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## SGA impeaches 3 senators from positions

### Chief Justice of Supreme Court makes decisions to resign

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**  
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Members of the Student Government Association's Student Senate impeached and removed three senators for excessive absences during its meeting Thursday night.

Alex Alston, president of the Student Government Association, said the Senate's conduct is unacceptable.

"I'm not too sure how this happened or why this happened," he said, "but I do feel that this needs to be addressed. This Senate cannot fall apart.

"We're only as strong as the voices we create and my one voice will not get things accomplished on this campus. We do not need people bickering or complaining, or even threatening one another on this body. This is not leadership. This is in fact a sign of weakness."

The Senate needs to come together instead of coming apart, he said. This year is the first in many years the president has allowed the Senate to have an open window in what is going on, which Alston said was not the best decision.

"All this has done is divided the Senate and created elevated

individuals who do not want to step down from their reigns of power," he said.

Senators have been in office for four months and only produced 10 pieces of legislation, he said, which include six thank you letters, two internal matters within SGA and one piece to help the students.

"I'm not waiting any longer," Alston said. "I hoped and prayed that our Senators would realize what their roles were and whom they served at this university. That has not happened yet."

Sen. Tyler Konarik said he believes the Senate needs to do a better

job representing the student body of Texas Tech, something members have been lax in doing.

He said he noticed during the last Senate meeting that more than half of the senators did not present any reports coming back from their constituents.

"You can't tell me that out of 32,000 students that you're representing at this university that no one has any concerns, needs, anything of that sort," he said. "Why aren't you doing your jobs? I just want to know what are you doing when you come to Senate meetings or what you're doing in the two-week periods if you're not talking to your students."

"It seems to me that no one is

even holding you accountable for not doing your jobs starting with the (Rules and Administration) Committee."

Konarik said more than 25 senators were up for impeachment at the last meeting, and after a hearing on Monday, that number changed to three.

"The R&A Committee is just changing the rules to excuse senators for their infractions," he said. "I want a student government that is actually going to represent me and my peers and, more importantly, wants to represent me. Sometimes it seems you don't want to be here."

"This is your responsibility and why the students on this campus

elect you. If you don't want to do this job or you want to do minimal effort, then get out."

Stuart Williams also discussed why he chose to resign Thursday morning as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He said his resignation is because of a personal need to speak out on the various issues concerning the Tech campus, comments that would be otherwise biased in his position.

"I am proud of the work I have achieved," he said. "My colleagues are dedicated people and they will stay the course on the court and keep the constitution in its preeminence."

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MATT SIPES, A senior communication studies major from Fort Worth shakes hands with J. Warren Doyle, the president of Doyle Land Services, Inc., after discussing internship opportunities during the College of Media and Communication career fair Thursday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

## College of Media, Communication host career fair

By **EFRAIN DUARTE**  
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The College of Media and Communication hosted a career fair from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Aleesa Ross, director of the career center, said 28 businesses representing local and state businesses were on hand to speak to students.

Businesses such as Houston Astros Baseball Club, Target, Southwest Airlines and Ramar Communications had representatives on site to speak with students about their companies and what they offer.

Ross said Thursday's career fair gave students the opportunity to network with the professionals.

"For me, it is a great opportunity for (the students) to present themselves as professionals," Ross said.

The Texas Tech Office of Communications and Marketing director of communications Chris Cook said the office hires about eight students and looks for interns every season.

"It is an opportunity for (the

students) to learn," he said.

A new business to the career fair this year, National Oil and Lube News, based in Lubbock, has publications with an automotive focus.

Tammy Neal, representing National Oil and Lube News, said the business looks for someone who is trustworthy and knowledgeable.

Another business based out of Lubbock is Griffin Wink, an advertising agency.

Laura Bixler, account executive of Griffin Wink, said the agency is the only digital agency in Lubbock.

"We are a smaller agency, so there is a lot of room for interns to work in all different aspects of the agency world," she said.

While many companies were offering mostly internships, Insight Global was looking for a full-time staff.

Callie Golden, corporate recruiter for Insight Global, said the company provides staffing services to large corporations.

"We work with companies to find them candidates," she said.

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## Serious Discussion



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

DURING A LUBBOCK City Council meeting Thursday, council members discussed the dangers of texting while driving and agree something should be done about the problem.

### Lubbock City Council discusses problems with texting while driving

By **KATIE MCKEE**  
STAFF WRITER

One of the items the Lubbock City Council discussed at its meeting Thursday was the use of cellphones while driving within the city limits.

Councilman Jim Gerlt of District 4 put the item, 7.2, on the agenda because he said he has been affected by drivers who are engaged in texting or talking on cellphones while they also were driving.

Gerlt said 31 states have already adopted statewide bans on cellphone usage.

In 2009, House Bill 55 prohibited the use of cellphones in school-crossing zones. Lubbock has already adopted this law, but the City Council discussed two ordinances, which would prohibit texting while driving and talking on a handheld phone while driving.

Although all the Council members agree something needs to be done about cellphone use while driving in Lubbock city limits, they differed on the solution.

Councilman Victor Hernandez said he supports the ban, although he said he admits he does use his cellphone while driving.

This practice, he said, is a bad and dangerous habit.

However, Hernandez said when he enters a school zone, he does not use his phone for fear of receiving a fine.

While Councilman Todd R. Klein of District 3 said he agreed with Hernandez about the dangers of the practice, he said he questioned the enforceability of an ordinance banning cellphone use.

His concern, he said, was with prevention and awareness along with targeting all "dan-

gerous and reckless driving."

Mayor Pro Tem, Karen Gibson of District 5 said the problem of cellphone use, primarily texting and driving, is more prevalent with young people.

Gibson said she spoke with young people and learned from them that a law-banning cellphone use while driving would not stop them from doing so.

"I'm concerned that if we do anything with this we would just be putting something else on the books that may not be able to work," she said.

Mayor Glen C. Robertson said a ban on texting while driving rather than all cellphone use would be more enforceable.

"It bothers me, and I don't like ordinances or laws that can't be enforced," he said. "I will have no problem going to a texting ban in the City of Lubbock."

Councilman Floyd Price of

District 2 said he worked in law enforcement for 46 years, and said cellphone use while driving is a hazard to not only the driver, but also other drivers.

Although he said he does not agree with legislation of moral issues, which he said this is, he does believe the ban of all cellphone use while driving is a necessity.

This, he said, is because people are harming others and when that happens, it becomes an issue for the government to resolve.

The City Council is not planning to take any action in the near future on the subject, but Price said public awareness should be the next step.

Before making any decisions though, he said, the Council needs to receive more input from the public.

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# Community Calendar

## Today

**Texas Tech Alumni Association 45th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards**  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out for the reception, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. A video will be featured highlighting the lives of those honored at the award ceremony.

**Free Lecture: Rocky Bleier, Former Pittsburgh Steeler Football Player Wounded in Action in Vietnam**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Lanier Auditorium  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and listen to the final speaker of The Vietnam Center and Archive 2012 Guest Lecture Series, Rocky Bleier.

**Grammy Award winning folk rock singer-songwriter Marc Cohn**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Allen Theatre  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy a performance from 1991 Grammy Award winner for Best New Vocalist.

**Raas/Bhangra Night**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and celebrate the depiction of common traditional dances in the South Asian culture.

**Texas Tech Men's Basketball vs. Prairie View A&M**  
**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Where:** United Spirit Arena  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and support the men's basketball team as they play against Prairie View A&M.

**Aaron Watson**  
**Time:** 10 p.m.  
**Where:** Wild West  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy some music from country artist Aaron Watson.

## Saturday

**Red Raider Football vs. Kansas**  
**Time:** 11 a.m.  
**Where:** Jones AT&T Stadium  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and support the Red Raiders as they compete against Kansas.

**Everyday Objects d'Art**  
**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Museum of Texas Tech  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out to this free event and create works of art from ordinary household objects.

**Hoop Shoot**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** Heritage Middle School  
**So, what is it?**  
 Children between 7 and 13 years old and participate in a "Hoop Shoot" for the school's drug awareness program.

