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Lubbock moves into Stage 2 drought plan, restricts use

Tech to comply with city regulations

By CAROLYN HECK
Staff Writer

Lubbock began Stage 2 of its drought contingency plan Sunday, which focuses on restricting the use of water on landscapes.

Aubrey Spear, director of water resources and environmental management for the City of Lubbock, said 96 percent of the city's aquifer — the Ogallala Aquifer — is used for landscape and agricultural irrigation.

"The biggest way to conserve water is with the irrigation on landscape, is to reduce that landscape irrigation," he said. "I mean, everyone can do things — like while they're brushing their teeth they turn off the faucet rather than let it run — but that's not where our big savings is. The big savings in water is in not putting as much on the landscape."

In the past, Lubbock has received its water from Lake Meredith, which Spear calls "the backbone of West Texas," supplying water to 11 different cities throughout the region for 40 years.

But, due to the constant mining for the resource and the worst drought recorded in 100 years occurring last summer, he said, the lake has disappeared.

"It started to decline over time for many different reasons and we expedited another project to help replace Lake Meredith when it disappeared," Spear said, "and that was Lake Allen Henry to our south-east. The Lake Allen Henry project is being built right now."

According to the City of Lubbock Water Conservation and Education Department, in 2005 the city decided it would need to develop a new water supply by 2012. The department cited three reasons for why a new water supply became necessary: the drought continues to have an impact on Lake Meredith, the lifespan of the wells in Bailey County will only last another 30 to 40 years due to declines in Ogallala Aquifer groundwater levels and the region's population continues to grow.

After considering several alternative water supplies, the city decided the most sustainable and cost-efficient method would be to construct a 50-mile pipeline, three pump stations, a water treatment plant and a water distribution line to transport the water from Lake Allen Henry to storage in Lubbock.

The project will not reach completion until September, Spear said, which is part of the reason Lubbock has moved to Stage 2.

"So we have less water this summer then we did last summer to meet the demand until we get Lake Allen Henry online," he said, "which means that we have to go into Stage 2 of our drought contingency plan to make sure that we have enough water this summer."

In the winter, Lubbock uses between 25 and 30 million gallons of water a day, he said. During the summer, the city nearly doubles its water use to 60 million gallons a day, more than half of which goes toward landscape and agricultural irrigation.

According to the Lubbock Water Department's website, the contingency plan — which lasts until Sept. 30 — will restrict landscape irrigation to once a week, on a system based on the last number of the residents' address.

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School of Medicine students host free clinic for Women's Health Day

Uninsured provided with services not typically offered

By NICOLE MOLTER
Staff Writer

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine students hosted the third semiannual free Women's Health Day clinic on Saturday at the Lubbock IMPACT/TTUHSC Free Clinic, where women without health insurance could be seen for a variety of medical problems.

"Women are a unique patient population," said Chris Prze, a first-year medical student from Dallas. "They have different illnesses that men don't have. Annual exams really help us improve the numbers of catching things early, so women don't have to deal with the negative effects later on."

The clinic is open every Wednesday from 6- 9 p.m., year-round, for appointments made by both uninsured men and women with urgent health care needs, said Sydney Reynolds, a second-year medical student from Coleman. However, Women's Health Day focuses specifically on the female population because routine health services for women are usually not offered during the free clinic's hours.

"A group of my classmates started it three years ago, and we realized there was a big hole in the service for getting pap smears done and the annual female visits," said Camille Stephens, a fourth-year medical student from Midland. "It's hard to do it whenever we're doing our urgent care clinics on Wednesday nights. So, the leadership team at that time decided it would be a good idea to take one Saturday every three months or so. A lot of women who can't afford it just don't get them done; so we'd like to be able to offer a service to them."

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Occupy Lubbock plays April Fool's prank, plans march

By EMILY REYES
Staff Writer

Members of Occupy Lubbock celebrated April Fool's Day by announcing their plan to move locations, via the KCBD Facebook fan page, claiming the City of Lubbock told the group to relocate.

However, it was later revealed the announcement was a joke to raise awareness of the group.

Melissa Borrett, a supporter of Occupy Lubbock, said they plan to march May 5 to protest Lubbock Power & Light. The false statement on relocating was to generate interest in the movement and to announce the march against LP&L.

Borrett said the group disagrees with how LP&L has become a big monopoly company in Lubbock.

"They're ultimately abusing their status as a public utility provider," Borrett said. "If they weren't a public utility, they wouldn't be allowed to have a monopoly; they would have to be subject to fair business trade laws like everybody else."

Borrett plans on attending the march against LP&L's policies, in hopes to make the company realize how unfair it is treating its customers. She said she is against its policies because of the hidden fees it charges and she disagrees with the company's overall reasoning as to why LP&L overcharges its customers.

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Heel Homage



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/*The Daily Toreador*

CARLISLE FIREFIGHTERS WEAR high heels and march during the March a Mile in Her Shoes event Saturday outside the Lubbock County Courthouse. The march raised awareness to stop sexual assault and benefited the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center.

Men walk in heels to raise awareness of sexual assault

By PAIGE SKINNER
Staff Writer

Grown men walking in high heels was the scene Saturday morning in downtown Lubbock.

The Lubbock Rape Crisis Center hosted the fifth annual Walk a Mile In Her Shoes men's march, outside the Lubbock County Courthouse, to help raise awareness of sexual assault prevention.

Kim Stark, executive director of LRCC, said having men walk in women's shoes is a way of bringing attention to the problem of rape.

"It's kind of a light-hearted way of talking about a really serious subject," Stark said, "so, we really want to bring awareness. The event is men marching a mile in women's high heel shoes to speak out against sexual assault."

Last year, 297 cases of sexual assault were reported in Lubbock, she said, and 51 percent of them were children under the age of 17.

"It's always a big deal," Stark said, when referring to rape anywhere, as well as in Lubbock.

Leslie Timmons, the special events coordinator for LRCC, said because men are usually viewed as perpetrators of sexual assault, it is important to show them also as preventers.

