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Tech student dies unexpectedly from unknown cause

Philip Wampler, a 20-year-old junior civil engineering major from Lubbock, died unexpectedly Sunday afternoon. The cause of death is still unknown, according to Wampler's father, Carl Wampler.

According to a police report, a death investigation is underway.

Philip Wampler graduated from Frenship High School in 2010 and was a member of the

drum line, Carl Wampler said.

He was musically talented, he said, and played the piano, guitar and drums.

Aside from being a student, Philip Wampler was the drummer for the local band, Stay Sane, a self-described reggae/rock band, Carl Wampler said.

"He really enjoyed music of all kinds, playing and listening to it," Carl Wampler said. "He was a

very good musician. He was just very, very musically talented."

Carl Wampler said Philip Wampler was an Eagle Scout, which according to the Boy Scouts of America website, is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting and requires earning 21 merit badges.

"He was an outgoing guy," he said. "He liked to make people laugh. He'd always been kind of

the class clown growing up. He was just a fun-loving guy."

Jennifer Peters, a kindergarten teacher in Seminole, said she knew Philip Wampler from fifth grade to her sophomore year.

Peters was on the drum line with Philip Wampler and said he was positive, optimistic and hardworking.

"That was what was really cool about him, is that he was

very encouraging," she said. "He was willing to help anybody."

Peters was notified of Philip Wampler's death by a friend and said she was shocked.

"It's just hard to think that somebody that I spent so long in a group like drum line with is going to be gone forever," she said. "It's very hard to fathom that I will never see him again or never hear about him again."

However, she said, all who knew him will remember Philip Wampler.

"But he is just such a special person," Peters said, "and we'll never get to know what's going to happen to him, and that's just the upsetting part, that he has so much life left to live ahead of him, and that's why it was just so sudden and unexpected."

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10th West Nile virus breakout in Lubbock

The City of Lubbock confirmed its 10th case of West Nile virus Monday afternoon.

According to a news release from the City of Lubbock, a case was confirmed in a 50-70-year-old male. The case was reported as neuroinvasive.

The man did travel outside of Lubbock County in the two weeks before the onset of illness.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services website, Lubbock County has had a total of 16 cases reported as of Friday. There have been a total of 12 neuroinvasive cases and 4 non-

neuroinvasive cases reported in the county this year.

Lubbock County has not reported any deaths.

According to the website, Texas has reported 1,782 cases in 131 counties during the 2012 season, compared to the 27 cases reported in 2011.

According to the Center of Disease Control website, as of Nov. 27, 5,245 West Nile virus cases have been reported in the 2012 season, with 51 percent of the cases reported as neuroinvasive and 49 percent reported as non-neuroinvasive.

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CYBERSPACE CRUSH



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY EMILY MCCARTHY/The Daily Toreador
MEGAN ORTIZ, A junior psychology major from Mansfield, and John Carroll, a junior marketing major from Allen, met in 2010 on the Texas Tech incoming freshmen website, RAIDERSpace.

Female student allegedly assaulted on Tech campus

A Texas Tech police officer was dispatched at 6:37 p.m. Saturday to Memorial Circle to investigate an alleged assault.

The alleged victim, a female Tech student, said she was sitting near a concrete wall along the east side of the former Mass Communications building. The student said the area was dark because of the lights having been turned off to prepare for the Carol of Lights.

The alleged victim said an unknown person, she said thought to be a male, pulled her hair from behind, placed his hand over her mouth and dragged her approximately 20-25 feet back toward the north end of the former Mass Communications building.

The student said she head butted and

elbowed the unknown male and after she freed herself from the alleged attacker she ran to Memorial Circle. The female student said no one witnessed the attack.

The student said she was unable to provide a description of the alleged attacker but the victim said, (the alleged attacker) had large hands and might have been wearing boots.

"If you are going to be out at night stay with a group," Stephen Hinkle, administrative captain of Tech police said.

Students, Hinkle said, should be aware of the blue emergency phones.

No suspects have been identified and Hinkle said the case is currently under investigation.

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Provost Bob Smith speaks about book on Monday

By ALSTON TRBULA
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The Teaching, Learning and Professional Development Center, the Department of Psychology and the Honors College hosted a luncheon Monday featuring Provost Bob Smith and his book, "The Way of Oz."

The book was written to help people navigate through their personal and professional endeavors, Smith said. Each character in "The Way of Oz" serves different purposes in guiding intellects down "life's yellow brick road."

Learning, Leadership and "The Way

of Oz" pamphlets were given to attendees upon arrival at the luncheon. Each pamphlet included summaries of the topics Smith planned to discuss.

"In 'The Way of Oz,' the Oz characters provide metaphors for learning, caring, serving, focusing on the future, and humility," according to the pamphlet.

The Scarecrow represents wisdom and learning, the Tin Woodman symbolizes heart or loving, the Cowardly Lion is courage and service, Dorothy represents leadership and focus on the future, and the Wizard stands for humility and related virtues, according to the pamphlet.

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Tech students use Internet to meet significant others

By LIANA SOLIS
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Most people had parents who told them never to meet anyone in person they have met online.

That is not the case for several Tech couples, like Megan Ortiz and John Carroll, who met through RAIDERSpace their freshman year.

Ortiz, a junior psychology major from Mansfield, started talking to her current boyfriend of two years on RAIDERSpace.

"He actually added me, and that's kind of where it all started," Ortiz said. "We instantly became really good friends."

At the time, Ortiz was using RAIDERSpace to meet people, so she did not think anything of the friendship being something more, Ortiz said.

"I talked to a bunch of girls that were going to live on my floor, too," Ortiz said. "It wasn't until we actually got to Tech and stated hanging out that it became more than friends."

Carroll, a junior marketing major from Allen, said he did not see a difference when they started hanging out from when they were just talking online.

"She was the same in person and

online," Carroll said, "so it wasn't much different for us."

After about two weeks of hanging out, they decided to go on their first date, and it took off from there, Ortiz said.

"I never would have thought that I would meet someone online who would be a part of my life like this," Ortiz said.

Had it not been for RAIDERSpace, they most likely would not have started talking, Carroll said.

"With other Internet websites, there is no way to verify that the person is really who they say they are," Carroll said. "With the access code you have to give to join (RAIDERSpace), you know that everyone on there is a Texas Tech student."

Many students are skeptical about meeting someone in person

who they first talked to online.

Gracie Chance, a sophomore advertising major from Fort Worth, said she does not meet people she has met online because of personal experience.

"My freshman year, there was a guy who started talking to me online who said he was from Tech," Chance said. "After we had been talking for a while, I figured it was all right to meet in person."

Unless a person can verify that they actually are who they say they are, Chance said, it is not a good idea to schedule a meeting.

"He turned out to be a local high school junior pretending to be a college kid," Chance said. "After that, I told myself I wouldn't try to meet anyone that I met online because it's just too dangerous."

There are couples such as Ortiz and Carroll whose way of meeting was through the Internet, but there

also are a few whose relationship blossomed from simply talking online after having already met.

Josh Koch, a senior journalism major from Fredericksburg, had already known his current fiancé, Brittany Walden, when they started messaging on Facebook.

"She was a community adviser in the hall I stayed in my freshman year," Koch said, "so I had seen her around before but never had that much of a conversation."

One night, Koch noticed she was on Facebook chat, so he decided to start a conversation with her.

"The funny thing about it was that she was really never on Facebook chat," Koch said, "so it was just a coincidence that she happened to be on that night."

From there, they exchanged phone numbers and started talking more. Now, Koch said they have been dating for almost three years and plan to get married in June.

"Sometimes I think about what would have happened if we hadn't started talking on Facebook that night," Koch said. "Some people may say that it is fate how this all happened, but even if it is, I'm glad it did."

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Community Calendar

Today

Department of Communication Studies: SpeakUp! Contest Final Round
Time: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Allen Theatre
So, what is it?
 Come out and hear the eight finalists compete for the most persuasive speech. Josh Abbott will perform at the end of the event.

Matador Christmas Concert featuring the Matador Singers
Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Legacy Center
So, what is it?
 Come out and enjoy a free concert of seasonal music by the all men's choir.

Concert Band Concert
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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

Come out and enjoy this free concert.

