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Family of crash victim suing driver, bar

Attorney wants to prevent bars from over-serving

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

The family of Kendrick Laamar Johnson, 27, a passenger in a Jan. 29 accident that cost him his life — along with two others — is filing a lawsuit against Brian Cody Hawthorne, 26, for wrongful death.

The Johnson family attorney, Davis Smith, said Raider Park Restaurant Group Lp, is also being sued. Smith said there is a significant amount of evidence

proving Hawthorne, Johnson and friend Arturo Hernandez Almaguer, 23, were served alcohol at The Rooftop Bar at Raider Park on the night of the accident.

Smith said, while the three friends were of the legal drinking age, he wanted to raise awareness about the dangers of bartenders over-serving customers.

"Hopefully, this will put bartenders and bar owners on aware," he said. "Bar owners need to pay attention to how much they serve. All bars and bartenders should be TABC certified, and part

of that certification has over-serving training, but bars have a great profit motive to serve more alcohol."

Smith said he has worked on six cases in the past year relating to people being over-served in bars.

"I've been doing this for about 20 years and I have never seen as much as in this last year-and-a-half," he said. "After someone has two to three drinks, they're not the same person, and then they think the next two to three drinks are a great idea."

Calls made to Daniel Gilpin, the registered agent for Raider Park Restaurant Group Lp, were not returned.

Hawthorne was indicted by a Lubbock County grand jury Tues-

day for three counts of intoxication manslaughter and three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

An official with the Lubbock Police Department said Hawthorne was traveling south toward Texas Tech campus in a 2001 Toyota Tacoma on Jan. 29 and tried to avoid hitting 68-year-old cyclist, Courtland Whitmore, as he was crossing the street.

Hawthorne's truck hit Whitmore and flipped on its side. The truck then ran into a fire hydrant.

Whitmore and truck passengers Almaguer and Johnson were declared dead at the scene. An LPD official said Almaguer, who was enrolled at Tech as a junior, was the only one wearing a

seatbelt at the time of impact.

Hawthorne was arrested at the scene, but released due to the injuries sustained during the crash. He was admitted as a patient at University Medical Center and placed under police custody, where bail was set at \$150,000. Hawthorne is now free on bond. He also has been released from UMC and is recovering at home with his family in Rockwall.

Jason Trumpler, Hawthorne's attorney, said because his firm, Trumpler, Troberman and Huie, only deals with civil suits, Hawthorne's insurance company will most likely hire an attorney for the Johnson family's lawsuit.

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TechBriefly

Aldawsari lawyers outline strategy

Defense attorneys for Khalid-M Aldawsari filed a 10-page document Thursday at the federal district court of Lubbock County, outlining the experts they plan to use during the trial.

Aldawsari's defense team currently consists of Rod Hobson of Lubbock and Dan Cogdell and Paul Doyle of Houston.

The team plans to call explosive experts, an expert in Islamic culture and an expert in FBI investigations.

Aldawsari, a former Texas Tech student, was arrested Feb. 23, 2011, for the attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction.

His trial was moved by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings to April 30. If convicted, Aldawsari could face life in prison.

MTV star to visit Tech SUB

Ryan Kahn, star of the MTV show "Hired!" and a career coach with Dream Careers Inc., will be on campus Tuesday in the Student Union Building to help Tech students get their dream internships and jobs.

Kahn will give advice to students on how and when to apply for internships and jobs, and will be teaching them the dos and don'ts of landing an internship or job.

"If anybody does want to meet up with me they can just fill in their name and contact information," he said. "We'll reach out to them so we can meet up, so I can give them career advice or any suggestion that I have for them and their careers."

To register, students can go to the link summerinternships.com/tour/**.

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Researchers target childhood obesity with home study

Home-based intervention program works with families

By DEVIN GARZA
STAFF WRITER

Researchers for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing received a \$50,000 grant from Aetna, a health insurance provider, to study childhood obesity.

The study will target children between three and five years old who are enrolled in Head Start, a government-funded preschool program at Lubbock's Harwell Elementary. About 30 to 35 percent of the students in Head Start are above the 85 percentile for Body Mass Index, said Christina Esperat, associate dean of clinical services in the School of Nursing.

"The study is a home-based intervention program," said Debra Flores, project manager and co-investigator. "We work with families, sitting around their tables. We do a shelf inventory, which is everything

on the shelf and in the refrigerator, and we identify the issues. If there are a lot of sweet beverages or snack foods, we set goals with the family to cut down on those."

Du Feng, professor and principle investigator, said the study significantly focuses on low-income Hispanic families and their eating habits.

The program is tailored to each individual child and family, Flores said.

One of the primary goals of the study is to educate predominantly low-income families to eat healthier on a budget, Esperat said.

"Parents get into the habit of buying their kids fast food versus a healthier choice," she said. "These moms don't have the resources moms in other economic rungs have."

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Business students use social media to market wigs

By CAROLYN HECK
STAFF WRITER

Students in a consumer behavior class are finding creative ways to market for a synthetic hair wig business, using social media as part of a class assignment.

Shannon Rinaldo, assistant professor of marketing at the Texas Tech Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, said the idea was created when the owner of Love Your Dü, Susan Vaters, came to the college of business for help with marketing.

While wigs are typically mar-

keted to older audiences, Rinaldo said, Love Your Dü targets younger people, specifically women between 19 and 29 years of age.

The business wants to market the wigs as an accessory, Rinaldo said, something a person could change as often as their clothes or their shoes.

"They want to encourage young women to have fun with their product," she said.

After Vaters was referred to her, Rinaldo said, she decided to turn it into a class project.

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Slam Show



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS' MOOSE jumps over the referee for a slam dunk to finish off the first quarter of the Globetrotters' game against the International Elite on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

Globetrotters invade United Spirit Arena

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
STAFF WRITER

Ten minutes before the Globetrotters even took the court, Nathaniel "Big Easy" Lofton and Will "Bull" Bullard were already pestering the referees with their pre-game antics.

The Globetrotters opened the

game in their famous 1-4 high-offensive set.

Lofton was the odd man out, commenting the four-man weave, which led to Woody Payne lobbing a high-arching pass to Bones Milien who finished the play with a reverse slam.

Marvin Graham, a mechanical engineering graduate student from

Amarillo, said even though the antics were a bit much at times, overall the Globetrotters put on a good show.

"It was fun; I understand it was a kids show," he said. "The game was very interesting, very entertaining. I enjoyed it."

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Sibling Weekend

Time: All day
Where: None
So, what is it?
Tech is hosting a sibling weekend Friday and Saturday for siblings of Tech students. To learn more, visit depts.ttu.edu/parentrelations/sibling.php.

Black History Month: The Love Below

Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: College of Human Sciences, Room 169
So, what is it?
In celebration of Black History Month, the Texas Tech chapter of American Association of University Women is proud to present The Love Below.

SATURDAY

Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs. New Mexico State

Time: 9 a.m.
Where: McLeod Tennis Center
So, what is it?
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against New Mexico State.

Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs. Santa Clara

Time: 4 p.m.
Where: McLeod Tennis Center

So, what is it?
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against Santa Clara.

Texas Tech Men's Basketball vs. Oklahoma

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Oklahoma Sooners.

SUNDAY

Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs. Rice and FIU

Time: 11 a.m.
Where: McLeod Tennis Center
So, what is it?
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against Rice or FIU.

Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. Iowa State

Time: 1:30 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against Iowa State.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Blotter: TTU Officer investigates student having suicidal thoughts

Wednesday

12:43 p.m. — A Texas Tech officer documented information in reference to a student having suicidal thoughts, in the restroom on the first floor of West Hall. The student was voluntarily transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services for further treatment.

11:14 p.m. — A Tech officer

detained a student on the first floor of Murray Residence Hall following an odor of marijuana. The student was issued one Lubbock County Citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and was released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana.

Information provided by B.J. Watson of the Texas Tech Police Department.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Hawthorne defense asks public to keep open mind," should have read, "Trum-

pler said his client's legal process is in the early stages, making it difficult to predict the outcome." *The DT* regrets this error.

Realism of rank: Top college inflates SAT scores

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

A top admissions official at Claremont McKenna College, a respected school in California, recently admitted to inflating the school's SAT scores in order to help boost its standing in *U.S. News and World Report* Rankings.

