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Alcohol research team brings funds, expertise

By RALSTON ROLLO
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As part of the South Plains Alcohol and Addiction Research Center, or SPAARC, George Henderson and a team of six researchers were introduced Tuesday in a news conference as new members of the center.

Henderson said he relocated to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio because Tech provided a fitting environment for the continuation of his research in alcoholism and the effects of alcohol on the developing human brain.

Peter Syapin, SPAARC director and professor of Pharmacology and Neuroscience at the HSC, said Henderson brought about \$1.5 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health with him and raised SPAARC's total funding to about \$6.5 million.

The research team, Henderson said, is a highly diverse group of individuals with various backgrounds and areas of expertise.

"It's an excellent team with some top people from around the country," he said.

The team will work with other SPAARC researchers to investigate many of the causes of alcoholism and the effects alcohol has on the human brain, Henderson said.

The objective of the team, he said, is to be part of a strong research program to engage in research that can lead to improved patient care in clinical treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction.

Syapin said SPAARC researchers hope to be involved with research that can help patients on a clinical level.

Henderson and his research team, Syapin said, provide SPAARC with experience and expertise that can enhance its ability to accomplish its objectives.

"(Henderson) has expertise in an area of brain development that we did not have before at SPAARC," Syapin said.

Henderson's team will synergize with other researchers at SPAARC to continue to seek understanding of the causes of alcohol and drug addiction, Syapin said.

He also said Henderson's work could help SPAARC discover methods of preventing alcoholism and drug addiction.

A major strength of SPAARC as a whole, Syapin said, is the dedication of its entire research team to helping each other out of common interest for the greater good.

Dr. Steven Berk, academic dean of the School of Medicine at the Health Sciences Center, said SPAARC is one of the HSC's premier research centers.

"SPAARC is a very broad, collaborative effort of individuals with different types of skills," he said.

SPAARC is part of a beneficial collaboration between Tech and the Health Sciences Center that can benefit students and researchers alike, Berk said.

The addition of Henderson and his team of researchers, he said, will augment the work of SPAARC.

"Henderson has an outstanding background, and brought an outstanding group with him," he said.

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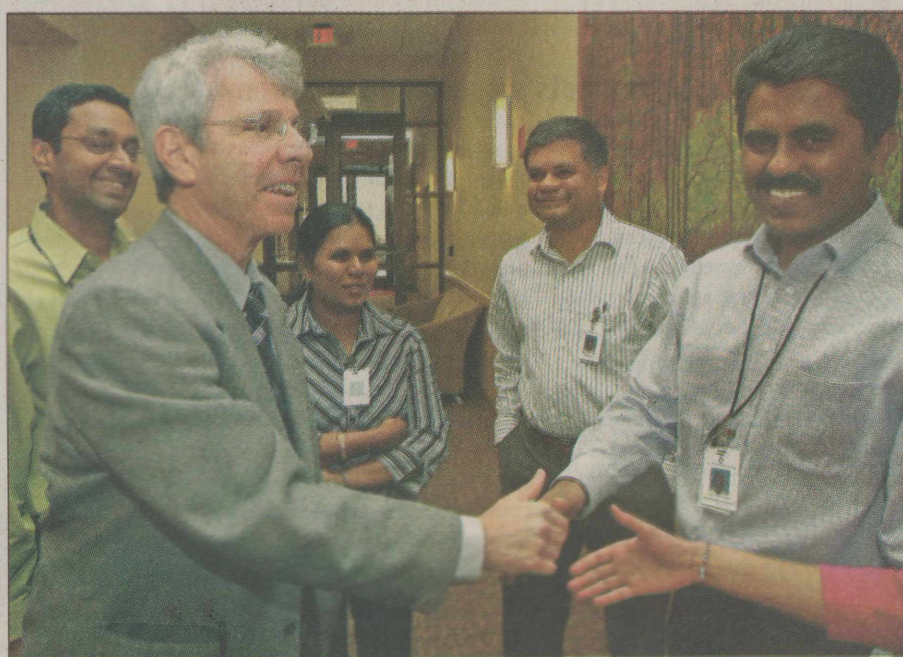


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DR. STEVEN BERK, dean of the School of Medicine, shakes hands with Assistant Professor Lenin Mahimainathan and other members of the Henderson Alcohol and Addiction Research team Tuesday in the Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building lobby.

Continuing contribution Student Union and Activities raises money for Haiti relief



PHOTO BY SAM GRENNADIER/The Daily Toreador

RODNEY VELASQUEZ, A freshman civil engineering major from Dallas, donates to the Haiti Relief Fund on Tuesday at the information desk in the Student Union Building.

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Student Union and Activities is adding to the relief effort for Haiti by hosting a donation drive in the Student Union Building in which students, faculty and staff can donate money for relief.

Donations can be made at the SUB's information desk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Micheal Gunn, assistant director of student organizations, said there is no set end date to this drive.

"We plan to offer support until support is no longer needed," Gunn said, "or until no more students are contributing."

He said the drive was established immediately after hearing the news of the earthquake in Haiti and students have given a large response so far.

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Intel chief: Al-Qaida likely to attempt attack on US soil

By PAMELA HESS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida can be expected to attempt an attack on the United States in the next three to six months, senior U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Tuesday.

The terrorist organization is deploying operatives to the United States to carry out new attacks from inside the country, including "clean" recruits with a negligible trail of terrorist contacts, CIA Director Leon Panetta said.

Al-Qaida is also inspiring homegrown extremists to trigger violence on their own, Panetta added.

The annual assessment of the nation's terror threats provided no startling new terror trends, but amplified growing concerns since the Christmas Day airline attack in Detroit that militants are growing harder to detect and moving more quickly in their plots.

"The biggest threat is not so much that we face an attack like 9/11. It is that al-Qaida is adapting its methods in ways that oftentimes make it difficult to detect," Panetta told the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Several senators tangled over whether suspected terrorists should be tried in civilian or military court. At the same time, a group of bipartisan lawmakers introduced legislation that would force the Obama administration to backtrack on its plans to try Sept. 11 defendants in federal court in New York and use military tribunals instead.

As al-Qaida presses new terror plots, it is increasingly relying on new recruits with minimal training and simple devices to carry out attacks, Panetta said as part of the terror assessment to Congress.

Panetta also warned of the danger of extremists acting alone: "It's the lone-wolf strategy

that I think we have to pay attention to as the main threat to this country," he said.

The hearing comes just over a month since a failed attempt to bring down an airliner in Detroit, allegedly by a Nigerian suspect. And the assessment comes only a few months after U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Hassan is accused of single-handedly attacking his fellow soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, killing 13.

National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair said with changes made since the Dec. 25 attack, U.S. intelligence would be able to identify and stop someone like the Detroit bomber before he got on the plane. But he warned a more careful and skilled would-be terrorist might not be detected.

FBI Director Robert Mueller defended the FBI's handling of the Detroit attempted bombing attack, disputing assertions that agents short-circuited more intelligence insights from the Nigerian suspect by quickly providing him with his Miranda rights to remain silent.

Mueller said that in "case after case," terrorists have provided actionable intelligence even after they were given their rights and charged with crimes. Mueller said they know such cooperation can result in shorter sentences or other consideration from the government.

Hundreds of terror suspects have already been convicted in civilian federal courts, including convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., offered a bill Tuesday that would prohibit the government from using Justice Department funds to prosecute suspects charged in the Sept. 11 attack in civilian courts.

