

Voters tap Perry, White in governor race

Hutchison loses hard-fought battle; White claims top Democratic seat

By Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry easily dispatched Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to win the Republican nomination for Texas governor on Tuesday in a heated primary that highlighted the growing anti-



White

deliver Perry's first election loss in a lifetime of public office. But the governor, a darling of the social conservatives, forcefully and successfully painted the senator as too entrenched in Washington politics.

Speaking at his election night party in Driftwood after Hutchison conceded, Perry said he would unite a fractured Texas Republican Party in the November general election and stressed that Washington politics had no place in the Lone Star state.

"From Driftwood, Texas, to

Washington, D.C. we are sending you a message tonight: Stop messing with Texas!" Perry said.

Nearly one in five voters cast ballots for a third candidate, Debra Medina, a GOP party activist who was backed by some in the state's tea party movement.

Medina raised relatively little money and suffered a setback when she told talk show host Glenn Beck there were "some very good arguments" that the U.S. was involved in the 2001 terrorist attacks, yet she still managed to win over scores of voters who might have otherwise sided with the deeply conservative Perry.

"I'm a pretty conservative guy," said Kevin Merritt, a 31-year-old software developer from the Dallas suburb of Frisco, who cast his ballot for Medina because he liked her goal of lowering property taxes and disliked Perry's support of a now-dead project to build a huge system of toll roads.

Perry, Texas' longest-serving governor, had 51 percent of the vote compared to Hutchinson's 31 percent, with more than three-fourths of precincts reporting Tuesday night. He will face former Houston Mayor Bill White, who defeated Houston hair care magnate Farouk Shami and five others on Tuesday to win the Democratic nomination for governor.

Hutchison, who was first



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Texas Gov. Rick Perry, addresses supporters Tuesday with his wife Anita and daughter Sydney, right, at his primary night party at the Salt Lick BBQ in Driftwood.

elected to the Senate in 1993, acknowledged a week before the primary that Perry's anti-Washington campaign theme had worked against her. She told supporters in Dallas on Tuesday that she called Perry once

she believed the election results were clear.

"We have fought valiantly for our principles, but we did not win," she said.

Hutchison initially said she would step down from the Sen-

ate by the end of 2009 and focus full time on her run for governor. But she later changed her mind and said she had to stay in Washington, D.C., to battle President Barack Obama and the Democrats on health care.

Her continued presence in the nation's capital gave Perry more ammunition to cast her as a congressional insider.

"It definitely hurt, but it was

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Friedman loses last political race in Texas

Various candidates claim election victories in Texas

By Jeff Carlton
Associated Press

DALLAS — Kinky Friedman says he has run — and lost — his last race.

The songwriter and author lost his bid Tuesday to become the Democratic nominee for agriculture commissioner. With nearly three-quarters of precincts reporting, cattle rancher Hank Gilbert had 53 percent of the vote to win the nomination for the second time. He will face Republican incumbent Todd Staples in the general election.

"There won't be a next time," Friedman said. "I am 65 years old — but I read at a 67-year-old level."

Gilbert was the party's 2006 nominee for the job, which promotes agriculture, children's nutrition and rural economic development. He said Friedman's unorthodox run has better prepared him to challenge Staples, who was unopposed in the Republican primary.

"I didn't have a hard-fought primary in 2006," Gilbert said. "This will benefit us in the long run."

Friedman ran for governor as an independent in 2006. He launched a brief gubernatorial campaign in this election cycle before opting to run for agriculture commissioner.

Friedman said he will meet Gilbert for a beer soon and help him plot to take down Staples. No Democrat has won a statewide election since 1994.

"The Democrats don't have a sterling record of winning elec-

tions in Texas," Friedman said.

In the Democrats' race for lieutenant governor, labor leader Linda Chavez-Thompson led former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle 51 percent to 36 percent with nearly three-quarters of precincts reporting. The winner will oppose Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in the November election.

With nearly three-quarters of precincts reporting, real estate broker Bill Burton held a narrow lead over former state Sen. Hector Uribe for the Democratic nomination for land commissioner. The winner will face Republican incumbent Jerry Patterson in November.

On the Republican side, accountant David Porter defeated incumbent Victor Carrillo for a seat on the three-member Texas

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Robert Curnock, a U.S. congressional candidate, talks with supporters Tuesday night at his watch party at Curnocks at their Waco Headquarters Office in Crossroads West shopping center. Tuesday's primary election caused a run off between Curnock and another candidate, Bill Flores.

Curnock, Flores to face each other in runoff

By Sara Tirrito and Hogan Allcorn
Staff Writer and Reporter

Republicans Rob Curnock and Bill Flores will face each other in a runoff for the District 17 seat in the House of Representatives in the November election. The candidates won 35.14 percent and 30.82 percent of the votes, respectively, and are vying for a chance to face Democrat Chet Edwards.

