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Students, counselor give tips about studying for finals

By **EMILY GARDNER**
STAFF WRITER

As finals begin, students are starting to study everything they have learned during the semester.

Senior counselor and learning specialist at Texas Tech's Learning Center, Stacy Elliott said one thing she sees most in students is they do not study enough for a class, or test.

"They're always surprised when I tell them that you really should spend anywhere from four to five hours a day studying," Elliott said.

Students often say they do not have enough homework to be able to spend four to five hours studying a night, she said.

Elliott said students think the only time they need to study is when they are turning homework in.

"Learning and homework are two different things," she said. "One of the most effective ways for students to learn and to be successful in school is to pre-learn."

Students should go into the lecture familiar with the material enough that they could get up and teach the class, Elliott

said. If the student was teaching the lecture, they would look at the syllabus, read the chapter a few times and create a power point.

Freshman political science major from Dallas, Amal Ibrahim, said she studies for her finals in the order of the test dates.

"I just grab reviews and previous tests, and I just study off of that," Ibrahim said. "And if some of my professors post their power points online, I read those."

Sanjana Chowdhury, a senior psychology major from Allen, said she reads her textbooks,

highlights major concepts and looks at previous assignments to study for her tests.

"Definitely study in advance and pull out chunks of time to study for something," Chowdhury said. "Don't over study, because if you sit there and just kind of repeat, repeat and feed it, like for me, personally, it doesn't stick. I don't remember it."

Students should work with a study partner or tutor, Elliott said. They also should get a good night's sleep before the test, meaning no all-nighters, eat a good breakfast and study again for a couple of hours be-

fore the test.

"If there's supplemental instruction, absolutely use it," Elliott said. "It's a good way to give new vocabulary to the same concept."

Rachel Robinson, a junior advertising major from Dallas, said she will sometimes go to the library if it is not too crowded. If not, she will study at home and create a quiet environment for herself by turning off her electronics.

"Once you can put it into your words and use your examples," Elliott said, "that's kind of an indicator that you really

have learned and understand the material."

Students should make efficient use of their time, Larry Kennedy, a senior agriculture major from Dallas, said. They should not put studying off until the last minute.

"If you want to be successful in college," Robinson said, "it's just best to find what works for you whether it's like notecards, or if you are having to type out the notes again, write them down, read them back to yourself, whatever you can find. Just repetition is the key."

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Dewhurst talks higher education for 2013 session

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Thursday that the state needs to produce more job-ready graduates and qualified workers, something that could require more investment in higher education.

Dewhurst, in an appearance at Texas Christian University, stressed that he wasn't making any specific proposals on higher education in advance of the legislative session that starts in January. But Dewhurst, who presides over the Texas Senate, said he would be working with senators to study education funding, pushing more students into technology-related majors and others in high demand, and

giving parents more options when their students' schools are lagging.

"Businesses ... are complaining to me almost daily about the lack of a trained workforce here in Texas," Dewhurst said.

Despite the state's efforts, Dewhurst said, "we're graduating not enough engineers, not enough science majors, not enough math majors, not enough nurses and, yes, not enough teachers. We've got to do a better job."

"Our business people are complaining about not being able to get business or job applicants to pass a high school exam and a drug test."

He says legislators may support tying state funding for colleges

and universities to graduation rates or other "outcomes-based" factors. Gov. Rick Perry has suggested connecting 10 percent of an institution's state funding to such factors.

Dewhurst said incentives in general could be good for the state if they help produce more job-ready college graduates. He also questioned whether some colleges had a "culture" where students were encouraged to take more time — and spend more tuition — than they needed to graduate.

State lawmakers in 2011 cut nearly \$1 billion from higher education spending, and schools now face calls to make their degree programs more affordable.

Lawmakers next year also face rising health care costs and a multibillion-dollar deficit. Dewhurst has previously said the state should look at drawing from the Rainy Day Fund for water and road needs.

Dewhurst said he wanted to consider authorizing new tuition revenue bonds for colleges and universities, as well as other possible incentives.

"I am not making any hard proposals today," Dewhurst said. "There are no hard proposals. I'm simply saying that it's my hope that we end up with an attractive funding level for our universities and our community colleges, and in that we have a (bond) package."

United States attorney in New Orleans resigns amid probe

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans' corruption-busting federal prosecutor resigned Thursday after two top deputies became embroiled in a scandal that threatens to undermine some of his biggest cases and damaged his standing as one of the most popular public officials in a city with a rich history of graft.

U.S. Attorney Jim Letten,

whose successful prosecution of a former Louisiana governor and numerous other public officials won him bipartisan praise for more than a decade, had been under mounting pressure ever since two veteran prosecutors admitted anonymously posting criticism of judges and comments about cases on a newspaper website.

At a news conference, Letten, 59, gave no reason for his resignation but said: "The decision ultimately was mine."

He did not address the allegations against his underlings. But he previously said he had no idea what they were up to until their online activities were revealed in court filings.

Until recently, Letten, a Republican-appointed holdover who has held the post since 2001, appeared to be a lock to keep his job during President Barack Obama's second term. Instead, his departure ends

his tenure as the nation's longest-serving U.S. attorney.

Letten won fame as an assistant U.S. attorney when he secured a racketeering conviction of former Gov. Edwin Edwards in 2000. His office also successfully prosecuted corrupt judges, killer police officers, bribe-taking school officials and post-Katrina scam artists.

"The public perception of Jim Letten really transcended the position of United States attorney," said Rafael Goyeneche, director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans, a watchdog group. "In many respects, he is the public face of what the people of Louisiana want to change about the pre-Katrina ways of doing business in Louisiana."

Dana Boente, a first assistant U.S. attorney in Virginia, was appointed to Letten's post in the interim.

Letten's downfall was set in mo-

tion when one of his prosecutors, Sal Perricone, resigned in March after acknowledging he criticized judges and politicians and commented on cases in anonymous posts on The Times-Picayune's website.

Among other things, Perricone described a federal judge in New Orleans as someone who "loves killers," and charged that "Obama and his West Wing band of Bolsheviks have a master design to strangle America's economy."

Then, last month, Letten demoted his top assistant, Jan Mann, after she, too, confessed to posting anonymous comments on the site.

The Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility is investigating the postings, which defense attorneys have cited as evidence the prosecutors improperly tried to influence cases.

The authors of the posts were unmasked in court filings by attorneys for New Orleans businessman Fred Heebe, whose landfill operations are under federal investigation. Heebe had been nominated by then-President George W. Bush for U.S. attorney in 2001 but withdrew amid allegations he had abused an ex-girlfriend and his ex-wife. He denied the allegations. Letten wound up with the job instead.

Letten is stepping down at a time when his office is ramping up an investigation of former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin's administration. The probe has resulted in guilty pleas by two businessmen who said they bribed an unidentified city official.

The misconduct allegations have provided ammunition for defense attorneys to challenge other high-profile prosecutions, including the conviction of five former New Orleans police officers on federal civil rights violations over a deadly shooting on a bridge after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Defense attorneys in the so-called Danziger Bridge case have asked for a new trial, arguing that the online posts and other media leaks were part of a campaign to smear the officers and possibly influence potential jurors.

On Thursday, Attorney General Eric Holder announced the appointment of John Horn, a first assistant U.S. attorney in Georgia, to investigate the online posts and leaks.

Edwards, the roguish, wisecracking former governor who was convicted of taking payoffs in return for casino licenses, reacted to Letten's downfall by alluding to the old adage about watching the bodies of one's enemies come floating down the river.

"Sit by the river long enough," he told Baton Rouge TV station station WAFF. "I did."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

By Gary J. Whitehead 12/7/12

1 Family nickname	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5 Wharton hero	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10 Crude letters	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
14 One of five Norwegian kings	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
15 Trapper's tool?	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
16 Roast, in Rhone	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
17 Eye sore	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
18 Inverno month	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
19 Nicole's "Moulin Rouge" co-star	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
20 Enjoying "O patria mia"?	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
23 Legal title: Abbr.	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
24 Artificial	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
25 "Night Moves" singer	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
27 Some of its ads feature a pig named Maxwell	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
30 Prima	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
33 Cuban patriot	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
34 Marti	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
36 Ages	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
38 Fight back, say Aussie's school	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
39 Aussie's school	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
40 Contract extras, and read differently, a hint to this puzzle's theme	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51
42 Layer	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
43 Time to retire	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
45 Copycat	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
46 Vichy waters	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
47 Kennedy and Waters	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
49 Like old apples	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57
51 Character piece?	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
53 "Pork and Beans" band	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
57 Binge	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
59 Whomping actor Eric?	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61
62 Literary collections	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62
64 Amity	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
65 Knee-slapper	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
68 Star in Lyra	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
67 Top of a form, perhaps	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
68 Heraldry border	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67
69 Furthest from the hole, in golf	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68
70 Big key	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
71 Fade, maybe	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70

41 Approach

44 Every other hurricane

46 One may be penciled in

48 Like a piece of cake

50 Boost, with "up"

52 Front-end alignment

54 "New" currency replaced by the Congolese franc

55 Gay leader?

56 Triple-A, at times

57 Software product with a cup-and-saucer logo

58 All over again

60 "Categorical imperative" philosopher

61 Slurpee alternative

63 Come out with

4 Nothing special

5 Frantic

6 Signaled one's arrival

7 Ancient theaters

8 1961 record breaker

9 Ate at

10 Tram load

11 Supply electricity to a California city?

12 Weather may delay them: Abbr.

13 Half of dix

21 Samson's end?

22 Ancient assembly area

26 Compass hdg.

28 Bars at the end

29 Latish lunch hr.

31 "Because freedom can't protect itself" org.

32 "Come Sail Away" band

33 Solstice month

34 Doing the job

35 Spot a flamboyant singer?

37 Bygone blade

40 Rookfeller Center statue

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STUDY SNACKS?

“ I like to have water or chips because it keeps me awake.”

Maddie Abraham - junior early childhood major from Canadian -

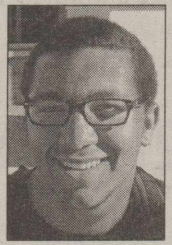


“ I like Powerade or Gatorade because it gives me more energy to study rather than Red Bull.”

-Chelsea Nordyke - sophomore chemistry major from Amarillo

“ I do not like getting up to go get a snack so I always bring something with me.”

Bria Hieatt - sophomore human development and family studies major from Amarillo -

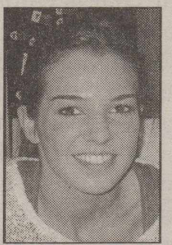
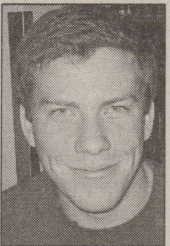


“ I usually like to eat or drink before I study because if I am studying while I'm hungry I will always be thinking about eating or drinking something and not focusing on the task at hand.”

-Christian Knebel - sophomore business major from Frisco

“ I like to have something to drink while I'm studying to keep me focused.”

Aaron Smith - junior advertising major from San Antonio -



“ I like to drink coffee.”

-Breanna Hatch - senior international business major from Plainview

“ I like to chew gum because it helps me stay concentrated.”

Carly Horwood - senior retail management major from Sterling City -



Transgenders break into Brazil's modeling sector

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Walking the catwalk in a Brazilian bikini is a nerve-racking experience for even the most seasoned of models, but for Felipa Tavares it's nothing short of terrifying.

The 6-foot-tall Tavares is among Brazil's small but growing ranks of transgender models — leggy, high-cheekboned sirens who were born men and are causing a splash here as well as in Paris and other international fashion capitals.

Though they emerged onto the scene here just around two years ago, Brazil's so-called trans-models have already added a pinch of exoticism to the country's showcase modeling sector — long dominated by blonde women such as Brazilian uber-model Gisele Bundchen. The trans-models' newfound prominence also points to a seismic shift in Brazilian society, which has seen macho, homophobic attitudes soften in recent years as gays win more legal rights.

“We are in the 21st century and there is just more tolerance in the air. Here in Brazil we now have gay mayors, gay lawmakers,” said Sergio Mattos, director of the Rio-based modeling agency 40 Graus Models. “So why not trans-models? The world has evolved and now discrimination is, thankfully, becoming a thing of the past.”