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

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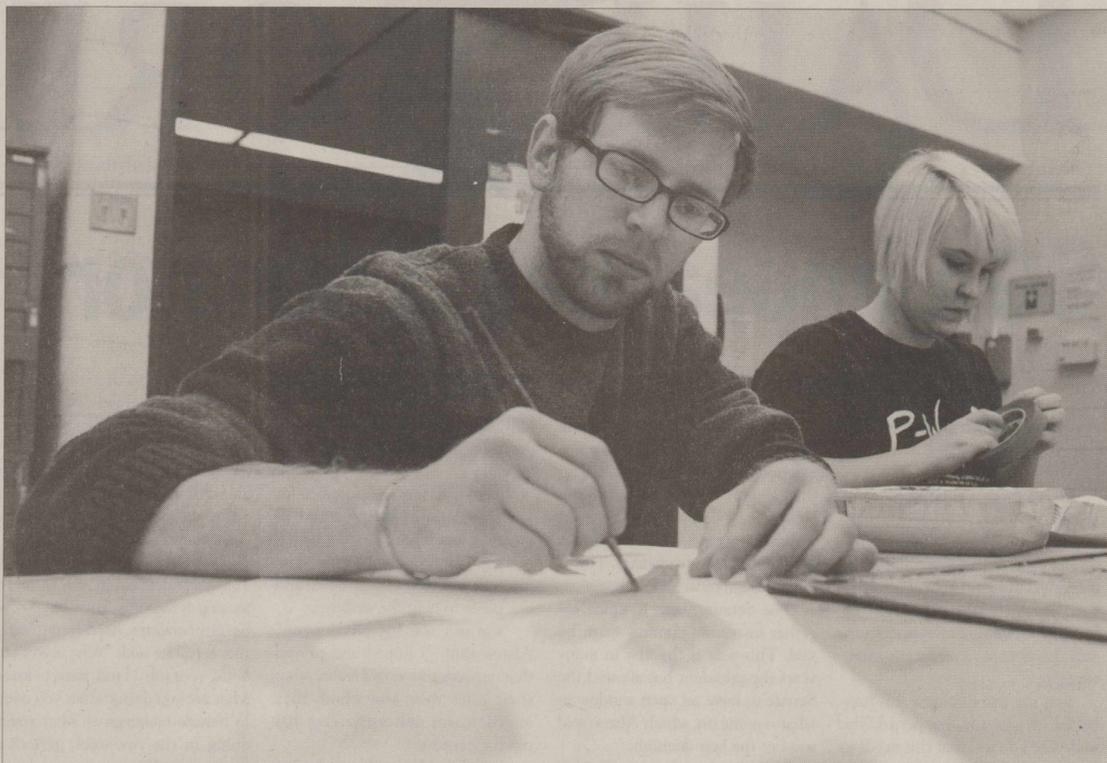


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CHRIS BERGER, A junior horticulture and turfgrass sciences major from Odessa, and Libby Hicks, a junior photography and painting major from Floydada, work on a water color project during an Intro to Painting class on Thursday in the Art building.

## Meeting

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The ban of cellphone use, he said, is comparable to the requirement to wear seat belts

while in a motor vehicle. The similarity, he said, is that when the law was enacted, it was for the safety of the public, and some of the public did not support the law.

However, he said, once peo-

ple began receiving fines for not wearing seat belts, they soon complied.

He said he expects this to be the case if a cellphone ban of any kind is enacted in Lubbock city limits.

Price said younger generations need to understand the consequences of using cellphones while driving and think twice before they pick up the phone.

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## Fair

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One company, Weber Shandwick, which has 80 offices worldwide and is headquartered in New York City, was at the career fair.

Tim Loecker, senior vice president of Weber Shandwick Dallas, is a Tech alumnus.

Loecker said the Dallas office works for companies such as American Airlines, RadioShack, Motorola and Verizon.

Design, psychology, dietitian, as well as traditional media and communication degrees are interviewed, Loecker said

"We are really looking for diverse backgrounds," he said.

KTTZ-TV/FM marketing director Brandi Blake said the company is looking for marketing, social media and production interns.

"We are looking for eager, young creative people who want to work and help us promote PBS and NPR," Blake said.

One nonprofit Lubbock company, The Bridge of Lubbock, works with at-risk youth in East Lubbock.

Ashley Osborne, director of operations for The Bridge of Lubbock, said they are looking for someone who is a self-starter and has great initiative.

Rachel Flores, representing Volunteer Center of Lubbock, another nonprofit company, said she believes skills can be taught.

Robert Snyder, news and program director representing Town-

square Media, said the company tries to get the interns immersed with Townsquare Media.

Townsquare Media deals with local radio stations, such as KISS-FM, KOOL 98, 99.5-FM.

At the career fair, students were provided a map of the different companies present and the location of the companies in the pavilion. On the back of the map, students could see which companies tailored specifically to their major.

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## SGA

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Williams said his resignation will be finalized once a replacement Chief Justice is chosen. The decision coincides with his appointment as chairman of the Students First Coalition, an organization which aims to use SGA as a tool to involve each student in the operation and guidance of the university.

"I have joined the Students First Coalition because we—the students, the people, the tuition payers, the unheard—need a

new voice on the scene," he said, "a voice that is dedicated to the people and those that have been neglected, left out, ignored, forgotten or shunted aside."

Stuart said the coalition is dedicated to putting student issues at the front of discussions at Tech, including tuition. He said increases in tuition for the 2011-2012 school year amounted to students paying roughly \$1,978 more than five years ago.

"The Senate has been deaf on tuition ever since," he said, "a silent spectator to suffering students. This new coalition speaks to that silence and a whole host of other problems this body is either ignorant of or

refuses to address itself to."

The Student Government Association impeached three senators for excessive absences. Senators are allowed four absences total. Sen. Amy Akabue was recorded as having six total absences, Sen. Gatewood Brown had five total absences and Sen. Ivan Frederick had nine total absences. The Student Senate voted unanimously to remove these senators from SGA.

The next Student Senate meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday in Room 353 of the College of Media and Communication building.

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# NYC, Long Island to ration gas to ease fuel crunch after Sandy

NEW YORK (AP) — With long gas lines persisting more than a week after Superstorm Sandy, New York imposed a gasoline rationing plan Thursday that lets motorists fill up every other day.

Police will be at gas stations Friday morning to enforce the new system in New York City and on Long Island. Gas will be available to drivers with license-plate numbers ending in an odd number or a letter on Friday. On Saturday, drivers with license plates that end in even numbers or zero can fuel up.

"It'll be bad. How am I going to get my jobs done?" said Parris Hancock, a driver for a Manhattan catering company who makes deliveries from morning to night. "I'll have to get up at 4 a.m. and just keep going back for gas and waiting in long lines."

Officials said something had to be done to ease the long waits for fuel, which they say has caused panic-buying and hoarding.

"This is designed to let everybody have a fair chance, so the lines aren't too oppressive and that we can get through this," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Bloomberg said the system worked well in New Jersey, where lines went from a two-hour wait to 45 minutes after Gov. Chris Christie announced a similar rationing plan.

"We have to do something," Bloomberg said. "This is practical and enforceable and a lot better than doing nothing."

Bloomberg said only a quarter of the city's gas stations were open. Some were closed because they were out of power, others because they can't get fuel from terminals and storage tanks that can't unload their cargoes. One station owner in Queens' Bayside section said the last time he had gas was three days ago.

"Whatever they can do to improve the situation, I'm in favor of," said yellow-cab driver Cleo Walsh, as he drove into a BP station on West 36th Street only to discover that it had no gas.

The rationing plan takes effect at 5 a.m. Friday on Long Island, where hundreds of thousands of customers remain without power; and at 6 a.m. in New York City.

Buses, taxis and limousines, commercial vehicles and emergency vehicles are exempt from the plan, as are people carrying portable gas cans. Vanity plates that don't have numbers are considered odd-numbered plates. Out-of-state drivers are also subject to the system.

