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# Obama leads, but Romney with shot in electoral race

- President Barack Obama enters the final hours of the 2012 campaign with an edge in the the race is remarkably close in at least six states that could go either way, giving Republican Mitt Romney hope that he can pull off a come-from-behind victory.

If the election were held now, an Associated Press analysis found that Obama would be all but assured of 249 votes, by carrying 20 states that are solidly Democratic or leaning his way ----Iowa, Nevada and Pennsylvania among them — and the District of Columbia. Romney would lay claim to 206, from probable victories in 24 states that are strong Republican turf or tilt toward the GOP, including North Carolina.

Up for grabs are 83 electoral votes spread across Colorado,

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) Florida, Ohio, New Hampshire, Virginia and Wisconsin. Of those, Republicans and Democrats alike say Obama seems in hunt for the 270 electoral votes a bit better shape than Romney needed to win and more ways to in Ohio and Wisconsin, while reach that magic number. Yet Romney appears to be performing slightly better than Obama or has pulled even in Florida and Virginia.

The AP's analysis is not meant to be predictive, but instead to provide a snapshot of a race that has been extraordinarily close from the outset. The analysis is based on interviews with more than a dozen Republican and Democratic strategists in Washington and in the most contested states; public polls; internal campaign surveys; early vote figures; spending on television advertising; candidate travel; and get-out-the-vote organizations.

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Lubbock County Early Voting					
Day	2004	2008	2012		
1	3,078	7,080	6,402		
2	3,266	7,131	7,239		
3	3,689	6,443	6,919		
4	3,887	6,089	5,908		
5	3,815	5,862	5,489		
6	3,761	3,905	3,652		
7	1,471	1,784	1,442		
8	5,417	5,753	4,825		
9	5,702	5,793	4,515		
10	5,943	5,736	3,928		
11	6,954	6,576	4,766		
12	8,413	7,456	7,456		
Total	55,356	69,608	62,541		

# Week 10 FOOTBALL | Ash and Burn



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS QUARTERBACK DAVID Ash drops back to pass the ball during Texas Tech's 31-22 loss against the Longhorns on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. Ash threw the ball for 264 yards and three touchdowns during the game.

## Longhorns beat Red Raiders in Lone Star Pride game

#### **By MEGAN KETTERER** STAFF WRITER

The game Red Raider fans have long awaited finally arrived. One of the most anticipated matchups of every season, the battle for Lone Star Pride between the Red Raiders

and Longhorns proved the Longhorns to be the victor in the 31-22 defeat in front of a record home crowd of 60,879. Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said Saturday's loss was a disappointment for the team, and especially so for the seniors,

because in their four years, they were never

able to defeat Texas.

"We just shot ourselves in the foot," Tuberville said. "Made too many mistakes against a good football team. It's just hard to work through all those mistakes. They're a good team, and we've just got to come back."

Saturday's game opened with a threeand-out possession by Tech. Tech senior quarterback Seth Doege and the offense were unable to produce a first down.

Texas marched down the field 71 yards, leading to a touchdown pass from the 6-yard line from Texas's sophomore quarterback David Ash to sophomore wide receiver Jaxon Shipley.

Despite the Longhorn's fast touchdown,

Doege and the Red Raiders were able to answer. Doege found four different Tech receivers to move the team down the field. Sophomore running back Kenny Williams ran the ball from the 1-yard line for a touchdown.

The touchdown battle continued. Ash connected with target Mike Davis, a junior wide receiver, for a 54-yard pass putting the Longhorns at Tech's 2-yard line. Joe Bergeron, a sophomore running back, was able to break through Tech's defense for a touchdown, putting Texas ahead 14-7.

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### Tech seniors leave winless against Texas after 4 attempts

#### By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech had every possible opportunity against the Longhorns, but the Big 12's most penalized team in 2011 showed its face again in the largest-attended game in Jones AT&T Stadium history. 60,879 fans crowded inside the sta-

dium with high hopes, only to watch the Red Raiders deal with penalties,

particularly in the red zone, the entire points, the majority of the time it was evening. Tech was flagged for penalties nine times for 85 yards.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege said for the majority of the times the Red-Raiders did not get points when inside the red zone, penalties were to blame.

time we were in the red zone," Doege said. "But I know when we were in the red zone, every time that we didn't get

penalties that kept us from it."

Tech was the most penalized team in the Big 12 last season and the Red Raiders are on track to repeat as the most penalized team in the conference.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said "It's hard for me to remember every the inopportune penalties were unfortunate, especially for the seniors.

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# Tech student accounting team wins Ernst, Young competition

#### **By ALSTON TRBULA** STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech "Risky Business" student accounting team recently won a competition hosted by Ernst and Young, and now are preparing for the multi-state regional round of competitions, which will be conducted Friday.

Jamie Ricketts, a junior accounting major from New Deal, said they are excited for the next

teammates Christina Rael, Jacob Fedosky, Cody Monnette or problem that a fictional busiand Chase Darling, have been ness needs solved. The teams preparing their strategy for some then are expected to develop seven other teams regionally time, and are confident about the next competition. The team members are all students of the Rawls College of Business Administration.

Ernst and Young is one of the top accounting firms in North America, Ricketts said. During the competitions, employees

round. Ricketts and her fellow from Ernst & Young assign against nine other teams here teams with a hypothetical case for that fictional business.

"In the previous scenario, they wanted us to differentiate between the United States and the international standards for accounting reporting," Ricketts said. "They gave us a week to prepare, and we competed

at Tech. Now, we're going to move on to compete in Dallas next weekend on Nov. 9, against recommendations and solutions that worked on the same case."

Darling said the team is competing against tough competition in Dallas. Texas, Baylor, Texas A&M and SMU will be among some of the competitors. Confidence is one of the keys to winning competitions at this level, he said.

"I think that confidence really works with the judges," Darling said. "When they see a team that's confident during the presentation they're giving, that really makes their argument more strong. Our plan is to win right now. We are very confident, and we feel that we have an extremely strong case and that we definitely can win."

Teams also have to be well educated on the concepts they are talking about, Ricketts said. Teams must not only understand the concepts well enough to analyze them, but also must know how to develop marketable solutions to the subject's problems.

The "Risky Business" team has no coach, Ricketts said. When team members need help, they consult with professors and other staff members from the business college.

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# Community Calendar

### **I**day

**Real Estate Finance** Time: 9 a.m Where: Lubbock Association of Realtors So, what is it? Come out and learn from experts about real estate finance.

Modern Western Square **Dance Classes** Time: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Where: Lubbock Dance Center

So, what is it? Come out and dance your way to a healthier you by learning modern western square dancing.

"All Originals" Songwriter Contest Time: 8 p.m. Where: Blue Light Live So, what is it? Come out and enter to win the songwriting contest.

John Sprott and Jesse Ballew Time: 10 p.m. Where: Lone Star Oyster Bar So, what is it? Come out and enjoy some acoustic music.

**TechAlert! Emergency Communications Test** Time: 10:50 a.m. Where: None So, what is it? Texas Tech will test its TechAlert! emergency com-

#### Competition CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Fedosky, a sophomore accounting and management information systems major from Rowlett, said this was the first time Ernst and Young has ever hosted competitions in this region. This also is his first year to work on these types of projects. His first experience was a case competition earlier this year hosted by Price Waterhouse Coopers."

The team has many strengths,

munications system. Everyone should update their cellphone, home phone or text message information at emergency.ttu. edu.

Alan White Speaking at Chief Executives Roundtable Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 Where: Rawls College of Business Adminstration So, what is it? Alan White, chairman and CEO of PlainsCapital Corporation will speak at the Chief Executives Roundtable.

Tuesdays at the Art Factory Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center So, what is it? Come out and create a new and exciting fine arts project. \$20 every Tuesday.

