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STATE

House committee hears ideas for stimulus dollars

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Transportation, job training and improved health care steered a second public hearing with state lawmakers Saturday on how Texas should spend roughly \$16 billion in expected federal stimulus funds.

The crowd was smaller than the first held by a House committee last week in Arlington, and appeared to draw fewer opponents of Texas accepting its slice of President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus bill.

Fewer than 100 people trickled in and out of the hearing, held a day after Republican House Speaker Joe Straus called the stimulus package a "one-time infusion of cash that will leave the state legislatures holding the bag in the future."

NATION

VP adviser: AIG bonus tax may go too far

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden's economic adviser warned Sunday that a congressional plan to tax American International Group Inc. executives' bonuses may go too far in using the tax code as a tool for retribution.

President Barack Obama has not said whether he would veto some version of a House-backed plan to heavily tax the \$165 million in bonuses. Biden economist Jared Bernstein said it's important to look at what version of the proposal comes out of the Senate.

WORLD

US, disputing Afghans, says raid killed militants

KABUL (AP) — U.S.-led coalition and Afghan troops killed five suspected militants during a raid in northern Afghanistan on Sunday, the coalition said in a statement. But the local mayor said his house was targeted and that the dead included his cook and driver.

Civilian deaths in coalition raids are an increasingly sensitive issue with President Hamid Karzai in the fight against the Taliban and other militants. The raids are often conducted with Afghan forces but the joint operations have done little to dampen anger at international troops over civilian casualties.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Forfeiting Facebook

Some believe giving up social networking Web sites proves more beneficial for Lent

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Some students will go without fast food, alcohol or watching television, but a growing number of students are going without status updates and friend requests during Lent.

The 40-day Lenten period for penance, which came about after Christ's 40 days in the desert, begins Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter.

During this time, Christians who celebrate Lent give up something they frequently use and devote more time to growing closer to God.

Many Roman Catholic bishops recently urged the faithful to abstain from text messaging, listening to iPods, and surfing the Internet for the five-week period traditionally set aside for fasting and prayer.

Greg Ramzinski, director of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Student Center, said he has seen several students giving up social networking Web sites as well as other time-consuming activities performed with modern electronics, and the purpose of the sacrifice is to deepen their relationship with God.

"If a person is going to give up Facebook or MySpace," he said, "hopefully they will replace that time with something beneficial to them."

Ramzinski said students can get the most out of their period of sacrifice by filling their freed-up time with prayer or spiritual reading or by attending mass more often.

When he was young, he said his peers sacrificing movies, television, eating fast food and drinking alcohol. Today he said students

sometimes give up similar things, but technology now plays a role in Lent.

"When I was in college," he said, "we didn't have cell phones to text. We didn't have Facebook. We didn't have MySpace. The Internet wasn't as rampant as it is today."

Marianne Condit, a junior music education major from San Antonio, said she chose to sacrifice checking her Facebook page for the 40 days during Lent because she realized how much the Web site "wasted her time."

Condit said she chooses to give up something almost every year in hopes to keep her mind focused more on God and less on the luxuries she enjoys.

In the past, she has given up certain foods, which is a traditional sacrifice during the period of Lent. She said by giving up something she enjoys eating, she is reminded of her sacrifice each time she thinks of eating that particular food.

Facebook has had a similar affect, Condit said, because each time she thinks about sitting down at the computer to sign into her account, she is reminded of her promise to forfeit something she enjoys, strengthening her relationship with God.

"It's really about me sacrificing something because Jesus sacrificed for me," she said. "I've seen results. I know my sacrifice isn't worthy, but it's still a good thing."

If students do not replace their time on Facebook with something more meaningful, Condit said the sacrifice could end up empty

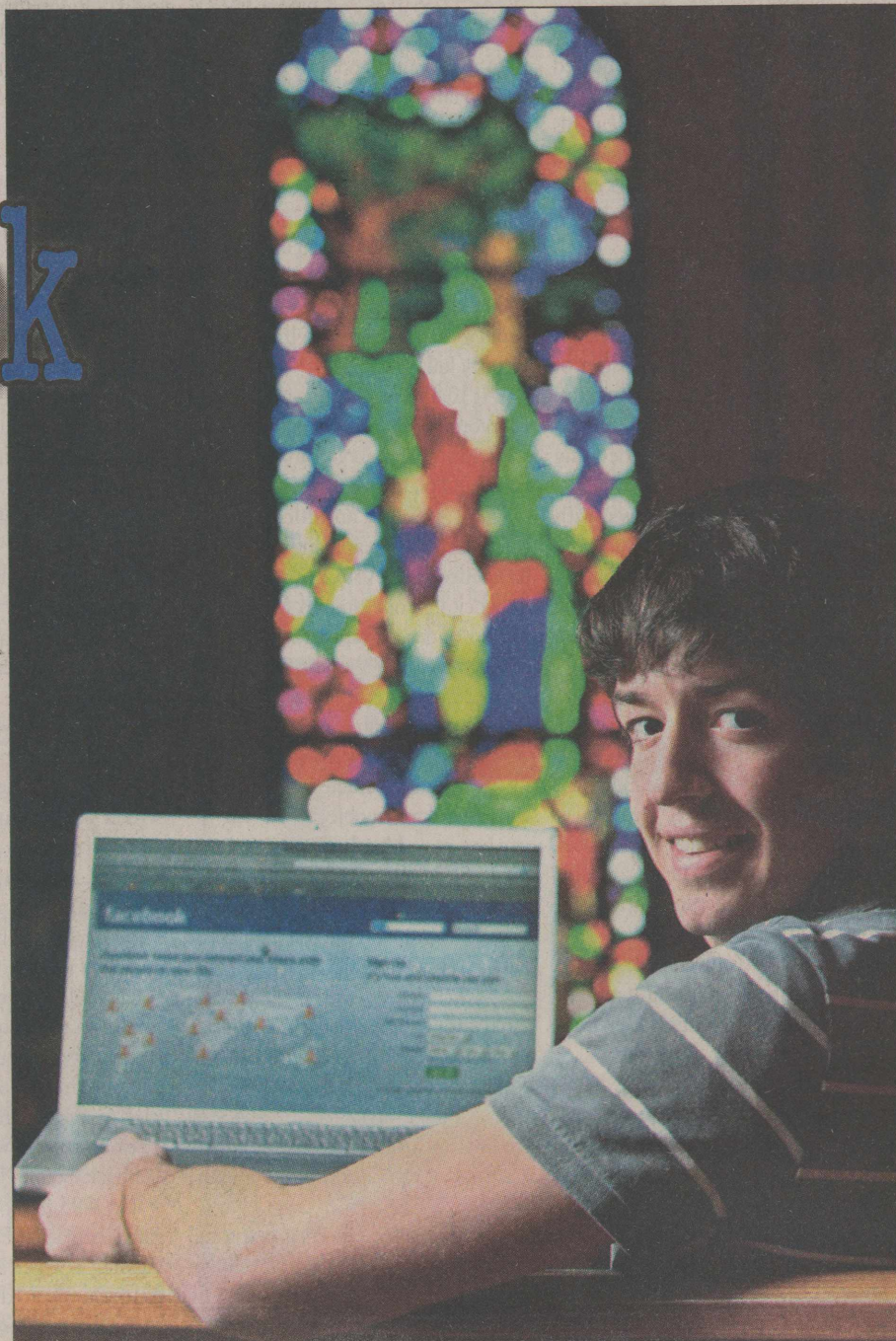


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TYLER BURDEN, A freshman with no declared major from Brock, is shown inside Saint Elizabeth's Catholic University Parish in Lubbock. Burden is giving up social networking Web sites, including Facebook, for Lent. The Christian tradition of Lent, which is practiced during the 40 days leading up to Easter, is a period of fasting and prayer that represents the time Jesus Christ spent in the desert before he began his public ministry.

and worthless because it will be less likely to grow the relationship they have with God. Facebook.

Since Lent started this year, Tyler Burden, a sophomore pre-med major from Brock,

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Research bill enters committee

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

A bill introduced to the Texas Legislature March 9 intended to produce more national research universities in Texas was read for the first time Friday and introduced to the Senate Higher Education Committee.

Senate Bill 1560 and Senate Joint Resolution 35 establish the National Research University Fund, which would reallocate money from the Higher Education Assistance Fund to give funding to emerging national research universities that do not receive money from the Permanent University Fund.

Texas State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said the bill implements the final phase of trying to move several institutions, including Tech, into a national research university category along with the University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

"(It was a) huge, major step for higher education to create this fund," Duncan said.

The value of the HEAF is valued at just less than \$500 million, and originally was meant to surpass \$2 billion. However, some budget cycles have stalled appropriations into the fund, which was to receive \$50 million annually.

Duncan said the new legislation would create a "new PUF fund" for other universities by constitution-

ally reallocating the money from the HEAF.

The legislation also establishes the criteria for the funds, he said, which was suggested by The Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Among the criteria includes the quality of faculty and student body, Duncan said, as well as at least \$45 million in research expenditures and a total endowment of at least \$500 million.

He said the closest universities to reaching the criteria are Tech, the University of Houston and the University of Texas at Dallas, but each are at least five years away from being able to draw from the fund.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said he hopes Tech will be able to draw from the fund within two years of its passage.

Hance said because the legislation sets a procedure, universities now know what they need to do to be able to draw from the fund and become a national research university.

Even without the fund, he said, the Tech chancellor believes Tech will reach the goal within a few years.

Duncan and Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, filed a bill and joint resolution March 9 intended



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to help aspiring research universities that are close to attaining national research university status meet that goal.

