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Perry wants soldiers for boarder drug recon

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry sent a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano proposing that 600 soldiers be put in "reconnaissance platoons" that would scour remote areas for drug and immigrant smugglers along the border.

Napolitano has so far made no recommendation on the April letter sent by Perry, who suggested the patrols would be prudent given Mexico's drug-gang killings and kidnappings.

NATION

Sotomayor's file to Judiciary Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House delivered a huge portfolio of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor's writings, speeches and rulings to Capitol Hill Wednesday, with details about the federal judge that will shape the debate over seating her on the court.

The massive parcel of documents came in response to a questionnaire the Senate Judiciary Committee sends all federal court nominees. It includes details on Sotomayor's personal and financial background, with copies of virtually everything she has said or written publicly, as well as an account of how President Barack Obama came to nominate her.

WORLD

Chinese unable to mourn Tiananmen anniversary

BEIJING (AP) — China aggressively deterred dissent in the capital on Thursday's 20th anniversary of the crackdown on democracy activists in Tiananmen Square. But tens of thousands turned out for a candlelight vigil in Hong Kong to mourn the hundreds, possibly thousands, of demonstrators killed.

The central government ignored calls from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and even Taiwan's China-friendly president for Beijing to face up to the 1989 violence.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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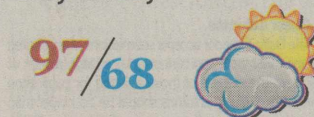
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Obama tries to heal rift between U.S., Muslims

By MARK S. SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO (AP) — President Barack Obama called for a "new beginning between the United States and Muslims" Thursday and said together, they could confront violent extremism across the globe and advance the timeless search for peace in the Middle East.

"This cycle of suspicion and discord must end," Obama said in a widely anticipated speech in one of the world's largest Muslim countries, an address designed to reframe relations after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the war in Iraq.

In a gesture, Obama conceded

at the beginning of his remarks that tension "has been fed by colonialism that denied rights and opportunities to many Muslims, and a Cold War in which Muslim-majority countries were often treated as proxies without regard to their own aspirations."

"And I consider it part of my responsibility as president of the United States to fight against negative stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear," he said.

At the same time, he said the same principle must apply in reverse. "Just as Muslims do not fit a crude stereotype, America is not the crude stereotype of a self-interested empire."

Obama spoke at Cairo University after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the second stop of a four-nation trip to the Middle East and Europe.

The speech was the centerpiece of his journey, and while its tone was striking, the president also covered the Middle East peace process, Iran, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the violence struggle waged by al-Qaida.

Obama arrived in the Middle East on Wednesday, greeted by a new and threatening message from al-Qaida's leader, Osama bin Laden. In an audio recording, the terrorist leader said the president inflamed the Muslim world by or-

dering Pakistan to crack down on militants in Swat Valley and block Islamic law there.

But the president said the actions of violent extremist Muslims are "irreconcilable with the rights of human beings," and quoted the Quran to make his point.

"Islam is not part of the problem in combatting violent extremism — it is an important part of promoting peace," he said.

The White House said Obama's speech contained no new policy proposals on the Middle East, and he issued an evenhanded call to Israel and Palestinians alike to live up to their international obligations.

" Hamas must put an end to violence, recognize past agreements, and recognize Israel's right to exist," he said of the organization the United States deems as terrorists.

"The Palestinian Authority must develop its capacity to govern, with institutions that serve the needs of its people," Obama said.

"At the same time, Israelis must acknowledge that just as Israel's right to exist cannot be denied, neither can Palestine. The United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements" on the West Bank and outskirts of Jerusalem, he said. "It is time for these settlements to stop."

Knight school

Summer basketball camp boosts work ethic, teaches fundamentals

By CHRISTOPHER MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

At 7 a.m. on Wednesday, 15-year-old Garrett Stockton got up to start the day, and when he reached down to tie his sneakers the sore muscles burned from the past week's events.

But when he stood up, the grimace he was wearing quickly turned into a confident smile, and he proudly marched to the United Spirit Arena to push himself once more.

This may not seem like the atmosphere that normally surrounds a youth basketball camp, but Tech basketball coach Pat Knight runs things a little differently.

The first session of The Pat Knight Basketball Camp took place this week, and both Knight and the young participants, ages 9 to 18, agreed that the experience was the perfect combination between hard work and fun.

Knight took over Tech's basketball camp for the first time this year following in the footsteps of his father, Bob Knight, who ran the camp in the past. Pat Knight continued his father's tradition of making his camp physically challenging in hopes of molding better conditioned basketball players.

