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## Early voting ends today, Lubbock hosts voting polls

By KATIE MCKEE  
STAFF WRITER

Early voting ends today, and those who have not yet voted can still cast a ballot at locations across Lubbock until poll closing time.

Locations include United Supermarkets, Texas Tech Robert H. Ewalt

Student Recreation Center and the Lubbock County Elections Office. Each of these locations open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., according to the Vote Lubbock website.

Other locations in the surrounding Lubbock area include Slaton Independent School District Administrations office, which closes at

8 p.m., Roosevelt Clubhouse, and Abernathy City Hall, both of which close at 5 p.m.

To vote early, students must be registered to vote in Lubbock County and bring a voter registration card or any type of identification that shows their name and address.

Forms of ID include a driver's

license, birth certificate, paycheck or current utility bill.

Students who are registered in counties other than Lubbock and want to vote before the 8 p.m. deadline will have to do so at the Lubbock County Elections Office, said Kim Davis, a public relations official for Nomiss Communication.

Early voting is convenient and important, Davis said.

United Supermarkets are the most popular early voting sites because voters can vote and shop, she said, but they are not open for voting on Election Day.

Typically, she said, 70 percent of Lubbock voters vote early, while 30

percent vote on Election Day.

The benefit of early voting, she said, is beating the lines that will form at voting centers on "Super Tuesday."

Jeremy Deans, a geosciences doctoral student, voted early Thursday for the first time in Texas.

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## Fine arts students prepare projects for First Friday

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Texas Tech students will have their artwork displayed Friday at The Warehouse at The Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts and the Satellite Gallery.

Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts students' work will be displayed during the First Friday Art Trail, which takes place the first Friday of every month.

Eric Simpson, a senior studio arts major from Shallowater, in addition to having his work featured in the event, is the head coordinator for the BFA art students.

Even though at times students will work together to accomplish a particular project, Nutter said students submitted their own work within their areas of interest and expertise for this exhibition.

"I ended up submitting video work

that is painting-oriented," Simpson said, "so it's a film, but it's within my realm of painting."

Simpson said most of his work for the piece had already been done prior to the exhibition and took about 30 to 40 hours.

Simpson's piece for the exhibition is called "Either, Or." He said he was inspired by his interest in philosophy for the piece. Simpson said he is usually able to get two to three shows in the First Friday Art Trails per year.

Ultimately, Simpson said he hopes to communicate a message to his audience through his art.

"I want people to ask a question," Simpson said regarding the message he wants to convey to his audience, "something that the viewer can walk away from and continue to think about."

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## Midnight Make-over



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

SAM JACKSON, THE associate chairman of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, rides a possible replacement for Midnight Matador in front of a Goin' Band from Raiderland rehearsal to test how he reacts to the sound. The horse was from a ranch in New Mexico and is one of several horses being considered.



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kader Tapsoba blocks the shot by Texas Permian Basin guard Phadarius Taylor during the Red Raiders' 88-63 victory against the Falcons on Thursday in United Spirit Arena. For a complete recap of the game visit www.dailytoreador.com.

## Visual Schedule Builder offers thousands of schedule choices

By KATELIN KELLY  
STAFF WRITER

Visual Schedule Builder offers thousands of schedule choices

When registering for the Spring 2013 semester, Texas Tech students now have the opportunity to utilize a Visual Schedule Builder, as opposed to hours spent trying to compile a non-conflicting schedule.

The Visual Schedule Builder was introduced in the final two freshmen orientations of the summer. Cathie Nutter, lead academic adviser for University Advising, said the Visual Schedule Builder is a software package created by Visual Schedule Builder, Tech IT and University Advising to be a program used campus-wide.

Visual Schedule Builder is an accurate tool for

students to organize their class discussion and labs with the correct CRN numbers.

"What Visual Schedule Builder does is keep students from putting together the jigsaw puzzle that they have to for linked classes," Nutter said.

Even students who are familiar with Raiderlink and how to register for classes can often have trouble planning out a schedule to fit their needs, Nutter said.

Kristin Wyllys, a senior public relations major from Austin, said she utilized the schedule builder to create her schedule for Spring 2013.

"I mean it just gives you — it gave me — like, 120 options," Wyllys said. "It was really helpful for me."

All of the advisers on campus have access to the Visual Schedule Builder, Nutter said, and are encouraged to promote the schedule builder to their students in advising appointments.

"Short of standing on the rooftop and yelling it," Nutter said, "We've communicated with students (in) every way we can imagine."

Nutter said students have been thrilled with the results of the Visual Schedule Builder.

"(There has been) just complete satisfaction with it," Nutter said. "It's a very intuitive program, it's very easy to use — you type in the classes you're planning on taking and hit generate schedule, and it gives you 1 to 20,000 possibilities, and you pick the one that works."

The Visual Schedule Builder allows students to enter the course number for the course they wish to take, and the Visual Schedule Builder creates schedules in real time as courses fill up.

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### Raiderville Population

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(Estimate as of press time)

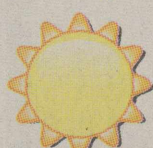
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## Community Calendar

### Today

#### Trombone Studio Recital

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Where:** School of Music  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy music from James Decker's students.

#### Dia de los Muertos Procession

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Off-campus locations  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and celebrate the Mexican holiday of Dia de los Muertos. The procession starts at the International Cultural Center and ends at the Buddy Holly Center.

#### Adoption Covenant First Friday Art Trail

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** The Studios  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out for this reception from Adoption Covenant of Lubbock.

#### Bob Schneider

**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Cactus Courtyard  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy music of Bob Schneider.

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Jones AT&T Stadium  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Longhorn.

#### Saturdays at the Art Factory

**Time:** 9 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and spend a Saturday as the factory explores different themes of art.

#### Learn to Homebrew Day 2012

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Sograte BBQ and Brew  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and learn how to brew beer. Experienced brewers are encouraged to bring their own equipment and brew on site.

#### Scrabble Club

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Market Street  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and join the local Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

To make a calendar submission email [dailytoreador@ttu.edu](mailto:dailytoreador@ttu.edu).

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

### Saturday

Red Raider Football vs. Texas

# Floods render NYC hospitals powerless

NEW YORK (AP) — There are few places in the U.S. where hospitals have put as much thought and money into disaster planning as New York. And yet two of the city's busiest, most important medical centers failed a fundamental test of readiness during Superstorm Sandy this week: They lost power.

Their backup generators failed, or proved inadequate. Nearly 1,000 patients had to be evacuated.

The closures led to dramatic scenes of doctors carrying patients down dark stairwells, nurses operating respirators by hand, and a bucket brigade of National Guard troops hauling fuel to rooftop generators in a vain attempt to keep the electricity on.

Both hospitals, NYU Langone Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital Center, were still trying to figure out exactly what led to the power failures Thursday, but the culprit appeared to be the most common type of flood damage there is: water in the basement.

While both hospitals put their generators on high floors where they could be protected in a flood, other critical components of the backup power system, such as fuel pumps and tanks, remained in basements just a block from the East River.

Both hospitals had fortified that

equipment against floods within the past few years, but the water — which rushed with tremendous force — found a way in.

"This reveals to me that we have to be much more imaginative and detail-oriented in our planning to make sure hospitals are as resilient as they need to be," said Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

The problem of unreliable backup electricity at hospitals is nothing new.

Over the first six months of the year, 23 percent of the hospitals inspected by the Joint Commission, a health care facility accreditation group, were found to be out of compliance with standards for backup power and lighting, according to a spokesman.

Power failures crippled New Orleans hospitals after Hurricane Katrina. The backup generator failed at a hospital in Stafford Springs, Conn., after the remnants of Hurricane Irene blew through the state in 2011. Hospitals in Houston were crippled when Tropical Storm Allison flooded their basements and knocked out electrical equipment in 2001.

