

Community Calendar

TODAY

Soup's On Troupe

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Tornado Gallery
So, what is it?

The Soups On Troupe presents an evening of dinner theater at Tornado Gallery. One-act plays are presented by this group and guest performers. Reservations through Dorey Schmidt at 806-445-4108.

Grady Spencer

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: La Diosa Cellars
So, what is it?

Enjoy pasta, pizza or tapas in this elegant venue while listening to this pop and alternative rock artist.

Silent Raiders

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Qualia Room, Foreign Language Building
So, what is it?

The Silent Raiders is a student organization dedicated to learning about the Deaf Community and learning and practicing American Sign Language. Whether interested in ASL or a skilled interpreter, all are welcome.

Austin Allsup

Time: 10 p.m.
Where: The Blue Light
So, what is it?

Come hear the son of legendary musician Tommy Allsup and his band perform country and rock music in the historic Depot District.

FRIDAY

Haste the Day

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Jake's

So, what is it?

Come hear an assortment of alternative, hardcore and metal music with Haste the Day, Mychildren Mybride, The Chariot, A Plea For Purging and Colossus of Rhodes.

Jazz and Tonic

Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: The Overton Hotel

So, what is it?

Enjoy live music at this classy, West Texas themed bar.

Comedy Karaoke

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Skooner's Grill and Bar

So, what is it?

Bring your friends for a fun-filled night of karaoke and open mic hosted by David Trout.

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Pipes

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Green said the buildings are not built for extremely cold temperatures. The pipes are located in the interior of the walls, so they cannot be replaced, but they are built to last in average weather for Lubbock.

The housing department has regularly scheduled preventative maintenance checks, Green said. However, things like pipes bursting in extreme weather conditions are not within the normal scope.

This past week, two residence halls, Gordon and Murray, had pipes burst because of the cold weather. No damage was reported in Gordon Hall, which had a busted pipe on the night of Jan. 31, but the rooms in the 20s of Murray Hall had to be evacuated around 4 p.m. Feb. 3, although the residents were permitted to return the same day. Green said the students were moved to other rooms while maintenance workers dried the hallway.

Green said the residence halls are not responsible for the articles destroyed in their rooms from unforeseen accidents. The university does have insurance for catastrophic events such as tornados. In those instances, Tech will cover the cost of what was damaged. Therefore, Green said

students are encouraged to purchase renters insurance in case their personal items have water damage from plumbing issues.

"If you are going to be living anywhere, on campus or off, you should have renters insurance," Green said. "We provide students with information from insurance companies when they move into their dorm."

Eric Markunas, a junior mechanical engineering major from Abilene, transferred to Tech from MIT and said he never heard about pipes bursting when he lived in the residence halls in Cambridge, Mass.

"The buildings there are made for the cold," Markunas said. "The pipes are insulated, which keeps them from bursting."

Markunas lives in Carpenter Wells Hall and said he has not heard anything about pipes bursting in his building.

Jordan Place, a graduate exercise sports sciences student from Portland, Maine, said he has heard of several apartments in the Reserve with burst pipes.

"I saw a ton of carpet-cleaning trucks with a lot of carpet being replaced," Jordan said. "In Maine, we usually don't have this problem because the pipes are insulated since every winter can be below freezing for long periods of time."

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FOUNTAIN FREEZE



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

COLD WINTER WEATHER causes a late start and freezes the fountains Wednesday in Memorial Circle.

God, science not wholly exclusive, astronomer says

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Christian astronomer who sued the University of Kentucky for religious discrimination says the perceived divide between faith and science is an "illusion."

Martin Gaskell claimed he lost out on a top science job because of his professed faith and statements he made that were taken to be critical of evolution. The controversy fueled the long-running debate between scientists and Christians who believe the Bible refutes some scientific discoveries.

Gaskell said the two sides can find agreement. He has, as a devout Christian who uses the tools of science to study the universe.

"That's one of the things

that people like myself really want to counter, is this idea of some sort of incompatibility between religion and science," Gaskell told The Associated Press.

The university reached a \$125,000 settlement with Gaskell last month in exchange for dropping the civil action. He said professors who discussed his faith and his views on evolution in interoffice e-mails that later became court evidence.

Gaskell, who studies supermassive black holes at the University of Texas in Austin, said he considers himself a "theistic evolutionist": a Christian who accepts Darwin's theory along with evidence that the earth is billions of years old.

"We believe that God has done

things through the mechanisms he's revealing to us through science," he said. He has also written that evolution theory has "significant scientific problems" and includes "unwarranted atheistic assumptions and extrapolations."

Gaskell said scientists shouldn't be discouraged or rejected for holding non-mainstream views.

"The question some people ask me is 'If I were a biologist and if I did have major doubts about the theory of evolution, would that disqualify me from being a biologist?'" he said. "And I'd firmly say 'No ...'"

But some prominent scientists disagree with Gaskell on that point.

"You can't discriminate based upon religion," said Eugenie Scott, director of the National Center

for Science Education, a science advocacy group in Oakland, Calif. "You can discriminate based upon scientific views. It's perfectly legitimate to discriminate against a candidate based on whether that candidate's scientific views are acceptable to the discipline."