While most universities strive to increase their rank to entice students, there are a number of factors influencing students to join a university like Texas Tech.

"In the case of rankings, schools like Texas Tech submit all kinds of data to *U.S. News and World Report*, which are used to create a set of rankings of all of the four-year colleges in the United States," said Jeff Olsen, vice president of Kaplan Test Prep research. "These rankings end up having a lot of influence on students who pay a lot of attention to them."

Rankings force schools to focus on certain statistics that are used as a proxy for status, he said.

"The rankings can give certain statistics that provide some insight around the edges as students are researching schools," Olsen said. "The problem with rankings is they've become a shorthand for status of schools and the educational quality."

"Realistically, the top echelon of schools hasn't really changed over the past sev-

eral decades, and beyond that, among competitive schools there's no difference in quality when a student goes to the 22nd ranked school versus the 28th ranked school in the country," said Jien Choe, executive director of college prep K-12 programs at Kaplan Test Prep. "From a student perspective, rankings should play a minimal role in considering where they want to apply."

Universities as a whole should focus more on improving themselves and follow the rules they enforce on students, said Nirav Patel, junior political science major from Snyder.

"Colleges should be holding themselves at a higher standard, especially when they're trying to teach those same values to other students," he said.

Academic reputation is important, but it should not be the only factor, Patel said.

"Colleges should focus not only improving their academics, such as SAT scores and who they accept, but also the other factors," he said. "For example, academic programs they have, research facilities, grants and funding — to allow high school students to continue doing the great work that they've displayed in high school."

There are many aspects students are encouraged to look at when choosing a college,

Olsen said.

"Students may look into things like professor to student ratio, freshman retention rate or financial aid data," he said. "This data is helpful for students in decision making. When students are looking at must-have colleges, we encourage them to also look at qualities like location, size, types of programs or athletics."

Rankings are not particularly useful when choosing a college, said Valerie Paton, vice provost for planning and assessment at Tech. When students are selecting schools, they need to sit in on classes, talk to faculty members and find out what the learning culture is like at the university.

"The fit of the institution for the student, the learning culture, the kind of support services — those qualities are not ever going to be communicated by ranks," she said. "It's going to be communicated by carefully reviewing the academic resources of the institution, visiting it and getting to know what the academic life is like."

The SAT and ACT become important to colleges in terms of overall indicators of the quality of the entering freshman class, Paton said.

"Statistically, there are some significant questions about the usefulness of SATs and ACTs as predictors of freshman success,"

she said. "When you combine them with class rank and grade point average, you get three indicators, a better predictor of freshman success. However, the tests are nationally standardized, comparative scores that institutions use to rank themselves against each other."

Certain policy matters do not affect the quality of education or status of the school, Olsen said. They just have an effect on rank.

"In reality, there are a number of ways that schools are able to influence their statistics and rankings," he said. "One example is to eliminate the early admissions policy. This can make a school appear more selective. Another example would be to go SAT optional. Students with lower scores will tend to not submit them. The school can then report higher SAT or ACT scores, which would then improve its ranking."

From a student's perspective, Claremont McKenna has been unfair to its students, Patel said.

"The school accepted so many other high SAT score students to later find out that these scores were manipulated and that the scores weren't as high as they were projected to be," he said. "I think it's really unfair to the students who applied, were accepted and ultimately chose that university because of its academic prestige."

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Mexican army finds 15 tons of pure methamphetamine

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — Mexican troops have made a historic seizure of 15 tons of pure methamphetamine in the western state of Jalisco, an amount equivalent to half of all meth seizures worldwide in 2009.

The sheer scale of the bust announced late Wednesday in the western state of Jalisco drew expressions of amazement from meth experts. The haul could have supplied 13 million doses worth over \$4 billion on U.S. streets.

"This could potentially put a huge dent in the supply chain in the U.S.," said U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Rusty Payne. "When we're taking this much out of the supply chain, it's a huge deal."

Reporters were shown barrels of white and yellow powder that were found in a laboratory on a small ranch outside of Guadalajara, Mexico's second-largest city.

The Mexican army said troops received several anonymous tips and found the massive drug stash in the township of Tlajomulco de Zuniga, near the Jalisco state capital of Guadalajara. The army statement called the seizure

"historic," implying it was the largest on record for the armed forces.

There were no people found on the ranch or arrests made, although it appeared 12 to 15 people worked there.

"Seizures of this size ... could mean one of two things," said Antonio Mazzitelli, the regional representative of the U.N. Office of Drugs and Crime. "On one hand, it may be a product that hasn't been able to be sold, and like any business, when the market is depressed, stockpiles build up."

Or, he noted, "such large-scale production could suggest an expansion, an attempt by some Mexican groups, the most business-oriented I would say, to move into Latin American and Asian markets."

The previous biggest bust announced by the army came in June 2010, when soldiers found 3.1 metric tons (3.4 tons) of pure meth in three interconnected warehouses in the central state of Queretaro, along with hundreds of tons of precursor chemicals used to make meth. A giant underground lab was also found in Sinaloa state.

Those other seizures were believed

to be linked to the powerful Sinaloa cartel's massive move into meth production. A senior U.S. law enforcement official in Mexico said Thursday this week's bust in Jalisco was "probably Sinaloa."

The official, who could not be named for security reasons, said Sinaloa may be moving into meth "to reduce its reliance on Colombian cocaine by flooding the market with meth."

The size of the Jalisco bust stunned Steve Preisler, an industrial chemist who wrote the book "Secrets of Methamphetamine Manufacture" and is sometimes called the father of modern meth-making.

"I have never seen quantity in that range," Preisler wrote. He also noted: "The amounts of precursors they were importing would produce multi-tons of product."

There has also been a dramatic increase in seizures of meth-making chemicals imported to Mexico from countries such as China. Such seizures indicate that Mexico may become a world production platform for methamphetamines, and that Mexican cartels

may be dominating the trade.

In December alone, Mexican authorities seized 675 tons of a key precursor chemical, methylamine, that can yield its weight in uncut meth. All of the shipments were headed for Guatemala, where the Sinaloa cartel is also active. Officials in Guatemala, meanwhile, seized 7,847 barrels of precursors in 2011, equivalent to about 1,600 tons.

Few people use pure meth, and street cuts can be three or even five parts filler. A pound of meth can sell for about \$15,000.

After a dip in 2007, the supply of methamphetamine in the United States has been growing, mainly due to its manufacture in Mexico, according to U.S. drug intelligence sources.

Between 2007 and 2009, seizures of methamphetamine by U.S. authorities along the Mexican border increased by 87 percent, according to the 2011 U.N. World Drug Report, the most recent statistics the U.N. has available.

Eighty percent of the meth coming into the U.S. is seized at the Mexican border, according to the National Drug Intelligence Center.

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Wigs ←

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The students are divided into 10 groups of six to seven people, Rinaldo said, and each group is given the task of coming up with creative ways to market the wigs.

Rinaldo encourages her students to use social media such as Facebook, YouTube, Google, Twitter and Pinterest to help increase sales and drive traffic to the Love Your Du website.

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Obesity

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Buying fruit instead of snack foods, such as chips, is just as cost-effective, Flores said.

"What we'll find is that this type of intervention is more effective, especially for low-income families," she said. "One of the main reasons people are unhealthy is because they don't know better. They don't know that buying five dollars worth of fruit is better than buying chips at two bags for five dollars."

An estimated 60 families are a part of the study. According to a release from the School of Nursing, community health workers will make a minimum of 10 home visits over a 6 to 12-week

span, and will provide culturally-appropriate education and social support for each family, to encourage healthy eating habits and active lifestyles.

For example, they will teach parents to provide access to nutrient-dense foods and beverages for meals and snacks and avoiding the use of food as a reward. Health workers also encourage having breakfast, reducing the amount of television and video games for children and building activities for members of the whole family, including fun physical activities and eating meals together.

Esperat said the food served at public schools needs a great deal of modification.

"As of now, it leaves a lot to be desired," she said. "It's a lot of high sodium, processed food. It is

absolutely contributing to childhood obesity."