The mayor said the shortages could last another couple of weeks, worrying owners like Ash Gaied.

"It's more pressure on us," Gaied said. "They yell. They

curse. You wouldn't believe it."

Gaied said one gas delivery lasts the station about seven hours, then he has to wait up to a full day for another one. He was answering a steady stream of phone calls at dusk Thursday from people running on empty.

"Yes, sir, we have gas," he told one caller. "No, I don't know how long the wait is."

Officials said the rationing would be across the region, including Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island, to avoid a rush across municipal lines for gas.

"It's important that we stay coordinated because we don't want one county's plan impacting on another county," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. "I'm not going to allow any one of them to do something that compromises a neighborhood because we're all neighbors."

New power outages on Long Island caused by this week's nor'easter again left stations with gasoline in their tanks unable to activate pumps. Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone said the rationing "will ease the challenges residents of the bi-county region are experiencing" after the storm.

Cuomo said he understands the panic, seen in lines blocks long for gas across New York City.

"The system is coming together slowly," he said.



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## Students start up My Little Pony organization

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**  
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To the Lubbock Brony Society, the friendship they share with each other means big adventure, tons of fun, a beautiful heart, faith, strength, and sharing kindness — an easy fee.

This up and coming student organization, consisting of mainly males, caters specifically to fans of the new "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic" TV show franchise.

"Bronies are older, avid fans of the new My Little Pony franchise who are mainly males," said Trey Love, a junior music education major from San Antonio. "Basically, the club is meant to be a meet up/meeting haven for bronies across campus."

Many students on campus might wonder what exactly a brony is.

"Bronies are social creatures," Love said. "We like to clump together and meet with others of our kind. We decided it would be great to have a club on campus where we could all meet up and discuss similar interests and stuff like that."

Love, who was recently asked to be president of the society, said there are about 20 male members so far and about three or four females. There also are chapters existing at University of Texas and University of North Texas.

"Generally, the clubs are made up of mainly men," he said. "There's really no good way to explain it."

Desmond Carter, a junior social work major from El Paso, said the term brony is actually a mix between "bro" and "pony." He said bronies exist

worldwide and said the fandom was born on an Internet website that trafficked mainly males. He said it started in 2010 when Hasbro Studios launched the new show to promote the sale of its pony figurines.

"It mainly started as an inside joke and a source of getting on peoples nerves," he said, "but it seems to have evolved with the value and moral code that the show instills about friendship and loyalty. It has ended up being an interest for older adults, both male and female."

Carter said to society, bronies can be perceived as off the wall, degenerate and even insane.

"It's honestly hard to take in that it's a bunch of males playing around with little figurines, but the main point is that it's a big community of friends, basically across the world, that share a common interest in the show," he said. "The show is greatly animated, and it should be noted that you are going to have all these people who dislike bronies basically raised on certain gender roles."

Although many in society negatively judge bronies, Carter said it is one-sided. "Bronies do not intend to hark [sic] on anyone if you don't watch the show," he said. "We try to keep it simple and try to be who we want in ourselves, and then in return, treat other people how we want to be treated."

Love also said many people do not understand the bronies' programming choices, but said club members understand this and prepare themselves for these viewpoints.

"Our motto is love and tolerate," he said, "so we're trying to stick to that."

Love said once people overlook biases about the show and accept it for its content and character-worth, they will find it enjoyable. He said once viewers make it past the introduction, they will be fine.

"I made a bet with someone once, and he absolutely hated the show," he said. "I told him that if he could man-up and watch one episode he would actually like it, and sure enough he did. So he sure doesn't make fun of the show anymore."

Carter said Hasbro selected animator Lauren Faust as the creative director and executive producer for the show to give it a boost and fresh start. He said the work she has created is what attracts older audiences.

"The way she created it reflected upon some of the older cartoons we grew up with, such as "Powderpuff Girls" and "Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends," which provides humor for a broader wide-span, including adults and children alike," he said. "She gave the characters a total redesign to make them more appealing to the eye, and more appealing in general. The show is meant to be tolerable and watched by not only little girls, but their parents and caretakers who have to watch the show as well."

Love said he is fascinated with the show because he likes to connect with his inner child.

"Honestly, you never grow up — you just learn how to behave in public," he said. "It's good to go back to your childhood every once in a while. It's the same reason the Pixar films are so popular with all audiences. They make you feel like you're a kid again, and everyone wants



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FROM THE LEFT, Desmond Carter, a junior social work major from El Paso, Tim Baker, a junior general studies major from Copperas Cove, and Trey Love, a junior music education major from San Antonio, are members of the Lubbock Bronies Society, a fan club of the television show "My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic," popularized by an internet trend. The group meets regularly to watch past episodes.

that feeling. My Little Pony does a good job of giving me that feeling."

Tim Baker, a junior general studies major from Copperas Cove, is one active brony who is a dedicated fan to the franchise. He has 14 My Little Pony figurines and eight My Little Pony T-shirts, plus more than \$150 worth of merchandise from [www.welovefine.com](http://www.welovefine.com) in which he received a free pony keychain in return.

"I really love the show because it has great animation, great character development and great voice acting,"

he said. "It has a great message, and everyone should watch it."

Season three of the show will premier Saturday, and Love and Carter both are disappointed they will be performing in the Goin' Band from Raiderland during the show time.

"It's one of those things that once you get into it, you really get into it," Love said. "It's a good show, and it's wholesome. It's not all about sex, drugs and money, and it's good to have a break from that every once in a while."

Love said meetings will probably occur during Saturdays concluding the Texas Tech football season, in which members will watch the My Little Pony episodes, play board games and cards, and have fun in general.

"The meet-ups are on a smaller scale than some of the national meet-ups," he said. "Theirs can get crazy. It's just sort of a good group of friends where everyone has something in common. It's a good way to meet new people."

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### Breastfeeding baby doll: creepy or groundbreaking?

NEW YORK (AP) — We've got dolls that wet, crawl and talk. We've got dolls with perfect hour-glass figures. We've got dolls with swagger. And we've got plenty that come with itty bitty baby bottles.

But it's a breastfeeding doll whose suckling sounds are prompted by sensors sewn into a halter top at the nipples of little girls that caught some flak after hitting the U.S. market.

"I just want the kids to be kids,"

Bill O'Reilly said on his Fox News show when he learned of the Breast Milk Baby. "And this kind of stuff. We don't need this."

What, exactly, people don't need is unclear to Dennis Lewis, the U.S. representative for Berjuan Toys, a family-owned, 40-year-old doll maker in Spain that can't get the dolls onto mainstream shelves more than a year after introducing the line in this country — and blowing O'Reilly

and others' minds.

"We've had a lot of support from lots of breastfeeding organizations, lots of mothers, lots of educators," said Lewis, in Orlando, Fla. "There also has been a lot of blowback from people who maybe haven't thought to think about really why the doll is there and what its purpose is. Usually they are people that either have problems with breastfeeding in general, or they see it as something sexual."

### Aging drivers present new transportation challenge

Publishable Editors Notes:

The latest installment in the joint AP-APME project examining the aging of the baby boomers and the impact that this so-called silver tsunami will have on society

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baby boomers started driving at a young age and became more mobile than any generation before or since. They practically

invented the two-car family and escalated traffic congestion when women began commuting to work. Now, 8,000 of them are turning 65 every day, and those retirements could once again reshape the nation's transportation.

How long those 74 million people born between 1946 and 1964 continue to work, whether they choose to live in their suburban houses after their children leave home or whether they flock

to city neighborhoods where they are less likely to need a car will have important ramifications for all Americans.

If boomers stop commuting in large numbers, will rush hours ease? As age erodes their driving skills, will there be a greater demand for more public transportation, new business models that cater to the home-bound or automated cars that drive themselves?



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## Obama deserving of another four years

To compare one president to another is absurd. The issues a president faces during his term in office are usually very different than those the other presidents face. Changes in the economy, wars being fought and natural disasters can negatively affect how people estimate the success of a presidency. Though the challenges may look considerably similar, they are climactically different.