"The idea behind the walk is that you never understand what a person goes through until you walk a mile in their shoes and so, that's kind of the whole idea," she said. "And we want men involved in preventing rape because men, historically, are perpetrators of rape, so this is kind of a social norm where we want men involved in the preventing of rape. That's why we do this walk as a men's march."

The men walked around the Lubbock County Courthouse four times to complete a mile.

Some limped, some took baby steps and some decided to run in the heels.

Johnny Jaquess, a law enforcement agent in Lubbock, said he ran because it felt better on his feet and he wanted to get the pain over with.

Jaquess' coworkers also decided to support the cause.

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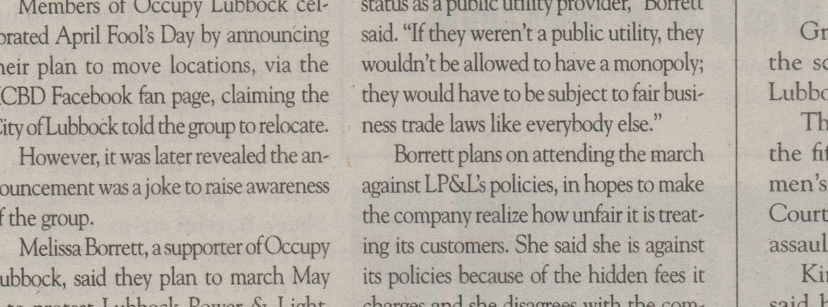
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Community Calendar

TODAY

Texas Tech's Landmark Arts
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: School of Art
So, what is it?
Enjoy Virginia Saunders' exhibit, "Visions and Dreams," with images based on Saunders' recent travels in Europe and China.

Early Music Ensemble Concert
Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: The Legacy, Great Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy this concert hosted by the School of Music.

TUESDAY

Sexual Assault Survivor Supporters
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Student Wellness Center, Room 100
So, what is it?
Learn how to effectively respond and aid someone who has been sexually assaulted, learn about local resources, rape myths, cultural views of sexual assault and how to offer support in a non-blaming way.

National Alcohol Screening Day
Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center
So, what is it?
Complete a free alcohol screening and receive a free popcorn and movie ticket for the Dive-In movie screening of "The Grey" at the Leisure Pool at 10 p.m. April 12.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Angelo State
Time: 5p.m.
Where: Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Angelo State.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presents "Post-Saddam Hussein-Historical Preservation"
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
Join OLLI and Elizabeth Louden, professor of architecture at Tech, as she discusses the history of the region, the political and religious conflicts, the impact on world heritage and the current international cooperation to implement a master plan for conservation of the Arbil Citadel.

University Singers' Concert
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church
So, what is it?
Enjoy a performance from the University Singers presented by the School of Music.

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Stage 2

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If residents' address ends in one, they can water Tuesday. If it ends in two, they will water Wednesday. Addresses ending in three and four water Thursday, and those ending in five and six water Friday. Addresses ending in seven and eight water Saturday, and those ending in nine and zero water on Sunday.

"By doing it that way we spread out across the city when everybody waters," Spear said, "and they don't create an area that — for example, if we were to do it by ZIP code — we would overload part of our system during that day. So this way we spread it out and don't overload any part of the system."

Residents also will be prohibited from allowing water run-off in the streets, Spear said, and from washing their cars at home. Instead, residents should take their cars to a car wash, where the amount of water used is recycled and substantially lessened.

Amy Hardberger, an attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund and a professor of law at Texas Tech, said the city also debated whether or not to allow apartment complexes, hotels and residents to fill up their swimming pools. Ultimately, Lubbock decided swimming pool water would not be restricted.

"I think it's controversial because people who have swimming pools generally are used to a certain standard of living," she said, "and I don't think that they want that to be limited by regulation."

Often, regions of a state make their decisions on water conservation based on projected water needs, Hardberger said.

"As far as statewide, the state has a program that divides the state into several regions, and those regions are responsible for their own water planning," she said. "So that would be a combination of looking at what their existing supply is — surface water and ground water — and out that against what their projected needs are for the next 50 years, and then see where there's a shortage."

Tom Arsuffi, director of Llano River Field Station and Research, said he considered this proactive approach to water management better when compared to a reactive approach.

"Generally reactive approaches tend to be tardy, delayed and, really, a heck of a lot more expensive," he said.

Water is a non-renewable resource, he said, which is why it is important to look ahead to avoid wasting something so vital.

"The opposite word is proactive," Arsuffi said, "and proactive means you're planning. You're trying to see the future and you're trying to anticipate the kinds of things you're going to need to do with these very predictable changes that are coming."

While Tech does not technically use the city's water supply, Hardberger said, it has its own wells in the Ogallala Aquifer.

"Tech does have its own wells, but those wells are in the aquifer," she said. "So, they're not on the city waterline, but essentially, they're using the exact same water source as the city and outlying farmers."

However, Hardberger said she thinks even though Tech is a university, it should not be exempt from regulations.

"Tech has a bad habit of watering when they shouldn't be watering," she said. "I think it's important for Tech to follow the same rules that private citizens in Lubbock are going to have to follow when they're using the exact same source of water."

Spear said campus maintenance has already been contacted and is on board with current regulations.

"We've already met with grounds maintenance at Texas Tech and the athletic folks and we're working with them on how they can conserve," he said, "and they're also going to be restricted to just watering each one of their zones or their fields once a week just like the residents are."

If the city works together to conserve water, Spear said, everyone should get through the summer with as little trouble as possible.

"We just appreciate everyone working together to conserve over these months to get over the peak," he said, "because we're having to plan as if we're going to see the same dry, hot weather that we saw last summer. And so everyone working together, we'll be able to get through the summer with the least inconvenience for everyone."

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Women

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The Women's Health Day clinic provided services such as breast exams, pregnancy tests, prenatal referrals and STD screenings, as well as referrals for bone density screenings and mammograms.

Breast exams are an early detection for breast cancer, Reynolds said, and women older than 40 are referred for mammograms. STD testing checks allow for early treatment before a diagnosis gets worse and Pap smears detect early stages of cervical cancer, she said.

