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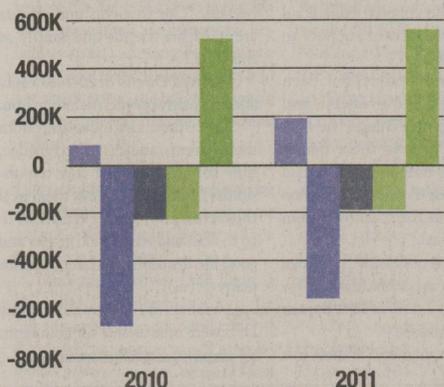


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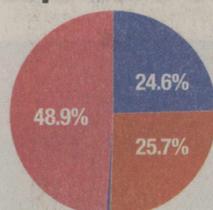
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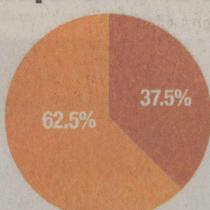
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Student spaces sold



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Not sold

Million-dollar bust



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RAIDER PARK PARKING garage, located at 2522 Marsha Sharp Freeway, has sparked controversy concerning leasing agreements with Texas Tech and the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

Raider Park causes Tech, alumni loss

By IOANNA MAKRIS, APRIL CUNNINGHAM and CAROLINE COURTNEY
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Texas Tech and its alumni association stand to lose as much as \$1.2 million from leasing the Raider Park parking garage in a deal involving a number of prominent alumni of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Raider Park, a \$25 million venture located at 2522 Marsha Sharp Freeway, is a privately owned parking garage held by a limited partnership controlled by Clayton Isom, a 29-year-old Phi Delta Theta alumnus from Tech with deep ties to the university and its alumni board.

Currently, the lease agreement requires Tech and the alumni association to pay \$750,000 a year to lease 1,000 parking spaces and 18 RV spaces, which are used by Tech students during the week and attendees at Red Raider football games on the weekends. Only about one-third of the spaces have been leased.

The university and the alumni association have lost \$440,000 since the deal was signed in December of 2009. They will likely lose an additional \$760,000 in the next several years.

The lack of demand, the pricing of parking spots and other shortcomings cited by students — such as location — have resulted in two-thirds of the parking garage not being filled.

In the original lease agreement, the alumni association assumed responsibility for selling the 1,000 parking permits to students. However, when fewer than 100 student permits were sold, University Parking Services took over the responsibility.

The prices of the parking permits were lowered, which provided affordable parking for students but, at the same time, restricted the potential revenue for the alumni association and Tech, making it impossible to break even.

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Alumni association ignored warnings from Red Raider Club, president says

By CAROLINE COURTNEY, IOANNA MAKRIS and APRIL CUNNINGHAM
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The Texas Tech Alumni Association will likely lose \$525,000 from the Raider Park parking garage lease agreement because of faulty information from a marketing company — a mistake the Red Raider Club warned against, Terry Fuller, president of the Red Raider Club, said.

Fuller said if a donor gives the Red Raider Club \$2,500 to \$4,000 for a student athlete scholarship fund, they become eligible to park on the west side of the stadium. He said the alumni association, when projecting revenue from the garage, assumed the \$2,500 to \$4,000 spent would go directly toward a parking space.

"The Texas Tech Alumni Association became involved in that project with the thought process that it would be a money-making opportunity if they could sell those parking places (in Raider Park parking garage) on gameday like the Red Raider Club," Fuller said. "That's the fallacy of what happened there."

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GARAGE USE



"If Commuter North was sold out I would probably park in the parking garage because it's located closest to where I live."

-Rachel Traxler: junior history major from Austin



"It sucks for gameday. It would be nice to have parking for students that was cheaper."

-Michael Sax: senior chemical engineering major from Los Angeles



"The garage is closer to where I am at Holden Hall so I would park there if I had to. But I've looked at prices for the covered parking, and it's a little pricey for me."

-Mike Rollins: History doctoral candidate from San Antonio



"Oh no, I won't park in the garage. It's a farther walk and has that big ramp."

-Rachel Hutchinson: junior industrial engineering major from Houston



Tract A - RaiderPark Parking Garage
Owned by Raider Park Limited Partnership

Tract B - 25Twenty apartment complex
Owned by APKSHV Lubbock Limited Partnership

Tract C
Leased to Merrill Lynch from a Clayton Isom entity

PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador

Who owns the properties?

The land upon which Raider Park sits is divided into three tracts of land, all of which are owned or leased by the Isom family.

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In Memory Of... Remembering with Art
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art
So, what is it?

Enjoy the artwork of 40 students as they honor loved ones for the annual Day of the Dead exhibit.

Texas Tech Volleyball vs. Baylor

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?

Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Bears.

Graduate Wind Quintet

Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: The Legacy
So, what is it?

Enjoy a flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn performance presented by the School of Music.

THURSDAY

TechWell

Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon
Where: Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center
So, what is it?

Enjoy an interactive health and wellness fair provided by Student Health Services, Recreational Sports, Fitness/Wellness Center and the Student Counseling Center.

Matador Singers and Women's Chorus Concert

Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?

Enjoy this joint concert presented by the Matador Singers and the Women's Chorus.

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Correction

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Adviser reveals international possibilities" should have stated Julia Mainini attended Oklahoma University. The DT regrets the error.

Student dies after auto collision

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

Keaton Owens, a Texas Tech freshman and Phi Delta Theta pledge, died Monday afternoon at University Medical Center after being injured in an auto collision last Friday.

Vernon Paul, adviser for the Texas Epsilon chapter of Phi Delta Theta, said the Childress native was on a highway outside of Big Spring, where the freshman and his fellow pledge brothers were returning from a weekend retreat.

"It's one of those annual things where pledges go down to one of their ranches for the weekend," he said, "but they were driving back because they wanted to see the (football) game."

Fraternity members who were travelling prior to the crash said Owens decided to break from their line and pass the rest at a high speed, Paul said.

"The boys said as they were driving over a hill, they saw him run

into the back of one of those service trucks," he said, "either an oil truck or a water truck."

No one else was in the car with Owens or was injured in the crash.

Paul said Owens was airlifted to UMC and his parents were notified of the accident. Owens suffered from a number of injuries, including a broken femur, broken hip and extensive head wounds.

Representatives of University Medical Center said they could not comment on the nature of the incident or give any information related to patients.

Owens' parents were in Oklahoma for the game during the time of the accident, Paul said, because Owens' half-brother is Tech football player Sawyer Vest, but they made their way to Lubbock once they heard the news.

"They decided to take him off life support Monday," Paul said, "because there was just so much swelling and pressure on his brain. He wasn't conscious and doctors said that if

somehow he did wake up, he would be a vegetable, and (his parents) didn't want that for him."

Owens was an organ donor as well, Paul said, and his parents chose to honor his wishes.

"They knew that's what he wanted," he said. "He wanted to do what he could to help other people, even after he was gone."

Members of the family have visited with Phi Delta Theta fraternity members at the chapter lodge, Paul said, and have offered support to Owens' friends.

"His father, Dudley, has been very comforting to everyone and said some very nice things," he said. "I remember he told them that it was (Keaton's) time and the lord had chosen him that day, which is why no one else was in the truck with him when he crashed."

Paul said all of Owens' 55 pledge brothers plan on attending the funeral Friday at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Childress.

He said in memory of their lost

brother, members of Owens' pledge class also plan on hanging their fraternity flag with all of their signatures in the lodge. They also will hold a chapter church service Sunday, he said, with Owens' parents present.

Chris Cook, managing director of the Office of Communications and Marketing at Tech, said the university mourns the loss of the freshman.

"It's always tragic to hear about the death of one of our students," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family at this time."