Scott Kimble, campaign manager for Curnock, confirmed that since no candidate received 50 percent of the votes, there will be a runoff election.

"We are just thrilled about the way things turned out tonight. I am simply overwhelmed with the thousands of my supporters who came out and voted today," Flores said, ""During the next six weeks we are going to be running the same race that we have been. We are going to focus on the key issues of jobs and deficit spending and how my experience will surely help change Washington for the better."

Curnock is also preparing

for the runoff.

"We're going to get our voters back to the polls and try to increase on what we did and encourage other conservatives that we are the one that can actually beat Chet Edwards in November," Curnock said. "We're not liking this; it's not ideal that we're having to spend another six weeks going after Republicans instead of the incumbent congressman."

Curnock said he believed that if he were elected to represent District 17, he could bring conservative values and philosophy with him to the position.

"The bottom line is that people would start to see someone who agrees with their political philosophy and who is not just interested in bringing home pork or earmarks to the district," Curnock said.

Steve LaCroix of Waco said Curnock would assert conservative values that are not currently being asserted by Edwards.

"He's someone who I think will more properly represent this district than we have currently," LaCroix said. "He

would be a voice more consistent with the values of this district than Chet Edwards."

Curnock said he believes that his constituents do not agree with the current agenda in Washington, and that he hoped to bring in a system of values that will correlate with the values of his constituents.

"It's a values system. It's an agenda to work and get conservative programs underway as opposed to the current agenda that Nancy Pelosi is pushing," Curnock said. "I believe Central Texans are opposed to that philosophy, so we want to get someone who will support traditional values, less government, lower taxes; we want to leave most of the institutions and the economy in the hands of the private citizens, not the hands of the federal government. We are absolutely representing the folks that want to see more of a traditional agenda pursued."

Curnock, who was Edwards' Republican opponent in the 2008 election, does not plan to run again if he loses

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The root problem of consumption

An ever-growing stack of DVDs, a shelf of unread books and a hard drive stuffed with video games reminds me that I have too much stuff.

With the advent of Internet where any purchase is only a few clicks away, it's easy to collect stuff without a second thought.

It's easy to criticize consumption in our society but is the consumption itself the problem or is it the way we approach the issue?

My solution was to try to get through my backlog of media over the Christmas break as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The problem was I ceased to enjoy these forms of "entertainment." Once I had put the item on a list to cross off, it was simply another thing to do. I had gone about it all wrong. I shouldn't just consume as fast as possible. Then, I'd only return to the cycle once more of collecting and consuming.

Over the past few weeks I've decided that I'm not going to worry about it. I own the stuff; the stuff does not own me. I'll get to it in my own good time. Maybe in the hot summer afternoons, I'll settle behind my desk in my cool, air conditioned room and finally play "Indiana Jones and the Fate of Atlantis." Or perhaps over spring break I'll finally start "Heretics" by G.K. Chesterton.

This may sound counterintuitive, but there's nothing wrong with consumption as long as we stop to enjoy the things we've collected. It ceases to become simply

Point of View

BY BLAKE EWING



consumption once we stop to relish the experience.

As of late I've been revisiting some of my favorite films, rereading some of my favorite

books and replaying some of my favorite games. And instead of feeling that urge to finish something new so I can move on to the next item on the list, I've been enjoying it, reminding myself why I bought all these things to begin with because I enjoy them.

When another weekend deal for a classic game pops up or when an e-mail notifies me that one of my favorites is now available on Blu-ray, I ask myself: Is this something I'd pick up and enjoy at the end of a long day? If not, I pass.

But when The Criterion Collection announced "Paris, Texas" on Blu-ray, I bit. I came home from a particularly long day, mail in hand. I unpacked the box, popped in the disk and leaned back in the recliner, taking in two hours of my favorite moments of film.

I probably should have felt guilty. I had just dropped a good amount of money (Criterion releases aren't cheap) on a film I'd already seen when I had a large stack of unseen films in the next room. But I didn't because I enjoyed every moment and the purchase was worth every last cent.

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Baylor religion courses: not same old Bible stories

When I came to Baylor, I resented the fact that I had to take religion classes.

I had gone to Sunday school from kindergarten through senior year of high school, and for me, it had become frustrating and redundant.

I had friends who actually looked forward to going to Sunday school at their churches, but at mine, senior attendance often dwindled to about three forlorn students who were, for the most part, forced into going by our parents. Graduation meant I was finally supposed to be able to get away from that.

During the years I attended Sunday school at my church, it was never really a place to study the actual Bible, apart from reading a few verses in class here and there.

It was more a place to learn to be good to your neighbor and live a moral life.