Flores and Esperat both said they expect to see significant impact on the children and families participating in the study because of the intensive intervention method, as well as the young age of the children.

"After three or four years old," Esperat said, "their tastes are already shaped, more or less. It is more difficult to change them after that."

Flores said they intend to help build healthy habits for children that will last.

"We are habitual people," she said. "If we get into the habit of eating well and exercising, these become part of our daily life and will carry on into adulthood."

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Dallas police: Files in home had repeat offenses

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police detective who improperly kept thousands of family violence case files in his home had more than 500 instances in his cases of suspects hurting victims again, a police investigation found.

Police reviewed more than 2,000 cases handled by Det. Mickey East during his four-plus years working on the family violence unit. East was removed from the unit in 2009 after an initial review of about 600 of his cases turned up incorrect procedures in some of them, police said.

A full review of East's cases was ordered in December. It showed 508 cases of "re-victimization," in which someone who reported family violence was hurt again by the same suspect, police said. Some of those instances, particularly less serious misdemeanor offenses, can no longer be prosecuted because they fall outside a three-year statute of limitations, said Deputy Chief Sherryl Scott, who oversees the department's special investigations unit.

Re-victimization can occur in cases that are handled properly. But East kept more than 2,200 case files at home, while entering just 16 cases into an internal

system and filing 217 cases, police spokesman Lt. Scott Walton said. It's unclear whether the cases kept at home had more repeat incidents with victims.

Some of the cases East stored at home had been investigated, Scott said. In others, East failed to fill out correct paperwork or contact the right people to investigate, she said.

East was hired by the police department in 1973. He was reassigned in 2009 to the police auto pound, police said. He could not be reached for comment there Thursday, and his home number was unlisted.

East will face a disciplinary hearing, and his supervisors also are being investigated for not noticing the problems with his files, Scott said.

When new supervisors took over the family violence unit in 2009, they "noticed something didn't exactly look right" in the number of cases detectives were handling, Scott said.

"They were assigned to him, but they were not shown in the computer as far as him investigating them," she said.

Police Chief David Brown ordered a full review of East's files in December. Police have contacted or tried to contact victims in East's cases, she said.

"We're doing everything we can ... to correct what he has done," Scott said.

The Dallas Morning News reported that East told investigators that he took the files home so he could organize them.

"We were all overworked with the large volume of family violence cases," East said in a written statement, according to the newspaper. "We carried a large caseload and worked the cases the best we could."

East is not accused of criminal wrongdoing, Scott said. Jammie Bradfield, a spokesman for Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins, said police had not filed a criminal case with prosecutors, but did not say whether prosecutors were investigating East.

Paige Flink, executive director of The Family Place shelter in Dallas, said she applauded Police Chief David Brown for taking a wider look at East's cases. Uninvestigated complaints of domestic violence can sometimes embolden attackers to do it a second or third time, she said.

"If the batterer gets away with the first offense, and there's no consequences and no accountability, then it's easier to do it the second time," Flink said.

Conservatives: Romney's OK if Obama is alternative

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Mitt Romney needs some good news in an otherwise lousy week, he might find it in an improbable place: the packed hallways of the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington.

Interviews with nearly two dozen attendees Thursday found virtually no passion for the former Massachusetts governor, widely seen as insufficiently conservative for activists on the right. Not a single person, however, said he or she would not support Romney if he seems best-positioned to beat President Barack Obama in November.

"Whoever is against Obama, I will vote for that person, no matter what," said Carol Kitson, 57, of Houston.

Kevin Daley, a freshman at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., spoke for numerous people who said they feel little affection for Romney but a deep antipathy for Obama.

"Romney does not clearly articulate a conservative message," said Daley, 19. "But I will enthusiastically support him" if he's the nominee.

One day of hallway interviews is no scientific survey. And there certainly are people at CPAC who can't accept Romney.

But the comments Thursday were remarkably similar. If they represent widespread views, they raise doubts about the much-discussed notion that Romney cannot rally conservative activists this fall if he's the Republican presidential nominee.

Romney's GOP rivals, especially Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum, are making that argument in hopes of overcoming Romney's edge in money and organization. Fueling their claim is Romney's surprisingly weak showing in Tuesday's caucuses in Colorado and Minnesota, which Santorum won.

But the CPAC interviews found

little buzz about Colorado or Minnesota. Conservatives' paramount goal is to deny Obama a second term. And they believe the top issue will be the economy, an issue that plays to businessman Romney's strengths.

Even though several people said they like Santorum somewhat more than Romney, almost no one placed that question above electability, where many felt Romney has the edge.

Emily Barton, a freshman at George Mason University in northern Virginia, said she "fell in line and I'll support Romney," even though she wishes he were more conservative. "I think his business sense is what we need to fix the economy," said Barton, 18, whose home is in New Jersey.

When Anita Clos, a retiree from Savannah, Ga., was asked about her top concern for the country, she said: "My concern is to defeat Obama. I will support anyone who becomes the nominee."

Clos, who has attended the annual CPAC meeting for years, said Republicans need "an engaging" nominee.

She fears Romney lacks that quality. But he's the best of the remaining contenders, she said.

Santorum "is too conservative for me," Clos said. "Newt Gingrich is engaging," she said, "but I think he has too much baggage," especially for female voters who are put off by his "multiple marriages and infidelities."

Several people cited Gingrich's "baggage." It suggested that political attack ads and campaign criticisms of the former House speaker have taken a toll.

Pam Joyce, 59, of Houston, said she ruled out Gingrich because "he sat on Nancy Pelosi's couch and said he believes in man-made global warming. Romney said the same thing."

"I'm not real happy with Romney," Joyce said. "I don't think he's conservative enough." She said she likes Santorum, and thinks he has a shot at winning the nomination.

But if Romney prevails, Joyce said, she will be compelled to back him "because I can't support this president who's trampling on the Constitution."

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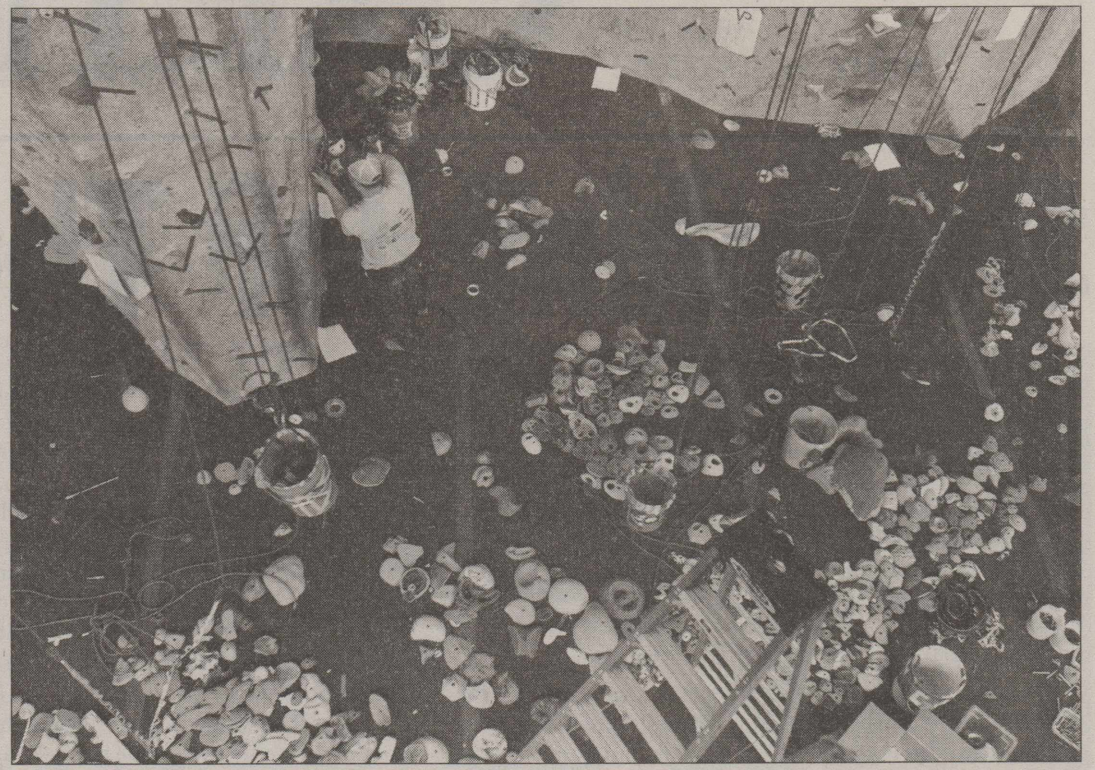


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WORKERS CONTINUE TO prepare the rockwall for the upcoming Vertical Plains Climbing Competition inside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Tuesday.