Wednesday

Clarinet Studio Recital
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
 Come out and enjoy a performance from David Shea's clarinet students.

Scrabble Club
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Market Street
So, what is it?
 Come meet with the local Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

Josh Abbott and Pat Green Acoustic
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Wild West
So, what is it?
 Come out and enjoy this concert. \$20 per person.

New department in College of Human Sciences created from three programs

By NICOLE MOLTER
 STAFF WRITER

An open house was hosted last month for the newly created Department of Community, Family and Addiction Services in the College of Human Sciences.

The Department of Community, Family and Addiction Services was created out of three existing programs, said Nichole Morelock, associate chair of the Department of Community, Family and Addiction Services and program director for the CFAS undergraduate program.

The programs include the graduate programs in Marriage and Family Therapy, the CFAS undergraduate program and an undergraduate minor and Graduate Certificate in Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies, she said.

"We have an amazing faculty and staff, and have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time," Morelock said.

In 2005, the College of Human Sciences did a major reorganization of the college, said Linda Hoover, dean of the College of Human Sciences. Personal Financial Planning and CFAS were one department. At the time, PFP did

not have the number of faculty needed to be a separate department.

Since then, the number of available PFP faculty has increased, she said. Approval for the split of departments took place in January.

"Rather than making it effective then," Hoover said, "we kind of operated like we were separate departments, but still, in the official records, we were the same department. So they had some time to practice in the spring semester and the summer. When the fall rolled around, they really were already working as separate departments, and it became official."

Work on developing a master's degree in CFAS also is taking place.

"By combining our programs into one cohesive department, we have more visibility within the university and more room to continue growing," Morelock said, "so the short answer is that the department was created to facilitate further growth of these successful programs."

Continuing growth in serving students and the community and contributing to literature in various fields of study are goals of CFAS, she said.

"We want to prepare the next generation of professionals to successfully

tackle a wide variety of social issues," Morelock said.

CFAS offers 20 undergraduate courses and 27 graduate courses that appeal to a variety of student interests, she said. Communication, civility and ethics fulfill the oral communication core requirement while Understanding Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviors satisfies the individual and group behavior core requirement.

Introduction to CFAS, Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy, and Coaching Leaders are among other undergraduate courses, Morelock said.

"We also have undergraduate courses in grant writing, eating disorders, family dynamics of addiction and substance abuse prevention that are unique, and I think they set our program apart," she said.

Hoover said she believes potential students will benefit from the new departments.

"I think it will make it much easier for potential students to find those sites and find out information about the degrees," she said. "The degrees, both, are in growing areas. They both address important societal issues. We have a lot of interest in those two areas."

CFAS and PFP each participate in community outreach, Hoover said. As individual departments, the community will more easily access department contacts and information to fulfill needs throughout the community.

"I think a whole lot of it is, you know, visibility," she said. "Then also, in the department, there are a lot of decisions that are made. This way, there's a more homogeneous group of faculty to make those decisions."

"Personal Financial Planning very much interacts with business and industry, whereas Community, Family and Addiction Services, they interact more with some of the nonprofits and organizations that are set up to provide services to individuals and families."

According to the CFAS news release, CFAS houses the Texas Tech Family Therapy Clinic. The clinic serves to train doctoral and master's interns who provide services to the community. The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery and the Center for Prevention and Resiliency are two other centers that are a part of the new department.

The chair of the new department is Dottie Durband.

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SEESAW SKILLS

Judge removed in Fort Hood shooting rampage case

FORT WORTH (AP) — The military's highest court ousted the judge in the Fort Hood shooting case Monday and threw out his order to have the suspect's beard forcibly shaved before his court-martial.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces ruled that Col. Gregory Gross didn't appear impartial while presiding over the case of Maj. Nidal Hasan, who faces the death penalty if convicted in the 2009 shootings on the Texas Army post that killed 13 people and wounded more than two dozen others.

But the court said it was not ruling on whether the judge's order violated Hasan's religious rights. Hasan has argued that his beard is a requirement of his Muslim faith, although facial hair violates Army regulations.

"Should the next military judge find it necessary to address (Hasan's) beard, such issues should be addressed and litigated anew," judges wrote in the ruling.

* Hasan appealed after Gross or-

dered that he must be clean-shaven or be forcibly shaved before his court-martial, a military trial.

The court-martial had been set to begin three months ago, but has been on hold pending the appeals.

It wasn't immediately clear if Army prosecutors would appeal this ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. Prosecutors have said they would not comment about the case until the trial is over, and Fort Hood officials did not immediately return calls Monday or issue a statement.

An Army appeals court had upheld the shaving requirement in October. But on Monday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces said the command, not the judge, was responsible for enforcing grooming standards. The ruling said that was one example of how Gross did not appear impartial in the case.

Gross had repeatedly said Hasan's beard was a disruption to the court proceedings, but the military appeals court ruled that there was insufficient evidence to show that his beard interfered with the hearings.