"I want them to be tired every night and be complaining in the morning that they are a little sore," Knight said. "I'll encourage them to work through that. The camp is designed to be tiring, and I have tried to keep that the same as dad always did it."

Saro Ntagha, a 15-year-old camp participant from Houston, said he appreciated the challenging format of the basketball camp, and he plans to



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH COACH Pat Knight speaks to players who attended his basketball camp Wednesday inside the United Spirit Arena. Knight wants to ensure his basketball campers continue to develop fundamentals and work ethic even after the camp ends.

continue building on the skills he gained this week.

"It has been a tough camp, but I have had a lot of fun," Ntagha said. "I am learning drills that I will be able to take back home to my teammates, which means a lot."

Even though the camp is a challeng-

ing week for young players, Pat Knight said it's important they enjoy themselves and learn different aspects of the game.

"I feel like we teach, where a lot of basketball camps just babysit," he said. "A lot of places take the kids to the pool or the arcade, but we wanted to make sure these kids learn the fundamentals

of the game, and have a good time while doing that."

Pat Knight, along with some of his coaching staff, worked with players on fundamentals and work ethic this week. He said it was important he spends as much time with camp participants as possible.

"I don't want to be one of those guys that has my name on the camp, but you never see me," Knight said. "So I try to interact with the kids as much as I can. I get to hang out with them and teach them drills and eat lunch with them and

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Brazil recovers Air France plane debris

By FEDERICO ESCHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FERNANDO DE NORONHA, Brazil (AP) — A Brazilian helicopter crew recovered the first wreckage from Air France Flight 447 on Thursday, pulling a cargo pallet from the sea. No sign of human remains have been spotted, and Air France has told families that the jetliner broke apart, killing all 228 people on board.

Two buoys — standard emergency equipment on planes — also were recovered from the Atlantic Ocean about 340 miles (550 kilometers) northeast of Brazil's northern Fernando de Noronha islands by the helicopter crew, which was working off a Brazilian navy ship.

Air France's CEO Pierre-Henri Gourgeon told family members at a private meeting that the Airbus A330 disintegrated, either in the air or when it slammed into the ocean and there were no survivors, according to Guillaume Denoix de Saint-Marc, a grief counselor who

was asked by Paris prosecutors to help counsel relatives.

Soldiers at Fernando de Noronha's airport, where any recovered human remains would be taken, unloaded body bags and a refrigerated truck on Thursday from a military plane.

Flight 447 disappeared en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris on Sunday night, the deadliest crash in Air France history and the world's worst commercial air accident since 2001.

With the crucial "black box" voice and data recorders still missing, investigators were relying heavily on the plane's automated messages to help reconstruct what happened as the jet flew through towering thunderstorms.

The messages detail a series of failures that end with its systems shutting down, suggesting the plane broke apart in the sky, according to an aviation industry official with knowledge of the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the crash.

U.S. journalists on trial in North Korea

By JEAN H. LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's top court began hearing the case Thursday of two American journalists accused of crossing into the country illegally and engaging in "hostile acts" — charges that could draw a 10-year sentence in a labor camp.

Laura Ling and Euna Lee, reporters for former Vice President Al Gore's California-based Current TV, were arrested March 17 near the North Korean border while on a reporting trip to China.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said in a brief dispatch earlier Thursday that the trial would begin at 3 p.m. (0600 GMT; 2 a.m. EDT) in Pyongyang's Central Court. Hours later, there was no word on the status of the proceedings.

U.S. State Department spokesman Robert Wood said Thursday that American officials

had seen news reports that the trial had begun but had no independent confirmation. The North has told United States that no observers, including Swedish officials who act as the U.S. protecting power in Pyongyang, would be allowed to watch the trial, he said.

The trial began at a time of mounting tensions on the Korean peninsula following the regime's provocative May 25 nuclear test.

With discussions continuing at the United Nations and in Washington on how to punish the regime for its defiance, there were fears the women could become political pawns in the standoff with Pyongyang.

Analyst Choi Eun-suk, a professor of North Korean law at Kyungnam University, said the court could convict the women and then the government could use them as bargaining chips in negotiations with the U.S.

"The North is likely to release and deport them to the U.S. — if negotiations with the U.S. go well," Choi said.

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY Student Media

Red Raider Orientation combines past programs

By HANNAH MOORE
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Texas Tech Center for Campus Life has prepared for its first session of Red Raider Orientation, a combination of two old programs, which begins June 9.

By combining New Student Orientation and Red Raider Camp, Michael Harrington, assistant director for the center, said he hopes related aspects of the programs help students feel more connected to Tech.