The move comes on the heels of the Obama administration's decision to rethink whether it would try 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammad in a New York City courtroom.

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LEON PANETTA
DIRECTOR
CIA

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STATE

Perry pulls ahead of Hutchison in money race

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has a small lead over U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the money race leading up to the March 2 Republican primary election...

The reports show that Perry raised more than twice that of Hutchison during the period, which covered the first three weeks of January.

But it was Democratic candidate, Bill White who was the top fundraiser. He raised more than \$755,000 and had \$6.4 million in the bank.

Perry had raised about \$735,000 from Jan. 1 to Jan. 21 and had \$10.4 million in the bank at the end of the

reporting period. During the same period, Hutchison raised almost \$270,000 and had \$10 million in the bank. The reports show that Hutchison's campaign is spending at almost twice the rate of Perry's.

Perry and Hutchison are locked in a heated battle to be the Republican nominee for governor.

Also running for the GOP nomination is Debra Medina, who ended the period with more than \$68,000 in her campaign account.

In the Democratic primary, White faces Houston businessman Farouk Shami. Shami's totals were not immediately available.

NATION

Nation's 1st primary sets stage for Ill. showdown

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois voters groused their way to the polls Tuesday in the nation's first primary of the year, to determine which Democrats will defend both the governor's office and a U.S. Senate seat against Republicans eyeing the party's infighting and scandals.

Voters in both parties' primaries said they were frustrated by corruption, taxes and the state's budget woes.

"I'm tired of what's going on, from the top to the bottom," said Richard Saunders, 83, who cast a Republican ballot in the southwestern Illinois city of Troy. "I hope we can do something with our one little vote. That's all we can do."

The Republicans were pinning their hopes on the Democratic disarray that followed the ouster of Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was kicked out of office over a long list of corruption charges, including the allegation he tried to sell President Barack Obama's former Senate seat.

Losing that seat in a state that has leaned more and more Democratic would be a bigger personal embarrassment for Obama than Republican Scott Brown's upset victory last month in Massachusetts, which took away the late Edward M. Kennedy's Senate seat.

The nominees who emerge from the bruising primary will fight for the chance to run a state so deep in debt that it can't pay bills on time and must consider painful service cuts, higher taxes or both.

"I don't trust any of them," said John Rogers of Chicago, a 62-year-old salesman, referring to a history of corruption among Illinois politicians. "Is anybody honest? No. You're voting for the lesser of two evils, as always."

In the governor's race, incumbent Pat Quinn is seeking a full term after being thrust into office a year ago when Blagojevich was expelled. After walking to vote near his home, Quinn sounded prepared for victory or defeat.

WORLD

Ahmadinejad suggests exchange for jailed US hikers

TEHRAN (AP) — Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has suggested that Iran would release three jailed U.S. hikers in exchange for Iranians currently serving in American prisons.

Ahmadinejad said in a television interview Tuesday that talks were under way about possibly exchanging the hikers for Iranians in the United States.

Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and

Josh Fattal were hiking in Iraq's northern Kurdistan region in July when they accidentally crossed the border, their families have said.

Iranian officials have previously said they would be tried for espionage. The families have denied the accusations.

Ahmadinejad said there were Iranians serving time for years in U.S. prisons for no particular crime.

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Militants to launch bombs toward Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian militants said Tuesday they had launched a large number of floating explosives into the Mediterranean Sea to avenge the death of a top Hamas commander, a day after two bomb-laden barrels washed up on Israel's coastline.

Israeli authorities launched an intensive search for new bombs, closing miles of beaches, deploying robotic bomb squads and ordering surfers out of the wintry waters.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blamed Hamas and hinted at retaliation.

Abu Saed, a spokesman for the Popular Resistance Committees, a Gaza faction with close ties to Hamas, said the attack was meant to avenge the killing last month of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a veteran Hamas operative who Israeli defense officials say was involved in smuggling rockets into Gaza.

Hamas says Israeli Mossad agents ambushed al-Mabhouh in his Dubai hotel room, immobilized him with an electrical shock and strangled him to death.

Israel has refused to comment on the allegations.

"We confirm that there are still many of these charges in the ocean, and they haven't exploded yet," Abu

Saed said, standing alongside five other gunmen in military fatigues.

In Jerusalem, Netanyahu accused Hamas, which rules Gaza, of being behind the operation, with support from Iran and Syria.

"We view with great severity the Hamas operation near the Gaza beach, and we will respond accordingly," he said, without elaborating.

On Monday afternoon, a barrel bomb washed up on the beach of Ashkelon, about nine miles (15 kilometers) north of Gaza. A few hours later, another one was found at Ashdod, six miles (10 kilometers) farther north.

Each had about 22 pounds (10 kilograms) of explosives, police said. They said bombs of that size could cripple small civilian vessels but not Israeli warships.

The barrels should not pose a threat to shipping lanes in the east Mediterranean since the tides would just carry them back to shore.

The second barrel blew up as a police robot was examining it, sending the tractor-like device tumbling through the air, according to witnesses. A police bomb squad defused the other one. No one was hurt.

HOSE DOWN



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON / The Daily Toreador LANCE HAMILTON, A lieutenant with the Lubbock Fire Department, uses water to hose down a tank of nitrogen which was reported to be leaking. When the department arrived, they found the tank was just emitting steam, which is normal.

Obama takes on GOP, pitches small business lending

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — President Barack Obama branded Republicans on Tuesday as electoral opportunists more concerned about their own interests than the people's, taking a political risk by escalating criticism of the very lawmakers he's urging to work with him.

The newly combative approach is a double-edged sword for Obama.

Fearful of losses in the November congressional and gubernatorial elections, Democrats have been urging Obama to throw tougher punches at Republicans. Those calls grew louder after the Democrats' stunning loss two weeks ago of a Senate seat in Massachusetts, seen as an indictment of Democratic control over Congress and the White House.

The president complied on Tuesday, choosing to do so in a state where two House seats and a Senate are in play this fall.

Citing examples, he took Republicans to task for switching positions on important issues just to score points with voters.

"You're out of patience with this kind of business as usual," he told his 1,600-member audience. "You want us to start worrying less about our jobs and more about your jobs."

But even if Obama notches some rhetorical wins, he risks alienating people at the same time.

As a candidate, Obama built a winning brand as a change agent. That outsider, reformer image is difficult for any politician to maintain once the messy obligations and barriers of governing take over; it is even easier to lose once the bare-knuckled zingers start flying.

What's more, Obama's sharper tone comes at a time of deepening voter ire about Washington's politics of division and inability to solve pressing problems.

Sensing opportunity, Republicans have taken note. Countering Obama's portrayal of himself as above the political fray, the Republican National Committee sent out video of what it called the president's "perpetual campaigning" of late.

So the White House is trying to tread carefully. As Obama seeks to right his presidency and his agenda amid falling poll numbers and ballot box losses, he and his

advisers have concluded that the gloves must come off more often. He intends to unleash more tough talk for Republicans in the coming weeks, under the theme that they, too, must be held accountable for solving the nation's ills, a senior administration official said.

Since last Wednesday's State of the Union address, Obama has held two campaign-style town hall meetings. In both he has called out Republicans for opposing him on health care, federal spending and other issues.

He also spoke at a meeting of House Republican lawmakers, where both sides aired their complaints against the other, sometimes sharply.

The idea is to stop allowing Republicans to define the White House through their nearly unanimous opposition to Obama's proposals and to start using them as a foil to better define themselves, the official said.