"It's easy, especially when you're younger, to think like 'I don't need to get anything done. Nothing feels strange. Everything's fine,'" Stephens said. "A lot of things like HPV are the viruses that cause cervical cancer. That's really what we're screening for with the Pap smear. If we know ahead of time if you have any lesions or are beginning to show signs of really precancerous lesions, (we) can take care of them before they turn into anything serious."

Women should start getting exams as soon as they are recommended, she said. It is important to stay in touch with a doctor and get an annual exam.

"One of the best things about medicine in our time today is that we have a lot of preventive screening tests, medicine that we can use to prevent worse things from happening later," Reynolds said.

The clinic is also an important part of training for medical students, Stephens said.

"Med students get an idea of how to ask about sexual history and menstrual history, how to do an uncomfortable interview with a patient and be okay with asking weird questions and all that goes in with doing a female exam," she said. "I think it's really been a success. The students get exposed to it and gets comfortable with it, and the women appreciate, obviously, being able to come out and get their annual exams done and get all the lab work that they need done."

Free clinics like these will probably be needed even more in the future, with all the government changes in funding and Medicare, Stephens said.

"Some women don't have access to health care or a way of affording health care to get these exams," Prze said. "We're just trying to make it as available as we can. Obviously we can't see everybody because we have limited resources ourselves, but for the 25 women we are able to help, it can potentially make a huge impact on their lives."

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Mexican agents probe family in three ritual murders

NACOZARI, Mexico (AP) — It was a family people took pity on, one the government and church helped with free food, used clothes, and farm animals. The men were known as trash pickers. Some of the women were suspected of prostitution.

Mexican prosecutors are investigating the poor family living in shacks outside a small town near the U.S. border as alleged members of a cult that sacrificed two 10-year-old boys and a 55-year-old woman to Santa Muerte, or Saint Death, a figure adored mostly by outlaws but whose popularity is growing across Mexico and among Hispanics in the United States.

The killings have shocked the copper mining village of Nacozari, on the edge of the Sierra Madre, and may be the first ritual sacrifices linked to the popular saint condemned by the Roman Catholic Church. Known as "flaquita," or "the skinny one," the figure known as Saint Death is portrayed as a skeleton wearing a hooded robe and holding a scythe, much like the Grim Reaper.

Authorities say the throats and the wrists of the victims were cut with knives and axes, and their blood was spread on a Santa Muerte altar. Their bodies were then buried near the shacks where the alleged cult members lived.

"We never knew they were part of a Santa Muerte cult," said Jorge Sanchez Castillo, a 54-year-old hotel owner who has a corn field next to the house of the woman believed to lead the group. "This has been a tragic thing for all of us."

Jose Larrinaga, spokesman for the Sonora Attorney General's Office, said 44-year-old Silvia Meraz was the cult leader, and seven people related to her, were detained: her boyfriend Eduardo Sanchez, father, son, three daughters and a daughter-in-law. No formal charges have been filed pending further investigation.

"They thought that by offering the blood, they would be protected for some time," Larrinaga said. "According to them, Santa Muerte was going to tell them where the money was. They all identify themselves as fanatic followers of Santa Muerte."

Occupy

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"They can claim that their rates are the lowest in Texas, however their fees are ridiculous," Borrett said. "They charge a minimum $100 start-up fee for customers who get their power shut off, whereas all they have to do is flip a switch."

Texas Tech student Matt Fouss, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Austin, said he has been a part of the movement since October 2011. He said he is often one of the few members who actually camp out on the grounds. Fouss said he is also one of the few who acts as the watch guard at night. He said the group often receives negative reactions from locals.

"We've had people shoot airsoft guns at us and throw beer bottles at us while children are present," Fouss said. "People have slashed our tents with knives, or every once in a while someone will get their tent stolen."

Fouss also said trespassers have tried to steal their equipment, such as heat generators and other personal belongings.

"We've also had a lot of people who come in and are pissed off because they think we're protesting," he said, "but then we tell them what we really stand for and why, and almost every time they apologize because they didn't really know what we stood for."

The group can be followed on its Occupy Lubbock Facebook page, Fouss said. He encourages Tech students to join and become a part of the national movement. Anyone interested in the march against LP&L can find more information on the fan page and the time will be announced once all members vote on one.

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Today's sudoku

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In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Tech organization, association host 3rd annual Drag Show

By **Hallie Davis**
Staff Writer

Somewhere between "Lady Gaga" and "Tina Turner," Madea and Weezy got into a fight.

On Friday, the Residence Halls Association and the Gay Straight Alliance hosted the third annual Drag Show at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Nijah Adams, aka Weezy for the evening, was performing in drag for the first time, because, the senior business major from Mississippi said, she was the loudest person in GSA.

"(I was) a little nervous, but I'm Weezy, so I'm excited," Adams said. "It's fun to get dressed up and be someone completely different."

Different was the word of the evening, as people commented on how unique this sort of event was to be in Lubbock, and on campus.

Weezy's co-host, Madea, aka senior Stuart Williams, said having the event on campus was a great strength, since many people who were interested would not go to a club to see a drag show.

"This brings people together," the history major from Lubbock said.

Emologie, who hosted the second half of the show, said it was important to get the event out of the clubs to be able to show the community something they may otherwise be wary of.

"We're not loonies," the professional drag queen said, "(This shows) we can all be civil."

As civil as the show was, an attendee was arrested for intoxication before it began.

"It didn't disrupt the show at all," said event coordinator Erin Evans, a sophomore honors arts and letters major from Dallas.

The night began with several amateur acts, including one in sign language and one to Lady Gaga's "Just Dance," with both "Lady Gaga" and a backup dancer performing.

Madea and Weezy were the masters of ceremonies, with their characters facing off, as Madea of the Tyler Perry films, seemed to think the show was a church sermon, and Weezy was simply Lil Wayne, quite Madea's opposite.

Then, Emologie took the stage. In turns as a singer, a Tech cheerleader and a matchmaker, Emologie hosted the rest of the evening, interacting with the crowd in between performances ranging from "Reba" to "Jennifer Lopez."

"It was amazing," said junior Devin Saunders. "There are no words."

When she got to the show, Saunders said, she knew the stereotypes, but was trying to keep an open mind. By the end, the psychology major from San Antonio said, she was a fan of the art.