#### Support Group Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: Lubbock First Foursquare Church So, what is it? Come out and meet with a support group of survivors and caregivers of Women's Reproductive Cancers.

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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.

number of publications by professors in the top accounting journals," according to the website.

Ricketts said the team's recent win adds to the positive reputation of the Rawls College of Business and she and her teammates were pleased to be a part of it.

"We just got this new multimillion dollar building, we have a wonderful staff of professors and some really excellent students," she said. "Our win was just another way to get our

# **Dia de los Muertos Procesión** hosted across City of Lubbock

**By EFRAIN DUARTE** STAFF WRITER

**NEWS** 

From 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Tech hosted the Dia de los Muertos Procesión

Dia de los Muertos, Spanish for Day of the Dead, is a Mexican holiday observed every year on Nov. 2 to remember loved ones who are dead and to celebrate their lives.

The Procesión was hosted at various locations across Lubbock. Each location had different activities and entertainment for an hour.

The first stop of the Procesión was the Texas Tech International Cultural Center. Visitors were greeted with the sound of Mariachi music provided by Mariachi Amistad.

Tessa Talsma, a freshman English major from Ruidoso, N.M., said she was surprised at how many people were at the event. "It is very festive," Melissa Bratcher, a

Ropesville resident said.

Aside from the Mariachi music, food also was provided for visitors as they perused the artwork on display.

Corbin Sosa, a sophomore accounting major from Lubbock, said he celebrates Dia de los Muertos because of his heritage.

"(Dia de los Muertos) is something I have grown up with, so I have become accustomed to it," he said.

The second stop of the Procesión was the Tech School of Art.

Dia de los Muertos-themed student artwork was displayed in the School of Art gallery. Food like tamales and other Mexican dishes were on hand for visitors to the School of Art.

#### Election — **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

#### Both Republicans and Democrats say Tuesday's election has tightened across the board the homestretch. Many factors are adding to the uncertainty, including early vote tallies, Election Day turnout and the impact of Superstorm Sandy in the East. There's no telling the impact of Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson, who's on the ballot in 48 states, including all the battlegrounds, or Virgil Goode, an excongressman from Virginia who's running on the Constitution Party ticket.

But here's perhaps the biggest issue complicating efforts to get a handle on where the race really stands: different assumptions that each party's pollsters are making about the demographic makeup of the electorate. Republicans are anticipating that the body of voters who end up casting ballots will be more like the 2004 electorate, heavily white and male. Democrats argue that 2012 voters as a whole will look more like the electorate of four years ago when record numbers of minorities and young people turned out. The difference has meant wildly disparate polling coming from Republicans and Democrats, with each side claiming that it's measuring voter attitudes more precisely than the opposition.



MARIACHI AMISTAD PERFORMS for an audience during the Dia De los Muertos Procesión Friday at the International Cultural Center. The band will celebrate its 15th anniversary this year.

"It is different than what we normally see everyone's interpretation of Day of the Dead," said Samantha Maurin, a senior visual studies major from Arlington.

Everyone can come together for Dia de los Muertos, said Natalie Chandler, a senior communication studies major from Richmond.

"I think it is a holiday not many cultures celebrate," she said, "but it is something everyone can come together because we can all relate to someone dying and wanting to celebrate their life."

The third stop in the Procesión was hosted at the Christine DeVitt Ice House in concurrence with the monthly First Friday Art Trail.

Said Republican strategist Phil Musser: "The conviction with which both sides say they are on a trajectory to victory is unique." Tuesday will determine which side is

correct. For now, the gulf between the two sides' polling has made it difficult to judge which candidate is faring better in the six up-for-grabs states.

In the final hours of the campaign, national polls show a neck-and-neck race for the popular vote.

But it's the Electoral College vote that elects the president. In that state-by-state race, Obama long has had the advantage because he's started with more states - and votes — in his column, giving him more ways to cobble together the victories he needs to reach 270. Romney has had fewer states and votes, and, thus few paths --

Artwork from local schools, Lubbock have in this gallery and it is interesting to High School and Hutchinson Middle School, were on display for those at the art trail to see.

"Personally, when I first learned about (Dia de los Muertos), I liked the remembrance of our loved ones," Emily Antilley, Abilene resident said.

Some may take Dia de los Muertos for granted, Mark Roberson, a senior sociology major from Lubbock, said.

"It is fascinating to see how other people celebrate what we may normally take for granted," he said.

Being away from family, this celebration was nice to have at Tech, said Yvonne Lopez, a junior international business major from El Paso.

both Romney and Obama had final weekend campaign appearances in them, underscoring their fluidity. Romney has gained ground in North Carolina, which now is tipping his way. Obama's team has all but acknowledged that it's the weakest for the Democrat of the competitive states, and the president himself isn't visiting the state in the final stretch.

But the key for both campaigns is the Midwest, specifically Ohio. It offers 18 electoral votes and figures prominently in each strategy. That urgency was evident by the multiple visits to the state by each candidate in the final days.

Obama has enough of an edge in the electoral race that he could win the White House without carrying Ohio. But it's hard to see how Romney does so.

That assessment, and Obama's slight but stubbornly persistent edge in the state, could explain why Romney made a late-game play for Democratic-leaning Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes. He began advertising heavily in the state last week and put a stop in Philadelphia on his Sunday schedule even though the state has voted for a Democratic presidential nominee in every election since 1988.

The final stop of the Procesión was the Buddy Holly Center. From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., visitors were able to enjoy food and drinks. An artwork exhibition was displayed in the gallery and people were able to create skeletons from Q-tips and construction paper.

Felix Morgan, a human development and family studies graduate student from Lubbock, said she likes the idea of spirits returning as well as the idea of paying tribute to family members.

"(Day of the Dead) is something worth learning about," she said.

Mariachi Amistad performed in the Meadows Courtyard of the Buddy Holly Center to end the Procesiòn. »»eduarte@dailytoreador.com

and Romney has criticized—has boosted the president at the right time while undercutting Romney. Republicans in the state don't dispute that characterization, and Obama has kept the heat on Romney over a TV ad he's running that misleadingly suggests that the auto bailout helped U.S. auto giants send jobs to China.

"This isn't a game. These are people's jobs. These are people's lives," Obama told a raucous crowd in Friday in a Columbus suburb. "You don't scare hard-working Americans just to scare up some votes.'

Wisconsin, the home state of GOP vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, also figures prominently in the calculations for both sides, but, again, is more critical for Romney, who is looking to stop Obama in the Rust Belt.

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including confidence and professionalism, he said.

"Our only weakness is that we have much too much dedication," Fedosky said.

According to the Rawls College of Business Administration website, the Tax Accounting program is ranked 19th nationwide.

"Rankings were based on the

name out there and to bring more recruiting to Tech. Although the accounting program has a very high placement right now, it is never bad to put us out there and make us more of a national competitor when it comes to our business program and to Tech in general."

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though victory remained within his reach.

Said Mo Elleithee, a Democratic strategist who specializes in Virginia: "A 1 percent shift in any demographic group in Virginia is the difference between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney being president. That's how close this election is."

Over the past month, Romney's standing in national polls improved following strong performances in the October debates, and he's strengthened his position in several states, including Colorado, Florida and Virginia.

But all three are too close to call and

Democrats projected confidence about holding Pennsylvania, although Obama responded with his own ads in the state and was sending former President Bill Clinton to campaign for him there on Monday.

Not that Romney is writing off Ohio. No Republican has won the White House without winning the state, and, without it, Romney would need a near sweep of the other battleground states.

"Ohio, you're probably going to decide the next president of the United States," Romney said Friday at a plant near Columbus.

Refusing to cede ground in Ohio, Obama's campaign is flooding the state with four visits in as many days to every major media market by the president, first lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Clinton. Obama planned to finish campaigning in Ohio on Monday at a Columbus rally with rocker Bruce Springsteen.