Bestselling atheist author and biologist Richard Dawkins recently wrote about the Gaskell case, suggesting that a scientist's religious beliefs should not be exempt from scrutiny.

"Even if a doctor's belief in the stork theory of reproduction is technically irrelevant to his competence as an eye surgeon, it tells you something about him," Dawkins wrote. "It is revealing. It is relevant in a general way to whether we would wish him to treat us or teach us."

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Johnson began by explaining his background and how he got to where he is today.

"I was born and raised in Fort Worth," he said. "My father was a rancher in Oklahoma; I grew up going to the ranch every week."

After going to six different prep schools and failing to graduate college, Johnson said, his father was adamant about making sure his son didn't make the same mistake.

With many options available, Johnson eventually decided on Yale to do his undergraduate coursework.

"I wanted to be a doctor before

going to Yale, or I thought I did," he said. "I then decided on getting a liberal arts degree."

After getting his bachelor's degree at Yale, Johnson went on to earn a master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management.

Although he said he originally wanted to be a consultant, Johnson eventually found he had exceptional management abilities.

"I was never really a leader and never gave much thought to being a manager, but then again, I was only 22 years old," Johnson said. "If you don't have a clear vision at 20, 21 or 22 years old, don't worry about it; you will probably do four or five different things throughout your lifetime."

Johnson's first job was at Frito

Lay, where he got into marketing and branch management.

"After being at Frito Lay for a while, I made a list of things I'm good at," he said. "Whenever any job offers came my way from that point on I always referred to that list."

After moving on from Frito Lay, Johnson was given the opportunity to manage an arts festival as a volunteer.

"I ran the festival that year, and it ran for 30 more years after that," he said. "I didn't get paid for it, but it showed me I was a good manager and could help people be successful."

Johnson then went on to work with Pres. George W. Bush, overseeing the recruitment and placement of all political appointments for the president.

"Pres. Bush is a very good leader, and I was a really good manager,"

he said. "I was able to bring people together and make things happen. You've got to have a desired outcome, realistic timeframe and a way to do it."

The president's job is to create a vision, and it's the manager's job to follow through and help to achieve that vision, Johnson said.

"It's about helping people be successful," he said. "People will care about what you believe if they believe that you care about making them more successful."

Don't forget about intangibles, Johnson said, as it's those qualities that are most important in being a manager and helping others to be better at what they do.

"Courage and compassion are two big intangibles," he said. "There needs to be warmth about you; people have to enjoy you as a person."

One of the biggest keys to success is how you react to bad news, Johnson said.

"When difficulties would arise, Bush would always tell me to read the Constitution; that's why our government is the way it is," he said. "Get over it — it's not supposed to be easy."

Regardless of what students end up doing, Johnson said understanding co-workers is of utmost importance.

"Understanding that everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses is vital in making connections with other people," he said. "Character is the foundation to being successful."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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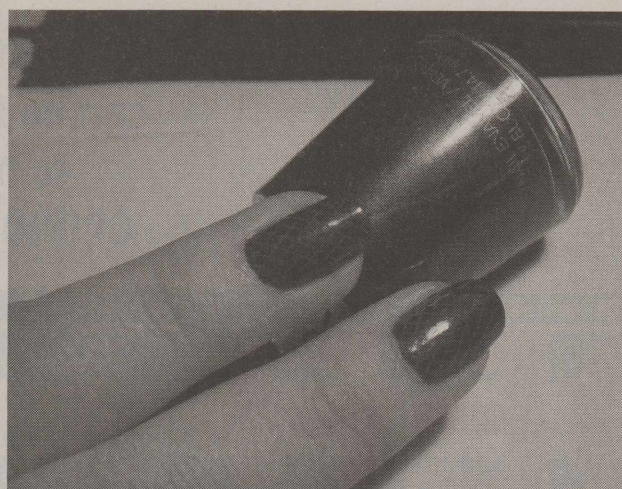
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PIANO PRACTICE



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KEVIN NADOLSKI, A piano pedagogy doctoral student from Detroit, plays the piano Tuesday in the Music building.

Moscow airport bomber named, his teenage siblings arrested

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Russian authorities have named the suspected suicide bomber of Moscow's airport and arrested his teenage brother and sister, officials said Wednesday.

The Jan. 24 bombing of Domodedovo airport was conducted by 20-year-old Magomed Yevloyev, said an official working with Russia's top investigative agency in the province of Ingushetia. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to publicly discuss the issue.

Officials have previously said that the bomber was a 20-year-old man from the Caucasus, but didn't give his name.

Chechen rebel warlord Doku Umarov has claimed responsibility for the attack that killed 36 and injured more than 180. He said in a video posted Monday that many more such attacks will follow if Russia does not allow the Caucasus to become an independent Islamic state governed by Sharia law.

The official said that Yevloyev's 15-year-old brother and 16-year-old sister, suspected of involvement in the attack, had been arrested, along with another resident of Yevloyev's home village of Ali-Yurt on the same charges.