As Obama put it Tuesday in New Hampshire: "You can't walk away from your responsibilities to confront the challenges facing this country because you think it's good short-term politics."

But he also will continue to reach out to Republicans, asking them to work with him and defining areas where cooperation may be possible. This serves two purposes: put Republicans on the spot, and show himself as a willing conciliator.

On Tuesday, as he has done almost daily since last week's State of the Union address, Obama made a play for bipartisanship. He urged the Republican minority in Congress to work with him and the Democratic leadership to overhaul education, energy and health care policies and take on crippling federal budget deficits.

"I can't do this alone. Democrats can't do this alone — nor should we," he said.

While he spoke there, the White House pressed the message on another front, releasing a letter from Obama to U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue asking for the leading business lobby's support for his jobs proposals.

"Understanding that we may not always agree on every issue or how to achieve the goals we all share, let us build on the progress we've seen and work together wherever possible," Obama wrote.

As Obama put it Tuesday in New

... let us build on the progress we've seen and work together wherever possible. BARACK OBAMA PRESIDENT UNITED STATES

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Bogs, 5 New moon, e.g., 10 Month, in Mexico, 13 Short article, 14 Memory mishap, 15 Brewer's need, 16 India's first prime minister, 19 Lead-in for suited or timed, 20 Slurpee alternative, 21 Wrinkle-resistant fabric, 22 Washington wine region, 26 Used the alley, in a way, 28 Tweak, e.g., 29 Nymph associated with Artemis, 30 Careful shopper's criterion, 32 Pea holders, 33 Malice, 34 Thompson of "Sense and Sensibility", 38 Taxpayer, e.g., 39 Iraqi, for instance, 40 Subway, 41 Restaurants spokesman, 42 Lake that's a source of the Mississippi, 43 Chicago "L", e.g., 46 Leg bone, 47 Actress Sommer, 48 Model Landry, 51 Part of a will suit, 55 Southernmost cross-country U.S. highway, 56 Rubberneck, 57 Chick lenders, 58 Away partner, 59 Letter-shaped opening, 60 May race, for short.

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Students focus on traits in StrengthsQuest month

Oscars go big, small with 'Avatar,' 'Hurt Locker'

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

Instead of telling students where their weaknesses lie, Gallup's Tom Matson and Mark Pogue spoke with students in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre on Tuesday evening to teach them what to do next with their greatest strengths.

"We're focusing on strengths this month and trying to get the word out to students to develop and apply their strengths," said Amanda Schaefer, University Career Services assistant director.

StrengthsQuest is a program that measures a person's greatest strengths and tells them about top personality traits. Gallup designed this program for schools and businesses to help discover how different people's strengths can play into a better work environment and teamwork. The program helps find what makes them happiest while working and what traits make them excel in their job.

"I want students to see the value of finding out what their strengths are and how to apply them within the context of their academic pursuits so that they can see the application of what that means for them in the future," Pogue said.

Instead of focusing on the

negative, the program enforces the idea that what a person is good at will make them succeed more than fixing their faults.

"It focuses on our strengths rather than weaknesses," said Morgan Cocke, a sophomore biology major from Waco. "It helps focus on what makes you, you and emphasizes who you are and know what you're best at."

Gallup focuses on more than 34 traits that are present in most people and incorporates these into their survey. After answering the questions, these traits are ordered in a way that suits each person.

The traits each person is labeled with should not be a surprise, Pogue said. A person doesn't change too drastically in their traits, so the list of traits a person has should be expected.

"It's like looking at picture of ourselves," said David Kraus, director of Student Career Services.

Texas Tech is one of the few schools that use StrengthsQuest in all aspects of the campus, Matson said. While most other schools have their students take the survey online, Tech is one of the few schools that uses the program frequently.

"Tech is a school where strengths is used on multiple levels," Matson said. "Strengths is in over 700 schools, but at Texas Tech, it is across the campus. That makes it really unique in

Strengths is in over 700 schools, but at Texas Tech, it is across the campus. That makes it really unique in our eyes.

TOM MATSON
Gallup Organization



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TOM MATSON, WITH Gallup Organization, tells a story about a plane ride out of St. Louis that describes each of his personal strengths during a StrengthsQuest presentation Tuesday night in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre.

our eyes."

Some classes use top strengths of students for their class work, but Student Career Services is the most active with the program. The center not only encourages students to know their strengths, but to use them when applying for a job.

"StrengthsQuest can give them some very concrete, specific reasons," Kraus said.

These concrete words help

students tell potential employers what exactly their strengths and weakness are rather than having a generic answer, he said.

Matson and Pogue's lecture focused not on what StrengthsQuest is about, but how to apply these strengths to students' lives.

The lecture helped kick off University Career Services' StrengthsQuest Month that will continue through the end of February.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Avatar" is a dreamy space fantasy that has made more money than any movie in history. "The Hurt Locker" is a ground-level dose of war-on-terror reality and one of the lowest-grossing best-picture contenders ever.

With a leading nine Oscar nominations each and ex-spouses James Cameron and Kathryn Bigelow as directors, the films are a study in extremes. They're also the only two movies that really matter in the expanded race for Hollywood's top prize March 7.

"Avatar," about the human invasion of a faraway moon populated by blue-hued creatures, won best drama and director at the Golden Globes. "The Hurt Locker," a disturbingly close and claustrophobic look at the strains of disabling bombs in Iraq, earned the top prizes from guilds representing directors and produc-

ers, and was chosen as the year's best film by many key critics groups.

"It's a true David and Goliath kind of story, isn't it?" said Jeremy Renner, a best-actor nominee for his performance as a bomb-disposal expert in "The Hurt Locker." "You know what? I love being David. ... It's like 'The Bad News Bears' or something, or Rocky Balboa."

In between the two films in the Academy Award best-picture nominations announced Tuesday is a range of mainstream hits and critical darlings that deliver just what Oscar overseers wanted when they expanded the category from five films to 10—something for everyone.

"Extraordinary company. Every film is a masterpiece in and of itself," said Bigelow, whose best-director nod for "The Hurt Locker" makes her the fourth woman ever nominated in that category. "It creates a lot to choose from, let's put it that way."

Gay marriage trial re-enacted online

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Where there's the Web, there's a way.

Seeking to overcome a broadcast blackout imposed by the U.S. Supreme Court, a pair of gay Los Angeles filmmakers have undertaken the task of faithfully recreating the federal trial on California's same-sex marriage ban for the Internet. All 60-plus hours of it. Every "um," "Yes, your honor" and "objection!"

John Ainsworth and John Ireland are using 3,000 pages of court transcripts as scripts and professional actors as the main characters to produce the weighty re-enactment of a case that some have described as the gay mar-

riage movement's Brown v. Board of Education.

"This is something I believe should be a resource for Americans," Ireland said. "This is a process we as a society are going through, and there is nothing like good drama with professional actors that allows people to consider the lives of others that are different from them."

Chief U.S. Judge Vaughn Walker announced before the trial that he wanted to record the historic proceedings and transmit them to other federal courthouses and on YouTube. But a divided Supreme Court overruled Walker two days into the trial and blocked the broadcasts, saying they could subject gay marriage opponents to harassment.

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Congress right to try turning volume down

Tired of turning down the volume during every commercial break? Thanks to Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., and other fellow members of Congress, there may not be a need to do so anymore.

Eshoo introduced the bill in June 2008 and on Dec. 15, 2009, the House of Representatives voted to pass the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act, also known as the CALM Act.

