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Bar codes, phones lead tourists around Manor

MANOR (AP) — Officials in Manor, a former farming town of about 6,000, say they have taken an innovative and inexpensive approach to economic development.

Officials in Manor have posted black-and-white digitized images at two dozen landmarks throughout town.

The codes function like bar codes. A user downloads a free program on a camera phone and snaps a photo of the code with it. The phone interprets the code and opens a Web page with information about that particular locale.

NATION

Bill may tax rich to pay for health care plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative Democrats in the House are rebelling against their party leaders and trying to put the brakes on the push to pass a health care overhaul by August.

The fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition plans to present a letter to House Democratic leaders Thursday raising concerns about costs and other issues and asking for more time, members of the group tell The Associated Press.

Democratic Rep. Mike Ross of Arkansas says that if the Democrats' liberal legislative plan came to the floor as proposed, an "overwhelming majority" of his group would oppose it.

WORLD

World leaders want deal in trade negotiations

BAGHDAD (AP) — Bombs killed more than 50 people in Iraq on Thursday in the worst violence since U.S. combat troops withdrew from urban areas last week, and American forces released five Iranian officials suspected of aiding Shiite insurgents.

U.S. officials said they believe the Iranians, detained in northern Iraq in January 2007, had facilitated attacks on American-led forces but handed them over to the Iraqi government at its request because they were obliged to do so under a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Alberto Gonzales accepts Texas Tech position

Controversial former US Attorney General will teach political science course beginning Aug. 1

By ALEX YBARRA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who resigned amid controversy two years ago, confirmed on Tuesday that he will serve as a speaker, professor and recruiter for the Texas Tech University System effective Aug. 1.

While under his one-year term, Gonzales, 53, will teach a junior-level seminar course, "Contemporary Issues in the Executive Branch" in the Department of Political Science and will guest lecture in classes across campus.

"I've been in the situation room," said Gonzales, who became the first Hispanic attorney general in American history. "I've been in the Oval Office to talk with the president of the United States. I think I provide a perspective that very few people teaching at Texas Tech University can provide."

In September 2007, Gonzales was at the forefront of controversy that involved the dismissal of several federal prosecutors, his role in a wiretap program and a torture memo scandal.

Since then, he has been giving speeches, mediating cases, consulting and is in the process of writing a book, he said.

Outside the classroom, Gonzales will work with the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Com-

munity Engagement to help Tech and Angelo State University recruit and retain minority students, particularly Hispanics.

"To have a former attorney general in the United States of America teaching at this school is a great asset," Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said. "I don't care how people think politically. If attorney general (Eric Holder) under (President Barack) Obama resigns tomorrow, I'd hire him too."

During a phone interview Tuesday, Gonzales said he does not believe his past will bring negative attention to Tech and acknowledged that criticism he has received since 2007 is not surprising.

"Listen, I served during probably one of the most difficult periods of time during our nation's history," he said. "We had to make some very tough decisions, and some people disagree with those decisions. But that's what happens in a democratic society."

Hance said what took place in Gonzales' career never was an issue since the two started discussing the job in April, and he was fully aware of where the criticism was coming from and where it will continue to come from.

"I really didn't go back and look at every left-wing blog, because I know they're going to say bad things about him," Hance said, "and they'll say bad things about him in the future."



PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON/Associated Press

IN THIS PHOTO, taken Aug. 28, 2007, former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales listens at the dedication of the New Orleans Family Justice Center in New Orleans. Gonzales, who resigned as U.S. attorney general two years ago, is coming to Texas Tech this fall as a professor, guest speaker and recruiter for diversity.

They'll probably be critical of me for hiring him."

Hance said instead of focusing on Gonzales' difficult years toward the end of the Bush administration, he wants people to realize one thing: "It's a former (U.S.) Cabinet member."

"I don't care what the president

was—a Democrat or Republican—if I can hire a cabinet member to teach our young people about their experiences," said Hance, who called Gonzales an "American dream."