Duncan said the HEAF was funded in 1993 until 2003, but a \$10 billion budget shortfall did not allow the legislature to continue funding the HEAF. Because the legislature could not afford the fund, the money in the fund was not being used and not growing.

No opposition was voiced to moving the funds, he said, and he hopes the fund will pass through the Texas Congress in May.

Tech's total research expenditures total about \$57 million and endowment totals almost \$800 million. The requirements for the fund are only \$45 million for research expenditures and \$500 million for endowment.

According to a release from Duncan's office, universities that are within three to five years of eligibility for the fund include Tech, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at Dallas, the University of Texas at El Paso, the University of Texas at San Antonio, the University of Houston and the University of North Texas.

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Congressional Republicans predict doomsday if Obama budget passes

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans on Sunday predicted a doomsday scenario of crushing debt and eventual federal bankruptcy if President Obama's massive spending blueprint wins passage.

But a White House adviser dismissed the negative assessments, saying she is "incredibly confident" that the president's policies will "do the job" for the economy.

White House Council of Economic Advisers chairwoman Christina Romer insisted that the nation's flailing economy will be rebounding by 2010.

Administration officials — and the president himself — have taken a cheerier tone despite economic indicators that are anything but positive.

"I have every expectation, as do private forecasters, that we will bottom out this year and actually be growing again by the end of the year," Romer said.

Senate Republicans predicted \$20 trillion annual deficits and a weakened dollar if Obama and his Democratic allies get their proposed \$3.6 trillion budget plan passed.

"The practical implications of this is bankruptcy for the United States," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H. "There's no other way around it. If we maintain the proposals which are in this budget

over the 10-year period that this budget covers, this country will go bankrupt. People will not buy our debt; our dollar will become devalued."

Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican who sided with Obama on his \$787 billion economic stimulus plan, said she couldn't support the White House plan this time.

"It would double the public debt in 5 years, triple it in 10 years. ... That is not sustainable. It poses a threat to the basic health of our economy," Collins said.

Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the banking committee, said Obama would have to scale back his budget, given a Congressional Budget Office report Friday that the president's budget would produce \$9.3 trillion in deficits over the next decade — more than four times the deficits of Republican George W. Bush's presidency.

Shelby predicted that number could reach \$20 trillion in coming years as Obama guides the country to "the fast road to financial destruction."

The CBO predicted a deficit of \$2.3 trillion worse than what the administration projected. Romer downplayed those numbers.

"There is a question whether CBO is right. So we know that forecasts — both of what the economy is going to do and of what the budget deficits are going to do — are highly uncertain," she said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Water main breaks, floods basement of Tech building

March 10

At 3 p.m., two officers issued a criminal trespass warning to an employee at the Physical Plant.

At 8:10 p.m., an officer investigated theft at the Student Union Building in which an ID holder was reported stolen.

At 8:14 p.m., an officer documented a medical call in the R-3 parking lot in which a non-student fell and cut his head. The non-student was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

March 11

At 12:21 a.m., an officer detained four students in Coleman Residence Hall and issued citations for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of alcohol by a minor, and consumption of alcohol by a minor. One of the students was released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana, and another student was released with no charges filed.

At 8:49 a.m., an officer investigated burglary of vehicles in the R-7 parking lot in which a Texas Tech parking permit was reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle.

At 1:40 p.m., an officer documented information about a verbal altercation between two students at the Electrical Engineering building.

At 5:40 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the C-11 parking lot that occurred Feb. 17. No injuries were reported.

At 6 p.m., two officers investigated theft west of the Tech Credit Union in which a trailer was reported stolen from a construction site.

March 12

At 11:18 a.m., an officer documented information about a student receiving unwanted e-mails from another student.

At 2:36 p.m., an officer responded to a medical call at the Athletic Training Center in which a student injured his knee and was transported to Covenant

Medical Center.

At 3:55 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a vehicle in the R-1 parking lot in which a Tech parking pass was reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle.

At 11:55 p.m., an officer investigated theft of an iPhone and charger from the laundry room in Gates Residence Hall. A student was identified as a suspect, the property was recovered, and the suspect was released pending the filing of charges.

March 13

At 2:47 a.m., an officer arrested two students for public intoxication in the 1500 block of Akron Avenue. The students were transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 10:46 a.m., an officer documented information about an unknown person creating a Facebook profile with the name and picture of a Tech athlete.

At 1:42 p.m., an officer investigated the odor of marijuana in Coleman Residence Hall. A student was issued a Lubbock County citation for the possession of drug paraphernalia and was released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana.

At 3:30 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z-1B parking lot in which a vehicle was scratched with an unknown object.

March 14

At 8:33 a.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident and duty upon striking a fixture on the first floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.

At 12:54 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief at the Wiggins Complex in which a window was broken.

At 1 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle on the first floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.

At 4 p.m., two officers investigated a robbery in the Z-5C parking lot in which a white male student reportedly stole a clipboard with papers from a

community adviser and attempted to flee by vehicle. The community adviser was struck in the leg by the vehicle door while attempting to retrieve the clipboard.

At 6:43 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief to a room in Murdough Residence hall in which an unknown person kicked in a door. The officer was not able to determine if items were missing from the room and could not contact the resident.

March 16

At 12:03 p.m., an officer investigated credit card abuse at Sneed Residence Hall.

March 17

At 12:22 a.m., an officer documented information about damaged property on the north side of the Architecture building in which a water main ruptured, causing damage in the basement of the building.

At 1:30 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in Murray Residence Hall in which a glass window pane was shattered.

At 2:43 p.m., an officer investigated theft at the University Library in which a secured bicycle was reported stolen from the east bicycle rack.

At 4 p.m., an officer investigated theft at the Chemistry building in which an unsecured cell phone was reported stolen.

March 18

At 2:26 a.m., an officer assisted the Lubbock Police Department with an accident at the intersection of 19th Street and University Avenue.

At 7 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student for an outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's office warrant following a traffic stop in the C-1 parking lot. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 4:05 p.m., two officers investigated theft at the Electrical Engineering building in which a cash box containing \$516 was reported stolen.

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Tech Wool Judging team earns third-place finish in competition

By **CHELSEA KIMBLE**
STAFF WRITER

HOUSTON — The Texas Tech College of Agriculture Wool Judging team finished its last competition of the year Thursday with a third-place finish.

Two teams of Tech students competed against other collegiate teams at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, in which the Red team was awarded third place overall in the Wool Judging Contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Award Breakfast and Presentation.

One of the coaches, L.J. Ashorn, an animal and food science graduate student, said the students are split into the Red team and the Black team because only four students can compete per team. The entire team consists of 12 freshmen and one senior.

The teams competed in two other competitions this year at Denver in January and San Antonio in February, said Kevin Pond, Animal and Food Science Department chairman.

Pond said the students did well at Houston competition and he was proud of the coaches for the year.

"L.J. and Moriah are awesome coaches with high morals and good work ethics," he said.

Moriah Beyers, a coordinator for the Animal and Food Science Department and one of the coaches for the team, said the teams came in first and second place at one of the competitions and placed first and third in the other.

"Our team winning two out of three competitions is the best the wool team has done in 23 years," she said.

Ashorn said the team took a five day road trip to Houston, in which they stopped at Angelo State University and Texas A&M University to practice.

Training for the competitions started in the beginning of the fall semester, she said, and the team practiced three times per week on oral reasoning and judging.

Pond said the judging helps students learn skills for college and life after college.

"It teaches students good time

management and discipline," he said. "They learn to make decisions and defend them."

Freshman animal science major Loni Woolley from Grandview, an individual ranked in the Top 5 overall, said judging is helpful for her future because it teaches life skills such as public speaking as well as helps students get contacts for the future.

"It's amazing how well she's done and how much she has learned from the experience; she's learned a lot," said Leslie Woolley, Loni Woolley's mother.

Beyers said the wool judging team is the beginning level of the judging teams at Tech. After wool judging, students move to meat judging, then livestock judging and some do horse judging.

"The wool team is an opportunity to get involved in agriculture," she said.

The Department of Animal and Food Science is a large help to the judging program by attempting to support the program and students in the program, Beyers said.

"The department does the very best they can to help," she said.

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Report: Detained US reporters likely in Pyongyang

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Two American journalists detained by North Korean soldiers are believed to have been sent to Pyongyang for questioning, a news report said Sunday.

North Korea said Saturday it was investigating two Americans it detained Tuesday for "illegally intruding" into its territory after crossing the border from China.

A brief dispatch from the North's official Korean Central News Agency gave no other details, but it was apparent confirmation of reported arrests of two female U.S. journalists reporting on North Korean refugees in the border area.

South Korean media and a South Korean missionary identified the two detained Americans

as Laura Ling and Euna Lee, reporters for former Vice President Al Gore's San Francisco-based media outlet Current TV.

A U.S. official said Saturday that the U.S. has been in touch with North Korean representatives about the journalists and is awaiting a reply. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity citing the sensitivity of the issue, said the U.S. doesn't know where the North is holding them.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said Sunday, in a report from the Chinese city of Yanji, that it is highly likely that they were sent to Pyongyang to be investigated for their alleged border intrusion.

"Considering the significance of the case, there is a high possibility that the two U.S. journalists have been sent to Pyongyang and are undergoing a direct investigation" by the North's spy agency and military, Yonhap quoted a source in China it described as privy to North Korean affairs.

Yonhap quoted other sources in China as saying the North's confirmation of the arrest appeared to demon-

strate that Pyongyang's intelligence and military headquarters are directly interrogating the journalists.

Yonhap also said the North is expected to "politically" use the U.S. journalists in its negotiations with the U.S. government.