Obama's team was projecting confidence in Ohio, arguing that the renewed debate in the final weeks over the auto industry financial bailout - which Obama signed

Here's why: Obama surest path to a second term cuts through both Ohio and Wisconsin, and victories in those states would give him 271 electoral votes as long as he wins all of the states that are solidly Democratic or tilting his way.

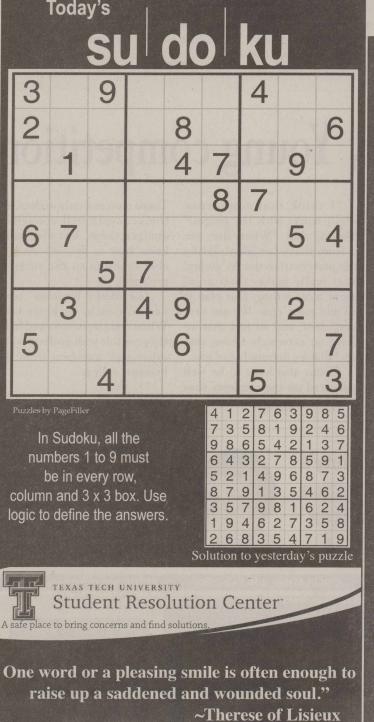
Those include:

-Iowa, where public and internal campaign polls shows Obama with an edge even though Romney has campaigned in the state a half-dozen times in the past two weeks and has spent the final hours of the campaign working to narrow Obama's edge in early voting. Both candidates were in Iowa on Saturday, and Romney was back Sunday playing hard for late-deciders his team is confident will break their way and make the difference.

Obama planned to return to the state Monday. Republicans characterized that visit as a sign of instability while Obama's team said he wanted to end his campaign in the state whose 2008 caucuses put him on the road to the presidency.

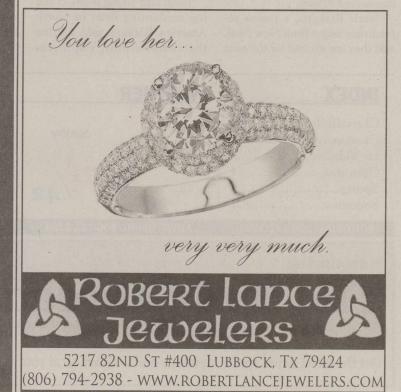
-Nevada, where Republicans and Democrats say the president has gained ground over the past few weeks, despite high unemployment and foreclosures. Obama seems to be benefiting from the state's large Hispanic voting bloc and political machinery of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Romney all but acknowledged the president had an edge in the states. He scrapped plans to visit the state in the final two days. Instead, he sent Ryan.



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# Amtgard combines foam swords, medieval arts

#### **By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY** STAFF WRITER

Dressed in medieval gear, Texas Tech students and families gather role-playing combat with foam swords.

The group that meets at 2 p.m. every Sunday is a regional part of the national Amtgard Live Action Role-Playing, or LARP organization.

Matthew Ellis, a senior education major from Fort Worth, helped begin the Amtgard chapter at Tech.

He said he has been involved with the LARP for three months.

The Amtgard chapter of Legion West (Tech's chapter) began three weeks ago and has 10 members, Ellis said.

"(Amtgard LARP) is sword fighting with foam swords," Ellis said. "It's like a renaissance festival that happens weekly more with the live combat part of it."

There are rules to the style of fighting, he said.

"The rules focus around safety, so a lot of it is just how to build the weapons and how to hit each other

with them," Ellis said. "The rules days, the Amtgard group also and eventually just showed up one beyond that basically describe how you would combat and how you die and how you come back."

On Sundays they play a variety at Tech Terrace Park to engage in of games and also have meetings where they discuss and vote on necessary matters for the club, Ellis said.

Shane Edmonson, a Tech graduate from El Paso, is the regional president of Amtgard.

He said he started participating in live action role-playing when he was 8-years-old.

"I saw my babysitter out there doing it one day, and I asked her what she was doing, and that's how I got involved," Edmonson said.

The regional group, which stretches from Canyon to Midland and Hobbes to Lubbock, began in 1990, and the Amtgard organization in Lubbock has been meeting at Tech Terrace Park since 1998, Edmonson said.

There are about 150 active members in the regional group where the Tech chapter of Amtgard originated from — and about 40 who participate in the Sunday meetings.

Aside from the meetings Sun-

service.

"We just finished a nationwide event that we hold every September called the food fight," Edmonson said. "As regional groups, we organize and fund a food drive about Amtgard, he said. event for our local food banks. Our group worked with the South Plains Food Bank. We raised close to \$4,000 as a collective group."

Edmonson describes the purpose of Amtgard LARP as a familyfriendly organization intended to educate and create interest in the medieval arts and sciences and folklore.

For Ben Montgomery, a junior business major from Midland, the Amtgard group is an area where he can stay active.

"I used to be a football player in junior high, and I hurt my back, and so I can't really play true contact sports anymore," Montgomery said. "This is something where I can play semi-contact and be athletic.

He said he has been involved with Amtgard LARP for six years. "When I was living in Midland,

I drove by (people participating in LARP) as a kid with my parents

has events involving community day," Montgomery said. "It was appealing because, well, to be real blunt, I get to hit somebody with a stick and go home and not worry about it."

There are many misconceptions

"A lot of people wear black, and in Midland, there was a religious annotation that we were cultist or satanic," Montgomery said. "It was kind of sad because I went to church with one of the guys. A lot of people also think that it's entirely nerdy, geeky, but I've played with a lot of guys who play sports. They love it because they can come out here and almost get a work out playing this. They get faster because you have to think fast under stress. I've helped some of the old football players I used to play with get better in high school just by doing this."

He said the chapter at Tech could improve by utilizing good advertising and public relations.

"I can only hope (the Amtgard chapter at Tech) will grow and keep the ideals of just wanting to have fun," Montgomery said. »»vholloway@dailytoreador.com



PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROBIN /The Daily Toreador A MEMBER DEFENDS himself against an oncoming attack in a live action

role-playing game Sunday during the Amtgard meeting at Tech Terrace Park.

Comedy Central stars Key and Peele participate in Q and A

#### **COMPILED BY LIANA SOLIS** STAFF WRITER

Ten colleges from across the United States had the opportunity to conduct a phone news conference with the stars of Comedy Central's show "Key & Peele."

Q: How do your political beliefs influence the comedy satire you do on the show?

Peele: "Clearly, we are Obama supporters, and we actually got to meet him, which was so awesome. But ultimately when we write those (sketches), we try to be informed by what we think is true, and we don't take a specific

one in July. But I couldn't tell you when they're coming out. Other than that, just the same thing Jordan said.

Peele: "There will be a Key and Peele movie coming out, though, at some point. There (are) a couple of scripts we're looking at right now, so we'll just have to see."

Q: Based on the differences between your comedic styles, how do you go about preparing for a role or for a character?

Key: "I approach everything physically and through character. If someone were writing a sketch that I was going to be in and the concept was sound, I would consider myself by saying, 'What is there in this sketch that I can do physically instead of saying verbally?' I just go by the saying that where there are words, there that he's funny. I know it's a stupid could be actions." Peele: "And then of course we are both inspired by real people anyone else I know.' that we meet. I would say that part of my process in the beginning is acknowledging that we can transform into anybody. So comedically [sic], based on the scene, I think, 'What is the funniest person that I could be going through?""

Q: What is your favorite thing about each other?

Key: "That's a good question, we've never gotten that before. My favorite thing about Jordan would be his thoughtfulness, and I mean that both personally and professionally. He is the opposite of me. I am a very impulsive person, and he is a very thoughtprovoking person and he thinks things through, which is definitely an advantage to him. It's something I have always admired about him.'

