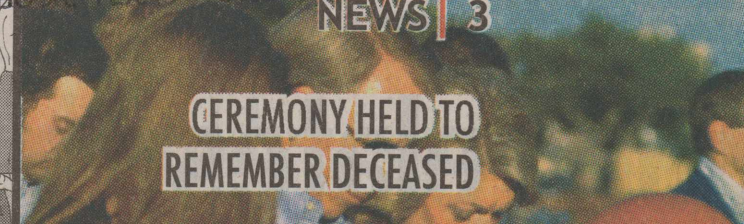


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Rebel leader willing to remain in prison

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Colombian rebel leader said she would prefer to remain incarcerated at a federal prison in the U.S. so that she would not become an obstacle to reaching a humanitarian agreement between the rebels and the Colombian government, Colombian Sen. Piedad Cordoba said Thursday after visiting her.

Nayibe Rojas, who goes by the nom de guerre Sonia, is detained at the Federal Medical Center Carswell, which is inside a military base. Rojas was convicted of masterminding the smuggling of cocaine to the U.S. and Europe to earn money for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia, or FARC.

NATION

O.J. hearing set for Nov. 8

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A judge Thursday scheduled a hearing next month for prosecutors to present evidence against O.J. Simpson and five other men accused of kidnapping and robbing two sports memorabilia dealers at gunpoint.

Justice of the Peace Joe Bonaventure Jr. ordered the defendants and their lawyers to attend the hearing on Nov. 8 and possibly the next day.

WORLD

Last of 3,200 trapped miners emerge

CARLETONVILLE, South Africa (AP) — Singing and dancing despite exhaustion, the last of 3,200 miners trapped deep underground for more than a day emerged safely Thursday night, delivering a happy ending but raising questions about the safety of South Africa's important gold mines.

Government officials announced that the Elandsrand mine, one of the top producers in the world's leading gold-mining nation, would stay shut for at least six weeks while experts studied what caused a pipe to break and crash down the main shaft Wednesday, knocking out the elevator.

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Contractors in Iraq subject to prosecution

By ANNE FLAHERTY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a bill Thursday that would make all private contractors working in Iraq and other combat zones subject to prosecution by U.S. courts. It was the first major response by Congress to a deadly shooting in Baghdad involving Blackwater USA security guards.

Democrats called the 389-30 vote an indictment of the incident, which left at least 13 Iraqis dead. Senate Democratic leaders said they planned to follow suit with similar legislation and send a bill to President Bush as soon as possible.

"There is simply no excuse for the de facto legal immunity for tens of thousands of individuals working in countries" on behalf of the United States, said Rep. Sheila

Jackson-Lee, D-Texas.

The FBI arrived in Baghdad Thursday to investigate the Sept. 16 shooting. Bush administration officials acknowledge they are unsure whether U.S. courts would have jurisdiction in the case or others like it.

In a separate incident, a drunken Blackwater employee left a Christmas eve party in Baghdad and fatally shot the guard of one of Iraq's vice

presidents. That contractor was fired, fined and returned home to the United States; no charges have been filed.

The current law, called the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, covers personnel supporting the mission of Defense Department operations overseas. But because Blackwater's primary mission is to protect State Department officials, defense lawyers probably would

argue the law does not apply.

At the same time, all U.S. contractors are immune from prosecution by Iraqi courts.

The bill's passage came on the same day that a government minister told The Associated Press that the official Iraqi investigation said Blackwater security guards involved in the September incident

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Royal Flush

Homecoming King and Queen nominees wait to find out who will be crowned

By ANN LUU

The traditional homecoming festivities will conclude with the coronation of this year's queen and king during halftime of Texas Tech's football game Saturday against Iowa State.

Every year, each Tech student organization may nominate a male or female within the group for the homecoming court's representation.

Kara Stringer, coordinator of the Tech Homecoming Association and a junior public relations major from San Antonio, said to be nominated, each candidate must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA, have a total of 60 academic hours and represent an organization.

The Homecoming Candidate Showcase Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena narrowed the field from 32 royal candidates to 10 men and 10 women.

The queen finalists are: Nikki Cope, Alyson Chavarria, Kristin Teinert, Lauren Gates, Clare Ferguson, Maddie Harris, Kimberly Hartsfield, Jenny Hay, Brecklyn Hughes and Berkeley Sides.

The king finalists are: Blake Johnston, Adam Wolfe, Matthew Arcaro, Jake Holland, Cliff Fielden, John Gerrish, Akceem Akimpelu, Matthew Townsend, Ryan Hays and Aaron Krejci.

The showcase highlighted the nominees through runway modeling, interview questions and spontaneous skits performed in collaboration with Alternative Fuels, Tech's improvisational comedy troupe.

Each candidate went through an interview process Wednesday afternoon, and the top five will be an-

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PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
A HOMECOMING CANDIDATE walks down the catwalk during the candidate showcase Tuesday evening in the United Spirit Arena.

Craig vows to serve out remainder of his Senate term

By CHARLES BABINGTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig lost a bid Thursday to withdraw his guilty plea in a men's room sex sting but defiantly vowed to finish his Senate term, prolonging a headache for Republican leaders already facing a tough political climate.

