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## Tech student taken into custody after shooting incident

### Elderly woman shot dead, caretaker injured in Slaton

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**  
NEWS EDITOR

Samson Blake Oguntope, 21, a Texas Tech student, is in police custody and is considered a suspect in regard to a Tuesday afternoon shooting that left one woman dead and another

in the hospital.

Slaton Chief of Police Steven Wheeler said Oguntope, a Houston native, is in custody after an initial police search and has been questioned by members of the Slaton Police Department. Oguntope was found at his home at 8:30 p.m. at 1450 North

Knoxville in Lubbock where he is believed to have been under the influence of narcotics.

Wheeler said he believes Oguntope is connected in a shooting which led to the death of an elderly woman, and put her 24-year-old caretaker in the hospital after she was also shot.

Lubbock County personnel said the shooting involved a possible sexual assault at a house in the 1400 block of West Crosby, near Slaton High School.

Authorities said Oguntope made entry into the home and a confrontation led to the death of the elderly woman.

The woman's caretaker was able to alert neighbors and was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock where she underwent surgery.

Eric Finley of UMC said he cannot comment on the condition of the victims, but Wheeler said he visited the hospital and spoke with the younger woman.

Because of the incident, Slaton schools were on lockdown until 4:45 p.m.

Police officials believe the act was random and Oguntope did not know either of the victims.

Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing said while Oguntope is enrolled at Tech, the university cannot release his classification, major or any other details because it is classified information.

Britton Drown, assistant director of athletics communications at Tech, said Oguntope was a walk-on member of the men's track team. Drown said the student started in Fall 2009 and was cut from the team April 20, 2010.

"The coaches don't even remember who he was," Drown said. "He only ran three races. He wasn't a scholarship athlete or recruited by Texas Tech, he was just a walk-on."

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## Tuberville's wife under investigation

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The man hit by Tommy Tuberville's wife in a car wreck at 57th and Slide in November 2011, died Friday.

Suzanne Tuberville could be facing manslaughter or criminally negligent homicide charges pending the autopsy results of Ira Purdy, 87.

After reading *The Daily Toreador* story online, Sgt. Jonathan Stewart with the Lubbock Police Department called *The Daily Toreador* and said LPD has not made a decision if any charges will be filed, since it is an ongoing investigation.

On Nov. 1, 2011, Suzanne Tuberville ran a red light and hit an elderly couple in their car. The Purdys sustained injuries, which caused them to be hospitalized at University Medical Center.

Ira Purdy was transferred from UMC to a rehabilitation center and then to a care center, where he died.

Stewart said the investigation is still open due to the extent of the injuries one of the passengers sustained, and the recent death of Purdy.

He said no citation was issued at the scene of the crime due to the physical condition of one of the passengers. However, a source close to the Purdys said a citation was issued six weeks

after the wreck.

The source close to the Purdys said they are disheartened with LPD's investigation of the accident.

A prominent Lubbock criminal lawyer told *The Daily Toreador* many times state prosecutors will charge people who run red lights resulting in a death with criminally negligent homicide or even manslaughter, which carries a higher penalty than criminally negligent homicide. Whether this happens, he said, will usually depend on other circumstances, such as speeding, which could be evidence of recklessness or criminal negligence.

Nelda Purdy, 73, has almost fully recovered from her injuries and is hoping to seek action for her husband's death and her hospital stay.

Blayne Beal, associate athletic director of communications, said Tommy Tuberville gives his condolences to the family.

Members of the Lubbock District Attorney's office said they are waiting for LPD to finish the investigation before the district attorney can decide to prosecute Suzanne Tuberville.

Quetha Derryberry, the senior investigator at the Lubbock Medical Examiner's office, has not returned phone calls.

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## Terrorism suspect found competent enough for trial

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**  
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U.S. District Court Judge Sam Cummings ruled Tuesday that Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, a former Texas Tech student and alleged terrorist, is competent enough to stand trial on April 30.

The judge set the date for Tuesday's competency hearing after receiving Aldawsari's mental health evaluation from the Federal Detention Center in Springfield, Mo.

Cummings ordered a psychiatric evaluation for Aldawsari on Nov. 10 after his attorneys stated their intent to use insanity as a defense.

The motion for a psychiatric ex-

amination was unopposed by the U.S. government. Cummings also ordered an exam to determine if Aldawsari was insane at the time of his arrest.

Aldawsari's defense team, which currently consists of Rod Hobson of Lubbock and Dan Cogdell and Paul Doyle of Houston, claimed Aldawsari did not understand the nature of his actions and he also did not understand the charges filed against him.

They said he could not adequately assist in his own defense because of his current mental state.

Aldawsari's attorneys also said Aldawsari appears to be suffering from severe delusional visions and beliefs.

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## WEIGHT WATCHING



KYLE RIZOS, A freshman business major from Dallas, lifts weights at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Tuesday.

PHOTOS BY LAUREN PAPE/ *The Daily Toreador*

## Students share views on donating plasma

### Students donate plasma to save lives, make more money

By **PAIGE SKINNER**  
STAFF WRITER

Having a needle stuck in your arm once or twice a week is a normal thing for some Texas Tech students.

These students consider donating plasma as a good way to earn some extra cash to use toward paying rent, bills or anything else.

Melissa Marszycki, a junior nutritional sciences major from El Paso, said she donates plasma twice a week and earns about \$60 to \$75 to go toward paying her bills.

She said she has never really asked what her plasma is used for, but she knows plasma is used in the body to transport medications.

While wearing a bandage on her arm after donating, Marszycki said, she often gets asked about

it. She recommends other people donate plasma if they want to help people or need extra cash.

"Because I mean, regardless of whether I know what it's going toward or not, I'm sure it's going toward a good cause," Marszycki said. "So in return of getting paid for it, you're doing actually something for somebody else who can use that."

Wade Redman, assistant professor of clinical laboratory sciences, said plasma is the liquid part of the blood.

"It compromises a lot of proteins, antibodies and a lot of coagulation factors," he said.

If someone is donating to United Blood Services, the plasma can be used to save lives.

While Marszycki has had success with donating plasma, Parker White has only donated once and

does not plan on doing it again.

The sophomore interior design major from Denton said she decided to donate plasma because she needed some gas money to go home and visit her friends, but said her experience of donating plasma did not go very well.

She said she was at DCI Biologicals, "The Plasma Center," from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. because she had to complete a physical and fill out paperwork since it was her first time donating.

She said donating goes in cycles and during the end of the first cycle she began to feel bad.

"At the end of the first cycle, when they're returning the blood into me, I started getting lightheaded and sweaty," White said. "I guess you could say I almost blacked out, because my vision kind of narrowed. There was a doctor there and they told us to let them know if we started to feel funny, so I let them know. They came over and put an ice pack on my chest and neck and they told me, 'Give it a second as

the blood returns. You'll feel back to normal."

The second cycle went fine and was normal, she said.

During the third cycle White said she had some more difficulties but the phlebotomist, the person taking her plasma, finished the cycle.