Harrington said they also have hired more staff as counselors to allow for smaller groups and more one-on-one time.

"We've kept things from New Student Orientation that kind of promote the campus, so everything like our resource fairs, all the advising, and students will still be getting registered," he said. "Even the time frame is the same. The benefit of adding Red Raider Camp is that

the students will actually go through orientation in smaller groups."

Harrington said his department has been training counselors since spring semester in efforts to get them prepared to answer questions and promote fun, as well.

Chris Arroyo, a counselor for the new program, said although training has been hard work, he is excited to work with new students at orientation.

"I'm looking forward to meeting people and just making a difference," said Arroyo, a sophomore engineering major from Houston. "I know when I came in here, I didn't know anything about Tech. I had no clue where anything was, but when

I had counselors I had lots of help from them."

Arroyo said the counselors learn about the services and organizations available on campus so they can be prepared to answer new students' questions.

"I'm not going to know everything," he said, "but that's why we have so many people from so many different backgrounds."

Arroyo said the new program is beneficial to students because it is more convenient and allows them to be involved thoroughly.

"It's just better for the students because you don't have to go to camp all the way in Junction," Arroyo said.

"I think they just want to make you feel like you've made the right decision to come to Tech."

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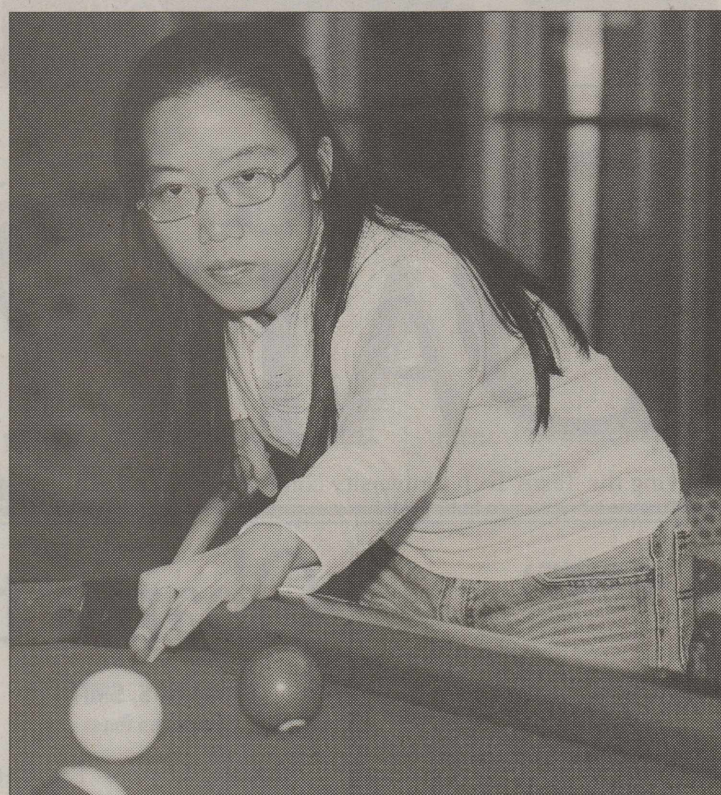


PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
SRIVIKORN DITUDOMPO, A graduate animal science major from Thailand plays a game of pool in the Student Union Building Thursday.

Rec sports to sponsor summer camp for local youth

By KATE OZMENT
MANAGING EDITOR

Some Texas Tech students will be doing more than just working out at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center when they work with Recreational Sports to host a youth summer camp.

The camp, which has been around since the 1970s, begins Monday, with the first session of 120 children attending.

Jonathan Elliott, assistant director of sport clubs and special events, said the event is a way for Tech students to get involved with the city.

"It's a good community service

for the faculty and staff of Texas Tech, but also within the city of Lubbock," he said.

The Rec hires and trains 15 counselors for the summer, who instruct and play with the camp's participants, Elliott said.

Elliott and his colleague, Brett Jackson, work together to plan the event and train the students.

Jackson, unit coordinator of intramural sports, said the counselors have just as much fun as the children in the camp.

"(The counselors) absolutely love playing (the sports with the campers)," he said. "Sometimes they are having way more fun than the kids."

Jackson said they try to come up with unique games to keep the children entertained, including speed ball, a mix of ultimate frisbee and soccer, and squirrel ball, a game similar to capture the flag but with racquet and tennis balls.

Elliott said the activities include archery, rock climbing, indoor sports, dodgeball, racquet sports and more.

"This year we are adding a fitness class to it," he said. "Like cardio boxing, some pilates and yoga."