A respected human rights activist from Ingushetia condemned the arrest of the underage suspects. "This is absurd and savage — to arrest people only because they are relatives of a suspected terrorist," Magomed Khazbiyev told the daily Kommersant.

The ITAR-Tass news agency reported Wednesday, however, that the investigators had found traces of explosives used in the airport bombing on the hands of Yevloyev's arrested brother.

Ingushetia's regional leader, Yunus-Bek Yevkurov, said DNA tests proved that Yevloyev was the bomber, while his brother and sister knew of the plan but did not tell their parents, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

In another video released over the weekend Umarov appeared with a young man whom he said was being sent to Moscow on a suicide mission. No mention was made of the airport bombing, and it was unclear when the video was made. Kommersant quoted a local imam as saying that the

man in the video resembled Yevloyev.

Umarov has claimed responsibility for an array of terrorist attacks, including last year's double suicide bombing of the Moscow subway system that killed 40 people. He is seen more as an ideological than a military figure, as many militant cells operate autonomously and shun centralized command.

Some observers have questioned Umarov's claim.

Ben West, an analyst at Stratfor, a global intelligence analysis company, said in a written comment that Umarov could have claimed the attack to boost his profile after a fallout with other rebel leaders last fall. Russian officials have said that militants in Chechnya are linked to al-Qaida and other foreign terror groups and depend on them for funding.

West said that Umarov has not had any known links to the militants in Ingushetia, which raises doubts about his claim of responsibility.

Chechen rebels have fought

two separatist wars against Russian forces since 1994. Major offensives in the second war died down about a decade ago, but the Islamic insurgency has spread across neighboring North Caucasus provinces, stoked by poverty, official corruption and abuses against civilians by security forces. Attacks on police and other authorities have become a near daily occurrence.

Late Tuesday, three explosions hit different areas of Chechnya's provincial capital, Grozny, wounding three police officers and two civilians, the Interior Ministry's regional branch said Wednesday.

In Dagestan, Chechnya's eastern neighbor, two policemen were killed Wednesday evening in the town of Khasavyurt by shots from a passing car, regional Interior Ministry spokesman Vyacheslav Gasanov said.

Senators warned budget cuts could affect higher ed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Deep budget cuts proposed for Texas universities will hurt students, teachers and important research projects, college presidents warned state senators on Wednesday.

Texas is facing a shortfall of at least \$15 billion and early budget drafts would slash more than \$700 million in state money to higher education.

Francisco Cigarroa, chancellor of the University of Texas System and several campus presidents testified before the Senate Finance Committee. They

said cuts the cuts will make it hard to attract top-quality teachers and researchers and hurt the ability of lower-income students to attend college.

"Higher education is among the most important investments you can make," Cigarroa said. "We will do everything we can to mitigate these reductions, but these are large reductions that would have consequences."

Proposed cuts to financial aid, including the TEXAS Grants program, could drop nearly 100,000 students who currently get help, according to the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chairman of the finance committee, tried to ease some of the concerns, saying he's confident that "before it's over, we're going to have more money to put into higher education."

But Ogden didn't say how

much he thinks lawmakers can scratch out of the tight budget or indicate what he would spend it on.

About 100 students marched from the UT-Austin campus to the Capitol to protest the proposed cuts.

Chelsea Adler, a senior at UT-Austin, urged lawmakers not to slash the TEXAS Grants program, which helped her get to college. Without it, Adler said she would have had to take out large student loans or find a cheaper school.

"I think that's just shutting doors if we cut that program," Adler said.

"Higher education is among the most important investments you can make"

FRANCISCO CIGARROA
CHANCELLOR
U. OF TEXAS SYSTEM

At the University of Texas-El Paso, more than half of the 22,000 students are the first members of their families to go to college and more than 30 percent come from families reporting less than \$20,000 income, said President Diana Natalicio.

"We're worried," Natalicio said. "There's a group of young people about to graduate in El Paso. They will graduate this year with a dream to attend UTEP. If they had been lucky enough to graduate last year, there wouldn't have been a problem."

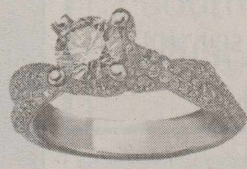
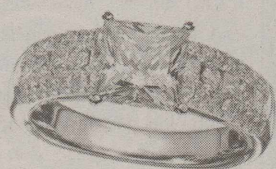
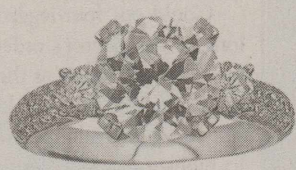
On Tuesday, Gov. Rick Perry challenged Texas schools to offer four-year degrees for \$10,000, including textbooks.

At UT-Brownsville, which has the second-lowest tuition rate in the UT system at about \$2,800 per semester, that would be hard to do, President Juliet Garcia said.

"Even at that bare-bones level," Garcia said. "We would fall short."

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Use social media to build your brand

Recently, I resolved to begin Tweeting more. And, just the other day, I changed my Facebook profile picture to one of myself wearing a suit while meeting LeAnn Rimes at a fundraising event in Dallas (I cropped Ms. Rimes out).

