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Researchers find local hogs infected with harmful disease

Experts seeking ways to keep humans safe from disease

By PRESTON REDDEN
Staff Writer

A potentially dangerous disease has been found in Lubbock-area wild hogs. Researchers at Texas Tech are determining how to keep humans safe from the disease.

Researchers at the Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH) at Tech discovered the disease in the hogs. Steve Presley, a zoonotic disease researcher at TIEHH, is one of the researchers studying the hogs.

"We discovered the hogs in Crosby County," Presley said. "Fifty percent of the hogs we tested were positive for Tularemia."

Infected hogs also were found in Bell and Coryell counties. Only 15 percent of tested hogs were infected in these counties.

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Campus Controversy | Free Speech Area



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JOSHUA, LEFT, WHO chose not to give his last name, of Bible Believers talks to a group of students Tuesday outside the Student Union Building.

Students respond to 'Watchmen of Christ'

Group speaks in Free Speech Area; crowd voices opinions

By KASSIDY KETRON
Staff Writer

Between the yelling, the large crowds and the tall banners reading "Turn to Jesus or Burn in Hell," a small group of men could be seen in the middle preaching their beliefs.

On Tuesday, the group, who associates with Bible Believers and calls themselves "Watchmen of Christ," gathered in the Free Speech Area.

Joshua, a member of the group who declined to give his last name, said the group's purpose was to give people a fair warning of the dangers they would face if they failed to accept Jesus Christ.

He said they wanted to be specific in naming the sins they believe are committed most on a college campus.

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JEREMY DE LOS Santos of Bible Belivers talks to a group of students Tuesday outside the Student Union Building.

Unique 'Bodies' exhibit makes stop in Lubbock

'Anatomy in Motion' runs till March



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/*The Daily Toreador*

THE BODIES HUMAN: Anatomy in Motion exhibit is on display through March 27 in the South Plains Mall. The exhibit includes entire bodies, individual organs and body slices.

By PRESTON REDDEN
Staff Writer

A new science exhibit at the South Plains Mall is opening the minds of Lubbock residents. Bodies Human: Anatomy in Motion is a unique exhibit and one not usually seen in Lubbock.

Tom Mulholland, exhibit director, has been involved with the exhibit for a year. Mulholland travels around the country, showcasing the exhibit.

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Collaborative couple balances school, multifaceted new businesses

Red Raiders use strengths, passions to turn a profit

By CARRIE THORNTON
Staff Writer

Two Red Raiders each have an eye for the one-of-a-kind — and make businesses out of it.

Jason Howronsky and Lilly Wylie each own and maintain a business unique to their strengths and passions. Jasco Games is part retail store, selling collectible card and board games, and now is transitioning to a publishing and manufacturing business. Lillia's Boutique showcases Wylie's hand-made jewelry and other locally made fashions.

Oh, and not to mention the two are dating. And work next door to each other. They are no strangers to collaboration and cooperation outside of their relationship.

"I think they complement each other really well," said Elizabeth Howronsky, Jason's mom. "I don't know that she would have ever (opened her store) if he hadn't have encouraged her.

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LILLY WYLIE, A senior creative writing major from Arlington, and Jason Howronsky, a 2010 Tech graduate from Flower Mound each own their own businesses.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Lady Raiders vs. Texas
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Come cheer on the Lady Raiders basketball team as they take on the Longhorns. It's Tech Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night — $10 tickets for staff and family.

Open Jam
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Rocky LaRue's
So, what is it?
Bring your guitar or sit back and enjoy American food and local talent at this Broadway bar.

THURSDAY

Sorority Spring Recruitment Information Session
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Escondido Theater in the SUB
So, what is it?
The Panhellenic Council will host an information session for all women interested in joining a National Panhellenic Conference sorority this spring semester. Attend this session to learn more about the membership recruitment process and sorority life.

Silent Raiders
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: foreign language building, Qualia Room
So, what is it?
The Silent Raiders is a student organization dedicated to learning about the Deaf Community and learning/practicing American Sign Language. Whether you are only interested in ASL or you are a skilled interpreter, all are welcome!

DanceTech: Artistry in Motion
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Maedgen Theatre
So, what is it?
An evening of original jazz, modern, ballet and hip-hop choreography created by guest artists and the Tech dance faculty, undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Evening performances are through Saturday. Sunday performance is at 2 p.m.

Society's Plague
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Conference Café
So, what is it?
This epic metal core band central Kentucky has earned respect and fans worldwide with the release of their debut album "The Human, The Canvas".

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Tech FSAE prepares for international competition

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/*The Daily Toreador*
MEMBERS OF THE Formula SAE at Texas Tech team will be attending a competition with 120 other teams in May in Michigan. The team is currently building their new car for this years competition.

The Texas Tech Formula Series Society of Automotive Engineers will compete against 120 teams at Michigan International Speedway from May 11 through May 14.

President and team captain Justin Rivera said international competition is an important event for the Formula SAE program at Tech.

"The race in Michigan is quite significant due to the automotive industry sponsors present and the fact it's an international competition," Rivera said.

He said the event is particularly important for the seniors.

"We do not get a chance to network with many of the automotive companies being located in West Texas,". Rivera said. "The competition is about equivalent to a four-day interview for seniors trying to get internships."

This is not the first time Tech has competed in this event, he said.

"Tech competed one time prior to this upcoming year, in 2005, and finished 89th out of 120 teams," he said.

Rivera said engineering is a large part of building the racecar.

"Engineering is found in every facet of the car," he said. "The team is challenged to build the car from the ground up."

He said Formula SAE racing is not exclusive to engineers.

"We are looking for anyone who has a dedicated work ethic and likes motor sports," Rivera said. "At the competition there are several events, and not all racing or dynamic, either."

He said any student who is interested could help the program, regardless of their major.

"There is a cost analysis report, business sales presentation and a design presentation," Rivera said. "So we could use students with other skill sets, say in business and communication."

Tech looks to have a better finish than the previous entry in 2005. Rivera said he wants to finish in the top 25, and the goal is attainable if the team is careful and calculating.

Rivera said the team will be represented as Red Raider Racing and will drive the No. 99 car.

Cockpit and controls lead Eric Brannigan said the car the team constructed has the ability to reach high speeds.

"The car can go about 100 mph," Brannigan said. "In the competition, we will be driving on a small course, so we won't go much over 60 mph."

Brannigan said the rules and regulations affect the limits of the car's engine.

"The engine is 600 cc Honda motorcycle engine," he said. "The rules require the engine to be that size or smaller."

Marketing professor Mayukh Dass and his students are involved in a project trying to market the Formula SAE cars, he said.

Brannigan said some teams do not participate in the marketing part of the competition, even though it is worth about 10 percent of the score.

"They are going to make a presentation convincing a panel of investors to build our car at a rate of 1,000 per year," Brannigan said. "We are building a car that they have to show is worth mass producing."

Formula SAE openly welcomes anyone who has a passion for racing, Brannigan said.

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Students

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"There's many frat parties, men sleeping with women outside of marriage, Internet pornography and drunkenness," Joshua said.

Students surrounding the bunch could be heard yelling back at them in protest. The students eventually began chanting "go home" to the men.

Joshua said the reason he believed students were becoming so upset was because of their differing beliefs.

Joshua said they were trying to lift the biblical standards, preaching that Jesus Christ was the only way to heaven, and the students who disagreed became frustrated.

"This is the Free Speech Area, so we're exercising our freedom of speech. People get upset because they've never seen this type of ministry," Joshua said.

Megan Manuel, a junior music education major from San Antonio, said she was told by one of the men that she was a loud-mouthed, pathetic woman and it was not a woman's place to speak to him the way she was.

Manuel said she was raised Catholic and strives to live her life according to God's word, but nobody is perfect.

"We're all damned," she said. "Adam and Eve damned us, and we're not going to be perfect no matter how hard we try, which is why we repent and pray."

During an earlier argument, Manuel said one of the men claimed to not love anyone, which to her implied that he did not align Jesus Christ.

Manuel said she didn't think the man knew what he was talking about because he didn't have anything to counteract her argument — all he did was show her his Bible.

"The guy that's holding the sign obviously has a tattoo right there on his wrist, and I'm pretty sure that's a whole bunch of sin right there," she said. "God said that you do not destroy the temple, so anybody with pierced ears or tattoos or anything like that is obviously committing some sort of sin."

Nonnie Ouch, a junior public relations and advertising major from Arlington, said she is a former president of one of the divisions of the Gay-Straight Alliance.

The group placed homosexuality under their list of sins sending people straight to hell.

"I'm not surprised by what they're doing," Ouch said. "What would really help this situation is if everybody just walked away and they just kept talking."

Ouch said she believed the men were preaching hate and recommended people to fight hate with love.

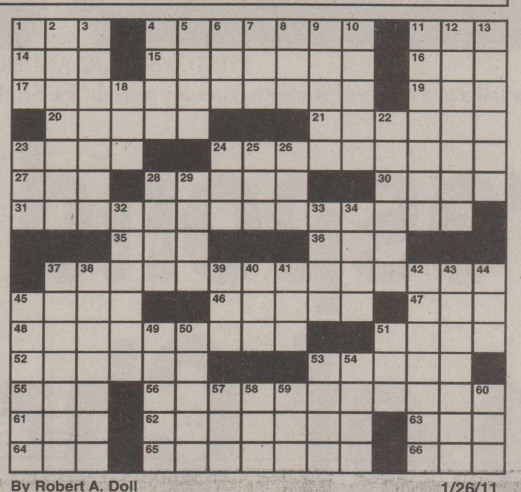
Later, Ouch climbed onto one of the concrete barricades next to the ladder Joshua was standing on, pointed at him and said, "He's the reason for birth control."

