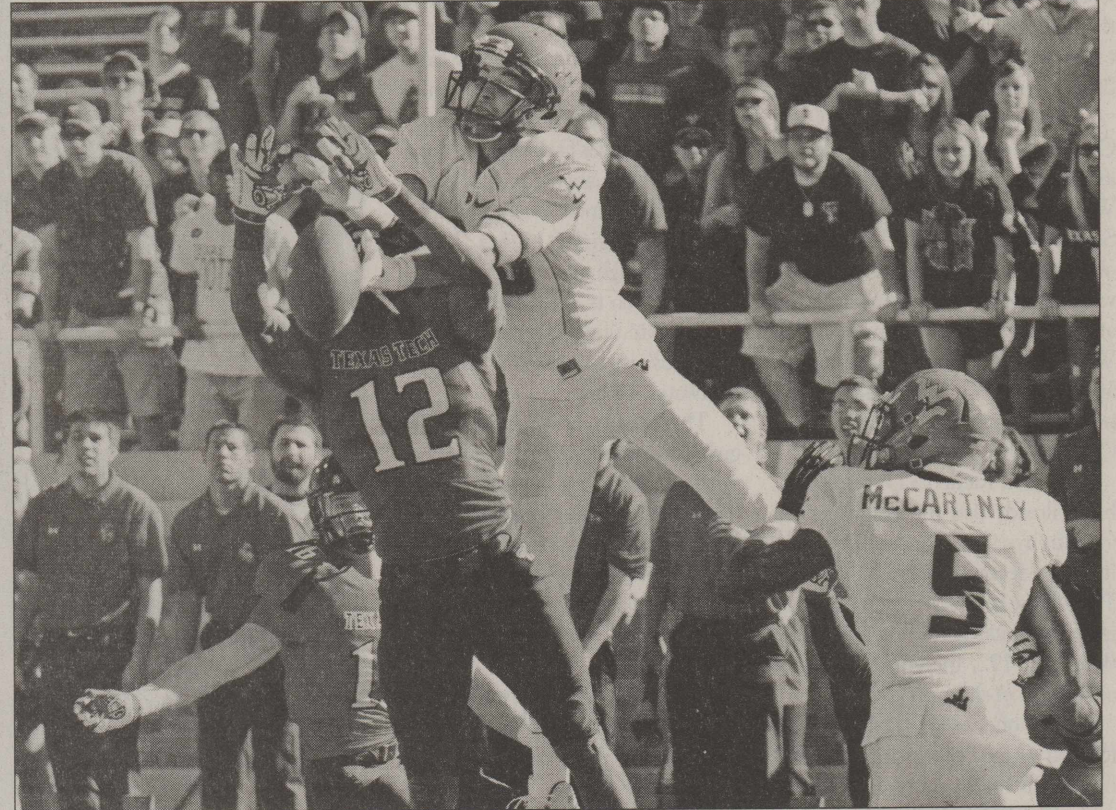
Tech received a large contribution from senior receiver Alex Torres and junior receiver Eric Ward this past weekend. The two receivers accounted for five of Doege's career-high seven touchdowns.

Doege said this week he expects the same type of production from the wideouts.

"Don't sleep on those guys because those guys are very productive. I trust them," he said. "They may not be the most talented guys on our football team, but they'll keep improving and get more reps, their confidence will improve and they'll keep making plays for us."

The Red Raiders have defeated top-five ranked teams in two straight seasons with their win against West Virginia. However, dating back to 2002, the Red Raiders have never defeated two top-five ranked teams in the same season.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said there are no secrets to winning games you are not supposed to win. Instead, the players just have to try to make



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
Texas Tech senior safety D.J. Johnson breaks up a pass from West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith. Johnson and the Tech secondary will have its hands full against the Kansas State offense led by Heisman favorite Collin Klein.

things happen.

"When you're playing teams especially on the road like we're getting

ready to play this game you've just got

to go, have confidence in what you're doing and play as a team," he said.

"That's all there is to it. If you don't play as a team on the road, you're not

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Dallas Mavericks claim veteran center off waivers

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks claimed free-agent center Eddy Curry off waivers Thursday.

The 7-foot Curry was waived Wednesday by San Antonio after averaging 8.4 points, 3.4 rebounds and 15.4 minutes in five preseason games. He played 14 games last season for Miami, averaging 2.1 points and 5.9 minutes.