Aside from Sunday school, my only contact with the Bible was during Mass, when the scriptures and gospel were read. I didn't even own one. Well, OK, I did have one of those children's Bibles — the kind in storybook form with watercolor pictures. But that was it.

Hearing the readings in church, I had no context to place them in, and so they didn't always mean very much to me.

Of course, I knew the most basic, classic stories. I knew about David and Goliath; I knew about the creation story and the story of Noah's ark. But the greater context was missing: the obscure stories, the ways characters' genealogies connected, the history of the Bible itself. These things I had never really learned.

But this was the way I had grown up. I went to Sunday school and learned about morality. I went to church and lis-

tened, or at least attempted to before my mind wandered off, lost in the drone of the priest's voice. I said prayers. I participated in the sacraments.

And so I never fully realized how much I didn't know... until I came to Religion 1310 at Baylor.

First, I had to buy a Bible. Two, actually, but that's a long story. And then came the class itself.

I was surrounded by people who knew the Bible much better than me — people who not only recognized names like Jacob or Esau or Isaac or Rebekah, but who also knew the stories behind them. And it was overwhelming. But through class and study groups, I learned the Bible's history, I made connections between the characters and I read stories that were brand new to me.

Soon I found myself recognizing the passages read aloud in church from the previous week's homework.

I finally had a context for what I was listening to. By the middle of the semester, religion had become my favorite class. As frustrating and confusing and overwhelming as the class could sometimes be, I realized how grateful I was that at Baylor we're forced to take religion courses. I know I never would have opted to on my own.

Now even today, I still don't know as much as some of my classmates last semester knew. But I learned more in one semester about the Bible and its history and all it contains than I did in the 13 years I spent in Sunday school back home. I now have a better context not only for the readings at Mass, but also for my faith.

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Point of View

BY SARA TIRRITO



Aftermath of crash should reflect healing, not greed

Editorial

The recent tragedy in Austin was a shock and an eerie reminder of the debilitating fear felt during the 9/11 attacks.

Not only did we hurt for this new family, but we remembered the catastrophic day nine years ago — where we were then, the people who comforted us, the names we ached for and the longing that we could somehow, someday have stopped the horrible event from happening.

These emotions came rushing back last week when a bitter man, Andrew Joseph Stack, flew his plan into a seven-story building in Austin.

Among the two people killed in the attack (the other was the pilot) was Vernon Hunter, an Internal Revenue Service employee. His widow, Valerie Hunter, is now suing Stack's widow, Sheryl Stack, claiming negligence for not having alerted authorities over concern for her late husband's sanity.

Valerie Hunter is also seeking to halt the release of her deceased husband's autopsy report, stating the release of it would cause their family "severe and irreparable emotional distress."

Without denying the gravity and horrible weight of this tragic event, it has happened. Now comes the time for picking up the pieces; the time for healing; and the time for comforting the distressed. While Valerie Hunter is undoubtedly facing enormous turmoil, in suing Sheryl Stacks, she is stand-

ing in the way of this healing coming to fruition. The last thing this pilot's widow needs is a court date.

Money will not heal these wounds nor will it repair the broken hearts left as collateral damage in this horrific affair. The bitterness of one man spurred these actions and the bitterness of a widow will not fix them. What this situation needs is hope. The window for hope could be slammed shut by the quest for monetary compensation that, in the end, is not real compensation, anyway.

Another problem with this lawsuit is the precedent it sets. If this particular case is made legitimate, soon all victims' families will be suing the perpetrators' families. It could lead to monetary gain being sought in the aftermath of every tragedy.

Sheryl Stack has made public sentiments following her husband's attack by expressing "sincere sympathy to the victims and their families."

Police have said they never received reports of domestic violence from anyone concerning Stacks — no neighbors, no widow, no family members.

There is no purpose in thinking of what may have been. Those mourning now must take this time to heal and not succumb to greedy temptations.

With so many people recovering, it will take the support of all involved to triumph over the grim situation.

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Baylor's Tweety Carter, center, passes around Texas Tech's Robert Lewandowski during the second half of the game Tuesday in Lubbock. Baylor won 86-68.