Craig had announced plans to resign his seat by Sept. 30, but wavered when he went to court in hopes of withdrawing his plea. He issued a statement Thursday on staying in the Senate shortly after Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R, relayed word that he had selected a replacement for Craig in the event of a vacancy.

"I have seen that it is possible for me to work here effectively," Craig said in a written statement that disappointed fellow Republicans who have urged him to step down. Craig, 62, said he will not seek a fourth term in November 2008.

"He is ready to act should we receive a letter of resignation,"

said Jon Hanian, Otter's spokesman.

Craig said in his statement: "I will continue my effort to clear my name in the Senate Ethics Committee — something that is not possible if I am not serving in the Senate."

The bipartisan ethics panel has already signaled it is reviewing details of Craig's case, a step requested by Senate Republican leaders. His decision to stay and fight raises the strong possibility of public hearings — almost certain to be televised — centered on the issue of gay sex.

Senate Republicans made clear they wish Craig would leave office and let them forget the episode that has fueled jokes on late-night television for weeks. Idaho is likely to remain in the GOP column after next year's election, but Craig's insistence on finishing his term was received frostily by colleagues.

"Senator Craig gave us his word" that he would resign by Sept. 30 if he could not overturn the guilty plea, said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., who chairs the GOP campaign committee overseeing next year's Senate elections. "I wish he would stick to his word.

"It's embarrassing for the Senate, it's embarrassing for his party," Ensign said. Asked if Craig staying would be a distraction for the party, Ensign said: "it may be a personal distraction for me."

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky — who called Craig's actions "unforgivable" when they first became public — had little to say Thursday. "That whole matter is before the Senate Ethics Committee, and will be dealt with by Senator Craig and the ethics committee," he told reporters.

Craig was arrested June 11 in a men's room in the Minneapolis airport by an undercover officer. The officer said Craig had exhibited behavior consistent with seeking a sexual encounter.

Craig said he had panicked when arrested, and pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct because an Idaho newspaper had been aggressively investigating allegations that he was gay.

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Report: Education relates to income level

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Graduating from college could increase a person's lifetime earnings by more than \$500,000.

According to the Lubbock Area United Way's ninth-annual Community Status Report, education is the single largest factor impacting how much money a person will make in his or her lifetime.

"Education is the key to whatever strategies we can come up with," said Janis Putteet, community impact director and vice president of the Lubbock Area United Way. "At any step of the way, the more educated you can be, the better chance of success you'll have."

Poverty is the number one obstacle to achieving goals like adequate health care, according to the report. However, the real culprit behind poverty is the lack of education.

"It starts from the time a child is born," Putteet said. "Children from economically disadvantaged homes typically start school behind (other children). A lot of people in poverty face things that go against them. Education is the one thing that can impact that."

According to the report, the single strongest correlation is between one's income level and his or her level of education. A better education leads to a better job, which leads

to increased earnings and, ultimately, financial independence.

"It's been a trend for a number of years," said Eugene Wang, assistant professor in educational psychology at Texas Tech and consultant on the report. "The gap is increasing between income levels on the upper and lower ends of educational attainment."

In 2001, the median yearly earnings were about \$22,000 for people with some high school education and \$29,206 for high school graduates. For people with some college education, earnings were \$34,300, \$36,400 for people with associate's degrees, \$47,000 for people with bachelor's degrees, and \$56,600 for people with master's degrees.

Putteet said the report is not trying to imply that every person should get a graduate degree.

"I don't think that's what we're saying, we just try to emphasize the importance of education," she said. "Any education you get is going to help you."

The report contains information on how higher levels of education could impact an individual's earnings, but education is still a personal choice, Wang said.

"There are some studies that look at the cost benefit of different levels of education and different degrees — the years of education versus the additional income you can expect

from that," he said. "In general, if that's what you want to do, it does have the benefit of earning you some extra income."

According to the report, the estimated lifetime earnings are \$787,400 for people with less than a ninth grade education; \$894,000 for those with some high school; \$1,167,480 for high school graduates; \$1,373,600 for those with some college; \$1,455,960 for people with an associate degree; \$1,878,760 for a bachelor's degree; \$2,263,560 for a master's degree; \$3,296,840 for a professional degree; and \$3,007,280 for a doctorate.

"I think we're moving toward not just more education but more relevant curriculum," Putteet said. "The end result — whether you go to college or grad school or not — is getting a job. You want your education to be relevant to what your job will be."

According to the report, 25 percent of employers require a person to have at least a high school degree or GED to hire him; 11.3 percent require vocational or occupational training; 8.7 percent require a bachelor's degree; 3.6 percent require some college; and 1.8 percent require a graduate or professional degree.

"Education is one thing that has long-lasting positive impacts," Wang said. "Particularly in the information age, you need to be able to know how to use information. The more



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TEXAS TECH PROFESSOR Anthony Galvaz stands in for a class Thursday afternoon in the Mass Communications.

skills you have, the more marketable you are."

According to the report, employers were asked how often they hire applicants without the requisite skill level but who are otherwise qualified. About 35 percent said never; about 25 percent said rarely; about 30 percent said sometimes; about 7 percent said always.

"We should support people that want to attain a higher level of education," Putteet said, "whether it's becoming literate or accessing college."