"I think that he is probably a former convicted felon that bought a ladder and a Bible and just came up with all of this crap to tell us to be perfectly honest," she said.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



By Robert A. Doll 1/26/11

ACROSS
1 Place to chill out
4 "In all likelihood ..."
11 Hollywood hrs.
14 Many, many moons
15 Land purveyor
16 Mr. __!: old whodunit game
17 Diana Prince's alter ego
19 Have some grub
20 Wore
21 Thus
23 Cutting the mustard
24 Peter Parker's alter ego
27 Arctic explorer John
28 Quetzalcóatl worshiper
30 Aromatherapist's supply
31 Britt Reid's alter ego
35 Bite for Mister Ed
36 Bray beginning
37 Steve Rogers's alter ego
45 "Kubla Khan" river
46 Meted (out)
47 XV years before the Battle of Hastings
48 Linda Lee Danvers's alter ego
51 Trade punches
52 Sound acquisition?
53 More artful
55 Flight board abbr.
56 Reed Richards's alter ego
61 Bis plus one, to a pharmacist
62 Lizards with dewlaps
63 "__ Hunters": History Channel show with the tagline "Hoax or History?"
64 Many SAT takers
65 Abundant flow
66 Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett

DOWN
1 Use a Singer
2 High-muck-a-muck
3 "General Hospital" actress
4 Cookie that might flavor a McFlurry
5 "Jurassic Park" actress
6 Margery of kids' rhyme
7 Road warning
8 Source of 20s, for short
9 Author Dahl
10 "Sesame Street" regular
11 Early arrival
12 Natural seasoning
13 Jackson Hole backdrop
18 HST's successor
22 Danish coins
23 Museum fare
24 Canonized mlle.
25 Write
26 Cologne pronoun
28 "How now? __?": Hamlet, before mistakenly slaying Polonius
29 Letter after epsilon
32 Burrowing rodent
33 "Alas"
34 Swamp growth
37 Disorder
38 Shows up
39 Infamous Amin
40 Postal motto word
41 Every last one
42 Driving force
43 Elucidate
44 Make public
45 Balance sheet heading
49 Send in the check
50 1961 British movie monster
51 Sasha, to Malia
53 Lee who co-created 24-Across
54 In the cellar, so to speak
57 Jet set garb
58 Rhine feeder
59 Tuscaloosa-to-Huntsville dir.
60 New England catch

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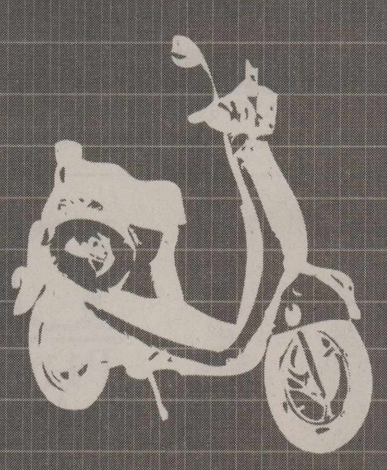
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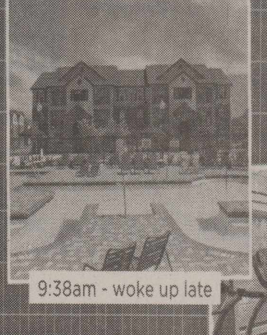
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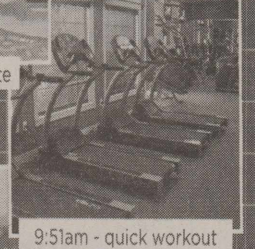
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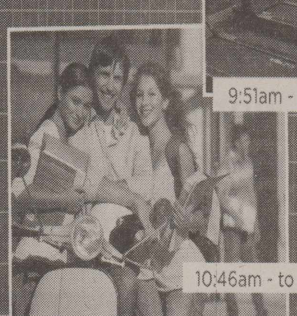
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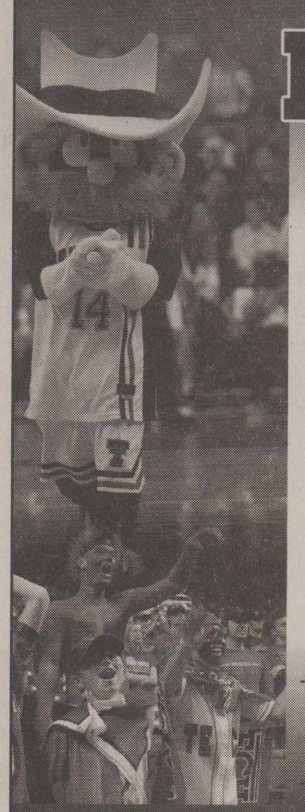



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'Skins' viewership plunges for its second TV airing

NEW YORK (AP) — The audience for MTV's racy teen drama "Skins" plunged to 1.6 million Monday night, a drop-off of more than half from its premiere a week earlier, according to Nielsen Co. ratings.

The viewer slump may signal a triumph for the Parents Television Council, a watchdog group that had blasted the series' content and accused MTV of aiming the show at underage viewers.

Based on an acclaimed British series of the same name, MTV's Americanized "Skins" depicts teens engaging in sexual activity as well as drug and alcohol abuse.

The premiere was seen by 3.3 million viewers, 1.2 million of them under 18. Since then, a number of advertisers — including Schick, Taco Bell, L'Oreal and the Subway sandwich chain — have pulled their commercials from the program.

The furor was further inflamed by a newspaper story suggesting that scenes with the series' age-appropriate actors, some of whom are minors, might violate federal child pornography laws. Last Thursday, The New York Times reported that unnamed executives at the network were concerned that the show may have crossed the line legally as well as graphically.

The show's producers had been ordered to make changes to "tone down some of the most explicit content," the Times reported.

In response, MTV said in a statement, "We review all of our shows and work with all of our producers on an ongoing basis to ensure our shows comply with laws and community standards."

Monday's episode, which contained depictions of two brief sexual encounters, aired unchanged from the preview version shared with critics last month.

Advertisers for that episode's 10 p.m. EST airing included Red Bull and Zeno Hot Spot, an acne medication, as well as nearly a dozen upcoming feature films.

On Tuesday, MTV noted that the audience for "Skins" improved on its lead-in, a repeat of "Jersey Shore," by one-third. Last week's "Skins" lead-in was a new episode of the hit reality series, which drew more than 7 million viewers.

Brad Adgate, an analyst for Horizon Media, declared surprise at Monday's falloff of the "Skins" audience.

"I thought it would increase a little bit because of the controversy swirling around the show," he said.

While some audience erosion for any series on its second airing is not unusual, "50 percent is a pretty significant drop," Adgate said.

Disease

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Presley said Tularemia is potentially harmful to humans. There are two types: Type A and Type B. Type A is rarer and most harmful to humans. Type B is commoner but less harmful.

"The disease can infect a human through a cut," Presley said. "The disease can also be spread through the air, and humans can catch it by breathing infected air."

Anna Hoffarth, a graduate student at TIEHH from Flower Mound, is working on a thesis statement about the disease being found in local wild hogs. Hoffarth explained how she tested the pigs for the disease.

"I set a box trap for the pigs at night," Hoffarth said. "I then come and check the trap for pigs in the morning. I take a sample of their blood and test this for Tularemia."

Brad Dabbert, associate chairman of Texas Tech's Department of Natural Resources Management, said Tech students should be cautious when they are out hunting.

"Hunters should always wear protective gloves and eyewear when they are cleaning animals to prevent from getting a disease," Dabbert said.

Dabbert said the hogs are being studied to examine their movement. Once the movement of the hogs has been determined, the disease can be contained.

Presley said the disease is more dangerous than people might think.

"Type A has been classified as a biological threat," Presley said. "The disease could be weaponized and spread through aerosol."

Presley said the disease is commonly found in rabbits and has lead to the disease being known as "rabbit fever."

"A common way to catch the disease is by mowing over a group of infected baby rabbits," Presley said. "The disease is then airborne, and a human could be infected by inhalation."

Dabbert said the disease is not limited to feral swine. Birds and other mammals also have been infected.

"This proves that hunters should always practice safety," Dabbert said. "Any animal could be infected with this disease."

This disease is not the first Presley and his researches have discovered. They also researched West Nile virus back in 2002 and 2003.

"We were the first to discover West Nile virus west of I-35," Presley said.

Presley said the next step is expanding surveillance of the area where the infected hogs were found. The researches also will look at other species to discover if they are infected.

"We need to determine if any other animals are infected," Presley said. "Once we determine that, we can try and contain the disease."

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Student sees importance of being involved

By LAUREN FERGUSON
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Every student hears it starting at Red Raider Orientation and then continuing through undergraduate education. Professors, advisers, parents and other campus leaders urge students to get involved around campus.

Paige Randle, a senior psychology major from Big Lake, has taken this to heart and gotten involved in various student organizations around campus.

"I'm involved in Eta Omicron Nu, Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma and Alternative Fuels," Randle said.

As the Eta Omicron Nu "Pizza with a Professor" chairperson, Randle plans an event every month in which an honors professor speaks of something about which he or she is passionate, she said.

"We get to hear another side to the professor," Randle said. "Or just learn in a stress-free environment."

The president of Eta Omicron Nu, Eric Otto, a senior chemical engineering major from Friendswood, said Randle, along with her co-chairs, plans the get-together every month. This includes talking to professors, planning a topic, setting up a room and ordering the pizza.

"Paige is a highly active and highly motivated student who maintains a top level of academic performance in the honors college," Otto said.

Otto also recognized that "Pizza with a Professor" exposes students to topics they may not find in their major.

Serving as a member of the ALD/PES administrative council, Randle and others plan initiation into the freshman honor society. ALD/PES gives out various scholarships and also gets involved in philanthropy, such as work with the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Randle also is the Alternative Fuels webmaster and is in charge of any type of Internet connection for the improv comedy troupe, such as the website, YouTube channel and Facebook.

"We are Texas Tech's one and only improv comedy troupe," she said. "So we do shows like 'Whose Line is It Anyway' around campus and also off-campus."

Matthew Payne, a senior general studies major from Amarillo, has served in various positions on the Alternative Fuels executive committee, including president. He said Randle auditioned with about 30 people and made it as a freshman even though there were only four spots available.

Payne also added that he believes only three people auditioning as freshmen have actually made it into the troupe in its entire history.

"I remember (Randle's) audition very well," Payne said. "When you meet Paige, you don't think she is very funny, but then when you get to know her you realize that she's hilarious."

Payne was one of the members who voted Paige into the troupe after she performed a memorable scene.

"Some jerk gave her 'fish out of water' (to improvise), so she just got on the stage, dropped on the floor and started flopping around on the floor," he said. "I thought, that's really cool that she has no problem making a fool of herself in front of all these people."

He remarked on Randle's exemplary performance as the webmaster and pointed to their website, techimprov.com, which she has redesigned for the group.

Through the YouTube connection, Randle has created videos that introduce each member of the troupe.

Randle said coming from a small town contributed to her interests in various student organizations.

"You had certain activities like band, football and basketball, and I was involved in every single one of them," Randle said. "You didn't pick one, you were involved in everything because you could be, and everyone accepted that."

She believes that the educational experience is broadened by joining organizations, and she also sees the importance of meeting people she otherwise wouldn't have met.

"(Joining organizations) takes school from being learning to being an experience in growing up," Randle said.

Randle plans to attend occupational therapy school after her undergraduate education, hopefully at the Tech Health Sciences Center. She plans to work with children who have autism.

Randle is minoring in theater and American Sign Language. Currently in her second semester of ASL, she said she thinks it is one of the most fun things she has ever learned.