The Federal Communications Commission would reinforce the bill. The bill would prescribe

“The constant act of turning your volume up and down does give your thumbs a nice workout, but it's probably a workout many Americans want to skip.”

We all have experienced the frustration of turning the volume down when a commercial appears and up when the TV programming returns.

However, it is a surprise this

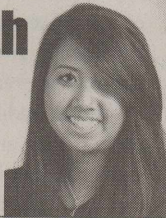
common household complaint could reach Congress. Yet, the Federal Communications Commission reported complaints dated from the 1960s.

More than 40 years later, Congress is taking steps toward implementing a bill to aid our needs as a viewer.

There are several other countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, France and Russia, that already have established legal standards like the CALM Act requires. The United States should be next.

Advertisers should not be weary of the bill — if anything they should be excited about it. It is highly likely the majority of United States citizens turns down or mute their TV's volume during commercials. If viewers mute their commercials, advertisers'

Elizabeth Custy



messages will not be given and they lose out.

For some opposed representatives, it is not the advertisers they are defending but the ability of the American people to turn down the volume themselves. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, was one representative opposed to the bill.

“While I too would like to have someone turn down the TV when it gets loud, I've already given that job to my thumb. As a result, I only need one member of Congress at work on this vital problem, not 435,” said Barton during the House CALM Act hearing. “I appreciate Ms. Eshoo's efforts to protect America's ears from loud commercials and our thumbs from arthritis brought on by overuse, but writing a law to do so seems a stretch.”

The constant act of turning your volume up and down does give your thumbs a nice workout, but it's probably a workout many Americans want to skip.

Despite having the capability to control the volume, it is still a problem in need of legal standardizing. Unfortunately, politely asking advertising companies and broadcasters to turn the volume down is not enough.

The fact the Federal Communications Commission has dated complaints from more than 40 years ago proves people want this change.

“The bill matters to our con-

stituents, and I think that's what really matters the most.” Eshoo said during the House CALM Act hearing, “and it stands as proof that Congress can listen to their concerns.”

With the health care bill debate many people and Congressmen may feel this is a small issue. However, it is an issue numerous people care about and it is Congress's duty to attend to the needs of the majority of the American citizens.

This bill can also be compared to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007. Under the act, the Federal Trade Commission can remove telephone numbers of telemarketers' lists. More than 157 million people are on the FTC's Do-Not-Call List.

In regards to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act, many people could argue a person's ability to hang up the phone. However, the annoyance of telemarketers reached Congress's attention.

Despite if this is a small issue, we all have faced the annoyance of constant high-volume commercials. Whether it is turning down the volume or muting the television we all would like a simple change.

As it stands, the CALM Act has passed only in the House and awaits the Senate's approval. Until that day, thumb exercising will continue daily.

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Students delivering diversity, classes not yet doing same

Last year I wrote a column commenting on Texas Tech's diversity stance. At the time my observations led me to conclude our administrators were making little to no progress in this area.

Our curriculum didn't appeal to a diverse student body. Our advisers and other academic staff seemed overwhelmed by the changes, and there appeared to be very little socializing between different ethnic and social groups. As I've said before, my idea of diversity includes positive interaction between different groups, not simply different people in one place.

Gladly, I now believe the changes I failed to see before are beginning to take place. Don't get ahead of yourselves thinking we've reached the finish line, because that's certainly not the case. We still have quite a journey ahead of us, but as of now, it seems we're on the right track. It's with both reluctance and anticipation I say this semester is turning out to be my most enjoyable.

Ok, so maybe some of that excitement stems from the fact this will also be my last semester at Tech, but still, I'm trying to prove a point, so just roll with me, Red Raiders.

Those of us who have been hoping for a more mixed crowd as it pertains to culture, ethnicity, ideologies, etc., are finally getting a glimpse of the amazing university we can and hopefully will have some day. Just last week

Shay Irby



as I was walking to class I had one of the most enlightening conversations with a young man from California. We spoke of the reservations we had prior to moving to Texas.

For the most part, we concluded our generalizations were correct, but

we also agreed being at Tech has erased some of the misconceptions we previously had.

In one of my classes, I sit next to a young cowboy who keeps me in hysterics with his side-splitting wit. When I moved to Texas, cowboys and country music were all but foreign. As I

prepare to leave, if you think I'm going without a fancy cowboy hat, a stellar pair of cowboy boots and a Sugarland CD so I can belt “Already Gone” all the way to the state line, you're dead wrong.

The point I'm making is diversity is good. Diversity is great, and now it's growing on our campus. I'm having the best time of my college career all because of the different people I'm meeting every day.

Some of you may not understand why this is so important to many of us, and I get why. Perhaps you've never

walked into a classroom where no one looked like you. Maybe you've never been the only Christian or heterosexual in a room, but if you were, how would you feel? Would you be as confident to speak up knowing those around you may not understand your perspective or even care for that matter?

Those have been thoughts that have crossed my mind. Walking into a place where you stick out like a sore thumb can be quite intimidating. My first couple of semesters here, I found myself terrified at the mere thought of being the only non-Anglo student in a class, but after last week, I learned the need for such fears at Tech are diminishing. For the first time, I stood in front of my peers and shared a bit about myself without being coaxed or forced.

So although I still think the courses we offer help very little with our goal of diversifying, and I still believe the rate at which we've increased student population has been too quick for some of our academic staff to handle, at least our students are getting the message. Yes, I will continue to voice my concerns about the lack of courses that bring attention to varying cultures, but I would like to take this time to thank my fellow peers.

President Guy Bailey and Chancellor Kent Hance can talk until they are blue in the face, but it's still up to us to make the experience as positive and rewarding as possible. Of course there will always be those who resist change, but there's little we can do about them. I'm just glad to see the good overcoming and Tech making strides in a direction that truly will place us among the best in the nation.

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“The constant act of turning your volume up and down does give your thumbs a nice workout, but it's probably a workout many Americans want to skip.”

Twitter use rising among gang members

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a gang member was released from jail soon after his arrest for selling methamphetamine, friends and associates assumed he had cut a deal with authorities and become a police informant.

They sent a warning on Twitter that went like this: We have a snitch in our midst.

Unbeknownst to them, that tweet and the traffic it generated were being closely followed by investigators, who had been tracking the San Francisco Bay Area gang for months. Officials sat back and watched as others joined the conversation and left behind incriminating information.

Law enforcement officials say gangs are making greater use of Twitter and Facebook, where they sometimes post information that helps agents identify gang associates and learn more about their organizations.

“You find out about people you never would have known about before,” said Dean Johnston with the California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, which helps police investigate gangs. “You build this little tree of people.”

In the case involving the suspected informant, tweets alerted investigators to three other gang members who were ultimately arrested on drug charges.

Tech-savvy gangsters have long been at home in chatrooms and on

Web sites like MySpace, but they appear to be gravitating toward Twitter and Facebook, where they can make threats, boast about crimes, share intelligence on rivals and network with people across the country.

“We are seeing a lot more of it,” Johnston said. “They will even go out and brag about doing shootings.”

It's hard to know exactly how many gang members are turning to Twitter and Facebook. Many police agencies are reluctant to discuss the phenomenon for fear of revealing their investigative techniques.

Authorities can also seek help from the Web sites. Representatives from Twitter and Facebook say they regularly cooperate with police and supply information on account holders when presented with a search warrant. Neither company would discuss specifics.