"They finally finished and I was done," she said. "Then, they decided to give me saline just to rehydrate me since it had been kind of a rough first time and so I was feeling back to normal, just kind of a little lightheaded."

DCI Biologicals did not return phone calls when asked to answer questions about donating plasma.

White said donating plasma is someone's personal choice, but she does not plan on doing it again.

Redman said there are not any major health risks involved with donating plasma because the phlebotomist make sure the person is healthy before donating.

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# Tech experts receive award for research

By NICOLE MOLTER  
STAFF WRITER

Experts Michael Finke and Duncan Williams, from the Texas Tech Department of Personal Financial Planning, recently received an award for research that questions one-size-fits-all retirement plans. The Academic Thought Leadership Award is given each year, said Finke, an associate professor in personal financial planning and doctoral program coordinator.

He said Allianz, a company involved in retirement income products, funded the award.

Finke and doctoral candidate Williams flew to Boston and presented their research in front of a group of industry professionals from the Retirement Income Industry Association.

"It gave us an opportunity to show the research we're doing

at Texas Tech in the Department of Personal Financial Planning that's related to how people should allocate their assets and decumulate their assets in retirement," Finke said. "Our approach was a new, more systematic, approach that explains how people should optimally approach retirement decumulation."

Finke and Williams believe retirement income is among the most important topics in financial planning today.

Their study was published in the *Retirement Management Journal*, Finke said.

"The article is titled 'Determining Optimal Withdrawal Rates: An Economic Approach,'" said Williams, co-author of the article. "It includes risk tolerance and risk capacity and considers retirement resources outside of your portfolio in determining the

optimal withdrawal rate."

Clients' risk tolerance and how other income sources, like pension or social security, are factors and should be included in a retirement plan, Finke said.

"If you have a higher pension then that changes your optimal asset allocation in retirement and also changes how much you can reasonably take out of your assets every year to fund your retirement income," he said.

This plan is more specialized than other retirement plans because a scientific approach was taken into the research, Finke said.

"There have been a few different approaches in the past," Finke said. "Our approach incorporated characteristics like risk tolerance, retirement and how people should allocate their assets in retirement optimally."

Williams said he believes

there has been a general lack of research on the topic.

"I think this provides a fresh approach to an area of research that is not very well developed, but is critically important to retirees," he said.

Tech is already well known within this industry, Finke said.

"It increases the exposure of this department," he said. "Doing this type of research helps establish our profile within the profession."

Tech is currently hosting a bootcamp for the Retirement Management Analyst designation. Francois Gadenne, the executive director of the sponsoring body of both the RMA and the *Retirement Management Journal* will be attending.

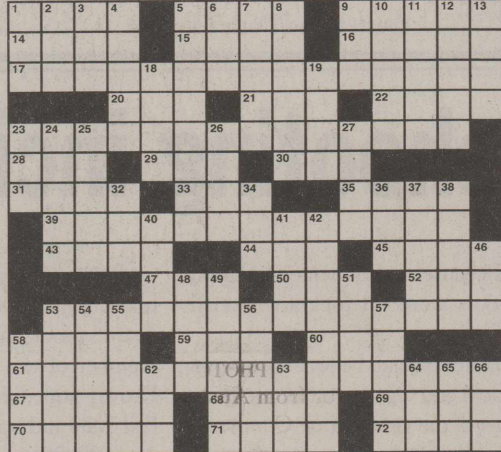
Finke and Williams will both be presenting Thursday morning on topics related to their research.

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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  - 5 South Seas tuber
  - 9 Oceans
  - 14 Like the team before @, on schedules
  - 15 Not much
  - 16 Hotel courts
  - 17 Best Original Song Oscar winner from ... Disney's "Pocahontas"
  - 20 Little one
  - 21 -izu
  - 22 On the calmer side
  - 23 ... Disney's "Aladdin"
  - 28 Headache
  - 29 WSJ headline
  - 30 ... rock; music genre
  - 31 Faux pas
  - 33 Bars with hidden prices?
  - 35 Evensong?
  - 39 ... Disney's "Song of the South"
  - 43 Wed. vis-à-vis Thu.
  - 44 Reed of The Velvet Underground
  - 45 Expat, as lava
  - 47 Western treaty gp.
  - 50 Periods prec. soccer shootouts
  - 52 Before, poetically
  - 53 ... Disney's "Mary Poppins"
  - 58 French city mostly destroyed in 1944
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  - 60 Tyler of "Jersey Girl"
  - 61 ... Disney's "Monsters, Inc."
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- DOWN**
- 1 Broly user's garment
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  - 3 '20s White House nickname



By Gareth Bain 2/22/12

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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7 Sight site  
8 Bilingual Canadian city  
9 John who explored the Canadian Arctic  
10 Openly hostile  
11 Showy extra  
12 Like tridents  
13 Marquis de  
18 Three-sixty in a canoe  
19 Coyote call  
23 Grain beard  
24 Suffering from vertigo  
25 Legendary skater  
26 "bnay!"  
27 Sgt. Snorkel's dog  
32 Covert ... spy stuff  
34 Disney frame  
36 Some mag spreads  
37 Flat hand, in a game  
38 Khan: "The Jungle Book" tiger  
40 Elemental bit

41 Judgment Day  
42 Blow away in competition  
46 Pint-size  
48 Low-pH substance  
49 Crudely built home  
51 Switchblade  
53 Tables-on-the-street restaurants  
54 "Ho"; Dwarfs' song

55 Non-mainstream film  
56 Prefix with mural  
57 Civil rights activist  
58 "Farewell, cara mia"  
62 Metaphor words  
63 Skirt line  
64 Asian plow puller  
65 Vague pronoun  
66 Hawaiian strings

## PROP PROTOTYPE



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MICHAEL NICHOLS, A freshman civil engineering major from El Paso, works on a constructing a gatling gun to use as a movie prop inside the Civil and Environment Engineering building Tuesday.

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## Aldawsari

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Cogdell asked Cummings to seal his client's medical reports, so Aldawsari's psychological examination will not be made available to the public.

A suppression hearing was also set in March to determine whether the evidence uncovered leading to the accused's arrest was obtained illegally and should not be revealed to the jury during the April 30 trial, or if the evidence is protected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

A court hearing took place Oct. 29, 2011 for Cummings to consider a defense motion challenging the use of certain evidence in the upcoming trial. The motion also asked Cummings

to let the defense team see the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act materials, which are classified and sealed.

They claimed the FISA is unconstitutional and the evidence obtained does not fall under the scope of FISA because the purpose of the FBI's search was to carry out a criminal investigation and not to gather foreign intelligence.

Aldawsari entered the United States in September 2008 and transferred to Tech in August 2009 as a chemical engineering major. He then transferred to South Plains College in Leveland in January 2011 as a business major, because of his failing grades at Tech.

Aldawsari, who was born April 24, 1990, has citizenship from Saudi Arabia. However, immigration records state he

was lawfully admitted into the country via his F-1 student visa.

Carolina Biological Supply in Burlington, N.C., first notified FBI agents Feb. 1, 2011 of a suspicious purchase of phenol made by Aldawsari. Phenol is defined as a toxic chemical with a variety of uses, including the making of trinitrophenol, an explosive more commonly known as TNP.