Judge slams critics of Texas school prayer ruling

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge who was vilified by Republican presidential hopefuls for banning prayer at a Texas high school graduation delivered a scathing and unusually personal response Thursday, saying those who used the case to further political goals "should be ashamed."

In a court filing laying out the settlement terms of the prayer case, U.S. District Judge Fred Biery wrote that he forgave Christians who "venomously and vomitously" threatened his assassination, he thanked the U.S. Marshals for providing him additional security and without singling anyone out

by name, offered a self-deprecating nod to those who wished him the worst.

"To those who have prayed for my death: Your prayers will someday be answered, as inevitably trumps probability," Biery wrote.

The unusually personal comments in a federal court order overshadowed the actual settlement.



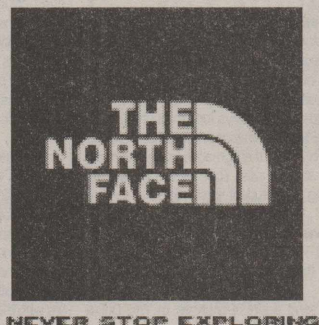
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Searching for The One

How do you know when you've found The One? This question has lingered in my mind all week, and probably even longer.

Many people will answer simply and say, "You know when you know." This question has been asked a multitude of times but never answered with a concrete response. Although the answer is still unclear, perhaps we can explore this idea together.

First, we must ask ourselves if there is even such a thing as The One. Do you mean to tell me that there is only one person in the whole wide world who can, and will, complete me? When we speak of love, there always seems to be this sense of magic like there is this magic fairy dust making you fall in love and then a bell rings so you know you've found The One.

Of course, none of this is true. But our day-to-day lives often lack excitement and magic, so we seek it. But we are seeking something indefinable and unobtainable. We want fireworks and there isn't anything wrong with that. Elements like those are often great for a relationship. But for someone who no longer believes in fairytales, we are often forced to be more practical and

Jaira Keys



logical.

The idea of The One pertains more to the person you want to spend the rest of your life with. I would think that most of us would take careful consideration of whom we want by our side for the remainder of our lives.

The answer "You just know when you know" doesn't sit well with me. It's hard to imagine a bolt of lightning striking and all of a sudden you have all of the answers. It's doubtful that you just know.

Any of us could potentially pick the next person we go out with to be our husband or wife. We could possibly make a relationship work with anyone if we

really want it to last. There is nothing magical about making a conscious decision. All of these moves are calculated.

The logical thing to do would be to weigh the pros and cons of a life with the person you are considering spending the rest of your existence with. It's likely that you'd consider religion, finances, goals and family.

Hopefully, you are taking the person for face value and not anticipating the person will change. More than likely he or she won't change, especially not in a manner that is pleasing to you. I would assume we would sit and consider all of the possibilities.

Then again, maybe we aren't being logical when we make decisions like these. We are impulsive people. It is possible you just think you know. When you love someone, in the beginning, they seem perfect and they are everything you've been looking for. Give it a minute. Things will

likely change.

Not to say that you won't love them and enjoy your time with them. It's just the idea of perfection goes out the window. How do we honor an imperfect person? Are we simply saying that person is the best out of a bad bunch?

When you're dealing with a flawed individual, as we all are, it seems difficult for them to be close enough to perfection that you place them on a pedestal above every other human being. Essentially, you are glorifying them when you give him or her that title.

Is finding The One largely about timing? You won't find love until you're ready. I would like to be 100 percent sure that I've found that special person. This generic measurement of emotion won't work for me.

So, I ask again, how do you know when you've found The One? That is possibly a question that will never be answered in a manner all of us can understand. Maybe the feeling is specific to the person. Maybe there is no such thing as The One. Perhaps we simply make the best of life

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Going alone on Valentines Day

I have a feeling that all four students who read my columns are expecting me to write a piece moaning about Valentine's Day and how stupid it is.

While I would love to shock the masses by writing something political, poignant and thought provoking, it's just not going to happen.

Of course, this column will be focused on the world's most insignificant day: Valentine's Day.

This day really has no historical significance or meaning at all, aside from the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929 — mad props to Al Capone. Essentially, Valentine's Day is a corporate holiday — a diamond dealer's wet dream, if you will.

Now, don't get me wrong, I love being in love. This year, however, I was planning on spending my February 14 as a sad sack of loneliness with a box of wine, a sleeve of Thin Mints and whatever valentine package my mom sends.

Then, it occurred to me: why in the world would I feel so pathetic when there are so many people around me whom I love?

People tend to think if you don't have a significant other when this fateful day comes, you should spend your entire day trapped in a glass case of emotion wondering what is wrong with you and your apparently dull personality.

Do you smell weird? Maybe you should shave your legs more often than once a month. Do you love your cat more than you could ever love your first-born child? The answer is: nothing is wrong with you.

We should be showing each other love every day, but instead we place all the importance on February 14 as a day of validation.

Now, while I think the amount of money people spend on jewelry, chocolates, flowers

Sydney Holmes



and gifts is a little ridiculous, and while I would love to be on the receiving end of this, I have tried to make myself be happy for the people who are having a Valentine's Day.

It may be hard not to scoff at all of the pre-pubescent teenage boys buying their girlfriends promise rings out of gum ball machines, but kids, we should at least try.

For those of you who are having a real Valentine's Day full of true love manifested in the

form of lingerie, good for you. The only thing I ask is you refrain from carrying around giant stuffed animals. Who in the hell needs a stuffed panda the size of a Harlem Glo-

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betrotter? Not me, that's who. Now girls, I, like the majority of you, have made it my goal to find myself a man within the next week. But in the off-chance that doesn't happen, this doesn't mean we're hopeless cases.

Love isn't exclusive to lovers. Love the people around you: your parents, brothers, sisters, friends and even your dog, if you have one. That's what this dreaded day is about: Loving those around you and appreciating those you can lean on.

For some, every kiss may begin with Kay. Or, maybe you're like me and every kiss usually begins with a Coors Light and a bad decision. Regardless, you can still have a beautiful Valentine's Day with your loved ones.

Alternatively, you can be smart and look forward to the real holiday: February 15, when all the candy goes on sale.

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Beware apartment lease agreements

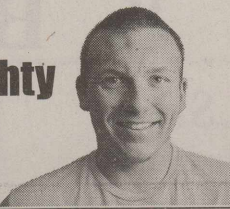
In the advertising world, it has been said that bad publicity is better than no publicity at all.

To a public relations practitioner, this statement might be true. However, I prefer the Abraham Lincoln quote, "What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself."

Every apartment complex I have ever lived in assumes skunk status. Right now, they are ramping up the giveaways, offering a month's free rent and every other gimmick they can come up with. It's great to have a free iPad. What's not great is realizing you can't actually live in that place and have to pay a million dollars to break the lease.

Ok, I am being a little dramatic. It's not a million dollars to get out of your lease, but it might as well be. As college students, we have a lot on our plates and at the beginning of the spring semester. The last thing we have time for is reading 10 page contracts and playing the apartment vs. students game. All of the apartment complexes are enticing us with free food and free drinks; buttering us up like a butterball turkey, only to

Andy Doughty



roast us later.

Recently, I found out that I am graduating in December. Right before I found out this little piece of information I signed my lease. I repeatedly asked my mom to wait, but they were having a "get 100 dollars off your birthday month's rent" special. That's not that great of a deal considering the new apartments across the street were already offering a month's free rent. However, my mom loves to mark things off her to-do list, and that was the last thing on the list for the day.

Unfortunately, we did not realize while I may be getting \$100 off in June, I won't even be in Lubbock that long. Now, on top of school and gearing up to go into my last semester of college, I am dealing with trying to find someone to take over my lease.