"Here's a guy who was one of eight children to migrant workers," Hance said. "He got out of high school, didn't

have money to go to college. He had to join the Air Force. He ascended to one of the top positions in the U.S. government."

Gonzales served as a special adviser and as general counsel for then Texas Gov. George W. Bush. He served

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Former Tech grad making strides in recovery



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

AFTER MONTHS OF physical therapy, Joe Englehardt, a graduate student from Paris, practices standing up with the aid of his mother across from him, and physical therapist assistants Milissa Aranda and Beatriz Alvarez of Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

By ALEX YBARRA
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It was just last spring when Geri Englehardt felt helpless and numb, sitting in a hospital room watching her son rest in a medically induced coma.

"It was kind of mind boggling," she said. "I felt like I was in some kind of a twilight zone. It was so unreal. It's something that happens to other people. You never expect something like this to happen to you."

During spring break in March,

Texas Tech graduate student Joseph Englehardt was hiking a mountain trail with a few friends in the Fort Davis area. He climbed an alternate route and reached the top when one of the rocks he was grabbing broke loose. He plummeted 30 feet to the ground.

He doesn't remember the accident, most of the accounts are from what his friends witnessed.

But Joe remembers the news he received when he woke up scared, stunned and unable to talk in a hospital room two weeks later.

He broke both legs, shattered his

right kneecap and wrist, suffered a lung contusion on his right side and broke three cervical vertebrae.

With the nerve damage on his spine, Joe is partially paralyzed. At first, he never thought he'd walk again, and he had to work on eating, speaking and breathing.

When he had a breathing tube, Joe could listen, and he understood what was going on. However, he couldn't talk, so his mom and others figured out a way to communicate with him. They wrote

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Tech community divided on Gonzales being hired

By ALEX YBARRA
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The recent hiring of Alberto Gonzales, the controversial former U.S. attorney general who resigned the post two years ago amid allegations of wrongdoing, has left many on the Texas Tech campus divided.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance announced Tuesday Gonzales will join the university system as a recruiter, guest speaker and professor for a one-year term beginning Aug. 1.

The decision to bring Gonzales aboard came despite his resignation in 2007 after he was involved with several political scandals: the dismissal of a stable of federal prosecutors, a memo scandal on torture, a much-debated surveillance program, and Texas clemency memos when he served as legal counsel to then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Despite the turmoil leading to his resignation, Gonzales, who spent the past two years giving speeches, consulting and working on a book, said he remains satisfied with his accomplishments.

"I am very proud of my record," he said. "I'm proud of what I've accomplished in my life. I'm proud of the positions in office that I've held, and I'm privileged of the privilege to serve in those positions."

For Reagan Tatsch, a senior mar-

keting and management major from Georgetown, the move was shocking. However, he said he would consider taking Gonzales' class to ask him some "serious questions."

He, like many other students, probably won't get that chance, since there is a 15-student cap in Gonzales' political science course, "Contemporary Issues in the Executive Branch." Additionally, those students must be taking at least 12 hours of political science courses, faculty members in the department confirmed.

"He was involved in so many scandals," Tatsch said. "One of Texas Tech's mottos is strive for honor. That kind of goes against it by hiring him."

Dennis Patterson, an associate professor of political science, remained optimistic about what Gonzales could do for the university.

"Will there be people who view it negatively? Absolutely yes," he said. "So the idea is to take something, an opportunity, and make it work for us. That's what you do in life, and I think that's the way you make this a better place and the way you make things happen here."

Patterson, who also serves as interim executive director of the institute for modern conflict, diplomacy and reconciliation, invited Gonzales to lecture to a security strategic studies class.

Some faculty members, including

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"Will there be people who will view it negatively? Absolutely yes..."

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Recovery

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the alphabet on a piece of paper with A through H on one line, I through M on the next and the rest on the third. Joe would mouth which line had the letter he wanted and raise his eyebrow when his mom said the right letter.