In the fashion world, gender ambivalence has been a la mode since the 1970s with the emergence of glam rock and its poster child, David Bowie. But today's trans-model trend exploded with Lea T., a 5-foot-11-inch stunner who catapulted to international stardom in 2010 as the muse of coveted Paris couture label Givenchy. Born a boy to Brazilian soccer-star Leandro Cerezo, the wild-haired brunette model appeared last year on the cover of edgy British fashion magazine Love, where she's shown locked in a smoldering kiss with supermodel Kate Moss.

Mattos, the eagle-eyed former head of Elite models in Brazil who's best known for discovering a gangly Bundchen at age 14, and other top models including Ana Beatriz Barros and Isabeli Fontana, said he jumped on the trans-train almost by accident.

Mattos was giving a two-day basics-of-modeling class to Tavares, unaware of her gender history. Impressed by her raven locks and enormous doe eyes, Mattos offered her a spot among the 200 models he represents.

“It wasn't till I saw her ID with her birth name that I realized she wasn't born a woman,” said Mattos. “I thought, ‘What the hell, let's give her a shot.’”

In some ways, the trans-models have a proverbial leg up on their female colleagues, Mattos said. Unlike even the thinnest of women, who often fight cellulite and stretch marks, the trans-models have long, sinewy limbs unscarred by such typically female afflictions. Once they've lasered away facial or body hair, they can sometimes look more feminine even than models who were born female.

With her sharp features and lanky silhouette, 26-year-old Tavares said she'd always harbored vague dreams of becoming a model. But growing up a boy in the interior of Minas Gerais state, far from Brazil's glitzy coastal metropolises of Rio and Sao Paulo, it always felt like something of a pipe dream, said the model.

“As a kid, I remember being so uncomfortable in the boys' clothes my parents dressed me in. I never played football and I just wanted to hang around with the girls, playing dolls or dress-up,” said Tavares, who goes by the feminized version of her birth name, Felipe. But it wasn't until her late teens that, thanks to some Internet research, she learned about transsexuality and sought out the hormone treatments that have allowed her to transition into womanhood.

The hormones filled out her hips and gave her small breasts, while laser treatments erased any trace of the light beard she once had. Cascading locks of artfully layered hair mask her sharp Adam's apple.

“Strangers started approaching me in the street, and every time it happened, I was so scared they were going to chew me out for being a transsexual,” she said. “But actually, they all wanted to tell me I should become a model.”

Tavares is still saving money for the \$15,000 sex reassignment surgery that will give her female genitalia. Still, that hasn't stopped her from donning itsy-bitsy bikinis in ad campaigns for Brazilian swimwear labels. Walking the catwalk in a swimsuit, however, is still a prospect that frightens her.

“The bikinis here are so tiny, the idea of wearing one in a show, with the lights and the cameras and everyone looking at you, it's super scary,” she said.

Carol Marra, a 25-year-old transgender who is also with Mattos' modeling agency, became a cause celebre at Rio fashion week last May when she sported swimwear on the runway. The 5-foot-11 brunette model, who has had breast implants and the tip of her nose fixed, said she plans to undergo sex-reassignment surgery next month.

A journalist by training, Marra worked for a local TV station before her trademark androgynous style launched her career as a fashion stylist.

“The photographers I worked with were always saying, ‘You should model, let me take pictures of you.’ But I was really shy and I didn't want to be in front of the camera,” said Marra, who also hails from Minas Gerais state. Eventually, she agreed to pose for a friend, she said, and those photos led to other photos and to a modeling career that took off about a year and a half ago.

Since then, she's enjoyed remarkable success, doing a whirlwind of commercial work, as well as her much-hyped appearances at Fashion Rio and Sao Paulo fashion week and a nearly nude cover of men's magazine Trip.

Still, being a transgender remains a double-edged sword in Brazil, said Marra. She's been rejected for jobs because clients were worried that she would send the “wrong message” to customers. Scenes she shot for a pharmacy commercial ended up on the editing room floor when the client panicked at the last minute.

The head of a gay, lesbian and transgender advocacy group, Toni Reis, cautioned that success on the

runway doesn't mean transgenders and transsexuals are out of the woods yet.

Despite its international reputation as a haven for transgendered people, 114 trans people have been killed in Brazil this year to date. Brazil and Thailand are reputed to have among the world's largest trans populations.

“These were people killed in terrible ways, stabbed 40 times, their heads split open with a machete,” said Reis. “They were not victims of the sort of everyday violence we see here in Brazil, like armed robberies and such, but rather the victims of homophobia.”

“Within the gay community,” he said, “transsexuals continue to be the most vulnerable group, by far.”

Nonetheless, the gay rights movement has made major headway in Brazil, the world's largest Catholic country. A 2011 decision by the nation's high court to recognize same-sex civil unions was hailed as a watershed, although it stopped short of legalizing gay marriage.

In a major coup for transgendered people, nearly all Brazil's 26 states have so-called “common name” laws on the books, requiring school teachers to call trans students by the names they go by, as opposed to their birth names, activists said.

Transgenders are even entering the mainstream media and culture.

Last year, the top-rated reality show Big Brother Brazil featured its first transgender contestant and a transgender also competed late last month in the second annual Miss Bumbum competition, a beauty contest that focuses exclusively on Brazil's most obsessed-over part of the female anatomy.

There's even talk that TV Globo, Brazil's No. 1 broadcaster, might soon include a transgender character in one of its prime-time soap operas.

Trans-model Marra said she's been thinking about taking acting classes, just in case the opportunity should arise.

“You know fashion is fickle, what's in one day is out the next,” said Marra. “I hope trans models are not just a trend, to be dropped like a hot potato next season.”

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Sex ranks No. 1 when it comes to fulfilling life

By GABRIEL STOFFA
IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

Breaking news here folks! A recent study discovered that sex/making love is the most pleasurable, meaningful, engaging and happy thing for people.

But seriously, a study at U. Canterbury joined the small but meaningful ranks of researchers attempting to track and measure the happiness and well-being of relationships in day-to-day life.