So many students fall into this trap from not reading the

fine print. Apartments make you feel like you have to sign right then and there if you want a spot, but it's just not true anymore. There are so many new apartments and different places to live. All the spaces do not go as quickly as they say. If I could give one recommendation: have someone, who has the time, read the fine print. Explore your options and make sure there are no extenuating circumstances you are worried about interfering.

As you go into the leasing season, I think it is important to remember we are between the ages of 18 and 24. These places are not our lifelong homes and let's face it, we are really looking for a place that is durable and can hold 100 people at once. Don't be fooled by the granite countertops or real hardwood

floors. After the first few weeks the counters will have more unidentifiable substances on them than the subway handrails in New York and the floors will be used for your friends to pass out on.

I know my next few months will be filled with standing at the corner with a sign begging people to take over my apartment and trying to find a short-term lease from those soul-stealers. Please let me know if there is an apartment offering an incentive such as "no penalty to those getting an education and getting out if they have to break lease." I'll sign that.

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Josh Abbott reflects on Red Raider past

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Texas country singer Josh Abbott steps onto a Lubbock stage and turns to the lights, facing an audience of a thousand Tech students with their Guns Up and screaming.

This is a familiar feeling for the former Tech alumnus.

To him, this is where it all began.

"There's just something about taking that stage to a packed house full of Red Raiders," Abbott said, "and the minute you walked out there, they know that you're a Red Raider, me and Austin (Davis), and you see a thousand kids throw their guns up and you're just like 'Ah.' Feels so good. Feels like when we first started out four or five years ago."

Friday night, Tech students can gather at Wild West during his concert to help welcome the former Red Raider home.

"I'm glad that we can support him in any way we can," said Erika Allen, a junior biology major from Temple. "Anytime he comes back to Lubbock, you've got your Tech students here all the time."

Abbott grew up in Idalou and first attended South Plains College. After he discovered his career path, he transferred to Stephen F. Austin. Abbott said he wanted to get the "heck" out of Lubbock.

But, it did not take long for his return.

"Half the year into it, I was like, this sucks, I want to go back to Lubbock," he said. "I guess it's like that song everybody quotes, 'happiness is Lubbock, Texas, in

my rearview mirror.' Mac Davis, by the end of that song, figures out that man, happiness was Lubbock, Texas."

Although he lost credit hours and was a little older for his classification, he said transferring to Tech just felt right. He graduated from Tech in 2005 with a degree in communications.

While at Tech, Abbott said he was very active. By joining the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Abbott said he made a decision that brought him to his fame today. That is where he met electric banjo player, Austin Davis, who was one of his fraternity brothers. Together, they began playing at Blue Light, chapter churches and fraternity and sorority parties in which the Greek population attended.

"We caught kind of this real awesome kind of buzz about us, really way before we deserved it," he said, "when we had six original songs and we would pack out a bar and people were like, 'Who the heck is Josh Abbott Band?'"

After a year and a half, their other fraternity brothers in the band decided to quit. Not Abbott or Davis, though. They were determined for success.

"We decided we were like 'Hey, I think this might go somewhere, man. This is more than just playing locally,'" Abbott said. "We felt like we could maybe tour. We were really naïve, but luckily it worked out."

Right as they started touring, Abbott and Davis called fiddler and electric guitar player Preston Wait and asked him to join them, creating a solid foundation for a band.

"We were kind of these three

college kids that kind of just went down the road together and called a couple of other guys and started the band," Abbott said.

Abbott said Lubbock is a great local music scene for bands to start. While he attended Tech, Abbott watched Tech alumnus Pat Green perform as part of his fraternity's event, Kalf Fry, as well as Wade Bowen, who was in another fraternity and only a few years older than Abbott.

"That definitely shapes you, I think," Abbott said, "and as you really start to invest in the Lubbock music scene, you start learning about The Flatlanders and all these other bands that came from here and it's just cool to be a part of that."

His senior year, Abbott wrote a song that he said started it all. He said he wanted to write a sexual love song, "Taste," which he accomplished. The band's drummer at the time did not realize what the song was about until three months later, when he confronted Abbott.

"He was like 'Man, my grandma listens to that song,'" Abbott said.

Besides having a large influence on Abbott's career, attending Tech also impacted another part of Abbott: his love life. While he was a teacher's assistant instructing communication studies in speech for summer school, he met a student named Amanda Todd.

"I just remember the day she walked in," he said. "I was actually dating someone else at the time, I just remember being like just blown away by how pretty she was and her personality. I



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
THE JOSH ABBOTT Band, Texas Tech alumni and country music band, perform at the Pi Beta Phi sorority house on Wednesday.

just knew I wanted to get to know her more."

Abbott said over the course of that class and semester, he knew there was something more between him and Amanda, who was a Pi Beta Phi at Tech. By the end of that semester, he broke up with his girlfriend and began dating her officially. On November 5, 2010, he gave her his vow and his last name.

Amanda said her favorite part of attending Tech was meeting Abbott.

"I would have never met him if I wouldn't have come here and been Greek," she said, "and I know that's really cheesy, but it's true."

Abbott said one of his favorite Tech traditions was singing the "Fight Song" during the Red Raider football games in Jones AT&T Stadium while putting his Guns Up. He advises students to take pride in the song.

"Don't be a d-bag," he said. "Don't drop the f-bomb in the fight song."

Abbott said he and the band try to perform three times a year in Lubbock, along with a surprise acoustic show at Blue Light, but he said that is not near enough.

He said he misses a few specific things about Lubbock like Spanky's fried sticks, Cagle's Steaks, Chimy's margaritas, Blue Light shots and Home Café

lunch. "I love flying in or driving in, and I like seeing the cotton fields and I like seeing nothing, just the flatlands out there," he said. "Lubbock will always be a huge part of my life, and Texas Tech especially."

Abbott said as time passes, he hopes to be successful like Buddy Holly and Waylon Jennings, so Lubbock citizens will be proud that Lubbock is his hometown.

"It would just be awesome one day if people thought the same way of our band since we started here in Lubbock," he said, "but who knows."

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Clemons' nephew to play sax on Springsteen tour

NEW YORK (AP) — It takes two men to replace The Big Man.

Bruce Springsteen announced Thursday that two musicians — Jersey Shore sidekick Eddie Manion and Clarence Clemons' nephew Jake — will "share the saxophone role" during the E Street Band's "Wrecking Ball" world tour, which begins March 18 in Atlanta.

The new "Wrecking Ball" album, which will be released March 6, is Springsteen's 17th, and the first since the sudden death of the E Street Band's saxophonist last summer.

The long-awaited, and much-speculated-upon, sax decision also included news that singers Cindy Mizelle and Curtis King, trombonist Clark Gayton and trumpeter Curt Ramm will tour with E Street, along with newcomer

Barry Danielian on trumpet.

Jake Clemons, son of a former Marine Corps band director, began performing with his family as a child, and his career was championed by his famous uncle.

Eddie "Kingfish" Manion is a long-time saxophonist with Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, a group that has cross-pollinated for decades with Springsteen and E Street. He was with the horn section during Springsteen's Tunnel of Love tour in 1988, and also played with the Seeger Sessions Band, along with Ramm and Gayton.

Manion recently told New Jersey's Star-Ledger that he had sometimes been urged to "just sound like Clarence Clemons. ... But you couldn't. Nobody could sound like that. He had a sound of his own, and that's what made him

great." The decision on how to fill the Big Man's larger-than-life role in the E Street Band was not an easy one. The personal and professional aftershocks from the devastating June 18 loss have not subsided. His sax was a pillar of the E Street sound; Clemons also was the band's spiritual center.

His comrades have struggled through the healing process, offstage and on.

Last July, E Street's Steven Van Zandt joined Southside Johnny Lyon and his Jukes for an outdoor musical tribute to Clemons in Asbury Park, N.J. Instead of a moment of silence, the mayor led the crowd in a moment of noise in the Big Man's memory. Manion poured his heart into Clemons' most famous solo, "Jungleland."

Gillispie needs," he said jokingly. "He could probably use a couple of guys that could spread the floor and move the basketball."

The game ended with the Globetrotters surprisingly continuing the 40-year winning streak over their opponents as they defeated the International Elite.