"We'd have to spell out words like that," she said. "We did that for quite a while. We got pretty good at reading lips. Sometimes it would take five minutes."

But several months later, with three-hour (sometimes more) therapy sessions a day, Joe is talking, laughing and taking six to 10 steps with the help of a walker some days.

Since he was taking food through a tube for so long, Joe finally has gotten to retaste one of

his favorite foods. "Pizza," said Englehardt, a Paris native.

Joe has a bachelor's degree in architecture from Tech and was in his first year of trying to obtain a master's degree in the same field before the injury. He plans to return to school this fall, either with the help of a wheelchair or cane, where he'll get to hang out with friends and maybe get back in the band and play his baritone.

For Joe's mom, Geri, the road to recovery has been taxing. She was terminated from her job after her 12-week family leave period ended, and her employer was not obligated to hold her job.

"I'm sure they would take me back when I'm ready," she said. "In the meantime, I have enough to do. I gotta take care of this, so that's OK."

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as Texas secretary of state and in the Texas Supreme Court before Bush was elected president. Gonzales then served as White House counsel prior to becoming attorney general.

After graduating from high school, Gonzales joined the Air Force before transferring to Rice University where he majored in political science. He then graduated from Harvard Law School and went back to his hometown of Houston to join the law firm of Vinson and Elkins.

Gonzales, who will be paid about \$100,000 while at Tech, faces a tough task in recruiting minority students during a time when economic hardships are plentiful.

However, Gonzales seems confident he can accomplish this responsibility by relating to students, emphasizing the importance of college and helping parents realize "there is a way" to send their children to college.

"Sometimes it's as easy as seeing a mentor or a role model and being encouraged and inspired, motivated," he said. "To here someone's story, you realize, 'My goodness, this is someone on campus who has the same kind of background as me, and look what they were able to accomplish.'"

Gonzales specifically highlighted a problem in the Hispanic community that he would like to target. He said Hispanic families often "fail to realize that going to college is an investment."

"It's not a luxury, it's a necessity now," he said. "We need to not only talk to the kids, but really talk to the parents."

With his experiences and desire to teach, Gonzales believes he can affect change at Tech, and he said his qualifications speak for themselves when it comes to dealing with students.

"I've spoken to Hispanic kids all over the country about the importance of an education and pursuing dreams," he said. "My life is a testament to the American dream. It's possible, I know it's possible."

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Texas Tech hosts Latino student debate

By HANNAH MOORE
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Texas Tech will host more than 175 high school students from the National Hispanic Institute's Southwest Great Debate from July 9 through July 12.

A non-profit organization geared to help high school age Latino youth aspire towards higher education and develop communication and leadership skills, NHI works with six different countries around the world.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, NHI will bring more than 1,000 students together in six different locations from countries including the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, Argentina and Panama.

"For the Great Debate—it really is what it sounds like," said Hector Lopez, associate vice president for government, community and public relations for NHI. "It's a great debate. It's an international youth conference. They will discuss issues that are going on globally in Latino communities."

The Great Debate is specifically geared toward Latino high school freshmen who have a desire to harbor and develop their leadership skills and discuss important issues, Lopez said.

"We're trying to get students exposed at an early age of questions in the Latino community," he said, "such as education, health, government and politics and those kinds of things. That's important to us."

Starting with an opening ceremony with the Texas Tech Spirit Program members and the Texas Tech police, Jeannie Diaz, the director for the Center for Undergraduate Research at Tech, said the event will keep the students involved.

"They stay pretty busy," she said. "They actually are going to be debating throughout the event. It's a leadership

and communication skills type of event that gets students interested in debating."

Lopez agreed with Diaz and said the students will have plenty to do with debates in different formats such as cross examination, mock trial, extemporaneous speaking and original oratory.

Diaz said these students would benefit at Tech.