Putteet said 54,000 people in Lubbock County are illiterate, a trend the United Way hopes to change through its emphasis on education.

"We have focused on education

because it is one of our initiatives," Putteet said. "We see it as the best return on investment. Education can help those in poverty more than any other single thing we can do. It's like the old adage: 'If you give a man a fish, he'll eat for a day. If you teach a man to fish, he'll eat for a lifetime.'"

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S. Korean president confident North will abandon nuclear weapons

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's president expressed confidence North Korea will abandon its nuclear weapons after a summit with Kim Jong Il, where the two countries pledged Thursday to pursue a peace treaty and end their decades-long standoff across the world's last Cold War frontier.

They signed an accord promising a joint effort to implement previous agreements from six-nation arms talks "for the solution of the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula."

"Now that the highest leader of North Korea confirmed

a clear commitment to the North's nuclear dismantlement, I don't see any problem in carrying it out," South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said after what was only the second summit ever between the two longtime foes.

The Koreans said they also "agreed to closely cooperate to end military hostility and ensure peace and easing of tension on the Korean peninsula." They "shared the view that they should end the current armistice regime and establish a permanent peace regime."

Earlier this week, North Korea

went further than ever before to scale back its nuclear ambitions by agreeing at arms talks with the U.S. and other regional powers to disable its main nuclear facilities and declare all its programs by the end of the year.

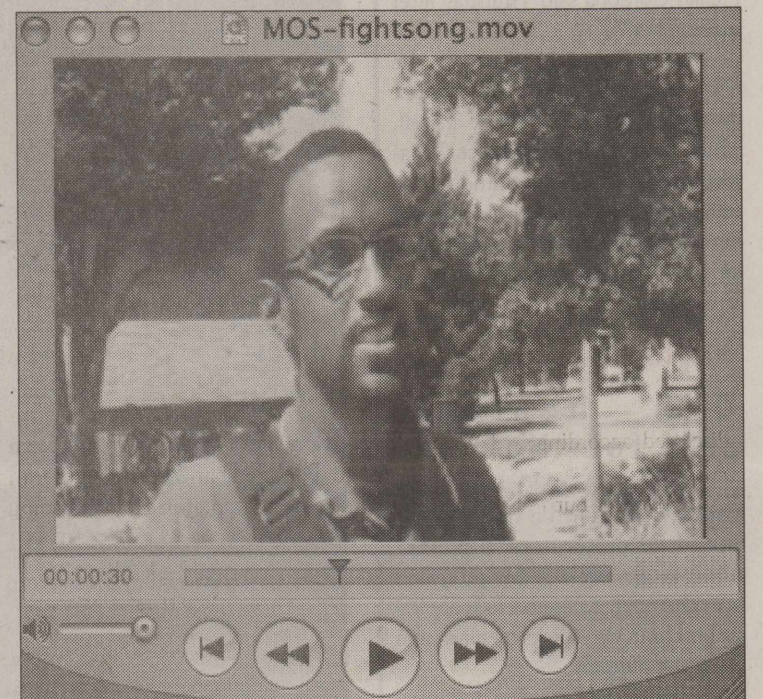
In the 54 years after an armistice ended the fratricidal Korean War, two profoundly different Koreas have evolved — a democratic South that is a world economic power buttressed by 28,000 American troops on its soil, and an impoverished, totalitarian North.

To reach a peace treaty, resolving the nuclear issue would be

critical. But reunification of the peninsula would still remain a distant goal, unlikely to be achieved unless Kim were willing to release his grip on power. But the statement issued after the three days of talks, before Roh crossed the Demilitarized Zone by land on his way home, was vague enough not to tie either side's hands.

For now, they agreed on lesser issues: tourist flights from South Korea to North Korea's highest mountain; more trade, more reunions of families divided by the north-south split, even a joint cheerleading squad for next year's Olympic Games.

THE TEXAS TECH FIGHT SONG



TECH STUDENTS GIVE thoughts about the fight song, how some students choose to change the words and the Raider Power campaign. Check out the video at www.dailytoreador.com.

Contractors

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face trial in Iraqi courts and the company should pay compensation to the victims.

The White House and congressional Republicans said they support

the intent of the bill, but thought it was drafted poorly.

In a statement issued Wednesday, the White House said the bill would have "unintended and intolerable consequences for crucial and necessary national security activities and operations." The statement did not explain further or give examples on how the bill would affect national security.

The White House referred questions to the Justice Department, which declined to comment.

Before passage, the House voted 342-75 to ensure the legislation would not affect intelligence operations.

Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn., accused Democrats of rushing the bill through Congress in a partisan bid to criticize the Bush administration's handling of the war.

"It is amazing to me the number of men in Blackwater that have lost their lives and we never hear it on the other side of the aisle," Shays said. "Blackwater is evil. That's the way it appears in all the dialogue."

Rep. David Price, who sponsored the bill, said the White House's objections were unfounded and "should infuriate anyone who believes in the rule of law."

Blackwater founder Erik Prince told a House panel Tuesday that he supports expanding the law.