Peele: "There are a lot of things about Keegan (Key) that are very special, and in a good way. I joke think about people having their them." own opinions about the show in general.

Peele: "Our show is like any other comedy show, in that it is scary to certain people who we would think of being as oldfashioned.'

Key: "The world has become more fluid and has different things about each social class or group of people. So Jordan and I are both trying to represent all of that. So there have been general criticisms who think we shouldn't criticize

Peele: "A lot of the criticisms were also from people who said they just didn't quite grasp the joke we were trying to make."

Q: What or who was your main inspiration to become comedians?

Peele: "We've both had long and extensive sketch careers before we landed our own show. But we're also both fans of this woman named Catherine Tate who is a British sketch comedian who does things very easily and simply. So she was a big inspiration when we

#### started writing."

Key: "There is another British comedy duo named Mitchell and Web. We looked at a lot of their stuff when we started writing our pilot. I'm also an enormous Richard Prior fan because he was a wonderful actor as well as being a wonderful stand-up comedian. And also, you can't really live in the late 20th century and be a comedian of any strike and not be affected by Eddie Murphy's comedy.'

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approach (when) we write them. We take the approach of figuring out what will make people laugh."

Q: So what would you two think of a Romney presidency, then?

Peele: "You know, it's one of those things where we wouldn't exactly know what to write about until the president was actually elected.

Key: "People try to tell us, 'Oh, you should write about this,' but if what they just said isn't funny, then we can't do that. At the end of the day, our job is just to make people laugh. But when you ask that question, I'd just say that I rub my hands in glorious anticipation as a comedian. Just the same as if Obama was reelected and something funky happens, you know, that just helps our job."

Peele: "But I personally would move to Africa if that happens." Q: Are there any other projects

you two are working on?

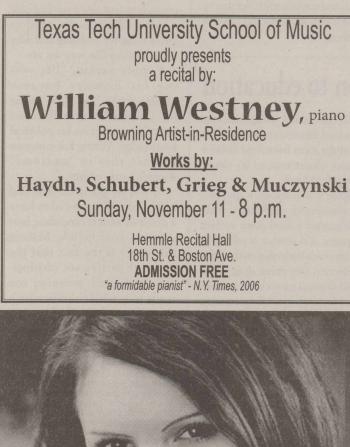
Peele: "You know, as this show gains momentum, we have different scripts we are writing with different people and new things come up that we can consider doing."

Key: "I just finished doing two movies this year, one in April and

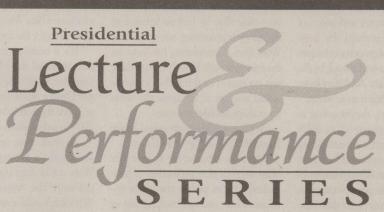
sometimes that he is an alien because I don't know how someone can be so nice and sincere. But my favorite thing about him is just and straightforward answer, but he makes me laugh harder than

Q: What kinds of heat have you received for the sketches you have performed?

Key: "You know, it's funny. When I think about the heat we have gotten, I don't think about any specific sketches. I







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# OPINIONS

# Society's technology addiction needs to be broken Knowledgeable voting

I have just recently accepted the fact that I might be addicted to technology. I constantly find myself checking social media sites, news outlets and email without even noticing. Whether it is through my smartphone, tablet or my laptop, I have a way of getting my fix.

It was back when I was in high school that my friend actually brought the idea to my attention. I began to notice myself heading down this road once I had my first iPhone. The idea that my Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and email could all be pulled up in the palm of my hand was invigorating.

I started college and realized I needed to use my laptop to write college papers, read my daily news or catch a movie on Netflix. I never in my circle realized how much time I spend on a daily basis with my smartphone or other technological devices. It is almost mind-boggling to think about it.

So I tried to divert the blame of my addiction to other excuses, continually just accepting that the world is evolving this way and I am going to follow it. Recently, I attempted to take a count of how many times I just looked at my smartphone throughout a normal day. I lost count.

This dependence on technology

William **Dominguez** 

has a serious effect on the relationships I develop with people. I feel that today's evolving technology is just another shell that hides me as a human being. Instead of asking about an individual directly, I can pull up a Twitter feed and discover everything I need to know without even

talking to that individual.

If I want to know who of friends is dating without prying too much, a quick check on his or her Facebook wall will give me all the

information I want. I find this center of the table until dinner is availability of knowledge without human contact quite frightening. I know I am not the only one with these kinds of behaviors. We have all been there at some point.

how often people are attached to friendly conversations. their smartphones. Daily at lunch, I try to figure out which of my friends looks at their smartphone the most. I know I am probably the worst out of my group of friends when it comes to technology dependence.

In my realization, I have read many articles and developed ideas to combat this addiction. I learned there are a few things that I can do to help promote conversation within my group of friends without the need to check their phone every five minutes.

Let's say

that you and I are going Maybe taking a out with some friends to dinwalk around ner. The best campus is more way to initiate conversafulfilling than that tion and avoid distant friends Netflix movie. is to agree with everyone to put their

phones in the finished. The first person to pick up his or her phone has to pay for someone's dinner as a consequence. This is an easy way to help keep hands off the social sites I started paying attention to and on more important things like

I find myself stuck on my laptop for hours at a time, whether I am actually doing something productive or just watching Netflix. The easiest way to fix this issue is to unplug the power cord and hide it somewhere out of the way. When I do this, I put my power cord under the bathroom sink, so I have to go

out of my way to go get it. The easiest way to help others break their addictions is to lead by example. When you're at dinner or a party and you get that text message or Facebook notification, tell yourself it can wait. People notice these subtle hints and will try to follow them as well if you are diligent.

Even if you do not think you might be addicted to technology, take a step back and count how often you use your phone or tablet. Maybe taking a walk around campus is more fulfilling than that Netflix movie.

If you think you might have a problem that is worsening, I recommend Daniel Sieberg's "The Digital Diet" to help break your habits and start enjoying what lies outside of computer screens.

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# necessary to sustained American success

I omorrow, at long last, is the end of this marathon we call the presidential campaign. I'm sure most of us are ready for it to be over. Through all the mudslinging and fear mongering that has gone on through these last few months, it finally comes down to the votes.

Some of us might feel disillusioned about the political process, especially following a campaign such as this. It's easy to feel like your vote doesn't count, especially in a state like Texas, which is certain to go red. But it's important to remember that every vote does count.

Voter turnout in the United States is pretty low, with modern presidential election turnout running just above 50 percent of eligible voters. This means that only slightly more than half of the voting-age population actually votes.

If half of the people who didn't vote instead went to the polls, that would be roughly 50 million more votes cast, ference. So

while it may be true that one single vote doesn't matter very much, if a number of people change their minds and show up on Election Day, then their votes really do

watchdogs, and our country is too important for us to be sleeping on the matter.

Andrew Gleinser

are numerous online quizzes that can help you determine which side of the political spectrum vou occupy.

It's also important to do some research on the candidates and see what their stances are on certain issues. Since most of the mainstream media is biased one way or the other, you're better off looking elsewhere, such as the candidates' campaign websites. This becomes more important if you're more of a political moderate, not being particularly conservative or liberal.

This doesn't just apply to the presidential race. While it's the race most people notice, there are numerous down-ballot races as well, all of which are important to some degree. Don't forget to vote in those races and know which could make a huge dif- for whom you're voting, so that

your vote will be even more

informed. It might be boring, time consuming and

seemingly unimportant, but voting knowledgeably is part of our duty as Americans. A democracy works best when it's

It's also important to vote completely inclusive, and its

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job.