Paul said Owens' death has deeply affected many people, including him.

"Once these kids move away from their parents and decide to pledge, they basically become (my responsibility)," he said. "I treat them as if they're my own sons. I tell them to go to class and make good grades and good life decisions. It's been hard for many of (us)."

Members of the Howard County DPS were unavailable for comment.

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Humane Society refuses black cat adoption during Halloween season

By MORGAN CRUMP
STAFF WRITER

For centuries, black cats have been depicted by Western cultures as evil, demonic creatures serving as a source of bad luck, specifically during the Halloween season.

Beverly Nichols, a neonatal specialist at the Humane Society of West Texas, said she is aware of this myth and the negative attitudes some people have toward these animals.

In the past, she said, some of the black cats adopted during the Halloween season have been killed, hurt, abandoned or sacrificed for "satanic rituals."

Several years ago, the HSWT decided not to adopt out black cats during the Halloween season as a precaution to ensure the animals' safety.

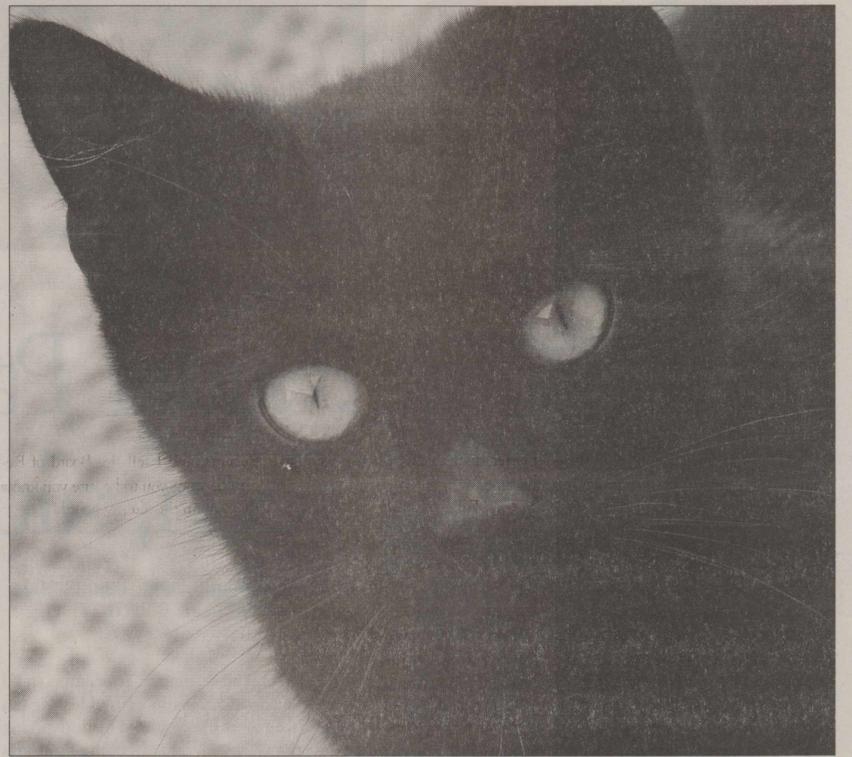
"We talked to local veterinary offices and they said they hadn't seen anything like that in a long time," she said. "We don't want it to happen again, so to be on the safe side, we don't adopt out from Oct. 15 through Nov. 1."

Black cats are no different from cats of other colors, Nichols said, yet many people choose to harm them because of fears associated with superstitions. Many people who adopt black cats also use them as a form of holiday décor, she said, and throw them out into the streets once the Halloween season ends.

"In my experience, black cats are beautiful and very loving," Nichols said. "I have 12 black kittens — all various sizes and ages — so I'm kind of partial to black cats."

People who have never had a black cat do not know how loving the cats really are, she said.

Nichols also said she thinks cats are just as loyal as dogs and that perceptions play a huge role in people's opinions of cats. Many



THE WEST TEXAS Humane Society prohibits the adoption of black cats after Oct. 15 until the end of Halloween, due to abuse and abandonment of the animals. Many people consider black cats to be unlucky and associated with witchcraft, though the superstition has no basis in fact.

countries, like those in Europe, even consider black cats to be a source of good luck rather than bad luck.

Rob Weiner, humanities librarian at Texas Tech, said several stories and movies depicting black cats as demonic come to mind when he thinks about the myth.

"This negativity stems from literary stories and the way movies portray these animals," he said. "They are great films — don't get me wrong — but there is nothing evil about black cats. I'm with the Humane Society, and I think it's ridiculous that

people have this negativity about black cats as they are beautiful, elegant creatures."

It is criminal how there is often an association with something dangerous soon happening after a black cat crosses someone's path, Weiner said. The superstition stems from stories and folklore, he said, but has no basis in fact.

"We constantly see the image of a witch and a black cat together, and we automatically view it as evil," he said. "We don't feel that way when we see a black dog, now do we? What's the difference?"

Sara Lisbona, a sophomore exercise and sports sciences major from Flower Mound, said she thinks the media has a huge impact on the way people view black cats.

"I grew up thinking black cats were a sign of bad luck," Lisbona said, "and I knew to walk the other direction if I saw one."

Halloween movies and television shows, such as "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch," also show black cats as a sign of witchcraft or something evil, she said.

"I agree with the Humane Society, and I don't think they should adopt out black cats around Halloween," Lisbona said. "I'm sure there are some weird people out there that want to do those sacrifices, and I think it's really odd."

Lisbona said she is a cat lover and does not think cats should ever be tortured, as she has a black cat of her own named Taz.

"There are a lot of black cats on campus, and I don't think people run away from or want to sacrifice them," she said. "At least, I hope not."

The HSWT will have black cats ready for adoption again as soon as Halloween ends, Nichols said.

"A lot of people don't consider cats to be worthwhile animals that feel emotion," she said, "but cats make wonderful pets and they will love you forever."

Nichols said she thinks it is a shame how people often do not take the time to understand cats.

"There is nothing better than having a purring cat sitting on your lap when you've had a bad day," she said. "It really does make everything better."

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Russell Thomasson, special assistant and counsel to the chancellor, said the alumni association was interested in Raider Park parking garage because of its location. They felt the garage was the best alternative to the Commuter North parking lot. However, 1,022 people remain on the waiting list for Commuter North despite roughly 650 parking spots being available at Raider Park parking garage.

The Red Raider Club also became responsible for parking on game day when the alumni association was unable to attract customers. Even if all the parking spaces and RV spaces were sold at current prices, the university would still lose several hundred thousand dollars.

"It is a failure," said John Sims, a Lubbock attorney and legal counsel for the alumni association. "At some point in time, I think the university will see they made a bad deal."

Sims said he advised Bill Dean, a Phi Delta Theta alumnus who is the executive vice president and CEO of the alumni association as well as an associate professor in the College of Mass Communications, not to get involved in the agreement with Clayton Isom in December of 2009.

"There is absolutely no upside-gain to this lease agreement," Sims said. "It is the only method by which this guy (Isom) can finance it."

Clayton Isom is the son of a former president of the alumni association, Rex Isom, also a Phi Delta Theta alumnus. Rex Isom was on the alumni board at the time of the vote and recused himself when the alumni association voted on the lease agreement. He is one of the guarantors of the \$18 million loan from American State Bank to finance the parking garage.

Customarily, banks may require the individual limited partners to sign guarantee agreements, although the names of the limited partners are not required by state law to be divulged and are typically kept secret. The guarantee agreement was filed for record in the Lubbock County Clerk's office.

Mike Jackson, a loan officer for American State Bank, would not comment on the loan made to the Raider Park Limited Partnership or the guarantors.