"It was a lot of fun," she said, "It's almost like a big party."

The show was free to the public, but tips were collected to raise money for the local Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays scholarships.

By the end of the night, more than $1,350 had been raised.

The outpouring of support speaks to Lubbock's slowly evolving cultural advancement, Emologie said.

PFLAG member John Gray said the event was great for raising awareness for diversity, something Lubbock is not really known for doing.

"It shows Lubbock is a lot more accepting than people may expect it to be," Saunders said.

Evans said around 600 people attended.

"I think we're coming into the 21st century," Gray said. "We're growing."

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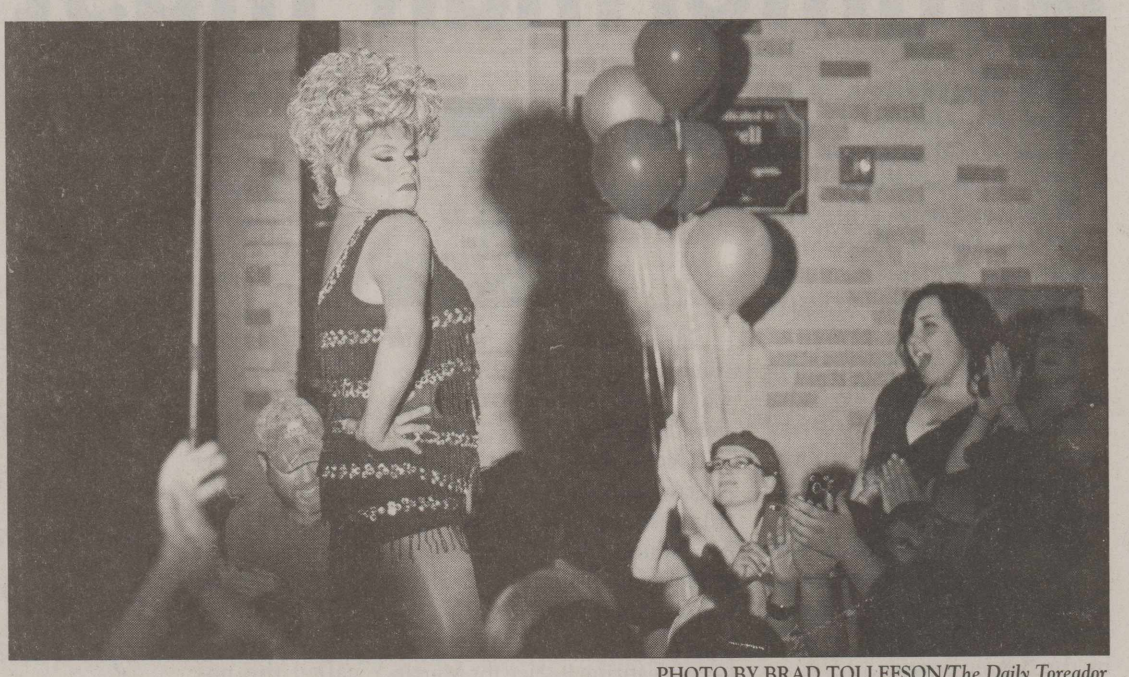


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ALEX VEGA, A drag performer of 12 years, dances as Tina Turner during the third annual Drag Show on Friday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Anoushka Shankar performs at Allen Theatre

By **Ashlyn Tubbs**
Staff Writer

A large audience gathered Friday evening at the Student Union Allen Theatre — with many dressed in Indian attire — for live Indian classical music as part of the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series.

Anoushka Shankar, a sitar player and composer, performed with her band as part of her 90-minute show entitled Traveller: A Raga-Flamenco Journey, which was part of her U.S. Tour 2012.

"I don't even know how to describe it," said Kate Zurawski, a freshman communication design major from Houston. "I was in awe. I've heard sitar music before, but I'd never heard it live and it was a whole different experience."

A CD signing immediately followed the performance, where a line of eager fans waited to meet Shankar.

Shankar released "Traveller," her sixth album, in 2011. The music on the CD explores Spanish flamenco and Indian classical music. This CD is among two others Shankar has released as explorative albums.

Shankar, who has been involved in music since she was 9 years old, has been nominated twice for a Grammy Award. She also is the first female and youngest recipient of a House of Commons Shield from the British House of Parliament, which she received in 1999.

Other musicians accompanied Shankar on stage; Sandra Carrasco performed vocals, Sanjeev Shankar played the Shehnai, Melón Jimenez played the flamenco guitar, Pirashanna Thevarajah played the mridangam, ghatam, kanjira and moorsing, and Bernhard Schimpelsberger played the cajon and Spanish percussion.

Amanda McCatherine, a sophomore art history major from Lampasas, said she has always been fond of the music because she has wanted to go to India since she was a child.

When she heard Shankar would be performing at Lubbock, McCatherine said, she was beyond excited.

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Heels

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"Well, Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, they're a local unit and at the sheriff's office — as a law enforcement agent — we see firsthand the effects of rape and the tragedy that occurs with that," he said. "So, anything we can do to help with the prosecution of it, we're all for it."

As the men made their final lap around the courthouse, the onlooking women laughed and took pictures of the men struggling to complete the mile-long walk.

Aidan Ross, a sophomore at Lubbock High School, said he wore a pair of high heels to class Friday to recruit his fellow classmates for the walk.

It was Ross's third time to participate in the walk. He was one of the many men who decided running would be easier, but said he obtained more blisters because of it.

Ross said he heard about the walk from his dad and thinks it supports a good cause.

"It's an issue that needs to be addressed more in our society," he said, "especially in Lubbock."

One participant who tried to steal the show was Texas Tech student Esteban Barrera. During his final lap, he carried his girlfriend to the finish line.

"I did it for attention," said the junior psychology major from Coppell. "I saw a dad carrying his daughter and I got jealous."