"I've been coming to Globetrotter games for the past few years," he said. "I've yet to leave disappointed; it's a great family experience."

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Globetrotters

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Graham said the entertainment portion of the game was fun to watch.

"It had a certain Looney Tunes style of humor with the back and forth between the players and the referees," he said.

During a timeout in the second quarter, Lofton put a string on the game ball and threw it out at the referee. When the referee put his hands out to anticipate catching the ball, Lofton pulled the string bringing the ball back to his hands and leaving the referee in a daze.

The Globetrotters pulled pranks like these throughout the entire game.

As much of pranksters as Lofton and company proved to be, there were also times during the game they would go into the stands and bring a child onto the court, granting them a moment in the spotlight.

Frederick Williams, a Lubbock native, said he enjoyed the game this year and looks forward to the Globetrotters coming back next year.

"I think the game was pretty good," he said. "I came to last year's game as well and each time I've enjoyed myself."

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RaiderThon participants dance for cause

By ASHLYN TUBBS
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Students will gather at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Saturday for no ordinary Zumba or other dance workout class.

Instead, the estimated 400 in attendance will participate in a second annual 13.1 hour long dance marathon from 11:00 a.m. to 12:10 a.m. as part of a student-run philanthropy event called RaiderThon that raises money for University Medical Center's Children's Miracle Network.

Colleges nationwide participate in dance marathons like RaiderThon.

"You don't actually have to know how to dance," said Gloria Ogletree, a senior journalism major from El Paso and dancer relations chair for RaiderThon. "A dancer is like a participant. We learn a morale dance, but other than that, the other dancing you would be doing is voluntary when the music is on."

So far, 200 dancers are registered for the marathon, but Kevin Traub, a junior marketing major from Plano and co-director of the event, said he expects more to sign up at the event. Each dancer was asked

to raise as much money as possible, a goal of \$100.

Students participating in RaiderThon will receive a certificate for 13.1 hours of community service.

"We want people to have fun this year and we want them to come back next year," Traub said. "We really want them to make this a lasting tradition and something that is going to be around forever and grow and attract students that want to get involved. It's another thing to connect the community to the campus."

All proceeds from the event will benefit Children's Miracle Network by helping build a new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as well as incubators and medicine. Traub said they hope to raise \$40,000 this year and continue raising more money throughout the years they host RaiderThon. Last year, RaiderThon raised \$22,000.

"It's really a big celebration of life and our fundraising efforts," he said. "It's a celebration of the families and the struggles they have gone through."

Six miracle network children will attend the event with their families. Their doctor will also come to speak.

"It's a celebration of them being

better. I think only one of our miracle children is still sick," Ogletree said. "It's a great way to meet them and see where your money is going."

The dancers receive free T-shirts and will split up into different spirit groups representing a miracle child they will meet. In addition to dancing, there will be other activities available, such as free food, games, prizes, entertainment, morale and a magician.

The Tech Activities Board presented a build-a-bear workshop and donated the bears to the miracle network.

Ogletree said her favorite part of the event is when the miracle children cut the bracelets each team member gets off of their wrists, representing when they got their medical bracelets cut off.

"There's not a dry eye in the house," she said. "It's really cute."

Megan Featherston, a junior English major from San Antonio, said this will be her first time participating in RaiderThon.

"I'm excited for it though," she said. "I think it'll be fun. I'm in a sorority, so we have a team and we're all getting together to try and help the cause for Alpha Chi Omega."

To register, visit www.raiderthon.com and click on the "Register



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

MORALE CAPTAINS LEAD a dance during last year's RaiderThon Dance Marathon in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. The six-hour event challenged participants to dance the entire time for children who are unable to due to sickness. The event benefited University Medical Center and Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit that saves the lives of children by raising funds and awareness for children's hospitals. This year's RaiderThon will take place Saturday at the rec.

Now" tab. To donate \$5 for the cause, text "Dance" to 27722 and then respond "Yes."

Both Traub and Ogletree en-

courage students to attend the event and support the philanthropy.

"I hope more people will get involved," Traub said. "It's probably

the most fun you can have while giving community service hours. At least that's our goal."

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Middle Eastern Student Association premieres at Tech

By PAIGE SKINNER
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With several political and religious organizations on campus, one association wants to celebrate a certain culture instead.

The Middle Eastern Student Association is a new organization on Texas Tech's campus that plans to cater to the needs of Tech's Middle Eastern population.

Mohammad Abderrahman, cofounder of the association and president, said the Middle Eastern culture influenced him to create the new organization.

"I grew up with very good Middle Eastern morals and culture," said the senior political science major from Jordan, "and when I came here, that pretty much all flew out the window. I was emerged into the American culture and sometimes it just feels good to get away and go back to your roots, go back to the Middle Eastern culture and whatnot."

There are other student associations similar to the Middle Eastern Student Association, but none that specifically tailor

to students in the Middle East, Abderrahman said.

He wants an organization to make people feel comfortable.

"Most of the Middle Eastern students that come over here are either first time college students or new to America," he said. "So, we try to make it where the seniors will help out the freshman and the newcomers, to get them to bond together as well as find out everything about Texas Tech."

He said less than 2 percent of Tech students are Middle Eastern, but anybody interested in the culture is welcome to join.

He said he wants everyone involved to gain something from the association.

"Goals of this association are pretty much to help educate everybody about the culture, for the students of Texas Tech who are either Middle Eastern or non-Middle Eastern," Abderrahman said. "There are so many different cultures within the Middle East that we just want to be exposed to all of it and have more general knowledge about the Middle East."

The Middle Eastern Student

Association's first meeting was 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Building's Mesa Room.

During the meeting, Abderrahman discussed the association's plan for a henna day, an Arab night and a Tarneeb tournament, which is a popular Middle Eastern card game.

Layla Daoudi, the vice president of the association and cofounder, said she wants the organization to be a "home away from home."

She wants other students to be able to come to events and make friends.

"When I came here, I didn't know anybody, so I kind of had to sort through and find friends," said the senior nutrition major from Dallas.

The treasurer of the Middle Eastern Student Association, Mousa Sarraj, said he moved to America when he was nine years old and is happy to meet other Middle Eastern students.

"When I first came to Tech, I didn't know many other Middle Eastern students," said the junior chemical engineering major from

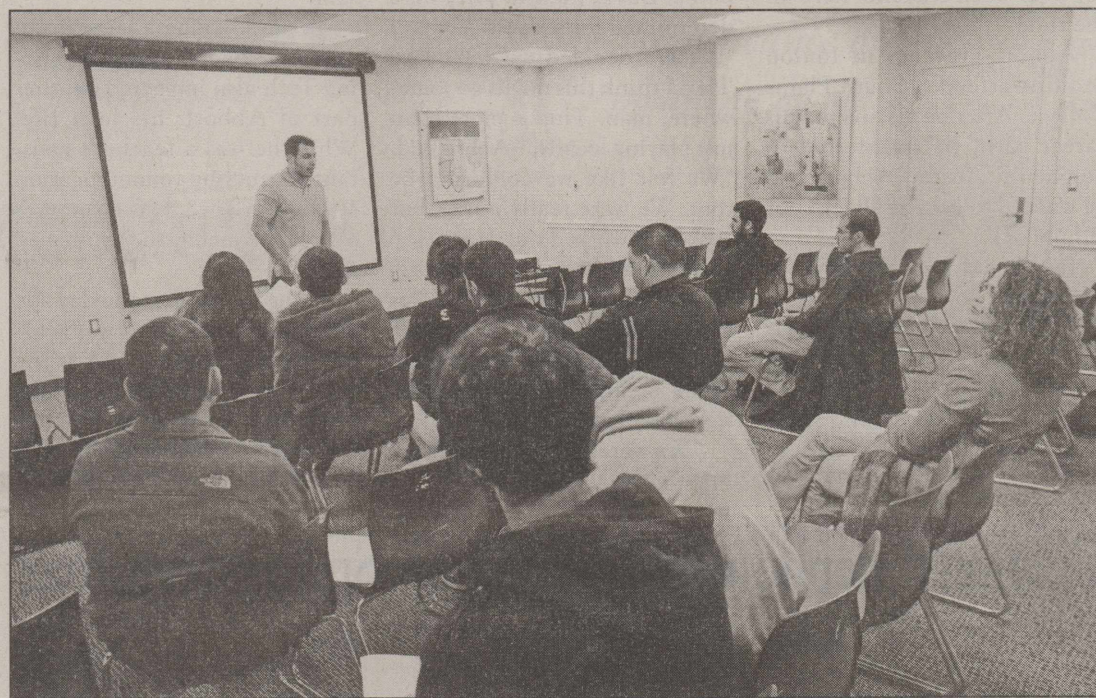


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MOHAMMAD ABDERRAHMAN, A senior political science major from Jordan and the president of the Middle Eastern Student Association, speaks at the association's first meeting in the Student Union Building on Thursday.