Bears beat Red Raiders 86-68

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

The records just keep falling for the No. 21-ranked Baylor's basketball team this season. In a game that was a near mirror-image of their matchup two weeks ago, the Bears (23-6, 10-5) used a quick run at the beginning of the second half to surge by Texas Tech University 86-68 Tuesday night at United Spirit Arena for its school-record 10th Big 12 win. Beginning its school-record eighth consecutive week ranked in the Associated Press poll, Baylor collected its 28th road victory in the past three seasons-match-

ing the previous total of the past 11 years combined for the program. Tweety Carter finished with 18 points and sparked a 14-5 run at the beginning of the half to give the Bears a lead they never relinquished. Behind a pair of 3-pointers from the Monroe, La., native and three of his game-high 10 assists, Baylor snatched a 54-45 lead with 13:22 left in the game. From there, the Bears' defensive length wreaked havoc for Texas Tech, forcing the Red Raiders to put up highly-contested shots. After allowing Tech to shoot 50 percent from the field in the

first half, Baylor limited the Red Raiders to 30.8-percent field goal shooting in the second half. Texas Tech hopped out onto Baylor midway through the first half thanks to a five-minute skid from the Bears without a field goal. John Roberson made a pair of long 3-pointers and Mike Singletary added another as the Red Raiders pounced on Baylor to a 22-11 lead with 10:47 in the first half. But after that, the Bears recouped to get back in the game and Carter made a 3-pointer to bring the Bears within a one-point deficit. The teams lobbied back-and-

forth before Baylor finally tied with the Red Raiders when Carter converted his free throw on an and-1 basket. The Red Raiders went on a four-point spurt to close the half, before Anthony Jones drained a 3-pointer in the closing seconds to make it a 38-37 game. Overall, five players scored in double-figures for Baylor, including Carter (18 points), Udoh (17 points), Josh Lomers (13 points), Quincy Acy (12 points) and Anthony Jones (10 points). The Bears will return to Waco for the final regular season game 3 p.m. Saturday in the Ferrell Center against the University of Texas.

Brazos East Park to close for remainder of 2010

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Waco Parks and Recreation announced last week that Brazos Park East will be closed for the remainder of 2010 for renovations. The park is not part of the Cameron Park system, but lies across the Brazos, between West Waco Drive and Herring Avenue. The 62-acre park currently holds a disc golf course, horseshoe pits and a boat dock. Improvements include a boat ramp, a restroom facility and a new pavilion, which could be used for concerts or speakers, Waco Parks and Recreation park superintendent Burk Tollett said. Funding for the renovations is coming partially from a \$500,000 matching grant provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife. The remaining money came from a 2007 bond election, amounting to just over \$2 million to complete this project. Tollett said that in the future,

Waco Parks and Recreation hopes to secure more funding for other projects, including a second boat ramp at the other end of the park. "In addition to the boat ramp, one of the other requirements was a parking area near the boat ramp and the restroom facility - which is all something that we had wanted to do anyways," Tollett said. "So (the grant) was a way we could leverage the bond funds to have additional funds to make improvements to the area." The park, formerly known as Cameron Park East, will be closed until at least early next year, weather permitting. "The park's closed and it won't reopen for a good long while," Tollett said. "You can't have people in there and have construction going on. It is obviously a disruption for the time being, but in the end it should be a much better facility, a better-lighted facility." Tollett said that Waco Parks

and Recreation thought construction would be started earlier but were not able to because of the time it took to get the court to approve the boat ramp. Tollett said the city did research before putting plans into action for the new additions to the park. "We had done some focus group meetings with users of the park and one of the things we wanted to do was to develop some decent roads," Tollett said. "Most of them were just kind of either run down or they were just roads that had been things that were made by, kind of cow trail type roads. We wanted to get some order in it and have an orderly pattern for it." One of the popular park amenities, the disc golf course, will be closed along with the rest of the park. "It will remain (following the construction)," Tollett said. "Things are going to be moved around just a little bit to accom-

modate changes in the flow of traffic." Baylor Crew has used the park before for official regattas against other Texas colleges. Baylor Head coach Grey Rogers said that this construction would not affect the team's plans for 2010. "Ninety-nine percent of the time, we use the boat ramp over by our boat house, which is in the back of the Ferrell Center parking lot," Rogers said. "The only reason why we ever move our dock down to that area of the river to launch the boat is if we have an official regatta of some sort and we aren't having one of those this semester." The small effect on the crew team is due largely to the difficulties associated with moving the dock down to Brazos Park East. "We don't typically launch from that place ever," Rogers said. "It's really inconvenient to move the docks because it's 120 feet of dock that we have to take apart, piece by piece, put it on a



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Construction crews work to revamp Brazos Park East Tuesday just across from the Brazos River. The park expansion is made possible thanks to a \$500,000 matching grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. trailer, haul it all the way over to that Cameron Park area and rebuild it at that boat launch area." Liz Taylor, director of the City of Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the renovations of the Brazos East Park are exciting for the city. "I think what we're anticipating happening, from a tourism side with Brazos Park East, [is] it will be much more conducive for the festivals and events," Taylor said.