## TENT TUNING

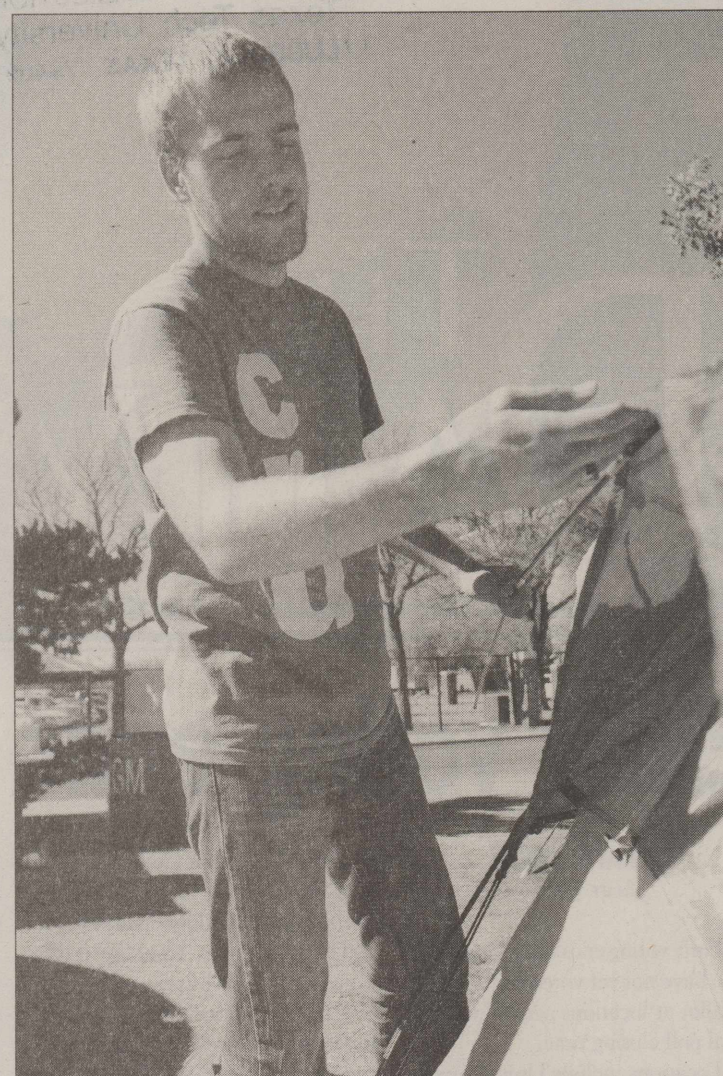


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JEFFREY PAYNE, A sophomore human development and family studies major from San Diego, Calif., fixes his tent at Raiderville on Thursday outside Jones AT&T Stadium. Raiderville's current population is 260.

## Early

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A New York native, Deans said voting in Texas was much simpler than in his home state.

"It's very nice," he said. "You don't have to wait in line forever at the polling place, so it's very convenient."

Whether people vote early or on Election Day, voting is important, Davis said.

"In general, it is absolutely the epitome of what makes our country so great," she said. "It is the epitome of what democracy is — our opportunity to voice our opinions and who we want

as our leader to represent us in the free world, and as individual citizens, to be able to have that right is something that we often, I believe, take for granted as Americans."

Lauren Kilpatrick, a speech pathology student from Lubbock and video editor in the Office of Communications and Marketing, said there is no reason not to vote.

Kilpatrick voted early at the Rec on Thursday.

"My question is, 'Why not vote?'" she said. "I want to have a voice and opinion on who runs our country, so I feel like it's my civil duty and responsibility to vote. Since it is a democracy you should be heard, and the only way

to do that is by voting, and I feel like if you don't vote, you can't really have a say."

Being aware of candidates and their platforms is important, Davis said, because voters will have to live with the decisions they make.

This voting technique, she said, is important for students to utilize when casting a ballot.

Although early voting numbers have been relatively high this year, Davis said she predicts the voting turnout will be between the 2004 and 2008 elections.

The 2008 election had an early voter turnout of 69,608.

Davis said she attributes the high number to the historical

aspect of the election because it was the first time an African-American was close to winning the race.

Thursday's voter turnout was 4,766, bringing the early voter total to 55,085.

On Election Day, potential voters can text 75044 with their zip code and a response will be sent with the closest election centers. What began in 2006 with about 5 percent of voters utilizing the tool, the number has risen to 17 or 18 percent, Davis said.

Thirty-seven voting centers will be open Tuesday. The centers and addresses can be found at [votelubbock.org](http://votelubbock.org).

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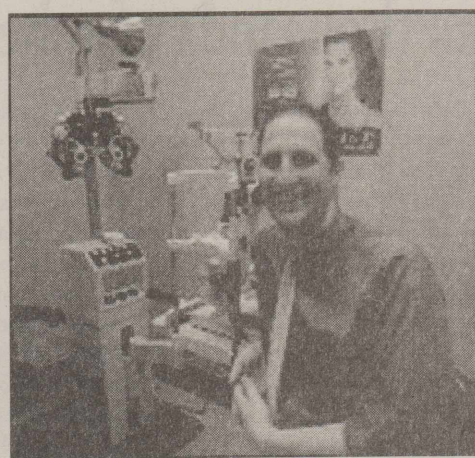
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## A state-by-state look at superstorm's effects

(AP) — The massive storm that started out as Hurricane Sandy slammed into the East Coast and morphed into a huge and problematic system, killing at least 90 people in the United States. Power outages now stand at more than 4.5 million homes and businesses, down from a peak of 8.5 million. Here's a snapshot of what is hap-

pening, state by state.

**CONNECTICUT**  
U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says the federal government will offer as much help as it can to Connecticut homeowners and business owners affected by the Superstorm Sandy. She toured the state's storm-battered shoreline by helicopter

Thursday with Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and other government officials. Deaths: 3. Power outages: 350,000, down from a peak of 625,000.

**DELAWARE**  
Governor lifts state of emergency and authorizes National Guard to continue cleanup support. Shelters close. Deaths: none. Power outages: 550, down from more than 45,000.

**KENTUCKY**  
The last remnants of Sandy drop more snow in the mountains on top of a foot that already fell. Deaths: none. Power outages: none.

**MAINE**  
Amtrak's Downeaster resumes service. Governor sends forest rangers to New York City to help with recovery there. Deaths: none. Power outages: none, down from more than 90,000.

**MARYLAND**  
Residents return to polls after storm forced cancellation of early voting for two days. Deaths: 3. Power outages: 22,000, down from 365,700.

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Storm shifted a dead whale that had been left to rot on the shoreline to a spot where scientists can now recover the bones before it is buried. Deaths: none. Power outages: 7,200, down from 400,000.

**MICHIGAN**  
Cargo shipping on the Great Lakes resumes after high waves subside. Deaths: none. Power outages: 5,000, down from 154,000.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Surprise "microburst" from vestiges of storm topples pines onto lake cottages. Trick-or-treating postponed to Sunday. Deaths: 1. Power outages: 2,600, down from 210,000.

**NEW JERSEY**  
Motorists across New Jersey were in long lines at gas stations for a second stressful day on Thursday. Many stations were closed because of a lack of electricity or supplies, or both. At a Gulf station in Newark, a police officer directed traffic as a line of vehicles stretched for about two miles. Deaths: 14. Power outages: 1.76 million, down from 2.7 million.