Elliott said while the focus is having fun, his department ensures the camp's participants will be safe

while they are at the Rec.

"We go through pretty extensive training as far as how to talk to kids, as far as discipline, how to explain games to children," he said. "We also do CPR (certification) and first aid."

Elliott said despite the fact there will be 120 campers in the Rec in the mornings, the vast majority of the facilities will still be open to students and Rec members.

The camp has three sessions, all of which take place from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the Rec. The first two sessions are full, but the last has some remaining spots.

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Door opens for Cuba's possible return to OAS

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (AP) — The Organization of American States cleared the way for Cuba's possible return to the group by lifting a 47-year ban on the communist-run country, a move backed by Washington despite initial objections.

The vote by acclamation Wednesday to revoke a 1962 measure suspending the island from the body not only toppled a Cold War landmark but was the latest sign of the end of Cuba's isolation in a region increasingly governed by leftist leaders.

Even traditional U.S. ally El Salvador this week restored ties with Cuba, meaning that every country in the hemisphere except for the United States has re-established relations. The U.S. embargo of Cuba also remains deeply unpopular in much of Latin America.

"At this meeting today we have washed away a stain that had affected us all," said Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, whose leftist Sandinista party returned to power in 2006.

The decision was made by consensus, meaning the United States accepted it, though Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had lobbied personally for requiring Cuba to make democratic reforms and improve respect for human rights.

Still, Clinton applauded the final vote.

"Many member countries originally sought to lift the 1962 suspension and allow Cuba to return immediately, without conditions,"

Clinton said in a statement issued by the State Department in Washington.

"Others agreed with us that the right approach was to replace the suspension which has outlived its purpose after nearly half a century with a process of dialogue and a future decision that will turn on Cuba's commitment to the organization's values," she added.

Clinton herself left the meeting before the final vote. The meeting dragged on so long Tuesday night that she did not even have time to deliver a prepared speech of 1,500 words before flying out of Honduras to join President Barack Obama in Egypt.

The OAS decision was angrily criticized in the U.S. by opponents of Cuban president Raul Castro and his older brother, former leader Fidel Castro.

U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Florida Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the vote only appeased Cuba.

"Now we know where the priorities of the OAS lie," the Cuba-born Ros-Lehtinen said in a statement. "Rather than upholding democratic principles and fundamental freedoms, OAS member states, led by the OAS Secretary General, could not move quickly enough to appease their tyrannical idols in Cuba."

"Today's decision by the OAS is an affront to the Cuban people and to all who struggle for freedom, democracy, and fundamental human rights," she added.

Commissioner: IRS may require licensing of paid tax preparers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is working on new rules that could require paid tax preparers to be licensed in hopes of reducing mistakes and combatting fraud, IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman announced Thursday.

Eighty percent of taxpayers get help with their returns, either from paid preparers or computer programs, Shulman told a congressional subcommittee. Tax preparers currently don't have to be licensed, unless they represent clients in proceedings before the Internal Revenue Service.

Shulman said he wants better leverage to make sure tax preparers act ethically, not only to improve enforcement, but to ensure that tax-

payers get quality help in preparing their returns.

"Paying taxes is one of the largest financial transactions individual Americans have each year, and we need to make sure that professionals who serve them are ethical and ensure the right amount of tax is paid," Shulman told the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight.

From 2006 through 2008, the IRS initiated more than 600 investigations of fraud among tax preparers. During that time, 356 tax preparers were convicted, with more than 80 percent of them sentenced to prison, home confinement or electronic monitoring.

But when the IRS detects a

fraudulent return, it's the taxpayer — not the preparer — who must pay the additional taxes, interest and any penalties, according to the IRS.

Shulman said he will seek suggestions from the industry and consumer groups before making his proposals to President Barack Obama by the end of the year. The proposals could include new regulations or laws.

"I want to enter this with an open mind," Shulman said. "For me, everything's on the table."

Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., welcomed Shulman's announcement, saying professional tax preparers should be required to show competency.

"All sorts of people are being

paid" to prepare taxes, Becerra said. "There's no clear standard."

Under questioning from Becerra, Shulman acknowledged the IRS doesn't even know how many individuals or companies prepare returns for taxpayers.

Registering tax preparers and requiring a minimum competency makes sense, said Paul Cinquemani, director of government relations for the National Association of Tax Professionals.

"As complex as the tax law is, believe me it doesn't hurt to raise the bar," Cinquemani said in an interview. "I don't understand how anyone operates without getting education to stay on top of tax law. It's very complex."