"It's a highly competitive program," Diaz said, "and these are the type of students we would want to recruit to Tech."

With the recent hiring of former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales as a Tech professor and recruiter for first-generation students, Gonzales may stand as a symbol to Latino youth that the sky's the limit.

"Regardless of the political bend of any student or individual," said Lopez on Gonzales, "is the importance of an individual taking an active role of service in their community. And to us, that's leadership and it's not just in politics."

"And Alberto Gonzales can provide a wealth of knowledge to the Texas Tech community, the Latino community and the community at large."

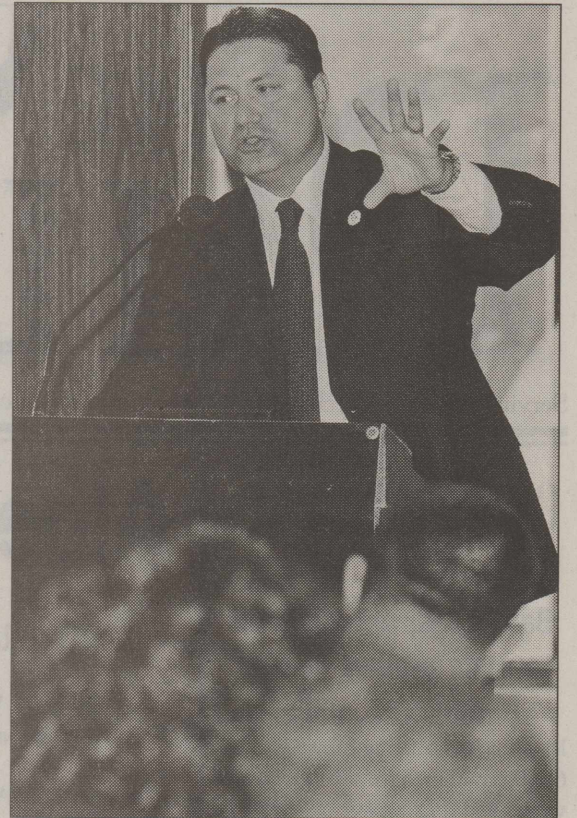


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JUAN MUNOZ, VICE president of institutional diversity, equity and community engagement at Tech, greets students attending the National Hispanic Institute's Great Debate.

Lopez said despite political backgrounds or affiliations, the end goal is to help students reach their full potential of leadership.

"We are helping develop a student that is connected," he said. "That is connected to his or her community and sees his or her role in the future, and not only the Latino community but in the United States or in the world."

"So you have these students who not only have the opportunity to connect with some of the best colleges in the nation, but they are now dedicated to playing a critical role in the future of the community."

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Patterson, said they believe bringing in a former Cabinet member to teach classes is a win-win situation, regardless of his political track record.

Other faculty didn't necessarily share the same sentiments, saying Gonzales' controversy is significant enough to raise some "serious red flags."

"I think it's preposterous for him to come here," said one faculty member who requested anonymity. "They're trumping up some fake position to bring him in, and I don't know what his responsibility will be, but I'm certain it won't be commensurate with his pay."

Gonzales will receive a \$100,000 salary, Hance said. Gonzales' other duty will be to recruit minority students, particularly Hispanics, to the Tech system.

"Maybe I'm wrong," the faculty member said. "Maybe he'll be very active in Hispanic student organizations. I hope that's the case."

The faculty member also said there are the shaky ethical standards associated with Gonzales.

"It's not that just because somebody might be a Democrat you dislike the guy," the faculty member said. "When you look at the magnitude of some of the scandals, that was really pretty bad stuff."

Despite serving under what he called "one of the most difficult periods of time during our nation's history," Gonzales claims his first-hand experience brings an unparalleled perspective on campus.

"People have that opportunity to voice that disagreement," he said. "Universities provide an ideal setting for young minds to debate and discuss controversial issues."