Faculty Senate focuses on Disabilities, BU bookstore

By CATY HIRST
REPORTER

Faculty Senate met Tuesday to discuss the policies surrounding disabled students, ordering textbooks at the Baylor Bookstore and Judge Ken Starr's appointment as Baylor's 14th president. Faculty members have recently been looking into concerns about how far to go to accommodate disabled students. Dae Vasek, director of the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation for Baylor, addressed some of the concerns of the faculty at the meeting. Dr. Dennis Myers, chair of Faculty Senate, said an example concern was if a student with a disability is required to follow the same attendance policy as other students. Vasek said the answer was yes. Myers said faculty members were also concerned about stu-

dents who might disrupt class, such as students who have panic attacks. "It is not permissible, whatever the accommodation for the student, for the student's behavior to be disruptive to the class," Myers said. Students who have disabilities that may be disruptive are asked to sit in the back of class. Myers said that since many members of the faculty were unaware of the policies surrounding disabled students, Tuesday's dialogue was needed. Myers said the faculty is willing to accommodate students with disabilities and is proud to welcome them at Baylor. "The struggle comes with how much you accommodate, and in doing so, change or alter the learning process," Myers said. "Where is that balance between learning and accommodation?" Members of the Executive

"The overall impression of that meeting was very favorable to his appointment." Dr. Dennis Myers
Chair of Faculty Senate Committee also shared with Faculty Senate their impressions of Starr, from when they had lunch with him on Feb. 15. "The overall impression of that meeting was very favorable to his appointment," Myers said. "The report from the Executive Committee was that he seemed to be a person of integrity and some transparency. He seemed to be highly supportive of faculty involvement in the governance of

the academic life of the university." The senate also discussed the faculty using the Baylor Bookstore as its main vendor. Meyers said faculty members are asking if they are required to use the Baylor Bookstore as their only vendor. "Faculty want to figure out a way to deliver what they need to without actually paying for expensive textbooks," Myers said. "Does faculty have a choice about the vendor or method by which students access texts? Faculty members are aware of the costs of texts." Myers is in charge of checking policy to discover if faculty members are obligated to order texts solely through the Baylor Bookstore. Another issue the senate addressed was parking at the Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athlet-

ics Complex. Faculty members were concerned about parking and regulations for parking at the complex. Myers said he will be checking with the proper authorities to determine the regulations. Senate also addressed the concern about complex contracts for tenured faculty members. Myers said many tenured faculty members do not believe a detailed contract is necessary, and they are looking for alternatives. Faculty Senate talked over some of its previous issues during Tuesday's meeting. The senate is concerned about hiring, evaluation, retention and dismissal policies for lecturers and whether there is uniformity across the university concerning those policies. "We are working with the Office of the Provost on our lecturer proposal, trying to see if we can

get the university to approve our policy," Myers said. Myers said Interim Provost Elizabeth Davis will have the results available at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate also approved senate members for university committees. Dr. Frieda Blackwell, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, was elected for the Athletic Council and Dr. Greg Speegle, professor in the school of engineering, and Dr. Georgia Green, associate dean for the school of music, were elected for the tenure committee. Despite previous attempts to talk to senators about issues, senators have declined to comment about Senate meetings. Myers said senators choose not to comment to Lariat reporters after Faculty Senate meetings because they do not want to stay later after the meetings.

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Point of View: Sizing up new ‘Dancing’ stars

By JESSICA ACKLEN
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Monday night, during the season finale of ABC’s “The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love,” the 11 contestants for season 10 of “Dancing With the Stars” were announced.

This season marks the first season in the show’s history to feature fewer contestants than the previous season. Season nine featured 16 celebrities with three double-eliminations throughout the season. Here is a breakdown of the 11 contestants:

Pamela Anderson

This former “Baywatch” beauty has made a name in the entertainment industry for being scantily clad, poor relationship choices and having no problem with “Playboy.” While Anderson has a large fan base, it seems unlikely that she will do much better than season eight contestant and former “Playboy” model Holly Madison, who was eliminated third. Anderson may know how to pose, but is it likely that she knows how to dance?

Buzz Aldren

This 80-year-old former astronaut is known best for his steps on the moon, but it is doubtful that his steps on the dance floor can keep him on the show. He is the quintessential “older” contestant (Jerry Springer, John Ratzenberger, Wayne Newton, Steve Wozniak) and while America would love to see Aldren win, it is not the most possible option.

Shannen Doherty

Doherty was the resident “bad girl” of “Beverly Hills, 90210.” Tales of violent behavior and a past charge of driving under the influence have solidified her reputation. Doherty will probably be cast off the dance floor early. It’s unlikely that she will be a crowd favorite.



Kate Gosselin

Super reality mom Kate Gosselin had quite the year in 2009. A divorce, the end of her reality show on TLC, “Jon and Kate Plus 8” and her life plastered in the tabloids have shot the mother of eight into stardom. With the ability to multitask and manage a full house coupled with audience support, Kate may survive on the show for a while. However, the reality mogul will probably not

be on the show for the duration.