"Beyond firing him for breaking the rules, withholding any funds we can, we can't flog him," Prince said of the intoxicated Blackwater guard. "We can't incarcerate him. We can't do anything beyond that."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the FBI was assuming control of the Sept. 16 probe from the State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. The step was taken, in part, on the possibility that the investigation might lead to the case being referred to the Justice Department for prosecution.

McCormack stressed that the move does not necessarily mean criminal charges will be filed or that the investigation will show any laws or regulations had been violated.

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Ceremony held by Tech students and faculty in memory of deceased

By **MATT MCGOWAN**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students and faculty members gathered in Memorial Circle to honor those who have passed.

The annual memorial ceremony is organized by the Student Union and Activities Division and the Tech Homecoming Committee.

In addition to students and faculty, family and friends of the deceased also are invited to offer condolences, said Zane Reif, an associate director of the Student Union and Activities Division.

University administrators have organized the ceremony for the last six or seven years, he said.

Chancellor Kent Hance offered his sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased during the ceremony, reminding them that their loved ones have not been — and would not be — forgotten.

"The important thing is that Texas Tech University loves its faculty, staff and students,"

Hance said. "We are here to honor them in God's name."

This year's memorial recognized approximately 23 members of the Tech family. Of those who were honored, approximately nine were students, eight were faculty, and six were staff. The homecoming committee released a balloon for each name read aloud at the podium.

Mason Moses, president of the Student Government Association, read the names of the students who died in the last year. He said he believes it is important to remember that the faculty, staff and students who no longer are with us will be missed and remembered, no matter what role they had on campus.

"They all have an impact on someone on this campus, whether or not they knew it," Moses said. "It's important to honor them, because they were all part of the Texas Tech family."

Gene Wilde, the president of the Faculty Senate, read the names of faculty members who have died this year. Wilde said this year's ceremony marked the

first time he knew a person on the list.

"Obviously, they'll be missed," Wilde said. "We can replace an instructor, we can fill a position, but we can't replace friends and mentors and colleagues."

John Gerrish, a member of Delta Tau Delta, said he attended the ceremony with a few of his fraternity brothers in order to mourn the death of Ross Baker, a fraternity brother who passed away this summer.

The ceremony, he said, is a sign of how much the Tech community cares about its students, faculty, and staff.

"It really shows that the university cares about people who are part of the university," Gerrish said.

Along with the release of the balloons, the ceremony also consisted of three songs — including the Matador Song — sung by the Tech Men's Chorus. An Air Force honor guard also participated by conducting a saber salute to the families of those who died.

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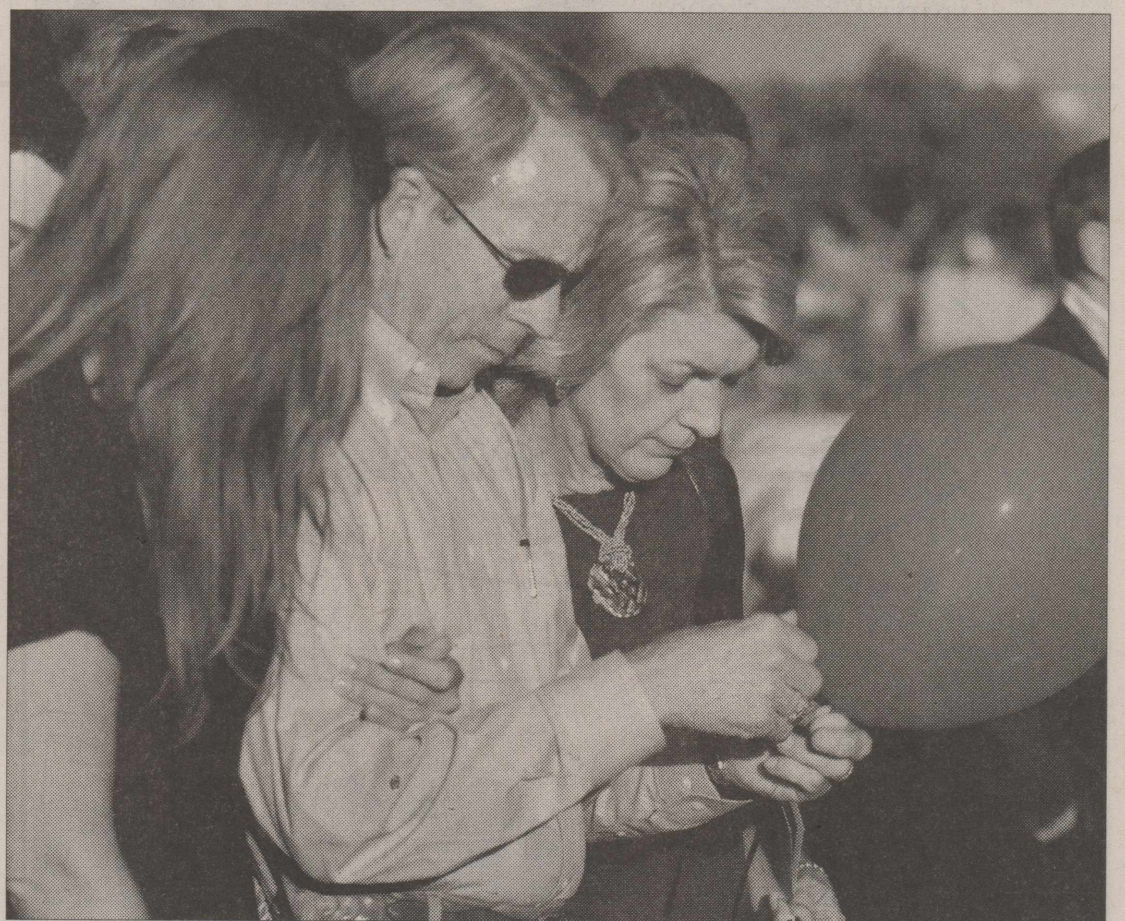