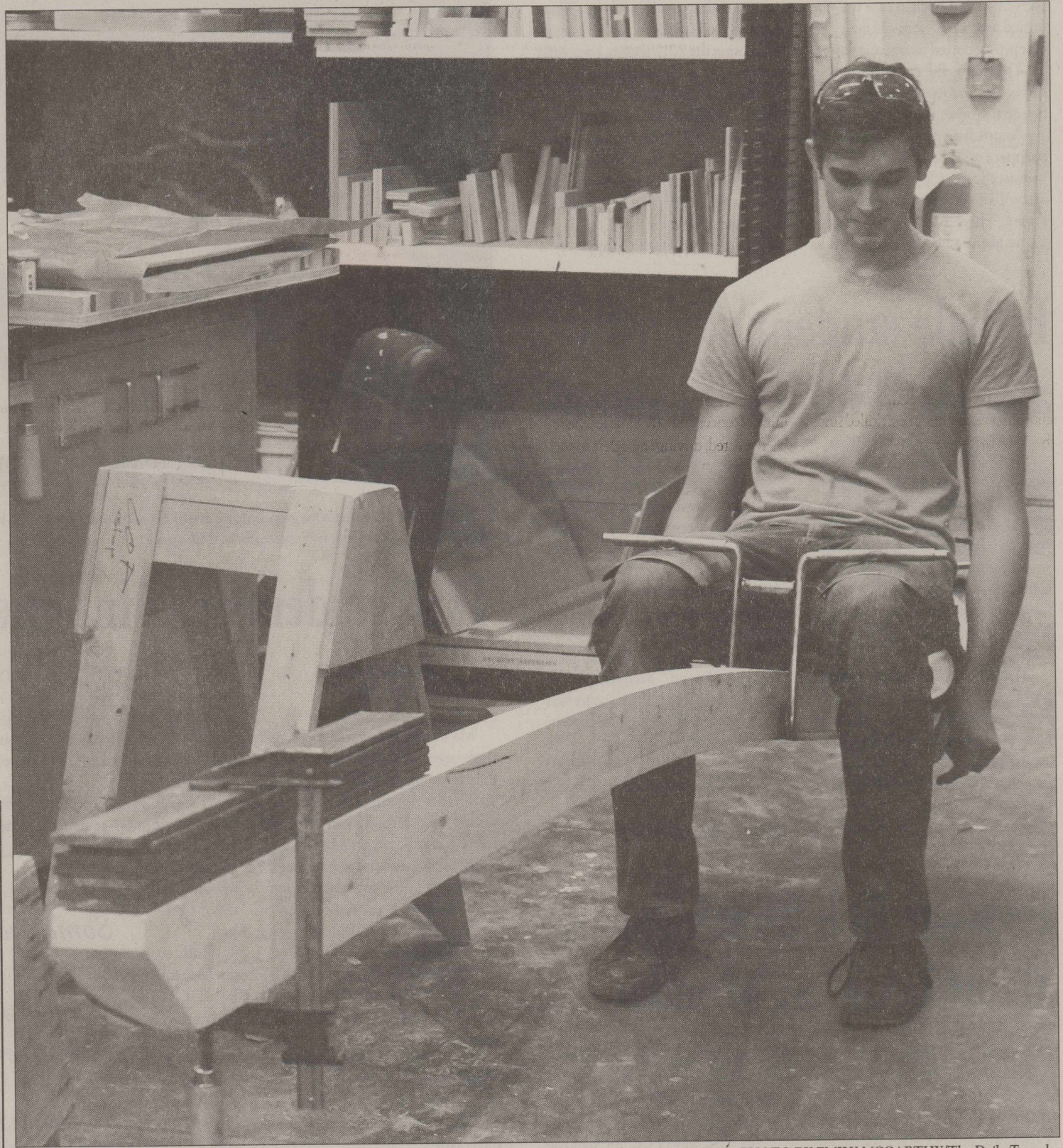


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JOHN CHARBONNEAU, A senior architecture major from Moorpark, demonstrates his final project, a seesaw Monday in the Architecture building.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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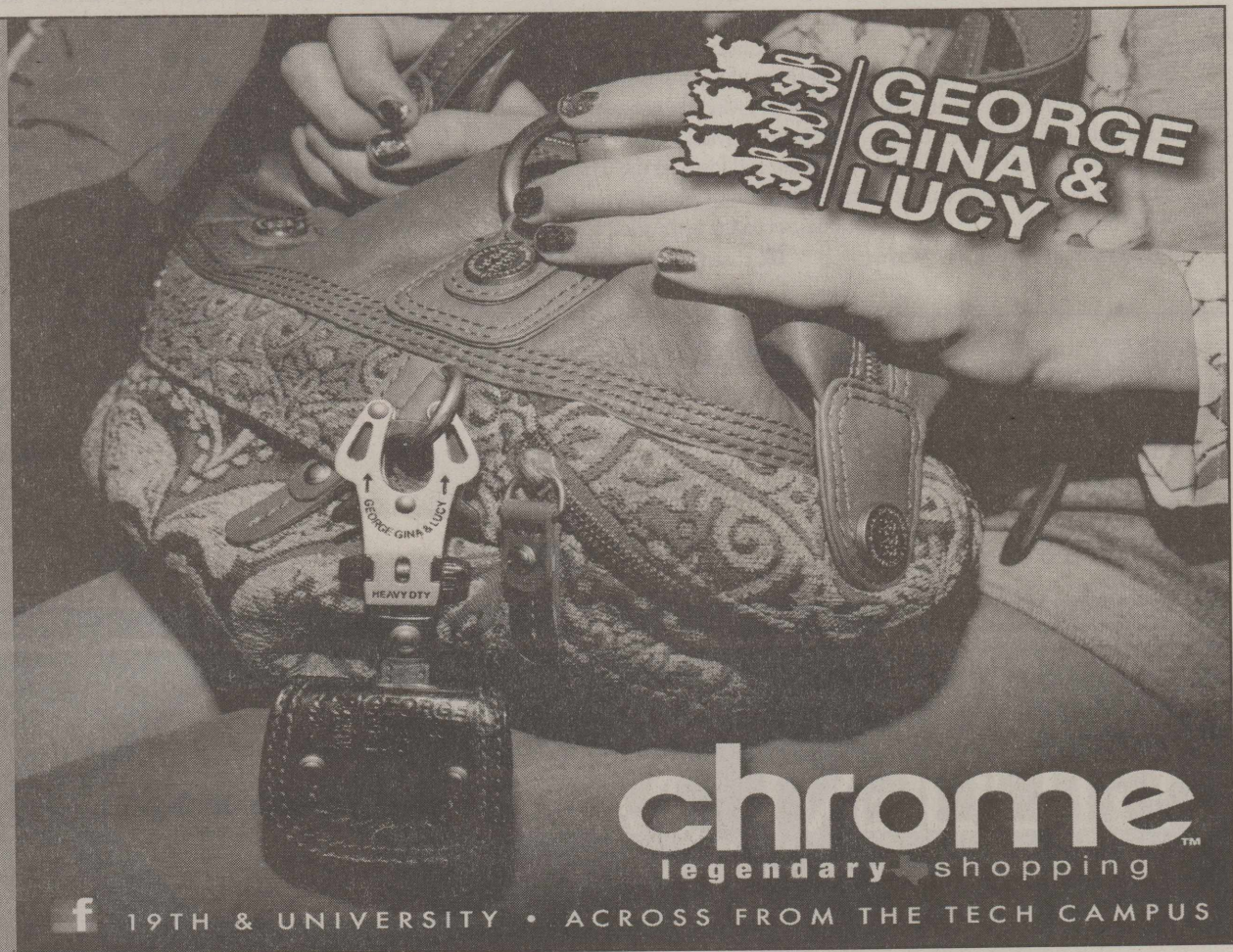
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Oz

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Smith used Miles's aphorism, "Where you stand is where you sit," to relay his message about learning, symbolized by the Scarecrow. Miles's aphorism, Smith said, encompasses everything from a person's role in an institution or organization to their position on different polices.

Factors such as where people travel, what they read and write and how they communicate are also parts of the equation. A person's "landscape," is where they stand personally, professionally, economically, socially and geographically, is shaped by activities experienced through their professional and personal lives.

"What I suggest for young people is volunteer work, study abroad and part-time employment. Recreation and hobbies may help, too," he said. "I believe the 21st century will be the century of self-learning, which is the idea that students and all of us really, can learn a lot on our own and the teachers and the mentors

should just help to guide those opportunities."

Lessons from Dorothy can help students become better goal, personal and institutional planners, Smith said. The character also can teach students more about personal responsibility, which can help benefit the lives of others.

"John Galsworthy, a great English playwright, once said if you don't think about the future, you cannot have one," Smith said.

It took him a little more than four years to write the book, he said. By setting goals and managing his time appropriately, he was able to finish.

One of his goals when writing the book was to get 10 to 12 hours of writing done each week.

Most of this writing, he said, took place early Saturday and Sunday mornings, before his wife got out of bed.

Suzanne Tapp, director of TLPDC, said the center hosts luncheons often. A list of luncheons and events can be found on their website. The center is located in the library.

"We are a campus resource

for faculty, instructors, staff and students," she said. "So our offerings are open to anyone."

Tech alumnae Robin Haislett and Mary Liz Brooks both said they enjoyed the Smith's presentation and plan on reading the book.

"I think the whole thing was an interesting experience," Haislett said. "It took a really different spin on the Wizard of Oz, and I liked how he could work the characters into things like service, learning and compassion."

Haislett has attended events at the TLPDC regularly, and decided to invite her friend, Brooks, along to the luncheon, Haislett said.

They both said they recommended anyone who is interested in having an intellectual experience attend the event.

"What stood out to me was just how intellectual he is," Brooks said. "Also what stood out to me was all the reading that he has done. Almost on every slide, he had a book cover or some sort of quote that he's read. That really stood out to me, the importance he places on reading."

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CA sea smuggling claims Coast Guard life

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The killing of a U.S. Coast Guardsman whose crew was chasing a vessel suspected of being laden with drugs appears to be the latest example of how smugglers are venturing farther north in a game of cat-and-mouse along the California coast.

Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne, 34, died Sunday after he was struck in the head by the suspect vessel near the Channel Islands, west of Los Angeles and about 180 miles northwest of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Two Mexican men — Jose Meija Leyva and Manuel Beltran Higuera — were charged Monday in Los Angeles with killing a federal officer while the officer was on duty.

Horne is the first law enforcement official to die on California's seas since a spike in illegal activity began several years ago, said Ralph DeSio, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman. At least six people aboard suspected smuggling vessels have been killed since the 2010 fiscal year.

The Halibut, an 87-foot patrol cutter based in Marina del Rey, was dispatched after a Coast Guard C-130 plane spotted the 30-foot "panga" vessel was spotted traveling without lights near Santa Cruz Island, the largest of the eight Channel Islands, according to a criminal complaint.

The cutter contains a 21-foot-long rigid-hull inflatable boat that the Coast Guard routinely uses on missions that require more speed and agility than the cutter can deliver.

As Horne and his team came within about 20 yards of the suspect vessel in their inflatable boat, the suspect vessel gunned its engine, knocking Horne and Brandon Langdon into the water, according to the complaint. Langdon was treated for a knee injury and two other crew members aboard the inflatable boat were unharmed in the collision at 1:20 a.m.

Coast Guard spokesman Adam Eggers said waiting for the vessel to make land would have introduced other risks and logistical challenges. The Coast Guard's mandate, he said, is to interdict at sea.