# Disney's Lucasfilm buyout should benefit Star Wars films

#### **By MICHAEL CHASIN** DAILY TROJAN (U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

This week unquestionably saw the biggest entertainment news of the year with the announcement that Disney. bought Lucasfilm for the blockbusterworthy sum of \$4.05 billion. The deal has plenty of long-lasting, far-reaching implications, but the vast majority of them have to do with one simple fact: From this day forward, the Mouse owns classic stuff — perhaps because of the Star Wars.

keep their Star Tours attraction up not in spite of them. and running in Tomorrowland. We're talking about the whole franchise here. Every movie, character and piece of merchandise from perhaps the most lucrative intellectual property in history is owned, from this point forward, by the house that Walt built. And they have no intention of letting it go to waste.

further tarnished, an already over beaten horse reduced to a fine pulp. But they're missing the big picture.

The prequels were, well, less than what people had hoped for almost entirely because of the overbearing presence of George Lucas, who wrote and directed each film with a level of absolute control that ensured his vision made it onscreen. It just so happened to turn out that the original trilogy was difficult conditions and creative com-No, these are not just rights to promises that surrounded its making,

But whomever's to blame, it didn't

which means it's finally time for a fresh group of creators to see what they can do with a galaxy far, far away.

Though it would normally be more than a little troubling to hear about media consolidation on such a grand scale, the truth is that Star Wars will never be more stagnant than it was under Lucas' total control. With Lucasfilm and Disney now working together to produce new content, there's a fair chance that Star Wars could be genuinely good again. And regardless of the quality, the quantity that Disney has planned is staggering. They've announced that beyond a sequel trilogy taking fans through Episode IX, they'll continue to release a Star Wars film every two or three years for the foreseeable future.

liance. Ridiculous and impossible, sure, but don't act like it wouldn't sell tickets.

That's not to say these new Star Wars films are guaranteed to hit home. It pays to remember how badly Disney botched John Carter last year. But in a way, that doesn't matter at the moment. No one knows anything concrete about Episode VII or beyond at this early in the game. But in a way, the quality is hardly the point. What Disney's done already is something that no one could have predicted: They made Star Wars relevant again.

The Disney-Lucasfilm buyout is the

On the contrary, they're going to release Star Wars Episode VII in 2015. Yes, that does require repeating. In three years or less, there will be a new, full-fledged Star Wars film in theaters. In terms of shifts in the pop-culture paradigm, it doesn't get any bigger than that.

Many fans — and when it comes to Star Wars, practically everyone is a fan, if only through osmosis — expressed initial dismay that the series will be

matter much because Lucas made it very clear that he had no interest in directing or producing any more Star Wars films. Considering his word on the franchise had always been law, there was no reason to think that someone would attempt to continue the series for perhaps decades to come.

Well, it would appear even George Lucas couldn't say no to \$4 billion.

"It's now time for me to pass Star Wars on to a new generation of filmmakers," Lucas said in the initial announcement, and he's backing that up by ceding the Lucasfilm presidency and Star Wars brand management onto producer extraordinaire Kathleen Kennedy. Lucas is moving toward retirement,

It's a massive undertaking that calls to mind the Marvel Cinematic Universe, which also falls firmly under the Disney umbrella ever since they acquired the comic book behemoth in 2009 in a deal much like this one.

At their most optimistic, fans are wondering if Disney's plans for Star Wars could turn out as well as they did with The Avengers. Maybe Joss Whedon would even want to direct a Star Wars movie. Why not? And at their most ridiculous, fans are wondering if Earth's Mightiest Heroes could cross Universes and join the Rebel Altopic of discussion among anyone who cares even slightly about what goes on in the movie-making world, and it will be for years to come as millions of fans scrutinize, criticize and celebrate every word from Disney and Lucasfilm in regards to how they're handling this massively important enterprise. The questions are already flying fast (Who might be involved? Will Pixar animate a Star Wars movie? Does this mean Leia is now a Disney princess?) and they're not going to stop so long as there's more Star Wars on the horizon. Knowing Disney, there always will be. A week ago it would have been horribly cheesy to say this, and maybe it still is, but they've earned it regardless: May the Force be with them.

### Voters should demand presidential candidates pay attention to education

#### **By MINNESOTA DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD**

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Throughout the presidential campaign, only a handful of political issues have been routinely ducked and avoided as often as education. In the face of more than a trillion dollars in college loan debt and studies confirming that the nation's students are falling behind in math and science proficiency, both major-party presidential tickets have failed to address the problems plaguing American education. While both President Barack

Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney have given a few talking points about the need to reform and improve our education system, neither candidate has provided much substance or leadership on the issue. Education did come up in the first presidential debate; however, neither candidate said anything that indicated a willingness to make education reform a top priority of their administration. While Obama rightly supports more federal funding for schools, the nation's education problems are much more complex than a simple financial shortfall. Real change and reform are needed in the way the U.S. delivers education.

Romney, unsurprisingly, has been equally silent on how he would make real reforms in order to get American education back on track. Outside of a jab at Big Bird and proposing to cut federal funding to PBS, it's hard to tell how he differs from Obama on the role of the federal government in education. Should college students and school administrators expect less or perhaps more federal aid under a Romney administration? It's almost impossible to know.

What is well-known is that neither presidential candidate is making education a focal point in their campaign, and neither is willing to provide much leadership on the issue. As Election Day draws near, voters should demand more clarity and substance from the candidates on what they plan to do to rebuild and improve America's broken education system.

because it seems that most people have an opinion on politics one way or another. Most of us are also unhappy with our politicians, and many of us choose to complain about them. It makes no sense to sit around and complain, then not vote.

We also have a fundamental right in this country to vote. It's a right that came at great cost, as many have fought and died to keep it. The least we can do to honor their sacrifices is to exercise that right.

But at the same time, it's not enough to just show up and cast a ballot. We actually need to know what we're doing and why we're voting the way we are.

Simply saying, "I'm voting for Romney because Obama sucks," or, "I'm voting for Obama because Romney sucks" does not pass for political knowledge. Voting for someone because they're "awesome" doesn't work, either.

If you are going to vote, and I hope you do, you need to have a sense of which candidate best espouses your beliefs. Making this easier is the fact that the political parties are ideologically polarized, meaning you really only need to know which party better stands for your beliefs. If you're not sure, there

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citizens know what their government is doing and take action when they disapprove.

Besides, we all pay taxes in some form or fashion. Not voting or paying attention to politics basically means you're giving money to the government and not caring whether or not it's used efficiently and satisfactorily.

It also allows our politicians to do as they please without much accountability, which is dangerous. Lord Acton's famous statement that "power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely" applies directly to our government. We are the watchdogs, and our country is too important for us to be sleeping on the job.

So be a patriot and not only show up to vote, but know for whom you're voting and why you're voting for them. It's a fundamental right none of us should hesitate to exercise, considering the millions of people in the world who don't even have the opportunity to influence how they are governed.

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# DG hosts annual event, Anchor Splash

#### By TORI O'HARA STAFF WRITER

On Friday, the women of Delta Gamma sorority hosted Anchor Splash, the philanthropic event supporting Service for Sight. Fraternities and other male organizations participated in mermaid rescues, synchronized swimming and duck relays.

McKenzie Dival, a sophomore engineering commerce and international business major from San Antonio, was the director of Anchor Splash. Dival said roughly 300 people showed up and 13 groups participated in the event.

"We just brought Anchor Splash back," she said. "This is the first time we have put it on in a while, so we are hoping next year this event will be much larger with more groups participating."

Emily Scates, a senior human development and family science major from Dallas, is the vice president of foundation for Delta Gamma. Scates said along with participating in the relays and synchronized swimming, each team's captain, called Anchor Men, performed a dance for the judges. The teams also participated in the beautiful

eyes competition. "The men chose someone from

their team with the most beautiful eyes," she said. "They took a picture of only their eyes, and all week at the Student Union Building people would put pennies in a jar of the eyes they thought were the most beautiful. The team with the most money at the end of the week got extra points added to their total score."

Dival said the winner of Anchor Splash was chosen based on the amount of points given.