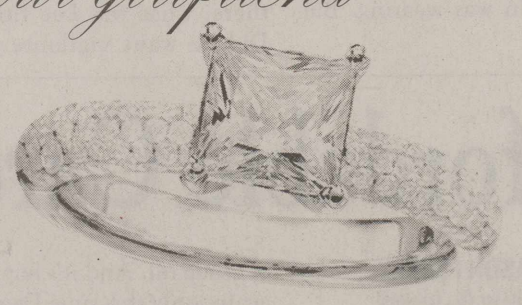
Barrera is a member of the Tech Sexual Assault Prevention Peer Education Committee and said he and the organization participated in the walk to help support the cause.

He said walking in heels started off OK, but then got tougher.

"It was fun," he said. "The first lap was fun, but then it got harder. By the last lap you were so numb, you don't even remember."

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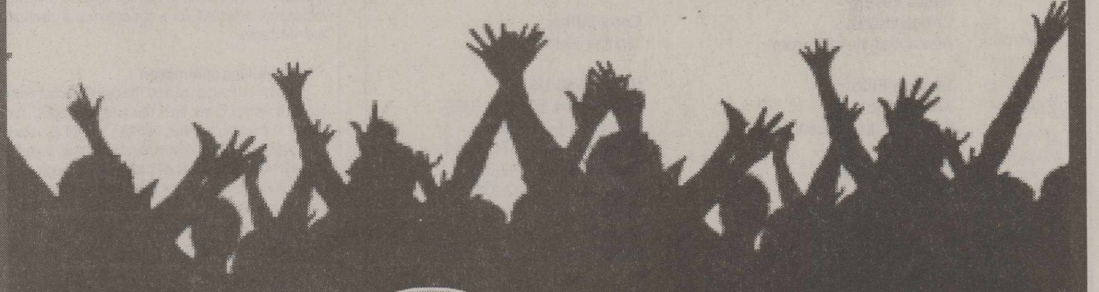
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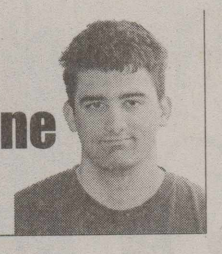
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OPINIONS

Zimmerman must be judged by trial



Tony Cardone

Earlier this week, President Barack Obama was interjected into the Trayvon Martin case.

When asked by a reporter about the case in Florida, he simply told the reporter that if he had a son, he would look like Martin.

Over at Fox News, the spin machine was on max. Dr. Keith Ablow, resident psychiatrist and crazy person, said any son of the president actually wouldn't look like Martin.

Instead, Ablow claims, this still-imaginary son of the president would be in a slick blazer, driving a BMW and surrounded by the Secret Service.

Of course, this is ridiculous. It's common knowledge the president's immediate family doesn't get to drive a car, for security reasons.

But Ablow's commentary suggesting that any of this even matters, is stupid.

This should not be about what Martin was wearing. But it is.

This should not be about what color skin Martin had, or what color skin his suspected shooter has. But it is.

Black, white, Hispanic, lesbian, gay, straight — none of these things should matter right now. This should be about a young man being shot as he walked home from the store.

There is a very thin line between wanting justice for Martin and wanting revenge for Martin.

Spike Lee certainly crossed that line. Lee sent out a tweet with the supposed address where Zimmerman was living. It turned out the home belonged to an elderly couple, with no known ties to the suspect.

Even if Zimmerman had lived there, what was Lee thinking? Did he want vigilante justice being carried out in Florida? Did he envision a public mob with pitchforks and torches storming the Zimmerman house so they could dispose of him and give Martin's family the ability to finally be at peace with their loss?

Because I think that would be just as bad as shooting an unarmed teenager solely because he was black.

> *"The United States has stood for fairness and justice in a world that so often has so little of either."*

There is a lot to detest about George Zimmerman. The man has called the police on kids playing in the street. He followed a suspicious looking young person for no apparent reason.

However, at this point, he is innocent.

It's the foundation of our justice system: innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, by a jury of his or her peers.

The court of public opinion is not sufficient grounds to execute someone.

All signs point to him being the person who shot Martin. Witness reports almost unanimously identify him as the shooter. The question is why he shot Martin, and the way the laws are written in Florida, it's going to be the determining factor on whether he goes to jail.

Unless I was actually there, watching the event unfold live and in front of my face, could I say what happened there?

Unless I am a jury member in the trial, I have no right to determine Zimmerman's guilt or innocence.

I can say I believe he shot Trayvon because he is black, but I am no more correct in my judgment than someone who has only read one news article about the case.

Only a jury has the right to decide such matters.

If I am wrong and we later find out there was a genuine reason Zimmerman feared for his life, nothing happens.

If the jury is wrong, they have unjustly killed someone. It's a burden they have to bear.

Certainly, I think the marches, the protests and the coverage have all been good things for justice. They have elevated the profile of the case, of Florida's lax gun laws and of Florida's ridiculous Stand Your Ground law.

They have done well in demanding justice for the Martin family.

There may very well be corrupt policemen and attorneys who were racially biased when they were investigating the original shooting. The attention has ensured a full investigation by the state of Florida and the Justice Department.

Now, we must let the investigators do their work. If a clean, fair and legal investigation returns an arrest, we as a people must accept their findings as truth.

However, if a clean, fair and legal investigation returns not enough evidence to convict Zimmerman of the crime, we must also accept it.

Right now, in the current precarious emotional state, I don't think such a response can happen.

This is the United States of America. Not a dictatorship. Not a theocracy.

The United States has stood for fairness and justice in a world that so often has so little of either. We must continue to do so now, even if it is slow and painful.

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Affordable Care Act supported by judicial precedent

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One of the enduring truths about politics is that the party in the minority will always find a reason to become outraged at whatever is being done by the party in the majority.

It happened during the Bush years, when Democrats blamed Republicans for rising gas prices — even though presidents have little influence over the price of crude oil. And it's happening again, only this time Democrats control the White House and Senate.

So far, the greatest cause of Republican outrage has been the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as "Obamacare." The worst part about the legislation, according to most Republicans, is the individual mandate, which requires every citizen to purchase health insurance or else face a penalty.

The passage of health care reform prompted 22 state attorneys general and four governors to file a lawsuit questioning the constitutionality of the individual mandate. Their argument was that the Constitution does not grant the federal government the authority to force private citizens to purchase any type of product or service such as health insurance. Fast-forward two years and the case against health care reform has advanced all the way to the Supreme Court, which is scheduled to finish hearing oral arguments Wednesday afternoon.