"With things like Alternative Fuels and theater and working with children, you have to be very animated and think off the top of your head," Randle said.

Randle compares improv to occupational therapy because in both you have to think creatively. She understands that a lot of occupational therapy is based on trial and error and thinking creatively will help her find a new way to help her patients.

"Being involved in groups that train my mind to think creatively can only be of benefit," she said.

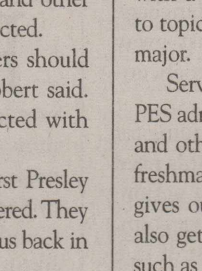
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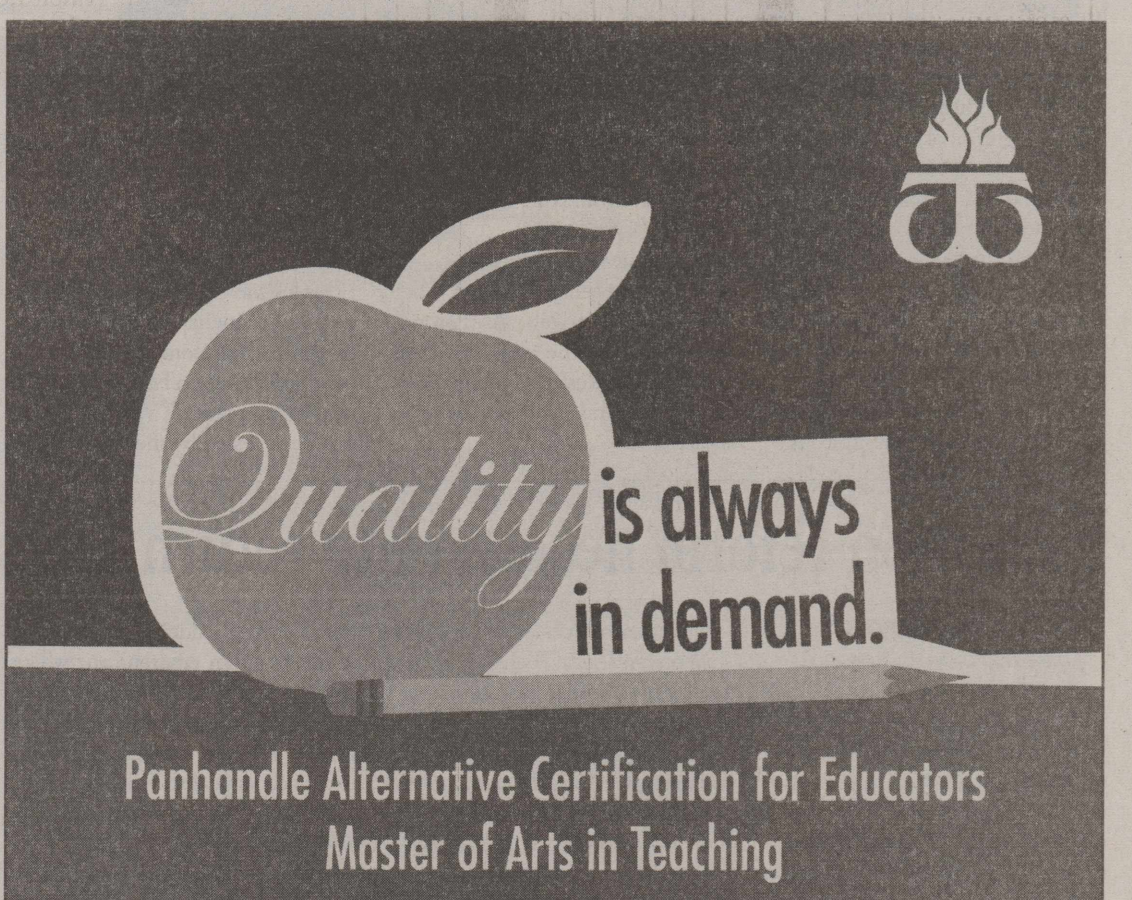
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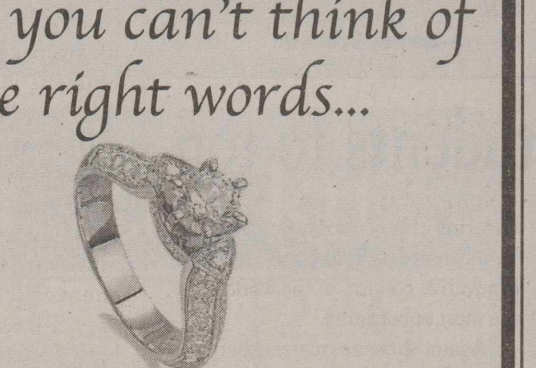
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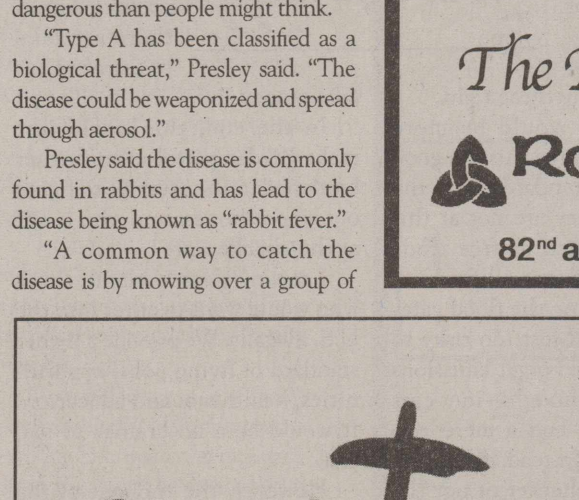
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OPINIONS

Vaccine, autism link is dangerous fraud



Michael Chaney

Last week I saw an article on the Yahoo home page entitled "Vaccine, Autism Link Called an Elaborate Fraud." I also found articles on CNN, USA Today, NPR, and pretty much every other news site I could find.

This is not new news. The article by Andrew Wakefield published in the Lancet has been deeply criticized since it was released in 1998.

The research that linked mercury-containing vaccines to autism has become an embarrassment to the scientific community. The dean of research at the London School of Medicine described it as "probably the worst paper that's ever been published in the history of [The Lancet]."

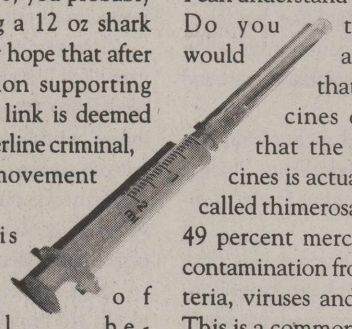
The paper claimed that the mercury in vaccines was causing autism in young children. He noticed vaccination rates were going up along with autism diagnosis rates, so he made up numbers to support a correlation.

Autism rates increased because the diagnostic criterion for autism has been expanded. The same applies to ADHD.

In 1999, the American Academy of Pediatrics decided that even though there is no evidence that supports the vaccine-autism link, they would reduce the use of thimerosal (a mercury-containing ingredient) in vaccines. And since 2001, childhood vaccinations have not contained any mercury, with the exception of some influenza vaccines.

Many would be surprised to know that seafood contains just as much if not more mercury than a thimerosal-containing vaccine. An adult flu shot contains 25 micrograms (mcg) per gram of mercury. Compare that to the 6 oz of light tuna (20 mcg), 3 oz of lobster (26 mcg), or if you're feeling exotic, try a big 12 oz shark steak (336 mcg). All of this information about mercury in food can be found on the FDA website.

The point I'm trying to get across is that mercury is obviously not harmful to humans as long as it is in a small dose. Also, you probably shouldn't be eating a 12 oz shark steak. One can only hope that after the only publication supporting the autism-vaccine link is deemed fraudulent and borderline criminal, the anti-vaccine movement will give up.



A new Harris Interactive poll found nearly half of Americans still believe there is a connection between autism and vaccines. Anyone who still believes that must have a mental disability. That goes for Jenny McCarthy, Bill Maher and all of the Scientologists (severe mental disability). These are the same people that attach onto conspiracy theories.

It seems that people tend to find agreement within the simplest ideas. They hear things like, "Mercury in vaccines has been found to cause autism," or my favorite, "If evolution is true, why are there no half human, half monkeys?" and believe them to be true. I can understand why this happens. Do you think most people would attach to the idea that mercury in vaccines causes autism or that the mercury in vaccines is actually a preservative called thimerosal, which contains 49 percent mercury and prevents contamination from dangerous bacteria, viruses and other microbes? This is a common problem with all scientific controversies (evolution, stem cells, global warming)—some people agree with only basic ideas they can understand.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial disease that can have a devastating effect on young children. After the vaccine was developed, it was incredibly rare for anyone to get whooping cough. Sadly, California has had over 5,200 cases of whopping cough already—this is the most since 1950. Nine children have died because of this disease, and the worst part is it could've easily been prevented.

Unfortunately, the children themselves were too young to receive the vaccine; they were infected from adults who chose not to receive a booster vaccine. Even if they didn't think it would give them autism, they could've heard a celebrity like Bill Maher question the effectiveness of vaccines and decide that skipping some vaccines is OK.

The whooping cough vaccine, like many others, works by a process called herd immunity. If a large majority of a population is immune to a disease, then the minority of the population that has not developed immunity should be protected. For whooping cough, the majority population with immunity should be around 92 to 94 percent.

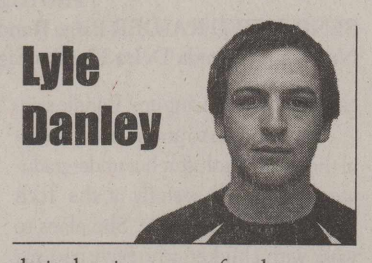
Unfortunately, in California that number dropped below the majority threshold, and the minority without immunity no longer had protection.

This could be the same case with diseases like diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella, smallpox and polio because they also rely on herd immunity. Getting vaccinated works like voting: While one individual's decision to not vote or vaccinate would not have a large effect, the entire system could collapse if everyone shared that same opinion. Vaccines work well.

According to the CDC, getting a seasonal flu shot decreases your chances of getting the flu by 70 to 90 percent. Not only are you protecting yourself, you're protecting the people around you that decided to not get vaccinated.