Other individual guarantors of the loan are:

- Nancy Isom, Clayton Isom's mother and a current member of the alumni association board
- Rhashid Al-Hmoud, an associate professor of economics and geography at Tech

- Ben and Jeannie Ralston, Gold Members of the alumni association and relatives of the Isom family
- ICS Investment Limited Partnership, which allegedly includes Clayton Isom, Al-Hmoud and John Sellers.

Al-Hmoud would not comment on his partnership with Raider Park Limited Partnership.

Phone calls to Rex and Nancy Isom and Jeannie and Ben Ralston were not immediately returned to *The Daily Treador*.

According to an article published on today.ttu.edu, the Isoms and the Ralstons spearheaded the donations for the \$4 million expansion of the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center at Tech, which was named in honor of Bill and Peggy Dean. Following the expansion of the alumni center, Dean signed the lease agreement with Isom's Raider Park Limited Partnership on behalf of the alumni association.

Dean, who refused to have his interview with *The Daily Treador* recorded, said the Isoms and Ralstons donated less than 1 percent of the funds to build the expansion of the alumni association, and said he makes no apologies for any contribution a member of his fraternity might make to the alumni association.

When asked if there were any conflicts of interest or quid pro quos in the parking garage lease, Dean said that was "just speculation."

Dean said he signed the lease agreement because the 33-member alumni board approved the contract.

"In fact, we probably never would have participated in this if the university hadn't agreed to come on board. We weren't willing to take on that kind of an obligation," he said. "So if the university was not willing to partner in this, we would have never done it. We're still very hopeful that this will someday be a go. And if it is, then we can look back on it and say we were smarter than we thought we were at the time."

Terry Fuller, a substantial donor to the university and the president of the Red Raider Club, said the agreement upset him.

"It makes me very mad and very angry that people used their personal

influences to make a deal that turns out to be potentially costing the organization a bunch of money," said Fuller, whose wife Linda is an alumni association board member.

Sources close to the alumni association board said board member John Scovell, also a current Board of Regents member and a Phi Delta Theta alumnus, pushed the lease agreements onto both the alumni board and the Board of Regents by calling the agreement a "no-brainer."

"I think had Mr. Scovell not been involved and pushed it through," Sims said, "it never would have happened, in my honest opinion."

He said Scovell smoothed the issue over, and Sims said he regrets not being at the alumni association's meeting when the vote took place.

"It is a my-way-or-the-highway attitude with him," Sims said of Scovell. "That is the reason why I should have been there."

Scovell said he felt the meeting with the alumni association was fair, and he merely expressed his opinions as someone who has been in the development industry in the Dallas area for nearly 40 years.

"I feel 110 percent comfortable with how the decisions were made. There were no conflicts of in-

terests, no influence peddling. It is what it is," Scovell said during a phone interview. "We made mistakes. I think people have admitted to those. If we were doing it over again, we probably would have done it differently."

Scovell said he and his family have no connection to Raider Park parking garage.

"Well, absolutely no. Not only no, hell no. That is absolutely ridiculous to think that I'm getting something or that my kids are getting something in return, or we're investors or whatever — that is garbage. And I'm offended by it," Scovell said. "I have been so cautious to make sure the alumni association knows I'm on the Board of Regents, and I tell the Board of Regents, I want you to be sure you know that I'm on the alumni board."

Once the four-year contract expires, the alumni association will need to decide on whether to re-sign with Raider Park Limited Partnership.

"Look at the end result. Look at

"It is a failure. At some point in time, I think the university will see they made a bad deal."

JOHN SIMS
LEGAL COUNSEL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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"There was some thought process that the Red Raider Club actually sold parking places, and that misinformation was presented to the alumni association."

A donor to the university, who wished to remain anonymous, said the information presented to the alumni association about how the Red Raider Club allocated parking spaces was ignored by a powerful coalition of members, all of whom belong to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

The Red Raider Club did not agree to get involved with the original lease agreement because they did not want to use potential scholarship money on a parking garage. Fuller said if the Red Raider Club had gotten involved, he would have regretted it.

"I find that disgusting," Fuller said. "I cannot live with myself looking in the mirror every morning knowing I took advantage of my university to the tune of half a million dollars a year."

He said the misunderstanding led to an enormous fluctuation in the price of the parking spots at Raider Park parking garage. The alumni association, with the thought of being able to sell the parking spaces for roughly \$1,500, was sorely disappointed when it sold fewer than 100 spots.

The alumni association asked the Red Raider Club and University Parking Services to take over the marketing and selling of both game day and student parking in May.

University Parking Services lowered the prices, which provided more affordable parking for students but, at the same time, reduced potential revenue for the alumni association and Tech, making it impossible to break even.

Another error that led the alumni association into this agreement was the assumption it could pay for a parking garage with only six football games a year, Fuller said.

"Short term, you can't possibly think you're going to pay for a parking structure with six football games a year," Fuller said. "That's just ridiculous to even think that that's a possibility."

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance and

Tech attorney Russell Thomasson maintain this deal was not solely about creating more gameday parking. They said Tech entered into the agreement to gain more student parking and to prepare for future enrollment growth.

Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for University Parking Services, said the university did not immediately need more student parking, and parking services did not request more student parking from the university.

"(The parking garage) was a university decision," Medley said. "It wasn't a choice. We were just kind of told to do it. They wanted it for gamedays and other things."

University Parking Services is currently conducting research on building another on-campus parking garage. The parking garage on Flint Avenue and 19th Street provides the university with 791 parking spots and cost \$10.5 million.

John Sims, a Lubbock attorney and general counsel for the alumni association, said the Raider Park parking garage is costing Tech and the alumni association some \$750,000 per year for 1,000 spots, but at the end of the lease, they will be no closer to owning the garage.

Thomasson said one major reason Tech found Raider Park parking garage desirable was because of its location. He said the garage is the best alterna-

tive to the Commuter North parking lot. However, 1,022 people remain on the waiting list for Commuter North despite roughly 650 parking spots being available at Raider Park parking garage.

According to the lease agreement, University Parking Services will receive the first \$50,000 of revenue from student parking as compensation for their marketing expenses. So far this year, student parking has generated less than \$40,000 in revenue. The Red Raider Club will receive the first 10 percent of game day revenue, which was less than \$10,000 for 2010 and likely to be less than \$20,000 for 2011.

Neither University Parking Services nor the Red Raider Club appear to be losing money in the lease agreement with Raider Park Limited Partnership.

University Parking Services spent \$1,737 on advertising, and both organizations took advantage of free advertising across social media, emails and TechAnnounce.

"The Red Raider Club was offered an opportunity to make a financial commitment to that parking garage, but declined to do so," Fuller said. "The Red Raider Club has no investment in that parking garage, but the alumni association does and that's why they're in a different situation."

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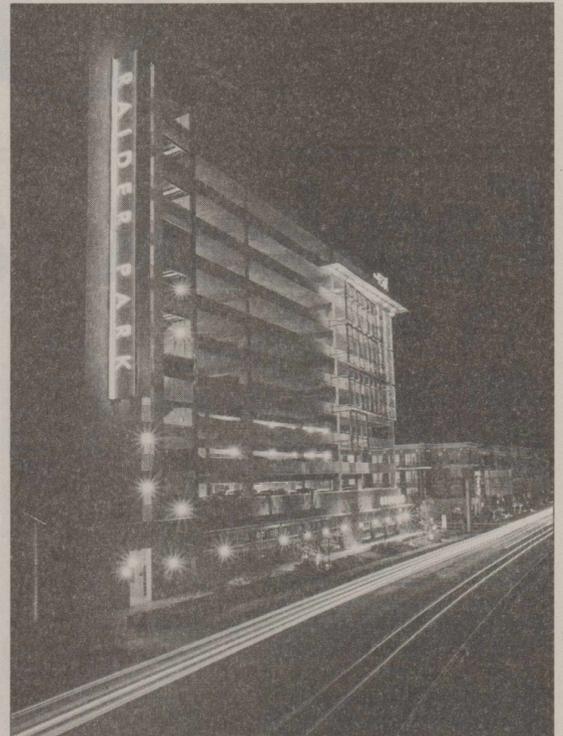


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TEXAS TECH AND the alumni association will likely lose about \$1.2 million because of agreements made with Raider Park Limited Partnership.

along with one of his companies, Tao Development, agreed to pay Tech back for any losses incurred at the end of its eight-year contractual agreement. However, the alumni association does not have any such guarantee.