The FBI conducted a search of Aldawsari's apartment Feb. 14, 2011 with an order under FISA, where they then found a notebook with Arabic writing inside. The police report states the journal confirmed Aldawsari had been planning to commit a terrorist attack in the United States for years.

He was arrested Feb. 23, 2011. If convicted, Aldawsari could face life in prison.

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## CANOE CUTTING

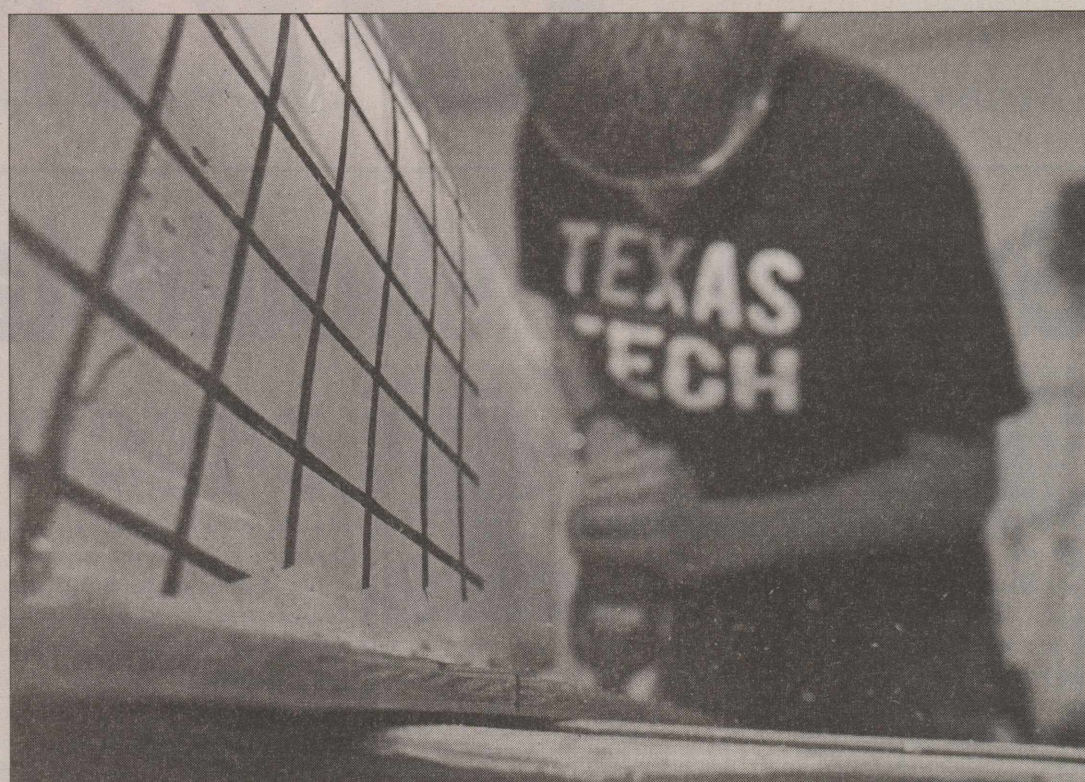


PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador  
CHAD OSTRANDER, A senior civil engineering major from Austin, uses a jigsaw to cut the cross section of a concrete canoe for the National Concrete Canoe Competition. The competitors race the canoe and are later judged on the technical aspects.

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## Texas man guilty in sexual assault of ex-neighbor

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A Texas man who abducted his former neighbor and tortured the woman while holding her captive for nearly two weeks was convicted Tuesday.

Jeffrey Allan Maxwell, 59, faces up to life in prison after being found guilty of aggravated kidnapping and two counts of aggravated sexual assault. Jurors, who took less than an hour to convict Maxwell, will hear more evidence during the trial's punishment phase set to begin Wednesday.

After the judge read the verdict, the victim shared hugs with some people in the courtroom and later smiled. She declined comment.

She testified last week that Maxwell abducted her from her rural home at gunpoint March 1 after beating her in the face and shackling her hands and legs. Then he drove 100 miles away to his Corsicana house, 50 miles south of Dallas. She was rescued 12 days later when authorities went to question

him about her disappearance after her house burned down.

The woman told jurors that he whipped her and sexually assaulted her on a deer-skinning device in his garage and that she endured several more assaults as she was held captive for 12 days. She testified that he kept her chained to a bed and gagged during the first several days, and one day he locked her in a wooden box when he left to run errands.

She said Maxwell got sick after she'd been there about eight days, so he stopped the assaults and then left her unrestrained during the day when they were in the same room.

"What this defendant, Jeff Maxwell, did is monstrous. It is frankly unimaginable and it's inhuman, and it's time to hold him accountable," Parker County prosecutor Jeff Swain told jurors during closing arguments, adding that DNA evidence found on items at Maxwell's house supported the victim's account.

The Associated Press generally does not identify victims of sexual assault.

But defense attorneys, who presented no evidence during the trial, had questioned the woman's credibility, reminding jurors that she initially said Maxwell was her friend and didn't want him arrested when she ran out of his house March 12, shocking authorities who had gone there to question Maxwell about her disappearance. The woman earlier told jurors that during her initial interview with authorities, she was trying to keep her promise not to implicate Maxwell — made when she feared for her life — and that he also had convinced her that someone had hired him to kill her.

Defense attorneys also said authorities took pictures of the items in Maxwell's home before obtaining a search warrant, and that an investigator violated the law by telling him that telling his side of the story would help him. They urged jurors

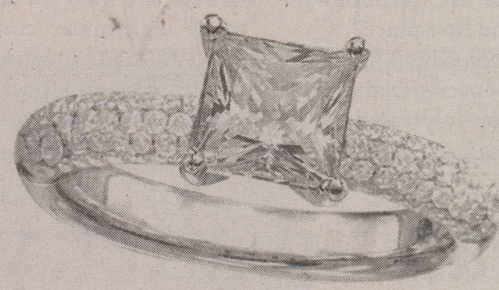
to disregard whips, blood-stained sheets and other evidence, as well as his recorded interviews.

"You're probably not going to want to do that, but the law is the law," defense attorney Richard Alley told jurors, later adding that jurors could put whatever "twist" on the case they wanted. "Is this case disturbing? Yes — on multiple levels, whether it involves criminal activity or not."

During several hours of questioning, Maxwell eventually gives details of the kidnapping and describes the sexual assault on the device, which he says he made for cleaning hogs and deer. He says he chained the woman to the bed every night but also let her read the Bible. He is heard telling the investigator that he never planned to kill her and thought of letting her go after her bruises healed.

"I got myself into something I couldn't figure out how to get out of," he tells the investigator.

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## Napolitano reviews South Texas border operations

MCALLEN (AP) — The recent reviews of deportation cases to focus on illegal immigrants who have committed crimes or previously been deported is a necessity and shouldn't demoralize U.S. Border Patrol agents, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors have been reviewing thousands of deportation cases in recent months in an effort to focus resources on such cases. That has left many immigrants who have lived in the U.S. illegally for years in a legal limbo, neither achieving legal status nor facing immediate deportation.