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Modern literature doesn't compare to old



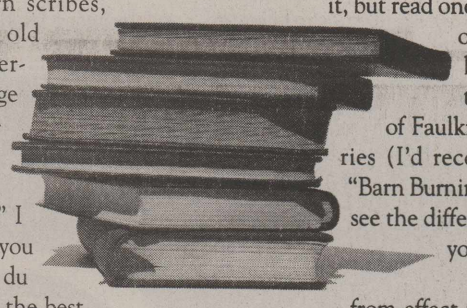
Lyle Danley

Over the holiday break I was able to enjoy more time for pleasure reading than I normally would during the Christmas holiday. After tearing through the latest Stephen King anthology, "Full Dark, No Stars," an innocuous James Patterson paperback, and finishing up with two of Ayn Rand's classics, "Anthem" and "Atlas Shrugged," I came to a bit of a realization: No disrespect, but today's literary greats haven't filled their predecessors' shoes very well.

Gone are the days of thought-provoking, challenging popular literature. While the newer stuff is fine to get by on—in high school I waited with baited breath on the last "Harry Potter" and (dare I say it?) "Twilight" books to be published and grace my conscious being. Not to say that those characters are not iconic in their own way, exalted by a generation of teenage girls looking for the perfect vampire boyfriend, but what happened to stories in the form of Twain, Hemingway, Poe and others?

From what I gather, they weren't considered critically meritorious in their day, just a way for the everyman to pass his or her leisure time, just the same as such 'greats' as Patterson, Nora Roberts and Nicholas Sparks.

Not to offend the followers of these modern scribes, but until I was old enough to understand the language of "The Scarlet Letter" and "The Fall of the House of Usher," I would have told you that the "Cirque du Freak" series was the best that had ever been conceived. Once introduced to novels, short stories and dramas of the ages, however, the modern stuff just seems drab, redundant and unimaginative in its style.



Correct me if I'm wrong, but did anyone else get tired of Edward Cullen being described as "skin cold as ice and hard as marble" every third page of four novels? I did. That's the big difference. Compare that to William Faulkner, whose Yoknapatawpha County series of stories is, in my opinion, one of the most well-woven network of stories in print both in style and content because of the variance in language and the subtle shifts in tone and language. It's hard to understand just by reading about it, but read one chapter of "Twilight," then one of Faulkner's stories (I'd recommend "Barn Burning"), and see the difference for yourself.

Going from effect to cause, I think I have pinpointed how this change in quality of our language in general has come about: media overload. Between Facebook, video games and reality TV, all of which can be accessed by the smartphone of your choice on the go, it has become remarkably easy to access information very efficiently. We have become so used to accessing each other's worlds with ease that the uneasy (like a book with conventionally challenging language and structure) are thrust away instinctually, swatted like an unnecessary pest.

It's unfortunate, but reading for its own sake has befallen this need to be shortchanged. More action. Less wordiness. Make the pages turn. Yes, it sells, but at the cost of true expression.

Maybe my views of print media are a little old fashioned, but for me the idea of settling for the "Women's Murder Club" when one can have "Sherlock Holmes" is like choosing hamburger over steak or generic over brand name: passing up higher quality, more savory and fulfilling, for something that will just get you by.

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Education reform necessary to return US students to top

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U.S. students are falling behind.

This statement shouldn't come as a surprise to most, as it's a fact discussed often in recent times. There's even a movie about it, "Waiting for Superman." Clearly, the U.S. education system is broken. The question is how do we fix it? Do we even need to fix it?

Students in America go to school 180 days a year. Meanwhile, students in Japan have a 243-day school year. It's no surprise, then, that so many successful young people come out of Japan. It doesn't matter how rigorous our school systems are, we can't keep pace with Japan if our students go to school some 60 days less per year. And Japan isn't the only country with 200-plus school days a year.

> *"Clearly, the U.S. education system is broken. The question is how do we fix it?"*

Unfortunately, the length of the school year is not the only problem with the U.S. education system. From kindergarten through high school at least, students aren't challenged enough to maximize their potential. Courses move only as fast as the slowest student can learn. Therefore, almost every other learner is breezing through the class without challenging his or her brain. Imagine a weight-lifting class where everyone lifts the same amount of weight. The weakest student, Little Timmy, can only bench the bar, but everyone else can lift the bar one-handed. While Little Timmy will increase his strength, no one else will develop any muscle. That's America's education system in a nutshell.

By this logic, students should be placed in separate classrooms based on their abilities. Many schools try to do this to an extent by offering advanced placement (AP) classes, but it's mainly voluntary.

On the other hand, obligating students to be in AP classes also presents problems. It would obviously require more teachers and more money. Then there would be the inevitable complaints from parents whose children are at a different level than they believe their kids should be.

But the bigger problem for underachieving students is that they would be in an environment where they're expected to underachieve without any overachieving students to give them an example of how to excel academically. Therefore, low-achieving students would continue to be low-achievers.

So, how does the problem of underachieving students affect Americans in general? Who cares about all the students who don't have what it takes to go to college? Everyone has different abilities; the ones with less brains can take those jobs at Wal-Mart, while college students get the higher-paying jobs more suited to their abilities. Their failure doesn't prevent our success, does it?

Unfortunately, it does. The failure of the American education system contributed to the economic meltdown and may prevent the U.S. from continuing to be the world's top economy. Not that the unemployment rate wouldn't be high right now if every American went to college — lots of people with college degrees are out of jobs, too — but many industries are being sent to Japan and China because they have smarter people and more of them.

It's not nearly that simple, but education is definitely a factor. We need to send more kids to college while restoring the economy, so that the U.S. can get back to being the most innovative country in the world with the most opportunity.

Again, there are many other reasons for the poor economy, but having more smart people surely won't hurt. And there's a bonus — more students means more professors, more staff, more of whoever it is that makes this place run smoothly. More jobs.

Forty percent of young Americans have college degrees. That is the same number as Americans over sixty. Meanwhile, 56 percent of young adults in Canada graduate from college. It's not that we've slowed down, we just haven't kept up with other developed countries.

The point is that young people aren't getting the education they need in order to live up to their potential. If America is to continue to be the "Land of Opportunity," the greatest country in the world, it needs to have the best education system in the world.

Education reform should be one of the top priorities for President Obama and the 112th Congress. Teachers, as well as parents, need to consistently challenge kids throughout their education. A stronger education system would help fix many of America's problems.

Department of Transit border proposal could be dangerous compromise



Colleen Gartner

Recently, a draft was posted on the Department of Transportation's website detailing a proposal for long-haul trucks to cross over into the U.S. border under the NAFTA agreement. I understand the U.S. would like to be in Mexico's favor, but I am as excited about this as I was for the proposed I-69 that would require eminent domain takeovers all across Texas.

I am really concerned about this for several reasons. First, "adequate oversight," as the document calls it, is unlikely to be carried out very well by the U.S. government, or at least carried out well for a long period of time. Secondly, the Mexican government just is not as thorough when it comes to who is driving or how well maintained the vehicle is. These both go with not trusting any government to do anything right.

> *"As much as free trade and traffic sounds all fine and dandy, opening the flood gates in this way is just too risky to do right now."*

Really, I would be more inclined to agree this is a good idea if our standards were the same, but they are not at this time. As much as free trade and traffic sounds all fine and dandy, opening the flood gates in this way is just too risky to do right now. Forget emissions standards, though—our cars were just as bad a mere two decades ago. Instead, my biggest concern is whether or not the vehicles are insured.

This could potentially be a huge problem, not only for hit and runs, but in general the roads would be less safe with drivers considered "qualified to drive" by another country.

Just think about the United Kingdom and much of Europe: The drivers there drive on the opposite side. I wouldn't blame them if they made us do a test drive before ever letting us rent a vehicle. A review on kilometers and certain road signs would be useful, too. It's like a driver's education crash course, except even more condensed.

All the while we are expected to believe that a "Pre-Authority Safety Audit" will be able to handle all of this. Ha! Let's face it: We can barely handle the smuggling of drugs or human trafficking in this day and age. Even if truckers successfully made it past the audit, there are going to be some who have faked everything. If it's really hard to obtain, I wouldn't doubt there would be a lot of fake stickers, just as there are fake passports or fake money.

In the end, this would just make border patrol even further burdened in the attempt to figure out who is honest and who is not at the checkpoint.

I mean, I can't blame those who would want to enter into the U.S. illegally. We provide a higher standard of living, jobs, opportunities, healthcare and education. It would be a no-brainer to me, too.

However, the thought of the truck driver next to me driving along from Mexico is the equivalent to the thought of driving next to the 16-year-old kid who is having his or her very first driving lesson. I have no idea what knowledge has stuck and what has not, and undoubtedly I'm not going to stay next to that vehicle very long.

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SNOW COVERS THE engineering key on the Texas Tech campus Tuesday. Snow fell in Lubbock late Monday night into early Tuesday morning.

Mexican director honored by 'Biutiful' Oscar nod

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Biutiful," a tale of life, death and immigration on the rough side of Barcelona, was nominated for Best Foreign Film on Tuesday, giving Mexico its eighth Oscar nomination in a category it has yet to win.

Gonzalez Inarritu said he felt honored by the Academy's pick and was excited that Spaniard Javier Bardem also received a nomination, for best actor.

"I am very happy for myself, very happy for the movie, very happy for Javier, very happy for all the people who worked on this film," he told The Associated Press. "The fact that it was our colleagues who voted makes it very special."

The Mexican film academy recently chose "Biutiful" to represent the country, and the nomination by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is Gonzalez Inarritu's second in the category after his 2000 film "Amores Perros."

If "Biutiful" prevails at the Feb. 27 awards ceremony, it would be the first time a Mexican film won. Local cinema advocates praised the nomination for putting a spotlight on Mexico's film industry and talent.

Bodies

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"I live wherever the exhibit takes me," Mulholland said. "I have lived in hotels, but here in Lubbock I have a fully-furnished apartment."

The exhibit runs until March 27. The exhibit is located at South Plains Mall and arrived in Lubbock by chance. The directors were looking for a town to host the exhibit on short notice. Lubbock was chosen since the city has both a university and medical school.

The exhibit uses a process called plastination to preserve the bodies.

Mulholland said the process can take up to a year for a full body.

During plastination, the body is fixed using formaldehyde, Muholland said. The body is then washed and cleaned. The body is dehydrated and then placed in a polymer/crosslinker bath. A catalyst is then applied, and once the body dries, it is ready to be placed in the exhibit.

Cy Young, a staff member, has witnessed Lubbock residents embrace the exhibit.

"I have seen a man walk up to our model of cirrhosis of the liver and go, 'That's how my father died,'" Young said. "The exhibit provides closure for those whose relatives have passed."

Young said he appreciates how the exhibit is presented. He said there is no shock value — it is an informational and educational experience.

"I have seen people come over and just be in awe of the exhibit," Young said. "People spend anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours in here."

Mulholland encourages students and groups to visit the exhibit.

"We offer student discounts," Mulholland said. "We encourage students and classes to come out and visit the exhibit."