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Google's Chrome OS could fail compatibility

Google has thrown some curveballs lately. Not too long ago I covered Google Wave, their super-duper email-of-the-future platform that has the potential to revolutionize Web communication. Well, those crafty boys in Menlo Park have gone and done it again.

On Tuesday Google dropped the bomb that many in the industry have been anticipating for a very long time: They announced they are developing an operating system.

"Google Chrome OS" will be Google's first foray into a world dominated by the likes of Microsoft Windows and Apple Mac OS X. Chrome OS will be Linux-based and will "initially be targeted at netbooks," the trimmed-down, minimalist machines that have been making a serious market splash lately.

Chrome (without the OS) is Google's current challenger in the Web browser market — a lean, clean, speedy alternative to Firefox and Internet Explorer. Google apparently is looking to base Chrome OS on those same ideals.

According to the official release, "speed, simplicity and security are the key aspects of Google Chrome OS." They describe it as a super-lightweight OS, capable of booting in seconds and getting you online immediately — a portal to the Internet and not much else.

Upon hearing this news, my initial reaction was "Why?" Google trying to create a significant operating system is, in many ways, as ludicrous as Microsoft trying to create a significant search engine. Bing has been, shall we say, less than stellar.

What makes Google so confident that going outside its comfort zone will work for it?

Furthermore, Google already has an operating system — sort of. Google Android, also based on the Linux kernel, is exclusive to mobile devices right now (such as T-Mobile's G1 and soon the HTC Dream and Magic).

However, a number of creative geeks have managed to hack Android onto netbooks, and it actually runs pretty well as a full-blown OS.

So where exactly is Google going with all this? Their stated vision for Chrome OS is for it to turn the host computer into an efficient Internet portal. With the richness of Web applications like Google Docs, Gmail, Google Maps and so forth, Google apparently figures that folks who spend most of their time online will just eat it up.

Stan Schroeder over at the social media news site Mashable.com pointed out one of the many glaring holes in this allegedly ingenious plan: the Photoshop argument.

Essentially, software compatibility will make or break Chrome OS. If it can't run programs (such as Adobe Photoshop) that you use on a daily basis, you're likely to stick with your current OS.

Developers likely will have a fit if they learn they will need to create a whole new set of applications to run on Chrome OS.

Web applications are fairly mature now, but there are no online equivalents of heavyweights like Photoshop or Final Cut Pro yet.

Presumably, Android apps might be compatible. But if that's the case, why not just stick with Android and make a really fantastic version of the Chrome browser for it?

All Google has said regarding the Android dilemma is "while

Stephen Torrence



there are areas where Google Chrome OS and Android overlap, we believe choice will drive innovation for the benefit of everyone, including Google."

I heartily disagree. First, why in the world would Google want to compete with itself? Second, choice is not something people care about when it comes to operating systems.

Having five or six different incompatible operating systems will create even more market confusion than we have now. The operating system should be a simple, stable, ubiquitous platform upon which application diversity and choice arises.

I'll be the first to admit that I don't think Windows has ever done a perfect job of being that platform.

Windows has always been notorious for instability, security flaws and a general lack of innovation. Nevertheless, for the past fifteen years it has been the de facto OS for the majority of the world's PCs, and Windows 7 just might get things right for a change.

I don't see Chrome OS making inroads any time soon. Applications, driver support and many other factors will heavily influence adoption.

Conversely, without a wide user base, developers might not feel motivated to write applications and drivers.

It's the classic chicken-and-egg problem that has plagued the Linux OS for years.

Details are still scarce regarding Google Chrome OS. Just like Wave, expect to see Google reveal more about this latest initiative in the coming months.

On the face of it however, I don't see Chrome OS succeeding without a miracle.

Then again, who knows? Maybe Google's just feeling lucky.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Gonzales hiring brings criticism to Texas Tech

Alberto Gonzales says he wants to teach where college students "debate and discuss controversial issues" — an incredibly ironic statement considering his past.