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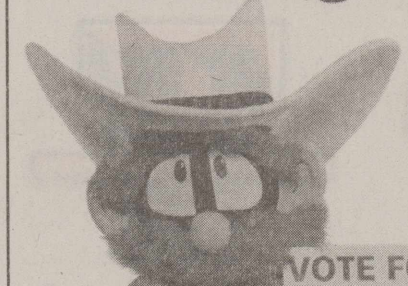
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# Calif. death penalty opponents say too costly

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Death penalty opponents in California are trying a new argument this year: Abolish capital punishment because the perpetually cash-strapped state just can't afford it.

Voters in the state with the nation's largest death row will decide Tuesday whether to repeal the death penalty. Proponents of Proposition 34 say incarceration and litigation costs are too high for too little return.

California has spent about \$4 billion since capital punishment resumed in 1977, yet just 13 inmates have been put to death.

An independent analysis says the state would save between \$100 million and \$130 million a year by converting death sentences to life-without-parole, money supporters say could be put toward public schools and local law enforcement investigations.

"The death penalty is a giant rathole where so much of California's budget is thrown with no discernible benefit," said Dionne Wilson, whose husband, a police officer, was killed by a man now on death row.

A supporter of Proposition 34, she said the death sentence given to

her husband's killer "didn't change anything. I still don't have a husband and my children and family are devastated."

Opponents say the argument is merely a smoke screen by the American Civil Liberties Union and other longtime opponents of capital punishment.

Promoting Proposition 34 as a budget-saving mechanism is a convenient way to achieve their goal of ending capital punishment and minimizing the rights of victims, say the law enforcement and victims' rights groups who are waging the campaign against the initiative.

"He deserves the ultimate punishment for what he did to my daughter," said Marc Klaas, whose 12-year-old daughter, Polly, was abducted, raped and killed by Richard Allen Davis in 1993. "The crimes these characters have committed are so beyond the pale that you need an extreme punishment."

Klaas, an outspoken Proposition 34 opponent, acknowledged the state's death penalty is broken because so few inmates have been executed. But rather than do away with it, he

said, the appeals process should be streamlined so more executions can be carried out, especially one for his daughter's killer.

Three former California governors — two Republicans and a Democrat — have spoken out against the initiative. One, Republican Pete Wilson, co-wrote the official argument against Proposition 34 that says the ACLU, which is pushing the initiative, is largely responsible for the high costs of housing death row inmates and the lengthy appeals process.

That the group would focus on money to be saved if capital punishment ended is hypocritical, he wrote. Repeal also could lead to higher court costs because prosecutors use the possibility of a death sentence as a way to get defendants to plead guilty to a lesser sentence and thus

save costs, said Mike Genest, part of the No on 34 campaign.

Citing one study, he said eliminating that bargaining chip could lead to four times as many criminal trials.

Genest, a former state finance director, also said the roughly \$100 million a year that might be saved by repealing the death penalty is a negligible amount in a state general fund that typically is more than \$90 billion.

"If you're considering voting 'yes' on this because it saves money, that's ridiculous," he said. "It's either incorrect, it won't save money or it's irrelevant — it won't save enough money to have any consequence."

If Proposition 34 passes, it would be only the second time in U.S. history —

and the first time since a 1964 election in Oregon — that voters have repealed a state's death penalty, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

A total of 17 states have repealed the death penalty, 16 through their legislatures. Five state legislatures have done so in the last five years, including Connecticut this year.

A Field Poll in late September found Proposition 34 failing to gain majority support among likely voters, with 42 percent in favor. Yet the poll also found a softening of support for the death penalty overall, with 45 percent saying California should retain capital punishment. The rest were undecided.

Proposition 34 would strike capital punishment from the state's books and shutter death row at San Quentin State Prison, the country's largest at 725 inmates. The sentences would be converted to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Opponents of Proposition 34 argue that eliminating the death penalty makes the state more dangerous, ignores the wishes of many crime victims and allows some of the most notorious killers, including Scott Peterson, Rich-

ard "the Night Stalker" Ramirez and Charles Ng, to escape justice.

Their slogan is "mend it, don't end it." A more streamlined process, including using a single execution drug rather than the current three-drug mixture, will speed up the process and limit expenses, they say.

A federal judge in 2006 halted executions in California and ordered prison officials to overhaul the state's procedures, which included carrying out lethal injections in San Quentin's former gas chamber.

Since then, the corrections department has built a new death chamber that resembles a bright and antiseptic hospital room and adopted new written protocols. Those protocols, though, are the subject of a state judge's order barring executions until they are properly adopted according to California's administrative code.

The last time voters weighed in on the question was 1978, when 71 percent approved expanding the death penalty law passed the previous year by the Legislature. Since then, public opinion surveys have shown consistently that California voters support executions.

*The death penalty is a giant rathole where so much of California's budget is thrown with no discernible benefit.*

**DIONNE WILSON**  
HUSBAND WAS KILLED BY A MAN NOW ON DEATH ROW

## Trooper in shooting returns to work

LA JOYA (AP) — The Texas trooper who fired on a fleeing pickup truck from a helicopter near the U.S.-Mexico border, killing two illegal immigrants who were hiding in the bed, has returned to work, but been reassigned to administrative duties pending the outcome of an investigation, the state Department of Public Safety said Thursday.

The announcement came less than an hour after the American Civil Liberties Union and local civil rights organizations gathered near the site of the Oct. 25 shooting to demand an investigation by an independent body outside the agency. Currently, the Texas Rangers, an elite force within DPS, is leading the investigation.

DPS identified the trooper involved as tactical flight officer Miguel Avila. He was placed on administra-

tive leave immediately following the incident but has since returned to administrative work.

The Oct. 25 chase started after Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens spotted the red pickup near La Joya, near the U.S.-Mexico border about 250 miles south of San Antonio. The DPS helicopter joined the high-speed pursuit of what it believed was a "typical covered drug load," and Avila fired from the air to disable the vehicle.

The truck crashed into a ditch. Six illegal immigrants from Guatemala, not drugs, were hidden under a blanket in the bed. Two died, and a third was injured. In total, there had been 11 people in the truck.

The agency's statement Thursday reiterated earlier comments that troopers believed they were pursuing a covered a drug load when shots

were fired. They believed the driver's recklessness was a threat to the public and to elementary and middle schools less than three miles away.

"Although it is very tragic that two lives were lost, had the vehicle continued recklessly speeding through the school zone, any number of innocent bystanders or young lives could have been lost or suffered serious bodily injury," DPS director Steve McCraw said.

However, a map of the chase route provided by DPS showed four law enforcement vehicles between where the truck was shot and the schools.

In a letter delivered to McCraw on Thursday, the ACLU suggested the use of deadly force was "illegal and unconstitutional" and asked for an investigation by an agency not tied to DPS.

## College chooses fitness over athletics

ATLANTA (AP) — Sports began on American college campuses as a way for students to blow off steam and be healthy. Over the last century and a half, athletics have transformed into something very different: a handful of elite athletes, showered with resources and coaching, competing against other schools while the rest of the student body cheers from the stands.

On Thursday, Spelman College — a historically black women's college in Atlanta with a far-from-big-time NCAA athletics program — announced how it plans to return to the old model. The school said it would use the nearly \$1 million that had been dedicated to its intercollegiate sports program, serving just 4 percent of students, for a campus-wide health and fitness program

benefiting all 2,100.

"When I was looking at the decision, it wasn't being driven by the cost as much as the benefit. With \$1 million, 80 student-athletes are benefiting," said Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, Spelman's president. "Or should we invest in a wellness program that would touch every student's life?"

Spelman's decision won't influence the Georgias and Ohio States of the world — where sports have become inextricable from the identity of the university. But it could attract attention to a broader band of colleges struggling with budget cuts and agonizing over whether the cost of college athletics is compatible with their missions.