Niecy Nash

Niecy Nash is not a household name, but she will clean your house for you. Nash hosts “Clean House” on The Style Network, where she and team travel the United States and clean people’s messy homes. Nash, also a comedian, has starred in “Reno: 911” and is a regular on “The Insider.”

Nash will be a humorous addition to this season’s cast but humor won’t keep her on the show.

Chad Ochocinco

The Bengals wide receiver best known for his legal name change to his profession number (85) is exchanging his cleats for dancing shoes. Paired with two-time champion, Cheryl Burke, Ochocinco may have a shot at the top prize. He is following in the

Shown are the 11 contestants for the 2010 season of the ABC reality series “Dancing With the Stars” announced Monday.

Top Row: Pamela Anderson, Buzz Aldren, Shannen Doherty, and Kate Gosselin
Middle Row: Niecy Nash, Chad Ochocinco, Evan Lysacek, Erin Andrews
Bottom Row: Nicole Sherzinger, Aiden Turner, Jake Pavelka

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Stars” similar to season six winner, Kristi Yamaguchi.

Erin Andrews

ESPN anchor Erin Andrews has a large following of fans. The majority of them are men who enjoy Andrews’ beauty. While few women are familiar with Andrews, she, along with Anderson may increase male viewership this season. However, she may be a wild card this season, as a result of her popularity with a usually inactive group of viewers.

Nicole Sherzinger

This lead singer of the popular and former burlesque group the Pussycat Dolls is my pick for the top three or even the winner of this season. Sherzinger has experience not only in dance, but also in entertaining an audience (Pussycat Dolls have been on two tours to promote their two albums). Sherzinger will be a favorite with both the judges and the audience.

Aiden Turner

This English actor is best known for his role on the soap opera “All My Children.” He isn’t a familiar face to the American public. However, Turner may do well this season because he is handsome and will be popular with the women voters, like Giles Marini of season eight.

Jake Pavelka

Pavelka was the star and featured bachelor on the recently concluded season of ABC’s “The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love.” While I would normally love for a Texas native to win the competition, this pilot may lose votes because of his poor choice in women on “The Bachelor” finale when he chose unpopular and abrasive, Vienna over sweet-as-sugar Tenley. Pavelka’s women fans may keep him on the show for a while, though.



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Baseball's losing streak continues against BYU

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Trent Blank dropped to 1-1 on the season, as a late inning rally proved too little in Baylor's 7-5 loss to Brigham Young University on Tuesday night at Baylor Ballpark.

Brigham Young scored three runs in the seventh inning to cement the lead over Baylor and knock Blank out of the game.

Dane Nielsen started the inning with a double, and Alex Hancock, next in the order, laid a sacrifice bunt to move Nielsen to third. Blank then struck out Sean McNaughton before giving way to Arlington sophomore Kevin Winter.

Brandon Relf doubled off Winter for an RBI, and Alex Wolfe's single added another Cougar run. Jonathan Cluff's fly to right field looked to end the inning before Chris Slater dropped it, allowing Wolfe to score and make the deficit 6-3 favoring Brigham Young.

In 6.2 innings, Blank surrendered five runs, all earned, on 10 hits. He tossed 96 pitches, 71 for strikes, and fanned eight batters while walking none.

"I was glad I had a comfortable outing," the Columbia, Ill., sophomore said in relation to his strike-to-ball ratio Tuesday night. "That can disguise some things. I missed some spots and made some

mistakes, and BYU took advantage of it."

The Bears did not fall without creating late-inning drama. With one out in the bottom of the ninth, freshman Logan Vick started a rally after driving a ball to the outfield for a single.

His single in the first inning improved his hitting streak to eight games.

Joey Hainsfurther was retired on a flyout, but Max Muncy kept his team alive with another single. Next in the order, Dan Evatt drew a walk that loaded the bases for Raynor Campbell.

Campbell worked a full count on David McKnight, who was looking for his first save this season. The runners customarily dashed on the 3-2 pitch, and Campbell sent a grounder through the right side.

Vick scored easily, and Muncy dodged the batted ball on his way to the plate.

Freshman Abel Baker, making his first collegiate start, later grounded just inside the third base line and was thrown out to end the game.

Baker struggled to an 0-for-5 night, but coach Steve Smith believes the Denton catcher, and all of his young players, will develop with more playing time.

"Every opportunity for the true freshmen is a learning experience.

There's no way to really speed up the learning curve," Smith said.

Smith also placed youth on the mound Wednesday night. In addition to Blank, Winter and freshman Crayton Bare combined for 1.1 innings and no earned runs. Junior Tom Filip provided Baylor's other inning, allowing one earned run.