Gang use of Twitter and Facebook still lags behind use of the much-older MySpace, which remains gang members' online venue of choice.

The toughest part about tracking someone on Twitter is finding the alias or screen name they are posting under. And many tweets are nonsensical or pointless, so cutting through the clutter can be difficult.

“It's tricky,” said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy David Anguiano. “If you find out what they go by, you are good to go.”

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3-D makes strides; still room for improvement

Do you remember when something being in 3-D meant either looking at a Magic Eye image or going to Six Flags to sit through that ridiculous virtual dinosaur ride? Well, now that we're in a post-"Avatar" world, 3-D is about to become the new standard. Much like how film and television transitioned to a medium filled with color, we're experiencing the change from 2-D to 3-D displays becoming the norm.

However, this evolution of visual entertainment actually may not be for the best. The biggest problem is that, for the most part, viewing footage in 3-D will actually require you to strap on a pair of glasses and keep them on lest you subject yourself to some oddly blurry, fuzzy images traipsing across the screen.

This may not be a problem at the moment because you honestly only endure the oddity of having River Cuomo-esque beleaguering your face every other month or so for the latest 3-D movie.

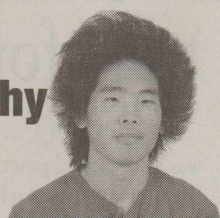
You'll notice, though, that after taking off the glasses, you feel extraordinarily better. Your vision is sharp and you no longer have sharp plastic digging into your face.

In fact, since those Real-D circular polarized glasses are being replaced with slightly heavier and expensive externally-powered active shutter specs, those problems only snowball into larger ones.

Why, then, would you want to put yourself through such punishment on a regular basis for all of your usual television viewing needs? The answer, of course, is that you wouldn't.

Luckily, there are solutions

Timothy Poon



in the works that don't require glasses. Companies like Magnetic3-D and Alioscopy produce autostereoscopic displays that show footage in 3-D for anyone and everyone viewing, regardless of headgear.

Unfortunately, there are serious limitations to this, as well, that put autostereoscopic solutions further behind glasses-based options.

First off, footage usually has to be specifically formatted for the screen, which generally includes a sub-HD resolution and some degree of hand processing. Then there are severe restrictions on viewing angles.

Currently, the most angles any publicly demoed unit has is nine. This means if you want to watch TV on this set with any semblance of clarity, you'll have to be at one of nine very specific angles. Sounds fun, right?

None of it, actually, sounds fun to the gaming industry, an increasingly influential subset of consumers and companies at this point. Aside from Sony backing 3-D technology (probably due to the PS3's Blu-ray capabilities), no other console manufacturers are enthusiastically behind the idea of 3-D games.

This would incur higher hardware costs, bigger game development budgets, longer develop-

ment cycles, and probably an overall lower quality game due to resources being stretched too thin.

For instance, unlike "Avatar" the movie, James Cameron's "Avatar: The Game" was a bit of a letdown. Recent movie-based games have broken the trend of ranging from disgustingly bad to exceedingly average in quality and transformed to playable, enjoyable products, and given the usual quality of "Avatar: The Game" developer Ubisoft Montreal's games, the end result was undoubtedly disappointing.

The game similarly boasted 3-D technology like the movie, but rather than shell out a few extra bucks to watch a 3-D movie, gamers had to pump out thousands of dollars for a special TV to play a game that is as equally mediocre in three dimensions as it is in two.

The project actually appeared to be on track for quite some time to be a fun game, but then the 3-D part was factored in. Some game journalists actually attribute the unfortunate quality of the game to this feature and mostly do so in an accurate fashion.

Even disregarding the disappointing showing of 3-D games at CES which highlighted the despairingly large gap between price and fun for such games, the general consensus is 3-D just isn't worth it.

Regardless of your feelings on the 3-D hullabaloo, it will all be coming to fruition shortly. DirecTV and ESPN will launch exclusively 3-D channels this June, although Discovery, Sony and IMAX's joint venture network will actually one-up them by offering the first 24-hour 3-D network (ESPN and DirecTV will only operate their 3-D channels when they have 3-D programs to offer).

Needless to say, 3-D home entertainment is coming, and it's coming soon.

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Have a celebrity doppelganger?

"My sister says that in my face, I kind of look like Lauren Conrad."

— Audrey Rugg, a senior public relations major from Fort Worth



"Swizz Beatz — he's an urban rap artist. I think I look like him because of how laid back I look and my hobbies, which consist of hanging out with my buddies and freestyling."

— Rick Hayer, a senior business management from Houston

"There's a guy at the bar that I work at that says I look like Buffy the Vampire Slayer. He asks for my autograph each time he's there."

— Chelsea Michelle, a junior community, family and addiction services major from Plano

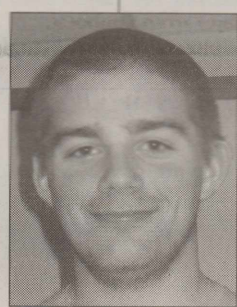
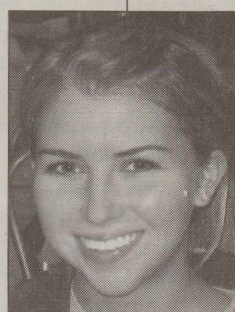


"I get Heidi Klum because I'm European, tall and blonde."

— Ana Ravliga, a sophomore human development and family sciences major from Frisco

"I don't think I look like anybody, but my friend said that I look like Rachel McAdams."

— Emily Pruitt, a junior public relations major from Frisco



"Josh Hartnett — once people have seen me and a picture of him, people say I really look like him as long as he doesn't have his crazy long hair."

— Drew Phillips, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Flower Mound

Compiled by Alexandra Pedrini

US taking another look at Scotland's haggis

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Just how risky is the Scottish national dish?

At the request of Scottish officials, the U.S. government will sort that out as it reviews its ban on haggis, a sort of sausage made by rolling cooked sheep's offal — the liver, heart and lungs — in oats and pepper, then stuffing it into beef intestine and boiling it.

Not that most Americans have exactly been clamoring for it. But word that the U.S. Department of Agriculture would reconsider its ban — which dates to the U.K.'s mad cow disease scare of the late 1980s — did stir some excitement with Scottish producers.

"This is long overdue and I'm glad the U.S. authorities are coming to their senses," said master butcher Neil Watt of Watt the Butcher in Montrose, on the east coast of Scotland. "The haggis you get in the States does not taste like proper haggis."

Of course, the lifting of the ban is far from certain. Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Lindsay Cole said reports that any decision had been made are incorrect. The latest science is being reviewed, but no timetable was set for a decision, she said in a statement.

Haggis got back on the table — at least politically speaking — after Scottish Rural Affairs minister Richard Lochhead wrote to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, asking for clarification of the ban.

Lochhead also asked that Vilsack extend the review to include some of Scotland's other products, including beef, lamb and venison.

"We want to allow American consumers to sample our world renowned national dish," he says. "They should be assured Scotland has an excellent reputation in animal disease surveillance and prevention."

Haggis is the traditional centerpiece of Burns' Suppers held by Scottish societies across the globe every January, when it is served with tatties (potatoes), bashed neeps (turnip, swede or rutabaga) and washed down with copious amounts of Scotch Whisky.

Long the food of the poor, haggis in recent years has enjoyed a resurgence in Scotland, where it is reworked into numerous modern interpretations, such as haggis samosas. At Angelus Restaurant near Buckingham Palace in London, head chef Martin Nisbet puts an Italian spin on it to create haggis tortellini.