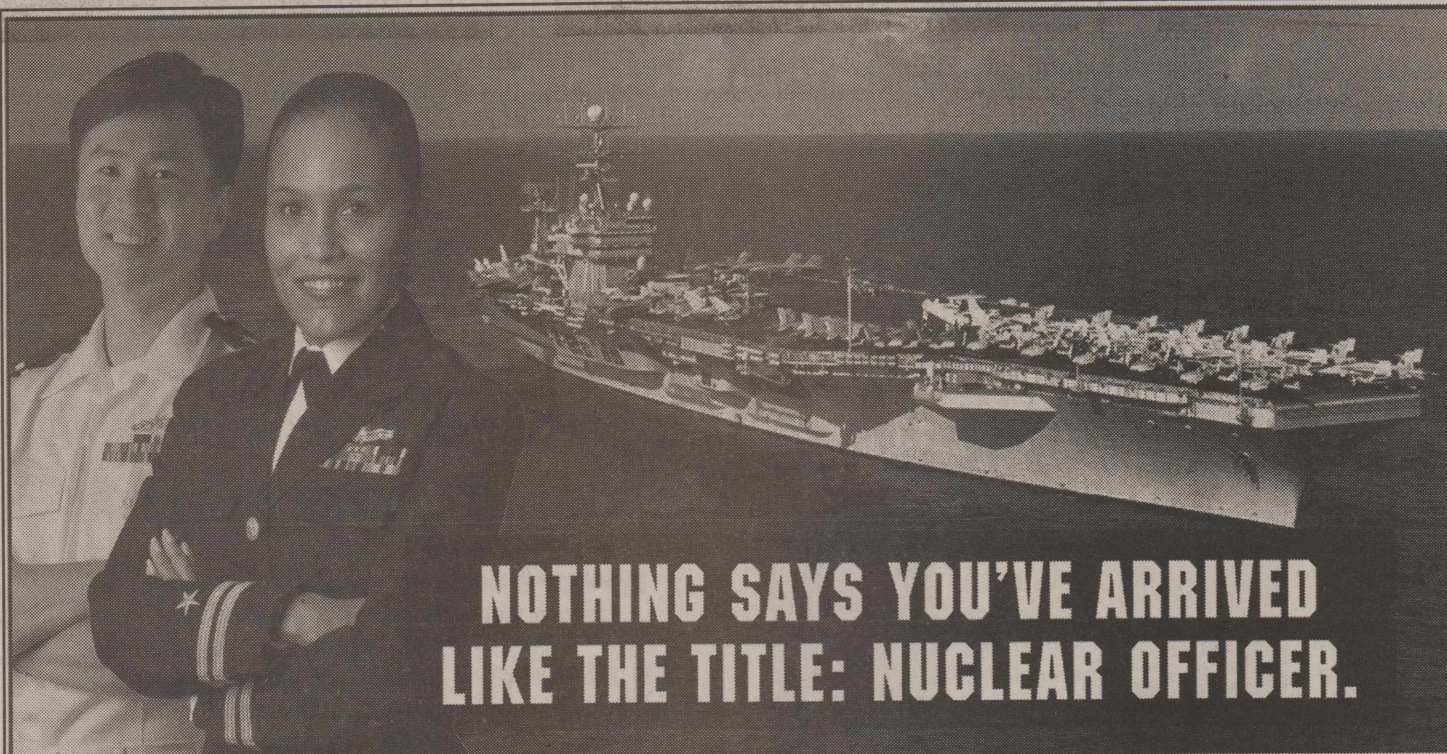
Ties between Washington and Pyongyang already have been strained over the North's refusal to fully verify its past nuclear activities and its announced plan to launch a satellite into orbit in early April. U.S. and other regional powers argue the launch is a cover for a long-range missile test.

The two journalists, along with a male cameraman and a guide, were headed to Yanji, across the border from North Korea's far northeastern corner, where they planned to interview women forced by human traffickers to strip for online customers, according to the Rev. Chun Ki-won of the Seoul-based Durihana Mission, a Christian group that helps defectors.

They also planned to meet with children of defectors, said Chun, who helped the journalists organize the trip. Many children who grow up on the run in China live in legal limbo, unable even to attend school, according to a 2008 Human Rights Watch report.

The North Korean-Chinese border is long, porous and not well demarcated and thus a common route for escape from the North.

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'Hillary: The Movie,' now showing at Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Months after its debut, "Hillary: The Movie" faces nine of the nation's toughest critics: the Supreme Court.

The justices' review of the slashing documentary financed by longtime critics of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton could bring more than just a thumbs up or thumbs down. It may settle the question of whether the government can regulate a politically charged film as a campaign ad.

David Bossie, a former Republican congressional aide who produced the Clinton movie and another describing then-Sen. Barack Obama as an overhyped media darling, said his films are about important moments in American politics.

"The outcome of this case will dictate how we're able to make films

and educate people about them," he said.

At issue in the case being argued before justices Tuesday is the 90-minute anti-Clinton movie and television ads Bossie wanted to air during the 2008 primaries advertising the film.

Bossie's group, the conservative Citizens United, released the movie as Clinton, then a New York senator, was competing with Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The movie is unquestionably anti-Clinton, featuring commentary from conservative pundits, some of whom specifically say Clinton was not fit to be commander in chief.

One scene, which was used in an ad, has Dick Morris, a former adviser to President Bill Clinton who is now a critic of the Clintons, saying the senator is "the closest

thing we have in America to a European socialist."

The movie was shown in eight theaters. Bossie's group wanted to run ads on television in key election states during peak primary season and show the movie on cable television's video-on-demand.

Federal courts said the ads would violate the McCain-Feingold law, the popular name for 2002 revisions to the nation's campaign finance laws. Judges called "Hillary: The Movie" a 90-minute attack ad, rulings that would require Citizens United to identify the financial backers for the ads if they were to appear on television.

The court also said that if Bossie's group showed the movie on cable television, financial backers would have to be named and the group would have to pay the cost of airing the movie.

Alaska, Florida consider bestiality bans

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — It's a subject that can cause nervous snickering, a little uneasiness and even a few bad jokes.

But many in the southeast Alaska community of Klawock, population 800, weren't laughing last April after a 26-year-old registered sex offender was accused of molesting a local family's pet dog.

The man was spotted by a local woman coaxing the Labrador retriever into the woods near a ball field. There he allegedly tied it to a tree, taped its muzzle shut with duct tape and had sex with it, witnesses told police at the time.

The man had been twice convicted of raping a young boy and more recently had served probation for assault after lunging at a child. While the incident with the dog was reported to the police, Klawock Mayor Don Marvin said nothing happened for two days while fearful parents escorted their children home from school.

"When this incident happened, we had a community that was scared," Marvin said.

Because Alaska has no law against such an attack, Ketchikan District Attorney James Scott eventually charged the man with two counts of criminal mischief, which was later changed to a theft charge.

In requesting a \$10,000 bail, Scott told the court that the state was concerned that if a small child had been available and unattended that day, "the small child would have been found taped (and) tied in the woods."

Shocked by that and other similar cases of involving humans having sex with animals, lawmakers in Florida and Alaska are considering bans on bestiality. They are among 15 states where the practice is not explicitly illegal.

Alaska's House Judiciary Committee on Friday heard testimony on a measure that would expand the state's animal cruelty law to include sexual conduct. It would make the practice a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

In Florida, a bill that would make sex with animals punishable by up to five years in prison has been unani-

mously approved by two Senate committees and has two other committee stops before reaching the full chamber.

Florida Sen. Nan Rich, a Democrat, has a thick folder in her office containing news clippings of cases around the state of people having sex with animals. While the act is sickening enough, she says research has shown that people who molest animals are likely to rape or molest people.

"There's quite a number of cases," said Rich, holding up an article. "This one is, unfortunately, a man having sex with his guide dog. This is about a goat's death, a female goat in Walton County that had been sexually assaulted. Unfortunately it's not an isolated incident. We need a mechanism to prosecute."

The Walton County case in 2006 helped bring the problem to light. There were at least four goat rapes in Mossy Head, including one that resulted in the animal dying. Instead of being charged with a sex act, a suspect was charged with stealing two goats, said Dee Thompson, the director of Panhandle Animal Welfare Society.

Peter Bjorn & John overcome train wreck South by Southwest show

AUSTIN (AP) — At South By Southwest, disastrous shows can happen easily. This year, the Swedish pop trio Peter Bjorn and John was one of the unfortunate bands led to SXSW slaughter.

The hundreds of bands are rushed on stage rapidly at the annual Austin music conference and

festival, and they rarely get enough time to properly set up or tune.

The start of the first show by the acclaimed Peter Bjorn and John on Wednesday night was delayed and, when they finally started playing, equipment problems caused long interruptions and ruined the set. The unsympathetic crowd heckled

and booed.

"It was an awful show," said Peter Moren, the band's lead singer, able to smile painfully about it in an interview Friday. "But it's also good that stuff like that happens occasionally. Otherwise you become bigheaded."

For Peter Bjorn and John, the

10-year-old trio whose fifth album "Living Thing" will be released on March 31, the issue of performance perfection is always relevant. They are pop craftsmen who create tightly woven songs (often about love) by mixing guitars, synthesizers, acoustic instruments, samples and other sounds.

Lent

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Burden said he plans to refrain from using the Web site to remind himself nothing is as important to him as his relationship with God.

"It has improved," he said, referring to his relationship with God and the Lenten period. "It gives me a lot more time to think about other things."

Although it has been a difficult habit to break, Burden said he is sure he will not use the Web site as

much as he did before he decided to give it up.