"As of right now, there are absolutely zero questions about whether they followed proper protocol," Eggers said.

Coast Guard crews followed the suspects by air and sea for nearly four

hours until the vessel's engine died 20 miles north of the Mexican border, according to the complaint. An officer used pepper spray on both suspects.

Meija Leyva identified himself as the captain and told authorities he was taking gasoline to lost friends, according to the complaint. Beltran Higuera told authorities he was offered \$3,000 to deliver gasoline to another boat that was waiting for them, but they never found it.

The complaint makes no mention of drugs being found on the boat.

Attorneys for both men did not immediately respond to phone messages seeking comment. A judge scheduled a preliminary hearing Dec. 17.

In growing numbers, smugglers are turning to California seas to bring people and drugs to the United States from Mexico. The number of Border Patrol agents on land has doubled in the past eight years and hundreds of miles of fences and other barriers have been erected, driving smugglers to the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. authorities spotted 210 suspected smuggling vessels on California shores during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, up 15 percent from 183 incidents the previous year and more than quadruple the 45 incidents in 2008.

More than half the sightings are

still in San Diego County, bordering Mexico, but boats are turning up as far north as San Luis Obispo County on California's central coast. According to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, there were 14 incidents in Los Angeles County last year, seven in Ventura County and 11 in Santa Barbara County.

Migrants pay thousands of dollars to launch from beaches and small fishing villages south of Tijuana, Mexico. They typically use old, single-engine wooden fishing skiffs known as "pangas."

In one typical case in October, a Mexican woman told authorities she agreed to pay \$12,000. A criminal complaint says she was among 16 people — all but one a suspected illegal immigrant from Mexico — found in a 31-foot vessel that appeared to be taking water in the Newport Beach harbor.

In September, authorities seized 3,475 pounds of marijuana from a boat that landed near Hearst Castle on the central coast.

The Halibut's commanding officer, Lt. Stewart Sibert, said Monday he and his crew were devastated by the loss of Horne, calling the Redondo Beach man the best shipmate he ever knew.

ART APPRECIATION



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HANNAH PRINCE, A senior studio art major from Austin, applies emulsion to a screen in a printmaking class Monday in the Art building.

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Gun control would not have prevented football tragedy

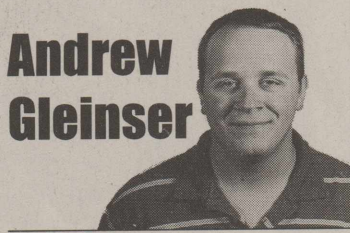
The sports world was rocked this past weekend with the news that Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher shot and killed his girlfriend at their home before committing suicide in a parking lot outside Arrowhead Stadium. It's an unspeakable tragedy to be sure.

Yet with tragedies such as this, it is inevitable some liberals will scream about the need for gun control. NBC sportscaster Bob Costas, someone whose work I've often admired, went so far as to advocate gun control during his halftime segment on "Sunday Night Football," echoing a sentiment expressed by Fox Sports columnist Jason Whitlock.

Their argument was this: "If Jovan Belcher didn't possess a gun, he and (girlfriend) Kasandra Perkins would both be alive today."

I've got a number of issues with that statement. First of all, it has

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no place on a football program. If these men want to opine about their political beliefs, they should move over to MSNBC, where they would fit right in with their lineup of liberal commentators.

But the argument itself is inherently flawed. They seem to ignore the reality that guns are not the only way to kill people. If Belcher didn't have a gun, he simply could have used a different weapon, such as a knife or a baseball bat.

If someone is hell-bent on committing violence, the presence of a gun won't make a difference. Even if gun control laws managed

to take guns away from everyone, including criminals (which they don't), the existence of murder and violence wouldn't magically cease. I would go so far as to say the murder rate wouldn't even change much. The means of committing violence would simply change.

The typical line of those who advocate the Second Amendment is, "Guns don't kill people, people kill people." Guns are simply a tool. They wouldn't kill people if someone didn't pull the trigger. The reason for murders is not the presence of guns, but the desire of someone to kill someone else. If someone's

got the motive, they will find the means, with or without guns.

But let's say for a minute that we do ban guns. Then, the primary weapon of murderers would likely be knives. Do we then ban knives? If so, how would I cut my steak?

And what about other potentially deadly weapons? Do we ban baseball bats? In the movie "Firewall," Harrison Ford's character kills a guy using a blender. Does that mean we

ban blenders?

My point is that banning guns won't end murders. Murder will always exist as long as humans have the desire and capacity to

commit it, just as it's existed since the days of Cain and Abel. Cain, by the way, didn't have possession of a gun, but still managed to kill his brother.

Realistically speaking, banning guns won't stop gun violence anyway. Sure, maybe people like Belcher wouldn't own guns, but criminals certainly would. Belcher seemingly snapped, but as I said, he would have found another way to do what he did. Criminals have no regard for the law anyway, so another law saying they can't have a gun isn't going to change anything.

Banning guns would not stop tragedies such as this, but they would allow criminals to be bolder. If a rapist, murderer or burglar knows he won't be met with armed resistance, what's to stop him from committing violence? The police? They're wonderful and necessary in our society, but they're also

human, meaning they can't be everywhere at once.

Gun control would not stop violence, but would actually be counterproductive in that sense. Instead of using a tragedy such as this to advocate the removal of one of our most important liberties, which is shameful, we should be sending our thoughts and prayers to all those affected.

Taking away weapons won't stop murders. Keeping guns out of the hands of those who would use them to commit violence is an imperfect science. So instead of punishing millions of Americans for the actions of a few, we should instead look to identify, treat and fix the real causes of such violence.

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Obama must turn attention toward impending fiscal cliff

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There is no fiscal cliff.

Yes, I know it sounds insane. But despite the equivocating, fear-mongering and hysterics occurring on Capitol Hill, the expiration of the Bush tax cuts is not the financial apocalypse Democrats are trying to claim. By their own standards, the expiration of the Bush tax cuts should be a good thing for the country.

Why? It's merely a return to the Clinton rates. And as we're constantly reminded, the Clinton years were economic Valhalla.

There's certainly a growing financial crisis, but it has nothing to do with the coming expiration of the Bush tax cuts and automatic budget cuts.

It has everything to do with Obama's hypocrisy on spending and deficit levels.

When Obama was merely a candidate, he called Bush's spending, which led to a \$9 trillion deficit, "unpatriotic." Apparently, pushing that number to \$16 trillion in less than four years isn't.

And as if that burgeoning number wasn't enough, Obama's serious solution unveiled this week to pull us from the economic brink is \$1.6 trillion in tax increases on "millionaires and billionaires" over the next 10 years. Let's not forget those evil \$250,000 a year millionaires who just won't pay their fair share. This number is double what he proposed during the campaign. What's worse about this grand bargain is that it makes no concessions to spending cuts — merely a promise of looking for future savings of a paltry \$400 billion in Medicare and other entitlement programs. Remind me how well that promise worked for Ronald Reagan? Oh, that's right; it didn't.

Apparently those numbers are acceptable because, as Nancy Pelosi reminded us this week, Congress worked to institute utterly draconian cuts of .07 percent last year. How could we possibly cut any more?

Finally, showing a blatant disregard for federalism, the deal gives Obama virtually unlimited power over the debt ceiling. He proposes to ban limits on the debt ceiling. Now, in his benevolence, he allows Congress to pass a resolution blocking debt ceiling increases, but gives himself the power to veto that resolu-

tion, which can only be overridden by a two-thirds Congressional override. That's not unconstitutional in the slightest.

Yes, raising taxes on the super wealthy polls well. But don't be deceived by the bromides; this isn't just an income tax raise. Obama's plan also includes a hike of the inheritance tax on estates over \$3.5 million — which even some Democrats have been hesitant about — and a tax on regular-income dividends. Again, this is a measure the Senate did not even consider. Obama has also proposed getting rid of the charitable tax donation.

So yes, maybe letting the Bush tax cuts expire for high income earners isn't that bad.

But that's not the whole deal.

There are massive tax increases hidden in this proposal, and they don't just affect upper income earners. Because trickle down economics is indeed more than just "fairy dust," this will affect everyone: business owners may be forced to lay off workers in order to keep their doors open, consumers' dollars won't go as far, charities, etc.