The first Hispanic attorney general in U.S. history resigned in 2007 amid several scandals, and he now will serve a one-year term as a Texas Tech political science professor, guest speaker and recruiter for diversity effective Aug. 1.

By leaving Capitol Hill in disgrace, Gonzales did not fulfill his duty as attorney general, and he did not reach his full potential as a role model for minorities.

So why hire him? This trumps hiring a fiery coach from Indiana known for tossing a chair across a basketball court. Gonzales is notoriously accused of much more serious problems.

The following are the political scandals he allegedly was involved with while serving as White House counsel and attorney general under

the George W. Bush administration:

In 2007, the New York Times reported several of Gonzales' staff testified before Congress about the practices used in hiring and firing federal prosecutors based on political partisanship.

With the torture memos in 2002, Gonzales was White House counsel at the time and signed a memo arguing torture stipulations in the Geneva Conventions — four treaties that are the fundamental worldwide principles of humanitarian law — do not apply to Taliban and Al-Qaeda prisoners, according to copies released by President Barack Obama that are readily available on the Internet.

Lastly, Gonzales tried to get reauthorization of the National Security Agency's wiretapping program by seeking approval of an ill former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, who Gonzales succeeded, while he was being treated

at a hospital, according to a *New York Times* article.

In 2008, Gonzales told *The Wall Street Journal*, "For some reason, I am portrayed as the one who is evil in formulating policies that people disagree with. I consider myself a casualty, one of the many casualties of the war on terror."

He echoed those thoughts in an interview with *The DT* on Tuesday, saying he served during one of the toughest periods America ever has endured after the 9/11 attacks.

The thought process behind hiring Gonzales was his rise through the hierarchy of politics to become the nation's first Hispanic attorney general despite a tough upbringing.

What he brings to the table is hands-on experience and an inspirational story to tell.

That's understandable, he's a minority who has made a difference.

But bringing Gonzales to Tech comes with a price: heavy criticism.

The community reaction has been an outpour of confusion and curiosity. This is a man who had trouble finding a job the past two years because of ongoing investigations.

Message boards are filled with negative comments such as, "Texas Tech is really scraping the bottom of the barrel," one comment read on the Houston Chronicle's Web site.

Facebook groups such as "Alberto Gonzales doesn't belong at Texas Tech," and "Texas Tech students and alumni against employing Alberto Gonzales," have been created.

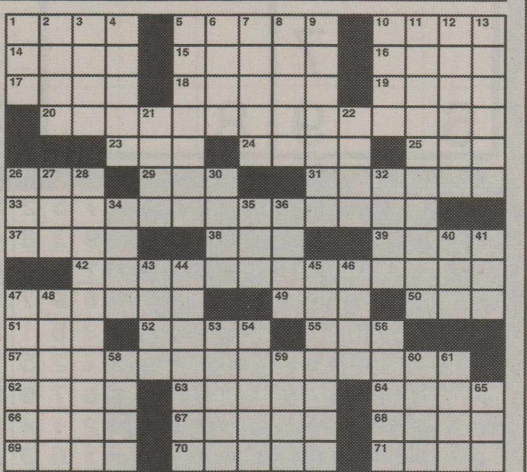
Students say it will be interesting to take his class, that's true. But when he's talking about the right thing to do, whether it's in a guest lecture or during his class, remember his lasting image in American politics.

And don't be afraid to debate and discuss controversial issues with him, he's looking forward to that.