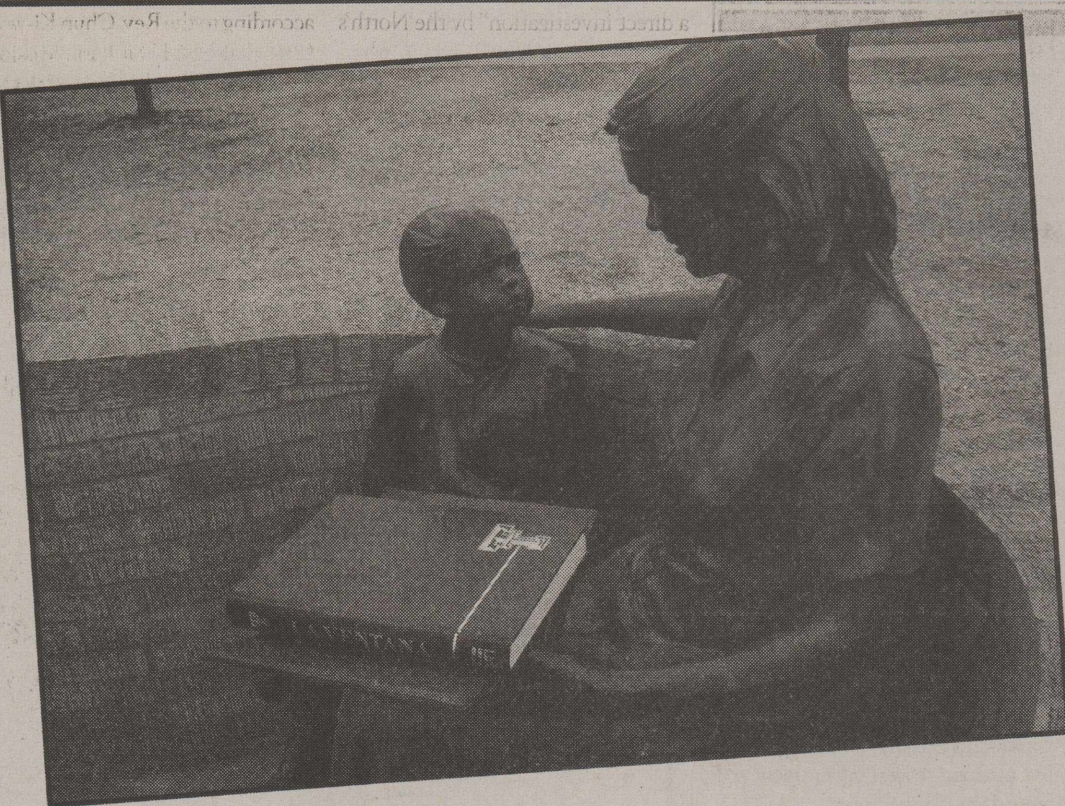
"I won't be on there nearly as much when Easter comes," he said, "probably not even every day."

Ramzinski said Lent is more than a time of sacrifice. It is a time for people to be reminded of the

blessings they have while living in a "society of excess."

"The variety we have available to us is amazing," he said. "Lent is really a time to look at the blessings we do have and remember that everything we have does come from God."

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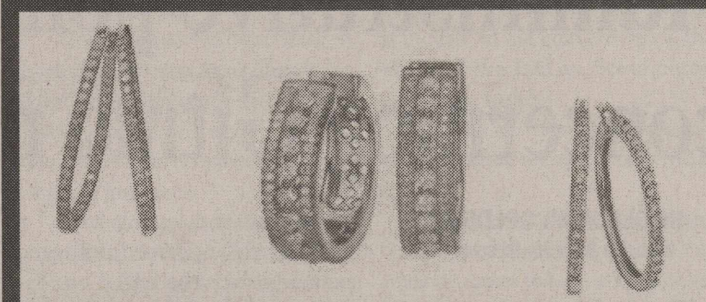
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SXSW, Twitter display new type of celebrity

“This is probably the most autographs I’ve ever signed,” Tom Merritt said with a slight chuckle. “It feels kind of weird.”

To the average American, the host of CNET’s “Buzz Out Loud,” dressed in an unassuming black jacket and jeans, would have been just another geek in the crowd at the Big Digg Shindigg. An hour earlier the event had concluded after a live recording of “DiggNation,” a popular weekly webcast hosted by tech personality Alex Albrecht and Digg.com founder Kevin Rose.

To our group standing around the merchandise booth, however, Tom was the biggest star there. For about 20 minutes we chewed the fat with him about iPhone jailbreaking, what each of us studied in college, and how Tom worked in Austin before he broke into radio and eventually the Web media industry.

Although we had gotten pictures with and autographs from Kevin and Alex, our time with Tom was by far the highlight of the evening. The chance to connect on a personal level with some-

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one we admire really made our night. As we left the concert lot of Stubb’s BBQ and blended with the crowds in town for South by Southwest Interactive, it struck me just how cool a thing we’d experienced.

The next day I came back into downtown Austin for a concert by Jonathan Coulton, another cult hero among the social media crowd. In his trademark cotton shirt, jeans and bushy brown beard he performed an unforgettable show alongside cohort duo Paul and Storm at the intimate Antone’s venue.

It was a geeked-out musical extravaganza full of pirates, robots, werewolves and boxing nuns. Much to our flabbergasted elation, Coulton even pulled the popular “Rickroll” prank on us during

one of his more popular songs.

Coulton is among a new breed of artists blazing the trail of independent, Web-based musical distribution. He offers many of his songs for free online and gives users the option to buy them as well. “JoCo” has found a small but loyal audience that supports him directly through merchandise, concert ticket sales, and donations — no record label, no middleman and little overhead.

Following the show a bunch of us from the crowd waited until he and the other band members came down from the green room. We went through the motions of getting autographs and taking pictures, but it felt very odd. Everybody just wanted to talk — about favorite

songs, about Coulton’s opinion on Austin, about “World of Warcraft” ... whatever.

Later on in the week I attended a free SXSW concert put on by the music blog “I Guess I’m Floating.” People came and went at the outdoor venue, watching the half-hour showcases of relatively obscure but enjoyable bands. Afterward we

mingled with the band members, once again just chilling, talking about whatever came to mind, and, of course, exchanging Twitter handles.

In the last couple of months Twitter has really hit critical mass. According to Neilson Online, Twitter grew almost 1400 percent year-over-year between February 2008 and 2009, with much of that growth coming in January and February of this

year. Facebook even recently rolled out a new Twitter-fed home page in response to this explosion.

Artists and celebrities are now using Twitter to close the gap between them and their fans. About three hours before the show, Coulton took song requests via Twitter. Many of the DiggNation crew sent candid tweets from offstage during the live recording. Everyone plugged their Twitter handle, and I ended up following a couple dozen new people during spring break.

Twitter and SXSW showcase a different breed of celebrity, wholly removed from the mega-star model of Hannah Montana or U2. These celebrities care far less about the number of fans they have and more about the extent to which they can personally engage those fans.

This has become known as appealing to the “long tail.” Catering to a huge majority of people who have relatively common interests (pop music or financial news, for instance) can be extremely lucrative but also quite expensive and complicated, often requiring huge cor-

porations and major infrastructure.

There is a significant portion of the population (a “long tail”) with very specific but disparate interests. JoCo’s quirky, nerdy lyrics or Tom Merritt’s deep insider tech news coverage will never be popular with millions of people, but they don’t need to be. Selling to and connecting with the long tail is much cheaper thanks to the Internet and can be equally lucrative — at least for those who don’t mind doing without 10 yachts and a summer home in Florence.

In the future, look for fewer megastars, big labels, national broadcasting and such. As the Internet generation grows up, information access spreads, and content creation and distribution get easier, the old types of celebrity and fame will gradually disappear. Get ready for the era of the niche, the long tail, and the casual conversation with your favorite star.

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Administrative policy change concerning Gitmo not enough

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It’s been less than two months since President Obama was inaugurated, but the sheen of the new administration has already begun to fade.

During the first week of his presidency, Obama gave a very pretty speech in which he “rejected as false the choice between safety and ideals” and signed an executive order to close the controversial prison at the United States naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Obama’s first post on the White House Web site also claimed that his administration would be “the most open and transparent in history.” But the promise of “change” has thus far proven to be hollow.

The Obama administration surprised many in February when it pressed ahead with a Bush policy that refuses to even litigate certain cases for fear of a security breach. Much of the information concerned has been revealed through international government investigations.

Nevertheless, judges are prevented from reviewing case information and evaluating the security breach themselves. Such an act directly opposes promises of transparency and holds many worrisome implications.

Recent events concerning a British prisoner at Guantanamo have exemplified this disappointingly consistent level of secrecy. Binyam Mohamed, a Pakistani-born British citizen, was the first prisoner to be released from Guantanamo after Obama ordered its closure earlier this year. Controversy has since abounded from Mohamed’s court case, in which a High Court decree to release information regarding torture allegations was denied by the British Foreign Office.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband’s justification for the refusal was that disclosure would

do “serious and lasting harm,” to the United Kingdom’s intelligence exchange with the CIA.

An excessive degree of secrecy casts a suspicious light on any government and lends support to accusations of dubious motives. Indeed, the British High Court, which reviewed the material in question, asserted that it was “difficult to conceive that a democratically elected government could possibly have any rational objection to placing into the public domain such a summary of what its own officials reported as to how a detainee was treated by them” and stressed that the report involved “no disclosure of sensitive intelligence matters.”

The High Court analysis presents the actions of both the American and British governments as highly suspect. If indeed the prohibited information concerns no security release, then Obama is irrefutably wrong in denying its exposure. Evidence of torture will be damaging to America’s reputation around the world, but it nevertheless deserves to be heard. Should such evidence later be revealed by a non-governmental source, it would even further discredit American ideals.