Historically, revenues increase when taxes are lowered; it happened when Kennedy and Reagan lowered tax rates. And yes, even when Bush — whose only concern was lining the pockets of his fat-cat Wall Street pals — instituted his tax cuts, and the tax base expanded.

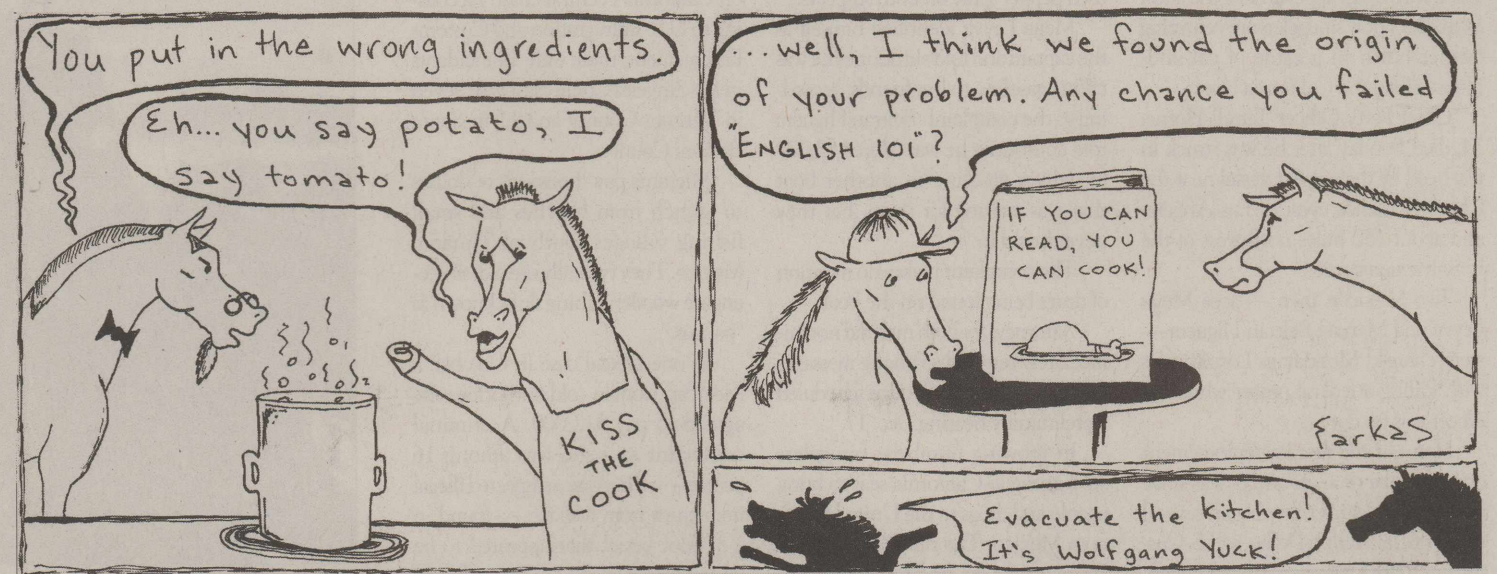
It's the fiscal cliff, or Tax-mageddon. Either way, the result is pretty grim unless serious budget cuts are worked out. And Obama's laughable deal — which includes more stimulus spending and axing the debt ceiling — shows just how seriously he's taking the budget crisis, which is not at all, hence the market crash that followed this election.

And that's why Republicans need to hold firm and go over the cliff, proving once and for all just how reckless the Democrats are when it comes to economic policy. Remember, in the past they praised the economic policies under Clinton. Now their return is being painted as a sort of doomsday scenario.

It is Obama who is responsible for this showdown. Republicans have put forth serious proposals after serious proposals, have been shot down and met with asinine proposals. Now is not the time to back down on principles.

THE TROTS

BY ANDREA FARKAS



Estate tax a hindrance to economic growth

By **DEREK OLSON**
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If you're planning on dying soon, you might want to hurry up. It's that other certainty of life you'll want to watch out for. The estate tax, which taxes the inheritance you pass on to your children, is about to increase dramatically.

Presently, there is a 35 percent rate on inheritance above \$5 million. However, as a part of the fiscal cliff, the estate tax is in for an automatic increase on Jan. 1. The \$5 million threshold will drop to \$1 million, and the rate will jump from 35 to 55 percent. If on Dec. 31 you happen to be on your deathbed with a \$5 million inheritance set aside, surviving one more day will cost \$2.3 million dollars in taxes. That's quite the predicament if you're on life support.

The argument in favor of a higher estate tax is easy to see. Advocates argue on moral grounds that it is an easy way to help level the playing field of equal opportunity between the rich and the poor. However, opponents argue against it on the grounds of economic efficiency and, surprise, even morality.

For example, consider two individuals, Bob and Joe, who each started businesses and sold them at retirement for \$10 million. Bob spent his retirement gambling away his money, but Joe invested his, living modestly while his savings financed new businesses and economic devel-

opment. Is it fair that Joe be penalized for his financial choice? Moral arguments alone make for a difficult method of justification.

So what of the economics of the death tax, as it is sometimes pejoratively nicknamed? Many economists, such as former University of Minnesota professor and Nobel Laureate Edward Prescott, favor a complete repeal of the estate tax. Like any good ol' American tax, it is full of loopholes.

This results in a plethora of inefficiencies and distortions in decision making. Because the estate tax raises very little revenue, about 0.2 percent of gross domestic product, some economists express doubt that the revenue exceeds the opportunity cost of all those lawyers, accountants, government administrators, IRS agents and the drag on economic growth.

The estate tax is another form of capital taxation, widely believed to be a harmful way to raise revenue. This brings to mind another hot topic in the public eye: capital gains, the tax on investment income. For the ultra-rich who make most of their income on investments, this can make for a lower tax rate than many Americans deem fair. Currently at 15 percent, President Barack Obama favors raising capital gains to 20 percent. One caveat is in order; he will have already raised it for high earners by 3.8 percent through the Affordable Care Act.

In reality, the capital gains rate can be much higher than 23.8 percent, as it will become on Jan. 1. Suppose you make an investment of \$1,000 and it grows by 10 percent, however, in that same time there is 10 percent inflation. Thus, the real value of your investment is unchanged. Despite having no increase in wealth, you still pay taxes on the nominal gain of \$100. That's a tax rate of infinity! Because capital gains also tax inflation, the real rate is almost never as low as it looks on paper.

Suppose you make your investment in the stock market. The fruits of your investment — the retained earnings of the company — are already getting taxed through corporate income taxes; your investment is taxed twice. Since you have already paid taxes on the wage income that gave you money to invest, your income is subject to taxation three separate times.

Last week Warren Buffett wrote an op-ed in the New York Times titled "A Minimum Tax for the Wealthy" in which he scoffed at the notion that a higher capital gains rate would discourage the wealthy from pursuing investments. "In the years from 1956 to 1969... the tax rate on capital gains inched up to 27.5 percent. I was managing funds for investors then. Never did anyone mention taxes as a reason to forgo an investment opportunity that I offered."

In addition, and without any con-

structive solutions, he criticized tax maneuvering by the wealthy to the Cayman Islands as "sickening." What Mr. Buffett ignores is that a higher capital gains tax is a major contributing factor to the use of foreign tax havens and offshore accounts.

In fact, there is a wealth of economic literature suggesting the optimal capital gains tax rate is at or very near zero. This literature has found ample evidence that capital taxation is overly burdensome on the growth of the economy. While economic inequality is a large concern for many Americans, policies that seek to address the issue still affect everyone. The more the economic pie is redistributed, the more the pie shrinks. When the economy fails to grow, those who suffer most are the poor.

It should be mutually agreed that economic growth is fair and beneficial to everyone. As John F. Kennedy famously quipped, "A rising tide lifts all boats." While it is a noble position to advocate the rich paying more through estate and capital gains taxation, the drain on the growth of the economy is a cost paid by all.

The morals of society and what it collectively decides is fair are virtues which cannot and should not be divorced from policy making. Neither can we let objective economic arguments, which are intimately linked with fairness, be separated from the rationale behind the policies we endorse.