"We believe there is a big market to be tapped as the government estimates there are 9 million Scottish Americans," says Jo Macsween, director of Macsween's Haggis in Edinburgh, who already exports to South Africa and across Europe.

"But who knows how long it will be before the ban is lifted. It could take years," he says. "Americans are inquisitive and eager to try our product when they visit. Once they've tasted it they generally love it and become enthusiasts."

"The worst part is telling them they can't take it home."

Well, not every American falls in love with it. During the G8 summit of 2005 at Gleneagles, former President George W. Bush said he was not keen to try the dish. "I was briefed on haggis," he said.

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Lady Raiders hope to end skid at ISU

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Every game is a must win, at least that's how the Lady Raiders approach things.

Those same implications may be magnified tonight against Iowa State, considering four straight losses in Big 12 Conference play hurt the team's chances of playing in the postseason.

"I'm going to have to say it's a must win," Tech forward Ashlee Roberson said. "We have to go up there and do our part in whatever the outcome is, we all want the win. Big 12 is the hardest conference to play in. I don't know what more you can say about the Big 12, it's competition."

Tech (13-7, 1-5 in Big 12 play) takes on No. 22 ISU at 7 p.m. today in Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. The game against the Cyclones will be the Lady Raiders' fifth consecutive match against an Associated Press Top-25 opponent.

For Tech, beating ISU (16-4, 4-3) will not be a result of just slowing down guard Alison Lacey. The senior, who leads the Cyclones in scoring with 17.8 points per game this season, was held to four points against the Lady Raiders in Lubbock last year.

But ISU won that game 59-52 and Tech head coach Kristy Curry is still aware of Lacey's capabilities on the court.

"She probably didn't do too much damage, but we didn't come out with the win," she said. "Obviously, she's very gifted. She's talented, a very good senior leader and does so many things well for them."

Tech has the opportunity to end a couple of losing streaks.

Aside from four straight losses in conference play, the Lady Raiders also have dropped their last four against ISU and are 1-5 all-time in Ames. Additionally, Tech hasn't won a road conference game since Feb. 21, 2009 against Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla.

Tech guard Jordan Murphree said the



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TEXAS TECH'S ASHLEE Roberson fends off an Oklahoma defender during the Lady Raiders' game against OU this season. Tech will try to end a four-game skid against Iowa State at 7 p.m. today in Ames, Iowa.

team needs to close games out to take one on the road.

"We're playing well enough to win, we're just not finishing games, we're not doing the little things," she said. "Hopefully we can put all that together. They're a good team, they're playing their best ball right now, so we've just got to put our things together."

A road win against a ranked op-

ponent can be accommodating since six of Tech's nine remaining games after ISU come against Top-25 opposition. Tonight's game also could give Tech a chance to gain some ground in the Big 12 standings and move them into a tie with Colorado, which has the week off.

But Curry said the struggles are something her players have to handle day by day.

"The (Big 12) South has been difficult, pretty difficult as far as how many teams are ranked, how good everybody is and they're established," she said. "It's a matter of taking it one game at a time. Working on getting better, finding small victories every day, encouraging them, teaching and coaching, playing hard and working on it."

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Ekpe Udoh in frontcourt transforms Baylor Bears

WACO (AP) — Ekpe Udoh was in a spirited practice while red-shirting last season when one of his Baylor teammates said something about his dominating presence.

"I'm a nightmare," Udoh responded.

Now the rest of the Big 12 and other opposing teams are getting to know the post player with a self-proclaimed nickname. The former Michigan player wearing No. 13 — his middle name is Friday — is no longer confined to the practice court for the 20th-ranked Bears (16-4).

"That's a nice guy to pick up

as a transfer,"

Massachusetts coach Derek Kellogg said after Udoh had 23 points and seven rebounds against the Minutemen two weeks ago. "As much as anything, he dominates the game by just being out there. His presence is really what separates him."

Having the 6-foot-10, 240-pounder in the middle has certainly helped transform Baylor, which last season made it to the NIT championship game depending primarily on its outside shooting. While the perimeter game with Lace Darius Dunn and Tweety Carter is still a big part of the Bears offense, Udoh — whose name is pronounced EPP'-ay YOO'-doh — has provided an added inside dimension on both ends of the court.

Udoh averages 13.7 points a game while shooting 50 percent from the field with 10.7 rebounds

per game, both second-best in the Big 12. He leads the league with 4.2 blocks (fifth nationally) and 4.3 offensive boards a game.

The Bears have 150 blocked shots, already a school record and four more than in twice as many games last season. Outrebounded a year ago, Baylor is now first in the Big 12 and fifth nationally with a plus-8.7 rebounding margin.

"Ekpe's impact on the floor, it's obvious," coach Scott Drew said. "The impact that people don't know about is the mental approach he has to the game, the leadership. ... The same

thing with how he affects the game when he doesn't block shots, but alters them or intimidates them or changes people's game plan."

Baylor students have started wearing horror film-inspired hockey masks while cheering

on Udoh and the Bears, who are home against Iowa State on Wednesday night.

"You see masks everywhere. It's crazy," said Udoh, who often salutes the fans by flashing the school's traditional "Bear Claw" hand signal.

Udoh is more than a big man who slams balls or swats them away, though his 84 blocks are only 14 shy of the single-season school record and seventh on the career list. He is the only Baylor player with an assist in every game, and his 54 are second on the team behind Carter's 100, a fact that surprised even Udoh — "Really? Wow," he said.

"As much as anything, he dominates the game just by being out there."

DEREK KELLOGG
MASSACHUSETTS COACH

Martina Hingis to play World Team Tennis

(AP) — Martina Hingis can't help but contemplate yet another comeback when she sees the success Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin are having after being away from tennis.

"There's a spark," Hingis said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

But she also said she would rule out the possibility of a return to the tour "at this point," primarily because of all the travel.

"If it was played in the backyard," Hingis said from her home in Switzerland, "then I'd probably think about it twice."

The five-time Grand Slam singles champion and youngest woman to be ranked No. 1 retired for the second time in 2007, when she was given a two-year suspension for testing positive for cocaine. Hingis denied taking the drug but did not appeal the ruling.

That ban ended Sept. 30, and the 29-year-old Hingis is eager to get the chance to play more tennis this year:

She has committed to a full season of World Team Tennis, the coed league founded by Billie Jean King and heading into its 35th season.

Hingis will be picked by a team in the marquee player draft Feb. 11. Other top names in the draft include the Williams sisters, John McEnroe and Maria Sharapova, although they're going to be playing only one to five matches, while Hingis is slated for all 14 in the regular season.

In 2005, Hingis used World Team Tennis to help prepare for her first comeback. Clijsters also played in the WTT last year as a way to warm up before getting back on tour after more than two years away while getting married and having a baby.

For Clijsters, that return was as successful as could be: She won the championship at the 2009 U.S. Open, the very first Grand Slam tournament — and only third event overall — of her return. That helped prompt another Belgian, Henin, to come back, too, and she managed to reach last

weekend's Australian Open final at her first Grand Slam tournament in two years.

"It's great to see them dig deep and come back that well. I don't know if I could handle it," Hingis said.

She watched more of this Australian Open than she has in years.

"Of course it makes you think. Tennis was all my life, and the most natural thing is that it makes you think. It would be sad if it didn't make me think, don't you think?" Hingis said.