The evidence to support Mohamed’s torture allegations is fairly damning, and it goes without saying that any civilized country should strictly adhere to Obama’s rhetoric and reject such barbaric treatment. Mohamed claims that the CIA would chain him in restrictive positions and that he was once shackled for eight days in a position where it was impossible to either stand straight or sit.

He also allegedly spent five months in total darkness and one month straight when he was forced to continually listen to one repeated Eminem CD played at an ear-splitting volume.

Torture is both inhumane and ineffective; indeed, Guantanamo Bay has induced more

suicides than convictions. A moral government would reject both physical acts of torture and circumstances that perpetuate the implication that torture is permissible. Thus, in the name of the ideology that both Obama and America represent, Obama should make a clean break from the past administration and refuse to cover up any acts of torture.

In addition to the innate moral inconsistencies that constitute acts of censorship, U.S. treatment of Mohamed has seriously undermined its relationship with Britain. The British government first requested the release of Mohamed in 2007 but was denied, and the U.S. military later declared that it would formally charge Mohamed.

These charges have since all been dropped, but the CIA continues to maintain its stubborn policy of non-communication regarding the case. American threats to withhold future information or comparably pressurizing statements are completely inappropriate and violate the respect deserved by America’s closest ally. The stereotyped depiction of a bullying United States is strongly associated with the Bush era; Obama should not allow this label to taint his administration.

Obama’s promises and ideals allowed him to win an election against all the odds. The characteristics that made Obama’s campaign so popular should be sustained throughout governance, and it is imperative that Obama revoke the excessively secret policies of Bush’s administration.

Mohamed’s case highlights the shortcomings that prevent Obama’s administration from being “the most transparent in history” and thus warrant immediate attention. To hide evidence of torture is as morally dubious as the act itself; the last thing this country needs is another Bush.

Consensus sought on same-sex marriage

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Suppose some politician responds to a question on gay marriage by answering “I passionately support civil rights of individual lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans, but I also strongly support preservation of traditional marriage.” How would the interest groups react? Both conservative and liberal groups would likely accuse him of political inconsistency or worse, outright moral hypocrisy.

What is true, however, is that this is exactly how many Americans feel about the debate. Despite attempts by both groups to portray this social controversy as an epic moral struggle, many Americans have valid reasons for supporting an ambiguous but balanced solution toward LGBT rights.

As an “evangelical Democrat,” I certainly respect the concerns of both sides of this debate. For one side, legalization of same-sex marriage represents fundamental justice for a group of people long discriminated against for their sexual orientation. To the other side however, union between a man and a woman is an essential foundation to society’s existence, a sacred institution that rightfully merits a unique legal/cultural status.

Unfortunately, rather than fostering a respectful dialogue to address the concerns of both sides, gay marriage has become a divisive, polarizing issue in U.S. politics. While the social liberals have used activist judges to forcefully redefine marriage, the social conservatives too have attempted to use a strong federal government to amend the Constitution.

While one side has accused other of “anachronistic bigotry,” the other side has responded by condemning their opponents of “immoral sodomy.” In all honesty, are the objectives of the two spectrums that mutually exclusive from each other?

I believe both individual dignity and sanctity of marriage are “traditional” values of American society. While I respect religious communities’ discomfort with the gay lifestyle, it is not ethical to levy legal harassments against group of individuals simply because one disagrees with

their private behavior.

Even if marriage is an ideal relationship, every individual is free to live an alternative lifestyle. Tolerance is an American virtue and many in American society do support abolishing legal discriminations against individual LGBT citizens in employment, education, military and other areas.

However, there is a distinction between tolerance and public affirmation of same-sex unions. For instance, California voters passed the state’s Proposition 8 largely due to a majority’s concerns that legalization of same-sex marriage could lead to promotion of a “gay lifestyle” in elementary schools.

Numerous religious-affiliated institutions like Catholic hospitals have protested that they cannot morally recognize the existence of same-sex unions among their own employees. The whole dilemma occurs because in the minds of myself and majority of the public, society has an inherent interest in promoting one type of relationship over others, for instance favoring mo-

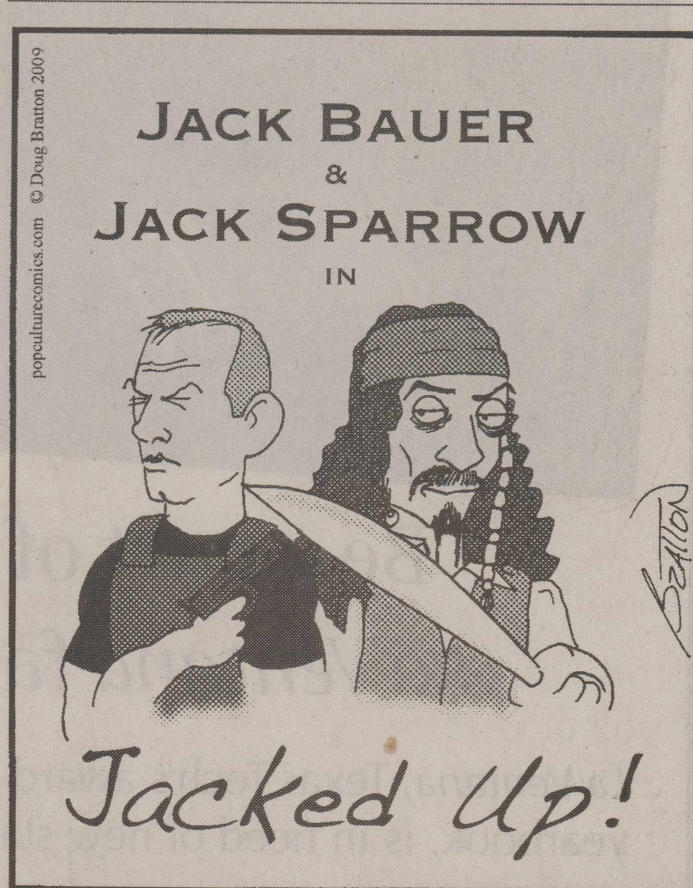
nogamy over polygamy.

For all its flaws, we view heterosexual unions as the single most important social institution worthy of public encouragement and legal sanctification.

While it may be illogical, public sentiment has largely taken offense with the notion that traditional marriage is only one of many available lifestyle options. Perhaps we are not inclusive enough in our social outlook, but it would be an elitist behavior on the part of the liberal activists to simply ignore such public preferences.

While recognizing the cherished status of heterosexual unions in society, many politicians in both parties have sought to provide basic partnership benefits to same-sex couples. Certainly these compromises will not satisfy the zealots on both sides of the debate.

Nonetheless, harmonious solutions to this issue will be found not through partisan activism or condemnation, but rather through respectful dialogue on both sides.



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Tech women's tennis grabs first Big 12 win against Iowa State

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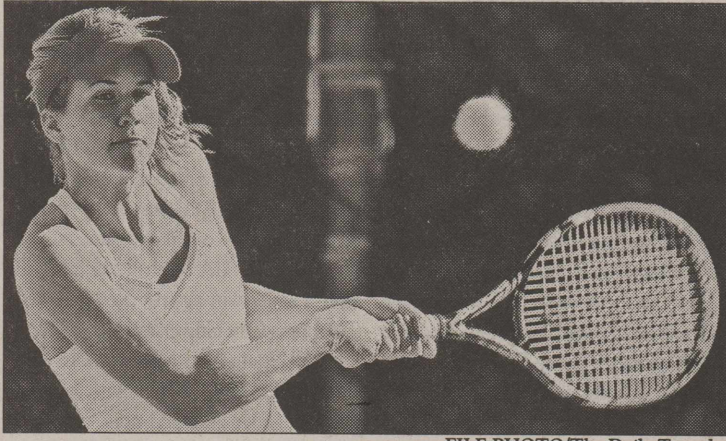
The Texas Tech women's tennis team hasn't had much of a break during the last week.

The match against Iowa State Sunday was the Lady Raiders' seventh in nine days.

But Tech fought through fatigue and pulled out a 6-1 win against the Cyclones Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

"It's been crazy," Tech senior Samantha van der Drift said. "I'm really proud of the team because it took a lot of mental strength because everybody's sore, everybody's tired. Especially losing a couple matches in a row, it's tough to come out here and start fresh."

The win handed Tech its first Big 12



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S SAMANTHA van der Drift tied Janet Durham as Tech's all-time singles wins leader with a win over Iowa State's Erin Karonis Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Conference win in four tries, making the victory against the Cyclones that much sweeter.

In addition, Tech (6-9, 1-3 in Big 12 play) suffered back-to-back losses in the San Diego Invite on March

19 and 20 to Utah and San Diego, respectively. The Lady Raiders lost a close one to Utah 4-3, but San Diego seized the win 6-1.

But after seven matches in almost as many days, the Lady Raiders started on the right foot against the Cyclones (8-5, 1-2) by sweeping the doubles point.

Tech set the tone early as the No. 1 duo of van der Drift and Kelsy Garland took out Erin Karonis and Kara Hickey, 8-4. Tech's Kerryn Potgieter and Stefanie Peana followed with an 8-2 win of their own against the Cyclones' Maria Fernanda Marcedo and Marie-Christine Chartier. Natalie Leitch and Simone Templeton did not disappoint either, notching an 8-2 win against Liza Wischer and Tessa Lang.

The dominant performance in doubles play set up the Lady Raiders'

first Big 12 win, and Tech coach Todd Petty said that alone can give his team a lot of confidence.

"That was our first one," he said. "Getting that one out of the way is always big. We're taking it a match at a time, and we think we can win out."