Young also sees the advantage of bringing college classes to visit the exhibit.

"This exhibit is basically Sociology 101," Young said. "I could see a class coming with a professor and spending hours in here having an interactive lecture."

The exhibit can be emotional for some. Young's family has been affected by cardiovascular problems.

"I have lost family members to heart issues," Young said. "It is a moving experience to look at a heart and see exactly how a family member died."

Morgan Hector, a staff member, said she enjoys working at the exhibit. She was contemplating becoming a nurse before she began working at the exhibit, she said.

"I really enjoy the exhibit," Hector said. "I'm curious about the body, and this job is fun for me."

Mulholland sees how students could use this exhibit as a warning sign. Some students might change their lifestyle choices after visiting this exhibit.

"We have a smoker's lung at the exhibit," Mulholland said. "Some students might choose to quit smoking or change their lifestyle some other way after seeing this exhibit."

Young has seen a positive outcome from this exhibit.

"Everyone that has come in has really enjoyed the exhibit," Young said. "I hope more people come out and see it. Lubbock doesn't get this kind of exhibit often. It is a great opportunity for Lubbock and a great experience for visitors."

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Couple

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"He has a talent for encouraging others to do things, that's a reason why he's so successful. She's also good with helping with tasks that he doesn't like to do, like programming the register and other things."

Wylie, a senior creative writing major from Arlington, also helps by lending her love for words to her boyfriend's business by writing story lines for characters in Red Horizon, Jason's own collectable card game he created.

The two stores are located next to each other on 34th Street, near Boston Avenue. In fact, Lillia's Boutique is connected to Jasco Games. Video Classics owned the space before Jason's business inhabited it, and when they went out of business, they left behind an unusual floor plan.

Previously two different rooms, the large space has a sectioned-off portion near the front door with its own door to the outside, as well as a door to the rest of the interior. After utilizing it for storage, Jason thought of a better use for it.

"When he moved into the store, this section was so perfectly cut off, and he said, 'You could put a store there; I wouldn't mind,' and I thought that would be perfect," Wylie said.

Jason, a 2010 Texas Tech graduate from Flower Mound who earned a bachelor's in German, began his company before he could even drive. As a freshman in high school he knew he wanted to be involved in the collectible industry and thus operated from his family home until he came to Lubbock.

Now, Jasco Games functions with employees from around the world, including 12 artists, three salesmen and two graphic designers. Jason, who operates with an obvious entrepreneurial thumb, recognized a necessary business decision a few years ago that helped his company grow.

"Fantasy Flight Games, one of the leading game publishers in the country, used to publish the game that we're doing now, Ultimate Fighting System," he said. "They decided in Christmas '08 that they were going to cancel the game and were looking for someone to pick up the game and carry it on. After a month and a half of thinking about it and figuring out where I would get money to publish a whole game, we started discussing taking over the rights to the game system, meaning all the rules unique to the game."

Fast forward to 2011, and Jasco Games' UFS is licensed to use characters from Street Fighter, Soulcalibur III and IV, as well as Red Horizon, the game conceptualized and created by Jason.

Maintaining and nurturing his business during all years of college hasn't always been a piece of cake, he said. With work and a full load of classes, he struggled through 120-hour work weeks and long periods of time without seeing Wylie.

"I did it (for so long) I don't really know anything other than that," Jason said. "So it didn't really bother me. But like Lilly said, we really didn't have time to do anything; like, I wasn't able to go out on dates, so that was kind of a problem.

"It was a lot of commitment, and I'm glad she didn't get tired of me not being able to do anything. But looking at the point I got to right now, it was worth it."

Lillia's Boutique has a slightly different creation story.

"I've been making jewelry since I was 10," she said. "That's what led me to even think about a business. But I thought it would happen when I was much older, like 40 or 50, after retirement, as a hobby."

After years of only selling her jewelry to family because of fear of public rejection, Wylie said she tried eBay as a means to sell her creations but found it a waste of money and decided she had to wait until after graduation. That is, until Jason proposed she could turn the oddball room in his store into her territory.

After working as a waitress for more than a year, Wylie said, she saved enough money to have the floors replaced, with the help of Jason, repaint the walls and install a dressing room.

Although only open officially since early December, Wylie has two consigners that bring their products to her to sell. The contributors give her a wholesale price, and she marks it up to whatever she feels is appropriate.

"I originally just want college students (as consigners)," Wylie said. "I'd like it to be exclusive to where this is Tech students designing accessories and things where (people from the Tech community) can buy Tech student-made stuff."

In terms of clothes, Wylie buys everything from suppliers she sees at fashion events. She makes and sells earrings, belly-button rings and ear-cuffs, and eventually plans to expand.

"I look at Forever 21, and it's so big, and I think about how I want to get there and make it that big," she said. "They started off as a tiny Korean shop in California that was really only meant for the Korean population that lived there, and the mainstream population started to become interested, and they expanded to where they are now. That's inspiring to me, that I could get to where they are."

With three and a half years of dating behind them, Wylie and Jason consistently try to contribute and help each other in whatever way they can. Jason pays rent for both properties to help Wylie get on her feet, and Wylie helps Jason with story line writing and making sales calls when needed. And after years of entrepreneurial experience, Jason knows a thing or two about what leads to success.

"If you're going to run your own business, you're going to have a lot of trial and error," he said. "You need to look at all that error as your learning experience instead of taking business classes. I basically learned everything by messing up a few times, like a lot; I still do it, but you learn to not do it again."

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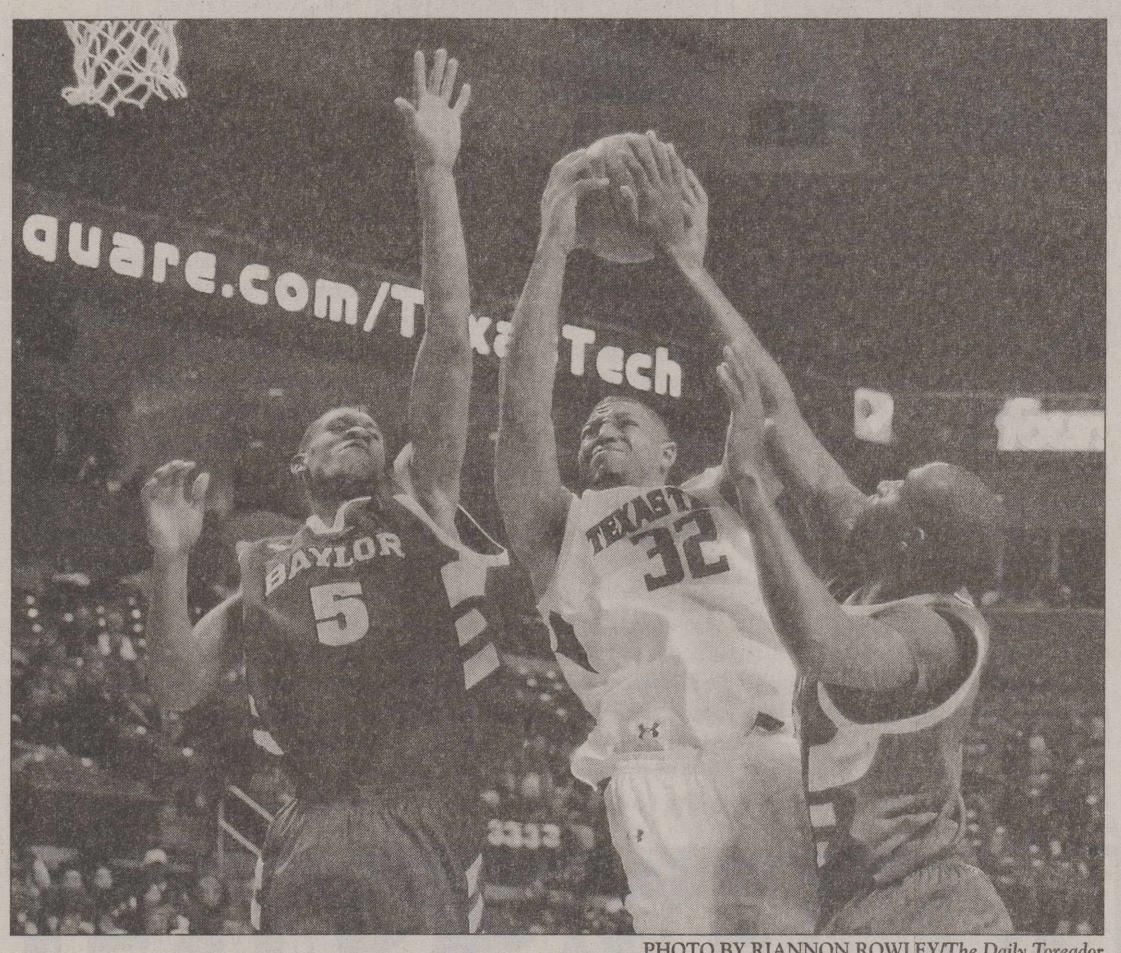


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TEXAS TECH'S MIKE Singletary is guarded by Baylor's Quincy Acy and Perry Jones III during Texas Tech's 71-59 loss on Jan. 8 in the United Spirit Arena.

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN
NEWS EDITOR

John Roberson is happy he's playing well, but even more so now that his partner in crime, Mike Singletary, is playing well at the same time.

Singletary and Roberson have been the faces of Texas Tech basketball for the better part of the last three years; however, the two seniors admittedly haven't been pulling their weight.

But that was before Saturday's last-second win against Nebraska.

"Me and John have sat down and talked to each other, and we've just been like, 'We got to play better,' and we know that, and we feel like for us to win basketball games we have to play well, and that's not just scoring — that's both ways. He had a great game, and I just decided to throw a few points in there to make it better," Singletary said.

The duo teamed up for a combined 39 points against the Huskers — a season-high 25 from Roberson and 14 from Singletary. It was the most the pair had scored since a 46-point effort from the two against Oral Roberts in November.

In fact, Singletary hasn't scored more than 19 points since his 29-point outburst against the Golden Eagles.

However, Roberson has carried the team's offense as of late, tallying totals of 19, 21 and 25 points in his last three games, all Big 12 Conference contests.

But frankly, Roberson is not too smitten with his and Singletary's performance against Nebraska. To him, it's their job to lead the team.

"That's what we're supposed to do," Roberson said. "I mean, we're seniors, so it's about time, really, that we both played together at the same time and played well at the same time, and hopefully we can keep it going.

"We're just finding each other out there, and coach is putting in some little extra offensive sets to get us free, and it worked last game."

Fellow senior D'Walyn Roberts, whose career has been plagued by injuries, also is starting to come back around after tipping in the game-winning bucket against the Huskers. Roberts finished the game with seven points and five rebounds in his most playing time since a Dec. 29 loss to New Mexico.