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THE PARENTS OF Ross Baker, Bobby and Teresa Baker from Weatherford, and his sister Whitney, remember Ross and wait to release a balloon to honor his memory.

Iraq investigation recommends trial for Blackwater guards

BAGHDAD (AP) — The official Iraqi investigation into the Blackwater shooting last month recommends that the security guards face trial in Iraqi courts and that the company compensate the victims, an Iraqi government minister told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The three-member panel, led by Defense Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi, determined that Blackwater guards sprayed western Baghdad's Nisoor Square with gunfire Sept. 16 without provocation, Minister of State for National Security Sherwan al-Waili told AP.

The panel also found that 13 Iraqis were killed, not 11 as earlier disclosed, according to al-Waili told AP.

A parallel but unofficial investigation

by seven members of the Interior Ministry found that 17 Iraqis were killed and 24 wounded, a member of the Interior Ministry panel said on condition that he not be identified because the findings were not public. He said its recommendations were nearly identical to those issued by the al-Obeidi investigative team.

Both reports were to go to the larger joint U.S.-Iraqi panel studying the shooting. The Sept. 16 incident was one of at least six involving deaths allegedly caused by Blackwater that authorities here have brought to the attention of the Americans.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also dispatched a team to Baghdad, and retired veteran diplomat Stapleton Roy is leading

a diplomatic review, along with a former State Department and intelligence official, Eric Boswell. The panel, led by Patrick Kennedy, one of the most senior management experts in the U.S. foreign service, was to present an interim report early this month.

Security officials in Baghdad said the State Department report was expected to include information that two Blackwater guards involved in the incident suffered gunshot wounds. The officials would not be further identified because the report had not yet been made public.

Blackwater has said its guards used their weapons only after they came under fire.

But the official Iraqi investigation found that the Blackwater guards had not been fired on when

they unleashed the fusillade. It said no shots were fired at Blackwater personnel throughout.

The report said that the Blackwater guards had violated accepted rules of engagement, should face trial in the Iraqi justice system and that the company should compensate the victims families.

The guards currently are immune from prosecution in Iraq under a 2004 decree by L. Paul Bremer, a U.S. administrator in Iraq after the war. He issued the decree shortly before leaving Baghdad when political sovereignty was turned over to a provisional government.

In Washington on Thursday, the House passed a bill that would make all private contractors working in Iraq and other combat zones subject to prosecution by U.S. courts.

Craig

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Craig says he is not gay.

His arrest and guilty plea were reported Aug. 27 by Roll Call.

In his ruling Thursday, Hennepin County Judge Charles Porter wrote: "Because the defendant's plea was accurate, voluntary and intelligent, and because the conviction is supported by the evidence ... the defendant's motion to withdraw his guilty plea is denied."

Craig's lawyer, Billy Martin issued a statement saying his client was considering whether to appeal the ruling.

"Senator Larry Craig maintains that he is innocent and there is insufficient evidence to support a finding that he is guilty," Martin said. "Thus, we renew our arguments that it is manifestly unjust to deny Senator Craig's request to withdraw his guilty plea. Senator Craig continues his steadfast denial that any inappropriate behavior took place at the airport."

Craig, in his separate statement, said he was disappointed in the ruling. "I am innocent of the charges against me," he said.

Craig, a conservative with close ties to gun rights groups, said that during five terms in the House and three in the Senate, "I have accumulated seniority and important committee assignments that are valuable to Idaho."

He did not mention that at the request of his party's leaders, he relinquished the GOP leadership posts on his current committees.

Craig says his actions in the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport bathroom June 11 were misconstrued by the arresting officer. The officer said Craig had looked into his bathroom stall. After taking the adjacent stall, the office said, Craig tapped

his foot and moved his hand under the divider in a way that suggested he was looking for a sexual partner.

During an interview with the officer, Craig denied that. But he pleaded guilty on Aug. 8, saying he hoped to keep the matter quiet.

Porter rejected that as a good reason to withdraw the plea. Any pressure Craig was under "was entirely perceived by the defendant and was not a result of any action by the police, the prosecutor, or the court," he wrote.