For Tatum, there is also an element of social responsibility. She

said a campus analysis found that almost one out of every two students has high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes or is obese.

"I have been to funerals of young alumni who were not taking care of themselves, and I believe we can change that pattern not only for them but for the broader community," Tatum said.

The Division III school has been part of the Great South Athletic Conference in seven sports, including basketball, softball and tennis. Tatum said the school was sending a letter to the NCAA saying the school would be withdrawing from the conference and would no longer have an athletics program. Instead, the school plans to expand wellness programs and renovate fitness facilities.

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## Republicans' anti-abortion platform harmful to society

So true is this statement from Mark Twain's autobiography: "It is the will of God that we must have critics and missionaries and congressmen and humorists, and we must bear the burden."

Another Republican candidate, Senate hopeful Richard Mourdock, echoed a sentiment congruent with his party's assessment of rape and abortion. Mourdock claimed a child resulting from rape is a part of God's will, and abortion should not be permitted on such grounds.

For many parents, nothing is more enjoyable than beholding a healthy newborn and welcoming him or her into the world. Would a conception by any other way smell as sweet?

Well, maybe not in the case of rape. A study done by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of South Carolina Medical School showed of rape related victims, 5 percent became pregnant. Of those, 50 percent had an abortion and only 32.2 percent elected to keep the child. Eleven percent were miscarried (God's natural abortion) and 5 percent were adopted.

For these women, having the child

**Jordan Sigler**



isn't an easy feat. They alone must come up with the means by which to take care of a child — a.k.a. money. (Statistically, rapists aren't the most supportive fathers.)

Beyond those factors is, of course, the mental wellbeing of the mother, who has just undergone a sexual assault. In most cases, her aggressor will not have been convicted. From unsuccessful court cases to police not taking the complaint seriously, we as a country don't handle rape with respect.

How embarrassing it must be to explain why you're pregnant after this kind of act. Where is the father? Who is the father? Mourdock is for punishing rape victims on the grounds of God's intent, but is the rapist acting in the way God intended in Deuteronomy, in which God commands the rapist to marry the victim and stay with her the rest of her days?

Republican congressman Todd

Akin made his own asinine comment a few weeks ago: "If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to shut that down." Akin's comments have absolutely no scientific substantiation. (Akin sits on the congressional Committee on Science, Space and Technology, should anyone care to be amused by the absurdity of Congress.)

Mourdock himself, when trying to clarify his earlier comments, made an even more doltish quote. He said he believes God controls the universe and doesn't think, "biology works simply in an uncontrolled fashion."

As seen from the study of rape victims, 5 percent result in pregnancies. What percentage of one-time, consensual, unprotected intercourse ends in pregnancy?

According to Rape Abuse and Incest National Network, that would be 5 percent. It would seem that God's divine rape intervention is no more effective than the body's natural, biological processes.

Mourdock said he struggled with the rape and abortion issue but ultimately came to the conclusion that

life is a gift from God. He went on to say, "I think that even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something God intended to happen."

This is a puzzling dynamic. If God intended rape to happen, and then the woman gets an abortion, doesn't it follow that God wanted the

abortion to happen as well? Atrocities — wars, rapes, murders, genocides —

are these all part of God's master plan? Where is the line to be drawn when determining what is attributable to God and what is attributable to man?

The Republican Party has embraced Mourdock since his comment. Mitt Romney continues to endorse him and refuses to pull his support ad, though he said he disagrees with him on the issue. Newt Gingrich even backed Mourdock, inquiring as to why voters aren't over his comments since he is at least against rape.

It seems no matter how bizarre or wrong the position a Republican candidate takes, its constituency's support is unwavering.

The Republican Party would be better represented with the "Pedobear" substituted for the elephant, with words in the background saying, "God intended it to happen."

I fail to understand why these Republican representatives are striving so hard to be the party of anti-abortion. I'd have to say, if I were working for the god they claim to be following, my efforts would be half-hearted.

I wonder why they aren't for abortion so that these children aren't brought into a world to be judged, where most, as the Bible says, are

cast into eternal damnation. Instead, these children would be getting an almost-free pass into heaven, evading the game humanists call life. Isn't that the more benevolent option?

The war on women is a scourge that the Republican Party will have to grow out of in the future as the country grows more secular. I understand why Romney would prefer to keep women in binders since their issues are heard, and the blame is turned on them with no solution offered.

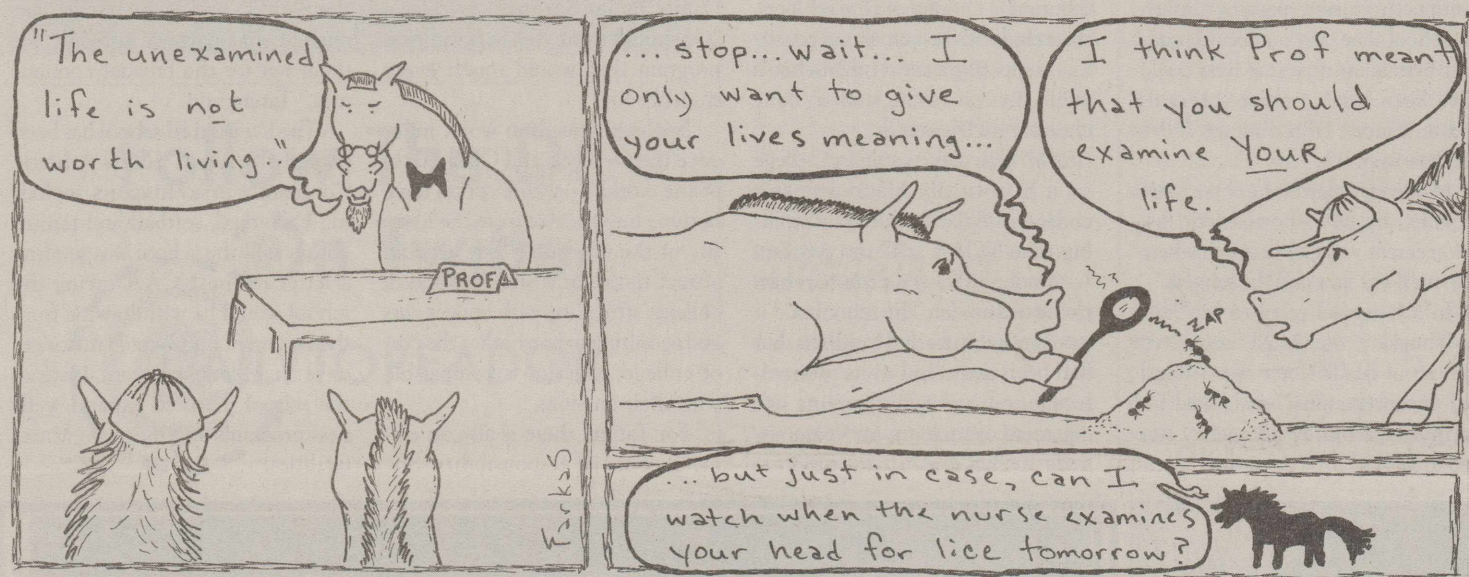
If they're raped, it's because of the clothes they wear. If they get pregnant, it's either because the rape wasn't legitimate or God intended the child to be born. This circular logic is not enough for most women and shouldn't be enough for men.

Romney would be wise to separate himself from Mourdock and Akin. Instead of endorsing them solely because they are fellow Republicans, he should distance himself from them because of their recent statements, which would be a bold move in the face of a sensitive and important issue.

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### THE TROTS

BY ANDREA FARKAS



## Internet trolling has real-life consequences

By KEVIN COOK  
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The Internet can be a scary place. It gives users the ability to connect effortlessly and anonymously to one another across vast physical distances. As Thomas Friedman said: The world is flat.