The trio of Roberts, Roberson and Singletary, as well as the rest of the Red Raiders, takes their momentum on the road at 8 p.m. today against Iowa State (14-6, 1-4 in Big 12 play) in a battle for sole possession of 11th place in the Big 12.

The Cyclones, led by senior point guard Diante Garrett, competed well in their first four conference games, beating Baylor but losing to Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma State by a combined 16 points. However, they are coming off a 33-point shellacking to Missouri, their worst loss since a 35-point loss to Kansas State during the 2007-08 season.

Assistant coach Bubba Jennings said the win against Nebraska is what he and his fellow coaches had hoped to see all year.

"We've been hoping all year that we could play together, that we'd play hard, that we'd play good defense and have some patience on offense and really work to get good shots."

Saturday's victory also marked the first time in conference play the Red Raiders shot more than 50 percent for an entire game. Tech's 61.9 percent second-half shooting output also is the best half of shooting since the second half of Tech's Nov. 19 win against Stephen F. Austin, when they shot 63 percent.

Now that the Red Raiders have one win under their belt and are playing better as a team, Singletary said the season has a new outlook on it.

"We just need one," he said. "You need one to get on a roll, and that's the way we're looking at it right now. We got that first one out of the way, it took a couple of games, we got that first one out of the way, and now we've got a few games here that we feel like we can win."

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Weygandt, Lamb leading surge for track program

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Going into the second indoor meet of the season, neither Bryce Lamb nor Shade Weygandt believed they would leave the meet already qualified for the NCAA Championships.

But after two impressive outings, both sophomores ended the meet Saturday with a guaranteed trip to the championships in March.

Weygandt, who automatically qualified for pole vault on Saturday, said she was excited she already jumped high enough to qualify, and said it feels good to have the pressure off.

"It's great that now I can just focus on the championships," Weygandt said at practice Tuesday. "I mean, I will still compete, but I can compete when I want to. No pressure to make a certain jump."

Weygandt's jump of 4.40M (14'-5.25") was impressive in many ways. The jump was a new personal best for Weygandt, a new school record, a new Athletic Training Center record and the highest mark by an American female under the age of 20.

The performance was just one of many from the women's side that helped launch the Lady Raiders from No. 18 to No. 13 in the country.

The offseason was not easy for Weygandt either; she said she actually changed her jumping style during the offseason to try to improve her height.

"I've got a bit to go," Weygandt said. "I hit the pole on the way down a few times on Saturday. Honestly, I have some work to do to be where I want."

Bryce Lamb wasted no time in his first meet of the season, automatically qualifying for the long jump with his first jump of the entire season.

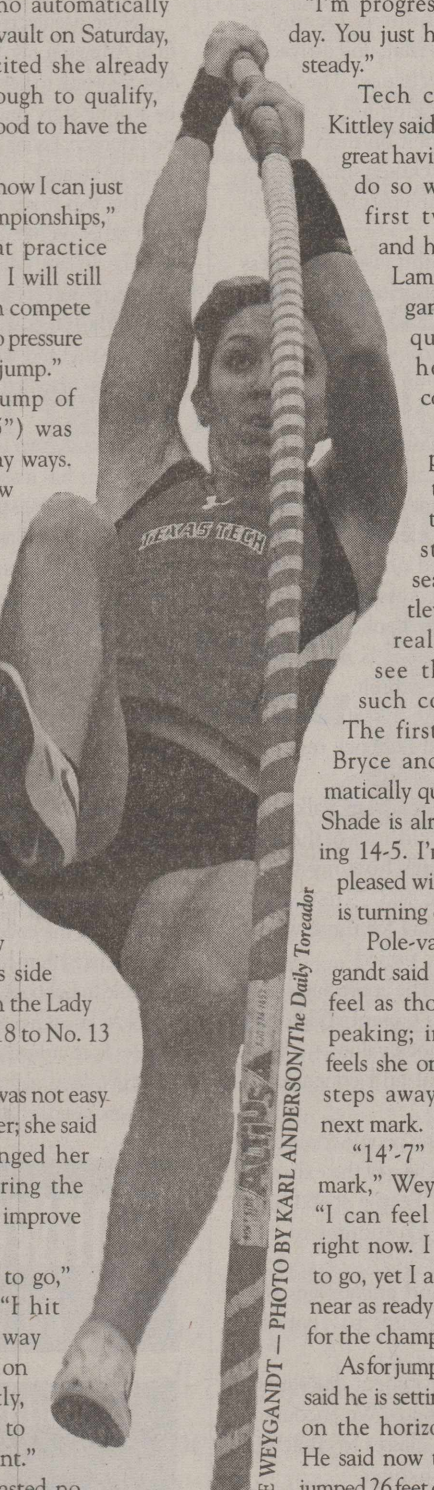
The men, just like the women, also moved up in the national rankings — the Red Raiders moved up to No. 4 from the No. 7 slot.

Lamb said it is a relief having a spot in the championships already locked up, as opposed to waiting until the conference championships to be automatically qualified like he was last season.

Lamb also said his work is not done for the season; he still has to strive to be where he wants to be by the championships. He said the key to getting better is all about consistency.

"It feels especially good this year," Lamb said. "I don't have to worry about always making a specific mark or wait until the last-chance meet like some guys do to make it there. You've got to be consistent from day one to the end.

"I'm progressing every day. You just have to stay steady."



SHADE WEYGANDT — PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/*The Daily Toreador*

Tech coach Wes Kittley said it has been great having the team do so well in the first two meets, and having both Lamb and Weygandt already qualify only helps their confidence.

"I'm very pleased with the way the team has started the season," Kittley said. "It's really neat to see them have such confidence. The first jump for Bryce and he automatically qualifies, and Shade is already jumping 14-5. I'm just very pleased with how this is turning out."

Pole-vaulter Weygandt said she doesn't feel as though she is peaking; in fact, she feels she only is a few steps away from her next mark.

"14'-7" is my new mark," Weygandt said. "I can feel it coming right now. I have a bit to go, yet I am nowhere near as ready as I will be for the championships."

As for jumper Lamb, he said he is setting his sights on the horizon as well. He said now that he has jumped 26 feet consistently, he has his eyes set on 27.

"I want people to know me for my consistency," Lamb said. "I want them to be like, 'Remember Bryce Lamb, the guy who jumped 27 feet like 10 times in the 2011 season?' You know, I just like to be consistent."

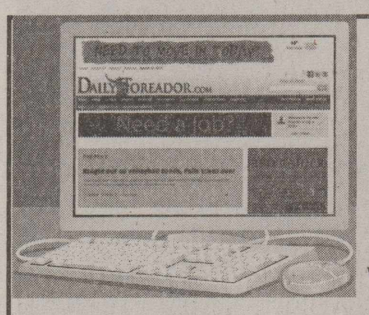
Both Lamb and Weygandt will compete in the Texas A&M Big 12-SEC challenge this weekend on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.

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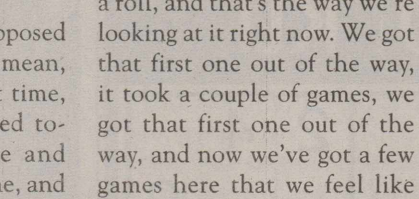
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Lady Raiders hoping to bounce back against Texas after consecutive losses

By JOSH KOCH
STAFF WRITER

After enduring a week consisting of two road losses against ranked opposition, the Lady Raiders return to Lubbock to defend their undefeated home record against Texas at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry said her squad does not care about what happened last week and is placing all focus on the task at hand.

"Well, every week's a new week," Curry said. "And it's a great opportunity for us to come back home and have a chance to go 4-2, and then take that on the road. You know, it's just exciting, and these kids are ready to play."

A double overtime loss and a 30-point blowout were Tech's results in last year's regular season series with Texas — but the Longhorns won both meetings.

This season, however, has been a little different for both squads. Tech (16-3, 3-2 in Big 12 Conference play) is currently fourth in the Big 12 standings, while Texas (12-7, 1-4) is second to last.

Before today's game begins there will be a health fair held on the concourse level of the arena, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and concluding at halftime.

At this time last season, it was Texas, not Tech, jockeying for position at the top of the conference standings. Christine Hyde said she learned a lot from last year's home loss against Texas but acknowledges that lot of things have changed between then and now.

"We learned so much from that game, and we're a stronger and better team this year," she said. "So we're very excited to go in there and show them that we're a better team, and it's going to be hard to win."

Statistically speaking, the Longhorns should be experiencing more success than they have been in conference play to this point — Texas has three players on the roster averaging double-digit points every night in conference play.

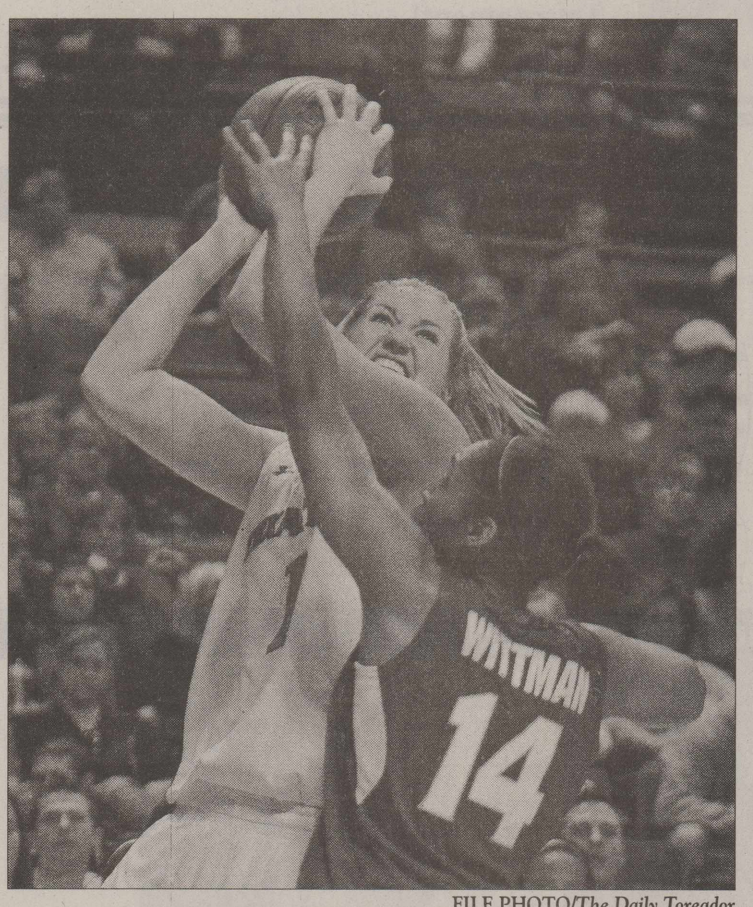
But looking at Texas' schedule, the Longhorns have not had the easiest lineup of teams to start conference play against this season.