The success in doubles play was contagious as Tech won each singles match in no more than two sets.

The only point surrendered to Iowa State was the Leitch-Chartier match. Petty said Leitch had to retire the second set because of injury.

Tech's No. 1 singles player in van der Drift captured a 6-0, 6-4 win against Karonis, giving her 74 career wins. The total ties her with Janet Durham for most in school history.

Van der Drift has a chance to take the top spot when the Lady Raiders

take on Nebraska at 11 a.m. today at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Although the record would be nice to have, van der Drift said she continues to focus on other goals.

"It's cool, but it doesn't mean a whole lot," she said. "I wanna do well with the team. It's a team sport. I'm sure next year, Kelsy will go over it with like 30 matches anyways."

Even with the rocky start to Big 12 play, Petty said his team took the positives from its previous losses to Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas.

"With our last couple performances against Texas A&M and UT, I think this team thinks they can play with anybody," he said. "We're right in there with the teams in the Top 20 in the country."

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Men's tennis goes 3-3 on 10 day road trip

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The Texas Tech men's tennis team took part in a 10-day, six-match road trip that started in California and ended in Montgomery, Ala., with the annual Blue-Gray Classic.

The Red Raiders (10-6) finished the six-match trip even, with a 3-3 record.

In the first part of its road-trip, Tech faced No. 10 USC March 14.

Tech started off the match well stealing the doubles point from the Trojans with the No. 10 doubles tandem in the nation, Raony Carvalho and Christian Rojmar, defeating USC's No. 3-ranked Robert Farah and Steve Johnson, 8-5. Clinching the doubles point for Tech was the No. 2 team of Michael Breler and Sinisa Markovic defeating the Trojans' Matt Kecki and Jaak Poldma, 8-6.

Tech, however, could not carry the momentum into singles play losing four of the six matches.

Carvalho fell to the No. 1 player in the nation, USC's Farah, in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4. Winning matches for Tech was Markovic at the No. 2 spot disposing

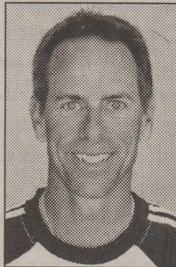
of the Trojan's Jaak Poldma in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, and Milos Kustudija at the No. 6 position defeating USC's Jason McNoughton, also in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6.

Tech was upset by No. 44 San Diego State 4-3 before snapping the two-game losing skid with a win over No. 59 UNLV, 6-1.

"I was proud of the effort," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "Those were tough matches, a close loss to a Top 10 team on the road, a very disappointing loss, but I was proud of how hard we played. We have to play better if we want to play in the NCAA Tournament."

Tech continued its trip with the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery starting off with a 4-0 win against No. 55 VCU.

The No. 2 and 3 teams for Tech were victorious and earned the doubles point for the Red Raiders.



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Finishing the Rams off were the No. 1, 3 and 4 players for Tech. Carvalho defeated VCU's Thibaut Charron in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3. Rojmar defeated the Ram's Benjamin Bouhana in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2 and clinching the win for the Red Raiders was Gonzalo Escobar at the No. 4 spot taking care of VCU's Nicolas Vinel also in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

On the second day of competition the Red Raiders fell to No. 4 Tennessee, 4-2.

The Red Raiders started strong taking the doubles point, with wins coming from the No. 1 and No. 3 teams.

The Volunteers, however, came back strong in singles play by winning four matches to claim the victory.

Tech finished the road trip on a positive note defeating Big 12 Conference foe No. 25 Oklahoma State in a consolation match of the Blue-Gray Classic, 4-1.

Tech took the doubles point from the Cowboys with the No. 2 and 3 teams winning, 8-4, 8-6, respectively.

Breler said the matches during spring break were important for the teams

continued success.

"We've had some tough losses, but that comes with the tough schedule we play," he said. "We're a really good team, but we have plenty of opportunities to get some good wins, and I'm pretty sure we're going to do that."

The top of the lineup has been successful for Tech, and it was no different during the 10-day road trip.

Markovic carries a 9-2 record in his last 11 matches, and Carvalho holds a 8-3 record. Carvalho's only losses were to the No. 1 player in the nation, USC's Farah, Oklahoma State's No. 2 player in the nation, Oleksandr Nedovyesov, and the No. 7 player in the nation, Tennessee's John-Patrick Smith.

Tech continues play at 3 p.m. Friday against Lamar at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

"We've got a good team," Markovic said. "When we play well as a team we can beat anybody in the country. This road trip has been beneficial, and even if we've made some mistakes, we'll learn from it and hopefully they will not happen again."

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Rockets claim division lead

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Houston Rockets have lost Tracy McGrady, traded away their starting point guard and changed their starting lineup 17 times this season.

And with 10 games left, they're the new No. 2 in the Western Conference.

Knocking the Spurs from first place in the Southwest Division for the first time since January, Houston capped a furious fourth-quarter rally when Yao Ming fired a perfect pass to Luis Scola underneath with 11.9 seconds left to stun San Antonio 87-85 on Sunday.

Ron Artest scored 24 as Houston won its fourth straight and headed to Utah with a half-game division lead over the Spurs. Not since Christmas have the Rockets enjoyed at least a share of first place.

"I would say it's been a surprising climb to first," Rockets guard Shane Battier said. "We've had so much ... just melees this year with all the injuries we've had and lineup shuffles and trades. I don't know that too many people thought we would be here today."

Tim Duncan scored 23 points and Tony Parker had 22 and 12 assists for the Spurs, who had appeared to start pulling away midway through the fourth before the Rockets embarked on a 10-2 run.

Parker tried to put the Spurs back ahead but misfired on a tough 7-footer with 2.9 seconds left. Matt Bonner clanked a 3-pointer off an in-bounds pass with 0.3 seconds on the clock that wouldn't have counted anyway.

Houston executed much better. The jewel came on Scola's game-winner, when Yao stood at the top of the key, raised the ball over his head as though he was going to shoot, then whipped the ball to Scola cutting toward the basket.

Yao said he thought he was going to shoot before seeing Scola at the last second.

"It was my fault," Duncan said. "He popped to the top. I didn't see anybody rotate to him, and I just kind of half rotated to him. Thought he was shooting the ball and turned to block out and it went right by my head. It was just another mental mistake on my part."

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Tech loses series to Baylor

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

WACO — The road has not been pretty for the Texas Tech baseball team so far this season.

A 5-4 Baylor victory on Saturday at Baylor Ballpark dropped Tech below the .500 mark in Big 12 Conference play for the first time this season and pushed Tech to 0-8 in true road games.

However, Tech finally squeezed in a road victory as Chris Richburg hit two home runs and Garrett Totten hit a grand slam to lift Tech to a 13-8 win against Baylor Sunday in Waco.

On a sour note, the 5-4 loss on Saturday clinched the worst record in Tech's first 22 games of a season since 1974, when the Red Raiders started out 6-16. Tech finished that season 11-22 overall and 9-15 in the Southwest Conference.

Although Tech (9-14, 3-3 in Big 12 play) won the last game, Saturday's loss clinched the three-game series for Baylor (14-4, 3-2), who also defeated Tech 8-4 on Friday. Tech now has lost 19 consecutive three-game series on the road dating back to a series against Oklahoma State in 2004.

"We're a work in progress," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "I enjoy coming to the ballpark with these guys every day because they show up every day and stay in every

game. They deserve more success, but, you know, you've got to earn it. There's no mercy in the game."

After ending the top of the eighth inning with the bases loaded and trailing 5-1 with two outs in the top of the ninth inning of Saturday's game, Tech set the stage for a dramatic and frustrating finish.

After Tech's Michael Reed reached first base on a fielder's choice that Baylor could have turned into a game-ending double play, Joey Kenworthy doubled to center field, advancing Reed to third base. Then Tech's next batter, Richburg, was unintentionally walked on four straight pitches.

Tech's Scott Lejeune singled shortly after, sending Reed and Kenworthy across the plate, which sliced Baylor's lead in half.

Then Totten drove in Richburg with a single, bringing the Red Raiders within one run as Lejeune moved into scoring position. But on the next at bat, Taylor Ashby flew out to center field to end the game.

Even though Tech out-hit Baylor 13-8, the Red Raiders left 12 runners on base in Saturday's game.

"We've got to do a better job with our concentration," Spencer said. "We have a lot of guys who compete but some guys who over-try though in certain situations,

and we're trying to get over that."

Tech tallied 13 hits again on Sunday, and managed to lower the number of runners left on base with eight.

Earlier in the week, Tech dropped a two-game series with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in Corpus Christi, 7-5 and 6-2 on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

However, Tech started conference play strong, taking two of three games to clinch the series against Nebraska in the Red Raiders' Big 12 opener at Dan Law Field.

Tech defeated the Huskers 16-8 in the first game of a March 14 double-header before losing the second game 10-1. The Red Raiders bounced back though, securing the series with a 13-3 win March 15.

"It was awesome for the club," Spencer said of beating Nebraska. "We got a lot of hits with men in scoring position and good pitching from some guys. We're just trying to win league games, that's our deal."

Tech will play an out-of-conference game today against Lubbock Christian University at 6:30 p.m. at Dan Law Field before hitting the road again to play Texas State, Texas and New Mexico before the Red Raiders' next home game.

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Hays to be honored by Tech, LCU

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When the Texas Tech baseball team returns home today to face the Lubbock Christian Chaparrals for "The Battle of 19th Street," the crosstown schools won't just be playing for city bragging rights in their first meeting since 1993.

With first pitch scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at Dan Law Field, they will honor former Tech and LCU coach Larry Hays, who will be in attendance to see his No. 27 jersey be retired by both Tech and LCU in a pre-game ceremony.