Katy. "But when I started getting with the local mosque and started getting with the Muslim Student Association, I started getting more and more involved and

knowing a lot more Arabs and Muslims in general."

He said he wants more Middle Eastern students to get involved at Tech.

The next Middle Eastern Student Association meeting is Feb. 28 in the SUB's Red Raider Lounge.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
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Organizations host event for Boys and Girls Club

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Courtney Pinnell has 10,000 straws in her car. No, she hasn't been to McDonald's too many times or robbed the Jack in the Box.

Instead, the senior electrical engineering and computer science from San Diego is preparing for this weekend, when the Texas Tech Association of Women in Electrical Engineering will partner with

RoboRaiders, the National Society of Black Engineers and the Society for Professional Hispanic Engineers to host an event with the local Boys and Girls Club, teaching interactive sessions with participants from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Reaching out to young students is important, said Ugo Anuniru, a junior industrial engineering major from Dallas.

"By high school, major character traits and ethics have been formed,"

he said. "Their minds have been made up."

The groups aim to teach about careers in science, technology, engineering and math. But first, police officers will show off a squad car and local firemen will bring a fire truck.

After that, the groups will present activities and information. That is where Pinnell's straws come in.

She said AWEWE will challenge the children to create straw towers and will compete to make the tallest, most creative and most structurally sound tower.

Pinnell said the fun, STEM related activity will be a good way to make the participants aware of their choices when it comes time to decide on majors or jobs, especially for the girls, who may not see science or math in their futures.

"If we can reach out to a younger generation of women, and explain," she said, "then it sparks an interest early on, gives them an idea of something they can do with their lives."

There are very few women in engineering, Pinnell said, and the retention rate for those who are is only about 8 percent. With this event, Anuniru said, he hopes to reach out to minorities and get children excited about science and math.

"We're trying to make sure the

engineering field doesn't become extinct," he said.

The event also will be a good way to represent Tech, said senior George Tan, an electrical engineering and math major from China.

"We can reach out to the community," he said, "and tell them what Tech's about."

It is important to show students the roles scientists and engineers play in the Lubbock community, Tan said, who will be there with the RoboRaiders, Anuniru said, the facilitating groups would be easier to relate to, rather than simply seeing these occupations at large or on career day.

"We're going about the communication a different way," he said. "We are going to break it down."

For children who are thinking about a career in the STEM field, he said the Tech students will be there to show the participants the missing steps between elementary school and a full-time career.

For others, Pinnell said she hoped to just show the wide variety of options. In her own experience, she said, she wished she had heard of electrical engineering at a younger age.

"We want to bridge that gap," Anuniru said. "Information is key."

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Tech athletes set to compete in Ark., N.M.

By MIKE GUTIERREZ
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track and field team will have athletes compete at the Don Kirby Collegiate Elite competition in Albuquerque, N.M., beginning today.

Tech will also have athletes at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., with events beginning at noon.

The Don Kirby Collegiate Elite competition will feature Arizona State, Florida, Oregon, California, Texas and UCLA among the 13 schools that will be competing.

With 10 Tech athletes currently ranked among the top 20 in national track and field rankings, head coach Wes Kittley said hopefully this recognition will help his athletes compete with some confidence.

"It's nice to be ranked," he said. "I love that the kids get a lot of publicity, but I want us to be running good, jumping good and throwing good in the end. I think it lets them have confidence, knowing that they are some of the best in the country, but we want to finish as high as we can."

New Mexico has a great facility for both running and sprinting,

Kittley said.

"I'm really hoping we're going to have some great marks this weekend," he said. "This week, we'll be running against some really good teams. These are some of the best teams in the country.

We still have a month until nationals, so I think all this preparation is giving them an opportunity to think they can do well."

Kittley said junior Katie Grimes has been one of the most consistent Tech athletes in the past three weeks of indoor competition.

"I'm really pleased with Katie," he said.

"This weekend, she's going to get to see the very best hurdlers, and in the past few meets we think she's already seen the best in the country beside one Ohio State hurdler. She's competing with the top 10 in the country, so I think she's going to

better every week."

After a disappointing finish last season, Grimes said, she has been determined to start this year off well.

"Last outdoor season, I finished 13th and only 12 can go to nationals, so I was upset about that," she said. "I want to start this season off doing really well. I really wasn't planning on doing as well as I am, but coach (Dion) Miller really just jumped right into it first day of practice."

Although the Lady Raiders have been nationally ranked No. 8 for the past three weeks,

Grimes said her team can only get better.

She said it is important to push herself to run faster as the season progresses as well.

"There are so many people that are capable of running the times that

I've run, so I can't just settle and be complacent," Grimes said. "I think the team is excited. We would all love a conference championship and a national championship. We're capable of it. We just need to get more people to get in those top rankings."

Grimes said she is excited to compete against athletes who will be hanging right beside her at the meet this weekend.

"In the first three meets, I didn't really have anybody next to me," she said. "When I have those people next to me, those are the ones that really push me and that's when I run my fast times. So I'm excited for that."

On the men's side, senior Jamele Mason said he is looking forward to this meet because of the great national talent competing for other schools.

"A lot of the teams that we see this weekend are teams that we'll see at national meets, so it's good for us to see them," he said. "The competition is definitely there and we're ready to compete."

Mason said Tech is looking to have a good meet, as this is the last chance the team will have to compete before conference competition starts at the end of the month.

"It's about that time to start peak-



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TEXAS TECH'S RACHEL Folan, right, and Caitlin Waters, left, lead during the second lap of the woman's 800 meter run. Waters and Folan placed first and third respectively in their heat.

ing," he said. "We're going into that 'championship season' as we like to call it. We're definitely looking to set

personal records and set some times that will qualify us for nationals." mgutierrez@dailytoreador.com

Scola helps Rockets top Phoenix 96-89

PHOENIX (AP) — Chase Budinger and the Houston Rockets' reserves roughed up the Phoenix Suns.

Budinger scored 12 points while playing a team-high 31 points and starter Luis Scola had 16 points to help the Rockets outlast the Phoenix Suns 96-89 on Thursday night.

"The first half, we played so well," said Patrick Patterson, who had 14 points in a backup role. "We thought in the second half we could go out there and keep passing the ball, sharing the ball, looking for each other, getting stops on defense and pushing it on transition. We feel that our second unit can go out there and compete with anybody."

Kyle Lowry scored 14 points, joining Scola as the only Houston starters in double figures, and the Rockets used a 57-13 edge in scoring from their backups to win their third straight and fourth in five games. Houston's reserves averaged 51.5 points in the Rockets' two victories against Phoenix this season.

"All of those guys shot over 50 percent," Lowry said. "You can't do any better than that. You can't ask for no more."

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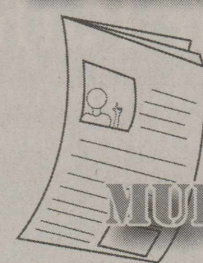
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CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE, Texas Tech baseball coach Dan Spencer, Rip Griffin and Dan Law prepare to cut the ribbon for Rip Griffin Park on Thursday inside one of the new additions to the park. The stadium features \$5 million dollars worth of renovations that occurred during the offseason. Opening day for the Red Raiders is set for 4 p.m. Feb. 17 against Missouri State.

Dirk, Pierce All-Stars; runs end for KG, Duncan

NEW YORK (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki's streak survives, despite one of the worst seasons of his career.

Two other old stars are no longer All-Stars.