Napolitano, a former Arizona governor, told reporters at a Border Patrol station five miles from the Rio Grande that recently apprehended illegal immigrants remain a priority, but that existing cases must be prioritized to make best use of resources.

"We want to protect public safety and protect the integrity of the immigration system," Napolitano said. "We want to prioritize removing from the country those who have committed crimes in addition to violating our nation's immigration laws."

George McCubbin III, president of the National Border Patrol Council that represents agents, echoed the rank-and-file agents' concerns about using more discretion in deportation cases.

"It's just another tool for the administration to allow people to stay here," said McCubbin, a Border Patrol agent assigned to the Tucson, Ariz., sector. "It's a backdoor way toward the overall goal, which is amnesty."

Before Napolitano spoke, about 30 people from local civil rights organizations protested outside carrying signs calling for immigration reform, something Napolitano repeated in her remarks.

Sergio Narvaez, a 63-year-old from Mission, said people who come to work should be respected and deportations should be halted except for those convicted of crimes.

Data released Tuesday by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University showed that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement initiated 39,331 deportation cases in the final three months of 2011 — about one

third fewer than in the previous quarter. Even adjusted for seasonal variance, it appeared there were about 10,000 fewer cases than would be expected, according to a statement from TRAC.

"Even with fewer filings there is little evidence that these cases are being better targeted toward serious criminals," the statement said.

Earlier Tuesday, Napolitano met with area border sheriffs. She said they confirmed that U.S. border communities have so far avoided anything approaching the level of

drug-related violence seen across the border in Mexico.

"There are undoubtedly some crimes that occur that are related to drugs, let me not underestimate that," Napolitano said. "We know. But the kind of violence that you're seeing on the Mexican side where it's really cartel on cartel, cartel against law enforcement in a sustained, organized way, that kind of spillover violence we have not seen."

"I think we can be ahead of and will be ahead of any kind of systemic spillover violence," she added.

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## Grammys should take note on Oscars

A few weeks ago, like most music lovers, I was watching the Grammy Awards show on music's so-called "biggest night."

It was a night of criticism and pessimism as many people around the country commented on the death of an infamous icon and the disregard for two of music's greats. Yet, my attention was not fixed on the sideshow performances or the overhanging gloom of Whitney Houston's death; my interest laid with the nominees and the winners of music's most prestigious awards.

I know what you are thinking, how can I be wrapped up in these meaningless awards while some of the biggest performers on the planet are desperately trying to steal my attention away from the only reason why such people are gathered together in the first place?

Call me crazy, but I found the collection of geriatric musicians and ridiculously dressed artists

**Nick Maggio**



rather annoying. In light of this, I began forming numerous questions about the music industry as a whole. Are these awards, such as "Album of the Year," truly deserving of their merit?

Has every single album made in the past year been listened to, analyzed and considered for musical achievement? These questions led to a great discovery and an interesting comparison between the Grammys and film's biggest night: the Academy Awards.

I felt the comparison between the two award shows to be legitimate, considering the similarities between the film and music industries. The awards also resemble each other,

with "Album of the Year" mirroring "Best Picture."

However, there is a glaring difference between the two industries when faced with analyzing these award shows. It is obvious everyone has heard Adele's "Someone Like You" a thousand times on the radio,

and the same goes for Katy Perry and Lady Gaga's recent songs. So, it is no surprise every album nominated for "Album of the Year" finished in the 2011 Billboard's Top 10 for album sales.

On the other hand, not a single Top 10 highest grossing film in 2011 was nominated for "Best Picture," and only a handful were nominated for any Oscar.

Every single Grammy winner in a major category, except for Bon Iver, had a song or album part of Billboard's Top 10 in sales for 2011. Coincidence? I think not.

Past years reveal the same ratio between highest grossing and award winners for respective industries. The reasoning

behind this phenomenon can be attributed to only two things: the illegitimacy of the Grammys and the overwhelming greed of the music industry.

I feel true artistry has taken a back seat to a popularity contest involving only the artists who are being played on the radio and who have major recording deals. Every year there are the same

faces matching the voices on the radio. What is even more revealing is the Grammys never fail to throw a bone to an underdog group or musician the mass media has never heard of.

Last year it was Arcade Fire with "Album of the Year," this year Bon Iver winning "Best New Artist." I may not be a good judge of what is or isn't "new," but Bon Iver has been making music since 2009. I understand this is a business determined to sell as many records as possible no matter the outcome, but I wish the music industry would try to be more like film.

Every year the Academy Awards has me believing the best in the business are present, and not just the best known. Yet, it can be difficult to judge the logic behind the success of a film.

There are restrictions that require one to be of a certain age to see a certain movie, which

can lead one to believe this as a reason few popular movies are selected as an Oscar nominee. However, nine of this year's nominees for "Best Picture" have a rating of PG-13 or less, one of which is an animated film.

While music can be easier to listen to and obtain than film, there is still nothing stopping a person from seeing a wonderful movie. We sometimes forget the connection between the music media and the voracious record labels.

Our conviction as a society should be to recognize we are being directly influenced by radio, television and other media outlets and, instead, to buy music from local record shops, attend live concerts and support grassroots music in whatever way possible.

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*"I feel true artistry has taken a backseat to a popularity contest ..."*

## Clean up after yourself, even in space

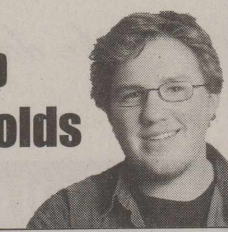
Many of us are taught by our parents to clean up after ourselves growing up. Putting our toys away, bathing, doing our laundry and washing our plates after we eat are some of the things we learn young.

The message sinks in quicker for some more than others (I won't specify which one of these categories I fall into), but most of us get the hang of it before we reach our late teenage years. I find it interesting despite what we are taught as children, we still have a tendency to forget to pick up after ourselves as a nation.

I read in an article in *The New York Times* last week about the massive amount of debris in low Earth orbit and what some nations are trying to do to eliminate it. According to the article, the beginnings of a phenomenon known as the "Kessler Syndrome," named after the NASA scientist who predicted its eventual occurrence, are starting to crop up all over the planet.

Donald J. Kessler, former head of NASA's Orbital Debris Program Office, predicted in 1978 the amount of large debris — such as derelict satellites — rocket boosters and other garbage left in space by humans, will eventually become so dense they will begin to collide with one another, shattering into smaller pieces and ultimately

**Jakob Reynolds**



creating a debris field of epic proportions.

Should this happen, the smaller debris will pose serious hazards to manned spacecraft and operational satellites, which we rely on for everything from weather tracking and Global Positioning Systems, to telecommunications and military defense systems. Space exploration and the use of space-based technologies will be unfeasible for decades.

Fortunately, the article also noted efforts have begun to clean up the field of space junk. The Federal Institute of Technology, a Swiss university, has developed an \$11 million robotic cleaner called CleanSpace One, which will use a claw to grab junk and bring it down

into the Earth's atmosphere. Here, both janitor and debris will, hopefully, burn up.