When President Barack Obama was elected in 2008, Republicans gave him the label of the new Jimmy Carter. This was, of course, intended to be an insult to Obama. Carter's presidency would best be summarized as a disaster, failing to please Americans in almost every category possible.

Carter's foreign policy was weak, seemingly acting more like a Quaker than a president. Consequently, he managed to preside over one of the worst oil shortages in the nation's history. He mishandled the Iran Hostage Crisis, and his economic policy was a failure, too. He also was the father of stagflation, a combination of inflation and a lack of economic growth.

The result of the 1980 election was not kind to Carter. He lost badly to Ronald Reagan, only winning 49 electoral votes to Reagan's 489. Reagan was popular enough to win a second term and spearhead the failure that would be George H. W. Bush.

Tuesday night was a beautiful night for Obama. He won his reelection in a landslide. He won the popular vote by a few million votes, even with many people not being able to vote because of I.D. laws.

He didn't win as many electoral votes as in 2008, as he lost Indiana and North Carolina, two states he miraculously won last time. The rout showed the country is not ready to dispose of his policies completely.

Obama didn't lose one swing state. Welcome back Carter? Not even close.

Obama inherited a recession, and now the economy is coming back. His stout wins in Michigan and Ohio showed that workers there appreciate his handling of the auto industry. People there like the jobs he helped create.

Government has proven helpful in solving problems with the country. Liberalism of a sort is taking over in the U.S. again. Now, as the reinforcement via re-election shows, the people support it.

Remember those Tea Party fanatics who rallied by April of Obama's inaugural year? Remember when they were going to take America back? Their message failed to resonate with the coun-

### Jordan Sigler



try at large. Obamacare isn't as frightening to people anymore as it was when spun in ignorance. It's certainly not frightening enough to go running back to the policies of the party of George W. Bush.

After four years of listening to Sean Hannity proclaiming on his radio show that his job was to get Obama out of office, we saw him fail. We saw him fail along with Fox News, all the way from harsh criticism of the inaugural address to Karl Rove frantically holding on to Cuyahoga County in Ohio.

On Tuesday, pundits on Fox looked like the Grinch who stole Christmas, standing on the hill, looking down, asking how Christmas came without ribbons, boxes, and bags.

Obama's foreign policy is much stronger than Carter's

was. Obama ended the war in Iraq as he promised. Osama Bin Laden is dead by his command to Seal Team Six. The U.S. has not been attacked at home under his presidency.

He's had his shortcomings too. Working with

a divided Congress and Senate isn't an easy task. Obama hasn't fixed that divide. He's made too many concessions on his promises, such as closing the Guantanamo Bay prison. He wasn't able to convince the Republican-controlled House of Representatives to leave warrantless wiretapping out of the Patriot Act.

In his second term, he needs to be bolder. He can afford to now, as he never has to run another campaign again. He needs to take a stand on the promises he made in his first presidential campaign, the promises that brought excitement and unfettered support. He needs to fight to bring back jobs, especially in Indiana and North Carolina. If he doesn't, Obama runs the danger of leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of Americans with regards to the Democratic Party when his term ends in 2017.

Obama knew in this 2012 campaign, he would have much to prove to the American voter. He asked for patience and for the voters to give him another term. He has his shot in the next four years to do that because he earned re-election. Obama has proved he's no Carter.

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## We're not old enough to grow up yet

Checking my Facebook and seeing an invite to a 90s-themed party was the most terrifying part of my Monday. How can we already be making fun of something that happened 10 years ago? Oh, because it was actually 22 years ago? Remind me to adjust my brain to this decade. \*Sigh\*

Also, wasn't it just yesterday I was idolizing 20-something, 80s-born guys getting their major league start? I always loved flipping through a baseball program and finding the youngest player — usually born in 1984 or so — and comparing our hobbies, favorites and ages. Now young players — like the Washington Nationals' Bryce Harper and the Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar — were born in 1992 or 1993 and are younger than me. It's just not the same as it was when I was a child.

And now, recently, I'm faced with the news of the daughter of "Boy Meets World" characters Cory and Topanga getting her own TV show. Hallelujah for

### Paige Skinner



a Savage brother being on TV again, but I don't know if I'm ready for all that. And speaking of "All That" — that awesome Nickelodeon sketch comedy show for kids — can we revive that? But why did Amanda Bynes have to grow up so quickly? Drinking and driving literally ruins everything.

And in my mind, Nick at Nite should feature Susan Olsen as Cindy in "The Brady Bunch," not Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen as "You got it, dude" Michelle Tanner in "Full House." I prefer my old shows to be the ones with the grumpy conservative husbands ever-seated in their La-Z-Boys ("All in the Family"), not six friends drinking coffee at Central Perk ("Friends").

And if getting my 90s fix by catching up on Nick at Nite shows

didn't fill my time enough, I began to stress out even thinking about how my idea of funny "Saturday Night Live" episodes are limited. Everyone complains that SNL just

isn't what it used to be, but in reality SNL is only funny when you're a college student living off beer, pizza, late nights and laughs. This realization means I have approximately one year to skip the bars on Saturday night and laugh at Kristen Wiig and Andy Samberg. Wait, what? Oh my gosh, Kenan Thompson, please don't leave me.

The thought of growing up, seeing my childhood shows on Nick at Nite and listening to 'N Sync and Backstreet Boys on oldies radio tears up my heart, and I

do not want it that way. I know this means I'm only becoming more like my parents and grandparents, but I just can't wait until the day I can look back and tell my children that Taylor Swift is a true musician and whatever they are listening to is trash, and they will never know real music.

I know with every birthday, I am getting one year old, but nothing drills growing up into my mind like hearing someone younger not know who Paula Abdul is — the best American Idol judge ever. Straight up. Point blank. Growing up sucks.

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*“Why did Amanda Bynes have to grow up so quickly? Drinking and driving literally ruins everything.”*

### THE TROTS

BY ANDREA FARKAS



## After re-election, Obama has tough task at hand

By THE NEW HAMPSHIRE EDITORIAL BOARD  
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When Barack Obama entered office in January of 2009, he inherited a country on the brink of economic collapse. There was little he or anyone else could do at that point to stop the U.S. economy from sliding into the worst economic disaster since the Great Depression.

Three and a half years later, and the economy is recovering. There have been 32 straight months of private job sector growth. The unemployment rate continues to hover just below 8 percent, as more people are looking for work again after giving up during the worst months of the recession.

Obama asked for four more years to complete the economic recovery. On Tuesday, America gave him just that.

Obama defeated opponent Mitt Romney in an election that most thought would be a lot closer. The president hauled in 332 electoral votes, compared to Romney's 206. It was the youth vote that propelled Obama to the White House, as 19 percent of the electorate was 18 to 29-year-olds in this election, even

more than in 2008.

Throughout the campaign season, Romney attempted to paint Obama's four years in office as a failure, as he contended that the president's policies had restricted economic growth. In reality, the economy has grown under Obama and the jobs numbers over the past few months have been particularly encouraging.

But Obama's four years in office have been marked by disappointment, as well. The president must improve in many areas in his second term.

Where Obama has failed most is in trimming the deficit, as he has only added to America's debt since entering office. The United States is now \$16 trillion in the red. Obama has said that he will cut the debt by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years through a series of spending cuts and tax increases for the wealthy. He cannot afford to come up

short on that pledge.

Obama's foreign policy has been solid, for the most part. He has used diplomacy rather than force in many Middle Eastern countries, and that has succeeded in building goodwill toward America in some Arab regions. Islamic extremists still present a threat

toward American sovereignty, however, as evidenced by the attack on Benghazi on Sept. 11. And Obama's use of unmanned drones to kill suspected terrorists — and, in some cases, innocent bystanders — presents ethical questions that the president has not yet ad-

ressed. The most important question is how far does the president's power go in deciding whether someone lives or dies? While his use of diplomacy and support of Arab Spring revolutions have gained America's allies in some regions, Obama's widespread use of drones has only fostered hate for America in other parts of the Middle

East. He has to amend his policy on unmanned drones and be more transparent about it in the process.