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U.S. retailers report May sales decline

NEW YORK (AP) — Although consumer confidence may be increasing, it's not showing up at the cash register yet. Many retailers posted disappointing May sales on Thursday, and food and necessities remained high on shoppers' lists.

According to a Goldman Sachs/ICSC tally, overall same-store sales fell 4.6 percent, worse than the 3 percent drop predicted.

The lower-than-expected results did not include Wal-Mart stores, which in recent months has boosted total results but has stopped reporting monthly figures.

April same-store sales had edged up with Wal-Mart, but excluding the

world's largest retailer, May was the 10th straight month of same-store sales declines, according to a tally by Goldman Sachs and the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Results are a "clear indication that the consumer is not stampeding back to the stores, they're still being very careful," said BMO Capital Markets analyst John Morris. "I think the initial panic is over, but now the tough work begins. We're entering a slow summer period when there's not a lot to attract consumers into the stores."

Overall, necessities like food and health care products continued to be the strongest sellers.

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Alcohol voting brings up debate on ethics, religion

One topic on the minds of many in Lubbock is the passage of the referendum to end prohibition of the sale of packaged alcohol beverages within city limits. One can readily find gleeful and disparaging comments posted on the online versions of *The Daily Toreador*, the *Lubbock-Avalanche Journal*, and elsewhere, directed at the Baptist Church for its role in the attempt to continue prohibition.

The day following the election, a friend of mine on his Facebook profile quipped, "I hope that the Baptists will now move somewhere that is still dry." Many members of the Baptist Church and their supporters will no doubt respond (and in some cases already have responded) by leveling the charge of bigotry against these critics akin to racial prejudice against minorities. This charge raises an issue worth considering: The ethical consideration of whether it is proper to criticize a religious organization or its members.

The reason many do not question this charge of bigotry is that they confuse criticism regarding an individual's innate characteristics — such as race, gender or sexual orientation — with criticism regarding the set of ideas one has chosen, such as political affiliation, or, as is the case here, religion.

Let us clarify the distinction between these two cases. Race is a set of unchosen biological attributes that have no bearing on an individual's character or actions. A religion, by contrast, is a set of chosen beliefs and values that have real-life consequences for both individuals who hold them and society as a whole.

Any set of beliefs and values that an individual chooses are properly subject to examination and scrutiny, regardless of the emotional attachments its practitioners have to those beliefs. Subjecting all beliefs, including religious ones, to critical examination is vital to a healthy, functioning society. For this reason, a religion is a proper subject of moral criticism. Therefore, let us now examine religiously motivated support for prohibition of the sale of alcohol within the city limits.

Prohibition has negative implications for the preservation of liberty. To see why this is true, let us examine the issue

Jason Hoskin



through the lens of the Founding Fathers. The Founders understood that the role of government is limited to protecting individuals from violence or the threat of violence against persons or property.

This is in stark contrast to the view taken by advocates of prohibition. Advocates of prohibition support the use of government force to prevent people from producing and trading property (in this case, alcohol) as they see fit. This is an affront to the free-market ideals espoused by the Founding Fathers. Indeed, prohibition has resulted in a government-instituted monopoly on The Strip, since two companies sell all alcohol on The Strip.

This is precisely the result that free-market economists such as Adam Smith would predict as a result of government intrusion into the marketplace.

Prohibitionists claim (I think falsely) alcohol sales will lead to increased crime and drunk driving. Prohibitionists thus assume that people are guilty until proven innocent. They are willing to restrict the liberty of citizens even before they have done harm to others. Prohibitionists have such contempt for the ability of individuals to act as moral agents capable of making decisions regarding their own lives, that they have no qualms about using the government's gun to establish their version of the good society.

The Religious Right, like their counterparts on the far left, hold that the establishment of a nanny-state is necessary to ensure the safety of its citizens, as the proper role of government. But as Benjamin Franklin eloquently stated, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

This restriction of liberty has set a precedent that potentially presents a far greater danger to society than alcohol sales ever could. For these reasons, alcohol prohibition is immoral and contrary to

core American values as understood by the Founding Fathers.

We must not forget that this threat to liberty emanates primarily from a minority of religious fundamentalists. Religious tolerance does not require us to ignore the fact that the a coalition of Baptist Churches formed a political action committee — The Truth About Alcohol Sales — to defeat this proposition. Political correctness does commit us to ignoring the signs and kiosks in front of Baptist Churches, which called for the defeat of the alcohol referendum.

Religious pluralism does not demand that we ignore the large donations made to defeating this proposition, or the Baptists ministers have called upon their flocks to vote against this proposition.