Sims said the alumni association really loses out.

"It is a \$500,000 hickey to the executives," he said.

Clayton Isom said he would like to make a comment about Raider Park parking garage, but wanted his lawyer present. However, when contacted later in the week to set up an interview, he did not return phone calls.

25Twenty, a student apartment complex located east of the Raider Park parking garage, is leasing 500 parking spaces for its residents.

A community adviser for the apartment complex said Raider Park parking garage is charging 25Twenty \$2,500 a month, or \$30,000 a year. However, the manager said the \$2,500 number was incorrect, but refused to disclose the correct amount.

R&N Investments LLC sold the land 25Twenty occupies to APKSHV Lubbock Limited Partnership, which is headquartered in Houston. The presumed owners of R&N Investments are Rex and Nancy Isom.

The plot of land located on the east side of 25Twenty is owned by R&N Investments, but it is leased to a Clayton Isom entity, which borrowed \$2.8 million from Vista Bank apparently to construct the building on the property now leased to Merrill Lynch.

John Steinmetz, who is on the Board of Regents at Tech, is also the president of Vista Bank and was in Phi Delta Theta when Clayton Isom was in the fraternity. When the renegotiated lease agreement for Raider Park parking garage was presented to the board, Steinmetz recused himself from the vote.

Steinmetz was not available for comment before publication.

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Facebook saved my life

My 21st birthday was this past weekend and it was my weekend to enjoy the bar scene. While I did hit up some trendy and swanky Lubbock bars — please, no laughs — I also hit up a restaurant bar.

I know what you're all thinking: "Wow, this girl is super lame. She went to a chain restaurant on the night of her 21st birthday." Yes, yes I did. The Texas Tech-Oklahoma game was on and my friends and I wanted to watch it. We decided to enjoy a classy margarita with some even classier chips and queso while putting our "Guns Up" during the football game.

When we arrived at the restaurant and sat ourselves, our waiter came over and took our orders. I ordered a drink simply because, heck, I could. I sipped on my fruity margarita and started to fall in love with

Paige Skinner



my waiter. He was super cute, nice and funny. Scratch that. He thinks I'm funny, and that's all the matters.

My friends and I began flirting like college-aged women do. We asked if he was older than 25, to which he responded, "Yes, but barely."

OK, cool. This guy was probably working his way through college after taking a break. I knew a lot about this guy simply from the hour he was my waiter, but I don't want to give too much away, just in case he's reading this article.

We left the restaurant and my amazing — except, not really —

friends gave him my number. I don't really want to fall in love with my waiter, though. Can't I just meet a guy in church?

A few minutes later, I got a text message from him. He asked where we were going later and we told him nowhere.

My friends and I got in the car and drove back to my friend Katie's house. I logged into Facebook to get some details on this waiter guy. I had learned his first, middle and last names during our short time together, so looking him up was no problem.

I typed in his name and, immediately, my eyes saw: "Graduated high school in 1993." Oh my. My flirty waiter graduated from high school in 1993? I was graduating from preschool that year in my Barney dress and pigtailed.

After learning this information, I immediately called our mutual Facebook friend. I knew

she used to work at the restaurant where I had just met this older-than-I-thought gentleman. She answered, and I said, "Give me the low-down on Mr. Waiter."

"Oh," she said. "He's in his mid-30s and has two kids." Oh, perfect. Remember that one time I was almost a stepmom? And, considering this guy graduated from high school in 1993, I'll let you do the math. Hint: his kids could very well be close to my age.

By the time my 21st birthday came and went, I was so thankful for Facebook and all of its creepy information. Without his graduation date and our one mutual friend, I could be a stepmom right now. OK, not really, but you get the point.

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Bank of America: smart investment

By SRIVATS SATISH
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Bank of America Corporation (BAC), the nation's second-largest lender, has been taking a beating in terms of stock value over the past two months, which has led to some financial experts giving up on the prospects of a stock rebound.

Some claim that the potential of a Greek default, lawsuits by AIG and slowing economic growth will hamper B of A's future capital appreciation. I thoroughly disagree with this notion and am still extremely bullish on BAC.

First of all, though the fears of a Greek default are completely valid, investors need to realize the crisis will resolve itself. Political posturing in Europe is no different than the posturing we had to put up with during the debt ceiling debate, which eventually got resolved.

Second of all, the closer the lawsuits come to a resolution, the closer it is that the bank will place toxic disaster Countrywide into bankruptcy, which will eliminate bank liabilities and increase investor confidence.

The New York Stock Exchange has seen volatile swings since the credit crunch of 2008 that led our economy into a position of anemic growth and dissipating hope. The banking sector, which led our economy from 2002 to 2007, has been hit the hardest with the fallout still affecting lenders today.

Bank of America's stock depreciated over this past summer, having fallen by 31.69 percent over the past three months, and has fallen by 8.16 percent this month alone. Currently BAC stands at \$6.64 a share, far from the \$12.34 share price at the start of the year. The stock has been hit fiercely by short sellers,

panic from the potential of a Greek default, bad mortgages and lawsuits because of its ownership of Countrywide and the slowing growth in the general economy.

Market hawks look at the general market and feel that the B of A's weakness will beget more weakness and that the stock is doomed to a fate of \$2 to \$3 a share before a rebound. On the other side of the coin, value investors see the panics in the markets as a perfect time to put more money in and buy B of A shares when they are so cheap now.

I'm with the value investors on this one. In fact, the wealthiest man in the world, Warren Buffett, agrees with this view. Berkshire Hathaway invested \$5 billion into B of A in late August, in a star-studded deal that briefly surged the stock past \$8 a share before the markets corrected back to the mid-\$6 range BAC stands at now. Buffett still maintains his faith in the company as he stated in a September interview that, even though Bank of America is going through problems that will take much longer to clean up, the company and its underlying business is still fine.

I feel that Bank of America remains severely undervalued, as it has

for the past two years, and will rebound in a big way when the general economy gets back to reasonable growth. B of A, as well as every other major bank out there has been taking losses due to fears from Europe and the possibility of Greek default. A Greek default would recreate the hysteria of 2008, when investment bank Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy and AIG underwent a liquidity crisis that called for a huge bailout from the federal government.

We have learned since then, and European leaders have sworn to not let Greece default regardless of the political posturing going on right now there. Although the problems of Europe involve social and political factors, its problems will be resolved, the Germans will contribute more toward helping Greece manage its budget and, similar to the debt negotiations America had to put up with earlier this year, the European deal will get done.

This will renew confidence in all sectors of the market, but especially the financial sector and will give American banks like B of A the boost they need.

Brian Moynihan, the CEO of Bank of America created a plan to get the bank back on track in early September called "Project New BAC," which cuts the size of the bank, increases efficiency in management and cuts tens of millions of dollars worth of idle real estate owned by the bank.