"For each relay first place would receive 15 points, second place would receive 10 and third place would receive five. Synchronized swimming and the Anchor Man dances were judged individually. Points could also be given for bribing the judges by the teams giving the judges items through out the week. At the end, the points were tallied."

This year, Sigma Nu won the competition.

Erica Peters, a senior early childhood education major from Richardson, is the president of Delta Gamma. Peters said the most popular event was the synchronized swimming routines

every year, the more we get to donate to

performed by the men.

"We designated about two to three of our own girls to each team to help them come up with dances," she said. "They took it really seriously and came up with some pretty awesome routines. The men took it very seriously, and it made watching them even more amusing.'

Peters said they roughly estimate the amount of money raised to help Service for Sight to be \$3,000.

"Service for Sight is our national philanthropy," Peters said. "There are many different schools for the blind around the nation, and we raise money to support them. We also raise money to help anyone with sight problems, such as someone who needs glasses and cannot afford them, or someone who needs eye surgery and cannot afford it. We create and send out sensory books, or take coloring books and outline the pictures with puffy paint. We try to do as much as we can to help them."

The next event Delta Gamma will host to support Service for Sight is Anchor Slam, its annual basketball tournament, in the spring. >>> tohara@dailytoreador.com



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MEMBERS OF PI Kappa Phi dance for the crowd as part of the synchronized swimming competition Friday during Anchor Splash at the Texas Tech Aquatic Center. The philanthropic event was hosted by Delta Gamma.

# Randy Rogers Band and more perform at 32nd Annual Kalf Fry

#### **By ASHLYN TUBBS** STAFF WRITER

While onstage at the Lone Star Amphitheater, Randy Rogers was met with many outreached hands of fans jumping with anticipation to hear his country music.

After concluding one of his songs, Rogers stared into the crowd and expressed his gratitude by stating how all the prettiest girls are from Lubbock, followed by many Guns Up in the audience.

This was just one scene from the 32nd annual Kalf Fry hosted by the members of Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta fraternities at 7 p.m. Friday. All proceeds from the event went to benefit the West Texas region of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"The more people that come out

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the Muscular Dystrophy Association," said Ben Breedlove, a junior exercise sport sciences major from Lubbock and the Kalf Fry chair for Phi Delta Theta. "I've worked really hard on it this year. I never understood why we picked muscular dystrophy for our philanthropy, but now that I've (been able) to work with people who have it, I completely understand. It's nice to see these kids

smiling and having a great time." The Turnpike Troubadours and the Wheeler Brothers also joined Rogers onstage to entertain audience members.

"We work with these two production companies, and we thought that these guys had the best opportunity to bring in a bunch of people," Breedlove said, "especially Turnpike Troubadours. They're up-and-coming, and I really worked hard to get Randy Rogers here.

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He's my favorite country singer."

Ashley Ehrlich, a freshman international business and management major from Orange, said it was her first time to attend the event, and she bought her tickets three weeks in advance.

"It's really entertaining," she said. "I'm so blown away. This is so much bigger than I thought it would be." Ehrlich said she was especially

excited to hear the Randy Rogers Band play songs from their newest album they have not released yet. "I'm so excited, it's ridiculous," she

said. "I don't know how these fraternities got that to happen."

The fraternity members also sold actual calf fries — bull testicles — at the event. Brady Harvey, a sophomore exercise sport sciences major from Arlington, said he had tried calf fries before and likes them. He estimated the fraternities

prepared 700 pounds of calf fries. "Everyone keeps coming back for seconds," he said. "They're so good."

Ehrlich said it was her first time eating a calf fry after her friends dared her to try them. She was one of the attendees who returned for seconds.

"They're so good," she said. "I didn't think I would actually like the whole cow business, but it's actually really good. It tastes just like chicken."

Kevin German, a mechanical engineering from Frisco, said before Randy Rogers Band even performed, they easily sold \$1,000 worth of calf fries.

"It's way busier than I thought it would be, selling these calf fries," he said, "but all this work is worth it because evervone seems to be having a good time, which is what this is for while supporting muscular dystrophy."

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THE WHEELER BROTHERS were the opening act for the Kalf Fry concert and fundraiser Friday at the Lonestar Amphitheatre. Other bands that performed were the Randy Rogers Band and the Turnpike Troubadours.

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# Tech soccer loses in Big 12 semifinals, awaits fate

#### **By HOLDEN WILEN** STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech women's soccer team fell to Baylor 2-1 Friday night in its first ever Big 12 semifinal match, even though it controlled possession throughout the game.

Despite the Red Raiders' strong effort, they could not overcome defensive lapses, leading to Baylor's two goals.

Baylor (16-1-4, 5-0-3) struck first in the fourth minute when senior midfielder Hanna Gilmore put the ball in to take advantage of several the back of the net after Tech second-half scoring opportu-(15-5-1, 5-3-1) junior goal-

the ball away and the defense failed to clear it.

As they have all season, the Red Raiders fought back and tied the match when senior defender Tiffini Smith headed the ball toward goal from about 25 yards out. Baylor's sophomore goalkeeper, Michelle Kloss, failed to make the save, which resulted in Smith's first goal of the year. The match would remain tied 1-1 at halftime.

The Red Raiders failed nities. Baylor ended the draw

nior midfielder Lisa Sliwinski scored off another defensive lapse from the Red Raiders. After Esson made a save, Tech failed to clear the ball. The ball ended up in front of Sliwinski, who knocked the ball in to give Baylor the win.

For the match, Tech outshot Baylor 15-12, including a 5-4 advantage in shots on goals. Tech also took twice as many corner kicks than the Bears, holding a 10-5 advantage.

Despite losing the match, Tech coach Tom Stone said the team put forth a good effort.

"I am proud of our team

keeper Victoria Esson punched in the 79th minute when se- and the brand of soccer we could not have played harder. played in the challenging circumstances of this game," Stone said.

> Even after giving up the lead, Tech still displayed a fighting spirit. In the 85th minute, Smith had an attempt for her second game-tying goal of the match, but the shot was blocked by a wall of Baylor defenders. Senior defender Morgan Johnson gathered the deflection and appeared to have a clear goal-scoring opportunity, but her shot went over the crossbar.

Stone said the team's play was worthy of a victory, and it to Baylor this year. The Red

"We obviously had the vast

majority of possession and had several excellent shots in the second half, which were blocked," Stone said. "We even hit the post as the final horn went off - it's tough to ask for much more from our team." The Red Raiders put togeth-

er one last attempt to tie the match as time expired. Junior midfielder Hayley Haagsma received a cross from Johnson and attempted a header, but the shot went off the crossbar as the match ended.

The loss was Tech's second

Raiders lost to the Bears 3-2 in double overtime Oct. 5 in Lubbock.

Despite the loss, Tech likely will still be a selection to participate in the NCAA tournament. The selection show is scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m.

Stone said the team would travel back to Lubbock to rest and resume training while looking forward to finding out its fate.

"We are hoping for an exciting day Monday," Stone said, "and (are) eager to see what our future holds."

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#### Lady Raiders stifle Midwestern State in tune-up game Broncos escape 31-23

CINCINNATI (AP) - Another fourth-quarter comeback kept Peyton Manning perfect against Cincinnati.

Manning overcame his two interceptions by throwing for three touchdown passes on Sunday, leading the Denver Broncos to a 31-23 victory over a Cincinnati Bengals team that can't find a way to top him.

Trindon Holliday returned a kickoff 105 yards for a Broncos record to start the second half, and Manning got Denver (5-3) the victory by leading his 48th game-winning drive, moving ahead of Dan Marino for the NFL record since the 1970 merger.

Manning improved to 8-0 career against Cincinnati (3-5), which has lost four in a row for the first time in two years. This one didn't come quite so easily.