The areas of distinction paint an interesting picture of what a "full life" could be described as. Granted, the means of gathering results — achieved through text-messaging — might not seem like the most reliable of methods, but hey, this is the new millennium, and our robot phones are almost

an extension of our bodies.

Drinking alcohol/partying came in second in the "pleasure" category, but only 10th in "meaning," while still hitting fifth in "engagement" and second in "happiness." Again, not a big surprise given that drinking alcohol/partying tends to lead to sex/making love.

There are oodles of fun activities, or not so fun activities, to peruse at leisure, but when the fun of that has dwindled, take a moment to look at what all of this might mean.

Could this be a fair representation of the times? There are, of course, outliers to the generalizations of folks finding sex to be the pinnacle of happiness, but despite the comical obviousness, the sex result along

with the other rankings could really tell us a lot about how to operate in life.

Think about the results of the study in terms of marketing. Such information makes the crafting of commercials or other gimmicks to get a person to buy something a far cry easier if it is agreed upon that making a person happy will sell more things.

And political campaigning or policy formation gets a nice leg up as well. With information measuring and tracking how to achieve a "full life," issues can be tailored or addressed with specifications that otherwise might have been cast aside in favor of those wacky "traditional" notions a lot of older generations subscribed to.

Not that traditional views of

"full life" are not worthwhile, but that the current 35-and-under crowd, the "younger" generations, might really be serious when they say to their parents — as spoken by "da Dawson" himself, James Van Der Beek, in "Varsity Blues" — "But I don't want your life."

The applications could do some good with assessing psychological hurdles challenging some, or cause restructuring of jobs to account for what makes people happier, and hence more productive. Who knows how far you can stretch the information for application?

Research that examines what people really want also opens the door to potentially kicking in certain taboos in talking points. There are still some folks

uncomfortable with certain topics — sex for example — and as such avoid learning about aspects for what could very likely be the most fulfilling thing in their lives.

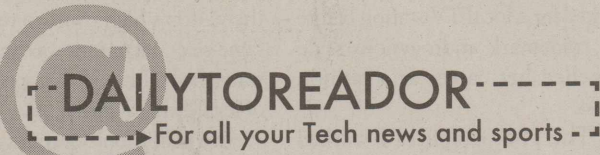
There will be people arguing that the results don't represent them, or that will deny the "validity" of some of the rankings, but that's opinions for ya. Everybody has to be special, or have some distinction. Meh.

The reality remains: The results do seem to be a reasonable assessment of folks. Well, of the younger generations at least, as we tend to have this whole "new" outlook on life due to our global village upbringing; that and our adoration of sharing every detail of our lives, compared to the less "out there for all" outlook of

many previous generations.

Before you scoff, or maybe have a chuckle at the sex "revelation," and move on with your day, think about what you learned. In fact, you were probably already pondering what things you find in your life to be fulfilling, what make your life have a cherry on top, and ranking them.

And that is the beauty of studies like the one under discussion; those studies let you look inward and think. And if a study — no matter how dubious the methods might seem or how potentially skewed you might consider the results — makes you think and let you learn a little more about yourself, well, doesn't that make it worth looking into a bit more?



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

ACROSS

- Sundsvall rollers
- Trickeries
- Pops
- Portion out
- Knighted conductor
- Took in
- Typically pink-flowered bloomer
- Paris pronoun
- Title words preceding "beneath the milky twilight," in a 1999 hit
- "So relaxing!"
- Worrisome engine sound
- Gateway Arch architect
- Set straight
- Hill, maybe
- Breeders' Cup event
- Loses on purpose
- Light touch
- Key Egyptian artifact unearthed in 1799
- Coll. applicants
- Big name in beer
- Mindless process
- Manitoba tribe
- Blood sugar regulator
- Postwar reception
- Neurologia rival
- Like "ifs" and "buts": Abbr.
- Throw a feast for
- Back talk
- Tools of the
- mischievous god hidden in 17-, 23-, 37- and 49-Across
- Cézanne's summer
- Pad user
- Light wash
- Le counterpart, in Leipzig
- Like-minded gps.
- Guide

DOWN

- Grain holder
- Jai
- Mass robes

By C.C. Burnikel
4 Raspy-voiced "Like a Rock" singer
5 Where the anchor is
6 Dallas-to-Houston dir.
7 Wedding dances
8 Hit hi
9 Highest peak in the Calif. Cascades
10 "Sprechen Deutsch?"
11 Single-and-looking group
12 Do a makeup job?
13 Stoop
18 "Unfaithful" co-star
22 One that stands to prevent a strike
24 More strange
25 Soft-spoken painter Bob
26 Liberal subject?
27 1939 Garland co-star
28 Detroit alternative
32 "Who am I say?"
33 Moral principle

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

OFFISH BROGAN
DEADPAN TEAROSE
OUTSIDE SADI STS
RDS NAE ARIOS OS
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ENFOLD OSU EPEE
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35 Con
36 Summer intern, often
38 Plural medical suffix
39 Stock holders?
40 John Wayne classic
45 Campanella of Cooperstown
47 North of Paris
48 Mascara mishaps
49 Sank, in a way

50 High class
51 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
52 Blond comic-strip teenager
56 Secretary of Education Duncan
57 Get whipped
58 Fancy pitcher
60 Org. with Eagles
61 Hardly shows of support

Universities face difficulties with pell grants

By HARVARD CRIMSON
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On Monday, The New York Times reported that many elite colleges and universities around the country are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their commitments to generous financial aid packages. Wesleyan U. has had to rescind its policy of admitting all candidates regardless of financial need, Williams College and Dartmouth College have begun including loans in financial aid packages, and Grinnell College is considering cutbacks as well. With college endowment growth just about flat across the United States last year, it seems that only the wealthiest universities like Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Stanford, and a few others are insulated from the financial stagnation that has brought trouble to so

many peer institutions.

Yet while it is troubling to hear of any cut to university financial aid, this development serves ultimately to highlight the fact that most American college students don't have the privilege of worrying about whether aid programs at elite universities are rolled back. For the sake of both the affected students at Wesleyan as well as the millions of students at public universities and community colleges, our federal government must prioritize direct aid to college students.