The plan outlines how Bank of America is going to scale down in the future and focus on being the best rather than the biggest bank out there. For

... Warren Buffett will have been proven right and Bank of America will reclaim its strength.

example, the plan cuts the private equity department of the bank, which will save millions over the next few years, as well as cut bank divisions in unprofitable areas.

Rumors have also surfaced that the bank might put Countrywide into bankruptcy as well as spin off Merrill Lynch.

All of this is great news for shareholders, as the bank is looking to cut its costs tremendously over the next few years while still maintaining top market share. This cost cutting will be key to reverse Bank of America's negative earnings per share that is turning off some investors right now.

Overall, the bank is taking a proactive approach to solving its problems and that the infrastructure and strong management it has in place right now will pay off in the future. Moreover, almost any investor can see that the intrinsic value of America's second-largest lender is certainly greater than the \$6.64 a share it stands at today.

The WSJ rates the company as having an average target price of over \$10 and several other notable reports have the banks estimates in the \$10 to \$11 range by the end of the year.

The bank's main problem is its debt, and that will take a few years to resolve. The debt from mortgages has kept the bank down from the mid-\$50 share price before the crisis, and it will take a few years for the bank to get completely healthy again. I am confident that the time will come. Yet again, Warren Buffett will have been proven right and Bank of America will reclaim its strength.

United States could improve African relations by following China's model

By ELIZABETH W. PIKE
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China-Africa relations today are fraught with stereotypes: That China is a neo-colonialist power, that China is only interested in Africa's oil, and that China only does business with African despots.

Underlying these predominantly Western-generated stereotypes, however, is an undeniable truth: Over the past decade, China has been more effective than the West in developing strong relations with African nations.

The success of China's ventures in Africa is apparent upon visiting any of the 48 African nations that China has diplomatic ties with today. From ubiquitous road construction to major resource extraction, the Chinese influence is palpable across Africa.

Employing a practice of combining typical humanitarian aid with business and following a "no strings attached" policy in which the government pledges not to interfere in the domestic affairs of African nations, the Chinese have been extremely proficient in brokering new business deals.

This method radically diverges from the standard United States approach to business in Africa, which has historically placed priority on democracy over development. Although China's policies have drawn strong criticism from Western nations on the grounds of transparency and human-rights issues, they have yielded more tangible economic benefits for both China and its African partners.

The difference in the effectiveness of American and Chinese policy toward Africa has been highlighted in Sudan over months since South Sudan

seceded from Sudan. Earlier this year, the U.S. played a key role in assuring South Sudan's smooth democratic secession from Sudan.

In a New York Times op-ed, President Obama asserted U.S. support for South Sudan in the referendum process, writing that "those who make the right choice will be remembered by history—they will also have a steady partner in the United States." Despite this bold statement of support for the fledgling nation, upon gaining independence, South Sudan and the U.S. have yet to broker any major business deals and the U.S. has largely failed to become otherwise involved in the progress of the new nation as of yet.

On the other hand, ever since the reality of a secession movement began to take root, China has been carefully orchestrating the transition from fully supporting Bashir's regime in Sudan to balancing its interests between both nations.

Knowing that 80 percent of Sudan's oil is produced in South Sudan, China founded a special consulate in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, even before the nation gained independence. From this pre-meditated position, China's ambassador to Sudan, Yang Jiechi, launched into a series of talks this summer with Bashir and the new leader of South Sudan, President Kiir, over the future of the three countries' oil relations. Recognizing the integrated

nature of business between the two countries, China accordingly situated itself in the axis of power, facilitating between the two. While China can do business with Khartoum and Juba, the U.S. cannot enter the South Sudan oil market while oil is still running through pipelines owned and controlled by Sudan, which maintains its position on the State Department's State Sponsors of Terrorism list.

Although China's "no strings attached" policy naturally puts the U.S. at a disadvantage in South Sudan, the U.S. can still learn from China's holistic approach to relations with South Sudan and other African nations.

China has major investments in Africa's natural resources, but contrary to common belief, China has also diligently diversified its business interests in Africa outside of the natural resource sector.

In his visit to South Sudan this past August, Yang made it clear that China is interested in working in areas outside of oil extraction such as, "agriculture, infrastructure [and] construction." This approach will not only allow China to gain the natural resources it needs for development but also help South Sudan gain a foothold in a broad range of markets by partnering with an economic giant.

Although the U.S. is unable to engage in large-scale oil transactions with South Sudan,

policymakers should observe China's foresight and engage in other sectors of the new country's economy. In doing this, the U.S. would not only support South Sudan's struggling economy as President Obama outlined but would also maintain a connection to the South Sudanese business world in preparation for the eventual lifting of sanctions on Sudan.

The most important lesson the U.S. can learn from China is the effectiveness of the Chinese focus on development as the priority in doing business in Africa.

Although it is important for the U.S. to represent democracy worldwide, China's emphasis on economic growth may be more beneficial for African nations. In doing this, China avoids playing the paternalistic role the West has often taken in Africa and instead helps African nations build a foundation of prosperity from which good governance and human rights can hopefully follow.

Ultimately, neither country has a flawless record or strategy in Africa, but both the U.S. and China must be aware of the enormous influence they have to shape the future of African nations due to their sheer economic power.

Going forward, Sino-American relations will be tested as competition for Africa's resources increases and the difference in their policies become more apparent. While tensions will naturally arise, as China and the U.S. both stake claims in different sectors of the African economy, the power of African nations to choose their business partners will increase.

Through competition between these two economic giants, African nations can only become less dependent on one nation and more prosperous overall.

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Developmental genetics professor discusses life, joint fly mutation

By DESTINY BEZRUTCYK
STAFF WRITER

Lewis I. Held, an associate professor of developmental genetics, is in his 25th year with Texas Tech. In that time, he has published two books with a third on the way, more than a dozen scientific essays and the first to discover a fly joint mutation through his research in genetics.

Held grew up in the capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, Va. Though his father knew Confederate soldiers who, at the time, were living in nursing homes, Held said he was not a fan of history until he received his doctorate.

Then, he began to record his family history through interviews with the elder members of his family and put their stories onto paper. Stories from his father's time in World War II were especially important to him.

"I adored my dad," Held said. "He had wonderful stories to tell."

Later, Held's interest in biology led him to pursue a bachelor's of science in life sciences from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of California at Berkeley.

Intellectually, Held said, he is the great-grandson of Nobel Prize winner Thomas Hunt Morgan, who trained Curt Stern, who in turn trained Chiyoko Tokunaga. Held studied under Tokunaga at Berkeley.

"It's one of those fortuitous events in your life that you can't control," Held said of his scholastic pedigree. "It inspired me."

Upon entering the career field, he said he was confronted with a lack of interest at the time in developmental genetics by government researchers.

Though uninterested in teaching

at the time, Held said he began to apply for professorships across the country before being invited to Texas Tech.

"They voted unanimously to hire me, so I took the job and I haven't regretted it," Held said.

It then took 10 years for Held to publish his first book, or his opus as he calls it, "Imaginal Discs: The Genetic and Cellular Logic of Pattern Formation."

Stephen Higgs of the Entomological Society of America recommended it in his review to the thousands of researchers working on fly genetics.

His second book, "Quirks of Human Anatomy: An Evo-Devo Look at the Human Body," explains the developmental side of human evolution.

The book answers questions about, for example, why males have nipples and whether or not humans were once hermaphrodites.

"The book is, at times, humorous and whimsical, but always accurate in addressing the issue," said James M. Williams, a professor at Rush University Medical Center.

Held said there is a specific way he likes to write.

"My sentences tend to be pretty short," he said. "I don't like to wait a long time. I can't read novels, I hate long jokes that my friends tell and I can't read Dilbert or Doonesbury cartoons."