While I've long been keenly conscious of what is on my Facebook, and I've had a Twitter account for about a year and half now (though my Tweets were few and far between), I would consider my approach to social networking as leisurely and passive, as I presume most young people would. I did enough to make sure there was nothing inappropriate on these pages, but the buck really stopped there. I didn't give these social sites much more gravity or importance beyond that.

But recently, while watching last week's Super Bowl ads and reading about current advertising trends, it dawned on me that I needed a much more aggressive and proactive social media presence.

Though the Super Bowl ads were more lame than not, a vast majority

Chris Leal



were all supplemented with a social media component on Facebook or Twitter.

As social media becomes increasingly mainstream, it's changing from just a place where you chat with your friends and express abbreviated ideas into a utility that is capable of adding a whole new dimension to our perceptions and understanding of people, companies, products and reality.

Social media's push into the mainstream is being aided by the fact that companies have finally figured out how to capitalize on these websites' latent potential. Early on, companies could hardly deny the immense popularity of Facebook and Twitter but struggled to find monetization strategies.

Now it has become apparent to companies that the importance of social media is not monetizing directly per se but in fact using the infrastructure as a means of building their brand and interacting with consumers in a deeper and more meaningful manner than is available with "traditional" media.

This same strategy applies directly to college students and even the broader population at large.

Whether you're looking for a summer internship or a part-time job, joining a student organization, are a graduating senior looking to start a career or enter grad school, or plan on interacting with human beings at any point in your life, the effect of having a strong and quasi-professional identity on Facebook, Twitter and the like can be huge.

I say "quasi-professional" because you should consider your social media identity as less formal than, say, a re-

sume or job interview, yet more formal than just hanging out in person with a group of close friends.

Companies don't try to create a completely new or alternative identity with their social media presence, they merely try to interact online in a way that is consistent with and enhances their brand and products and thus your overall experience.

The same should be true for your online identity. Your Facebook and Twitter pages should be complimentary and enhancing to your resume. They should be your way of building your brand and your products and aid in interacting with possible employers and society in general in a deeper and more meaningful manner than "traditional" media will allow (i.e. a resume).

In brief, I'm not attempting to say there is a "right" or "wrong" way to use your social media, and I'm not saying your Facebook should be impersonal or untrue. I'm just saying there is a strategic and helpful way to use social media, and then there is a potentially harmful way.

Initially, before Facebook and Twitter were mainstream, they were less ubiquitous and less infrastructural. But things have changed since you created your Facebook account in high school; we grew older and more professional, and Facebook has grown into something that's a first stop for employers or new acquaintances and contacts.

While you can choose not to capitalize on this strategy, it's important to realize that other people will and already have taken advantage of this opportunity, and this will put you at a comparative disadvantage in the future.

You should start now and begin using your social media to help enhance society's experience of you, market yourself more aggressively, and use Facebook and Twitter to build your brand.

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Pet ownership can be good for your health

Bayley Fuller



Pet owners are said to be the happiest people in the world, and according to new studies, they are some of the healthiest as well.

Many organizations are singing praises for man's best friend as more and more information comes to light claiming pets to be a natural remedy. The Center for Disease Control agrees that household pets work magic on humans. Therapeutic mentally, physically and emotionally, pets are more than just companions. If you want to live longer, go get yourself a special furry someone and better two lives at once.

The key to a long life is a healthy dose of happiness. The more you love, the more you live. Ever heard of someone dying from a broken heart? Well, there's more to it than tear-jerking romantic tragedies and Shakespearean sonnets. There is undeniable correlation between being happy and being healthy, being loved and being lively, being content and being hearty.

According to Calgary Psychology, happiness holds as much influence as "certain unhealthy habits such as smoking." With such a strong hold on your health, your personal happiness is not something to take lightly, and a wagging tail can go a long, long way.

Depression is a serious issue for many adults; pet therapy is a serious solution. Therapists and scientist agree that having pets, especially dogs, help people with emotional and social problems. They have a calming effect and force their human companions to interact on a daily basis as well as provide them many opportunities to go outside their homes.

Pets are also sensitive to changing human emotion. They can tell when their companions are upset

and loyally lick away tears. Unconditionally loving and always present, you can't help but love them back. Patient, loyal, loving canine companions offer consoling at a level no human can.

Wagging tails and wet tongues bring on huge smiles, but emotional benefits are just the tip of the iceberg. Animals have a very tangible, physical effect on people. Sites like WebMD and organizations like the CDC boast that they can lower blood pressure, cholesterol levels and triglyceride levels. They even have positive effects on the elderly where medicine has failed.

According to Dr. Lynette Hart of the University of California, "Alzheimer's patients have fewer anxious outbursts if there is an animal in the home."

Sure, they help with a few things, but what about increasing problems with allergies, asthma and the immune system?

No problem. Studies are suggesting that having a pet in the home can give children a kick-start on being healthy later in life by exposing them to small doses of allergens and disease-causing germs. This works like a vaccine by allowing kids to build defenses and antibodies to counterbalance exposure. A daily dose of furry fun can promote a strong immune system and a strong healthy life.