Since the 2008 financial crisis, states have found it increasingly difficult to maintain support for public universities. Ohio State, Penn State, and the University of Michigan receive less than seven percent of their funding from their respective states. To make up the difference, our public universities are

forced to rely on out-of-state students who pay private-school prices and crowd out in-state applicants. Public universities, which are generally more affordable than all but the wealthiest private universities and which produce a majority of our college graduates, must not be allowed to whither. The increasing wage gap between college-educated and high-school educated workers means that the United States cannot afford to let even public universities cease to be affordable for aspiring students.

In light of both the persistent strain on our colleges and universities and the "fiscal cliff" negotiations currently consuming Washington, it is essential that our leaders prioritize aid to students. Pell Grants, student loans, and community college support undoubtedly count among the best possible investments we can make today to en-

sure economic competitiveness in the future. President Obama has proven his commitment to helping students by keeping student loan interest rates low, expanding the Pell Grant program, and setting ambitious goals for community college enrollment. We hope that these policies survive through January, since increasing college enrollment is vital to maintaining the United States' competitive edge.

While it is sad to watch excellent universities struggle to meet their financial aid goals, we must remember that many more students are served by public universities and community colleges, which very often cannot meet students' full financial need. For this reason, direct federal aid to students is an essential component of our national effort to produce a competitive workforce with good wages.

Gun control debate does not belong in tragedy

By THE ORACLE
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On Saturday morning, Kansas City Chiefs' linebacker Jovan Belcher, 25, fatally shot his girlfriend, Kasandra Perkins, 22, in front of his mother before driving to Arrowhead Stadium to take his own life. As the murder-suicide gained national media attention, the inevitable push toward gun control rhetoric emerged, as is true for any gun-related crime.

As the specifics of gun laws will likely always be in contention, the more important aspect — the emotional and psychological state of the person who commits gun crimes — should garner a lot more attention both before and after these tragedies occur.

During his halftime segment on Sunday Night Football, NBC broadcaster Bob Costas quoted a piece from Fox Sports columnist Jason Whitlock, who wrote, "In the coming days, Jovan Belcher's actions and their possible connection to the football will be analyzed. Who knows? But here," wrote Whitlock, "is what I believe. If Jovan Belcher didn't possess a gun, he and Kasandra Perkins would both be alive today."

Costas received criticism for his report on social media from Second Amendment supporters who thought his comments were misinformed and that he should not have used the broadcast medium to express his opinions. But the point that both Whitlock and Costas tried to make should not be the main concern regarding this or other crimes like it.

The statements only serve to polarize the climate in the aftermath of tragedy and detract from the legitimacy of the arguments.

The problem in solving the gun violence dilemma is that both sides of the argument have inherently valid points. Guns are just objects, paper weights if you will, that only result in devastation when the user has the psychological determination to aim and pull the trigger.

However, guns serve only one purpose: to shoot a projectile with a potentially dangerous force. Whether individuals use this power to cause harm or prevent it is based solely on the emotional and psychological stability of the user.

Whenever tragedies like the one in Kansas City occur, it is far too easy to shift the blame to the availability of guns,

getting us so caught up in that debate that we forget about the underlining cause. We did the same thing when news broke regarding the Aurora, Colorado shooter James Holmes and even more so after the Columbine High shooting in 1999. In both instances the gunman's emotional stability was questioned but the continual rhetoric afterwards concerned how to stop gun violence rather than how we, as a culture, could alleviate the emotional volatility of the perpetrator.

It will never be easy to delve into the mind of someone who could take another human beings life. It is almost easier to forego the uneasiness and push the blame onto something else. But before we rush to blame a piece of machinery we need to fully understand the most powerful weapon that humans can wield — the mind.

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US Senate approves accelerated withdrawal from Afghanistan

By BRIAN GAUGHAN
DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENN STATE U.)

Facing the possibility of a soldier

withdrawal, John Lee, whose father is currently serving his second tour in Afghanistan, said he would be relieved when his father finally comes home.

After 10 years of war in Afghanistan, the U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly in support of an amendment that would accelerate the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan. The bill received strong bipartisan support, with 13 Republicans joining Senate Democrats for a final vote of 62-33.

"Soldiers aren't machines," Lee said. "We have accomplished the majority of our objectives in Afghanistan and I just think it's time for it to end."

Lee said his father did his first tour in Afghanistan serving from Sept. 2011 to June 2012.

"We need to bring our guys home," he said. "People aren't meant to kill other people."

The amendment to accelerate the withdrawal was non-binding, which means changes can be made to the amendment or it can be removed from the final version of the defense bill it is a part of. However, it does give President Barack Obama a concise message that not only does the Senate support his timetable to leave in Afghanistan in 2014, but that leaving earlier is preferred.

The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., said he thinks al-Qaida is stronger in other parts of the world and that nation-building in Afghanistan has gone off track.

It's time to end this war, end the longest war in American history, Merkley said during the Senate debate.

James Binney, Penn State U. political science professor, said he's pretty happy about the troops leaving Afghanistan.