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Tech Athletics hosts Student-Athlete Talent Show

By **SCOTT MACWATTERS**
STAFF WRITER

On Monday night in the Student Union Building, Allen Theatre, Texas Tech student athletes performed in the fifth annual Student-Athlete Talent Show to benefit the Special Olympics West Texas.

During the show, most of the Tech teams were represented on stage showcasing talents while making attendees laugh.

Tech volleyball won first place with a glow-in-the-dark dance. Several members of the team wore black jumpsuits with glowing tape outlining their body.

Second place went to track and field team with a vocal performance, and third place went to women's golf with its Napoleon Dynamite dance routine.

Despite not placing in the top three acts, the baseball team was a crowd favorite with its ribbon routine. For the performance, several team members took the stage in short jean shorts and pink twirlers and danced to a mash-up of songs.

Matt Custred, a freshman business major from Keller and baseball player, said he loved the show.

"It was so much fun," Custred said. "It was interesting. I loved seeing everybody."

Custred said the best part about

the show was raising money to benefit the Special Olympics West Texas.

"It's honestly the best part about this whole thing," Custred said. "Just making sure that they have the best Special Olympics as possible."

Custred said the baseball team practiced several times before the show.

"We actually practiced about five or six times," Custred said. "We started about two weeks ago, just getting the idea together."

Sydney Tapia, a freshman human development and family studies major from Arlington and softball player, was part of the first act to perform.

Tapia said she was glad she and other student athletes were able to use their talents to make people laugh and support the Special Olympics.

"I love the cause," Tapia said. "I absolutely love it. We used our talent to make people laugh, and that's always good. I loved that the kids were there and that we did it for a reason."

Sandra Dynka, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Ontario, Canada, and a women's tennis player, said she enjoyed watching the show, even though she didn't perform this year.

"It was funny," she said. "It was

really funny. I think it's a good cause. It's a good way for (student athletes) to give back to the community since we get so much back from them."

Dynka said her favorite act was the coaches and staff video. Though the video was not a part of the competition, it got much of the crowd laughing with guest appearances including football head coach Tommy Tuberville and Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt singing along to Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe."

"It was hilarious," Dynka said. "I think we've had a hard time for the past years getting them involved. They've come, but they've never been an act, so that was nice."

Justin Paysinger, director of student athlete affairs, made several cameos in the coaches and staff video. Paysinger took a lead role in planning the event.

"We started back in about August," he said. "Getting the show together, the idea, notifying the teams, coaches, community, making sure they start getting some ideas going as far as what they want to do on stage."

Paysinger said Tech Athletics usually uses the event to raise money for the Special Olympics and strengthen the partnership between Tech and the organization.

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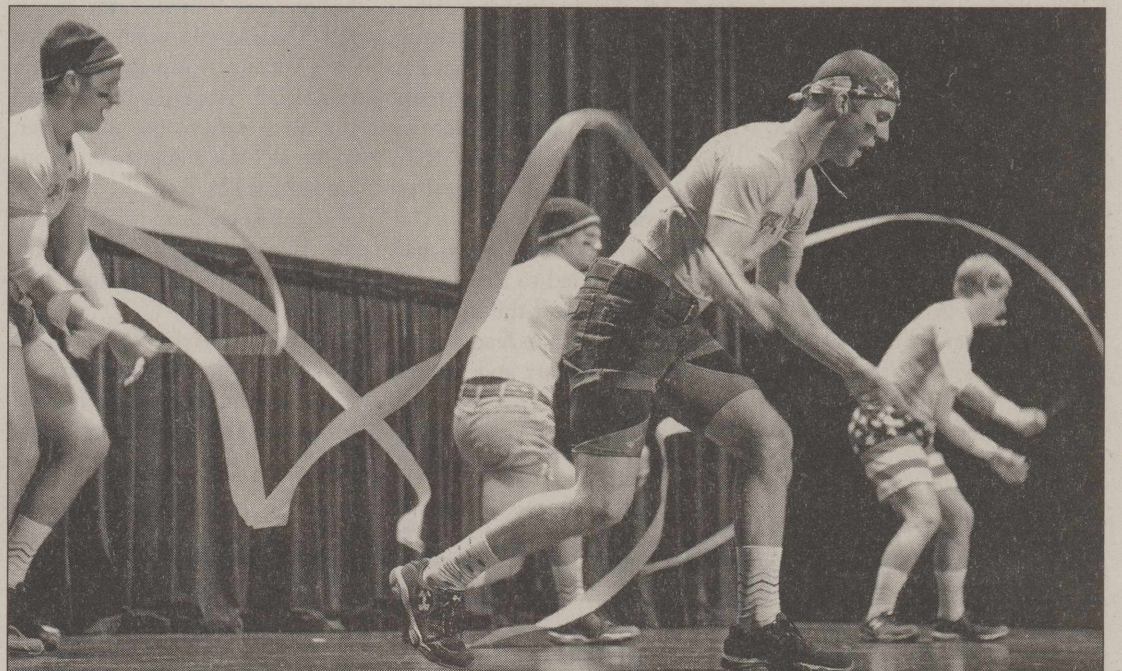


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TEXAS TECH BASEBALL players perform at the Student-Athlete Talent show in the Student Union Allen Theatre on Monday.

12 Conference have a partnership with Special Olympics Texas," he said. "Each year, we've designated the talent show as our big event, annually, to support Special Olympics."

Paysinger said the cause is a great way for student athletes to relieve stress and support each other while raising money to benefit others.

"It's really awesome not only to have them perform the show with

us, and attend," Paysinger said, "but to have our student athletes come out perform, have a little fun, support one another and help us raise money for a great organization."

He said this year's was the biggest crowd yet with about 400 people in attendance compared

to last year's, which was just more than 200.

"It's growing each year," Paysinger said. "This was definitely our biggest crowd we've had so far. I think each year we get more and more people."

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Tech organization hosts Las Posadas

By **EFRAIN DUARTE**
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The Texas Tech Latino/Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association and the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center hosted Las Posadas at 6 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building Escondido Theater.

Beck Lopez, a senior business assistant in the area of management for Rawls College of Business Administration, said Las Posadas means lodging in English.

"We are re-enacting what Mary and Joseph went through," she said.

Las Posadas is a predominantly

Hispanic and Catholic tradition where people go from house to house in a neighborhood, sing carols and end the celebration with food. All of these events are done to signify the search for lodging, which Mary and Joseph faced to find a place for the birth of Jesus.

"I thought it was great Tech was doing something like this," Ruby Grace, a sophomore journalism major from Laredo, said.

To start off, Las Posadas participants were led to the hallway in the basement of the SUB and through four stations featuring re-enactments of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging.

Participants were given a script,

led through stations and got to interact with actors at each station.

The first station was titled "Full," because the inn Mary and Joseph were trying to stay in was full. The second station was titled "No Vacancy," the third station was titled "Hopeless Hands" and the final station, the innkeeper, welcomed the audience and concluded Las Posadas.

At the conclusion of Las Posadas, the participants sang "Away in a Manger," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World."

"(Tech) is trying to reach out to not only American heritage, but Mexican and Catholic heritage," Monalisa Vilalpando, a sophomore

sociology major from San Antonio, said.

Las Posadas, Vilalpando said, is something she does with her family every year and she missed it last year, so she decided to come to the Las Posadas celebration.

David Rodriguez, a senior industrial engineering major from Bogota, Colombia, said his culture celebrates something similar called Novenas.

Novenas, he said, consists of praying and celebrating for nine days.

"I think it is interesting to see other cultures," he said.

Rodriguez said he understands the Hispanic culture in Texas

more after experiencing Las Posadas.

After the re-enactment of Las Posadas, participants were given food outside the Escondido Theater, which consisted of tacos, chips, cheesecake and beverages.

Participants were then led to the theater to watch a presentation about different Christmas celebrations around the world.

"We do not want just Catholics and Hispanics to know (about Las Posadas)," Lopez said. "We want everyone to know."

After the presentation, participants watched the movie "Reign of the Jaguar."

The movie was filmed in the

Mayan language and subtitled in English.

Jose Valenciano, assistant director of housing, said he wanted participants to get the experience of the cultural richness and significance of Las Posadas.

Beatrice Perez, Latino/Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association events committee member, said Las Posadas is usually a nine-day celebration, which the organization compressed into one night.