While the benefits of bringing together diverse and far-flung people of widely varying interests are obvious, there are some very real and tangible downsides to allowing users unfettered access to one another, wrapped in the warm, snug blanket of anonymity the Internet can provide.

Reddit.com is arguably a microcosm of the Internet, itself. According to the website, Reddit had more than 42 million unique visitors to its content-aggregating site in September. There is much good that comes from gathering people together in such enormous numbers — Reddit's Secret Santa program, for instance, is the largest in the world with more than 17,000 participants — but it is inevitable and a fact of the human condition that such an enormous and anonymous conglomeration of people will magnify humanity's worst impulses, too.

Three weeks ago, nobody on the national stage knew who Michael Brutsch was. He was a polite, nondescript application developer for First Cash Financial Services in Arlington. He went about his job quietly, and no one complained of any improprieties or misbehavior. He was just another quiet face in the crowd, doing his job, chatting idly with co-workers and going home to his family at night.

Brutsch's Reddit alter ego, Violentacrez, was a different matter altogether. Posting anonymously, Brutsch drew the attention of Anderson Cooper, who devoted a portion of his CNN show, "Anderson Cooper 360," to condemning one of Brutsch's creations — a forum on Reddit, commonly referred to as a subreddit, called r/jailbait, that acted as a repository for suggestive photographs of underage girls.

As Violentacrez, Brutsch was an incredibly influential and prolific user and moderator. He was also responsible for the subreddit r/beatwomen, which is unfortunately exactly what it sounds like. For Brutsch, it all started to unravel as the result of r/creepsshots, which promoted and displayed compromising photographs of young girls taken without their knowledge or consent.

One notable contributor was a Georgia substitute teacher, who was identified and subsequently fired after students in the suggestive photos he contributed were recognized and the photos were

traced back to him. Given the amount of attention being paid nationally to the Violentacrez subreddits and their content, it was only a matter of time before Brutsch's identity became known, though this was apparently lost on him, and he continued to act as though his anonymity was inviolable and absolute.

The bitter end came when Gawker.com writer Adrien Chen identified Brutsch in early October. Brutsch was fired from his job once his extracurricular activities became known, leaving him and his family with no health insurance. His wife is disabled and hasn't been able to work in more than a year.

This outing sparked an enormous amount of debate and rhetoric about the right to privacy and anonymity on the Internet. While Brutsch is nominally apologetic about his online activities, he also maintains that his privacy was violated and that Chen wronged him. Brutsch is by no means on the fringe here. There has been an overwhelming wave of free speech-themed defense of Brutsch's anonymity, and there is no shortage of people outraged about the perceived violation of a sacred right.

But the world is flat, and that goes both ways. With the amazing and world-altering speed and effectiveness of the Internet in connecting its users, also comes the easy identification of a contributor. Chen didn't do anything difficult, brave or laudable. He did a little research, took the story and ran with it. He's not Woodward and Bernstein by any stretch.

Everyone comes out of this story looking worse for it. Brutsch is a sad, unsympathetic character who encouraged and promoted some of the most reprehensible content anywhere on the Internet, and Chen is a sensationalist, yellow journalist who was hardly out for the greater good so much as web hits — precisely the same motivating factor for Brutsch as Violentacrez.

There is no real catharsis. There are bad people everywhere, and they will use all the wondrous and powerful tools decent people use with all the same effectiveness and power. Outing Brutsch may have curbed his activities, but it isn't a solution.

There really isn't a solution. Humanity's darker nature is not going away. The only honorable response is to monitor content they consume and tacitly support or aggressively disapprove of content that violates the rights of others, acknowledging that the good fight will never be definitively won but continuing to fight it nonetheless.

## Increased oil production not only measure of energy independence

By ALEX RUBIN

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The Associated Press recently reported that as a result of a four-year boom in oil production, the United States could pass Saudi Arabia as the world's largest producer of oil. This news comes during a time when Americans are increasingly concerned about oil prices and stability in the Middle East.

Energy independence has long been a rallying cry for politicians claiming to support American national security. This phrase has become synonymous with a variety of initiatives, namely the escalation of domestic drilling as embodied by the 2008 Republican campaign slogan "drill, baby, drill," as well as ongoing efforts to pioneer efficient and cost-effective alternative energy sources. However, through all of this, the United States has, out of necessity, been forced to import a large amount of its oil. Though much has been said about the supply of oil in the Middle East, the largest exporter of oil to the United States is Canada, providing just over a billion barrels of oil so far in 2012 compared to the 436 million barrels from Saudi Arabia. Nonetheless, U.S. dependence on foreign oil still poses a major national

security threat, and the news that the United States has experienced its fourth-straight increase in annual oil production provides U.S. planners with a variety of options. This should not be interpreted as an opening for complacency when it comes to investing in alternative energy sources.

With an increase in domestic production, currently at about 11.4 million barrels per day, the domestic need, currently at 18 million barrels per day, will increasingly be met by domestic production. This means that more and more money spent on oil will be pumped into the U.S. economy, with obvious benefits to the American population. However, this also means that, as oil prices drop and the fear of dependence on oil from the Middle East recedes, there will be a decrease in public pressure on politicians and the private sector to come up with effective and cost-efficient alternative energy sources and to discover new sources of domestic petroleum.

As college students, the events that transpire today with regard to America's energy policy will have significant and long-lasting consequences in our adult years. Whether we progress on a path toward finding alternative energy sources to, at first,

coexist with petroleum and then replace it or become complacent with falling oil prices and rising independence, our choice will heavily weigh on our ability to sustain ourselves when the world's oil production reaches its Hubbert peak. Therefore, we must be proactive to avoid the devastating effects of this peak to the world's oil supplies. The breathing room that will be provided by greater independence and greater domestic oil production must be converted into research into alternative energies so that this breathing room can continue into the future.

Therefore, the new flow of wealth that will be diverted from international markets to the domestic economy must be used to supplement existing funding for research into alternative energy sources. The basic rule of capitalism is that when there is a demand for a product, the supply for that product will respond accordingly. Thus, the first step to achieving any form of true energy independence based on the short-term combination of petroleum and alternative energy sources is to continue to provide this demand on the market. Over the past decade, automobile fuel efficiency has increased. Hybrid cars have become more commonplace and solar pan-

els, windmills, hydroelectric plants and nuclear reactors have increasingly taken a larger role in satisfying America's energy needs.

To complement the increase in research and public interest in alternative energy sources, we need a massive investment in America's electric grid. The current grid is largely outdated and inefficient. To provide for the dramatically growing energy needs of the American public, and to supplant transportation inefficiencies — a major obstacle to the effective implementation of alternative energy sources such as solar, wind and hydroelectric because of their need to be located at appropriate, and often remote, sites — that come from transporting electricity, the American electric grid must be updated and renovated to include the most advanced technologies so that it may efficiently distribute power throughout the country.

American oil production is increasing, and with this increase will come many benefits to the American economy, its national security and foreign policy; however, this good fortune cannot be met with complacency but instead with an increased determination to extend the benefits of energy independence and sustainability into the future.

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## Schedule

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Students choose a schedule, and the site automatically enters the CRN numbers to register for classes.

"Being able to see which sections link together, having the CRNs automatically and seeing schedules that don't have conflicts," Nutter said regarding the benefits of the Visual Schedule Builder. "I think (those are) the easiest thing(s)."

Students also are able to pinpoint individual classes they are satisfied with to create more accurate and precise class schedules.

Latavia Williams, a freshman public relations major from Dallas, said she believes students can greatly benefit from the

schedule builder.