In Texas' first five conference games, the Longhorns matched up against the likes of No. 1 Baylor, No. 13 Oklahoma and No. 6 Texas A&M. Texas played those three games consecutively.

The Lady Raiders, on the other hand, were riding their best start in six years to begin Big 12 play until they hit a roadblock last week when they traveled to No. 13 Oklahoma and No. 1 Baylor.

Tech had a few players struggle from the field last week, but Hyde impressed at Baylor, leading the team with 14 points, while Kierra Mallard went for 21 points against Oklahoma. In both games, Tech led at halftime.

But the Longhorns, unlike the Lady Raiders, have a little momentum going into today's affair after earning their first conference win of the season against Oklahoma State, beating the Cowgirls 63-56 in Austin.



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JORDAN BARNCASTLE AND the Lady Raiders will try and get past Texas after dropping two conference games last week. They take on the Longhorns at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

To compliment the figures the starting five put on the scoreboard, Texas has some resting on the bench. But one particular player Tech will probably have its attention directed toward is freshman guard Chassidy Fussell.

Fussell leads the team in scoring, averaging 17.4 points per game on the season and 21.4 points per game in Big 12 games.

Despite the Longhorns' slow start, Tech senior forward Teena Wickett said this team should not be taken lightly because of the momentum they have begun to build.

"First and foremost, we have to come out with a lot more energy against Texas," she said. "They're 1-4 right now, they're coming off a win, but we just have to match their intensity and play hard each possession."

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Rangers trade reliever Francisco for Napoli

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers traded former closer Frank Francisco and cash to Toronto for catcher-first baseman Mike Napoli on Tuesday, giving the AL champions a much-needed versatile bat off the bench and the Blue Jays more bullpen depth.

It was the second time in five days Napoli was traded, quickly returning to the AL West. Toronto acquired Napoli and outfielder Juan Rivera from the Los Angeles Angels on Friday for outfielder Vernon Wells.

"It's been a crazy couple of days," Napoli said. "I know the division well and the lineup they have, the type of players they have. "

Napoli was on a cruise last week when he found out he had been traded the first time. He didn't even talk to Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos until Tuesday, then found out he was going to Texas.

"It was kind of weird to me. Obviously there was something going on," Napoli said. "It's great. I'm excited. I can't wait to get to spring training and try to win a job and help these guys win."

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said Napoli "brings a lot to the table" in his ability to catch, play first base or designated hitter.

Anthopoulos said he had inquired previously about Francisco, and a deal came together when Texas was among several teams who had already asked him about Napoli. The deal involves arbitration-eligible players that have not settled their 2011 contracts.

"Frank Francisco is a guy we've liked for quite some time," Anthopoulos said. "He has closing experience and will compete for a chance to close. This is going to be an open competition."

Kevin Gregg agreed to a two-year contract with Baltimore this winter after saving 37 games for Toronto last season. Octavio Dotel saved 22 games while with Pittsburgh, the Dodgers and Colorado last year and Jon Rauch, who signed with Toronto last week, had 21 saves filling in for injured Joe Nathan in Minnesota.

Francisco accepted salary arbitration in December instead of becoming a free agent. He asked for $4,875,000 and Texas offered $3.5 million, only a slight bump from his $3,265,000 salary last season.

Napoli, who hit .238 with team-leading 26 home runs and 68 RBIs in 140 games last season, requested $6.1 million from the Angels for 2011 while they proposed $5.3 million.

After beginning last season as the Texas closer, Francisco blew two save chances the first week of the season. Hard-throwing Neftali Feliz was then given a chance in that role, and went on to set a major league rookie record with 40 saves and become the AL rookie of the year.

Francisco was 6-4 with a 3.76 ERA in 56 appearances before missing the final month of the season and the postseason with a muscle strain. He has a career mark of 17-15 with 32 saves and a 3.75 ERA in 277 appearances for Texas since 2004.

"We certainly wish Frankie all the best in Toronto," Daniels said. "He was a very good part of what we were doing for a number of years and I think the organization has done a good job of adding to our bullpen and our pitching depth over the last couple of years to where we felt we could make this type of move."

The Rangers recently signed veteran left-hander Arthur Rhodes and agreed to terms on a $1.251 million contract with arbitration-eligible reliever Darren O'Day.

When free agent third baseman Adrian Beltre signed with the Rangers this month, they said Michael Young would become their primary designated hitter and fill in at all the infield positions. That included sharing time with World Series rookie standout Mitch Moreland at first base, a position Young has never played.

"(Napoli) adds a power dynamic to the lineup against anybody. He can catch. He's caught some good pitching on winning clubs. He can play first base," Daniels said. "He gives (manager Ron Washington) an option at DH as well on days when Michael's in the field or Michael gets a day off. On days when he isn't starting, he gives us a pretty good weapon off the bench."

Napoli played 70 games at first base and 66 at catcher last year for Los Angeles, where he played the last five seasons.

Football conferences net record take from Bowl Championship Series

WASHINGTON (AP) — College football conferences will get a record take of about $170 million from this year's Bowl Championship Series games, including a new high of $24.7 million for the five conferences that don't get automatic bids to the BCS bowls.

The figures were obtained by The Associated Press ahead of their official release later Tuesday by the BCS.

BCS officials say the higher figures were fueled by the new television contract with ESPN. In addition, the five conferences that don't get automatic bids were helped by the automatic berth earned by Texas Christian University. Those conferences got slightly more than last year's $24 million.

The distribution of money has been a main point of contention for congressional critics of the BCS, who argue that it shows the system is unfair. In the last congressional session, Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, pushed legislation aimed at forcing the BCS to switch to a playoff system rather than the ratings system it uses to set the games that determine the college championship.

Under the BCS system, six conferences get automatic bids to participate in top-tier bowl games while the other five don't. Those six conferences, which sent nine of the 10 teams to the BCS bowl games this year, will take in about $145 million. The Big Ten, Southeastern and Pac-10, which each had two teams in BCS bowls, will receive about $27.2 million each, while the ACC, Big East and Big 12 will each receive roughly $21.2 million.

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PARK TERRACE apartments 2401 45th St. Less than 2 miles from campus. Family atmosphere. 2 bedrooms/1 bath, $650/month. 1 bedroom/1 bath, $550/month. All bills paid. Call 806-795-6174.

RAIDERHOMES.COM
Buy, sell, or lease your home at RaiderHomes.com

TECH STUDENT FAVORITE
will be available for lease in January 2011. 2200 sqft. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Gameroom. Detached one car garage with lots of storage. Carport. Circle drive and fireplace. $1175/month. For appointment 794-5737, 928-6665. Don't wait, you'll want it once you see it!

UNFURNISHED

TWO BEDROOMS, one bath, central H/A, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, large backyard. $450 deposit, $750 per month on 12 month lease. Available now, 806-543-6764 or 806-470-6559.

UNIQUE 2 bedrom home w/ large bath, stove, refrigirator w/d hook-ups and landscaped courtyard. $550. No pets. References. 702 81st street. 300-7342

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 2 entertainment centers, kitchen table with 4 chairs, Sony TV/Stereo system. 806-789-1922.

FOUR BEDROOM, 2 bath. Central H/A. Tile floors. $89,500. Serious inquiries only. 806-793-3353, 806-577-7821.

MATTRESS, FURNITURE
Huge discounts. 5127 34th Street (34th & Slide). 785-7253.

SLEEPER SOFA, $75. 2 recliners. Occasional tables/nightstands. Record player, $50. Hutches. Chest of drawers, $60. Storage cabinets. New china, $35. Microwave. 745-1471.

SPECTACULAR TOWNHOUSE! 4114B 18TH St. $93,000. 2/2/2 Near Tech and medical community. Superior condition. Great location in a dynamic redeveloping neighborhood. To see please call Donna at 806-792-0828.

CLOTHING/JEWELRY

HUB CITY AVIATION private pilot ground school. Register January 12- February 2. Wednesdays 6-9p.m. $360. 687-1070.

NEED CASH
Buying any gold/silver jewelry. Any condition. Avery and others. Varsity Jewelers 1311 University.

TEXAS TECH
Officially licensed rings. Men's from $695. Women's from $425. Varsity Jewelers. 1311 University.

WANTED: GOLD & SILVER
Highest cash paid for jewerly, coins, watches, etc. 2423-34th, 2147-50th. Open M-F 9am-6pm. 806-747-4653.

MISCELLANEOUS

LONESTARSPECIALS.COM
Browse and post drink specials and concert information right from your phone. Updated daily. Need to sell tickets for an event? Check out texaslovestickets.com

ROOMMATES

$395 ALL BILLS PAID. Gym, hot tub, cable, shop. 2119 56th St. Scott (806)-438-1976.

SERVICES

ALLAMERICANSTORAGE.COM
Rates $10 and up. Free truck. 24/7 Rental station. Clean. 5839-49th. 792-6464.

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Free chicken fried steak included. Only $26.95. Cell 781-2931. More Information www.Lubbock-Class.com.

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MARTIAL ARTS, stick, sword, knife, empty hands. Filipino kali, eskrima, arnis. Oliver McRae 806-797-4244.

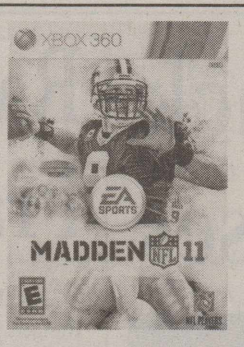
TRAVEL

SKI SPRING BREAK 2011!



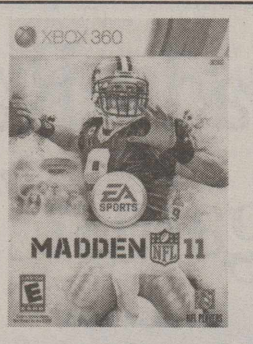
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EXPERIENCE Rec Sports



Madden 11 Xbox 360 Tournament

Think you have what it takes to be the Texas Tech's champion Madden player? Register between today and January 28. The tournament will take place between February 1 - 3. This event is free, so come on out to the Intramural Office to register for the Madden 11 Tournament!