Where Obama has excelled is connecting with the American people on important social issues. Whether it is his support of gay marriage, his repealing of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" or his stance as pro-choice, Obama has proven time and time again that he understands that all Americans deserve equal rights.

Obama has also done an excellent job of supporting higher education throughout his presidency. As states across the country slashed their funding to public universities, Obama helped keep college affordable by increasing funding for Pell Grants and keeping student loan interest rates low. Countless students have been able to afford a college education thanks to these reforms.

It was not anywhere close to a disastrous first term, as many opponents of Obama have said. But there are improvements that need to be made. He must work across party lines in building a budget, trimming the deficit and maintaining America's private sector growth. If he can do that while continuing to advocate for important social issues and support higher education, Obama's second term will be an exceptional one.

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# Calif. city plans to provide transgender surgeries

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco is preparing to become the first U.S. city to provide and cover the cost of sex reassignment surgeries for uninsured transgender residents.

The city's Health Commission voted Tuesday to create a comprehensive program for treating transgender people experiencing mental distress because of the mismatch between their bodies and their gender identities.

San Francisco already provides transgender residents with hormones, counseling and routine health services, but has stopped short of offering surgical interventions, Public Health Director Barbara Garcia said Thursday after the vote was announced.

The idea for a new program that included surgeries came out of conversations between public health officials and transgender rights advocates who wanted mastectomies, genital reconstructions and other surgeries that are recommended for some transgender people covered under San Francisco's 5-year-old universal health care plan.

At the urging of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco-based Transgender Law Center, the commission agreed this week to drop sex reassignment surgery from the list of procedures specifically excluded from the Healthy San Francisco plan.

But Garcia described the move as "a symbolic process" for now because the city currently does not have the expertise, capacity or protocols in place to provide the surgeries through its clinics and public hospital.

"The community felt the exclusion on Healthy San Francisco was discriminatory and

wanted to change that as the first step," she said.

Instead of expanding the existing plan, the Health Commission approved the establishment of a separate program that covers all aspects of transgender health, including gender transition. Garcia hopes to have it running by late next year, but said her department first needs to study how many people it would serve, how much it would cost, who would perform the

"We can probably manage this over the next three years without much of a budget increase because we already have these (other) services covered."

San Francisco in 2001 became the first city in the country to cover sex reassignment surgeries for government employees. Last year, Portland, Ore. did the same.

The number of major U.S. companies covering the cost of gender reassignment surgery for transgender workers also doubled last year, reflecting a decades-long push by transgender activists to get insurance companies to treat such surgeries as medically necessary instead of elective procedures.

Kathryn Steuerman, a member of a transgender health advocacy group in San Francisco, said the city's latest move would help residents avoid going into debt to finance operations related to gender transition, as she did.

"I am filled with hope and gratitude that we are achieving this level of support for the well-being of the transgender community," Steuerman said.

*"The community felt the exclusion on Healthy San Francisco was discriminatory and we wanted to change that as the first step."*

**BARBARA GARCIA**  
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

surgeries and where they would be performed.

"Sex reassignment surgery is not the end all. It's one service that some transgender people want and some don't," she said.

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# LA County voters mandate condom use on porn sets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles County voters have approved a measure requiring porn performers to wear condoms while filming sex scenes, prompting a pledge by the adult entertainment industry to sue to overturn the measure.

With 100 percent of the county's precincts reporting, Measure B passed 56 percent to 44 percent in Tuesday's election.

The measure requires adult film producers to apply for a permit from the county Department of Public Health to shoot sex scenes. Permit fees will finance periodic inspections of film sets to enforce compliance.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation, which sponsored the initiative, says the measure will help safeguard the public, as well as porn workers, from sexually transmitted infections.

But the adult film industry, which is largely centered in the San Fernando Valley in suburban Los Angeles, says the requirement is unnecessary since the industry already polices itself by requiring performers to undergo monthly tests for HIV and other infections.

The industry also says porn viewers will not watch sex scenes with condoms, forcing adult film producers to relocate to where they can make movies that will sell.

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## Red Raiders look for victory against Kansas on senior day

By MICHAEL DUPONT II  
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For a select group of Texas Tech football players, this will be their last week playing Kansas.

Kansas (1-8, 0-6) will search for a Big 12 Conference win — something that has eluded the Jayhawks in their last six outings.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege said he hopes the Red Raiders are able to make the best of the remaining games on their schedule and set themselves up for a great bowl game opportunity.

"Seems like just yesterday was my first start against Kansas," Doege said. "It's been a lot of fun. I've loved the opportunity of playing here, and I'm glad that — I'm kind of glad that the game (is) kind of set right here. I think it's a good time for the seniors to battle back and end the season with a winning home record and going out strong."

This will be Tech's first 11 a.m. kick off of the season. Tech has had 2:30 p.m. starts for five consecutive weeks.

Doege said as long as the players prepare themselves and adjust their sleep schedules throughout the week, the early start time should not be a major problem for the Red Raiders.

"I think it's huge on us as

players, like during the week, to get some sleep this week and I think come Saturday it won't be that big of a deal," he said. "I think anytime you wake up early, you've got to move around and wake up. But we do that anyways regardless of what

*We wish we would have finished a little better, but I think we're in a really good position.*

**SETH DOEGE**  
QUARTERBACK  
SENIOR

(time) we play. We wake up and go have breakfast and then go do a walk-through, which is more of a jog-through. I think we'll keep the same routine. We need to get the guys focused early."

This will be Tech's first morning game of the season.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said finding a way to create energy will be tough with such an early kickoff.

"This will be a different game this week, also, this week play-

ing at 11 a.m. That's a tough game to play," Tuberville said. "The fans are usually not as quite into it as they were the game last week, so we've got to do a lot of motivational things from the standpoint of coaches and players and seniors."

After losing to Texas, Tech ended its span of five consecutive weeks playing against nationally ranked opponents. The Red Raiders won two of the five games with losses coming against Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas.

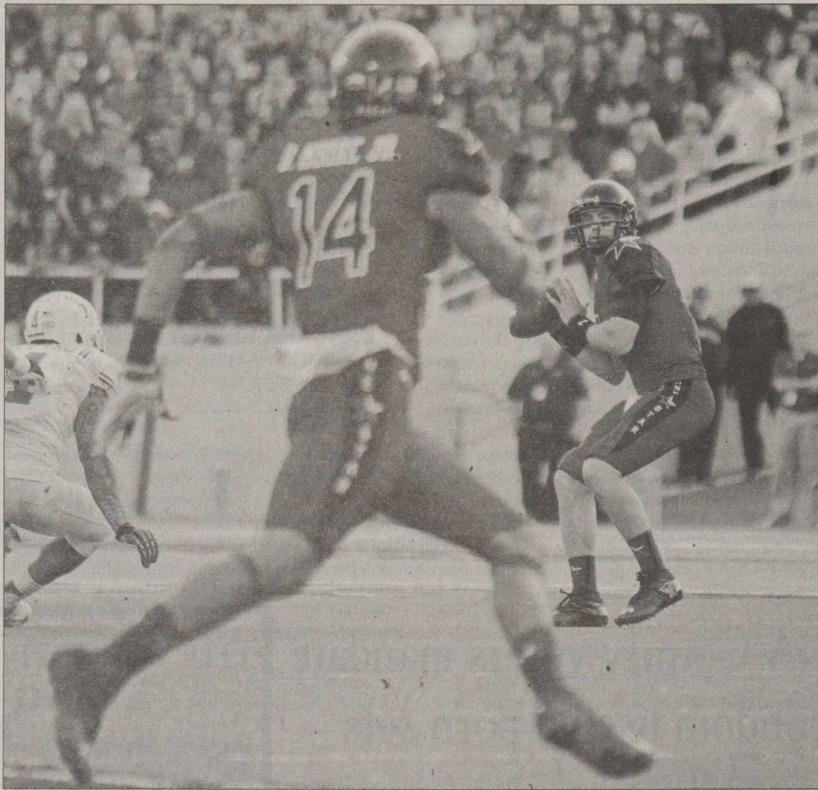
Doege said although the Red Raiders did not win as many games as they originally hoped, he thinks Tech has proved better than many anticipated.