There can be no virtue in evading reality, particularly when the reality of what these people advocate presents a dangerous threat to liberty.

It is true that not all Baptists support this violation of individual rights, though nearly all who supported the ban were Baptists or fundamentalists of one stripe or another. Baptists who favored alcohol sales are to be spared criticism, provided they spoke out against those who acted in their name.

A religious group should not expect that their attempts to abridge the individual rights of others, and that others refrain from criticizing them. Very likely, large swaths of Europe will soon be enveloped in religious tyranny of a different variety — that of Islamic Fundamentalism.

This is largely because its original inhabitants have been cowed into believing it is wrong to criticize a member of a religious group and its teachings, even when its member actively seek to impose beliefs on others by force.

The passage of this proposition gives me hope that this same phenomenon will not happen in our own country.

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Google's Wave strives to reimagine Web interaction

Never satisfied with its current level of ubiquity, Google appears to be making a strong effort to redefine how we communicate and share digital content. Last week, at the Google I/O conference, the Internet giant revealed possibly its most ambitious project in years, Google Wave.

Wave is a difficult thing to summarize, simply for the depth and breadth of its capabilities. One pundit described Wave as "what e-mail would look like if it were invented today." It is vastly more powerful and dynamic than traditional e-mail, however.

Google Wave's entire experience revolves around what are appropriately called "waves."

Waves are essentially Web-based collections of threaded communication involving a certain group of participants, sort of like an e-mail conversation. "Wavelets" are like individual threads within a wave.

What's so cool about waves is what users can share across them. Each individual "blip" of communication within a wavelet can contain one or more "documents." These might include photos, videos, Word files, maps or almost any other type of file.

All of this sharing happens in real-time. As you type text in a wavelet, other users can see the characters appear and Wave will autocorrect your spelling and grammar. If you post a photo, it is immediately thumbnailing and accessible to everyone viewing the wave. The server

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keeps a real-time record of changes to documents within a wave so that everyone is always in sync.

History and archival junkies will be happy to hear that Wave also has an integrated "playback" feature, which allows any user in a wave to replay every change made to it over

time. This could be extremely helpful for tracking the minute steps in the progression of collaborative projects, for instance.

In addition to text communication and documents, Waves can contain "gadgets" and "robots." Gadgets are applications (like Chess, Google Maps, or Events) with which users in a

given can interact. Robots are automated services that can fetch, parse, and integrate content within a wave, sort of like RSS readers on steroids.

Possibly the most exciting robot revealed to date is "Tweety," which integrates Twitter into a given wave. Users can post, view and reply to tweets from within a wave right alongside any of the aforementioned content. This shows that Google

seeks not to replace other real-time Web communications networks, but rather to bring them all into one simple environment.

As one would hope with Google, every bit of content within Wave is instantly searchable as well. You also can take a wave and embed it within a Web site, precisely controlling who can see or edit which content. All of these little elements together make the Wave experience incredibly dynamic.

Wave has the potential to drastically change how we deal with the Web on an everyday basis. Imagine waves as a means for you to easily categorize and compartmentalize your Web communication in ways that have previously required several different services.

For instance, you might create a wave for a certain vacation you go on with a group of friends. You add everyone to the wave, discuss destinations over a Google Map, collaboratively find and choose restaurants and points of interest, and then later post photos and videos relevant to the vacation. All of this happens in one place in real time.

Google Wave is in the very early beta stage right now, only accessible to developers on a limited basis. However, Google hopes to bring Wave on shore and make it available to everyone later this year.

Personally, I see Wave as a natural evolution in Web interaction. It is a tool that will bring together currently disparate pieces of our Internet lives into a logical, powerful collaborative system. It could very well do for Web communication what YouTube did for video or Flickr did for photos.

Stay tuned; this is one wave you'll definitely want to ride.

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Locker: Of all pro sports, NBA provides lowest level of officiating

The NBA Playoffs have been everything an avid NBA fan like me can hope for: consistently exciting and inconsistently officiated.

In past years, I have been able to accept the inconsistent calls, but this season's officiating has gotten out of hand.

The LeBron James buzzer beater in game two of the Eastern Conference Finals provided fans with a Jordan-like moment that brought excitement back to the game.

What did the NBA deliver for an encore in game three? A boring, slow-paced game in which the referees called 58 fouls.

The NBA has always been officiated differently than every other level of basketball, for better or worse.

I remember my elementary days when I would get called for traveling for doing the Scottie Pippen three-step, a move allowed at the highest level of basketball, yet a violation at my local YMCA.