Phone: 742-3351 Website: www.rescsports.ttu.edu Box 2151

Heartbeats

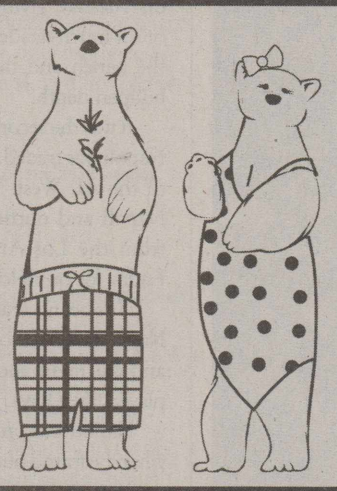
A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Sport Clubs
Congratulations are in order for Stephanie Matelli (Tennis) and Baiju Shah (Cricket) for being selected as the Fall 2010 Officers of the Semester. Mark Buchanan (Men's Soccer) and Jon Matthews (Men's Volleyball) were selected as the Fall 2010 Coaches of the Semester!

Tech Men's Lacrosse has received the US Lacrosse "Ace" Adams Sportsmanship Award for the 2010 season. US Lacrosse is the governing body of all lacrosse in the United States. The "Ace" Adams Award is a regional award, and is given to a single team in the district, either a high school or collegiate team.

Massage Therapy
Treat yourself to a therapeutic massage by one of our licensed massage therapists. Starting at $25/half hour and $40/hour, you will not find a better value on a massage anywhere in town!

Outdoor Pursuits Center Bike Tech
It's been a beautiful January, so why not get out on a bike? The OPC has free bikes to rent out for up to three days to any student! Stop by the OPC and ask about Bike Tech, your source for free wheels!



POLAR BEAR SWIM!

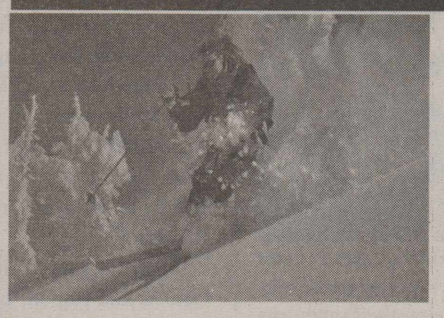
JANUARY 29, 2011 at 10:00am

Free T-Shirts to the first 50 Swimmers courtesy of TTU Federal Credit Union

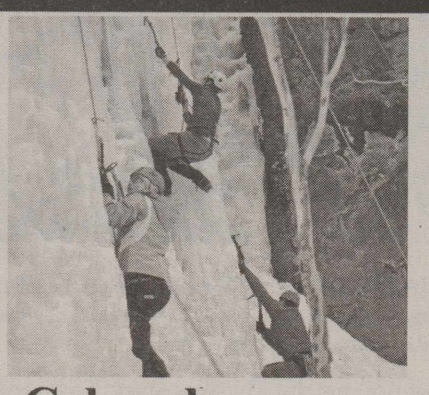
FREE EVENT @ the Leisure Pool

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

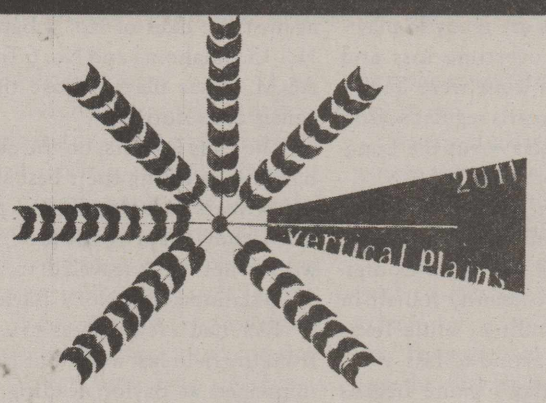
Outdoor Pursuits



The Outdoor Pursuits Center's Ski and Snowboard Shop is open!
Ski package includes skis, boots and poles. Snowboard packages include board and boots. Helmets and other accessories are also available for rent!

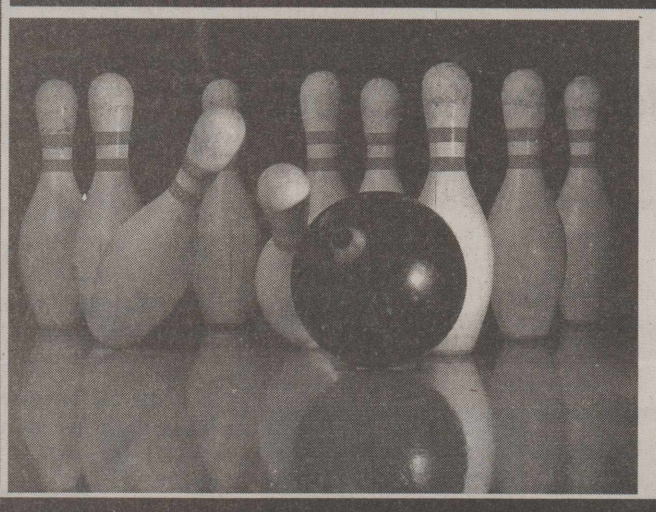


Colorado Ice Climbing
February 17 - 20 | $315
Come learn and experience spectacular ice climbing in Colorado's beautiful San Juan Mountains. Determined outdoor enthusiasts encouraged! Registration Deadline: February 9



Vertical Plains Adventure Festival
This year's Vertical Plains Climbing Competition will be on February 12. Join us February 11th for Reel Rock Film Tour, as we explore the best climbing videos of 2010. The Reel Rock Film Tour is free for all students! The Film Tour will be in Human Sciences 169 starting at 8:00pm.

Intramurals



Intramural Bowling

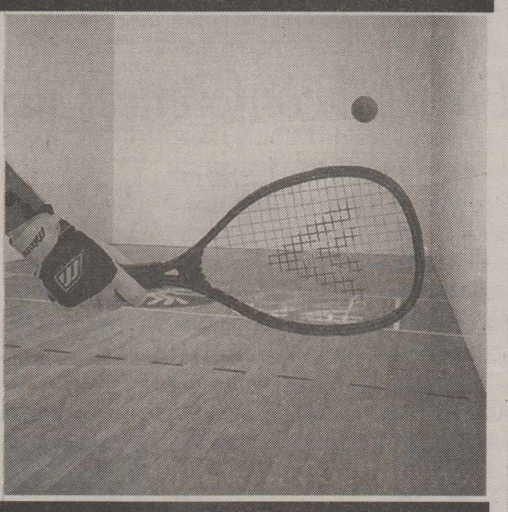
Register for Intramural Team Bowling!

Registration ends February 4. Games will be played February 7 or 13.

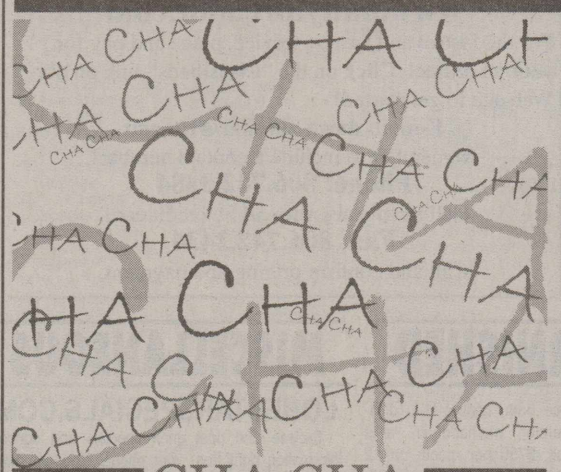
Intramural Racquetball

Register for Intramural Racquetball!

Registration ends February 3. Games will be played February 7.



Fit/Well



CHA CHA DANCING RAIDER X2
Register in Fit/Well starting TODAY!
Tuesdays 8:30pm| $15



BELLY DANCING RAIDER X2
Sign up in Fit/Well TODAY!
Wednesdays 6:45pm | $15

TEXAS TECH REC SPORTS
IRON MAN
2011 Kedric Hobbs Memorial Iron Man Triathlon Challenge

What is the IRON MAN?
CAN YOU DO IT ALL IN 15 DAYS?
2.4 MILE SWIM
112 MILES BIKING
26.2 MILES RUNNING

SIGN UP IN THE FIT/WELL!
JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 4

COST: $14 ($16XXL or XXXL)
ALL FINISHERS RECEIVE A DRY FIT T-SHIRT!!

RUNS FEBRUARY 4TH - 21ST

How does this work?
1) You have 15 days to complete a full triathlon
2) You keep track of your mileage
3) When you finish, receive your Dry Fit T-Shirt.
4) Feel the satisfaction that you completed a full triathlon!



Personal Training is Your New Year's Resolution Solution!
Get the new year started off right! We have many different types of training available. Overall fitness training, A Better U (Yoga/Pilates training), sport specific, lifestyle, area specific, and time limited training are all available! Sign-up in the Fit/Well or just stop by for more information!

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION AND ACTIVITIES

EVENT CALENDAR
JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1, 2011

TAB TECH ACTIVITIES BOARD | STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

TODAY, 1.26.11
Student Organization Orientation
Student Union Lubbock, 12:00pm
Learn how to use free resources that the university offers. This is a great session to attend if your organization plans on having an on-campus barbecue, on-campus raffle, or on-campus concert. Find out more about what OrgSync is and how it can help your organization. Bring your wireless laptop if you have one.

Movie Premiere: Due Date
Student Union Allen Theatre, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, 1.27.11
Matinee – Due Date
Student Union Escondido Theater, 3:00pm

Student Organization Risk Management Session
Student Union Matador, 5:00pm
In accordance with the State of Texas (Senate Bill 1138 and House Bill No. 2639), all registered student organizations are required to attend training sessions once a year on the topic of risk management as it relates to individuals, organization functions, and/or activities. This is the last session offered for the 2010-2011 academic year.

FRIDAY, 1.28.11
Bongo Ball Mania
Rec. Center Indoor Soccer Field, 12:00pm-6:00pm
What would happen if you took the excitement of American Gladiator, the speed of Laser Tag, the thrill of Paintball, and threw them into one big mixer? You'd get Bongo Ball Mania, a fast, aggressive game of capture the flag. Players hide between, under, and behind obstacles as they advance in the battlefield of flying Nerf balls to capture the flag and win the game.

SATURDAY, 1.29.11

SUNDAY, 1.30.11

MONDAY, 1.31.11

TUESDAY, 2.1.11

Student Union Building Regular Hours
Monday-Friday 7am-11pm
Saturday 8am-11pm Sunday 12pm-11pm

COMING UP:
2.2.11
S.O. Workshop

2.7.11
Five Times August

2.8.11
Volunteer Fair

S.O. Registration Meeting

TAB's Gargantuan Game Night

Today through Friday
Poster Sale
Student Union Ballroom, 9:00am-6:00pm
Is your residence hall, apartment, or office looking a little bland? Spruce up your place with posters and more for your décor!

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