The four-time MVP threw a pair of interceptions — one in the end zone — that led to 10 points and a 20-17 Cincinnati lead early in the fourth quarter. That's the time when the Broncos (5-3) have been pressure that was picked off by Champ Bailey, Manning put it away with a 4-yard pass to Eric Decker with 3:36 left.

Manning was 27 of 35 for 291 yards for a passer rating of 105.8. He has thrown for at least three touchdowns in five of his career games against Cincinnati. He came up 9 yards short of tying Steve Young's NFL record of five straight games with 300 yards and three TDs passing.

After a neck injury threatened his career and ended his stay in Indianapolis, Manning has regained his touch with Denver. The Broncos have scored 37, 21, 35, 34 and 31 points in their past five games, winning four of them.

The Bengals came out of their bye week with their season at a turning point. Coach Marvin Lewis went out of character and challenged Dalton and middle linebacker Rey Maualuga to become more vocal leaders, underscoring that things were slipping away.

Dalton made the gameclinching mistake.

#### **By HOLDEN WILEN** STAFF WRITER

The Lady Raiders earned a 15-point victory in an exhibition game Sunday in the United Spirit Arena in front of a crowd of 3,625 people, including Texas Tech legends Sheryl Swoopes and Marsha Sharp.

Led by junior forward Kelsi Baker, junior forward Jackie Patterson and senior point guard Monique Smalls, the Lady Raiders beat Midwestern State University 77-62.

Baker led the team with 16 points on 4-7 shooting, while grabbing six rebounds and dishing out two assists before fouling out. Patterson, a junior college transfer, notched a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Smalls scored 10 points to go along with five assists.

Though Tech coach Kristy Curry said Baker and Patterson started off slow, they both played well in the second half, which she was happy to see.

"I thought Kelsi had a much maybe to the start of the game.

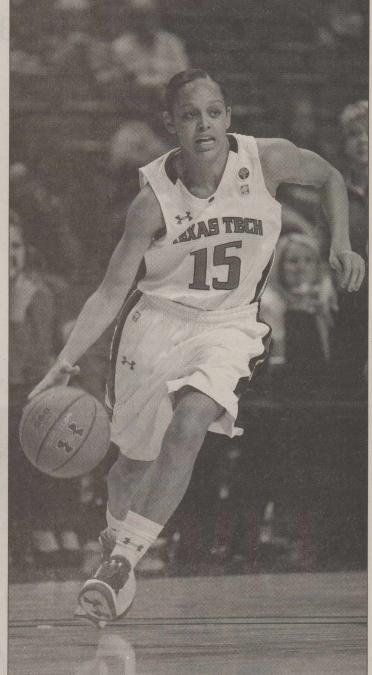
"My mindset wasn't very there, and it's not supposed to be like that. I've just got to go into the next day and practice what I need to work on."

The team improved its play in the second half, she said, and did a better job of breaking down Midwestern State's press, making better decisions and earning trips to the foul line. Tech shot 26-41 from the foul line, while Midwestern State had only 26 attempts the entire game.

Though the Lady Raiders shot a large amount of free throws, Curry said she would like to see the team take better advantage of them by making more.

"I was really disappointed to be honest, shooting 26-41," Curry said. "I thought we started the game really well but you've got to put 40 minutes of free throws together, just like you do everything else."

While free throw shooting played a role in the victory, Tech earned the win with its defense and ability to rebound. The Lady Raiders played a menacing zone greater finish to the game than defense, which forced 25 turnovers and held Midwestern State to 38 percent field goal shooting. On the glass, Tech outrebounded Midwestern State 47-35, including 23 offensive rebounds. Midwestern State coach Noel Johnson, a former Lady Raider, said Tech's strength and height was her main concern before the game. The Mustangs were led by junior guard Kirsti Degelia, who scored 18 points and made three 3-pointers. Junior forward Skyler Warrick added 15 points. Johnson said she felt her team

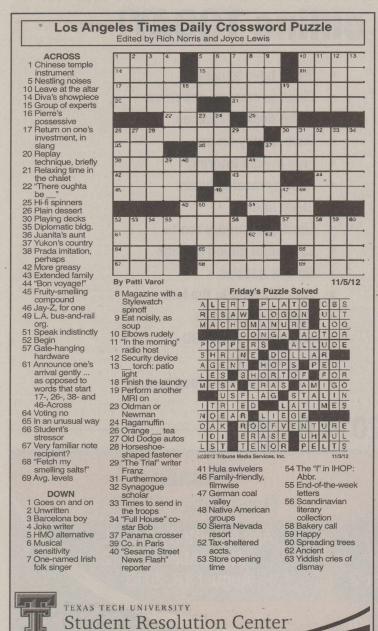


at their best.

The Broncos have outscored opponents 103-23 in the fourth quarter, best in the league.

Manning threw a 1-yard touchdown to tight end Joel Dreessen that put Denver back ahead. After Andy Dalton underthrew a pass under

Trailing 24-20, the Bengals had two holding penalties and a false start that set up a thirdand-25. As he was about to get hit, heaved a pass toward A.J. Green that was underthrown. Bailey intercepted at the Cincinnati 46-yard line, giving Dalton an interception in every game this season.



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coming out and being a little more active," Curry said. "Obviously, Jackie looked a little bit jittery, but I thought she had a great finish. It was good to see both of those kids finish strong down the stretch.' Despite winning the game by

15 points, the Lady Raiders were not without their struggles. They shot 43 percent for the game and only shooting 32 percent in the first half. The team also had 17 turnovers and shot only 47 percent from the free-throw line.

The team was jittery, Curry said, but the exhibition game provided a great opportunity to work through the mistakes.

The players were playing fast, Smalls said because they were excited to play in front of the crowd. With five turnovers in the

game, Smalls said she knew she needed to calm down.

"I was also one of the (players) that was very jittery," Smalls said.

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brought athleticism and quickness to the exhibition game, which could help Tech in the future. The Mustangs were not able to execute their press offense, Johnson said because of the Lady Raiders' stifling defense.

We didn't handle pressure at all on the perimeter," Johnson said. "We didn't handle it on our inbounds. We had a five-second call. My little point guard got a PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHNThe Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Casey Morris dribbles toward the goal during the 77-62 victory against Midwestern State University on Sunday in United Spirit Arena.

five-second call under pressure. They didn't allow us to go screen. They were really physical on the cutters, and we didn't do a good job of responding to that.'

Overall, Curry said the day was good for the Lady Raiders. While there are certainly things Curry said the team needs to improve on, it did a good job of improving in the second half. She said the exhibition provides a good stepping stone for the future.

"(Sunday) was so good for us in so many areas, especially in decision making and shot selection," Curry said. "We've got some great breakdowns we can look and teach with."

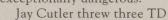
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# Titans offense unstable in loss

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) exceptionally dangerous. - Charles Tillman forced four fumbles. Brian Urlacher scored on a 46-yard interception return. Plus, the Chicago Bears turned a blocked punt into a touchdown.

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passes to Brandon Marshall just for good measure as the Bears routed the Tennessee Titans 51-20 on Sunday for their sixth straight win.

The Bears (7-1) scored a franchise-record 28 points in the first quarter. They took control by creating three turnovers in the first 13 minutes, resulting in 14 points.

Urlacher became the latest Bears defender to score on an interception return. They have done it seven times - no other NFL team had returned six for TDs through the first seven games of any season.

The Titans (3-6) lost their second straight with Chicago fans taking over LP Field, booing any video highlights featuring the rival Green Bay Packers and frequently chanting "Let's go, Bears."

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The touchdown was Bergeron's 16th first quarter rushing touchdown of the season.

Tech came back down the field with 12 plays and 63 yards but was unable to convert for a first down, leading to sophomore kicker Ryan Bustin's 29-yard field goal.