"We are excited to bring Eddy Curry to Dallas," said Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations. "He has worked extremely hard this off-season and can provide our front line with much needed depth."

Drafted fourth overall by Chicago in 2001, Curry has averaged 13.0 points and 5.2 rebounds in 525 career games with Chicago, New York and Miami.

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Tech soccer ready for match against Oklahoma State

By **HOLDEN WILEN**
STAFF WRITER

After picking up four points in the Big 12 standings last weekend against TCU and Kansas, the Texas Tech women's soccer team hopes to end the regular season on a positive note today when it takes on Oklahoma State in a nationally televised match.

The match between Tech and Oklahoma State has been selected as the NCSAA College Game of the Week. It will be televised on FOX Soccer Channel, with a kickoff time of 7 p.m. A large crowd is expected, with the possibility of breaking the attendance record at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex. The current attendance record stands at 2,288 people against Kansas last season Oct. 14, 2011.

The Red Raiders (13-4-1, 4-2-1) have already tied the school record for wins in a season and will be looking for a record-breaking 14th win. The offense has been prolific, outscoring opponents 37-18 and outshooting them 353-192, including a 177-97 advantage in shots on goal.

Tech's offense is led by freshman forward Janine Beckie who has scored nine goals on 98 shots. Sophomore midfielder Paige Strahan has scored eight goals, while sophomore defender Jaelene Hinkle has chipped in with a team-high five assists.

Despite the big stage for tonight's match, junior goalkeeper Victoria Esson said the team needs to focus on the game itself, rather than playing on television.

"We try not to get too tied up in the fact (the match) is on national TV," Esson said. "We're not changing anything, all the usual game rituals and that sort of thing. Hopefully, we can go out and beat (Oklahoma State)."

Tech coach Tom Stone said he does not think playing on a big stage should be a distraction for his team because they have played in similar matches before.

"These guys have played in front of 2,300 in front of Texas A&M, 2,200 against Kansas and we've been on the road at places with big crowds," Stone said. "I think we had close to 2,000 against Texas last year in the season finale. They've had big crowds."

"We've been on TV a few times this year, so as far as that goes I think they understand that the biggest part of this weekend is Friday night's opponent being a quality team and a team that needs a win as much as we do."

The Cowgirls (11-4-3, 1-3-3) present a tough matchup for the Red Raiders. Tech is 1-4-0 against Oklahoma State under Stone, including a 2-0 loss in last season's finale in Stillwater, Okla.

This season, however, the Cowgirls have struggled in conference play, only winning one game. They have particularly struggled on the road, going 3-4-0 overall with no wins in conference play. Meanwhile, the Red Raiders are 7-1-0 at home this year while outscoring opponents 19-6.

Despite a down season for the Cowgirls, Beckie said Tech cannot let its guard down against a team desperate for a win.

"We know they haven't had the season that they want, so they have nothing to lose against us," Beckie said. "We know that they're going to come out hard. They have a great offense, so our defense will be highly pressured which is something we've expected pretty much all season. Definitely expecting this to be our biggest game of the year."

The Cowgirls have enjoyed offensive success this season. They have outscored opponents 34-18 and outshot them 287-238. Senior forward Megan Marchesano leads the team with 11 goals, which is tied for second in the Big 12. She also leads the team in shots with 61.

Senior goalkeeper Adrianna Franch, an NSCAA All-America First Team selection in 2011, has



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Janine Beckie kicks in the game winning goal during the Red Raiders' 1-0 victory against Nevada on Aug. 31 at John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

notched six shutouts this season to lead the Oklahoma State defense.

If the Red Raiders are to come out with the victory, Beckie said they need to continue doing the small

things which have propelled them to success all season long, like free kicks, corners and defensive formations.

Most importantly, Stone said the players need to concentrate on the

match itself and not let the distractions of playing on a national stage affect them.

"(The players) know it's going to be a good game," Stone said. "We

talked briefly (in practice) about just staying focused on the task at hand, which is our performance on Friday night."

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Cross-country team races in Big 12 Championship

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Texas Tech men's and women's cross-country teams are off to the races this weekend to compete in the Big 12 Championship meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin.