Hays, a 38-year coaching veteran and the NCAA's fourth winningest coach of all time, served as Tech's skipper from 1986 through his retirement at the end of the 2008 season and is the winningest coach in Tech baseball history with 814 wins.

Prior to his time at Tech, Hays racked up wins as LCU's head coach, where his 695 victories are more than any coach in Chaps' history. He also led them to a 1983 NAIA national title, and LCU's baseball field was named after the Hays family in 1999.

"It's going to be a special night for coach Hays," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "I think it will be a good game for him to watch. LCU's got a good club."

Pre-game ceremonies will include a video on Hays' career, a proclamation from Lubbock's mayor, Tom Martin, and speeches by Spencer, LCU's coach Nathan

Blackwood, Mark Griffin from Tech's Board of Regents, LCU President Ken Jones and a speech from Hays himself.

Hays' jersey will be unveiled on the outfield wall prior to the first pitch.

LCU (26-3, 10-3 in Sooner Athletic Conference play), a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics team—not an NCAA team—enters the game ranked No. 5 in the NAIA baseball coaches' poll after a series win against No. 1-ranked Oklahoma City University.

Will Stamp and Ross Blondin lead the way for LCU hitters with batting averages above .400 and none of LCU's starting lineup bats below a .325 average, as of March 20.

LCU batters also have 59 home runs and 282 RBIs and have outscored opponents 323-101 through their first 29 games of the year.

The usual starters boast a combined 2.87 ERA and the staff has combined for a 3.58 ERA per game and just 29 extra base hits.

Tech (9-14, 3-3 in Big 12 Conference play) enters the game after a rough five-game road trip against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Baseball America's No. 9 Baylor. Tech was 0-4 on the trip, losing two games apiece to TAMU-CC and Baylor, before the Red Raiders snatched a 13-8 win against the Bears Sunday at Baylor Ballpark in Waco.

At home, Tech is 7-3 and most re-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
FORMER LCU AND Tech coach Larry Hays' jersey number will be retired today at Dan Law Field.

cently won its conference series against Nebraska 2-1.

Tech senior Joey Kenworthy said the older players playing for their former coach serves as a little more incentive than usual to grab a victory.

"It's going to be a competitive ballgame," he said. "Coach Hays was a great coach to us, and we really want to take the ballgame versus LCU."

As of Thursday, 3,600 tickets had been sold for tonight's game, and Tech officials are hoping to fill Dan Law Field to its maximum capacity of 5,124.

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Indoor season comes to a close, outdoor begins for Tech men's, women's track teams

By ADAM WADSWORTH
STAFF WRITER

As one season ends another begins.

The Texas Tech track team finished its indoor season March 14 and opened the outdoor season Friday.

The Lady Raiders and Red Raiders concluded the indoor season ranked at a program-best ninth and 13th, respectively, and earned nine All-American honors.

"I was very pleased with both teams," Tech coach Wes Kittley said. "Our women were Top 10, and our men were very close to being Top 10 in the country, Top 15."

Kittley said he was a little disappointed

with the women's finish because the team had such high expectations going into the meet, but also said he was pleased with both teams placing in the Top 15.

The now nine-time NCAA champion Sally Kipyego tied Suzy Favor Hamilton's record for most individual championships and came just .03 seconds from breaking it with a 10th title.

Kipyego finished her two and a half year career at Tech a 12-time All-American and will graduate in May.

Senior thrower Patience Knight placed sixth and earned another All-American honor in the shot put, bringing her total to three.

For the men, junior Omoghan Osaghae and sophomore Gil Roberts placed second and earned All-American honors in their respective events.

Osaghae set a school record in the 60-meter hurdles, finishing just .01 seconds behind the winner.

Roberts also lost a close race with a school-record performance, finishing .02 seconds behind Wake Forest's Michael Bingham in the 400-meter dash.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team, Rodney Mims, Markus Henderson, Tim Foster and Roberts, earned another All-American honor finishing seventh.

With the national championships

over, Kittley said he was glad the indoor season ended without any significant injuries and was ready to see what the team could do outdoors.

"I think we're going to be a really good team outdoors," he said. "I feel like we gained a lot of experience from the indoor season with a lot of young kids."

The Red Raiders did not have much time to dwell on their program-best performance at nationals because outdoor season started a week later.

Tech competed at TCU's Horned Frog Invitational Friday and Saturday in Fort Worth, tallying eight first-place finishes.

"I thought it was a great start," Kittley

said. "It was a pretty day, and we had an opportunity to just get out there and really just work out and compete a little bit. So I thought it was a great, non-pressured start of the outdoor season."

D'Andra Carter set two NCAA Regional marks on her way to winning the discus and placing second in the shot put.

Seniors Harrison Benjamin and Tyler Menges took the top two spots in the men's shot put with Benjamin beating Menges by 1 foot, 2 inches.

Kelsey Lloyd took first in the high jump with a 5'-5" mark.

Sophomores Kearci Jobe and Shannon Jackson finished first and fourth, respectively, in the women's 800-meter race.

Sandra Iwunze and Jamele Mason brought two more first place finishes in the 400-meter hurdles and Darrell Roddick took another first place in the

triple jump.

Tech's Amanda Alley placed second in the pole vault to future Red Raider Shade Weygandt.

The men and women's teams finished the meet third and fourth, respectively.

With the end of the indoor season comes the end of the Kipyego era. In her short two-and-a-half-year career at Tech, she has become the most decorated individual athlete in school history.

Kittley said he knows he cannot find another Kipyego, but he expects the team to move on and compete well after she leaves.

"Of course we can't replace Sally on the women's side," he said, "but I still feel very good about our outdoor chances."

Tech picks up outdoor competition again this weekend at Abilene Christian's ACU Invitational.

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

ACROSS

- Belgrade native
- Unmarried woman's title
- Try out
- Crime scene find
- Pleasant scent
- Suffix with switch
- 2000s sitcom starring a country singer
- Ignited again
- Auth. unknown
- All-in-one home entertainment gadget
- Photo shoot bathing suit
- Coin of the ... legal currency
- Mt. Rushmore's state
- Intelligence, slangily
- In the past
- Colorful quartz
- Durable wood
- Pact between two countries
- "Almighty": 2007 Steve Carell film
- Where sailors go
- Director Spike or Ang
- Blue ... Duke University team
- Part of A.D.
- Frames of mind
- Pound's 16
- Geometric solid with five faces, ironically
- Puniest pup
- Swarming pests
- Opposed to
- Advantage
- Busybody
- Exam for future Drs.
- Bird feeder food
- Netherworld river
- Combustible funeral heap

DOWN

- Clean using elbow grease
- 1985 Malkovich film
- See 10-Down
- "... and Butt-head": MTV cartoon
- Ceremony at an altar
- Angers
- Alternative energy type
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- With 3-Down, inventor of a puzzling cube
- Chimney buildup
- Muscle quality
- Gillette razors
- Be on the air until
- Nightmare street of film
- Go ... small racer
- Genuine
- Westminster art gallery
- Terrier named for a Scottish isle
- Still in the sack
- Donate
- Patron saint of Norway
- Home of the NFL's Bengals, casually
- Bill Clinton's instrument
- Incurred, as debts
- Wolf Man player
- Chaney
- Waterlogged
- Freeway entrance
- Home of the NFL's Bengals, casually
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By Pancho Harrison 3/23/09

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The top vote getters will be published in the April 24 edition of The Daily Treador.

Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

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8 AM	Super Why (HD)	Clifford	The 700 Club	Divorce Payne	Divorce Payne	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart
9 AM	Sesame Street (HD)	Price Is Right (HD)	Price Is Right (HD)	Ondina Cosby	Ondina Cosby	The View (HD)	The Morning Show
10 AM	Dragon (HD)	Jeopardy!	Restless (HD)	Alex	Alex	Paid Prog.	Tina Banks Show
11 AM	Barney	News	News	The People's Court	Roseanne	All My Children	Paid Prog.
12 PM	Gary Spetz	Days of Our Lives	As the World Burns	Paid Prog.	Fam Court	One Life to Live	The People's Court
1 PM	Place	The Doctors	Guiding Light	Mauri	Judge Jeanine	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
2 PM	Reading	Inside	Extra	J. Fox	No Deal	No Deal	Ellen DeGeneres
3 PM	Arthur	Oprah Winfrey	Access	Ways	Rachael Ray	Bonnie Hunt Show	
4 PM	FETCH	Dr. Phil	Judy	Maury	Standing	Standing	
5 PM	Maya	News	News	Fam. Feud	Queens	News	Lopez
6 PM	Bus. Rpt.	News	News	Fam. Feud	Queens	News	Simpsons
7 PM	NewsHour (HD)	Wheel	Millions	Law Order (HD)	70s	News	Lopez
8 PM	Antiques (HD)	Chuck (HD)	Big Bang	Masters Illusion	Gossip Girl (HD)	Dancing with the Stars	House "Joy" (HD)
9 PM	American (HD)	Heroes (HD)	Two & 1/2	Magi's Secrets	One Tree Hill (HD)	24 Shipyard (HD)	
10 PM	American (HD)	Medium (HD)	CSI: Miami (HD)	Jim (HD)	Style	(9:02) Castle (HD)	News
11 PM	Charlie Rose	News	News	King	Sex City	News	Two & 1/2
12 AM	Bus. Rpt.	The Tonight Show	(10:35) Late Show	Malcolm	Murder	Jimmy Kimmel	Raymond
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2 PM	Destinos	Last Call	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Frasier
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Matt Christal James

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Tech softball takes another loss to Baylor

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Against Baylor on Sunday, Texas Tech was neck and neck with the Lady Bears, but once the runs started piling up, the Lady Raiders started to fade.