Basketball is the sport where officials have the biggest impact on the outcome of the game, but for whatever reason, basketball is the only sport where the highest level of competition provides fans with the lowest quality of officiating.

In the NBA, traveling is called inconsistently, lane violations do not exist and the superstars clearly get preferential treatment.

I am not questioning the qualifications of NBA officials because I believe these are some of the most experienced and qualified officials in the world, but these guys fail to recognize some of the most basic rules in basketball.

I wish I could sit in on a referee meeting and see exactly what these guys are told. These guys have refereed basketball for decades and cannot be as incompetent as they seem.

Landry Locker



There is no way a guy like Bennett Salvatore, a referee for more than 30 years — 24 in the NBA — cannot recognize a travel, one of the most basic calls in basketball.

I find it just as troubling that I know who Bennett Salvatore is.

The NBA is the only sport where I know most of the officials by name; it's as if these guys are celebrities.

San Antonio Spurs fans hate Joey Crawford, Dallas Maverick fans hate Dan Crawford, and it seems like every NBA arena has chanted "Javie sucks" during a game Steve Javie officiates.

In July 2008, former NBA referee Tim Donaghy was sen-

tenced to 15 months in prison for a gambling scandal that further tarnished the reputation of NBA officiating. The NBA later investigated the other officials during that time and although Donaghy allegedly testified that other officials were involved, no one else was charged.

The NFL is scrutinized by many sports fans for rewriting the rule book every year to favor the offense, but at least the league actually has rules.

I am not saying the NFL, which has recently been called the "no fun league", is the prototype when it comes to making rules, but the NBA should at least follow the NFL's lead and define the rules of the game more clearly.

The NBA needs to either rewrite the rule book or call the game the way it is called at every other level of basketball.

I am an avid basketball fan, so I will never stop watching the NBA playoffs, but I have friends and

family members who only watch college basketball because they're fed up with the impact referees have on NBA games.

I have refereed basketball before, so trust me, I know it is not an easy thing to do, but the only consistent thing NBA referees do is officiate games poorly.

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everything." Each camp day was split into morning and afternoon sessions. Players spent their mornings alternating stations and conditioning exercises, while afternoons were spent playing pick-up games and other competitions. Most of the participants stayed in Murdough Hall throughout the week, and Pat Knight said housing the players on campus enriches the experience of the camp. "I think it is good for a lot of them to be around kids their own age for a whole week and just play basketball all day," he said. "You can't ask for anything better than that."

The final lesson Knight said he tried to teach the kids was the determination it takes to develop basketball fundamentals in the long run. Knight encouraged the camp participants to continue to improve their fundamentals even after camp ends. "Sometimes kids take for granted that they will become a good player overnight," he said. "They have to take everything we have taught them and work on it day in and day out. Hopefully some of the kids have a new appreciation for the game after this week."

The Pat Knight Basketball Camp will have one more individual session June 21 to June 25, which is open to third grade students to seniors in high school. christopher.n.martin@ttu.edu

Bettis earns invitation to 2009 USA National Team Trials

By ALEX YBARRA
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Just two years ago, Texas Tech pitcher Chad Bettis was drafted by the Houston Astros in the eighth round of the 2007 Major League Baseball Draft. But the Lubbock native and product of Monterey High School traded his ticket to the show for three years of college baseball at Tech.

And so far, it's paid off, albeit with a little less cash. However, the experiences are piling up for the junior right-hander.

After performing in the prestigious Cape Cod Summer League after his 2008 freshman season, Bettis joined Baylor's Logan Verrett as the only players from the Big 12 Conference selected to compete for a spot on the USA Baseball National Team at the team trials in Cary, N.C., June 15 to June 24.

"It's just unbelievable," said Bettis, who ranks third all-time in Tech history for saves in a single season. "I didn't think I'd be here for two years. It's a very great honor to have. I feel very privileged to play with guys that I will hopefully be playing with for a long time."

As a sophomore, Bettis was the driving force behind the Red Raiders' pitching staff this season, finishing with a 6-1 record, seven saves and a 3.59 ERA while leading the team

with 72 2/3 innings pitched.

From starting to relieving, in 11 of Tech's 12 conference wins, Bettis contributed on the mound — highlighting his versatility. Bettis said he spoke with USA Baseball General Manager Eric Campbell on Wednesday and expects to be used similarly until more details about the final team become certain.

"It's a great honor for our baseball program and for Chad (Bettis) to earn an invite to the national trials,"

Tech Coach Dan Spencer said in a statement. "Our goal is to develop players and allow them to put themselves in these types of positions. The experience you get from playing with the best college baseball players in the country is invaluable."