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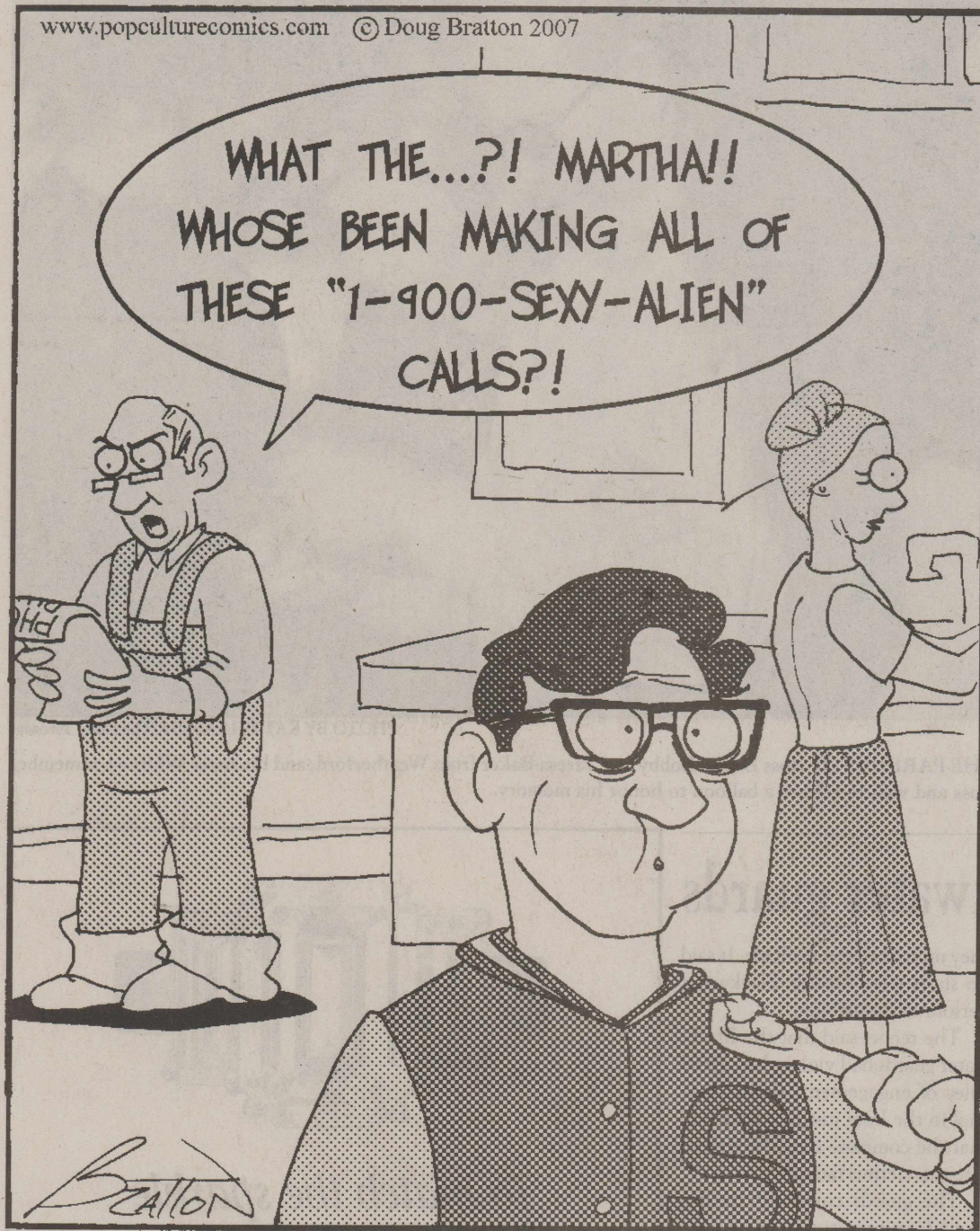
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Clark Kent in High School

Dollars and sense

By OSCAR ABELLO
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(U-WIRE) VILLANOVA, Pa. — The Canadian dollar had often been the object of America's collective ridicule, a symbol of a misguided sense of cultural superiority and a childhood wonder for many show-and-tell days of youth.

Nevertheless, there comes a time in life to learn the truth about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. Last Friday may prove to be a comparable rude awakening, because for the first time in over 30 years, the U.S. dollar ended the week worth less than the Canadian dollar.

The falling value of the U.S. dollar is not news; the recent years of dramatic spending growth by American consumers, coupled with federal budget deficits, have caused deep trade deficits that flood foreign exchange markets with U.S. dollars.

Add to that the ongoing credit crunch and subsequent interest rate cut, and there is even more dumping of dollars to find safer assets.

Just like Santa Claus, a spendthrift existence is at best a jolly figment of imagination and at worst a social pathology of gluttony. Overconsumption has reared its ugly head; the U.S. dollar has fallen to embarrassing lows.

The simplest and most direct way to tackle this problem is to raise federal income taxes without raising federal spending. At the same time, more development assistance would help other economies build roads and other infrastructure to facilitate economic activity, creating more markets for American-made goods and services.

Slowly, as other countries demand goods produced in America, they will demand U.S. dollars from foreign exchange markets to pay for those goods, in the process restoring strength to the dollar.

Raise taxes, limit federal spending and send more of the limited spending overseas for development assistance. In economics, such a course of action is a fundamental way to compensate for the deep U.S. trade deficits that flood the world with U.S. dollars. In politics, such a course of action is as likely as winning the lottery twice in the same year.

It is not a matter of stopping imports; it is a matter of balance, so that

those countries that depend on exporting to the United States can benefit from trade without having to worry about being paid in weakening dollars.