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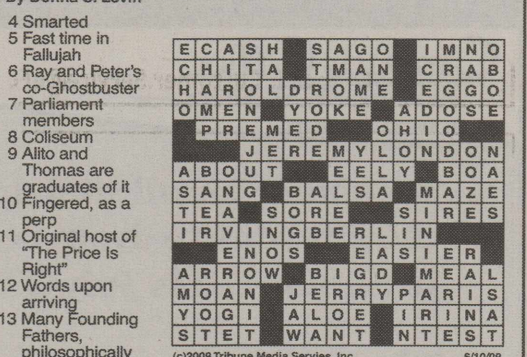
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Landmark to host archeology event

By CHRISTOPHER MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock residents who are interested in learning about archaeological discoveries in the area will have an inside look at Lubbock Lake Landmark's "Archeology in Action" event this Saturday.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and feature tours of the current excavation area at the landmark, a unit of the Museum of Texas Tech, as well as a tour of their research facilities.

The tours and activities are free of charge to the public and people of all ages are welcome

to attend and learn about the cultural history of the South Plains.

Susan Rowe, educational program manager of the museum, said the excavation site has a lot to offer visitors.

"This is one of the only sites in North America where we have found signs of continuous occupation over the last 12,000 years," Rowe said. "So it is really going to be very interesting."

As visitors watched last year, the archeologists prepare the skeletal remains of an ancient bison so it could be placed in the Tech museum, the event has big shoes to fill.

Rowe said she hopes attendance will increase from last year because she believes it is important for people to be interested in the history of the area around them.

"We had over 350 people last year and I am hoping that we will have even more," she said. "This

is just a great way to get out and learn about our community and discover the natural and cultural history of this area."

Other events that will be happening at "Archeology in Action" include spear throwing, pottery puzzles and even a simulated excavation site for guests. But even with all of the activities this event will feature, Rowe said the absolute favorite aspect of "Archeology in Action" amongst the visitors constantly remains the same.

"People always enjoy going down into the excavation site the best and seeing what our archeologists are looking at," Rowe said. "I think they are always amazed at stuff like that."

The event will take place at Lubbock Lake Landmark in northwest Lubbock and more information about the landmark can be found at <http://www.museum.ttu.edu>.

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Campus seminar explores communication problems

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students and faculty gathered Thursday at noon in the Student Wellness Center to learn what staff psychologist Erin Snyder considers a vital, lifelong communication skill.

The introduction to assertiveness class was the first in a four-week workshop dedicated to examining barriers that inhibit effective communication. The Student Counseling Center will host a class each Thursday for the next three weeks.

"Assertiveness is a balancing act," Snyder said, "in which you aim to get what you want, while also considering the feelings of others."

Having a general awareness and knowledge of communication patterns regarding assertiveness is beneficial in every aspect of life, she said, including work and relationships.

Society does not teach individuals how to be assertive, she said, but it is

a skill that can lead to fulfillment for every individual.

"It's important for everyone," she said, "and it's a tool that once you learn, it doesn't go away. It's a great thing to learn now, in college, it's something you need."

Those in attendance Thursday were faculty, staff and students from a variety of disciplines. Some attendees admitted to being "pushovers," however, no one admitted to having an aggressive style of communication.

Bryan Duncan, staff psychologist in the Student Counseling Center, said the workshop will later address the behaviors of aggressive communicators, as well as passive communicators and passive-aggressive communicators.

Assertiveness is important in all types of relationships, he said, and is something people relate to conflict.

"People should know how to avoid conflict, but also have their needs met," he said. "You will encounter issues with assertiveness as you communicate with faculty, staff and future employers. Passivity does not address your needs and being overly assertive often leads to aggression."

Communicating effectively, Duncan said, needs can be met in every stage of life. The four-week course will give individuals insight to being assertive and dealing with people who are not assertive.

"It's going to positively affect current and future relationships," he said, "and their ability to successfully communicate their needs and hopefully, lead to them being happier."

Christopher Phelan, Tech alumna and assistant adviser in University Student Housing, said he attended the class to help him communicate with people on campus while working, and also in his personal relationships.

"I deal with students and parents," he said, "and they all have different needs and ways of accomplishing their goals. It can be hard to meet their needs and your own."

His job, at times, leads to people being upset with him, he said. Understanding communication styles can help him balance being passive and being aggressive.

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