The United States has also begun researching ways to do something about its approximately 500 pieces of space debris. A device similar to the CleanSpace One robot was designed by South Carolina-based Star Technology and Research. The ElectroDynamic Debris Eliminator would use a net to drag debris low enough into the

atmosphere to let it burn up while the EDDE would stay in orbit to remove more junk.

One would think by keeping LEO free of debris would be a simple matter all space-faring nations could easily rectify through cooperation. However, international politics will probably hinder progress in removing debris from LEO.

Some other methods of removing debris, such as one involving

a ground-based laser, have raised worries they could also be used as weapons against functioning space objects.

Another concern is parts of one government's derelict satellites involved in national security activities may be tampered with by other governments' intelligence agencies or non-government organizations.

Be it the 100 million tons of garbage floating around in the Pacific Ocean or the tens of thousands of debris floating around in low Earth orbit, it seems every time mankind makes a mess, somebody finds a reason to put off cleaning it up.

I think the process of cleaning up space debris would be faster and cheaper if all space-faring nations simply disposed of everything they could reach, regardless of what junk belongs to whom.

However, if legal issues must be sorted through, I believe it would be in everyone's best interest to do it sooner rather than later — before the debris field expands, thus becoming more costly for all.

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*"... every time mankind makes a mess, somebody finds a reason to put off cleaning it up."*

## Romney missteps MI with bailout rhetoric

By JESSICA WEBER  
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Mitt Romney has faced tough criticism since the release of his recent op-ed piece in the *Detroit News* where he openly opposes the auto industry bailout issued by President Obama.

With the Michigan primary on Feb. 28th, this could hurt his campaign since the swing state has close ties with the auto industry, and have seen a profiting auto industry since the bailout.

Romney uses his hometown roots in Michigan and the popularity of his dad, George Romney, as the former Michigan governor and president of American Motors.

Romney claims in a recent opinion column in the *Detroit News* that he grew up in the auto industry and was saddened when it started to fall, but Obama's auto industry bailout was not the right decision for Detroit and was "crony capitalism."

Instead of the bailout, Romney suggested managed bankruptcy. Romney said that with a managed bankruptcy, Chrysler and General Motors could restructure rapidly without spending years in a courtroom.

In July 2009, GM entered a managed bankruptcy and exited a month later, Romney said.

With the bailout, Romney

said that Obama's union allies and his major campaign contributors was rewarded with the bailout while thousands of non-union salaried employees saw a decrease in their pensions and lost life and health insurance.

Throughout the column, Romney ties himself with Detroit and with a "Detroiter" in the White House the dream of the Motor City can once live again.

Chrysler reported a \$183 million dollar profit for last year, which was its first full year profit since 2005.

Obama has tweeted that the auto industry is back with 170,000 new jobs since 2009.

Chrysler is not the only auto-maker seeing profits, Ford has seen its largest earnings in 13 years.

The auto industry is closely tied, if

*"Romney claims ... Obama's auto industry bailout was not the right decision for Detroit and was 'crony capitalism.'"*

Chrysler or GM have fallen, the entire auto industry would have nearly collapsed. Not only would the Big Three auto-makers have declined, the auto suppliers would have gone out of business.

Romney won the 2008 Republican presidential primary in Michigan, but this time, he is not running as the conservative alternative, Rick Santorum is.

Santorum has had a rise in the polls. Michigan has 30 delegates at stake.

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## Costumes, beads consume Mardi Gras in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Bathed in spring-like warmth and showered with trinkets, beads and music, New Orleans reveled in the excesses of Fat Tuesday.

A seemingly endless stream of costumed marching groups and ornately-decorated float parades led by make-believe royalty poured out of the Garden District, while the French Quarter filled up with thrill seekers expecting to see debauchery.

Some in the Quarter had a sleepless night after Monday's Lundi Gras prequel party. The drinking was in full swing again shortly after dawn, and with it came outrageous costumes and flesh-flashing that would continue until police make their annual attempt to break up the merrymaking at midnight, when Lent begins.

Tom White, 46, clad in a pink tutu, bicycled with his wife, Allison, to the French Quarter. "I'm the pink fairy this year," he said. "Costuming is the real fun of Mardi Gras. I'm not too creative but when you weigh 200 pounds and put on a tutu people still take your picture."

His wife was not in costume. "He's disgraced the family enough," she said.

Brittany Davies struggled with her friends through the morning, feeling the effects of heavy drinking from the night before.

"They're torturing me," the Denver woman joked. "But I'll be OK after a bloody mary."

Indeed, the theme of the day was party hard and often.

Wearing a bright orange wig, a purple mask and green shoes, New Orleans resident Charlotte Hamrick walked along Canal Street to meet friends.

"I'll be in the French Quarter all day," Hamrick said. "I don't even go to the parades. I love to take pictures

of all the costumes and just be with my friends. It's so fun."

Police reported no major incidents along the parade route.

Across the globe, people dressed up in elaborate costumes and partied the day away. In Rio de Janeiro, an estimated 850,000 tourists joined the city's massive five-day blowout. Meanwhile, the Portuguese, who have suffered deeply in Europe's debt crisis, defied a government appeal to keep working.

In New Orleans, the streets filled with hundreds of thousands of people.

The predominantly African-American Zulu krewe was the first major parade to hit the streets, shortly after 8 a.m. Most krewe members were in the traditional black-face makeup and the Afro wigs Zulu riders have sported for decades. They handed out the organization's coveted decorated coconuts and other sought-after trinkets.

In the oak-lined Garden District, clarinetist Pete Fountain led his Half-Fast Walking Club on its annual march to the French Quarter.

Fountain, 82, gave a thumbs-up to start off and his band launched into "When The Saints Go Marching In" as they rounded the corner onto St. Charles Avenue shortly after 7 a.m. It was the 52nd time that Fountain's group has paraded for Mardi Gras. This year, the group wore bright yellow suits and matching pork pie hats for its theme, "Follow the Yellow Brick Road."

Costumes were the order of the day, ranging from the predictable to the bizarre.

Wearing a purple wig, New Orleans resident Juli Shipley carried a gallon of booze down Bourbon Street and filled her friends' cups when they got low. "We're going to wander all day and people-watch," Shipley said. "That's the best part of Mardi Gras

— the costumes. They're amazing."

Partygoers were dressed as Wizard of Oz characters Dorothy and the Wicked Witch, bags of popcorn, pirates, super heroes, clowns, jesters, princesses and lots of homemade costumes with the traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold.

At New Orleans' antebellum former city hall, Mayor Mitch Landrieu toasted Zulu's monarchs and special guests. Among them was New Orleans native and former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young who was on a float with National Urban League President Marc Morial, a former mayor of New Orleans, his wife, Michelle, and their two children.

"It's good to be home," Young said. And saluting the good weather of the day, he added, "God always smiles on New Orleans when it needs it."

After Zulu, the parade of Rex, king of Carnival, made its trek down St. Charles Avenue and to the city's business district. Along the way, parade-goers pleaded for beads and colorful aluminum coins, known as doubloons.