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Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas Minnesota vs. Texas Tech	Dec. 28 @ 8 p.m.	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Toledo vs. Utah State	Dec. 15 @ 3:30 p.m.	Utah State	Toledo	Utah State	Utah State	Utah State	Utah State	Toledo	Utah State
R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl East Carolina vs. ULLafayette	Dec. 22 @ 11 a.m.	East Carolina	ULLafayette	East Carolina	East Carolina	East Carolina	ULLafayette	ULLafayette	East Carolina
Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl UCF vs. Ball State	Dec. 21 @ 6:30 p.m.	UCF	UCF	UCF	UCF	Ball State	UCF	UCF	Ball State
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MAACO Las Vegas Bowl Washington vs. Boise State	Dec. 22 @ 2:30 p.m.	Washington	Boise State	Boise State	Boise State	Boise State	Boise State	Boise State	Boise State
Sheraton Hawaii Bowl Fresno State vs. SMU	Dec. 24 @ 7:00 p.m.	SMU	SMU	Fresno State	SMU	Fresno State	Fresno State	SMU	Fresno State
AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl Ohio vs. UL-Monroe	Dec. 28 @ 1 p.m.	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	UL-Monroe	UL-Monroe	UL-Monroe	UL-Monroe
Little Caesars Bowl Western Kentucky vs. Central Michigan	Dec. 26 @ 6:30 p.m.	Central Michigan	Western Kentucky	Central Michigan	Central Michigan	Central Michigan	Western Kentucky	Central Michigan	Western Kentucky
Belk Bowl Cincinnati vs. Duke	Dec. 27 @ 5:30 p.m.	Cincinnati	Duke	Duke	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Duke	Duke
Military Bowl San Jose St. vs. Bowling Green	Dec. 27 @ 2 p.m.	Bowling Green	San Jose State	San Jose State	Bowling Green	San Jose State	San Jose State	San Jose State	San Jose State
Bridgpoint Education Holiday Bowl Baylor vs. UCLA	Dec. 27 @ 8:45 p.m.	Baylor	Baylor	UCLA	Baylor	Baylor	UCLA	Baylor	UCLA
Russell Athletic Bowl Rutgers vs. Virginia Tech	Dec. 28 @ 4:30 p.m.	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Rutgers	Rutgers	Virginia Tech	Rutgers
Valero Alamo Bowl Texas vs. Oregon State	Dec. 29 @ 5:45 p.m.	Oregon State	Oregon State	Texas	Oregon State	Texas	Oregon State	Texas	Oregon State
Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl Rice vs. Air Force	Dec. 30 @ 11:00 a.m.	Air Force	Rice	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Rice	Air Force
New Era Pinstripe Bowl West Virginia vs. Syracuse	Dec. 29 @ 10:45 a.m.	West Virginia	Syracuse	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	Syracuse	West Virginia
Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl NC State vs. Vanderbilt	Dec. 31 @ 11 a.m.	Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	NC State	Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	NC State	Vanderbilt
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl TCU vs. Michigan State	Dec. 29 @ 9:15 p.m.	TCU	Michigan State	TCU	TCU	Michigan State	TCU	Michigan State	TCU
Gilman New Mexico Bowl Nevada vs. Arizona	Dec. 15 @ Noon	Arizona	Nevada	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Nevada
Hyundai Sun Bowl USC vs. Georgia Tech	Dec. 31 @ 1:00 p.m.	USC	Georgia Tech	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
AutoZone Liberty Bowl Iowa State vs. Tulsa	Dec. 31 @ 2:30 p.m.	Tulsa	Iowa State	Iowa State	Tulsa	Tulsa	Tulsa	Iowa State	Tulsa
Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl Navy vs. Arizona State	Dec. 29 @ 3 p.m.	Arizona State	Navy	Navy	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State
Chick-Fil-A Bowl LSU vs. Clemson	Dec. 31 @ 6:30 p.m.	LSU	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	LSU	LSU	LSU	Clemson
Heart of Dallas Purdue vs. Oklahoma State	Jan. 1 @ Noon	Oklahoma State	Purdue	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State
Outback Bowl South Carolina vs. Michigan	Jan. 1 @ Noon	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
Capital One Bowl Nebraska vs. Georgia	Jan. 1 @ Noon	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Nebraska	Georgia	Georgia	Nebraska
Taxlayer.com Gator Bowl Mississippi St. vs. Northwestern	Jan. 1 @ Noon	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Northwestern	Mississippi State	Northwestern	Northwestern	Mississippi State	Northwestern
Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO Wisconsin vs. Stanford	Jan. 1 @ 4:00 p.m.	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Oregon vs. Kansas State	Jan. 3 @ 7:30 p.m.	Oregon	Oregon	Kansas State	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Kansas State	Oregon
Allstate Sugar Bowl Louisville vs. Florida	Jan. 2 @ 7:30 p.m.	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Discover Orange Bowl Northern Illinois vs. Florida St.	Jan. 1 @ 7:30 p.m.	Florida State	Northern Illinois	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Northern Illinois
AT&T Cotton Bowl Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma	Jan. 4 @ 7:00 p.m.	Texas A&M	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Texas A&M	Oklahoma	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Oklahoma
BBVA Compass Bowl Ole Miss vs. Pittsburgh	Jan. 5 @ Noon	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Ole Miss	Pittsburgh	Ole Miss
GoDaddy.com Bowl Kent St. vs. Arkansas St.	Jan. 6 @ 8:00 p.m.	Arkansas State	Kent State	Arkansas State	Arkansas State	Arkansas State	Kent State	Arkansas State	Kent State
Discover BCS National Championship Alabama vs. Notre Dame	Jan. 7 @ 7:30 p.m.	Alabama	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Alabama	Notre Dame



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Family nickname
- Wharton hero
- Crude letters
- One of five Norwegian kings
- Trapper's tool?
- Roast, in Rhone
- Eye sore
- Invierno month
- Nicole's "Moulin Rouge" co-star
- Enjoying "O patria mia"?
- Legal title: Abbr.
- "Night Moves" singer
- Some of its ads feature a pig named Maxwell
- Prima
- Cuban patriot
- Marti
- Ages
- "Right back, say
- Aussie's school
- Contract extras, and read differently, a hint to this puzzle's theme
- Layer
- Time to retire
- Copycat
- Vichy waters
- Kennedy and Waters
- Like old apples
- Character piece?
- "Pork and Beans" band
- Weather may delay them: Abbr.
- Hall of dix
- Samson's end?
- Ancient assembly area
- Compass hdg.
- Bars at the end
- Latish lunch hr.
- "Because freedom can't protect itself" org.
- "Come Sail Away" band
- Solstice month
- Doing the job
- Spot a flamboyant singer?
- Bygone blade
- Rocketfeller Center statue

DOWN

- Israel's Dayan
- Let out, say
- Builders of stepped pyramids
- Nothing special
- Frante
- Signaled one's arrival
- Ancient theaters
- 1961 record breaker
- Ate at
- Tram load
- Supply electricity to a California city?
- Weather may delay them: Abbr.
- Hall of dix
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By Gary J. Whitehead 12/7/12

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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C	R	E	E		I	N	S		I	N	S	I
H	E	R	O	S		W	E	L	C	O	M	E
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Coaches and players reflect on 2012 soccer season

By HOLDEN WILEN
STAFF WRITER

The 2012 season will long be remembered by the Texas Tech women's soccer program. The 2012 team set new standards for the program and made accomplishments never before achieved at Tech.