"Obviously it's not what we expected or what we accept for this team. But overall, I think if you look back on it, we did a good job," Doege said. "We wish we would have finished a little better, but I think we're in a really good position."

The Red Raiders have improved their record from 2011 and Tech is currently tied with TCU for 5th place in the Big 12 with three conference games remaining.

Senior safety D.J. Johnson said he thinks the Red Raiders still have much to prove.

"We have three games left, and we have to make the best of them," Johnson said. "We can't have the same season



TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege looks to throw the ball at wide receiver Darrin Moore during the Red Raiders' 31-22 loss against Texas on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

that we had last year. We have a lot better squad, a lot better understanding, more leadership and everything — we're just an

all-around better team."

The Red Raiders will try to add another victory to their Big 12 Conference record when

they face the Jayhawks at 11 a.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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## Miller takes big jump in second season in Denver

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Von Miller was such an athletic freak coming out of Texas A&M that his mentor, former Aggies coach Mike Sherman, joked he probably could have crumpled quarterbacks with one hand tied behind his back.

That's sort of what the Denver Broncos stronside linebacker had to do after tearing ligaments in his right thumb last November. He played the stretch run and the playoffs with a cast that prevented him from grabbing and shedding offensive linemen.

Although he faded toward the finish and was even benched in some

situations, the second overall pick in last year's draft went on to win NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors in a landslide and made the Pro Bowl, a validation of John Elway's first big move as the Broncos' boss.

It's only gotten better in Year 2. "I have no doubt that I'll be a totally different player next year," Miller declared after running post-practice sprints one day in January. "It will be night and day between this year and next year."

Even though he has nine sacks, including a career-best three against Cincinnati last week, Miller isn't just Elvis Dumervil's pass-rushing partner

## Problem for TCU's Patterson vs. alma mater K-State

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Gary Patterson figures he was known more for playing his guitar than anything he did on the field as a Kansas State player back in the early 1980s.

During two years as a safety and linebacker for the Wildcats, Patterson played "a lot on scout teams, a little bit of special teams." But it was also at K-State where he started his coaching career, as a graduate assistant in 1982 for the school's first-ever bowl team.

Now three decades later, with the third-ranked Wildcats undefeated and in the thick of the national championship race, the Kansas native and TCU coach faces his alma mater for the first time Saturday.

"It's hard, because you love seeing, from their perspective, they've come so far and have an opportunity to be so close to playing for a national championship," said Patterson, TCU's winningest coach with 115 victories in his 12 seasons. "But also on our side of it, just try to get seven (wins)."

"It's a dilemma," he said. "But this is what they pay me to do."

TCU (6-3, 3-3) is in its inaugural Big 12 season and became bowl

eligible with a double-overtime victory last weekend at then-No. 23 West Virginia, the league's other newcomer.

With Heisman Trophy front-running quarterback Collin Klein, Kansas State (9-0, 6-0) has its highest BCS ranking ever, at No. 2 behind defending national champion Alabama.

The Wildcats are three wins shy of possibly getting into their first BCS national championship game. There almost certainly is no chance of that if they lose any of their remaining games: at TCU and at Baylor before the regular-season finale at home against Texas.

"I'll be on some post office wall if I win. I'll be one person that can't cross the state line," Patterson said. "I used to say once I cross the Kansas line, I knew I was within 30 minutes, somebody would help me. Now I cross the Kansas line, I need to not tell everybody I'm coming, except if you're a KU fan."

Patterson's time at Kansas State predated even coach Bill Snyder.

During his season as a grad assistant under Jim Dickey, Patterson worked with linebackers coach Mo Lattimore, who is now in his

17th year of his second stint on the Wildcats staff. K-State made it to the Independence Bowl that season.

"We played Wisconsin, which is kind of ironic," Patterson said.

Only two seasons ago, Patterson's Horned Frogs capped their 13-0 season with a Rose Bowl victory over Wisconsin. That was a different outcome than his first bowl meeting against the Badgers and sent TCU to a No. 2 final AP ranking.

Another twist is that this is the 10th game this season. In their 10th game a year ago, the Frogs won at then-undefeated Boise State and cost the Broncos any chance of a BCS berth.

Patterson is apparently doing his best to make this game the same as any other for his players.

"He hasn't really spoke too much on it," cornerback Jason Verrett said. "He's just ready to play."

Offensive lineman Blaize Foltz said the fact that Kansas State is their coach's alma mater "hasn't really been" a topic of conversation. "I'm sure for him, it's just like another game," Foltz said.

After K-State, the Frogs have left only games at 19th-ranked

Texas on Thanksgiving night and home against No. 14 Oklahoma. They are just trying to win as many as they can.

Snyder and the Wildcats are trying to stay in contention for a national title shot. They've come a long way since the coach arrived in 1989 — when K-State had gone winless in its previous 27 games and then was considered the worst team in the NCAA's upper division.

"Well, I was part of a couple of those years," Patterson said.

Patterson pondered the question briefly when asked if he hoped to eventually have a similar impact at TCU to what the 73-year-old Snyder has at Kansas State, where he's in his fourth season back after a three-year retirement.

"Hopefully to some extent we have already. We got as far as a Rose Bowl," Patterson said. "I'm not sure I'll be at 73 coaching. It's his passion, what he does. He's been very good at it, and it really says a lot about his energy and about how he does things. It's really truly, truly an amazing story."

One that Patterson, for one game, will be trying to upset.

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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## No. 9 Louisville Cardinals's depth helps offset injuries

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville's won't know its full until the Cardinals' seniors are healthy.

Forward Monique Reid is recovering from back and knee injuries that limited her to eight games last season. Guard Tia Gibbs is almost back from a shoulder injury sustained in last season's opener and forward Asia Taylor had hip surgery in July.

Fortunately for the Cardinals, they have enough depth to sustain them during that trio's healing process. Louisville's strengths start with all-Big East Conference junior guard Shoni Schimmel and backcourt mate Bria Smith.

The Cardinals also bring athleticism and experience into Friday

night's season opener against No. 15 Texas A&M. But Louisville coach Jeff Walz stops short with projections until Reid, Gibbs and Taylor are back in the lineup.

"If we can get healthy, I like our chances," Walz said. "We're in a situation right now where we're going to have to mask some things and get through the first half of the season. Hopefully by December we'll be able to get Tia back and Asia Taylor back and we've added back to our depth that we need to make a deep run in March."

The Cardinals, 23-10 last season, believe they have enough to carry them through in the interim.

Schimmel is back after averaging team highs of 14.3 points and 4.7 as-

sists last season. Her scoring average dropped slightly from her freshman season (15.1) but she broadened other areas of her game and led Louisville again with 74 steals.

"I feel like I've grown up," Schimmel said. "I'm more patient and more willing to make the easy pass instead of shooting. But if the opening is there, I feel good about shooting it and making it."

She also has scoring help in Smith, a sophomore who averaged 9.2 points in making the Big East's all-rookie team.

Injuries forced the 5-foot-10 guard to play right away and she's ready to assume more responsibility — either to draw defensive attention away from Schimmel or fill the void until her teammates return.

"This year, I'm just ready to knock down shots and do what I need to do to help the team win," Smith said.

Louisville has plenty of players with the same attitude. Forward Shawnta Dyer averaged 7.3 points and 5.0 rebounds as a freshman and was third in shooting percentage (.549). Center Sheronne Vails started 26 off 33 games as a sophomore and led Louisville with 33 blocks.

Taylor started 20 games and contributed 5.6 points and 4.8 rebounds before her surgery.

Many more are ready to step up including senior Shelby Harper and sophomores Sara Hammond and Jude Schimmel, Shoni's younger sister. The Cardinals also added freshmen forward Cortnee Walton and guard Megan Dienes.