"Tennis is still my life. Well, part of it," she continued. "But my life is very comfortable, on the other hand. Tennis gave me a lot of things and sometimes you have to put things behind. It's a lot of sacrifice, as well. I wouldn't want to risk it anymore."

She originally quit tennis in 2002 because of foot and leg injuries. When she rejoined the circuit full time in 2006, she reached two Grand Slam quarterfinals, won two smaller tournaments and made it to No. 6 in the rankings.

Jets QB Mark Sanchez to have surgery on left knee

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez will have surgery on his left knee and is expected to be ready in time for training camp.

The team said Tuesday that the operation, which will repair the patella ligament that holds the kneecap in place, will be performed by Jets physician Dr. Ken Montgomery and orthopedist Dr. Elliott Hershman in the next few weeks.

Sanchez, who led the Jets to the AFC title game in his rookie season, will miss some offseason workouts but general manager Mike Tannenbaum has said the quarterback would be completely healthy by the start of training camp in July

if he had surgery.

The Daily News of New York first reported Sanchez's decision.

Sanchez dislocated the kneecap during fall practice before his junior season at Southern California. He has worn a brace on the knee since, but aggravated the injury against Carolina on Nov. 29.

He had both knees examined by team doctors last week and sought a second opinion from Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., before deciding on surgery. It is expected to help prevent future tweaks to the kneecap area.

"I think everyone's on the same page," Tannenbaum said

last week. "It's not going to be anything major."

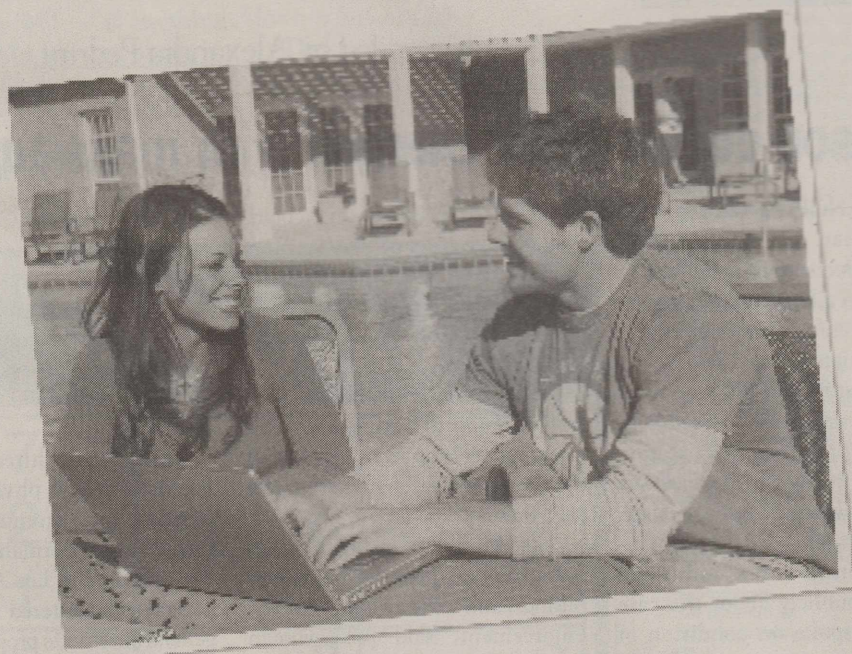
Sanchez won't need any procedures on his right knee, which sustained a sprained posterior cruciate ligament against Buffalo on Dec. 3 in Toronto and caused him to miss one game. That injury will heal through rehabilitation.

After throwing 20 interceptions during the regular season, Sanchez had just two in three postseason games and fell a win short of becoming the first rookie quarterback to start in the Super Bowl.

He also joined Baltimore's Joe Flacco as the only rookie quarterbacks to win two playoff games.

The fifth overall pick last year out of USC, Sanchez finished the regular season throwing for 2,444 yards and 12 touchdowns, but had a dismal 63.0 quarterback rating. He took much better care of the ball down the stretch and finished the playoffs going 41 of 68 for 539 yards with four touchdowns and a 92.7 rating.

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Season begins for Tech golf Dold wins NY race

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Texas Tech men's golf team is starting the 2010 spring season in Hawaii, but that doesn't mean it's vacation time for the Red Raiders.

A tough field of teams and golfers await the Red Raiders in the Mauna Lani Invitational beginning today and ending Friday at the Mauna Lani Resort North Course in Kohala Coast, Hawaii.

If the Red Raiders are looking for a test, this is the place to do it.

The field includes some of the top squads in the country, such as No. 1 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Stanford — ranked according to the Web site Golfweek.com. Tech isn't too far behind at No. 19 after a solid fall season.

"We had a pretty decent fall, but we have a really tough spring schedule," Tech coach Greg Sands said. "We're just going to try to take each tournament one

at a time."

This fall, the Red Raiders had a few good finishes, with a second-place finish in the Gary Koch Intercollegiate in Tampa, Fla., being the highest.

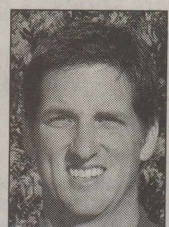
Names such as Nils Floren, Sergio Franky, Chris Ward and Will Griffin are expected to be key for Tech.

The team was in Hawaii on Tuesday preparing for the tourney, making golfers unavailable for comment.

Taking it one tourney at a time might help the Red Raiders handle this season and the obstacles that come along with it.

As usual, Tech's eight tournaments before the Big 12 Conference Championships will be on the road — four of those being in Texas.

Sands said having to consistently travel can be tough, but



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having the ability to handle it well during the season comes with experience.

"I don't know if you ever really get used to it in some sense, but I guess it's become something you

learn how to handle," said Sands, who is in the middle of his 10th season at Tech. "It is something that sometimes, it gets difficult to concentrate on golf. You got school-work that you gotta make up."

As for starting the spring season on the right foot, the Red Raiders have a chance to redeem themselves from their finish at last year's tournament in

Hawaii — previously known as the UH-Hilo Invitational.

Tech tied for 12th place, turning in rounds of 291, 294 and 291 at the event last season.

The Mauna Lani Invitational is a 54-hole tournament on a par-72 course, which is 6,601 yards, and 18 holes will be played each day.

Even with a tough field, Sands said he hopes the weather presents a little challenge to the golfers.

"I'm hoping we get a little wind so it'll make it a little more difficult," he said. "We need to play better when it's a little bit tougher."

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GREG SANDS
TEXAS TECH MEN'S GOLF COACH

NEW YORK (AP) — It took Thomas Dold 10 minutes and 16 seconds Tuesday to earn his record-tying fifth consecutive win in the Empire State Building Run-Up, a punishing 86-flight scamper to the top of New York's tallest building.

Grimacing as he lunged across the finish line on the 86th floor observation deck, the 25-year-old from Stuttgart, Germany, beat fellow German Matthias Jahn up the 1,576 steps by 40 seconds.

"I'm so tired ... It was quite hard," Dold said. He is the third person to win the race five times. His only loss was a photo finish in his 2005 debut.

Melissa Moon, 40, of Wellington, New Zealand, placed first among the women in 13 minutes, 13 seconds. She finished panting, but smiling.

"Oh, look at that view!" she said at the top.

It was her first win in the event. Moon, who works at a soup kitchen and counsels the homeless when she isn't scaling tall buildings, said the key to victory

in stair climbing is "your ability to tolerate pain."

The unorthodox race has been run 33 times since 1978. Competitors start in the lobby, where they take just a few strides before squeezing through a doorway and into a stairwell for the long climb.