Led by coach Tom Stone, the Red Raiders (16-6-1, 5-3-1) broke the school record for overall wins, conference wins and earned the program's first NCAA tournament berth. The team finished the year outscoring opponents 46-23 while outshooting them 428-257, including a 213-122 advantage in shots on goal.

"I think when we look back on 2012 we will be most excited that this group of players were the ones who were able to make the NCAA tournament and turn the corner for the program," Stone said. "This senior class was the first full freshman class that we ever recruited. They came here knowing about the vision, knowing about the dream, the facility and we were going to build a great team around them."

Tech took advantage of its first experience in the NCAA tournament, defeating North Texas 2-0 in the first round in Lubbock at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex. Stone said his favorite moment of the season was walking

with the team off the field as the crowd roared and chanted "Raider Power."

"They were chanting 'Raider Power' as our girls were walking off having fully realized their goal of making the tournament," Stone said. "Every parent on our team was pretty much here. It was just a great moment to say not only did we get in, but we won and we did it here. We were able to give this gift back to the local community who supported us when we weren't very good. It was the highlight for me. Being able to see that all come together and be able to do that here at Texas Tech is a special moment for us all."

Tech lost 3-2 in the second round to top-seeded Florida State, which eventually advanced to the Final Four. Despite the loss, freshman forward Janine Beckie said forcing overtime was her favorite moment of the season.

"It's so exciting," Beckie said. "I mean no one even thought we would stay with (Florida State) and the fact that we brought them to double overtime with six minutes left. My favorite feeling is just shocking the country. No one thought we would get that far. No one thought we would even make the tournament, and we got to the second round."

As a team, the Red Raiders finished with its first national ranking,

appearing at No. 25 in the final poll released by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Several players were recognized after the season for their individual accomplishments and roles in helping Tech soccer reach new highs.

Beckie, sophomore defender Jaelene Hinkle and sophomore midfielder Paige Strahan were named to the NSCAA All-Central Region team. Beckie, the Big 12 Rookie of the Year, was a first-team selection while Hinkle and Strahan were second-team selections.

Beckie became the Tech soccer program's first All-American after being named to the second NSCAA All-America team. She was one of two freshmen on the three All-America squads. Beckie led the Red Raiders with 14 goals and 122 shots, and also tied with Hinkle for the team lead in assists with five.

"At the end of the season I didn't even really know about it before I got it," Beckie said. "It was something I didn't expect, but I heard about it. It's exciting. That kind of stuff, it excites me but I'm not like 'Oh my gosh.' That stuff just comes with the game. That's what I love is just getting out there. All the awards come with it, but I like just being on the field."

Beckie being named an All-American was heart-warming,



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THE TEXAS TECH soccer program experienced a historic season in 2012, one that included its first trip to the NCAA tournament. The Red Raiders advanced to the second round of the tournament.

Stone said, because he enjoys seeing great things happen to good people. Beckie is a great-student athlete, he said, and a great representative for the university.

"Beckie doesn't take anything lightly when it comes to training or preparation," Stone said. "I think the lesson she gives to everybody is when you're all in

and you've got God-given talent anyway, but your heart is in it and your mind is in it—even when you're totally exhausted — good things happen."

Overall, the season was a storybook year, Stone said. However, it's important for the players to learn from this season and be able to do more next year. While the

players may want every year to be just like the previous one, he said, the bar has been raised for the program.

"Our ultimate goal is to never just make the tournament," Stone said. "We knew that was a short-term goal that needed to happen so that we can go for bigger things."

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Texans taking perfect road record to New England

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans are the only NFL team that hasn't lost on the road this season.

The Texans, 6-0 away from Houston, will face a big test Monday night when they travel to New England, a place where a visitor hasn't won in December since 2002.

The Patriots have won 19 straight home games in December, with their last loss at Gillette Stadium in the month coming in a 30-17 setback to the New York Jets on Dec. 22, 2002.

The Texans are one of the many teams the Patriots have handled during that streak, with Houston losing 40-7

on Dec. 17, 2006 in its only visit there.

Coach Gary Kubiak said the Texans are playing with confidence and don't panic on the road. He preaches a simple mantra before each road game.

"It's about how you play," he said he tells them. "It's not where you play."

The Texans (11-1) have already secured a playoff spot, and need a win over the Patriots combined with a loss by the Colts to clinch their second

straight AFC South title.

Kubiak likes how Houston has handled the noise on the road and thinks the team pulls together a bit more when faced with such adversity.

"It's really kind of your 53 against 80,000 when you show up," he said referring to the road crowds. "I think they take that as a challenge and they take it personal and they know if they protect the football our team is going to have a good chance to win."

Texas president gives Brown his 'full support'

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas President Bill Powers gave coach Mack Brown his "full support" on Thursday, saying Brown will remain the Longhorns head coach after an 8-4 regular season and missing a BCS bowl for the third consecutive year.

Writing on his university blog, Powers cited an "increase in media speculation" about Brown's future.

"I'd like to state unequivocally that Coach Brown has my full support as well as the support of Men's Athletics Director DeLoss Dodds. Put succinctly, Mack Brown is and will remain the Longhorns' head football coach," Powers wrote.

"Coach Brown restored Texas' winning tradition. He embodies the Texas character, is a superb ambassador for The University of Texas, and runs a program that is both winning and clean, a program that all alumni and fans can and should be proud of. Mack cares about the young men on the team as people, as students, and as players, in that order, and he models the kind of leadership that will serve our players for the rest of their lives," Powers wrote.

Brown is 149-43 in 15 seasons at Texas, with two Big 12 championships and the 2005 national championship. But since playing for the 2009 national title, Texas is just 21-16 overall and 11-16 in the Big 12.

Texas will play Oregon State (9-3) in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 29. Speaking at a bowl news conference in San Antonio on Thursday, Brown said he wasn't happy about missing the BCS three years in a row but said he optimistic about the future.