Tech coach Jon Murray said he would describe the meet as the beginning of the team's postseason. The meet is followed by the Mountain Regional Championship and the NCAA Championship in November.

He said he has high expectations for the meet from the men's and women's teams.

"They've had a great year," he said. "It's been exciting to see this young group develop and come together as a team."

The workouts for the meet have been going well, he said, so he expects to see results equal to or better than those of previous Tech cross-country teams in the Big 12 meet.

With the strong leadership and group of young runners, Murray said the team has gotten better as the year has progressed.

"They are running faster than they were," he said. "They are learning lessons every time they run. They're gaining confidence through the hard work they are doing."

The men will run an 8,000-meter event, while the women will run the 6,000-meter event. Murray said the course is a 2,000-meter loop and is like a track on grass.

"All the meets we've done so far have been in anticipation for this," Murray said. "This is just the climax of the work we've done all year."

Runners to watch for, Murray said, include junior Kennedy Kithuka, who has won every meet the team has competed in so far with record times. Kithuka has been named the Men's Big 12 Runner of the Week three times.

Kithuka has handled the competition well in previous meets, Murray said, and has responded well to workouts. Murray said he anticipates the same results.

"I anticipate great things," Murray said. "I have great confidence in what he can do."

Kithuka said this meet will be good for the team because they have prepared and will have good competition.

He is ready for the meet, he said, and has had a good season so far.

"It is my first conference run for Texas Tech," Kithuka said, "so I am excited. There is more competition here. I am going to make myself compete and run."

Being at Tech has been good for him, he said, with winning, going to meets and doing well at them.

"I have been doing this for my teammates, not for me," Kithuka said, "I feel encouraged when I see them working hard at workouts and I am happy to see some of the young men doing so well. Even the women's team is so good. We have a very strong team."

Murray said the key to the meet will be to see how the team can do as a whole.

"To be in the top five teams, that would be fantastic," he said. "That will show that we are a team to be reckoned with in the future."

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Baylor women overwhelming Big 12 women's favorite

DALLAS (AP) — With Brittney Griner and all the starters back from Baylor's 40-0 season, the race in the Big 12 likely will be for second behind the Lady Bears.

It is no surprise that Baylor is the overwhelming favorite to win the league again — and perhaps a second consecutive national title.

"I think all of us will make the most of our opportunity to step on the floor and tip it up and play against arguably the best team in America," Kansas coach Bonnie Henrickson said Thursday during the league's media day. "But there are a handful of us that it will be a dogfight to finish either right around them in second, third or fourth."

The only women's team in the Big 12 that didn't have a winning record last season was Missouri, which is now in the SEC with Texas A&M, which won the national championship representing the Big 12 two seasons ago. League newcomers West Virginia and TCU both have at least four returning starters after having winning records last season.

This will be the senior season for

the 6-foot-8 Griner, the two-time All-American who was the AP player of the year last season.

Through her first three years at Baylor, Griner has averaged 21.6 points and 8.6 rebounds a game with a Big 12-record 594 blocked shots. She is the first NCAA player with 2,000 career points and 500 blocked shots.

"Griner makes them special and unique," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said.

Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said the goal isn't and never was to go undefeated. The only goal is to win championships, including six games in the NCAA tournament.

The Lady Bears can't win 40 games again since there is no possibility for them to play that many games this season.

But can somebody keep them from winning every game again?

"They're coming off an undefeated season last year, and certainly they're the team to beat in our league," said Coale, who returns all five starters. "But they're human. ... If we had to play five out of seven, it might not go our way.

But you have to be better for 40 minutes one night. So yeah, it's possible."

Mulkey has put together a challenging non-conference schedule for her team, including Kentucky in the second game. The Lady Bears play at Notre Dame and host Tennessee before Christmas, and go to Connecticut on Feb. 18 in the middle of conference play.

Bob Bowlsby took over as the Big 12 commissioner earlier this year after serving as athletic director at Stanford, which lost to Baylor in the NCAA national semifinal game in Denver last April.

Bowlsby said it was a very good Stanford team that did as good a job as anybody against Griner.

"What came through loud and clear is the Baylor team was a lot more than just Brittney Griner. This was a really good team with a dominant player and a lot of lot really good players around her," Bowlsby said. "They certainly have the nucleus that would indicate that you could keep a string going. They have a chance to be among the most dominating teams of all time."

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