Even though the Supreme Court has leaned conservative in recent years, I am not worried. The individual mandate is sound public policy, conceived by the conservative Heritage Foundation and once championed by all three current frontrunners for the Republican nomination (Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich).

Previous bipartisan support is not enough, of course, to make unconstitutional legislation constitutional. But it does provide context to a fight that is more about political posturing than public policy.

Why else would we still be talking about this? Virtually all non-partisan legal scholars agree that the individual mandate is supported by decades of judicial precedent surrounding the Commerce Clause, which gives Congress the authority to regulate a broad range of economic activity (see Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, Daniel v. Paul and Gonzales v. Raich).

Opponents of the individual mandate try to argue that the authority granted by the Commerce Clause does not extend to economic inactivity, such as the decision not to purchase health insurance.

But their argument falls short for a few reasons. First, the idea that the uninsured aren't engaging in commerce is a canard. In 2008, the uninsured consumed $116 billion of health-related services and drove up premiums for insured families by an average of $1,000. That sounds like a whole lot of commerce to me.

Second, the Supreme Court has never meaningfully distinguished between economic activity and inactivity. It has treated them as two sides of the same coin. Think of it this way. Congress often uses tax credits to incentivize economic activity. If you buy a 2011 Nissan Altima hybrid, for instance, you will receive a $2,350 rebate. Own a home? You are eligible to save thousands of dollars each year with a mortgage interest tax deduction.

Both of these programs are funded with taxpayer dollars. The more the programs cost, the more Congress has to raise taxes in order to pay for them. The inevitable result is that taxpayers who don't purchase a car or home end up subsidizing tax deductions for those who do. There is no difference, in this sense, between raising taxes on the inactive to pay for economic incentives and penalizing the inactive through raised taxes, which is what the individual mandate does. It's just a matter of semantics.

To drive home the point about regulating inaction, let me give another example: the draft. The Supreme Court has ruled that requiring people to fight in a war is perfectly constitutional — not under the aforementioned Commerce Clause but under the Necessary and Proper Clause.

The difference between clauses is trivial. If the draft is constitutional, then it must be constitutional to ban inaction, which is just one logical step away from the individual mandate.

Perhaps an even more clear-cut example of regulating inaction comes from Wickard v. Filburn, a case about Depression-era production quotas. The defendant in the case, Roscoe Filburn, wanted to grow more wheat than was permitted. Even though the excess wheat was for personal use, the Supreme Court ruled against Filburn, concluding that his actions involved a failure to purchase wheat in the general market and would, in aggregate, undermine agricultural price levels. This case clarified that Congress can compel purchases within an existing private market if non-purchase adversely impacts other participants — a close parallel to the "free rider" problem for health insurance.

Given the Filburn case and the abundance of similarly relevant and binding judicial precedent, I am convinced that the Supreme Court will uphold the constitutionality of the individual mandate and consign this most recent saga over health care reform to the history books.

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Tech organizations join forces for Lubbock community

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
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Saturday morning, while some may have been sleeping off mistakes from Friday night, Texas Tech students, along with Lubbock residents, were out in the community helping to build a future for someone else.

Tech Lubbock Community Day brought together members from the Residence Halls Association and the Tech Activities Board to the One-9 Skate Park for a day of service dedicated to renovating the park for local kids.

Kelci Silva, a senior psychology major from Brownwood, said she was very excited to get the project underway.

"We wanted to have an opportunity for the students at Tech to come and volunteer at a place in town," she said. "One-9 Skate Park is the place we decided to come to and they definitely were in need of some help and they're a great organization. They even plan on turning one of these buildings into a homeless shelter."

Silva said the turnout was so great that most of the work was done before the crew even took its first break.

"We were all very excited to begin," she said. "We came in and had breakfast and got a game plan together. Most of the work was done before lunch, so we've been helping out around wherever we could."

Silva said volunteer work is a great opportunity to be active and involved.

"I hope students see that volunteering is a great opportunity to help out with the Lubbock community and serve others," she said. "It's a great way for kids to be involved and for students to be active and do something together for the community."

Anthony Maples, director of One-9 Skate Park, said the parks are owned by Link Ministries and were intended to give the residents' children a safe environment for play.

"We really don't have money to pay staff to come out and do the things we did today," he said. "This area was put in place for neighborhood kids and people from the area to come spend their time. Having people come and help us out like today is a big help and we wouldn't be able to do this without their help."

Erin Evans, a sophomore arts and letters major from Dallas, said volunteers spent the majority of the day cleaning, dusting, renovating the different sports parks and also cleaning the outside areas.

"We thought it would be really great to do something that isn't done by everyone else, like Boys & Girls Club or Big Brother and Big Sister," she said. "We wanted to pick something that was outside the realm of typical Tech service."

Marcos Sorto, a freshman chemical engineering major from Houston, said he felt obligated to sign up for the event, as a member of the Tech Activities Board, but was pleased with the outcome.

"It was pretty tough and a lot of hard work, but we've made a lot of progress today, so I've enjoyed it," he said.

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ALYSSA NELSON, A freshman animal science major from Alvin, shovels dirt at the One-9 Skate Park on Saturday. Tech students and Lubbock residents volunteered and made repairs to the park to provide a safe place for kids to hang out after school.

Shankar

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"I was stoked," she said. "I bought tickets super early so I could get a spot. She's just amazing."

Shankar wrote a book in 2002 titled "Bapi: The Love of My Life" about her father, Ravi Shankar. She was a columnist for New Delhi's *First City* magazine, as well as the *Hindustan Times*. She also earned a nomination for Best Supporting Actress from India's National Film Awards for her role in "Dance Like a Man" in 2004.

Shankar resides in London with her husband and son, where she continues to experiment with music.

McCatherine said she admires Shankar and thoroughly enjoyed her time at the concert.

"I really loved it," she said. "Probably my favorite performance I've seen at Texas Tech."

Others to be featured in the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series include Billy Collins on April 20 and the Santa Fe Opera Spring Tour on April 29.