His third book, "How The Snake Lost Its Legs," will cover the evolution and developmental side of quirks in animal evolution.

"The way I've done all my books is more like a child in kindergarten with scissors and glue than a professor trying to prove how smart he is," Held said.

Recently, Held finished research relating to his past discovery of a joint mutation in flies, which is similar to

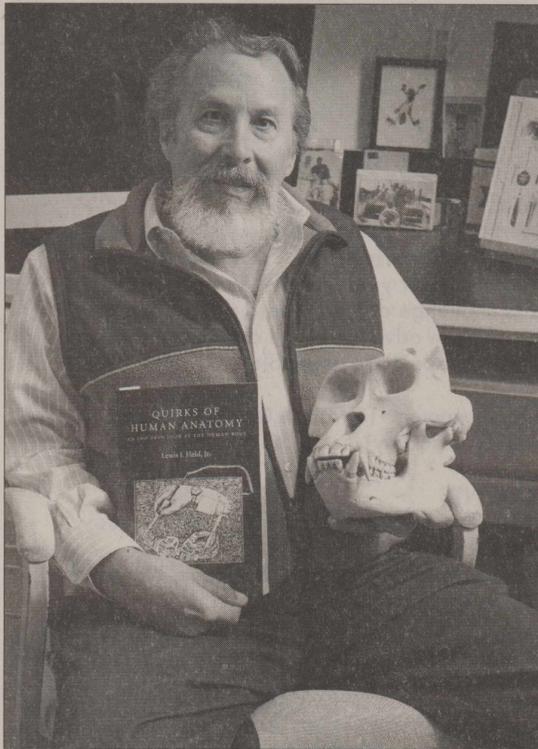


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LEWIS HELD, A biology professor has published two books, one on flies and the other on evolutionary development of humans.

Held said he now is working on compiling the research into scientific essays, but he still enjoys his time with students in the classroom.

"Why become a professor if you're not going to live the life of the mind?" Held said. "It wants to explore, play and pretend. I'm surprised I get paid to do this."

With the experiments complete,

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SOLDERING CIRCUIT



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

SCOTT LIU, A senior electrical engineering major from Gainesville, solders an amplifier circuit in the Electrical Engineering building Monday.

Father of actress Lindsay Lohan arrested in Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The father of actress Lindsay Lohan was arrested Tuesday in Florida on domestic violence charges after police said he grabbed his on-and-off girlfriend's arms and pushed her down multiple times during a daylong argument.

A Tampa Police Department report said one cause of the fight between 51-year-old Michael Lohan and 28-year-old Kathryn Major was a scheduled Tuesday court date in nearby Sarasota County on a previous domestic violence case.

"She had some redness on her arms, some minor bruising and it was determined that he grabbed

her arm and threw her to the ground a couple of times," police spokeswoman Andrea Davis said.

After being placed in custody, Lohan complained of chest pains and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. Davis said he apparently tried to check himself out and leave unnoticed when he thought the officers had departed, but they quickly arrested him.

Lohan, who told police he moved to Tampa to get away from the publicity surrounding his celebrity daughter, was being held at the Hillsborough County Orient Road Jail without bail. There was no indication he had hired an attorney.

Obama mingles with the stars as he raises cash

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Will Smith and basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson for dinner and Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas for post-meal canapés. President Barack Obama waded into the domain of the stars Monday as he hit the California fundraising circuit in one of his busiest donor outreach trips of the season.

Smith, in an elegant three-piece suit, and Johnson, the standout former point guard for the Los Angeles Lakers, were guests at the home of producer James Lassiter and his wife, Mai. About 40 contributors, including actress Hilary Duff, contributed \$35,800 each for a cozy dinner and a chance to chat with the president. Obama, eager to reinvigorate his supporters, ticked off his administration's accomplishments.

"Sometimes I think people forget how much has gotten done," the president said as he urged his backers to rally once again, at the same time joking, as he often does, that he is older and grayer now. "This election won't be as sexy as the first one."

The Lassiter dinner, followed by a larger affair at the home of Griffith and Banderas, were part of a three-day, fundraising-rich swing through Nevada, California and Colorado. California, however, is his biggest donor state and he raised about \$1 million in the Los Angeles area alone during the past two fundraising quarters, according to an Associated Press review of contributions above \$200.

At Banderas' and Griffith's house, its entrance path lined with rose petals and votive candles, Obama told about 120 mostly Latino contributors that he has kept a list of his campaign promises and that, by his count, he has accomplished about 60 percent of them.

"I'm pretty confident we can get the other 40 percent done in the next five years," he said to loud applause.

The Griffith-Banderas event was the first Latino fundraiser for Obama's candidacy, with donors giving at least \$5,000 per person to attend. It featured guests such as actress Eva Longoria, comedian George Lopez, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, and mayors Antonio Villarraigosa of Los Angeles and Julian Castro of San Antonio.

Obama drew the loudest applause when he vowed to tackle an overhaul of immigration laws, a promise from

2008 that has gone unfulfilled in the face of Republican opposition.

Testing a re-election theme, Obama is also telling donors that the country is suffering from an economic crisis and political crisis. "People are crying out for action," he says.

Pointing to elements of his \$447 billion jobs plan that was rejected by Republican lawmakers, Obama said they likely would linger as campaign

issues in 2012.

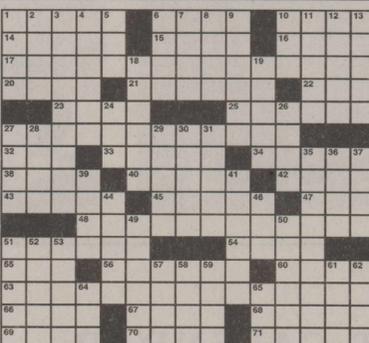
"This is the fight that we're going to have right now, and I suspect this is the fight that we're going to have to have over the next year," Obama told about 240 donors at a fundraising event earlier Monday at the Bellagio hotel and casino in Las Vegas. "The Republicans in Congress and the Republican candidates for president have made their agenda very clear."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Finish using TurboTax, say
- 6 They have scales and keys
- 10 Avon lady, e.g.?
- 14 Pitch man?
- 15 Little bit of everything
- 16 Tip-top
- 17 Latitude between the South Frigid Zone and South Temperate Zone
- 20 Surfboard fin
- 21 Native of Lima
- 22 Novelist Kesey
- 23 Headquarters
- 25 Arms treaty subjects, briefly
- 27 Tried something out
- 32 Cleaned one's plate
- 33 Indian megalopolis
- 34 Copious
- 38 Agent under M
- 40 Highways and byways
- 42 Chimney sweepings
- 43 Lipslick mishap
- 45 Springs, in a way
- 47 Ref's decision
- 48 Test-drove, with "it"
- 51 Environmental activist Jagger
- 54 Copyeditor's catch, hopefully
- 55 Commentator Coulter
- 56 16th-century Spanish fleet
- 60 Science fiction prize
- 63 Macroeconomic theory to explain inflation
- 66 Faded in the stretch
- 67 Dust Bowl migrant
- 68 Denoting a loss, as on a balance sheet
- 69 Every twelve mos.
- 70 Unites
- 71 Napoleon, ultimately



By James Sajdak 10/26/11

DOWN

- 1 Guessimates at Maryland's BWI
- 2 Name on a dictionary
- 3 Involve oneself
- 4 Roughly three miles
- 5 Push the wrong button, e.g.
- 6 Candlelight visitor?
- 7 Et... and others
- 8 Trillionth: Pref.
- 9 "You're not the only one!"
- 10 Block
- 11 Is way cool
- 12 Coastal area
- 13 "The Wonder Years" years
- 18 Whirlybird
- 19 Prefix with mural
- 24 Near the center
- 26 Shady group?
- 27 Ties up the line
- 28 Element element
- 29 High, as a kite
- 30 Quay
- 31 Pitcher Nomo
- 35 "Jeopardy!" category
- 36 Mischief-making Norse god
- 37 Henry VI's school

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Heartbeats

A quick look at what is going on in the Rec Sports world

SPORT CLUBS HIGHLIGHTS

Inline Hockey Results from this past Saturday's Tournament (Austin, TX)
 Tech 4 vs. Sam Houston State 5
 Tech 1 vs. UNT 10
 Tech 6 vs. University of Texas 8
 Tech 5 vs. Sam Houston State 7

Women's Volleyball at Oklahoma State Tournament last weekend
BLACK TEAM: 1st place at the tournament! Beat OSU's Black team in 2 quick games to win the tournament.
RED TEAM: 1st in pool play. Lost to SFA's A-Team in bracket play in 3 close games.