"It's going to be a game-to-game thing to see who plays for us," Walz said.

Even with all that, the Cardinals are eager to see what's next when their veterans return — though not as anxious much as the players themselves.

Reid received a medical hardship waiver from the Big East after sustaining the left knee injury and was granted a fifth year of eligibility. Gibbs also got a waiver and said she's just about ready to return.

Thanks to the Cardinals' depth it doesn't have to be right away.

"The freshmen stepped up and we're looking the same this year," Gibbs said. "I'm just an addition right now. I want to take my time and coaches have been very helpful with that. It makes rehab a little easier, but I want to be out there as soon as possible."

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# Tech basketball ready for season opener

By MEGAN KETTERER  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's basketball team plans to act like warriors at 8 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena to win against Prairie View A&M in the season opener.

"As I told the guys yesterday, soldiers go to war, warriors like to fight," Tech coach Chris Walker said. "I told them, 'I want you to fight when you go out there.'"

He does not want the team to be afraid to lose, but to step on the court and believe in the team and to not worry about the outcome, Walker said.

If the team listens to the coaching staff, plays as hard as they can, have a great attitude and stay together as a team, he said the outcome will always be good.

The team has made tremendous progress since the beginning of the year, he said, and has improved light years.

"I think they've done a very good

job of grasping and embracing the style and the demand for defense, which was there last year," he said, "but we're trying to create havoc and disrupt offenses."

Walker expects the team to play up-tempo and to dictate the pace of the game, he said.

"Our habit is to play hard — together, smart, and with pride," Walker said. "When the ball comes off the rim, we'll be flying up and down the court, for sure."

Prairie View will be a tough opponent, but Tech should be able to overcome, he said. Prairie View is predicted to win the Southwestern Athletic Conference and returns five seniors and six juniors, Walker said.

Tech's bench is deeper than Prairie View's, he said, and Tech has a more talented team to a degree, but Prairie View has more experience.

"There are a lot of things we are going to try and do to take advantage of them,

especially early in the game," he said.

The team is working hard to improve every day to beat its opponents, sophomore forward Jordan Tolbert said.

Tolbert added two points to the final score of Tech's 88-63 exhibition win against UT-Permian Basin on Friday night. He played 17 minutes, had two steals and four rebounds.

The Red Raiders are committed and must buy into the season, he said, because the Friday match is show time.

"We want to compete as hard as we can," Tolbert said.

Freshman guard Josh Gray led the team in minutes played last week and had four points and three assists to help the team in its winning effort. He had two steals in the opening two minutes of the game.

The team is ready to get out and play in the season opener, Gray said. They have prepared all week, watched film and have run plays, he said.

"We're excited," he said. "It's supposed to be packed. It's the next game on our list. We're going to come out and play 100 percent."

It is important to be focused this game because it counts toward the season, he said.

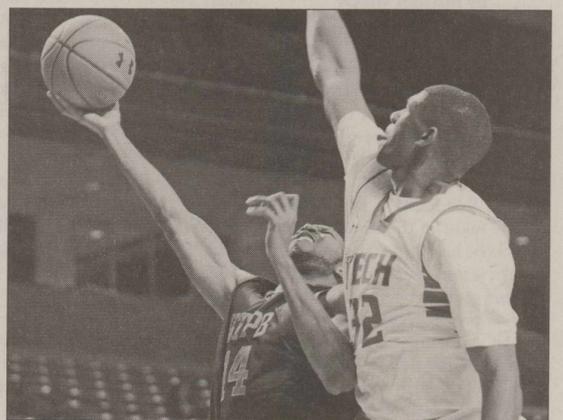
Junior forward Jaye Crockett played hard in the exhibition game and plans to do the same in this season opener. He was four of six shooting with eight points, and was strong on defense, with one block and one steal.

Despite the coaching change in September, the team has come a long way, he said, and is ready to hit the court for the game.

Last season, the Red Raiders were 8-23 overall and 1-15 in the Big 12.

"We take big steps every day," Crockett said. "We are learning every day and I think we are ready for this Friday."

Tech started the season off well during the exhibition game, but he said he



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador  
Sophomore forward Jordan Tolbert tallied four rebounds and two steals in just 17 minutes in Tech's victory over UT-Permian Basin on Friday.

is ready for the game against Prairie View. "I am ready to get this win," Crockett said. "I am ready for this community and the students to come out and support, and for us to have a winning program."

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# Underachieving Dallas Cowboys hope for 2nd-half change

IRVING (AP) — The season that once looked so promising for the Dallas Cowboys is halfway done.

After losses in four of their last five games, the Cowboys (3-5) have plenty of work to do just to have another .500 season. As for any chance of making the playoffs, that already seems like a big stretch because only one NFC team has won fewer games than Dallas at this point.

No matter how the situation is

described — coach Jason Garrett prefers "urgency" and despises the term "desperation" — the Cowboys have clearly faltered since kicking off the entire NFL season with a victory at the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants two months ago.

"Obviously we didn't expect to be 3-5," tight end Jason Witten said Thursday. "At this point where we're at, it's tough to swallow. You've got to change it."

Stephen Jones, the team's

executive vice president and the owner's son, said the Cowboys have "absolutely" underachieved.

"I just think it's urgent. We need to win a game," Jones said. "We can do a lot for our season if we can get this one."

Dallas starts the second half of its season Sunday at Philadelphia (3-5), which will be trying to avoid its first five-game losing streak in coach Andy Reid's 14 years.

After that, the Cowboys have three home games in a 15-day

span, including their Thanksgiving Day game against Washington (3-6), the only team below them in the NFC East standings. They play five of six overall at home, including Pittsburgh — the only remaining opponent that currently has a winning record.

"We have played the hardest part of our schedule," said Jones, speaking to reporters during the open portion of practice. "We had higher expectations than this. We are disappointed with our record.

We have to play better, we have to finish. The bottom line at the end of the day, you are what you are. We are 3-5. We have to improve."

Despite the disappointment with the season so far, Jones reiterated that the organization is pleased with foundation that Garrett is setting for long-term success.

Jones said he "won't even comment" on speculation about the future for Garrett, who is 16-16 since replacing Wade Garrett midway through the 2010 season.

"That's ridiculous," Jones added.

Former Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson, during a radio interview on the Dan Patrick Show on Wednesday, said he felt Garrett "is probably coaching for his job for the rest of the year."

Johnson won consecutive Super Bowl titles at the end of his five seasons in Dallas (1989-93). Garrett was a backup quarterback to Troy Aikman for the 1993 team coached by Johnson.

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Lowe says that type of injury is fatal "95 percent" of the time. He says such an injury is usually linked to high-speed motor vehicle accidents.

"This injury has never been seen or reported in association with a football injury," Lowe said.

Lowe complimented the quick response by the team's trainers, paramedics, the Memorial Hermann trauma team and operating surgeon Dr. John Holcomb. The statement from the school said Hayden was alert, but still recovering in the intensive-care unit.

"We are very fortunate to have some of the nation's top physicians and medical facilities just minutes away from our campus," first-year coach Tony Levine said, "and I would like to extend our appreciation for their efforts on Tuesday evening."

Hayden leads Conference USA with four interceptions and had returns for touchdowns in consecutive games against SMU and UTEP earlier this season. He was named the league's Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 29 after picking off two passes in the 45-35 victory over the Miners.

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# Women's soccer prepared for NCAA tournament

By HOLDEN WILEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team will host its first ever NCAA tournament game when they take on the North Texas Mean Green 7 at p.m. Saturday at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

The Red Raiders (15-5-1) are in the midst of their best season in school history, having won 14 regular season games, a Big 12 tournament game and earning a berth as one of three Big 12 teams selected in the NCAA tournament. Freshman forward Janine Beckie, the Big 12 Rookie of the Year, said the season has gone by really fast and she is excited for Saturday's game.

"It's awesome, especially hearing the girls talk about how they've never been this far into the season," Beckie said. "It's pretty cool to be a part of it. We're definitely excited to make our first NCAA appearance, and hopefully get the win on Saturday and be able to travel somewhere and play in games next weekend."