"I actually saw it on my Raiderlink website," Williams said. "I think it can help students to stay more organized."

In the future, Nutter said she hopes the Visual Schedule Builder grows and is able to give students a concise personalized schedule to fulfill all of their obligations.

"What's nice is there are still innovations people are putting forward for Visual Schedule Builder," Nutter said, "so we're hoping it will be able to delineate honors courses and pull those into a drop-down menu and online courses into a drop-down menu, and service learning classes in drop-down menu, so students can really begin to fine tune what it is that they're looking for."

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## The Sandy 15? Superstorm comfort-eating put on menu

Jamie Sanders went to the grocery store in the aftermath of superstorm Sandy with good intentions. Cucumbers and apples were on her list.

But her local supermarket hadn't gotten any new supplies — and with the prospect of working in her Upper East Side apartment for several days ahead, she joined the hordes of East Coast residents holed up in their homes who found comfort in the bottom of a crinkly bag, a brightly colored box or a perfect pint-sized cardboard container.

"There was some canned food left and some Oreos," the copywriter and beauty blogger said. "I do like Oreos, but these were an impulse buy. I saw they were Winter Oreos with red cream and a snowman on top and I had to try them."

Chips and salsa also went into the cart, although she would have preferred Doritos if any were left, and she sheepishly admitted to making a meal of some boxed macaroni and cheese, too.

Facebook and Twitter were full of similar mini-confessions of calories consumed while people were either left in the dark and trying to eat up what was deep in their freezer before it thawed, or making due with the shelf-stable, packaged foods that were in the grocery store after the meat and produce were gone. Others turned to baking as a rainy day family activity.

Add to that the Halloween candy that many people bought for trick-or-treaters and it really was "the perfect storm," said New York-based registered dietician Keri Glassman.

Glassman, author of the upcoming book "The New You and Improved Diet," said stress and boredom make it hard to fight off temptation. Her advice: don't eat it all in one sitting. "If you have that candy in the house, make it one treat a day for the next few days."

Oreos were also on the menu at Jill Nawrocki's home in Brooklyn, although hers are of the Double Stuf variety.

She is preparing to run in Sunday's New York Marathon and had been expecting to be eating protein and leafy greens this week, but it wasn't meant to be. "I usually do my grocery shopping on Sunday, which didn't happen this week, so my cupboards were pretty bare," she said via email.

She had stocked-up last year on "pretty gross" non-perishable foods during Hurricane Irene and didn't want to make that same mistake.

Even fitness trainer Simone de la Rue gave into a burger, french fries and margarita on Tuesday — for lunch, no less.

"I'm going stir crazy myself. I have a little cabin fever," de la Rue said. "I never do this, but it helped me pass the time."

Nancy Yates, a retired United Nations development officer who lives in desolate lower Manhattan, where thousands of people are still living without power, went shopping with neighbor Norma Fontane for comfort food at a bodega lit by flashlight and candlelight.

## CIVIL CREATIVITY



PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador

ARTURO GUARDADO, A senior civil engineering major from Fort Worth, solders wires onto a thin wall pressure sensor which is placed on a soda can to measure the pressure of the soda on the walls of the can Thursday in the Civil Engineering building.

## Bill Dees, co-writer of 'Oh, Pretty Woman,' dies

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. (AP) — Bill Dees emerged from his days as an out-of-cash young songwriter to pen tunes recorded by Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn and other country music greats, but the centerpiece of his career was his work with Roy Orbison, including co-writing the classic rock hit, "Oh, Pretty Woman."

Dees, who died in Arkansas last week at age 73, had said writing that song with Orbison in 1964 changed his life. In a 2008 interview with National Public Radio, Dees recalled that the night they penned the hit song, Orbison told him he wouldn't need to go to work that Monday if he didn't want to.

"He said, 'Buy yourself an electric piano, and I'll take you on the road with me.' And he said,

'I'll pay you what the band's getting,'" Dees said during the NPR interview, which is posted on his Dees' website.

He went on to tour Europe and perform on the Ed Sullivan Show with Orbison, with whom he also co-wrote numerous other songs, including "It's Over," which also was a No. 1 hit.

The Texas native left home to seek work in Nashville, Tenn., where he went on to write songs recorded by performers who also included Glen Campbell. But working with Orbison defined his career.

Dees became embroiled in a lawsuit over "Oh, Pretty Woman" that made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court in the early 1990s, after rap group 2 Live Crew recorded a rewrite despite being refused permission by Acuff-Rose Music Inc., which owned the copyright.

Dees, who detested the ribald rewrite, explained: "It's like if someone asks you if they could use the car," he told The Associated Press in 1993. "We said no, but they take it and paint it all different colors." The high court sided with the raunchy rappers, saying the recording was a parody that could

be considered fair use. Both sides later settled.

Dees eventually moved with his family to Arkansas, and he lived in the Ozarks region of northern Arkansas and southern Missouri for more than 20 years.

A memorial is planned Saturday in Mountain Home, the northern Arkansas city where he died on Oct. 24, according to the Kirby and Family funeral home, which didn't release details about his death. Another gathering will be held next month in Branson, Mo., home to the late Andy Williams' famous Moon River Theater.

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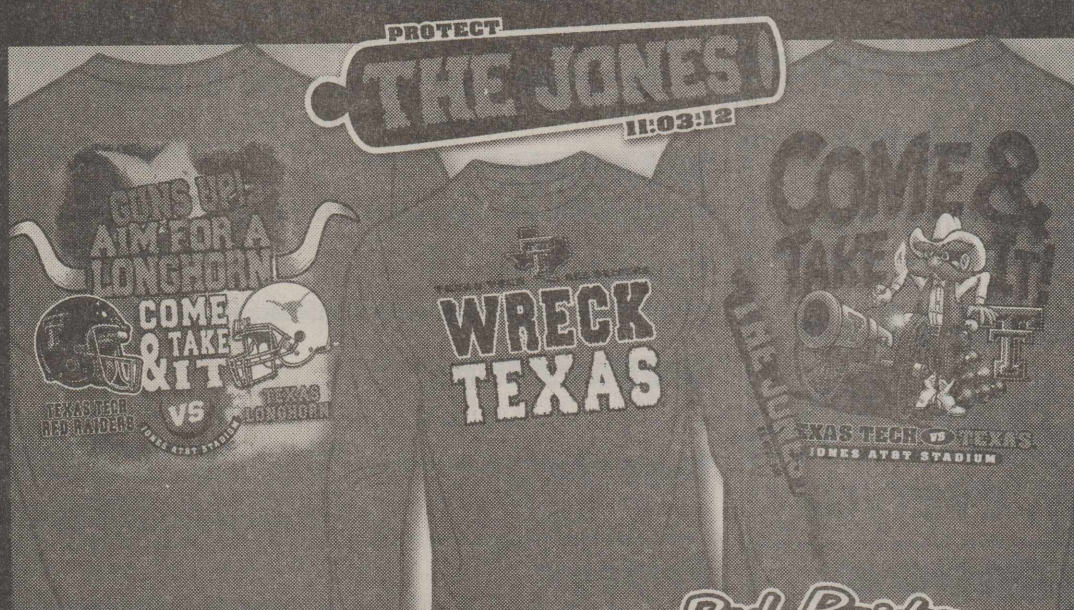
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## Tech seeks redemption against Texas

By **MIKE DUPONT II**  
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When Texas Tech takes the field at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium to battle the Texas Longhorns for state bragging rights, students may need a second glance to process Tech's new look.

The Red Raiders will unveil new "Lone Star Pride" uniforms made by Under Armour for this edition of the rivalry between Tech and Texas.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege is ranked seventh nationally among Football Bowl Subdivision quarterbacks for passing yards with 317.5 yards per game and leads the nation in passing touchdowns with 30.