Women's Lacrosse went 0-0-3 at the Quickstix Tournament last weekend at Texas A&M

Congratulations to Men's and Women's Soccer for qualifying for the Region IV Soccer Tournament this weekend at UT-Dallas (Richardson, TX)! Both clubs will be competing for a bid for the NCCS National Championships in Phoenix, AZ!

UPCOMING OPC EVENTS

- The Ski Shop will open the week of Thanksgiving. Equipment reservations begin November 7.
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Aquatics



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AP Source: Big 12 approves WVU to replace Missouri

(AP) — The Big 12 has a replacement lined up for Missouri before it even leaves the conference.

The Big East, meanwhile, is in danger of losing another school before replacing the three that already have bailed on the league.

Acting quickly to make sure it maintains a 10-member lineup, the Big 12 approved bringing in West Virginia to replace Missouri when the Tigers complete their move to the Southeastern Conference, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Texas Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said he thought this move

is an intriguing one and it makes sense in some ways.

"Interesting, you know," Tuberville said. "I've got some experience, going there, playing against them, coaching against them. It's a long ways away.... But, I guess they looked at it in terms of tradition, and, you know, being able to get in on the East Coast with television, which makes a lot of sense. They didn't ask me."

The person who spoke about the potential move did so on condition of anonymity because the Big 12 had not announced that the conference board of directors on Monday unanimously approved inviting West Virginia when Missouri's spot comes open.

The move is another step toward stabilizing a Big 12 that seemed on the verge of collapse about a month ago when Texas and Oklahoma were pondering a move to the Pac-12.

On the other side, West Virginia's pending departure from the Big East, which has lost two members and one member-to-be in the last six weeks, leaves the embattled conference facing another crisis.

The Big East is trying to reconfigure as a 12-team football league and has been courting Boise State, Navy and Air Force as football-only members and Central Florida, SMU and Houston for all sports. Commissioner John Marinatto met with officials from some of

those schools Sunday in Washington.

Because there is no timetable for Missouri to complete its expected departure from the Big 12 — and the league's board of directors expressed "a strong desire" for Missouri to stay — there is no timetable for West Virginia to receive a formal invitation, the person said.

But West Virginia will accept an invitation from the Big 12 once it is offered, the person said.

During an interview Tuesday with KFRU-AM in Columbia, Mo., Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton said it would be "days" or "a week or two" before the school announced its decision.

Interim Big 12 Commissioner

Chuck Neinas has said he expects Missouri to compete in the Big 12 in 2012, though Deaton has said that if Missouri does make a move, he'd like the Tigers to be playing in their new conference next fall.

Missouri would become the SEC's 14th member and join Texas A&M, which made its move from the Big 12 official earlier this month.

A report reviewed by Missouri officials and obtained by the AP earlier this month stated a move to the SEC from the Big 12 could net the school as much as an extra \$12 million in revenue a year.

— Editor's note: Managing Editor Jose Rodriguez contributed to this story.

Brown leaves Tech women's basketball team

The Lady Raiders basketball team announced sophomore guard Antiesha Brown has decided to leave the program, effective immediately.

Texas Tech head coach Kristi Curry said she hopes nothing but the best for Brown in whatever she pursues herein.

"We certainly wish Antiesha (Brown) nothing but the best in the classroom and on the court," Curry said in a news release.

Brown, who graduated from Clovis High School in Clovis, N.M., played in seven games for the Lady Raiders in her freshman year at Tech. In those seven games, she averaged about six minutes per game off the bench. Her highest-scoring game of four points came last year against UTA on Dec. 1.

Brown said she liked playing for the Lady Raiders, but said her lack of playing time and her eagerness to make an impact on a team led her to this decision.

"I have really enjoyed my time at Texas Tech and am grateful to my teammates and coaches for my experience as a Lady Raider," Brown said in the same news release. "It is my desire to find a program where I can have a bigger impact on the court."

During her time in high school, Brown made a major impact for Clovis, where she was named first-team all-district every year except as a freshman, was District Player of the Year in her junior and senior seasons and was named first-team all-state in her senior season as well. She is also the all-time leader in points — at 1,673 — and steals in school history.

Rangers lean on Lewis' arm for Game 6

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It's already been a productive postseason for Colby Lewis. Next up, a shot at the biggest prize yet.

In Game 6 of the World Series on Wednesday night, Lewis gets the first chance to pitch the Texas Rangers to their first title. No doubt while pitching oh-so-carefully against Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals, he'll be leaning on past October triumphs.

"Well, you definitely think when you're in a kid, you want to be in this position, be on this stage," Lewis said. "I think just being in the situation that we were last year throughout the playoffs gives you more of an edge, more relaxation. That's for sure."

Jaime Garcia is back home where he's most comfortable, and the wild-card Cardinals are back in a familiar win-or-go-home mode, heading into a mound rematch from Game 2.

Three of Garcia's four postseason starts have been at Busch Stadium and the 25-year-old lefty has a 1.93 ERA at home. He outpitched Lewis in the first matchup with seven innings of scoreless, three-hit ball before the bullpen failed in a 2-1 loss.

Garcia was in top form in Game 2 with seven strikeouts and one walk.

"It's been the same for me the last

two months basically, and I'm still going to try to do the same thing. Don't change anything, don't try to do too much because this is the World Series. That's kind of how I feel," he said.

Lewis beat the New York Yankees in the clinching Game 6 in the AL championship series last year. He doesn't mind being on the road, getting nine of his 14 wins with a 3.43 ERA, and has been stingy all postseason with a 2.95 ERA.

Facing Lewis in Game 2, the Cardinals were limited to one run on four hits with one extra-base hit in 6 1-3 innings. Manager Ron Washington expects to see the same pitcher again, and is confident there'll be zero stage fright.

"He totally believes in what he's trying to do out there," Washington said. "He never gets away from what he does best. Colby never doubts what he's capable of doing, and I think that's what makes him apart from some guys at this stage."

Garcia had plenty of must-win starts in September, steeling him for the postseason. The Cardinals overtook the faltering Braves on the final day of the season and Garcia was a key contributor, going 3-0 the final month.

Tech seeks first conference victory against Baylor

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team will try to snap its seven-game losing streak against Baylor on Wednesday night at home.

After a 0-8 start in Big 12 Conference play, the Red Raiders will vie for their seemingly elusive first conference win against a team Tech has not defeated since its 2004 season.

The seven-year winless drought against the Bears needs to be broken, Tech coach Don Flora said.

"It's too long," he said. "It's a good match-up and we like it. There are pieces to the puzzle where we pressure them, and there are things that they do where they pressure us. We like the match-up and the opportunity."