Filip conceded a single and double in the ninth that Brigham Young used for its final run.

In the early innings the lead exchanged hands as the teams answered each other's offense.

The Cougars used three singles to scratch across a run in their first inning, but Baylor responded with three singles of its own to pull ahead 2-1.

Brigham Young tied the game in the next frame. Austin Hall singled, stole second, advanced to third on Nielsen's groundout and finally reached home via Hancock's RBI groundout. The Cougars took the lead for good in the third inning when Bryce Ayoso doubled to score Brandon Relf.

Tuesday night, Smith said, an inexperienced group of Baylor players team had chances at the win.

"We had opportunities, and in some cases didn't have good at bats. We ran as young a team as I think we will see out there this year."



MATTHEW HELLMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Freshman Steve DalPorto grounds out during Tuesday night's game against Brigham Young University. DalPorto was one of 11 underclassmen to take the field for the Bears.

Softball pummels Prairie View in two-game sweep



MATTHEW HELLMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Jordan Vannatta prepares to make contact with the ball during Tuesday afternoon's action at Getterman Stadium. Vannatta finished the double-header with five RBI to help lead the Lady Bears to victory.

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

A total of 24 runners crossed home plate in two games at Getterman Stadium Tuesday night. All were wearing green and gold, as the Baylor softball team put an exclamation point on the two-game sweep of Prairie View A&M University, 10-0 and 14-0.

The Lady Bears spread out their 10 runs over the first three innings of the 3 p.m. match against the Panthers, but compiled 11 runs on 10 hits and eight stolen bases in just the first inning of the latter contest.

The Baylor squad (11-6) would go on to add three more in the bottom of the second to take both halves of the doubleheader in just five innings each.

"It can be a challenge playing that caliber of ball," head coach Glenn Moore said. "It takes a lot of discipline to stay

"Facing a team like this is always a challenge, because we have to make sure we get up and get excited."

Tiffany Wesley
Leftfielder

focused whenever you score a lot of runs early. We were able to stay disciplined and get the job done."

The focused mindset rang true for Moore's squad as they went a combined 29 of 52 from the plate with 19 RBI over the two games.

"Definitely have to remind yourself to just stay patient," senior Tiffany Wesley said. "You really want to get out on your front foot as she's releasing it. We had to make sure that we don't slow down our swings, but just wait and be patient and hit it hard still."

Wesley led the charge in the early game, knocking in three of the Lady Bears' seven RBI.

The leftfielder has come alive in the past week, batting .563 in last weekend's Cathedral City Classic and continuing her hitting streak in yesterday's doubleheader to nine games.

The leadoff hitter believes their success at the plate provided for an enjoyable feel in the dugout that they were able to couple with an all-business approach on the field.

"Both games were fun," she said. "Facing a team like this is always a challenge, because we have to make sure we get up and get excited. We rose to the occasion and we just had some fun with it."

The Lady Bears maintained their focus on the defensive side of the ball as well, posting two errorless, five-inning shutouts.

Sophomore Whitney Can-

ion tossed the first game, allowing just two hits, no walks and striking out 10 in her five innings of work.

"It's fun to just go out there and throw," she said. "It's really a lot about working ahead in the count to keep my pitch count down, and that's what I worked on today."

Freshmen Courtney Repka and Alicia Vazquez teamed up to complete the four-hit shutout in the second game.

Canion returned to limited action last weekend and remains on a pitch count after sitting out of the QTI Getterman Classic Feb. 19, 20 and 21 with a stress reaction in her forearm.

"We have to make a decision at some point in time about whether she's getting healthy or whether she's going in the other direction," Moore said. "And if we don't throw her in a midweek like this, then we don't have an adequate evaluation period."

Sports Briefs

Men's tennis squad heads into hiatus with victory

The No. 12-ranked men's tennis team breezed past No. 73 Southern Methodist University 6-1 on a windy Friday at the Baylor Tennis Center.

Baylor won't compete again until it welcomes Laredo Community College next Tuesday.

Bringing the Bears to 9-2 on the season, the victory marks the Bear's fourth consecutive win and the 14th straight win at home.

The pairs of Denes Lukacs and Roberto Maytin, and Julian Bley and Attila Bucko helped the Bears to 2-1 in doubles matches, securing the doubles point, while the Bears went a combined 5-1 in singles matches.

Track and Field competes at Indoor Big 12 Championships

Performances by sophomore James Gilreath and the men's distance medley relay team notched two Big 12 titles for the Bears this past weekend at the Big 12 Indoor Championships in Ames, Iowa.

Gilreath took the title in the men's 800 meters Saturday, finishing more than a second ahead of second-place finisher and teammate freshman Gavyn Nero.