Small groups of families and friends had parades of their own. The Skeleton Krewe, 25 people dressed in black skeleton outfits, wandered along the parade route, heading toward St. Louis Cathedral.

Along the parade route that follows the St. Charles Avenue streetcar line, die-hards had staked out prime parade-watching spots as early as Monday. Some had a Carnival-esque tailgate party under way early.

Stephanie Chapman and her family claimed their usual spot about 4 a.m. Tuesday and would be staying for the duration.

"This is a beautiful day and we'll be here until it's over. It won't rain on my parade, but if it does I won't pay any attention," she said.

Rain stayed away and tempera-

tures were in the 70s. As the day wore on and drinking intensified, the combination encouraged raunchy acts in the French Quarter, where women bared flesh in pleadings for beads tossed to the street by revelers on balconies.

By midafternoon, some folks were tuckered out.

Alison Scott, 35, of New Orleans, was part of a group that had a small city of tents and canopies set up at Lee Circle. She and her family had been coming to the spot for about 40 years. "Believe me, I'm always glad to get here and then I'm always glad to go home," she said.

Her 6-year-old daughter, Shannon, was asleep nearby under a blanket of beads.

"She just pooped out. This is the first time she's stopped. She's been so excited all day," Scott said.

In the Cajun country of southwest Louisiana, masked riders went from town to town, making merry along the way in the Cour du Mardi Gras. And parades were scheduled elsewhere around Louisiana and on the Gulf coasts of Mississippi and Alabama.

The celebration arrived in Louisiana in 1682 when the explorer LaSalle and his party stopped at a place they called Bayou Mardi Gras south of New Orleans to celebrate.

Parading and street revelry would give way to Mardi Gras' elegant side, with the lavish and private grand balls of the Rex and Comus krewe on Tuesday night signaling the traditional end of the celebration.

Mardi Gras gives way to the beginning of Lent, the period of fasting and repentance before Easter Sunday.

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## Plasma

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"Overall, it's healthy because what they do is they typically do an assessment of you and how you're doing physically and they'll ask a lot of questions," he said. "So, really, truly, there are no major side effects of donating plasma."

However, he does not advise someone to donate more than once a week.

"I don't think I would go and recommend that," Redman said. "They can, but from a health point of view, I don't think I would go and recommend it. No."

According to Octapharma Plasma's website, octapharma-plasma.com, a person can safely donate plasma twice during a seven-day period.

Taylor Ranson, a junior psychology major from Dallas, donated plasma the maximum amount of twice a week and said he used the money for books and school items.

He said while he recommends donating plasma to people who need the money, he has a lot of scar tissue on his arm from the needle.

Ranson said he stopped donating plasma because he got a job and did not need the money anymore.

Ryan Stiglmeier, a junior nursing major from San Antonio, said he donated plasma and blood because he knows it helps save lives.

"I'm a nursing major," he said, "so I realized how important it is to donate because there is a huge shortage of plasma and blood. I try to do that as much as I can."

While Stiglmeier said he no longer has enough time to donate, he recommends people do it.

"I think it's a very rewarding thing to do," he said. "I always feel good after I do it."

While Stiglmeier does not donate plasma anymore, Zach

Davis currently does donate.

The junior mechanical engineering major from Plano said he donates once a week and usually receives about \$30 each time.

"It's a little bit extra money to put in your wallet," he said. "It helps out."

Davis donates his plasma at Octapharma Plasma and said he has never had any trouble with donating.

"I never have," he said about having difficulties. "I know a lot of people who have, but I never have personally."

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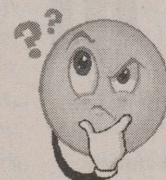
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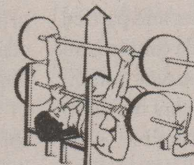
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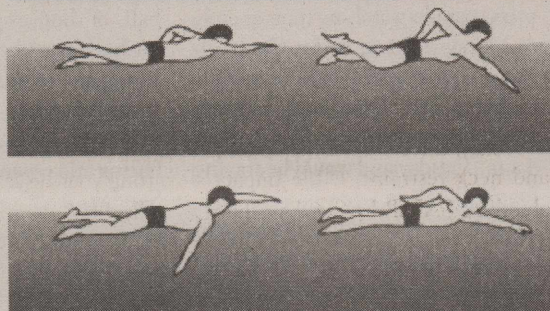
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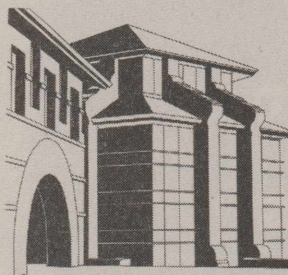
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# Texas' Barnes rips team for late-season mistakes

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Barnes didn't sound angry after his Texas Longhorns lost another close game.

He sounded resigned to accepting what he has on the court and to hoping his team is somehow good enough to take the program to the NCAA tournament for a 14th consecutive year. He didn't mince words, saying his young team doesn't listen to coaching, doesn't understand game situations and hasn't learned how to change those problems in order to win.

"I would say the biggest problem with this group has been listening," Barnes said after Texas blew a 12-point second-half lead in a 77-72 loss to No. 13 Baylor on Monday night.

The loss was Texas' eighth by six points or less this season and came on a night the Longhorns (17-11, 7-8 Big 12) appeared to be cruising to the sort of late-season signature win they need to impress the tournament selection committee.

Freshman guard Myck Kabongo called it a "devastating" loss. Speaking with reporters a

few minutes later, Barnes avoided dramatic language in a measured breakdown of why his team can't put find the big wins that seem ripe for the taking.

"If you ask me one word, it would be listening. And understanding situations; Time, score fouls, all those type things," Barnes said.

Trailing by three in the final seconds, Texas had a chance to shoot for a tie but J'Covan Brown threw a wild pass that was intercepted by Baylor's A.J. Walton. Barnes could have called timeout to set up a play but decided against it because he figured it wouldn't have made a difference.

"I told the team, 'I apologize, I should have called timeout,'" Barnes said. "On the other hand, I said to them, 'I'm not sure if it would have done any good because you don't listen.' And if we would have drawn up one play and if they would have changed defenses or have done something different with no timeouts left, believe me, we would have been lost. So we thought in the flow of the game we would have a chance. We had

a play on, we didn't execute it."

Barnes' choice not to call a timeout and his postgame comments harken back to a 67-66 loss to Missouri. In that one, the Tigers switched defenses from man-to-man to zone on Texas' final possession, a move that seemed to confuse the Longhorns players and forced Kabongo into a tough, last-second shot that barely got to the basket.

In an 84-80 loss to Kansas State, Texas had a chance to shoot for a tie before a bungled pass between Kabongo and Brown led to a turnover.

"We have a great knack," Barnes said, "of turning the ball over at the wrong time."

The Longhorns had to replace their entire starting lineup this season. Six freshmen are among nine recruited scholarship players, so Texas expected growing pains and early losses this season. Barnes just figured they would be over them by now.