Pets hold a special place in our homes, but they are making big changes in all kinds of institutions as well. American actress and animal activist Betty White raves about the differences pets are making in "hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and mental institutions." In nursing homes, where depression and loneliness is known to be at its highest, pets provide the friendship the elderly lack in institutions. They then become more receptive to help from the staff. Their nutritional intake increases, and they respond more positively to treatment.

Nursing homes aren't the only institutions where medical patients benefit from four-legged friends. Traditional hospitals also see vast improvement from these special employees. The irresistible want to pet or fondle pets brought into hospitals encourages movement and muscle control. Patients with limited mobility or debilitating anxiety from the hospital can forget their surroundings and actively work muscles to have continued contact with pets.

Besides the emotional lift, these patients experience stress-free exercise and rehab without noticing it. Everyone benefits from these happy visitations.

Could our four-legged companions be the doctor's order? Pets are the ultimate remedy as they can heal broken hearts, lift the hold of depression, prevent childhood asthma and fix problems with cholesterol levels.

With all of the obvious benefits and the incoming research, pets' popularity as a mode of therapy is ever increasing. It's no surprise that I wholeheartedly endorse opening your heart and your home to a new furry family member. Improve your life as well as the life of a homeless pet, and sit back to watch your lives change.

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Grad student aims to help autistic children abroad

Doctoral student in education hopes to spread knowledge in world travels

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Going into middle school, James Parker cannot tie his shoes. He's autistic, and his mother doesn't want him being picked on or ostracized, so the family turns to the Texas Tech Burkhardt Center for Autism Education and Research, and the center turns to Stephanie Sokolosky.

The graduate student from Houston researches various aspects of autism, works closely with autistic students and still finds time to travel the world.

Before coming to Tech, Sokolosky worked in education for 30 years.

"I've had a classroom of 3-year-olds, and I've had a classroom working with the community to create jobs," she said. "I've worked the whole range."

Sokolosky began working with autism in 1971, and she said that shaped her entire career, leading her to eventually return to school.

"I've worked a long time with these families, and I thought, more experience isn't going to give me those answers," she said, "so I decided I needed more training at a higher level."

Sokolosky will graduate with a doctorate in education and a specialty in applied behavior analysis, which she said will help her in any circumstance where behavior needs to be changed.

One of her goals is to use the degree to work with children as far away as Africa or China. Sokolosky said she loves traveling and frequently asks the locals about their views on autism.

Last year, she traveled to Norway to present some of the autism research she has been doing at the Burkhardt center.

As far as personal traveling, Sokolosky has been to Africa numerous times on photography trips. She said these trips involve everything from open-topped safari vehicles to hiking through the jungle and being within five feet of a family of gorillas.

When she graduates, Sokolosky said she hopes to take another trip to Tanzania where she spent most of her travels and has done charity work with schools and facilities

run by Doctors Without Borders.

"I completely find her inspiring. I love that other people do, too."

JENNIFER WICKER
SOKOLOSKY'S DAUGHTER

school, Wicker said she was incredibly proud of her.

Sokolosky has a sense of dedication and hard work that has helped her through, Wicker said.

Her work ethic and ability stems from her experience. Janice Magness, the director of the Burkhardt Center Transition Academy, said Sokolosky's time in the classroom helps everything she does.

Magness works with Sokolosky to help autistic students find jobs, and the two have helped many with job coaching. Magness said they work with a student for a set amount of time to help them get settled in to the job.

"We (helped one student) for 90 days; we were assured she would do well," Magness said. "She did, and she's been successful for three years. And that's just one particular

success."

After graduation, Magness said she believes Sokolosky will become a strong voice for autism.

This is something she has already been recognized to be, with a "Raiders Who Rock" nomination last year.

"It was well deserved," Magness said. "She's worked hard here at Tech."

Much of Sokolosky's research involves teaching autistic children by "video modeling" — watching a short movie on how to perform the skill or a way to learn a concept — so when Amy Parker needed to teach her son how to tie his shoes, she knew just what to do.

Sokolosky filmed the boy's mother tying her shoes from behind, so it would be easier for him to see, and she narrated the short movie as she went. Sokolosky's research paid off exactly as she had hoped, and he quickly picked up the skill.

"It sounds kind of silly," she said. "But you want to try in every way to not have your child be set apart because of a disability."

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STEPHANIE SOKOLOSKY, A graduate student in education from Houston, has been nominated as a "Raider who Rocks," and plans to use her degree to help autistic children around the world.

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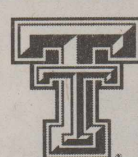
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Technology changes game of chess

By ROCIO RODRIGUEZ
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Feb. 10 marks the 15th anniversary of the first time a computer defeated a human in the game of chess.

Though it may seem the average chess player could play and beat a home computer chess game, one particular game revolutionized the interaction of chess and technology — when Russian Garry Kasparov, who is considered by many the world's best chess player, lost to his computer opponent, Deep Blue.