Doege said it is important the Red Raiders fine-tune their rushing game, focusing mainly on preventing turnovers.

"It's going to be a big week for us to execute and then work on winning man-to-man routes and protecting and running the football," Doege said.

Texas' defense is allowing more than 440 yards per game, earning them a ranking of 96th in the nation for total defense. The Longhorns are ranked even lower — 108th — in rushing defense, surrendering an average of 218 yards per game.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said the Longhorn defense appears decent in most areas except for stopping the run.

"The thing Texas has done is they've played pretty well other than people running the ball," he said. "You look at the West Virginia game — and we played West Virginia the week after — we were worried to death about stopping the run. They had one guy that rushed for 200 yards. Their rushing defense is what's giving them some problems."

Tech's defense remains ranked near the top in most defensive categories. Tech is ranked 12th in total defense, however, after allowing Kansas State to rush for 193 yards last week, the Red Raiders have slipped down to 27th in rushing defense.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Kenny Williams breaks free and runs toward the end zone in the Red Raiders' 56-53 triple overtime win at TCU.

There also is an obvious rivalry aspect present between Tech and Texas.

Senior safety D.J. Johnson said being from Austin and also being a senior only elevates the importance of this weekend's game against Texas.

"I'm from Austin. It's huge for me," he said. "We haven't beaten them since I've been here. I take this a little personal. So we just have to go out there and continue to play. I'm going to continue to do my job as a senior leader and player on this team to make sure that I'm assignment-sound and I'm keeping us motivated and being inspirational in every way that I can."

This could prove problematic for the Red Raiders as Texas' offensive attack also is built around the Longhorns ability to run the football and run it often. Texas' rushing attack ranks 32nd among all FBS schools, averaging 197 yards per game on the ground.

Johnson said he chooses not to worry about what the Long-

horns may or may not do on offense. Instead, he thinks Tech's defensive focus needs to be on creating turnovers to keep the pressure off of the offense.

"We know what we're capable of on defense," he said. "The most frustrating thing about us is — I always talk to our guys — I mean, right now, it seems like we're the best defense with no turnovers. We haven't gotten many turnovers in games, and that's a battle you have to win. You give another team turnovers, and if we're not getting turnovers against good teams, you're not going to win those games."

Sophomore running back Kenny Williams alerted Tech fans and people across the nation on his Twitter account that sophomore tight end Jace Amaro will be active for the game against the Longhorns. Amaro missed two weeks of game action after an injury sustained in the Homecoming win against West Virginia.

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## Midfielder quietly contributing to soccer team's success

By **HOLDEN WILEN**  
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If the Texas Tech women's soccer team hopes to have success during the postseason, it will need sophomore midfielder Erin Inman to continue improving and making the contributions she has all season long.

While offensive stars such as freshman forward Janine Beckie and sophomore midfielder Paige Strahan have been in the spotlight for the duration of the season, Tech coach Tom Stone said Inman quietly plays a vital role in the success of the offense because of her passing ability, which has earned her the nickname "Dr. Inman."

"Since we're such a passing team, (Inman) is a crucial link in the chain for us," Stone said. "When Erin Inman's on, our best players find the ball because she gets it to them. When she's off the field, or having a rough day — which is very rare — we're just not as good. We really appreciate what she brings to

our team and (we) know that she's a key cog for us."

It is hard to find a more technical holding midfielder in the Big 12, Stone said. This season, Inman recorded her second career assist. She also has attempted six shots, four of which were shots on goal.

Beckie, who leads the Red Raiders (15-4-1, 5-2-1) with 12 goals scored, said Inman is an unbelievable passer who can put the ball anywhere she wants to. Inman's passing ability makes it easier for Beckie to score, she said.

"Even if there is the smallest little gap between defenders, (Inman) will get it there," Beckie said. "It's such a special quality in a soccer player, especially in a holding midfielder. She's just so reliable in the midfield."

As a young player, Stone said Inman still has some areas of her game to improve. The coaching staff has encouraged her to embrace the physical side of the game and become more involved defensively,

he said.

Inman said her freshman season was a struggle, but with the help of the coaching staff she was able to build her skill level. Even now, Inman said she still works continuously to improve her heading ability and adjusting to the speed of play.

Because of Inman's work ethic, Stone said she began to improve her weaknesses this season, which resulted in her earning more playing time.

"One thing I like about her is she's willing to learn and eager to get better," Stone said. "She's not cruising or coasting. She made big strides last year and then worked her way into the starting position this year."

The Austin native has played in 20 matches this season, starting 12 of them, including the last nine.

Inman, who is pursuing a career in nursing, said her love for soccer began when she was 4 years old. Her parents signed her up for a group of sports, and she eventually became interested in swimming and soccer. As she got older, she had to pick one sport to concentrate on, and she chose soccer.

When it came to decide where to play college soccer, Inman said she decided between Tech, Auburn



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador  
MIDFIELDER ERIN INMAN attempts to separate herself from Cowgirl defender Miriam Rhinehart in a 2-0 victory at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

and Baylor. The decision was not a difficult one.

"When I came (to Lubbock) and first visited, I knew this was the place I wanted to be," Inman said. "The girls were so involved and interested

in everything I had to offer. Tom and everyone just made it feel like home, coming here. It was an easy decision."

The team is a family, Inman said. Off the field, she spends her time

with her teammates because they are always together.

Inman has a great sense of humor, Beckie said, and her best quality is her laugh. While everyone on the team is special, Beckie said Inman makes the team more enjoyable to be around.

"(Inman is) so funny, and she always knows how to have a good time," Beckie said. "She makes the most out of any situation."

In terms of goals, Inman said she is only concerned with winning the Big 12 Championship tournament, which is currently taking place in San Antonio. The Red Raiders play in the semifinals against Baylor on Friday.

Overall, Inman has made strides as a player in her second year with the Red Raiders and has been a key contributor to this season's success, Stone said. However, he does not believe she has even scratched the surface of her talent.

"She's not even close to being as good as I think she's going to be before she's out of here," Stone said.

Inman and the Red Raiders will face Baylor in the Big 12 Championship semifinals 8 p.m. Friday.

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Bright-eyed
- Student of Socrates
- "The Mentalist" network
- Cut over
- Get ready to surf
- Last word? Abbr.
- Stallone's garden supply?
- Halifax head
- Lively dance
- Cage, for one
- Movie theater appliances
- Casually mention, with "to"
- Sacred structure
- Buck
- Influential sports figure
- Brewery flavoring
- Beginning to cure?
- French article
- To benefit
- Cubs' spring training city
- Prominent periods
- Cádiz cohort
- Post office flier
- Allied leader
- "Gave it my best"
- News source since Dec. 1881
- Musical inadequacy
- Feudal lord
- Wine flavoring
- Santa's risky undertaking?
- First name in dictators
- Eliminate
- Ryder rival
- WWII carrier
- Domingo, e.g.
- Hides

**DOWN**

- Hand holder?
- Rural expanse
- Changed-my-mind key
- Encouraging word

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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CLAMCHOWDER  
LEVIED HEADACHE  
AGASP CABLETIES  
RAITA ALI NOTIT  
ALLYN PET TBIRD

38 Decided in court  
39 Add some meat to  
42 Kolkata's locale  
45 Avril follower  
47 Pollock kin  
48 Sallimocca herb  
49 How much sautéing is done  
50 Warty amphibians  
51 Subject for Archimedes

53 Buyer's aid  
54 "Based on that ..."  
57 Source of iron  
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**Cowboys' wideouts struggling**

IRVING (AP) — Dez Bryant dazzles one play and drifts the next. Miles Austin piles up touchdowns when he's not hurt. Kevin Ogletree stars on a big stage then virtually disappears.