It seems this is one of the many themes for Tech's season.

"We're bad at carrying stuff with us," said Tech left-fielder Stephanie Drewry, who entered Sunday's game leading the Big 12 Conference in hits with 42. "We carry it to the next game. But we come out ready to play, and once we get runs going for the other team, we start to lose focus."

Through three innings, the Lady Raiders held Baylor scoreless, but the end result was a 6-1 defeat for Tech Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

The top of the fourth brought trouble for Tech with neither team getting on the scoreboard until the inning.

Baylor's Alex Colyer started the inning for the Lady Bears with a double. It was followed by an Elizabeth Eimen error that allowed Baylor's Bree Hanafin to reach first while Colyer advanced to third. After Hanafin stole second, Tech starting pitcher Ashly Jacobs (7-13) had the bases loaded.

A Nicole Wesley single brought Colyer and Hanafin home and Baylor left the inning with two runs.

In Saturday's 2-1 loss to Bay-

lor, the game was tied 1-1 through four innings before Baylor tacked on a run in the fifth. Tech could not respond for the rest of the game.

In Sunday's game, Tech once again showed an inability to respond as the Lady Raiders left six runners on base since Baylor's two runs in the top of the fourth. Tech left three on base in the bottom of the seventh.

"We just didn't execute when we had runners in scoring position," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. "Biggest thing is, when you get good pitches to hit, you have to execute there and take advantage of it. We fouled way too many balls off and didn't execute when we got good pitches to hit and it hurt us."

Tech's only run came when the Red Raiders (10-26, 0-4 in Big 12 play) loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh. Ashley Hamada hit an RBI single in hopes of starting a comeback, but after an out at home plate,



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

THE LADY RAIDERS dropped to 0-4 in Big 12 Conference play after two losses to Baylor Saturday and Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

Baylor's Whitney Canion (14-8) nabbed two strikeouts to close the game.

Tech was coming off a road trip in the UNLV Tournament and the San Diego State Classic II in San Diego, where the Lady Raiders were 4-6.

Before the series with Baylor (41-10, 2-0), Suiter said the performance on the road seemed like it had her team on the right path.

"We had a pretty productive week in San Diego, 10 games in nine days is tough for any

team, but I think we handled it well," she said. "We finished the week strong and some of our players stepped up their games. Ashly Jacobs came on strong and Stephanie Drewry continued to hit the ball well."

Jacobs went 3-3 with a 1.88 ERA on the road trip, but she allowed 10 hits and six runs Sunday, although four were unearned.

"We were aggressive," Eimen said, "just things didn't fall into place like they did Saturday."

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Busch dominates at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Kyle Busch was furious when his pit crew cost him a win at Bristol Motor Speedway, where he angrily ditched his car on the race track and headed to his motorhome on foot.

A day later, he drove it to Victory Lane.

Busch bounced back from one of his many Bristol heartbreaks with a dominating win Sunday, leading 378 of 503 laps for his second Sprint Cup Series victory of the season. Ironically, it was his crew that deserved much of the credit.

His Joe Gibbs Racing team got him out front ahead of teammate Denny Hamlin and Jimmie Johnson on the final pit stop — critical track position that helped him hang on for the win.

"I told the ladies to 'Man up, get the job done on the last stop,' which they did," Busch said. "I'm proud of them for doing that. When the time mattered most, they got the job done."

Many of those team members were on his crew Saturday in the Nationwide Series race, which Busch also dominated before a pit road miscue took him out of contention. He led a race-high 157 laps and went into the pits on the final stop, only to be penalized by NASCAR when his crew let a tire slip away. He wound up sixth and showed his displeasure by refusing to drive his car back to his team truck after the race.

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SPORTS

South Dakota State's 3-point shooting takes care of TCU

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

By the end of the first-round match up in the NCAA Tournament, the South Dakota State faithful made a habit of standing up every time one of the SDSU players attempted a three.

Most of the time in this game, standing up in unison before a 3-point attempt led to excessive cheering afterwards.

The No. 7 Jackrabbits made quick work of 10-seeded TCU 90-55 Sunday in the United Spirit Arena, allowing them to move on to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Jackrabbits (32-2) ended up making program history in emphatic fashion — a tournament record 16 3-pointers.

It also was the first appearance and win for SDSU in program history.

"This is different and you keep playing if you play well," SDSU coach Aaron Johnston said, "and time can be short for a lot of teams and you can play great and still lose."

SDSU opened the game on a 14-2 run, with 12 of those points coming from 3-pointers.

The run was not just a good start for the Jackrabbits as SDSU continued to stick to its game plan and shoot from beyond the arc.

At the 15:10 mark, SDSU was shooting 57.1 percent from the 3-point line. TCU (20-11) did not have the ability to keep up with only one field goal at this point in the game.

Soon a 14-2 lead turned into 28-4 and at this point, the Jackrabbits already made eight 3-pointers.

But South Dakota State's Kristin Rotert said the 52 points at the half —



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TCU'S HELENA SVERRISDOTTIR passes the ball while being guarded by South Dakota State's Kety Cornemann during the first round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

which was the most by SDSU all season — was not what sealed the win.

Rotert said how the Jackrabbits started the second half is what helped her realize there was no way her team could lose.

By halftime, the Horned Frogs had no offensive production, going 8-of-30 for 22 points.

So instead of making a major comeback, that trend of no offense spread to the second half as TCU did not score its first field goal until 12:40.

TCU coach Jeff Mittie said nothing could be done to stop South Dakota State's sharpshooters, and the Jackrabbits shooting 16-of-31 from beyond the arc was proof.

"The final score really said it all to me," he said. "We tried to throw the 1-3-1 zone at them which is supposed to take the extra pass away. Then we tried to run the 2-3 and then just started trying to throw everything and the kitchen sink at them to stop the shooters."

TCU was led by Helen Sver-

rissdottir with 12 points, but she had five turnovers along with that. Emily Carter chipped in 11 and TK Lafleur finished with 10.

On the other hand, SDSU had five players in double figures with Jill Young and Rotert scoring 17 apiece. Fourteen of Young's point came in the first half. Jennifer Warkentien had 15, Maria Boever had 13 and Stacie Oistad had 10.

The win gives the Jackrabbit's 32 wins this season, which is second only to No. 1 UConn's perfect season.

It seems the Jackrabbits' have had a dream season so far, but Rotert said the dreams are over and the reality is evident: South Dakota State has to get through No. 2-seeded Baylor Tuesday if it wants a spot in the Sweet 16.

"Now that we have gotten down here and being able to practice (Sunday), we are in game mode," she said. "We have gotten past the selection show, and now that we are here, we are ready to go."

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Baylor beats UTSA in OT, moves on to second round

By ADAM COLEMAN
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Baylor found out that a No. 15-seed does not always mean a free ticket to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

But like champions do, the Lady Bears prevailed late.

It took overtime for No. 2-seeded Baylor to defeat Texas-San Antonio 87-82 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Roadrunners and the Lady Bears went back and forth, but Melissa Jones' eight points in overtime pushed Baylor to the second round.

On the other hand, the Bears were without head coach Kim Mulkey, as she was hospitalized after having a kidney stone removed Friday in Waco. It put assistant coach Leon Barmore in her place for the game.

"We got a lot of good coaches on that bench," Barmore said. "That staff really knows the program a lot better than me. So for me to step in and try to dominate tonight wouldn't have been right. I really depended on the entire staff a lot all night."

Barmore also had some support from Jones.

Jones hit back-to-back baskets in overtime to put Baylor (28-5) up 77-72. Even though the Roadrunners still made strides to come back, foul trouble helped seal the win and prevent the upset.

Jones finished with 21 points on 6-of-11 shooting. She also was 8-of-8 from the free-throw line.

The decision to allow Jones to push her team in front came from realizing UTSA was in foul trouble

late in the game. In the end, the Roadrunners' Ryba Pawlaczyk, Jordan Stark and Monica Gibbs fouled out in overtime.

"As bad as he thinks he did, coach Barmore did a great job in realizing that their point guard had four fouls," said Baylor's Jhasmin Player, who finished the game with 15 points, "so we went down to her in the paint and she did a great job of finishing. She just really came up big for us."

Jones did not even start this game and with Ashley Field chipping in 10 points and Morghan Medlock adding 12, the Lady Bears' bench combined for 43 points. The total is the most by the Baylor bench all season.

What kept UTSA (24-9) in the game was Gibbs and Amber Gregg. At the 16:43 mark in the second half, Gregg hit a 3-pointer that put the Roadrunners up 40-39. It was followed by another 3-pointer from Stark and UTSA found itself up seven on the No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Gibbs continued to push the Roadrunners when it seemed they were down, as she tallied 16 points of her own. Gregg finished with a game-high 23 points.

Baylor did have a chance to end the game in dramatic fashion, as



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
BAYLOR'S MELISSA JONES struggles to shoot over UTSA's Monica Gibbs during the Lady Bear's 87-82 overtime victory against the Roadrunners in the first round of the NCAA Womens Basketball Tournament Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

Player had the last shot when the game was tied at 69, but a miss gave UTSA yet another shot at winning this game.

The Roadrunners were down 75-72 in overtime, but a shot clock violation put the ball back in Baylor's hands and effectively ended the chance for a comeback.

But UTSA coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair said this game is proof that anything can happen during this time of year.

"If it had been our first year to get in, we would probably lost focus," she said. "When you have senior leadership, it's so important. I truly believed we played as a team and it wasn't a one-man show. They all laid it on the line."

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