Tech's defense could not stop the Texas passing attack. Ash threw a 75-yard touchdown pass to Davis, allowing the scoring. battle to ensue. After the oneplay, 75-yard drive in 10 seconds, Tech trailed Texas 10-21.

Texas' defense tightened, resulting in a sack by Alex Okafer, a Texas senior defensive end. Tech responded with a 15-yard gain by junior wide receiver Eric Ward, but the run was not enough to get the first down.

The following Texas drive marked the first time of the game the Longhorns did not score on their possession.

The Red Raiders were plagued with penalties the following possession, but the team was still able to score when Bustin connected on a 41-yard field goal.

The offense had opportunities in the red zone, Doege said, but could not finish.

"Every time we did get a penalty, we kept playing, and had opportunities to make up for some penalties that hurt us," Doege said. "We just didn't finish, and that was a big thing that we've been talking about all week is that we wanted to finish."

Tech's defense once again tightened. Texas was unable to convert on a fourth down, leading to a 42-yard field goal made by Anthony Fera, junior kicker, putting Texas safely ahead 24-13 going into halftime.

Tech's defense appeared refreshed in Texas' opening offensive drive of the half. Tackles made by D.J. Johnson, senior safety, and Will Smith, junior linebacker, contributed to the pressure put on the Longhorn offense. The Tech defense forced Texas to punt the ball for only the second time of the game.

There were a few minor adjustments going into the second half of the game, Smith said.

"Just simple things like that we should have done earlier that could have helped us prevent a couple more early scores," he said. The Red Raider offense also

looked refreshed coming out of the half. The Red Raiders proved efficient, moving down the field until the offense fell short and was unable to convert for a first down leading to another field goal made by Bustin for a 24-16 Texas lead.

The momentum from the offense spread to Tech's defense, allowing junior safety Terrance Bullitt to block Ash's pass, forcing Texas to punt.

The Red Raiders kept the momentum going, scoring a touchdown for the first time since the first quarter. Doege connected with senior running back Eric Stephens for an 11-yard touchdown pass, marking Stephens' first receiving touchdown of the season and the fourth of his career. Stephens now has 23 career touchdowns, leading all active Red Raiders.

The team attempted to tie the game with a two-point conversion but was broken up by the Longhorn defense, allowing Texas to maintain its 24-22 lead.

Doege completed 26 of his 44 passes with one touchdown pass and 329 passing yards.

Despite Tech's display of toughness on defense, the persistence of the Texas offense prevailed, resulting in a 25-yard touchdown pass from Davis, increasing the lead to 31-22 with nine minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Ash finished the game completing 11 of his 19 passes with three touchdown passes and 264 passing yards.

Tech tried to turn the following possession into a scoring drive, but could not convert for a score because of penalties and incomplete passes. Bustin's field goal attempt was blocked by Texas junior cornerback Car-



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS RUNNING BACK Johnathan Gray breaks Texas Tech linebacker Sam Eguavoen's tackle during Texas' 31-22 win against the Red Raiders at Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday.

rington Byndom - his second block of the season. The block sealed the victory

for Texas, improving its record

against Tech to 47-15 overall in

the series that began in 1928.

the team, Doege said, because it was the last chance to do something special at Jones AT&T Stadium.

The game is disappointing for hurt," he said. "We should know how it feels. But at the same time, we have three games remaining, and we can win all three of those and have a really good season." "It hurts, but we should let it **>>>mketterer@dailytoreador.com** 

Seniors **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1** 

"Seniors don't have an opportunity again to play against their in-state rival — that was it," Tuberville said. "Hopefully we can play better for them the next three games and get into a good bowl game. It's just hard to play so well at times and then play so poorly at times and have inopportune penalties. It absolutely took us out of it."

Tech's senior class will leave 0-4 against the Longhorns.

Doege said it hurts to know that the goals Tech set for itself going into the season have gone out the door with this loss.

"It (was) our last chance to really try to do something special here that nobody has done before and give us an opportunity to do that," Doege said. "It hurts, but we should let it hurt we should know how it feels.'

Tech converted four of their 14 third-down attempts the entire game — Tech's worst third down conversion percentage of the entire season. Although Tech successfully converted two fourth-down attempts, the Red Raiders failed to convert their long, establishing drives into touchdowns - largely because of penalties in the red zone.

Texas coach Mack Brown said stopping the run forced Tech into third-and-long situations, which favored well for the Longhorns.

"The game plan was to stop the run, stop the screen," Brown said. "I think their running game was 112 yards. We had 163 yards rushing, and it worked. I thought Manny (Diaz) and the guys did a great job. They've hung in there and gotten better on defense.'

The Red Raiders were forced to kick three field goals because of their inability to convert on third downs and in the red zone.

Texas defensive coordinator Manny Diaz said it is really hard to win football games in the Big 12 kicking field goals rather than scoring touchdowns.

"That's Big 12 defense," he said. "If you don't have the big plays, the worst thing that happens is the ball gets in the red zone, and that's where the battle and the fight and the will that (Alex Okafor) and (Kenny Vaccaro) lead us with comes through and finding a way to make plays when the yards get tough to make.' >>>mdupont@dailytoreador.com

## Schaub throws 2 TDs in Texans' 21-9 win over Bills

HOUSTON (AP) — Mario Williams got to see in person just how well the Houston Texans are playing without him.

Matt Schaub threw two touchdown passes, Arian Foster ran for 111 yards against Buffalo's NFL-worst rush defense and the Texans beat the Bills and their former No. 1 draft pick 21-9 on Sunday.

Andre Johnson caught eight passes for 118 yards and Foster scored in his fifth straight game. The Texans (7-1) clamped down on defense in the second half to put the game away.

Houston kept up the best start in franchise history heading into next Sunday's showdown with Chicago (7-1) at Soldier Field.

'We're happy to be 7-1 at the half-

way mark," Schaub said. "But we're not finished. We've got to go into a tough environment against a very good team next Sunday night."

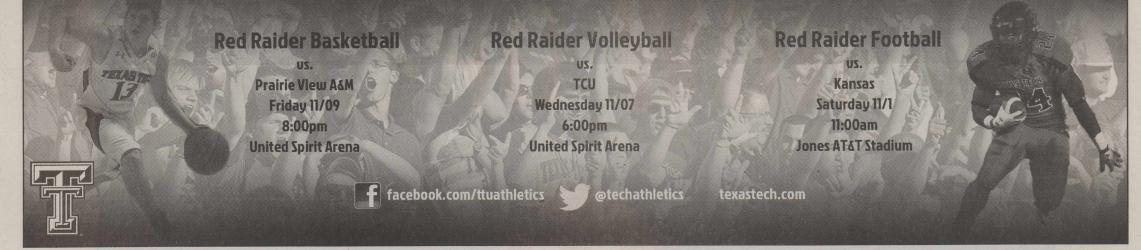
Williams had a sack and five tackles in his first game at Reliant Stadium since signing a six-year, \$100 million contract with the Bills (3-5) in the offseason. The Texans made the defensive end the top overall pick in the 2006 draft and he's still Houston's career sacks leader (53). But Williams became a free agent after last season, and the Texans opted against breaking the bank to keep him and let him go.

Williams said this week he was upset that Houston general manager Rick Smith never even made him an offer to stay. He was showered with boos every time he made a play on Sunday. After the game, though, he exchanged handshakes and hugs with several Texans and coach Gary Kubiak.

"It was great," Williams said. "I think the biggest thing for me is if you go out and make a play and you get booed, I know I'm in your heart. That's the most important thing. If it had been quiet, then I would have felt something different. But I know you're thinking about me."

Schaub won for the 10th time in 11 starts. He completed 19 of 27 passes for 268 yards. He threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Owen Daniels late in the first quarter, but Williams sacked him the second quarter and wagged his finger at his former team.

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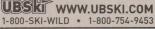
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