"Initially, (computer chess) was an entertainment, and then it became a competition pretty much from the mid-1980s to the mid-'90s," said Susan Polgar, the first woman to earn the grandmaster title and director of the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence at Texas Tech. "For that decade it was a competition, and then when that famous match happened between Deep Blue and Garry Kasparov, that the computer won — the IBM computer won — that pretty much put an end to the competition, because once he lost, and a number of other grandmasters lost as well to different programs, humans pretty much gave in."

According to the American Physical Society website, in the first match between Kasparov and Deep Blue, the computer won the first game, shocking Kasparov. Kasparov however, won three games total and played two to a draw. They played again in 1997, but Deep Blue had been improved, working on a faster processor and other resources al-



INTERNATIONAL MASTER ISTVAN Sipos, from Hungary, and Grandmasters Anatoly Bykhovsky, from Israel; Andre Diamant from Brazil; and Davorin Kuljasevic, from Croatia, compete at the Milwaukee 2010 PanAm Intercollegiate Chess Championship.

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lowing it to adapt to new strategies. This rematch ended in a win for the machine.

Paul Truong, SPICE director of marketing and public relations and assistant coach of Tech's chess team, the Knight Raiders, said after Deep Blue's success, players realized they needed to learn from computers, not battle against them.

"(The computers the team practices against) are loaded with computer softwares," Truong said. "We can't even do anything without it. Things we don't see, computers can

see. Things we can't calculate fast enough, computers can do in a millisecond. It's becoming a part of what

we do in chess. It's not a challenge anymore because you can't compete against a computer. There's no chance."

According to the IBM website, Deep Blue's software is used to solving problems outside of the world of chess. "The underlying RS/6000 technology is

being used to tackle complex 'real-world' problems like cleaning up toxic waste sites, forecasting the weather, modeling financial data,

designing cars, developing innovative drug therapies," the IBM website states.

The senior faculty adviser and founder of Knight Raiders, associate professor of geosciences Hal Karlsson, said software is becoming an assistant of sorts to professionals.

"Today, what a lot of the so-called professional higher-level chess players do, they use the program to calculate variations," Karlsson said. "So, if they're interested in some particular variation, they feed it into a computer, and it comes up with things we don't think of."

Truong also said competitors' success is determined by how they use the computers to train.

"(The top four chess schools) will be using (software) to prepare to compete against each other," Truong said. "Those who can interpret the data better, who can use it better, that's the one that's going to win. That's the different skills now."

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Music School festival showcases wind ensemble

By SYDNEY HOLMES
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The Symphonic Wind Ensemble within the Texas Tech School of Music continued the Mary Jeanne van Appledorn Festival of New Music on Tuesday with a performance in Hemmle Recital Hall.

The ensemble was under the direction of Sarah McKoin and graduate assistant conductor Christen Stout.

The wind ensemble collaborated with John Gilbert on violin, creating the dynamic anchoring piece of the evening.

Amanda Cox, a doctoral student in clarinet performance from Midland, described the nature of the pieces.

"These are really standard pieces. They're just a ton of

of these people will go out and teach. They're good pieces for them to teach their bands."

A common thread within musicians is the love of performing. Gross said it's an opportunity to tell a story to the audience.

"Not to get too philosophical, but (performance) makes you feel alive," she elaborated. "Especially when you're about to start, you can't run away. You're there, you're going to play and you're on the line. What's going to happen is going to happen, and everyone's going to hear it."

McKoin explained her goal and reasoning behind choosing the pieces for the concert.

"The violin concerto was the center-stone piece. I tried to surround it with more traditional music so that it was a variety," McKoin said.

McKoin also described her

experience working with a graduate-school conductor.

"They're very active," she said. "They have lessons, and each of them gets to work with the bands, they conduct and they help teach."

She explained performing, teaching and conducting are all intertwined.

"I like performing; I love my students. They've all worked so hard. Teaching is fun; seeing my students succeed is fun," she said.

McKoin's apparent love for the art showed through during the evening. She boiled all the differences and similarities within her multi-faceted job down to one simple phrase.

"It's just the life of a musician," she said.

Performances in the Mary Jeanne van Appledorn Festival of New Music continue through Feb. 16 and are listed at www.depts.ttu.edu/music.

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"It's good to play all the standard music, too, because a lot of these people will go out and teach. They're good pieces for them to teach their bands."

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Sharp

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"Obviously, the wins speak for themselves," Curry said, "but obviously what she's done way beyond the court, giving back to this community, the impact she has on so many little girls and big girls. The class and the integrity she's done it with. So I'm blessed to have her support and to draw upon for advice. It's just been a unique relationship."

Sharp, however, still makes a living around Tech's campus.

As a part of retirement, Sharp is allowed to work for the university six months each year, spending time raising money for women's athletics.

Sharp runs the Marsha Sharp Leadership Circle, a group of fans that host fundraisers to help coaches with necessities and special projects Tech's budget does not cover.

Sharp said her job allows her to contribute to and be around Tech athletics, something she could not be away from for an extended period of time.

"I don't think you can separate Tech athletics from my life for a long period of time," she said. "Because when you coach, and try to do it at that level, other coaches will tell you it's just not a career, it's a lifestyle."