And Bettis knows he'll

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CHAD BETTIS
Texas Tech pitcher



PHOTO BY MICHAEL STRONG/Courtesy of Texas Tech Athletics

TEXAS TECH PITCHER Chad Bettis led the team in innings pitched this past season, going 6-1 with seven saves and a 3.59 ERA. Because of his performance, he was chosen to compete for a spot on the USA Baseball National Team at the team trials in Cary, N.C., June 15 to June 24.

have more than a baseball at his fingertips.

"You learn everything, from who your competition is for the next year in college to who you have down the line," he said. "You can tell how they act, how you react as a player around them and show what you can do to them."

"This is gonna be a great experience to have. We get to travel a lot, and it's gonna feel like a very big major league setting, and it's gonna be fun."

In hopes of taking the next step in his career, Bettis said he would

like to improve on his consistency, command and develop his curve ball more during the offseason.

Bettis would be the fifth Tech player to play on the national team if he makes the cut, joining Josh Bard (1997, 1998), Monty Ward (1997), Shane Wright (1998) and Roger Kieschnick (2006, 2007).

Bettis said he plans to give Kieschnick a call in the coming days to pick his brains on what to expect from the experience.

"I'll be soaking it in off the field and competitive on the field, just

like any other player probably will be there," Bettis said. "It's gonna be fun. I know I'm gonna try to make that team for sure. I'm gonna do whatever I have to get there to that 22-man roster."

As for looking back at his decision to pass on MLB money and competition, Bettis feels right at home.

"It's amazing. I wouldn't have it any other way, now that I think about it," he said. "College was the right choice for me, and I have a lot of people to thank for it."

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Michael Irvin sued over TV show

DALLAS (AP) — A lawsuit three men have filed against former Dallas Cowboy Michael Irvin contends he stole the concept for his reality TV show from them.

The men claim Irvin's "4th and Long" is actually their concept called "Guts and Glory." Irvin's show — in which 12 football amateurs compete for a spot with the Cowboys — debuted in May on Spike TV.

Irvin's attorney Larry Friedman called the lawsuit bogus and said the men were "looking for something for nothing." He said Irvin had the idea years ago.

But Mark Taylor, the Dallas-based attorney for the three plaintiffs, said his clients were never given any

indication that the football star was working on a similar concept.

"That's inconsistent with what Michael and his agents told them at the time they were meeting and working on the deal," said Taylor, The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday. Taylor is the attorney for Jordan Bealmer, Shannon Clark and Christopher N. Harding who are suing Irvin.

"These guys came to Michael and impersonated producers. When he finally met with them, they had never produced a show in their lives. These guys had n-o-t-h-i-n-g," Friedman told The Associated Press. Friedman said Irvin met with the men a year ago in Dallas.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Covers with asphalt
- Dear little one
- Little cow
- Litella: Gilda Radner's "Never mind" character
- "That's clear now"
- One illegally off base
- "The Thinker" sculptor
- Expected landing hrs.
- Payroll tax that funds Soc. Sec.
- "Hands up!"
- Fit for the military
- Do a slow burn
- Use a shovel
- Backside
- Pub pint
- Like a childhood stage, to Freud
- Like fantastic tales
- Do...desperate
- "Hands down!"
- Public disturbance
- Right triangle ratio
- Razor-billed birds
- Diamond or ruby
- Doots
- Fed. auditing agency
- "Fat" sources of irritation
- Speed-of-sound word
- "Hands off!"
- Not in favor of
- Two-thirds of Santa's laugh
- Old-time drummer Gene
- Refreshing rapper/actor?
- Lead-in for seers or seas
- Pentium maker
- Say it isn't so
- Floor model
- Letters before tees

DOWN

- Part of mph
- Señorita's love

By Gary Steinmetz

- Purchase for your Xbox
- Conzalez in 2000 news
- Matched, as dubbed dialogue to mouth
- Feudal estate
- Regarding
- Has on
- Summer refresher with a three-leaf logo
- Food fight site
- Make- Foundation
- English philosopher John
- Chef Bobby
- Terre... Indiana
- Sert of ancient Sparta
- Puts on
- Camaro...Z: muscle car
- Web pages with basic site info
- Lighter...Zippo filler
- 32 Years on the job
- 1990s-2000s host of "The Tonight Show"
- Dunked snacks
- Duramite's "Dirka Doo"
- "Happy motoring" gas
- Christopher who played Superman
- Alabama march city
- Way of doing things
- Nonsilent film
- London change
- Gone from one's plate
- Push hard
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- Let go, with "off"
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