Tech comes into Saturday's game having outscored opponents this year 42-20 and outshooting them 398-228, including a 193-110 advantage in shots on goal. Beckie leads the team with 12 goals and 113 shots, while sophomore midfielder Paige Strahan also has contributed with eight goals. Sophomore defender Jaelene Hinkle leads the team with five assists.

At home this season, the Red

Raiders own an 8-1-0 record and are outscoring opponents 21-6. Tech coach Tom Stone said hosting the game is the team's way of giving back to the fans and the athletic department. The team will respond well, he said, to what is expected to be an intense environment.

"For us, it's great because the fans are rowdy," Stone said. "They make it intense, and our girls respond well to that. We're thrilled to be playing at home."

Making it to the NCAA tournament was one of the team's pre-season goals, Beckie said, but now it needs to be ready to play at its best. The preparation occurs in practice and in being fit, she said.

Having the team's fitness peak at the right times has been one of the keys to success for this year's team, Stone said. The coaching staff expected the team to be successful, he said, so the team's fitness plan began in July when all the players arrived. The plan was for the team to peak during the season, and again right now.

"We are hitting our peak fitness right now, and that's why mentally, the girls have stayed fresh," Stone said. "Their bodies are cooperating. They've got plenty of jump in their step, and that's really the key. If you feel run down this time of year, it's a bad sign. We feel really fresh and sharp."

Even at the peak of his team's fitness, Stone said the Red Raiders must focus and play their style

while still being mindful of things at which North Texas excels. It is natural to be excited, he said, but it will not negatively affect the team because it plays with an emotional edge every game.

"We're a really close-knit group and we fight for each other and play hard," Stone said. "I've heard the NCAA tournament described as a regular game, but everybody's got their party dress on. It's a dressed up game, but it's still just a game. We've got to be ourselves. We've got to play our style."

North Texas (16-4-2, 9-1-1) also is in the midst of its best start in school history. The team has outscored opponents 48-20, and outshot opponents 438-202. Senior forward Michelle Young leads the team with 10 goals and 81 shots, while freshman forward Amber Haggerty has contributed eight goals and 70 shots. Freshman midfielder Karla Pineda leads the team with seven assists.

Tech and North Texas have faced four common opponents this year: Baylor, Long Beach State, Oklahoma State and TCU. Tech lost to Baylor twice, while North Texas tied the Bears 0-0 on Sept. 7, in Denton. However, North Texas lost to Long Beach State and Oklahoma State, while Tech beat both teams by a combined margin of 5-2. North Texas also lost to TCU, while Tech tied the Horned Frogs 1-1 on Oct. 19.

If the Red Raiders win, they



MIDFIELDER ERIN INMAN dribbles the ball past Lobo midfielder Lindsey Guice at Texas Tech's 2-0 win against New Mexico at John Walker Soccer Complex on August 19th.

would face the winner of the match between No. 2 seed Florida State and Mississippi Valley. Junior forward Hayley Haagsma said there is no way the team is overlooking North Texas and already thinking about Florida State.

"Our motto is we're 0-0-0 every game we come to," Haagsma said. "We have one game. We're not guaranteed anything. We can't even

think ahead because anything could happen on any given day in soccer."

Playing in the Big 12 conference will help team be prepared for the high-quality opponents it will face in the tournament, Stone said. The different teams in the Big 12 play with different styles, he said, and hopefully North Texas will present something for which the Red Raiders already have prepared.

The team has set its sights on getting a victory, Haagsma said, and no one is ready for the season to end.

"We're just trying to go in with the mentality that we're fighting for our lives and every game could be our last game," Haagsma said. "No one wants that. We really have to give everything we have in every game that we have left."

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## Houston CB Hayden tears vein

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## Miller takes jump in second season in Denver

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Von Miller was such an athletic freak coming out of Texas A&M that his mentor, former Aggies coach Mike Sherman, joked he probably could have crumpled quarterbacks with one hand tied behind his back.

That's sort of what the Denver Broncos strongside linebacker had to do after tearing ligaments in his right thumb last November. He played the stretch run and the playoffs with a cast that prevented him from grabbing and shedding offensive linemen.

Although he faded toward the finish and was even benched in some situations, the second overall pick in last year's draft went on to win NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors in a landslide and made the Pro Bowl, a validation of John Elway's first big move as the Broncos' boss.

It's only gotten better in Year 2. "I have no doubt that I'll be a totally different player next year," Miller declared after running post-practice sprints one day in January. "It will be night and day between this year and next year."

Even though he has nine sacks, including a career-best three against Cincinnati last week, Miller isn't just Elvis Dumervil's pass-rushing partner anymore.

He's rounded out his game, dropping

into coverage more and playing the run better while still getting after the quarterback — he's tied with Houston's J.J. Watt for the NFL lead with 17 tackles for loss, which is two shy of his entire total from his rookie year, and he trails only Watt's 10½ sacks for the league lead.

"I think he's becoming more of a complete player," coach John Fox said. "Some guys don't work on their weaknesses, they just kind of roll around on their strengths. And I think in his case, he's worked on some of the things he didn't do as much in college and that is mostly coverage and how he fits into the cover scheme."

"He's obviously got a lot of great abilities to rush the passer. I think that was evident a year ago, and I think it's evident again this season. He's a really terrific young guy that's not afraid to work hard."

Miller said his thumb injury that required surgery last year was actually a blessing because it forced him to focus on technique and not rely so heavily on his athleticism.

"You really take for granted your hands. You don't know what you've got until it's gone," Miller said. "Playing with one thumb and one and a-half hands, it helped me be more technically sound. Before, I was just moving around, just using all athletic ability."

Linebackers coach Richard Smith said he sees a more cerebral approach in Miller this season, and he bristles at the reminder that he had to pull Miller off the field at times last year, when rookies lacked the enormous benefits of an offseason because of the lockout.

"Last year he was an every-down guy, OK? He had a few times where I had to take him out of the game because of some sort of issues," Smith said. "Right now, what I see, he's bigger, stronger and faster than he was a year ago. Even though he would say he did yoga this summer, first of all, he's got freak athletic ability. So, that's not coaching; that's genetics. That guy's a beast, OK? That stuff is all natural."

"What I like about him is his focus, his attention in the meetings, on details he's getting much better. He's a much better first- and second-down player that he was a year ago."

Miller and Dumervil, who have combined for 15 sacks, making them the most prolific tandem in the league halfway through the season, are a younger version of Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis, who complemented quarterback Peyton Manning so well in Indianapolis.

"Certainly, Von has special athletic skills," Manning said. "His ability to run, to cover ground, certain things that he has, you just can't teach."

Miller said there's plenty for him to learn still so that he can reach the goal he laid out for Elway, Fox and Smith before

the 2011 draft.

"I want to be a linebacker, not a rush guy, not a pass specialist or run specialist," Miller said.

He won't say he's made big strides in that regard, however.

"Coach Smith, he'll tell you, I've got a long way to go," Miller said, adding, "I've made steps, not too big of hurdles or jumps, but I think I have definitely taken steps to being a great run defender."

Teams certainly no longer run roughshod over the Broncos, who rank 12th in the league against the run a year after ranking 22nd.

On Sunday, Miller gets to face Cam Newton, the one man selected ahead of him in last year's draft when the Broncos (5-3) visit the Carolina Panthers (2-6).

"Von is a very elusive defender," Newton said. "He's not very big in stature but he wreaks havoc with the things he brings to the table. He plays linebacker. He plays defensive end. He can cover. He can pressure the quarterback. He's about as all-around a defender as you can have."

Miller and Newton became fast friends during the lockout last year, and Miller said he'd love to sack his friend so he could imitate Newton's touchdown celebration where he pretends to rip open his jersey like Superman.

"I'm his biggest fan. But Sunday, I definitely want to win," said Miller, who is a-half sack shy of Dumervil's team record of 21 sacks in his first two seasons.

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