Of her numerous roles, none may be more impactful than her service as the Kay Yow Cancer Fund's executive director.

The organization is designed to raise funds for research to fight women's cancers, and Sharp said it has raised more than \$3 million in two and a half years.

"Well, I don't think there's any question that to watch what coaches have done on a national level, (then) to come together and make a statement about that, they're bigger than competition, and that we can all join together to do something special with the Kay Yow Fund has probably been a really special thing for me to watch," Sharp said.

Sharp's local work includes her position as president of the YWCA, a group focused on eliminating racism and empowering women alike.

But a project Sharp said she could get more involved in down the road is the

Sharp Academy. The academy is a school — grades four through eight — committed toward helping children whom possess a greater amount of academic potential than other students.

"They've all been awesome, and I've really felt like it's given me a chance to branch out, have some diversity in the things that I'm doing," Sharp said about her involvement in various places. "Maybe do a lot of things in Lubbock, because I love this city, and I'm eternally grateful for all the things that Tech and Lubbock and West Texas have done for me."

In addition to her charity work, Sharp stepped into the role of Lady Raiders color analyst this season for the Tech Sports Network.

Sharp worked as color analyst for the San Antonio Silver Stars of the WNBA. She said Dan Hughes, coach of the Silver Stars, told her being a color analyst would be as close she would get to coaching again.

"There's so many dynamics in that, that are the same as coaching," Sharp said. "But the one thing I found that's a little bit different is when I get through with the broadcast, I'm done. I don't have to worry about how the game went or to get ready for the next one. Somehow, that's felt pretty good to me."

One thing Sharp hasn't let go about coaching is maintaining a relationship with her players.

During the holidays, Sharp receives cards from former players with pictures of their families.

Sharp will not have to resort to cards to see her players on Feb. 19.

Sharp, along with 40 former Lady Raiders, will come together for a reunion for the Lady Raiders' game against Baylor in United Spirit Arena.

But one former player, Vicky McKenzie, sees Sharp today as much as she did when playing for her.

McKenzie played under Sharp's tutelage from 1986-88 as a point guard — and now works as an administrative coordinator for Sharp. She helps run the Marsha Sharp Leadership Circle and assists

with special projects.

McKenzie said she sees no difference between present-day Sharp and Sharp the coach.

"I think there's so many people in the whole basketball community and



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
MARSHA SHARP COACHES the Lady Raiders in a file photo taken during the 2003-04 season. Sharp now works in the athletic department and does work in the community.

the town of Lubbock that have such a great respect and high regard for coach Sharp," McKenzie said. "So it's been an honor first of all to play for her, and now to continue that in the working capacity ... it's nice to be associated with her, and I feel like it's an honor and a privilege."

Sharp may be the same person today, but the game in which she molded her legacy is no longer what it used to be.

Sharp said the athleticism of players like Baylor's 6-foot-8 Brittney Griner and Connecticut's Maya Moore is an example of the game's evolution, helping elevate the game's popularity.

When Sharp began coaching, there were 200 fans in the coliseum — 13,000 fans occupied the arena by the time she retired.

"It's become a viable sport," Sharp said. "People at their universities want to have a really good women's basketball team. They've really bought into the fact that we can have a great program that can be a revenue producer and put 10,000 people in the stands. That's been a really special thing for me to watch."

But Sharp's place in both Tech and

women's basketball history is not subject to change. By now, Sharp's community work could be worthy of praise.

As she reflects on her coaching career and the opportunities she has had because of it, Sharp said she will forever be thankful to Tech and the Lady Raiders.

"It's been a great ride," Sharp said. "I've just been so fortunate to get to do all the things I've done, and I think the Lady Raider program helped me develop a platform that allowed me to go do other things. I've loved having all those opportunities; I'm really, really blessed."

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Suit filed over Super Bowl seat problems

DALLAS (AP) — Ticket-holding football fans who ended up with no seats or what they considered bad views of the Super Bowl have filed a class-action lawsuit against the NFL, the Dallas Cowboys and team owner Jerry Jones.

The federal lawsuit filed Tuesday in Dallas — just two days after the big game — alleges breach of contract, fraud and deceptive sales practices on behalf of people who ended up watching the game on TV at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, or had seats the lawsuit labeled "illegitimate."

The NFL had announced just hours before the Green Bay Packers played the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday that about 1,250 temporary seats were deemed unsafe, and the league scrambled to find new seats for about 850 people. The remaining 400 were forced to watch from standing-room locations around the stadium.

One plaintiff is a Steelers fan from Pennsylvania who was among the 400 with a ticket but no seat. The other is a Cowboys season ticket

holder who claims many of Jones' biggest-spending fans were stuck in metal folding chairs without a view of the stadium's giant video board.

Spokesmen for the Cowboys and the NFL had no comment Wednesday.

Los Angeles-based attorney Michael J. Avenatti said he expects the suit to cover about 1,000 people.

"No one is attempting to get rich from this," he said. "People are merely interested in being compensated for what happened (at the stadium) and the cost that goes with that."

Avenatti said he's a Cowboys season ticket holder who attended Sunday's game. He said he wasn't one of the fans affected by the seating issues but heard plenty of complaints.