Exchange rates are a powerful expression of how all our fates weave together. Less-developed economies around the world have gotten into the habit of using international trade to find their way out of poverty. The weakening dollar threatens to knock them off track because so many of those countries export goods to the United States and, increasingly, China.

Since they remain loosely linked, the yuan weakens as the dollar weakens, to

a lesser degree. In terms of purchasing power, the United States and China are the two largest markets in the world. Usually, weaker currencies will slow imports, but U.S. spending habits and China's rapid growth are dampening the usual effect.

To some degree, China may feel pressure to let the yuan float in order to help sustain the less-developed economies from which they purchase raw materials for production. There is some hope because as slow as Chinese policy moves, the past 30 years stand as evidence that it is capable of making progress. Little of the same could be said of American politics today.

Continued record spending growth by American households and government will continue to render consequences that manifest themselves far beyond American borders. The World Bank estimates that 70 percent of the world's poor depend on agriculture for income. Coffee is a major agricultural export from the developing economies where many of the world's poor reside, and it is America's top agricultural import. Coffee is second only to crude oil, in terms of yearly international trade value.

Those developing economies suffer from payment in dollars that are worth less every week, all because of American overspending.

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Allowing Ahmadinejad to speak says volumes about America

By ZACH MARKOVIC
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(U-WIRE) RICHARDSON — As a journalist, freedom of speech is one of the key values that I uphold more than anything else. And it is only through true academic freedom that free speech can be realized.

Academic freedom can take many forms but most important is the freedom for our universities and college systems to reach out and bring in differing ideas and viewpoints. They must be afforded the opportunity to be allowed to direct debate from all points of view.

These academic freedoms came under fire Sept. 24 when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was invited to speak at Columbia University. The invitation drew fire from all sorts of interest, ethnic and political

groups. Many charged President Lee Bollinger's invitation as stupid and unpatriotic. And I could not disagree more.

The free flow of thoughts and ideas on a university level is vital to the growth of young Americans. Gone are the days of journalistic integrity of Walter Cronkite. Americans live in a society where the whole story is thrown out the window in favor of something that looks like a story and brings in the viewers. We live in snippets and sound bites as ADD media blitzes the American public with information.

And, because of this, it is important that all universities have an opportunity to ensure both sides are heard. And the institutions do not just have an opportunity to do so, but a right and an academic duty to do so. Much in the same way that

Bollinger accused Ahmadinejad of not having the intellectual courage to answer questions over his controversial remarks and ruling methods. Universities must hold themselves up to that same standard and have the same courage to allow controversial speakers to address the campus.

Discourse and debate are vital to a well-educated citizenry. For discourse to occur, for democracy to truly be supported, it is imperative for all sides to be seen and heard. And if we cannot do that on an intellectual level, then where can we expect it to happen?

As international powers bicker and fight for control, it is up to American and international intellectuals to handle the situation. As President Bush ignores every demand to speak directly with Iran, it is up to the American citizens to fill that role. We

can no longer rely on our president to give us truthful answers to what is going on in the world today.

So, let there be open discussion at our last bastions of knowledge. The hardest place for Ahmadinejad's lies and deceit to hide is out in the light of the open. It is when we ignore his hate speech, when we ignore his lies that it gives it credence. It is then that his ideas have time to grow and gestate in the minds of the weak willed and the uneducated. Until it is too late.

There are those who applauded the way President Bollinger introduced Ahmadinejad. Though it is a true statement of the man, it ultimately undermines what Bollinger set out to do. By calling him a “petty and cruel dictator” the invitation that Columbia extended

to Ahmadinejad was sullied. I understand the will of the American people to speak their mind, but the university should have stayed as neutral as possible on the subject and let the questions and answers show Ahmadinejad's true nature.

Ahmadinejad, who, in the past, so fervently denied the Holocaust, openly prophesized the destruction of the United States and taunts the world with the pursuit of nuclear weapons, was too scared to truthfully answer the questions thrown his way.

Before the forum we saw him as this frightening visage of a dictator. After the forum, he can be viewed as nothing more than a self-righteous used car salesman trying to sell you a lemon and hoping you don't kick the tires.

And that is why Bollinger's right, and any University's right

for that matter, to invite controversial speakers must be supported. Doing so holds up the basic values that all Americans cherish: freedom and peace.

Allowing Ahmadinejad to speak only strengthens the values of those like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other humanitarians. The fact that, as Americans, we can suffer through rhetoric of his caliber is a testament to how important we believe in the free exchange of ideas. “I have a Dream” is now more powerful than ever, because messages of peace will always outshine hate mongers' deceptions.

Evil was given a stage Monday, given a microphone. But instead of him spewing his bile to political yes-men and subjugated citizens, his lies were laid bare before all of academia. And he was laughed at for it.

Who cares about Brangelina and other Hollywood schmucks

By MELISSA TORRES
DAILY FORTY-NINER
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(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — Who among you have been able to walk past a magazine stand and not at least take a glance at what the newest juicy story is? Not one of you can claim this, because it's a natural instinct to want to know what is going on with others.

Many of you must have seen “Gossip Girl,” the new series “where the rich and beautiful get down and ugly.” And surely you haven't missed an episode of “TMZ,” which fills the curious in on every imaginable celebrity scandal on the planet, right?