At the end of the Las Posadas script was a recipe for Biscochitos cookies, which are traditionally served during the Christmas season.

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Dick Cheney working on book about heart treatment

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Vice President Dick Cheney, one of the world's most prominent heart patients, is working on a book about his many battles with coronary disease and the revolutionary changes in treatment that helped keep him alive.

The 71-year-old Cheney is collaborating with his cardiologist, Dr. Jonathan Reiner, and with his daughter, Liz Cheney, Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, announced Monday that the book is scheduled for next fall. It is currently untitled.

"It explains and talks about all the developments in cardiology by going through my own case," the former vice president said Monday during a brief telephone interview. "I'm alive today because of the tremendous advances that have been made."

Financial terms were not disclosed, although a "portion of the authors' net proceeds from the book

will be donated to charity," according to Scribner. Cheney was represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett, whose clients also include President Obama and former President George W. Bush.

Cheney and his daughter also worked together on his memoir "In My Time," published in 2011 by the conservative Simon & Schuster imprint Threshold Editions. Cheney said the new book will be completely "non-political." Authors at Scribner range from Stephen King, a longtime liberal, to former first lady Laura Bush.

Cheney, who received a heart transplant in March, said that the idea for the book came from Reiner after they appeared together at the Cleveland Clinic for a conference on heart treatment. As Cheney explained, the clinic wanted him to speak because in his case "They've done everything they can to a pa-

tient."

As he wrote in "In My Time," Cheney was just 37 and running for Congress when he had his first heart attack, in 1978. Over the next 30 years, he had four more heart attacks, including one soon after Election Day in 2000 that required a stent to be inserted. In 2010, a year after he and President Bush left office, he had a battery-powered device installed to help his heart pump blood.

Cheney noted Monday that the procedures he had undergone were crucial steps ahead from the days when he was simply advised to quit smoking.

The former Vice President said that his current condition was "nothing short of a miracle." Two years ago, he was in "end-stage heart failure." Now, "I'm better than I've been in years," well enough to indulge his beloved pastime of fly fishing.

Will and Kate expecting a baby, UK palace confirms

LONDON (AP) — Britain doesn't have to wait any longer: Prince William's wife, Kate, is pregnant.

St. James's Palace made the announcement Monday, saying that the Duchess of Cambridge — formerly Kate Middleton — has a severe form of morning sickness and is currently in a London hospital. William was at his wife's side.

The news drew congratulations from around the world, with the hashtag "royalbaby" trending globally on Twitter.

The couple's first child will be third in line to the throne — behind William and his father, Prince Charles — leapfrogging the gregarious Prince Harry and possibly setting up the first scenario in which a female heir could benefit from new gender rules about succession.

The palace would not say how far along the 30-year-old duchess is, only that she has not yet reached the 12-week mark.

Palace officials said the duchess was hospitalized with hyperemesis gravidarum, a severe form of morning sickness that affects about 1 in 200 women and can lead to dehydration or worse if left untreated. They said she was expected to remain hospitalized for several days and would require a period of rest afterward.

Until Monday's announcement, the duchess had shown no signs of being with child. She was photo-

graphed just last week bounding across a field clad in black high-heeled boots as she played field hockey with students at her former school.

Still, speculation has swirled about when she and William would start a family from almost the moment they were wed on April 29, 2011, in a lavish ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

The attractive young couple is immensely popular — with William's easy common touch reminding many of his mother, the late Princess Diana — and their child is expected to play an important role in British national life for decades to come.

For months, Kate's every move has been scrutinized for clues about a possible pregnancy — from each time she touched her stomach to whether her outfit choices hinted at a baby bump.

In September, tongues wagged over why she might be avoiding alcohol when the duchess opted to toast with a glass of ice water instead of champagne during a banquet in Singapore.

Last week, the rumor mill kicked into high gear when a beaming William accepted a baby outfit from a well-wisher that bore the phrase, "Daddy's little co-pilot."

"I'll keep that," he reportedly said.

The confirmation of Kate's pregnancy caps a jam-packed year of

highs and lows for the young royals. They have traveled the world extensively as part of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and weathered the embarrassment of a nude photos scandal, after a tabloid published topless images of the duchess.

Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty magazine, said the news ended a year that saw the royal family riding high in popular esteem after celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne.

"People enjoyed the royal romance last year and now there's this. It's just a good news story amid all the doom and gloom," he said.

In the chilly night air at London's Camden market, concertgoers and shoppers seemed surprised by the news — though all agreed that it had been widely anticipated.

"It feels a lot like a Christmas present for the nation!" said Ravi Van Den Hil, a Dutch student studying in London. "It makes me feel quite happy."

Others wondered why Britain continues to spend so much to support the royal family. "I don't think it's a good thing," said Stephen Jowitz as he strolled down Camden High Street. "It reinforces a class system."

The palace said the royal family was "delighted" by the news.

British Prime Minister David Cameron admitted he got a heads-up about the pregnancy, saying he found the news "quite difficult" to keep to himself and expressing confidence the young couple will make "absolutely brilliant parents."

The pregnancy comes after a 2011 decision by the leaders of Britain and the 15 Commonwealth nations endorsing new rules that give girls equal status with boys in the order of succession. Those changes make Kate's pregnancy all the more significant for the royal family, said Ingrid Seward, editor-in-chief of Majesty magazine.

"This is the first child who will be an heir to the throne, whatever sex they are," she said. "It's a new beginning."

Like Kate, William's mother, Diana, also reportedly suffered from morning sickness for months, and was the subject of constant media attention after she became pregnant just four months after her wedding to Prince Charles. "The whole world is watching my stomach," Diana once said.

According to Britain's Department of Health, severe morning sickness most often affects women early in their pregnancy, and is more common in young women, women who are pregnant for the first time and those expecting multiple babies.

Dr. Daghni Rajasingam, a spokeswoman for Britain's Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said women with severe symptoms — including dehydration, dizziness and persistent vomiting — need to be hospitalized for treatment, including being given fluids intravenously.

"However, this usually only means a few days in (the) hospital," she said in a statement. "The best advice for anyone suffering from (severe morning sickness) is to get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluid."

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- Ho-hum time
- Ship's command post
- Zip precoder
- Really-really
- Verd's "Celeste Aida," e.g.
- Hypothesize
- Quits worrying
- Choked and
- Luncheon on the Grass' painter
- Law firm bigwigs
- Group with many golden spurs
- Failed firecracker
- Like 56 minutes of each hour of The Masters telecast
- Federal Web address ending
- Office betting groups
- Curacao neighbor
- TV's talking horse
- Drum kit drum
- "Want the light off?"
- "Stick Up for Yourself" nasal spray
- Glittery topper
- Molecule with a + charge, e.g.
- "Get off my back!"
- Mischief-maker
- Honduras native
- Wide-awake
- Wanted poster word
- Longish skirts
- Unfinished business, or, in a way, what 17-, 27- and 47- Across have in common
- Temporarily unavailable
- Sask. neighbor
- Macro or micro subj.
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- Hornet's home
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- Tennis great
- Row at Wrigley
- LAX guestimates
- Email doesn't require one
- Nutritional abbr.
- 1920s-'30s Flying Clouds, e.g.
- Chop-chop
- Greek vacation
- For all to see
- Insurance case
- Knesset country
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Texas Tech looks to avenge loss to Wildcats heading into final exams

Families grieve in wake of Belcher murder-suicide

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
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After snapping a four-game winning streak with an 85-57 home loss to Arizona, the Texas Tech men's basketball team will look to begin another winning streak when it hosts Northern Kentucky at 6 p.m. Tuesday in United Spirit Arena.

Freshman guard Dusty Hannahs said the opportunity to face a top-10 team like Arizona was a good experience for Tech, and the Red Raiders only will get better from this point forward.

Northern Kentucky is winless this season, including a 70-43 loss to No. 4 Ohio State on Saturday.

The Norse are led by senior guard Eshaunte Jones, who is averaging 14.4 points per game so far this season.

Tech coach Chris Walker said the Red Raiders are eager to move past their loss to Arizona and focus on the next game in front of them.

"That's the beautiful thing about basketball, you don't have to wait long (to play again)," Walker said. "Football, you have to wait six, seven days. Basketball, you get right back at it. So we want to feel good again about this whole deal. We've got a nice little break after this game with finals, so it'll be good to get a win."