Nowitzki was chosen Thursday to his 11th straight All-Star game, with coaches overlooking the lowest scoring average since his second NBA season in favor of his long-term excellence.

"It was a tough road back to full health for me, but I am honored that the coaches thought enough of me to make me an All-Star," Nowitzki said in a statement. "It has been a privilege to represent the Mavericks

organization over the last decade and I look forward to doing it again in Orlando."

Paul Pierce will join him despite his own slow start caused by a foot injury and was picked for the 10th time.

But Kevin Garnett wasn't chosen after 14 consecutive selections, and Tim Duncan was left out after 13 in a row. Other All-Star regulars such as Ray Allen and Amare Stoudemire will be home, giving way to five first-timers among the reserves: Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge, Marc Gasol of Memphis, Andre Iguodala of Philadelphia, Indiana's Roy Hibbert, and Chicago's Luol Deng.

Also headed to the Feb. 26 game are NBA assists leader Steve Nash of Phoenix, Tony Parker of San Antonio, Russell Westbrook of Oklahoma City, Kevin Love of Minnesota, Chris Bosh of Miami, Atlanta's Joe Johnson and Deron Williams of New Jersey.

Already voted to start by fans in the Eastern Conference were Orlando's Dwight Howard, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade of Miami, Chicago's Derrick Rose and New York's Carmelo Anthony. The West starters are the Lakers' Kobe Bryant and Andrew Bynum, Chris Paul and Blake Griffin of the Clippers, and Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant.

Tech golf opens spring season in Puerto Rico

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's golf team will start its 2012 season at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, on Sunday.

The Lady Raiders are ready for the challenge after a three-month offseason, Tech coach JoJo Robertson said.

"I think they're really looking forward to it," she said. "We've had a good offseason. They've worked hard in the gym, and we've had fairly good weather, so we've been able to spend some time at the course."

Tech won the last time it played in a tournament as a team at the Texas State Challenge in November in Austin.

"We've got a good spring season schedule," Robertson said, "and coming off of a win at the end of the fall, I think we're just ready to jump back in there."

The tournament will feature several good teams, she said.

"It's definitely a very strong field," Robertson said. "Several teams in the top 30 and a few conference teams, so it will be a good challenge for us. Probably the best way to get started — it being our first tournament — is to play some of the best teams out there."

The tournament features four top 20 teams, including No. 6 LSU, No. 8 Oklahoma State, No. 11 Georgia and No. 17 North Carolina State.

The tournament will be a measuring stick for the team, Robertson said.

"It's just a great way to see where we're at right now," she said. "There's so many good teams that will be there and a lot that we'll face throughout the spring."

The coach said she expects the team to come out excited to play and does not expect to see any effects from a long flight.

"We get in at a pretty good time



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TEXAS TECH GOLFER Katie Grady tries to determine how she wants to putt the ball during practice at the Rawls Golf Course last year. The Lady Raiders will begin their spring season by competing in the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, on Sunday.

on Friday," Robertson said. "Of course it's going to be warm, and just beautiful scenery, and I think that will help take away from any jet lag, if they have any."

The team will look slightly different from the one from the fall, she said.

"We're going to have a different lineup this week," Robertson said. "Mattie Tobey, who is a freshman, is going to play in her first college tournament, which will be good because it gives her the experience she needs. Plus, for the couple of players that are staying home, it's a reminder that there's a little more competition on the team now."

Tech is led by junior Kim Kaufman, who is ranked 44th individually in women's college golf

by *Golfweek*.

"I think we're going to put Kim (Kaufman) as our number one and that's because she had the lowest stroke average in the fall," Robertson said.

The Lady Raiders are headed in the right direction and it will be interesting to see how well they can do in the spring, Robertson said.

"I just think we're at a pretty good spot right now," she said. "We're always trying to get better. I think they're trying to achieve the important things, which is show up every day to practice, 100 percent focus and commitment, pushing each other, encouraging each other is what's going to make us the best we can be."

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Rangers, Cruz strike \$16M, 2-year deal

Nelson Cruz seems to be a perfect fit for the Texas Rangers with his potent bat and big personality.

With hopes of staying together even longer, AL championship series MVP Cruz and two-time defending AL champion Texas avoided arbitration by agreeing Thursday to a \$16 million, two-year contract.

"Nelson is a cornerstone of our team for what really marks the whole turnaround of the franchise. He been part of the winning core, he's a huge part of that," assistant general manager Thad Levine said. "He's been big-time performer in the postseason. He's part of the personality of this team, he plays the game with a ton of energy, a very dynamic player, true five-tool athlete."

The deal, negotiated for Cruz by agents Sam and Seth Levinson, came eight days before a scheduled arbitration hearing. It includes another potential \$500,000 in performance bonuses and takes the 31-year-old slugging outfielder through his final two seasons of salary-arbitration eligibility.

Cruz and Levine both said there were talks of a longer deal going into his first seasons of potential free agency. They said there could

be further conversations, but that the two-year agreement was the best way to settle things at this point.

"This was the priority right now," Cruz said. "Like I've said before, I would like to stay with the Rangers."

The deal for Cruz came a day after slick-fielding shortstop Elvis Andrus completed a \$14.4 million, three-year contract on the eve of his scheduled arbitration hearing.

Cruz, who made \$3.65 million last season, had asked for \$7.5 million in arbitration and the team had offered \$5.5 million.

In last year's six-game AL championship series against Detroit, Cruz had six home runs and 13 RBIs, both major league records for a postseason series. That included the first game-ending grand slam in postseason history. Cruz became the first player with extra-inning homers in two games of one series.

In 33 career playoff games, all over the last two years when the Rangers made their first two World Series appearances, Cruz has hit .270 with 14 homers and 27 RBIs.

Cruz is also a .270 career hitter over seven major league seasons and has hit 84 of his 106 career homers over the past three years despite six stints on the disabled list during that

span. Most of the DL stints have been because of leg issues, but he said he is feeling good after changes in his offseason routine, including his workouts and diet.

"I've been working a lot in the offseason to ensure I stay healthy the whole season," said Cruz, whose workouts the past month have been at a Miami facility with teammate Mike Napoli and college players preparing for the NFL combine. "It's definitely different from what I've done before. I feel like it's a better situation and I'm in better shape."

Cruz missed 29 games last season because of two DL trips caused by a left hamstring strain and a strained right quadriceps muscle.

That was after he missed 51 games with three separate DL stints in 2010 because of problems with both hamstrings. Even though he played only 108 games in 2010, he matched a major league record with five extra-innings homers, three being game-ending shots. In the playoffs that year, he had 13 extra-base hits (six homers), a record for a single postseason.

The Rangers acquired Cruz in a trade deadline deal in July 2006, when he came from Milwaukee with Carlos Lee.

Benn's 2 goals lift Stars past Blue Jackets 4-2

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Jamie Benn scored two goals and Kari Lehtonen had 26 saves to make an early lead stand up in the Dallas Stars' 4-2 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night.

Alex Goligoski and Stephane Robidas each had a goal and an assist, and Mike Ribeiro added two assists for the Stars, who began the night 12th in the Western Conference but just two points behind eighth-place Minnesota.

Dallas led 3-0 barely 21 minutes in and then hung on behind Lehtonen to win its fourth in the last six games.

Vinny Prospal and Rick Nash

scored, and Fedor Tyutin and Derick Brassard had two assists apiece for Columbus, which was trying for its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Columbus had several chances to get the tying goal in the final period. With 6 minutes left, Jeff Carter, who had goals in his last two games, hit the post on a hard shot from the left hash. Tyutin was just wide with another big slap shot with just over a minute remaining and Lehtonen smothered R.J. Umberger's redirect attempt with 29 seconds left.

The Stars wasted little time in taking control, scoring twice in the

opening 4½ minutes.

Benn opened the scoring after a giveaway by Columbus' Samuel Pahlsson handed him the puck in the high slot. Benn wheeled and flicked a rising forehand shot into the top right corner of the goal for his 16th of the season.

Then the Blue Jackets lost a player and allowed a goal on the same play.

The Stars were swarming when Tomas Vincour's hard slap shot hit Columbus defenseman Marc Methot on the right side of his face. The puck dropped almost straight down — where Goligoski was waiting to jam in the rebound.

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