After four consecutive wins to revive their tournament hopes, the Longhorns' same old problems emerged in consecutive defeats

to Oklahoma State and Baylor. Kabongo, who can be electric with his speed, runs into foul trouble like clockwork and spends valuable minutes on the bench.

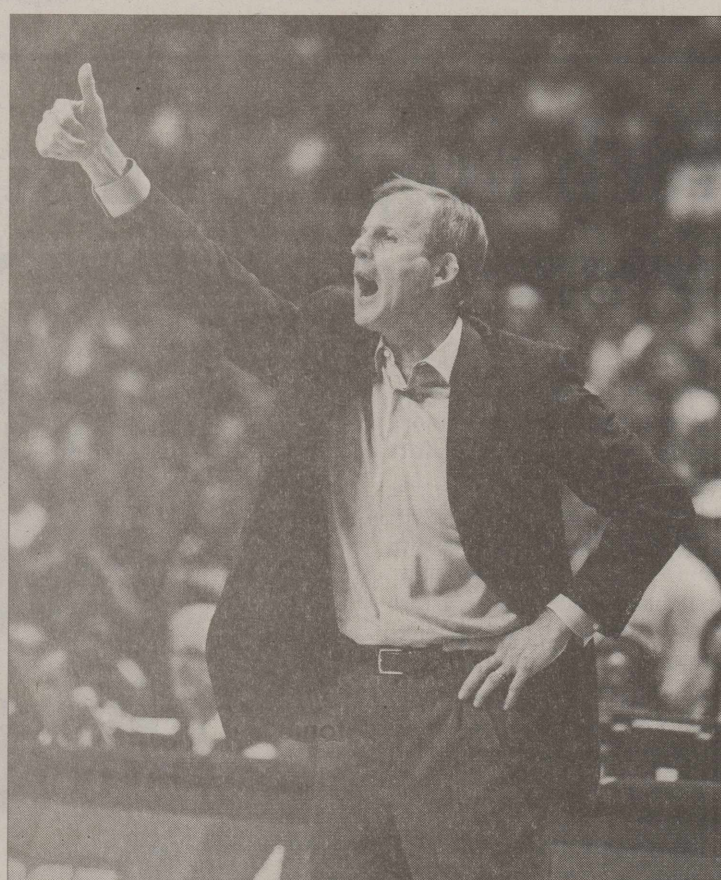
Defensively, the Longhorns have allowed 3-point shooters to roam free. Against Baylor, the Longhorns held a comfortable lead, then let Baylor's Brady Heslip slip open for three baskets to help start Baylor's rally.

"We've played enough games that we shouldn't be making some of the mistakes we're making," Barnes said.

Barnes' Texas teams have never failed to make the NCAA tournament. Texas must win at least two of its last three games against Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Kansas to finish no worse than 9-9 in Big 12 play heading into the conference tournament.

The pressure is on. No Big 12 team has finished below .500 and made the NCAA tournament.

"We just have to finish the job," Kabongo said. "Nobody remembers the team that loses. It's all about winning. You can say we're close, but we have to win."



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS' HEAD COACH Rick Barnes coaches from the sidelines during a 71-67 win against Texas Tech on Feb. 20, 2012 in United Spirit Arena.

# NFL concussion fallout raises red flags in NASCAR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — If Michael Waltrip were to count up all the concussions he has sustained over a NASCAR career that stretches back nearly 30 years, he'd certainly hit 10 — and probably keep going.

Safety measures since Dale Earnhardt's death in 2001 have gone a long way toward preventing head injuries, and NASCAR officials have taken steps to improve the way they identify and treat concussions. But Waltrip knows that won't undo all those hits he took in the 1980s and '90s.

"I whacked my head — a lot," Waltrip said. "If you think about this, I showed up in '85, when it was relatively 'safe.' We thought we had it figured out. I raced all the way through 2001 when people were getting killed. And all through that time, I was hitting my head and knocking myself out

and getting concussions and going to the hospital. And I don't know what that means to me in 10 years. But I know it's a concern."

The 48-year-old Waltrip gets uneasy when he hears stories about NFL players and other athletes who are having serious neurological problems after they retire, issues that a growing amount of research indicates may have been caused by repetitive brain injuries they sustained during their playing days.

Could that happen to him, too? "I would be the perfect case study to see what's going to happen," Waltrip said. "Because I can go back and look at the races and count up times I was knocked unconscious that I can't count on both hands."

Five-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson says he has had two

concussions racing stock cars, and probably many more racing dirt bikes when he was younger.

"We're not immune to concussions," Johnson said. "And certainly after severe concussions or being concussed several times, the numbers change. We know that. The dynamic is there. I think we've reduced the opportunity for it to happen, but ultimately, it can happen. I just think the odds are a lot better today than they've ever been."

Earnhardt's death in the 2001 Daytona 500 — which came after drivers Kenny Irwin, Adam Petty and Tony Roper all were killed from similar head injuries — forced NASCAR to get serious about safety.

Today, drivers must wear a head and neck restraint, while impact-absorbing SAFER barriers have been

installed on racetrack walls and NASCAR completely redesigned race cars to reduce the risk of injury. Racing seats used to look a lot like passenger car seats; now they look more like something out of a spaceship, with foam-padded supports on each side of the helmet that barely allows a driver's head to move during a crash.

It's working. Going into Sunday's Daytona 500, there hasn't been a death in NASCAR's top three national series since Earnhardt's.

"If I'm Kasey Kahne or Kyle Busch, I don't have those concerns any more," Waltrip said. "We've got the cars and the tracks, we've got it all fixed. You can still get hurt. You're running 200 miles an hour. But the chances of getting hurt are slimmer. The chances of hitting your head and hurting it are really slim."

NASCAR officials say they've identified 29 concussions in their top three series since 2004 — and only 11 of those happened in the past five seasons.

"Not huge numbers, when you see it," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's senior vice president of racing operations. "But with each of those, each one's different, we've had to assess each one differently. Knock on wood, we haven't had as many to have to deal with."

And while there have been some drivers who experienced long-term effects from traumatic head injuries over the years — including Bobby Allison, Ernie Irvan, Jerry Nadeau and Steve Park — O'Donnell says NASCAR doesn't see any evidence of widespread health issues related to multiple head injuries, as the NFL and

other sports are.

"There's always concerns for any driver that's been in the sport," O'Donnell said. "But in terms of drivers formally approaching us and saying, 'Hey, I want to talk about this or look at it,' we haven't seen that occur, in terms of what you're seeing in other sports right now. We'd certainly be open to working with anyone, if we see that, in helping to stop any trend that we saw."

In response to reports of football players, hockey players and other athletes having serious neurological issues in retirement, researchers at the Boston-based Sports Legacy Institute have studied brain tissue of deceased former athletes. They've found evidence of a degenerative brain disease known as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy that has been linked to repetitive brain injuries.

## So close to title, Texas Rangers looking forward

(AP) — The Texas Rangers used to go to spring training trying to fill out a starting rotation and hoping to get out of last place in the AL West.

When the Rangers report to camp this week, they will have Japan's top pitcher and four returners who won at least 13 games last year. There are at least seven potential starters, even after losing their ace in free agency.