Passing can be difficult. The stairs are only wide enough for two people. Contestants also have to deal with an ear-popping altitude change of 1,050 feet.

Kacie Fischer, 24, of Pismo Beach, Calif., reached the top, in 20th place among the women, collapsed in a heap and had to be carried inside.

"I blacked out," she said later. "I just got so dizzy, going around and around and around on the stairs. My legs gave out at floor 50, and then I ran another 36 floors."

Some 162 men and 76 women entered this year. The event draws stair-climbing specialists from around the globe.

Gretchen Grindle Hurlbutt, 31, of New York, placed second among the women, then posed for photos with her 4-month-old baby.

Three-week road trip looms for Spurs after homestand

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs had just finished a dreary homestand with another loss when Manu Ginobili was asked: Might he or Tony Parker be traded to turn things around?

A reporter didn't ask. It was a season-ticker holder.

Limping into a three-week road trip starting Wednesday that Tim Duncan says is the most important one yet, this is the Spurs: so inconsistent that the once-absurd idea of trading two of the Big Three is sounding plausible to some of their most loyal fans.

Ginobili doesn't think he or Parker are going anywhere. But where the Spurs are ultimately headed may be determined in the next eight games.

The Rodeo Road Trip — the annual get-it-together moment for the Spurs — has arrived.

"We really need to get this bunker mentality together more than before," Ginobili said after the Spurs went 2-4 at home in 12 days. "If we're going to be the contenders we know we can be, this

is the time we've got to show up."

Mostly because time is running out. The Spurs are 27-19 — a bottom seed in the Western Conference if the playoffs began today, and certainly worse than most expected after the Spurs got healthy this summer and went on a spending spree to keep the window open for a fifth NBA title.

The record is the lowest winning percentage San Antonio has carried into Feb. 1 in the Duncan era. The Spurs also better get used to the road, because thanks to a frontloaded home schedule, they have just 12 games in San Antonio the rest of the season.

Panic is not a Spurs custom. Winning streaks or losing skids, coach Gregg Popovich and his veteran core keep the Spurs even-keeled and always mindful of perspective. They play for April and May, not December and January.

But February is a traditional turning point. Since the Spurs moved into the AT&T Center in 2002, they're left homeless each year about this time by the annual San Antonio Livestock

Show and Rodeo.

Popovich has seized on the trip as an inimitable bonding opportunity — no families, no distractions — and with great success.

The Spurs are 40-16 in seven rodeo road trips. The trek has traditionally propelled their final burst to the playoffs, and with San Antonio struggling to find traction, Duncan declared this trip crucial for the Spurs.

"We hope the results of the past are what we get now," Duncan said. "Because we need to turn that corner. We've always used this trip to kind of get on a roll. Hopefully we can do just that and come back a better team than we're leaving."

What the Spurs want to leave behind is sloppy defense and unreliable shooting. Popovich began a season-long, six-game homestand last month flustered that "we're scoring more points than we've ever scored in our lives, but our defense is really sub-par and it's killing us."

Bush stars, disappoints for N.O.

MIAMI (AP) — Reggie Bush can make the spectacular look routine.

And he can make the routine look too hard to handle.

Since the New Orleans Saints made the dynamic running back from Southern California the second overall pick in the 2006 draft, Bush has been a revelation and a disappointment. At times, he resembles the breathtaking game-breaker who won the Heisman Trophy in 2005. Then he

morphs into a fumbling, pass-dropping, injury-ravaged non-entity — a third-stringer with little impact in the NFL's most

potent offense.

Unquestionably, the Saints need him to display every one of his award-winning talents and none of his weaknesses in

Sunday's Super Bowl against the Indianapolis Colts.

"I haven't lived up to the expectations I set for myself," Bush admitted Tuesday while seated on a podium at media day, surrounded by dozens of reporters. "Before I got to the NFL, I thought it would be the Super Bowl every year. You discover it's hard. It's hard to get to the Super Bowl. I've been

in the league four years and just got here. There's a lot of great players who never get to the Super Bowl. "I haven't lived up to the expectations I set for myself," he repeated, "but I know it will come. "All I want to do is be the best player ever to play this game, and I'd be remiss if I didn't feel that way," Bush said. "If I didn't feel that way when I step on the field, I'd be selling myself short." Some might argue Bush has come up far too short for the Saints. He hasn't made the Pro Bowl or All-Pro team. He hasn't approached 1,000 yards rushing in any season, and his career total of 1,940 yards is 66 fewer than second-year back Chris Johnson's for the Titans in 2009. He hasn't beaten out Pierre Thomas, an undrafted free agent in 2007, for the starting job, but, worse, sometimes Bush is coach Sean Payton's third choice to carry the ball. His second choice is another undrafted player, Mike Bell.

"Before I got to the NFL, I thought it would be the Super Bowl every year. You discover it's hard."

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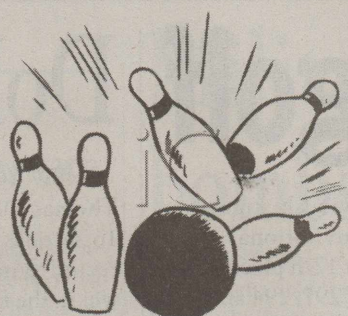
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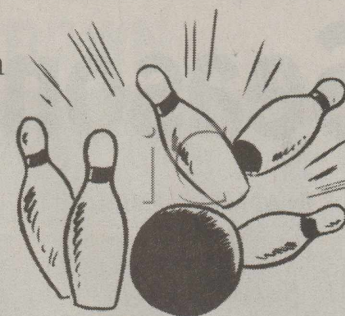
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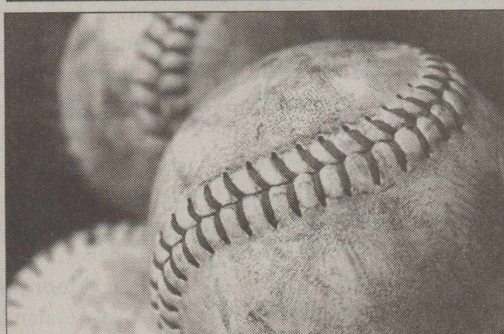
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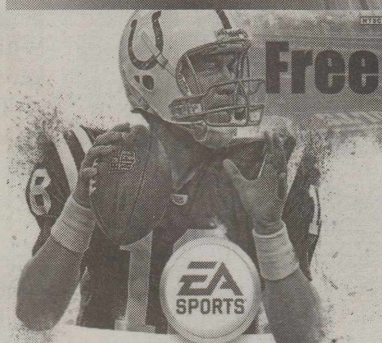


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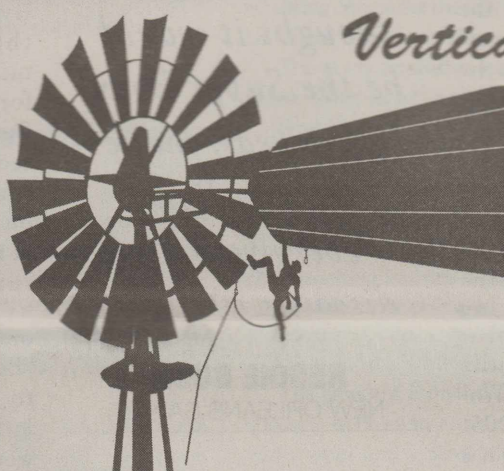
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