Tony Romo has one of the ugliest numbers in the NFL with 13 interceptions, easily the most even though there are five rookie starters throwing plenty of passes. Still, the Dallas Cowboys quarterback is at least sharing the blame with wide receivers showing to be shaky alternatives to steady tight end Jason Witten.

Even when Bryant makes a brilliant play, something goes wrong.

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# Texas A&M looking for offensive improvement

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A few days after No. 16 Texas A&M beat Auburn 63-21, coach Kevin Sumlin wasn't patting himself on the back for a job well done.

He was looking for ways to make his powerful offense even better.

The Aggies are tied for fifth in the nation in total offense and are third in the country in scoring. Sumlin, known for leading the nation in offense while at Houston, wants more.

"We're not at peak efficiency," he said. "We always have room for improvement. We've got a lot of young guys out there. There are some things that we can do better. I think part of this time of year is trying to constantly improve. Our guys understand that there are some things we can do better."

He's right. The players are looking for the same thing.

"(There are) little mistakes and little things at which we can get better as an offense," senior receiver Uzoma Nwachukwu said. "If we do that, then we will be a tough offense to handle."

The Aggies scored 42 points in the first half against Auburn, and most of the starters sat down after the first series of the second half. The backups continued to score after that, and Texas A&M's 63 points were the most ever

scored on Auburn at home.

With Auburn struggling this year, Sumlin knows that his team needs to improve to compete with No. 17 Mississippi State on Saturday before next week's trip to top-ranked Alabama. Mississippi State is 15th in the country in scoring defense, allowing just over 17 points a game, and Alabama allows the fewest points in the nation at just more than eight a game.

That doesn't faze the Aggies, who say they have to focus on themselves instead of worrying about what their opponents want to do.

"You have an expectation level," Sumlin said. "The idea of offensive football is to score. You start with that premise and you want to try to score. Every playbook that I've seen does not have plays drawn that are designed to be unsuccessful. Every play is drawn up to be successful. What we try to do is talk to our guys about doing their job individually, and collectively we'll be successful."

Offensive coordinator Kliff Kingsbury led Mike Leach's high-flying offenses as a three-year starter at quarterback for Texas Tech. He's brought that scoring mentality to Texas A&M where he challenges his offense to put up big numbers every week.

# Smith aims to pull WVU out of rut

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — There's no quit in Geno Smith.

The West Virginia quarterback was considered a front-runner in the Heisman Trophy race only a few weeks ago as he led the Mountaineers to a 5-0 start and a Top 5 ranking.

Two losses later, Smith has the task of pulling both himself and No. 23 West Virginia (5-2, 2-2 Big 12) out of a rut at home against TCU (5-3, 2-3) on Saturday.

Smith had 24 touchdown passes in five games. He's has just two in back-to-back losses.

Now that the spotlight isn't so bright and the Mountaineers have tumbled to sixth in the Big 12 standings, the senior isn't down on himself.

"The main thing is you have to go into each game with the intent to win every one of them," Smith said. "You've got to keep things in perspective."

"I remember when I was in the stretch of throwing 24 touchdowns and no interceptions and everyone was raving about it, but I kept saying that's just how football goes. I put everything behind me, and just try to do my best on every play."

Smith's coaches say he has an uncanny ability to stay consistent and level-headed mentally.

It didn't change when he threw for 656 and eight touchdowns in West Virginia's Big 12 debut against Baylor, or in recent losses to Texas

Tech and Kansas State when the Mountaineers were outscored by a combined 76 points.

"He's going to treat each game the same, and I think that's a great attribute to have," said West Virginia quarterbacks coach Jake Spavital. "He's always the same guy, regardless. All the kid wants to do is play football and win games. He's a competitor and he will take each loss hard, but the thing I love about him is that he comes back in even more hungry the next day to get better and try to win."

# The DT Staff College Football Pick 'Em

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| No. 23 Texas @ No. 18 Tech          | Tech 38-28  | Tech 49-34  | Tech 50-42  | Tech 49-45  | Texas 34-31   | Tech 39-33   | Tech 42-28  | Tech 49-38   | Tech 42-24  |
| No. 1 Alabama @ No. 5 LSU           | Alabama   | Alabama   | Alabama   | Alabama   | Alabama   | Alabama  | LSU   | LSU  | Alabama   |
| No. 4 Oregon @ No. 17 USC           | Oregon  | Oregon  | USC   | Oregon  | Oregon  | Oregon   | USC   | USC  | USC   |
| No. 16 Texas A&M @ No. 15 Miss. St. | Texas A&M   | Mississippi State                                     | Mississippi State                                       | Texas A&M   | Mississippi State                                       | Mississippi State  | Texas A&M   | Texas A&M  | Mississippi State   |
| No. 22 Arizona @ UCLA               | Arizona   | UCLA  | Arizona   | UCLA  | UCLA  | Arizona  | Arizona   | UCLA   | UCLA  |

# Ex-Penn St. president charged in Sandusky case

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The "conspiracy of silence" that protected Jerry Sandusky extended all the way to the top at Penn State, prosecutors said Thursday as they charged former university President Graham Spanier with hushing up child sexual abuse allegations against the former assistant football coach.

Prosecutors also added counts against two of Spanier's former underlings, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, who were already charged with lying to a grand jury.

"This was not a mistake by these men. This was not an oversight. It was not misjudgment on their part," said state Attorney General Linda Kelly. "This was a conspiracy of silence by top officials to actively conceal the truth."

Spanier's lawyers issued a statement that asserted his innocence and described the new charges as

an attempt by Gov. Tom Corbett to divert attention from the three-year investigation that began under his watch as attorney general.

"These charges are the work of a vindictive and politically motivated governor working through an unelected attorney general ... whom he appointed to do his bidding," the four defense lawyers wrote.

Corbett spokesman Kevin Harley said the defense statement "sounds like the ranting of a desperate man who just got indicted."

Curley's lawyer Caroline Roberto said he was innocent of all charges, as he has asserted in the past. She said the new documents were being reviewed and would have a more comprehensive comment later. Schultz also has maintained his innocence; his lawyer did not return a message seeking comment.

At a Capitol news conference,

Kelly said all three men "knowingly testified falsely and failed to provide important information and evidence."

Spanier was charged with perjury, obstruction, endangering the welfare of children, failure to properly report suspected abuse and conspiracy. Curley and Schultz face new charges of endangering the welfare of children, obstruction and conspiracy.

The charges were filed with a suburban Harrisburg district judge, whose office said Curley and Schultz were expected to be arraigned Friday afternoon and Spanier tentatively scheduled to appear Wednesday. They came nearly a year to the day that Sandusky was arrested.

Sandusky, who spent decades on the Penn State staff and was defensive coordinator during two national championship seasons, was convicted in June of sexually abusing 10 boys

over 15 years. He has maintained he is innocent and was transferred to a maximum security prison on Wednesday, where he is serving a 30- to 60-year sentence.

Curley, 58, the athletic director on leave while he serves out the last year of his contract, and Schultz, 63, who has retired as vice president for business and finance, were charged a year ago with lying to the grand jury and with failing to properly report suspect child abuse. Their trial is set for early January in Harrisburg.

Spanier, 64, of State College, had been university president for 16 years when he was forced out after Sandusky's November 2011 arrest. He remains a faculty member but was placed on paid leave Thursday.

Prosecutors said Spanier, Curley and Schultz knew of complaints involving Sandusky showering with boys in 1998 and 2001.

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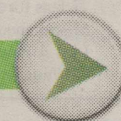
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