Tech was outrebounded in its last two performances, which included a victory against Jackson State and a loss to Arizona.

Junior forward Jaye Crockett said rebounding was one of the many points of emphasis the Red Raiders noticed when watching film from the Arizona loss.

Crockett said he thinks he can reach

his full potential as a player simply by doing whatever is needed to help the Red Raiders win.

"I just want my team to win," he said. "If I need to go out there and score, then I'm going to go out there and score. If I need to go out there and rebound, then I'm going to go out there and rebound to help this team. I just really want to win because this program hasn't been where (I've) wanted it to be in the last couple of years."

"We've had some good teams. The results of the team haven't proved how hard the team works or how talented the team has been."

December will be the Red Raiders' final opportunity to fine-tune areas in which they may be lacking before beginning Big 12 Conference play with TCU on Jan 5.

Walker said although Northern Kentucky has not won a game yet, Tech is preparing for them the same way it prepared for Arizona.

"Obviously, we respect Northern Kentucky," he said. "They've had some tough, close losses. They haven't won yet, but that's not indicative of what kind of team they have. So we're taking them very seriously, as we would do any team."

Fox Sports Southwest will televise Tech's game against Northern Kentucky.

Walker said the focus of the Red Raiders continues to be making strides toward becoming the best team possible.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's always about Texas Tech," he said. "We need to make sure we're the best team we can be, and we know what we're doing on the court, and we play as hard as we can and then we focus on the other team."

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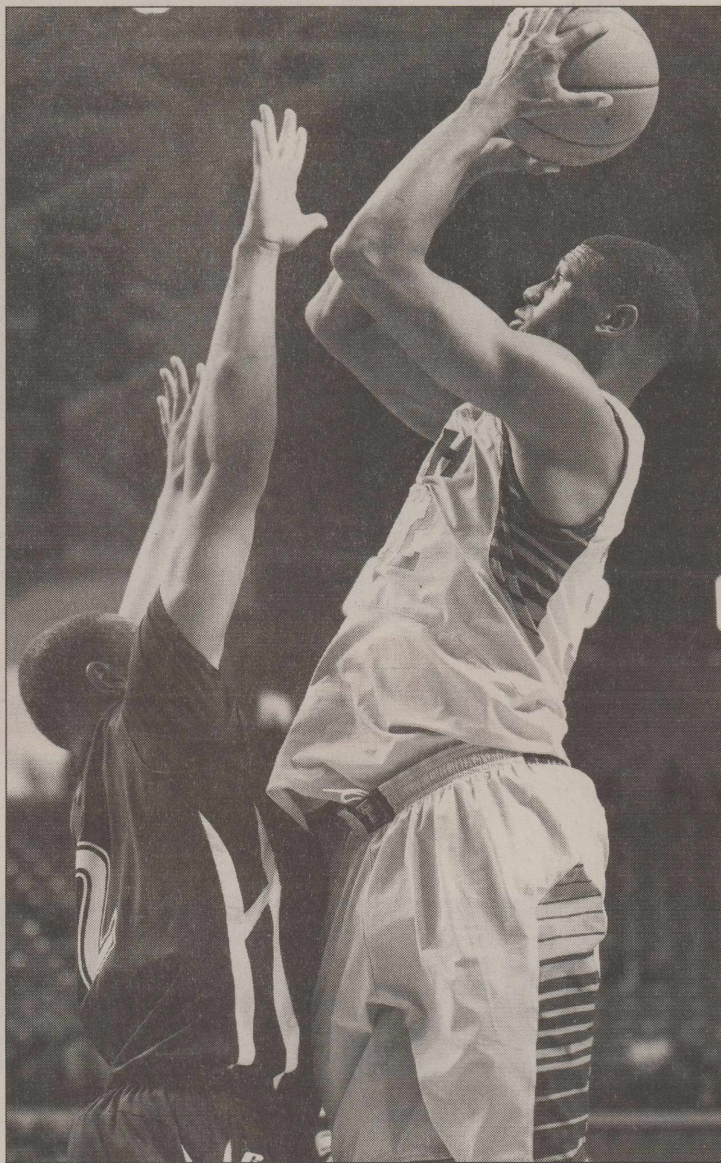


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Tolbert jumps up to shoot the ball while Jackson State University forward Willie Readus tries to block the shot during the Red Raiders 84-75 victory over the Tigers on Monday.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Breaking their silence for the first time, the family of the woman shot and killed by Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher said Monday their "hearts are truly broken" and asked for privacy while they grieve the loss of two loved ones.

Belcher shot and killed his 22-year-old girlfriend, Kasandra Perkins, at their Kansas City home Saturday before driving to Arrowhead Stadium, where Belcher committed suicide in the practice facility's parking lot, police said. The couple had a 3-month-old daughter, Zoey.

"Our hearts are truly broken for Kasi was a beloved daughter, granddaughter, sister, mother, cousin and friend," the family said in an emailed statement. The family also asked that the media "respect our privacy during this difficult time."

"Please keep us in your hearts and prayers as well as the Belcher family," the statement said.

Kansas City police Sgt. Marisa Barnes said Monday that authorities hope to deliver an investigative report to prosecutors on Tuesday.

"They're moving it along just like any other case. There's a formal process it has to go through," she said.

Dan Ferguson, a spokesman for Jackson County, said the medical examiner's office has completed examinations on the bodies of both Belcher and Perkins. A full autopsy report would not be available for six to eight weeks, he said.

In an incident report released Monday, police said officers were called to the Kansas City home of Belcher, 25, and Perkins about

7:50 a.m. Saturday. Police found Perkins on the floor of the master bathroom. The report said she died from apparent gunshot wounds, but did not say how many times she had been shot.

Belcher then drove about five miles to Arrowhead Stadium. There, he was met by general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel, and Belcher thanked them for all they'd done for him.

The police report said that when officers arrived at Arrowhead about 8 a.m., they saw several people in the practice facility parking lot.

"As they approached, a subject later identified as Jovan Belcher, observed their presence and moved to an area behind a vehicle," the report said. "From that position Belcher shot himself one time in the head." Belcher was taken to a hospital, where he died, the report said.

Barnes said Monday that firearms found at the couple's home were legally registered to Belcher. It is unknown how many guns were found.

"The majority of people own them, you know, especially in the places that they're legal," Chiefs linebacker Brandon Siler said. "People don't go out and shoot other people. Most of the time they're for self-defense or sport. Yeah, people own guns, but did you ever hear him say anything about harming someone with a gun? No."

Chiefs defensive tackle Shaun Smith bristled when asked about a "gun culture" in professional sports, and said players that carry them usually do so for protection.

AP source: Napoli, Boston strike \$39M, 3-year deal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Adding offense following a disappointing season, the Boston Red Sox have agreed to a \$39 million, three-year contract with catcher Mike Napoli, a person familiar with the deal said.

The agreement is subject to Napoli passing a physical, which will take place later this week, the person said Monday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final.

"Awesome addition to our team!"

Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester tweeted. A 31-year-old who also plays first base, Napoli hit .320 with 30 homers and 75 RBIs as the Texas Rangers won their second straight AL pennant in 2011, then slumped to a .227 average with 24 homers and 56 RBIs this year as he became a first-time All-Star. His on-base percentage dropped from .416 to .343.

Napoli is a .306 career hitter at Fenway Park (19 for 62) with seven homers and 17 RBIs. He is the third free agent this offseason to join the

Red Sox following outfielder Jonny Gomes, who got a \$10 million, two-year contract, and catcher David Ross, who received a \$6.2 million, two-year deal.

"He's a guy who is getting on base, has power, would be a good fit for our ballpark," Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington said, without confirming the agreement. "We like his offense at Fenway. We like the versatility."

The right-handed-hitting Napoli could see most of his playing time at

first base because Adrian Gonzalez was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in August along with pitcher Josh Beckett and outfielder Carl Crawford.

"We knew when we made the Dodger trade and we moved Gonzalez that we were going to have to try to find a way to replace that offense," Cherington said.

Texas was unwilling to guarantee three seasons for Napoli, who hit .350 with two homers and 10 RBIs in the 2011 World Series against St. Louis.

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