"People at the game were disgusted, but it doesn't take long to be disgusted with a situation like this," he said.

Avenatti said Steve Simms, the Steelers fan named in the lawsuit, was so put off by trying to watch the game from standing-room areas that he left at halftime.

Rangers

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The Rangers are not paying Young for what he does now. They are paying him for his contributions to the team from his past. It is easy to say just go to work and get paid \$16 million. It seems Young would still like to play every day and not split time anywhere.

The Rangers are looking to do what is best for the team. If the Rangers wait this out, Young should be quiet and show up in Arizona and

play baseball.

The Rangers should look to make a franchise face happy, but if that's not possible, Young should be silent and take his lumps.

His pride is hurt, but reality is tough to handle. Young is an aging player who hasn't realized his skills are diminishing. The Rangers are just trying to accelerate Young's inevitable realization that he isn't the superstar of his past.

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Tech softball to kick off '11 season in Arizona



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TEXAS TECH'S EMILY Bledsoe slides into base during play last season at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech begins its 2011 season in Tempe, Ariz.

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raider softball team looks to build on its successful season last year when it opens the season against two top-25 teams in the Arizona State Kajikawa Tournament in Tempe, Ariz., this weekend.

The team kicks off the tournament Thursday against BYU. The Cougars come in ranked 31st in the nation.

Junior catcher Cydney Allen knows a bit about this BYU squad. The transfer from Salt Lake Community College played her freshman season for the Cougars.

Allen said she is excited to play against her old squad, especially since some of her old friends are still with the team.

Though she has ties to the team, Allen said she has to treat their first outing as if it were a normal game.

"I have to take this as just another game," she said. "I'm just really excited to feel the dirt between my cleats. I have to focus on why I'm here and just go out and have fun."

Shanon Hays said he is excited to finally get his second season as head coach under way.

"It's an exciting time right now," Hays said before practice Tuesday. "Our pitchers are tired of throwing at our hitters and vice versa."

Hays said he is ready to see how his team does against their tough non-conference schedule. He said the question he hopes to get answered this week is how the pitching staff will do.

"The biggest question this week: definitely our pitching," Hays said. "We have three left-handers pitching for us this year, so they are a little harder to pick up."

One of those left-handed pitchers is junior Karli Merlich, one of the veterans from last year still on the team. Merlich said she is ready to play against some of the tougher teams in their schedule.

Merlich said the team seems to be firing on all cylinders, with both hitting and pitching looking strong in practice.

Holley Gentsch, another veteran of last season's tournament run, said the team feels more comfortable now that they have been together longer.

"I feel we understand each other more," she said. "We know what the coaches want out of us, and the coaches know how to get us to perform."

Gentsch said it is great to play against top-25 teams at the beginning of the season, since it helps in preparation for the end of the season.

Hays said his team is ready to play and that he is relying on his veterans to teach the new members of the team how to be successful.

"We have some great new talent on this team, and I feel good about our returners," Hays said. "We just need to go out and compete."

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CYDNEY ALLEN
CATCHER
TECH SOFTBALL

Young, Rangers split could help both parties

As with any divide between management and employees, it seems communication has broken down between Michael Young and the Rangers' higher management.

On Monday, the Rangers said they would like to trade Michael Young because he had a change of heart. It seems Young doesn't see it that way.

"The suggestion that I had a change of heart and asked for a trade is a manipulation of the truth," Young said. "I asked for a trade because I've been misled and manipulated, and I'm sick of it."

It is obvious both parties are at fault. The Rangers may have told a little white lie to Young, but Young accepted the diminished roles.

Young has no right to be getting mad now.

Plenty of times, Young has made a move for the Rangers. He has always been seen as the team player. Each of the moves made the team better.

Well, Mr. Young, you give them an inch, and they will take a mile.

You agreed to make the move when the Rangers signed Adrian Beltre. It made the team better. It seems the Mike Napoli deal has sparked the recent debacle the Rangers are dealing with. Well, Mr. Young, the Napoli deal makes the team better, too.

The Rangers would be in the right to trade Young. He is a historic player in the franchise, but Old

Cody Stoots



Yeller had to go out behind the shed sometime. It is in the best interest of Young and the Rangers to make the move.

Young has a huge contract left. The Rangers don't absolutely need value, but if they are looking to just dump salary, it goes against what the new ownership represents.

OK, let's be honest. There isn't much to get for Young unless the Rangers take on a huge amount of his money. He is an older, defensive liability with limited pop and a declining batting average.

The Rangers should explore adding pitching. They should call the Marlins and see the availability of starting pitcher Josh Johnson. The Rangers would need to start with Ian Kinsler, not Young, to get the deal done.

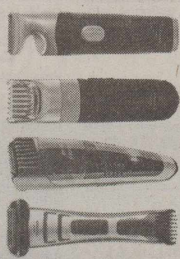
It would move Young to second full-time and would strengthen a very questionable pitching staff for the Rangers. Ian Kinsler has some injury problems. He isn't amazing at defense, and Florida should be happy to pair Kinsler with Hanley Ramirez up the middle.

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