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Justin Bieber, Halle Berry slimed at Nickelodeon's Kids Choice Awards

(AP) — At the 25th annual Kids' Choice Awards, the slime runneth over.

Host Will Smith opened the 25th annual Kids' Choice Awards promising a record amount of the show's trademark green gunk. Though some 20 awards are presented at the KCAs, the real suspense isn't who will take home a "Blimp" (the show's Oscar), it's when and on whom the slime will spill.

It's like a baptism into kid-dome that can come at any moment: from a hidden bucket, dumped from the rafters or exploded from little orange blimps.

"No one is safe from the slime!" screamed Smith. "You have to earn the slime! It's an honor."

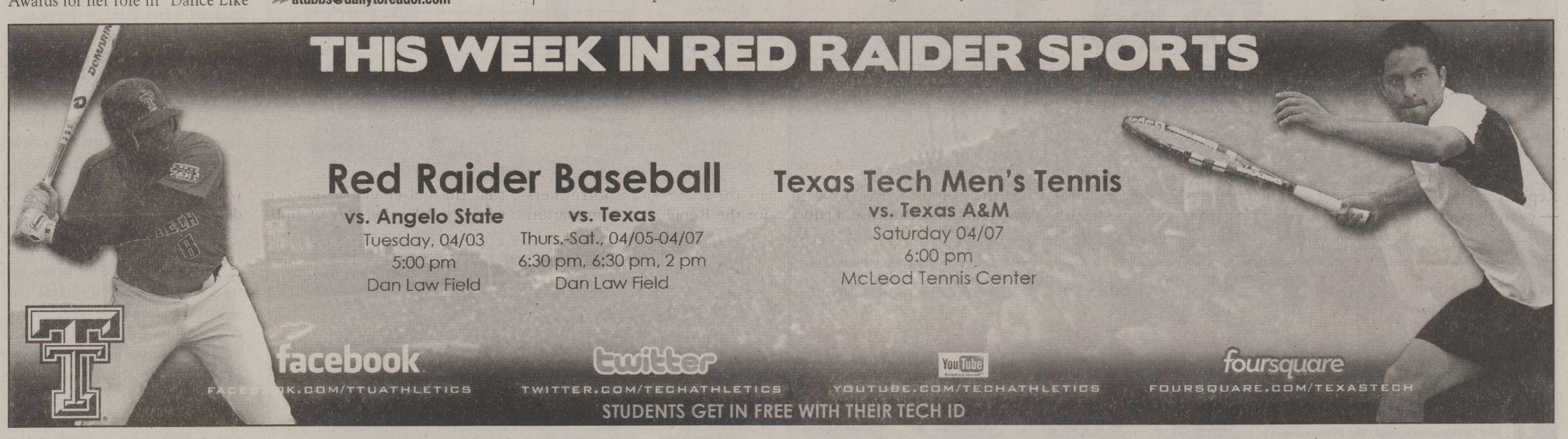
Halle Berry was the first to be covered, but she was far from alone. She was joined by "Twilight" star Taylor Lautner (who won favorite "buttkicker"), "Glee" star Chris Colfer and male singer winner Justin Bieber, who was utterly drenched along with Smith at the end of the show.

The KCAs are Nickelodeon's annual celebration for kids, and it's often the most-watched children's program of the year. They draw a considerable roster of stars looking to thank their smallest fans and cater to their youngest demographics.

"This is, like, the coolest award show ever," said "Twilight" star Kristen Stewart, accepting the award for favorite movie actress.

Smith, himself a 10-time Blimp winner, started the show with an elaborate, digitally-animated skydive from Nickelodeon's trademark blimp. Smith was then hoisted from the rafters to the stage of the Galen Center at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where thousands of glow-stick waving fans cheered him — including first lady Michelle Obama.

Obama later presented "the big help" award for charity work to Taylor Swift. Upon receiving the award, the



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SPORTS

Tech continues win streak, sweeps Iowa State

By MATT VILLANUEVA
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, the Red Raiders extended their winning streak to 13 games, while sweeping past the Iowa State Cyclones in a three-game series.

The current streak is the longest since last season when the Red Raiders started off 24-0.

Tech's bats have continued to swell up like a thermoscope; this weekend the team outscored its opposition 30-12.

Friday evening, the Red Raiders continued to build off their last school-record performance of six home runs and set a new record of 19 runs — the most Tech has put up against any Big 12 Conference team — to defeat Iowa State 19-7.

Adriana Perez started off the barrage of runs with a two-run homer in the first. She finished the game a perfect 4-for-4 with a team-high 4 RBIs, and fell a triple short from a cycle.

Other players contributing to the offensive outburst were Emily Bledsoe, Logan Hall, Sandy James and Mikey Kenney, who all brought in two or more runners.

With all the runs coming in, Cara Custer's time in the circle was made easier, and she picked up the win despite allowing six runs off seven hits in four innings. Custer was relieved by Kelsey Dennis who gave up one run in her only inning due to run-rule regulation.

Iowa State put forth more of a challenge for the Red Raiders on Saturday afternoon, but another key performance by Perez led the way for the Red Raiders to clinch the series with a 6-2 victory.

The Cyclones stood their ground and kept Tech scoreless until the third inning, when Bledsoe hit a line drive past the shortstop to bring in two runners and put Tech up 2-0.

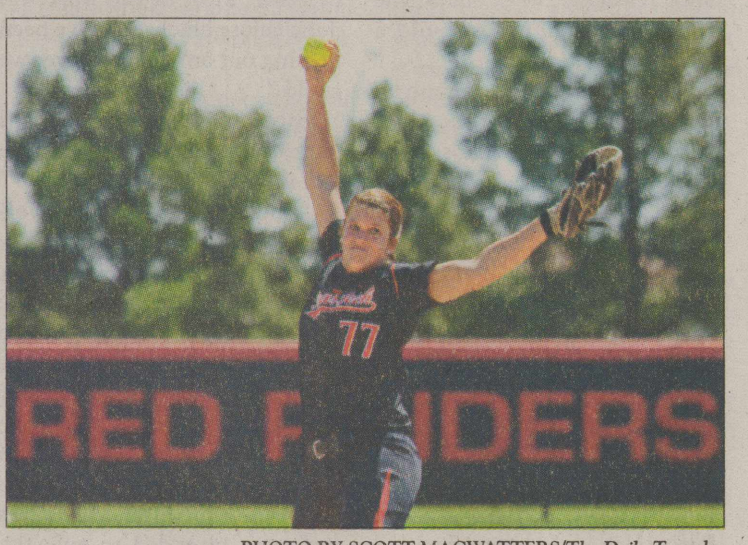


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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Cara Custer begins to throw the ball during the Red Raiders' 6-2 victory against Iowa State on Saturday at Rocky Johnson Field. The Red Raiders swept the series against Iowa State during the weekend with three strait wins.