The Rangers will be taking the first step in their quest to get to their third consecutive World Series, and insist there will be no hangover after being so agonizingly close to winning it all last season.

"We're every bit of a championship team, we just didn't get that last out," said Michael Young, the longest-tenured Ranger going into his 12th season.

"We'll definitely use it for motivation, but at the same time, if anything, we just want to go out there and prove how good a team we are all over again."

Yu Darvish, the 25-year-old Japanese right-hander the Rangers committed more than \$107 million to sign this winter, arrived at the spring training complex in Surprise, Ariz., on Tuesday, a day before the reporting date for Texas pitchers and catchers and two days before the team's first official workout.

The first full-squad workout is Sunday. That will be the first time the entire team is on the field together since those last two World Series games in St. Louis last October, when they were twice within one pitch of winning a clinching Game 6 before losing in 11

innings. They then led 2-0 only four batters into Game 7 before losing 6-2.

As for what manager Ron Washington planned to tell his players to start spring training, he said he's had many thoughts and written down several things. He said whatever he tells them will be private, unlike that secretly recorded audio of his clubhouse speech before Game 7 that was released on the Internet.

"You can't get bogged down in the fact that we didn't win it," team president Nolan Ryan said. "You have to consider the year and all the good things that happened, and the opportunity to go back-to-back years and hope that not winning it can be a motivation for having another good year. We feel like we're a good ball

club, we feel like that we have some options this year going into spring training."

The top-hitting lineup in the majors will be basically unchanged. The Rangers avoided salary arbitration with new deals earlier this month for slugging outfielder and ALCS MVP Nelson Cruz, catcher Mike Napoli and shortstop Elvis Andrus.

With those settled, the Rangers can look at possible extensions for second baseman and leadoff hitter Ian Kinsler and some of their young pitchers.

Josh Hamilton, the 2010 AL MVP, can become a free agent after this season. Talks about an extension were put on hold after the recovering drug addict's admitted one-night relapse with alcohol during the offseason.

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## Tech drops third straight, loses 69-64

By CHOIS WOODMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech suffered its fourth home loss of the season, as it dropped a close one to Kansas on Tuesday night in United Spirit Arena.

The 69-64 loss may have been the most detrimental loss of the season for the Lady Raiders as they watch their chances of making the NCAA Tournament get slimmer with each loss.

The loss was a disappointing one for the entire team and Tech has to fight now more than ever, Lady Raider coach Kristy Curry said.

"It's going to challenge them," she said. "It's going to see what they're made of. It's going to see what kind of character they have. It's going to challenge our two seniors in the leadership that they have. Our backs are against the wall and we've got to continue to fight through this and stay together."

After being ranked as high as No. 10 earlier this season, the Lady Raiders are now unsure if they will earn a NCAA Tournament bid.

The loss in front of the home crowd hurt the team, Tech guard Chynna Brown said.

"Everybody hates to lose, so losing at home is a bad feeling," she said. "Hate it. Hate the feeling. Just looking forward to the next few games, and just getting back in the gym and working on what we need to work on."

The win was the first for Kansas since losing its star Carolyn Davis to an ACL tear. Davis scored 34 points against Tech in the Jayhawks 62-43 win against the Lady Raiders on Jan. 25.

Without Davis in the lineup, Kansas point guard Angel Go-



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH GUARD Monique Smalls drives past a Kansas defender toward the basket during the Lady Raiders' 69-64 loss against the Jayhawks on Tuesday in United Spirit Arena.

odrich took the game into her own hands, Curry said.

"A lot of it had to do with Goodrich's play," she said. "I thought she totally controlled the basketball game, and any time you can have eight assists and two turnovers — she did a great job of getting them to their penetration spots. When we helped on penetration, she found the open person. So, so much of the game was controlled by her — absolutely outstanding effort in every regard from her end tonight."

The Lady Raiders struggled on the defensive side of the ball and allowed several wide open looks for Kansas, Curry said.

"We were trying to get something established defensively, and I wasn't pleased defensively," she said. "It looked like we didn't do a good job on the defensive end."

Curry said the 50 percent 3-point shooting for the Jayhawks was credited to Tech's inability to rotate on defense.

One high point for Tech was the play of Brown who scored a game-high 21 points. She said she was able to put up so many points due to her ability to just let the shots fly and by attacking the basket.

"Just coming off the screens hard — if I'm open, just shoot the ball and not think about it so much," Brown said. "And just

trying to be aggressive, getting to the goal."

Brown shot 10-14 from the field.

The play from the junior guard was great, but she needs her teammates to knock down easy looks if Tech wants to win games, Curry said.

"I thought Chynna (Brown) really did a great job being aggressive and getting some looks and making some baskets and shooting a high percentage," she said. "Beyond that we didn't do the best job of really — three for eight, one for eight, three for ten — that's hard to win."

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## Baylor women beat UT for outright Big 12 title

WACO (AP) — There was no big celebration for top-ranked Baylor after claiming the outright Big 12 title in Brittney Griner's 100th career game.

The Lady Bears, who had a full-scale celebration after gaining at least a share of the title over the weekend, wrapped up the conference championship with an 80-59 victory over Texas on Tuesday night. The clincher was soured by another injury to guard Shanay Washington in the closing seconds.

"It's a big downer, a big downer," coach Kim Mulkey said. "You just won a conference championship outright, you clinched it, you played dominating, everybody played. And to have something like that happen in the last seconds of the game, life's not fair."

Washington, who returned just a month ago from a torn ACL in her left knee after playing only five games last season, crumbled to the floor with 16 seconds left after contesting a shot. The sophomore guard grabbed the bulky brace protecting her knee and could be heard crying as the home crowd went silent.

Mulkey said Washington heard a pop after coming down with most of her weight on that knee and that the player believed she re-injured the knee. Washington had a combined four ACL surgeries, two on each knee.

"I guess her prognosis is that she thinks it's torn again," Mulkey said. "Shanay knows what she feels."

Washington remained down for several minutes before get-

ting up with help and walking gingerly off the court. She was taken to the hospital after the game.

Griner, who arrived at Baylor with Washington, had 18 points and 10 rebounds for her 40th career double-double.

After a pregame ceremony when the 6-foot-8 junior phenom was recognized for becoming Baylor's fourth 2,000-point career scorer earlier this season, Griner put the Lady Bears (28-0, 15-0 Big 12) ahead to stay with a layup only 31 seconds into the game.

The Lady Bears had clinched a share of the title with a win over Texas Tech on Saturday night, when they cut down the nets and got championship T-shirts for their second consecutive Big 12 regular season title, and third overall.

After beating Texas (15-12, 5-10) to ensure they wouldn't have to share the title, the reaction was much more subdued.

Baylor players had the customary postgame handshake with the opposing team, and then stood in front of the band for the usual playing of the alma mater. They slapped hands with a few fans lining the edge of the court, but nothing like the raucous celebration three nights earlier, especially with Washington already in the locker room.

"Just a loss of words. It was very hard to see her go down like that and crying and saying that it's over," Kimetria Hayden said. "After the game, we went back there and prayed for her, told her everything is going to be OK."

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