Gilreath also contributed to the Bears' first conference title Friday as the men's distance medley team outlasted Iowa State thanks to a closing leg effort from senior Chris Gowell.

The men's team took fourth overall in the Big 12 Indoors while the women finished ninth.

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not my doing,” Hutchison said last week, discussing her decision to stay in the Senate. “It was the progress of health care reform. The game change for me is when health care kept being put off.” White had about 76 percent of the vote with more than three-fourths of precincts reporting. The well-funded businessman and lawyer who made a name for himself with his city’s response to the Hurricane Katrina evacuation has said he didn’t feel at a



Hutchison

disadvantage with so much attention paid to the Republicans and spent the time listening to voters. He aired television ads introducing himself to a statewide audience and generally kept his campaign on a positive path. Republicans have held the governorship since George W. Bush took over in 1995 after defeating Democrat Ann Richards. Perry ascended to governor from lieutenant governor in December 2000, when Bush resigned to become president, and has held the office ever since.

Democrats have been looking for an avenue back into statewide power, and many see White as that chance with his money to spend on a big race and his power base in Houston, the state’s largest city. Businessman Tom Schieffer dropped out of the Democratic race for governor last fall and threw his support behind White, who switched from running for U.S. Senate.

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Railroad Commission. Carrillo was appointed to the commission in 2003 and later named its chairman. He was elected to a full six-year term in 2004. Porter did not return several messages left by The Associated Press.

With nearly three-quarters of precincts reporting, Rick Green narrowly led a group of six Republican candidates vying to replace Justice Harriet O’Neill, who is not seeking re-election to the Texas Supreme Court. Justice Eva Guzman, who became the first Latina on the state’s highest civil court when Gov. Rick Perry appointed her in October, defeated Corpus Christi’s Rose Vela.

Republicans overwhelmingly passed five nonbinding resolutions covering pet conservative issues, such as encouraging the Legislature to require voters to provide photo identification at the polls. Another would require government bodies in Texas to limit annual budget increases to “the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.”

Also passing on the Republican ballot were resolutions to cut federal income taxes, permit the use of the word God and the display of the Ten Commandments at public gatherings and in public buildings and make women who are about to have abortions view sonograms.

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the primary.

“For me there won’t be a next time around,” Curnock said before the Tuesday’s election. “If we lose tonight I’m going back to my business in Waco and getting back to things that my wife and I put on hold.”

Flores, who claimed 35.14 percent of the votes, said the direction Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi are taking America in is unacceptable.

“The vision of our Founding Fathers, our freedoms, and our children’s future are all being threatened by a Congress dominated by career politicians who care more about serving special interests than serving the people,” Flores said on his campaign site.

“From bailout spending, to the trillions and trillions of dollars in deficits – these politicians have literally mortgaged our future and its time we make

them stop.”

Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Flores’s military career would quickly bring the family back to Texas, where nine generations of Flores’s have called home.

“I think these qualities of hard work, fiscal discipline and

“For me, there won’t be a next time around”

Robert Curnock
Republican candidate

putting our country first are in short supply in Congress,” Flores wrote. “Our district deserves a leader in Congress who will stand up and fight against the destructive policies we are seeing today.”

Republican candidate Chuck Wilson got 17.63 percent of the votes.

“My hope is to work closely with (my supporters) to execute a winning strategy to unseat Chet Edwards and provide the conservative representation CD17 deserves,” Wilson said before falling short of Flores. “Having grown up along the banks of the Brazos River, I have a love and deep understanding of the people and issues in Congressional District 17.”

Dave McIntyre, who is also running to represent District 17, said he felt that he had the skills needed to deal with the nation’s problems.

“I think that the nation is in trouble, I think the problems are getting worse not better and I think I have the background, and the skills I have apply to the problems we face,” McIntyre said.

“The bottom line is I have worked every major national issue we face today, and I have some solutions for dealing with them, especially the debt, which I see as number one.”

McIntyre said one of the highlights in his campaign was working with the young conservatives at Baylor.

“They were energetic, they were focused, they were dedicated, they were reliable and most importantly I think they had a firm grasp of ideas-- they were motivated by ideas; I really admired that,” McIntyre said.

“They did a great job for us and I really appreciate their work. If anything in this camp made me feel better about the future of this campaign, it was working with the students from Baylor.”

McIntyre said a loss only means that he needs to improve

on the deliverance of his message.

“I think we ran hard. I couldn’t have asked for more from my team,” he said.

“I’m sorry I couldn’t convey the message more forcefully to the voters. I thought we had a great message, and I still do. My congratulations to the two guys in the runoff; I’ll certainly support whoever [wins] against Mr. Edwards.”

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