Perez would allow Bledsoe to come around to score two bats later with a bloop single to left field. Perez finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate along with another RBI in the sixth inning.

Ashley Hamada and James would record the final two RBIs in the sixth inning for Tech.

Sunday's final game was perhaps the most competitive in-conference game Tech has played since losing to Texas 2-1 March 7, but a walk-off home run by Perez in the eighth inning sealed the series sweep with a 5-3 win.

Bledsoe continued her success at the plate with a home run past left center field in the first inning, making it her third of the year.

Iowa State would equalize the score twice on two big plays: a lead-off home run by Jorden Smith in the fifth and an RBI double that hit the left field wall from Amer Ewert. However, Tech refused to go down without swinging for the fences.

The sixth inning was started by back-to-back solo home runs from Kenney and Bledsoe to put the Red Raiders back up.

Before the walk-off home run by Perez, a controversial call against Mikey Kenney forced head coach Shanon Hays out onto the field and into a heated exchange of words with third base umpire Aaron Eller.

After the game, Hays said, he was surprised he had not gotten thrown out of the game, but felt he was in the right for debating the call.

"You always want to get what your girls deserve and you never want anything extra," he said.

The walk-off home run win by Perez is the first since Feb. 13 of last year when Bledsoe accomplished the same feat against Appalachian State.

Perez attributed her game-winning hit to reading Iowa State's pitcher Tori Torrescano all week and once she saw a favorable inside pitch, it was hers for the taking.

"Yeah I felt it," Perez said. "It was inside — that's my go-to pitch. Once I swung, I knew it was gone."

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Police in Ky. assess handling of crowds

Police say they are prepared to control crowds near the University of Kentucky's Lexington campus when the Wildcats play Kansas in the national championship basketball game.

Lexington police spokeswoman Sherelle Roberts told The Associated Press on Sunday that several hundred officers will be out in force on Monday to help keep order.

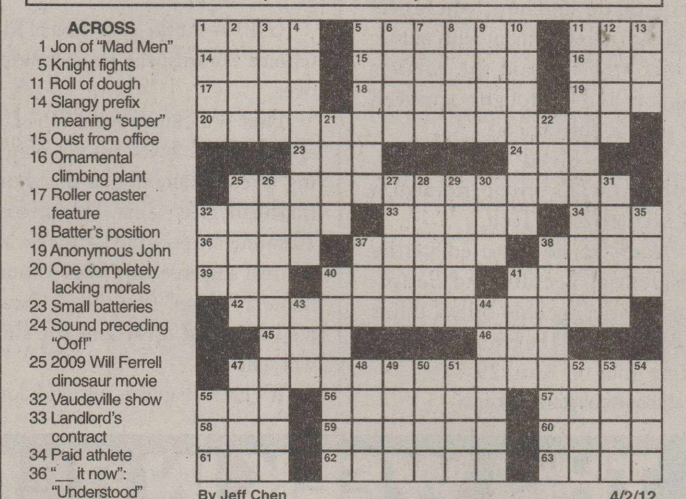
Police plan a few adjustments from Saturday, when thousands of fans spilled onto streets after Kentucky defeated cross-state rival Louisville in New Orleans. Fans overturned cars and torched couches.

Roberts said police did a good job of getting rowdy fans under control. Officers arrested 27 people on minor charges such as disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication.

Police had braced for the possibility of post-game violence Saturday and resorted to pepper spray, though large amounts weren't needed before they ultimately began dispersing the throngs.



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



ACROSS
1 Jon of "Mad Men"
5 Knight fights
11 Roll of dough
14 Slangy prefix meaning "super"
15 Oust from office
16 Ornamental climbing plant
17 Roller coaster feature
18 Batter's position
19 Anonymous John
20 One completely lacking morals
23 Small batteries
24 Sound preceding "Oof!"
25 2009 Will Ferrell dinosaur movie
32 Vaudeville show
33 Landlord's contract
34 Paid athlete
36 "__ it now": "Understood"
37 Writer H.H. or Alice
38 Security breach
39 Place for pickups
40 They may be cracked using stethoscopes
41 Abacus pieces
42 Woman with varying roles in Arthurian legend
45 __ guzzler
46 Indian bread
47 What exacting judges follow
55 __ Mahal
56 Political fugitive
57 Delude
58 Big fuss
59 Singer Bette
60 Team on a farm
61 Alphabet ender
62 Animals for 5-Across
63 Call to a queue

DOWN
1 Boat's bottom
2 "Peek-__!"
3 Siamese sound
4 Longtime logo with a top hat and monocle
5 Exactly right
6 Suspicious of
7 Defense gp. with pilots
8 Mailed
9 Gadget measuring rpm
10 Church high point
11 Hairline's midpoint, perhaps
12 Swear
13 Change the color of, as hair
21 "Smooth Operator" singer
22 Lav in Leeds
25 Word before pad or tender
26 Common man with a six-pack?
27 Plump (up)
28 Basic principle
29 Severe
30 That, in Tijuana
31 Swap
32 You might brush barbecue sauce on one
35 Approves
37 Little Red Book writer
38 Used for support
40 Gamblers' methods
41 Dull
43 "Who __?": New Orleans Saints' fans chant
44 Keys in
47 Stow below
48 Give off
49 Disney World's Space Mountain, e.g.
50 Leer at
51 Wilma Flintstone's guy
52 Opulence
53 Highest point
54 "What __ wrong?"
55 Looney Tunes devil, casually

By Jeff Chen
4/2/12

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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