"I really believe we're headed in the right way, in the right direction," Brown said. "The future looks very, very bright. Football coaches don't look back. You don't want to sit back and talk about all the things that you didn't get accomplished. I'm fortunate to be at a place where the standards are very high and we're going to fight to make sure we get back to those standards."

"If you ask me if I'm happy with three years of non BCS games, I would say no. That's for me, much less everybody else," Brown said.

Powers' statement could be an attempt to quell any rumors about Brown's job on the recruiting trail. Brown spent part of Thursday recruiting and the team is scheduled to host several recruits at its annual football team banquet Friday night.

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Hamilton, Greinke remain on market after meetings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — As baseball's new Mr. Moneybags, Ned Colletti gets mentioned when almost any free agent is discussed this offseason.

"There's a perception that we're in on a couple dozen starting pitchers, three dozen outfielders and infielders, 17, 18 catchers," the Los Angeles Dodgers general manager said.

"People like to have us in. I guess it doesn't hurt to have us in, even though we're not in. We may have to hire somebody next year just to tell everybody who we're not in on," he said.

As teams headed home from the winter meetings Thursday, the biggest free agents were still on the market. The availability of slugger Josh Hamilton and pitcher Zack Greinke held up decisions on other signings and possible trades involving on Rangers star Michael Young and the Mets' Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey.

The Yankees, quiet thus far, were pursuing former Boston star Kevin

Youkilis and also met with the agent for Mark Reynolds.

With most clubs already packed up and leaving the sprawling, 2,881-room Opryland hotel, Philadelphia acquired outfielder Ben Revere from Minnesota for right-handers Vance Worley and Trevor May.

Hamilton could remain with Texas, and Seattle seemed to be interested. Greinke's options include staying with the Los Angeles Angels, moving up the coast to the Dodgers or signing with the Rangers.

Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik said that after taking information from other clubs and agents, it was time to return home and "cool your jets."

"There can be a domino effect," he said. "I think when clubs are focusing on a certain position, a certain need, there's options out there. And once one option goes away, then that changes the landscape of what a club would want to do. Everybody's got their ducks lined up in a row, and it's just a matter of

how things fall. And there's timing involved."

The annual meeting wasn't much of a swap session. The Phillies-Twins deal was just the fourth trade over the four days.

Atlanta announced a one-year deal with outfielder Reed Johnson on Thursday, and Texas said reliever Koji Uehara had reached an agreement with Boston.

But the 25-foot wide dais with a podium backed by MLB logos was used just three times: Yankees general manager Brian Cashman discussed Alex Rodriguez's hip injury; Major League Baseball announced an auction benefiting Stand Up to Cancer; and the Mets talked about David Wright's \$138 million, eight-year contract, which had been agreed to last week.

The Yankees have been quiet, watching as catcher Russell Martin agreed with Pittsburgh last week and backup third baseman Eric Chavez went to Arizona during the meetings. Wanting to get under the \$189 million luxury tax threshold

in 2014, the Yankees are being cautious. Still, Cashman maintained it hasn't been a rough week for him.

"Because I don't read the papers as much as I used to," he said. "This year's marketplace, it might be strong in terms of the dollars being thrown around, but I don't think it's a strong market in terms of the available talent."

As the meetings ended, Cashman had made a \$12 million offer to Youkilis, who would play third base while A-Rod recovers. The Phillies were trying to obtain Young, the infielder who has been with the Rangers for his entire 13-season career and would have to approve a trade. Arizona was listening to offers for outfielder Justin Upton.

"It seems like when people leave the winter meetings, there's a bit of a quiet period," Red Sox GM Ben Cherington said. "People kind of get out of the frenzy, maybe take a step back and realize that maybe something they were talking about isn't such a good idea. Sometimes things get close and never end up

happening."

For all the talk, the Dodgers have made only one big move since the end of the season, re-signing closer Brandon League. But they've been quite busy over 2012. After they were bought in May for \$2 billion by a group headed by Mark Walter and Stan Kasten, Los Angeles added stars Hanley Ramirez, Adrian Gonzalez, Carl Crawford and Josh Beckett. The Dodgers face a Sunday deadline to reach a deal with South Korean pitcher Ryu Hyun-Jin, whose rights they gained for a \$25.7 million bid.

Quite different from the days under the previous owner, Frank McCourt.

"You couldn't get an agent to return a phone call," Colletti said. "Now you've got them lined out the door."

Texas GM Jon Daniels was popular, too, given his interest in Hamilton and Greinke, and talks involving Upton and a possible a multi-team trade.

"It just makes it tougher, more

than two clubs," he said, adding he had a variety of trade and free-agent options. "There are a couple of big decisions that are going to impact the direction. We've narrowed it down, but there's still a couple ways we can go. Some of that is up to us, and some of that is up to the guys on the other side of the table."

After exploring trades involving Dickey, Mets GM Sandy Alderson said it was possible the team could keep the knuckleballer without a deal for beyond 2013.

"I don't think it's necessarily the optimum result, but it's a possible result," he said.

Some teams worry about overpaying this early in the offseason. Other clubs conclude they must.

"You run into people, like, 'Man, I didn't want to do that, but I had no choice,'" Cashman said. "So they're getting a problem solved, but they're not happy with their solution and what they had to do to solve it. I don't want to be in that position. I'd rather feel good about what I'm doing."

Bengals CB Jones: No love for Cowboys

CINCINNATI (AP) — Adam "Pacman" Jones loves Cowboys owner Jerry Jones but not his team, which let him go after one season that was disappointing all-around and became a turning point for his troubled career.

The 29-year-old cornerback has revived his career with Cincinnati,

earning a regular role on defense and special teams. The Bengals (7-5) have won four in a row heading into their game against the Cowboys (6-6) on Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium.

It'll be Jones' first time playing against the Cowboys since they released him following a 2008 season

that included a six-game suspension for getting into an alcohol-related scuffle with a bodyguard provided by the team.

"I have nothing against them," said Jones, who is friends with cornerback Mike Jenkins. "I have no love for the Cowboys. I have all the love for

the Bengals."

Jones was suspended repeatedly during his first three seasons in the league with Tennessee, a team that eventually gave up on him, as well. The Cowboys took a chance, trading a fourth-round pick to get him before the 2008 season.

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