Tech is coming off a loss at Kansas, where it won the first set but lost the next three sets to drop the match against a team that was, coming into the game, also winless in conference play.

The match Wednesday will start the second leg of conference play. Flora said Tech should be strong in its upcoming game because this is the second time it will face Baylor this year. "Last time we came out and

popped them pretty good early on, we were playing pretty smooth, and then they got us in game one," he said. "If we can stay within what we do well, consistently, we will be alright."

Tech plays its best volleyball in United Spirit Arena, the first-year head coach said.

"The important part is that it's nice that it's at home," Flora said. "We can harness the idea of sleeping on our own pillows and being able to eat the food that we want and have that support. And our fan base has been great. Our last two big-time five-game matches were home games."

Breann David will be an important factor against the Bears, he said.

"We've got to have Bree (David)," Flora said. "Bree has got to step up her numbers, kill percentage-wise. When Bree is good and Bree is rolling, we're hard to stop."

The Baylor match was her worst of the season, David said.

"I didn't feel like I did very good," she said. "It was just really bad, but now that we've already played them once, we know more of what to expect."

David posted 10 kills in the match at Waco earlier this season.

Tech has not given up and will continue to push for its first conference

win, she said.

"We haven't had a conference win yet, so, of course, we're wanting that really bad," David said. "I think that our determination is going to keep us going, and we're going to get a big win."

The home court advantage will give the Red Raiders a boost they didn't have against Baylor in Waco, Tech senior Amanda Dowdy said.

"We'll have our fans behind us," she said. "I'm sure we're going to have a good crowd. It's been awesome this year. So, home court advantage will be our main advantage in this match. We've played our best matches here at home, so hopefully that will be the driving force behind us."

Dowdy leads the team in kills and recently moved to No. 2 in school history for kills during the Texas A&M match Oct. 19.

The team will learn from their first match with Baylor and take a different approach to the match Wednesday, she said.

"We will learn from what we did last time," Dowdy said, "knowing what we did and what we can do better. And also just their tendencies — we can learn from them too."

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Billy

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Although the Red Raiders lack experience — this year's team will consist of nine freshman players — Gillispie said his team is not looking to make excuses.

"We're going to hang some banners in here before it's all said and done," Gillispie said. "Our team is not looking to win next year. We're trying to win this year."

Senior forward Robert Lewandowski said he appreciates all of the fans and the support they have given to the team throughout his career at Tech.

"This is year four for me, and I couldn't ask for more from the fans," he said. "I'm going to give it all I've got this year and I'm

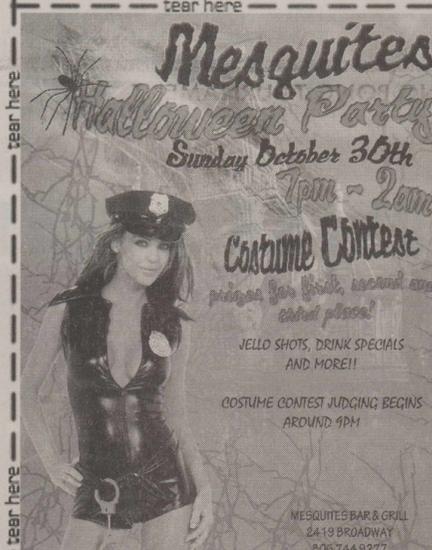
sure we all will."

Gillispie said the team has a long way to go before they can play hard enough to compete at the highest level, but he is pleased with how the team has progressed in the past few weeks.

"The team is working as hard as anyone can possibly work, their attitudes are as good as anyone can possibly have and we have all of the intangibles present," Gillispie said. "We're not anything special yet, but it's fun going to practice every day. I'm very proud of these guys."

The Red Raiders will face Southwest Oklahoma State in an exhibition game as their first opponent of the season Nov. 3 at United Spirit Arena. Gillispie said he expects the arena to be packed with Red Raider fans on game day.

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Notebook: Tuberville talks Iowa State, injury update

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
MANAGING EDITOR

Trap games often are categorized as contests in which one team underestimates its opponent because of what it may have recently accomplished or because of what lies ahead.

If Texas Tech were to select a specific date as its trap game this year, Saturday's meeting with Iowa State likely would fit the mold.

After all, the Red Raiders were dealt a 52-38 loss by the Cyclones in Ames, Iowa, last season in a game in which Tech was favored.

Coming off an upset of a then-No. 3 Oklahoma team in Norman, Okla., it could be easy to see how Tech could suffer a letdown against the Cyclones, considering Iowa State's winless record in Big 12 Conference play thus far.

Iowa State's three wins this year were against Northern Iowa, Iowa and Connecticut.

Additionally, Iowa State has fared better in two games at home, where it has been outscored 70-31 compared to 101-43 in a total of two games on the road.

However, the Cyclones have not been able to keep opponents from scoring in bunches all season long. Iowa State ranks 115th out of 120 FBS teams in points allowed, giving up an average of 35.9 points per game.

The statistics probably will not matter to Tuberville.

Following a "slow" practice Tuesday, Tuberville said Tech needs to get over thoughts of the Oklahoma win if it looks to win this weekend.

"We've got to get our heads out of the clouds," he said, "and get our minds on what we're getting ready to face. We're facing a hungry team."



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH HEAD coach Tommy Tuberville answers questions during the news conference after Tech's 41-38 victory against Oklahoma on Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

Injury updates

The healing process has not picked up speed for Tech linebacker Pete Robertson.

Robertson, who injured his shoulder against Nevada, has not been able to go full speed since and was limited in practice last week.

Tuberville said Robertson struggles to simply lift his shoulder, so participating in full-contact practices is out of the question.

If Robertson fails to be able to go full speed within the next two weeks, Tuberville said Robertson is likely to take a medical redshirt, effectively ending his season.

"Maybe by the Texas game," Tuberville said, "if he's not ready to go, we'll

just keep him out and get him (back at) 100 percent."

Also dealing with lingering effects from an injury is offensive tackle Mickey Okafor.

Okafor suffered an injury against Nevada on Sept. 24 as well.

Okafor's ability to play Saturday will be crucial, considering the changes Tech's offensive line has endured all year.

That trend continued during Tech's upset of the Sooners this past Saturday, when center Justin Keown was taken out after two plays against Oklahoma.

Deveric Gallington, normally Tech's starting right guard, replaced Keown at center, forcing a shuffle within the line.

Gallington's inexperience at center was evident, as he had several low snaps to quarterback Seth Doege throughout the game.

As far as things stood Tuesday, Keown's status for Saturday was unclear, though it's likely to be in the form of a very limited role.

"Keown might have a chance to be a backup," Tuberville said, "if something were to happen where we move Gallington back up. But, I don't see him practicing any at all until Thursday."

"By Saturday, I think he can give us some plays, if it got to that."
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Gillispie welcomes fans to Basketball with Billy



PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH SOPHOMORE Javarez Willis tries to guard the ball from freshman Terran Petteway during the Basketball with Billy event Tuesday in United Spirit Arena.

By MIKE GUTIERREZ
STAFF WRITER

Red Raider basketball fans were given the opportunity to join head coach Billy Gillispie and the Texas Tech men's basketball team at Basketball with Billy on Tuesday.

This all-access practice event gave fans a chance to enjoy food and beverages as they watched the Red Raiders perform their daily practice routine.

Once the practice concluded, Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt thanked everyone in attendance and introduced Gillispie.

Hocutt said there is no question that Gillispie is the best man in the country to lead the Red Raider basketball program in the coming years.

"(Gillispie's) work ethic is unmatched," Hocutt said. "His care, his love and his dedication to the young men he is working with every day is second to no other head coach I've ever been around. He's a proven leader and he wants to be at Texas Tech University."

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