When it comes to gossip, nobody is safe.

Among the many forms of gossip, I think the ones about celebrities are the worst. These scandals tend to consume people's lives like nothing ever has. Why? Why would people submit themselves to something so irrelevant, useless and time-consuming?

It's because you would rath-

er pay more attention to other peoples' problems than face your own.

British anthropologist Robin Dunbar, author of “Grooming, Gossip and the Evolution of Language,” said the following in an interview for MSNBC: “Gossip's primitive significance may explain the unending appeal of celebrity journalism. We're still watching the behavior of the alpha males and females in our tribe, only now we identify them as Brad and Angelina.”

Because there is no real emotional attachment to the feelings of strangers, viewers find it easy to involve themselves with issues that truly don't concern them.

Even though the public believes that entertainers have to entertain us 24/7, it's not true. And because “famous” people are not always on the job, the only source of stories the media can get is from delving into their private lives — well, not so private anymore.

Publicity has its place, but not in frivolous voyeurism.

The media only gives what the public wants. Magazines,

television and other media outlets are not responsible, even though a great deal of gossip is attributable to them. The reality is that people who enjoy these types of public humiliation are the real instigators of having others' lives displayed for all to see. Prominent figures are just that, though -- figures. People who have entertainment talent are consequently

in the limelight. That doesn't mean the light should be shed on their personal issues and displayed for the whole world to see.

So who cares if Kiefer Sutherland got pulled over for a DUI, or if JLo might be pregnant, or that so-and-so lost weight? Who cares?

As Jack Levin, a professor of sociology and criminology at

Boston's Northeastern University (who co-authored “Gossip: The Inside Scoop”), wrote: “[I]f we read bad news about celebrities in the tabloids and our own problems begin to pale in comparison.”

It doesn't affect anyone else, or their living pattern. It especially doesn't matter because no one would pay any attention if the same things

happened to some other random strangers. We need to understand that it's OK to be interested in others' lives as long as it doesn't become something obsessive.

Everyone may have the “curiosity gene,” but as long as people know when enough is enough, then they can learn to live their lives accordingly — and privately.

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ODDBALL DAILY

Newsday's Pulitzer Prize medals auctioned off

NEW YORK (AP) — When three gold medals said to be Newsday's own Pulitzer Prizes were auctioned off, it was news to the newspaper.

Newspaper officials thought the awards for public service in 1954, 1970 and 1974 were locked away in a company safe. But they apparently were sold at an auction Friday in California for \$7,000, \$4,500 and \$4,000, respectively.

The key to a lockbox within the safe where the medals were supposed to be had been lost, so officials called in a locksmith Tuesday to drill into the smaller box. Not only were the medals missing, but so was a silicone mold used to make reproductions of the awards, the paper said.

Newspaper officials are asking former executives for information about the medals.

"We have contacted the police and we are talking to our attorneys to pursue all legal avenues available to us," Newsday spokeswoman Deidra Parrish Williams said in a statement. "We are naturally disheartened and disappointed to discover that our medals are not in our possession. We are consoled by the fact that the medals are not the prize itself."

Jim Halperin, chairman of the Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries, told the paper that the consigner who sold the medals was a coin dealer who had purchased them at an estate sale in Nassau County in 2001, but refused to give the man's name.

Carl DeMarco, Newsday's revenue accounting manager who oversees the office where the safe was located, said some of the safe's contents like petty cash are routinely catalogued, but there was no regular medals check.

It's not exactly clear how the medals ended up being sold at the auction. It's also not known whether the items that sold at auction were reproductions or the original medals.

Smugglers try to use bugs to import drugs into Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — As drug mules, bugs don't carry much. And they didn't get by customs in the Netherlands.

A customs officer who took a close look at a consignment of more than 100 large, dead bugs sent from Peru to the Netherlands discovered cocaine had been stashed in their backs.

"We see a lot of things, but this was a first for us," customs spokesman Kees Nanninga said Thursday.

"It looked like they were cut open, the drugs hidden in their backs and then they were glued back together again," he said.

The insects held only about 10 ounces of cocaine, worth about \$11,000, Nanninga said.

The discovery was made this summer in a routine check at a postal sorting office, but was made public Thursday. Nanninga said he did not know if anyone was prosecuted as a result of the find.

Man sues priest who denounced him before congregation

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill. (AP) — A priest who received complaints from a parishioner on his answering machine played the tape in church, a lawsuit alleges, and then asked the congregation: "Should we send him to hell or to another parish?"

The parishioner, Angel Llavona, filed a defamation lawsuit Monday claiming the events at St. Thomas the Apostle Church caused him emotional distress that forced him to leave the Roman Catholic parish.

The dispute started about a year ago, when Llavona left a message for the Rev. Luis Alfredo Rios complaining about a sermon he had given, the lawsuit said. "I attended Mass on Sunday and I have seen poor homilies, but yesterday broke all records," Llavona said.

The lawsuit says Llavona, a high school teacher who helped out with the church's religious education program, tried to meet with Rios. But when the meeting fell apart, he left another complaint on the priest's answering machine.

Llavona said on Oct. 1, 2006, Rios played his voice messages for the congregation.

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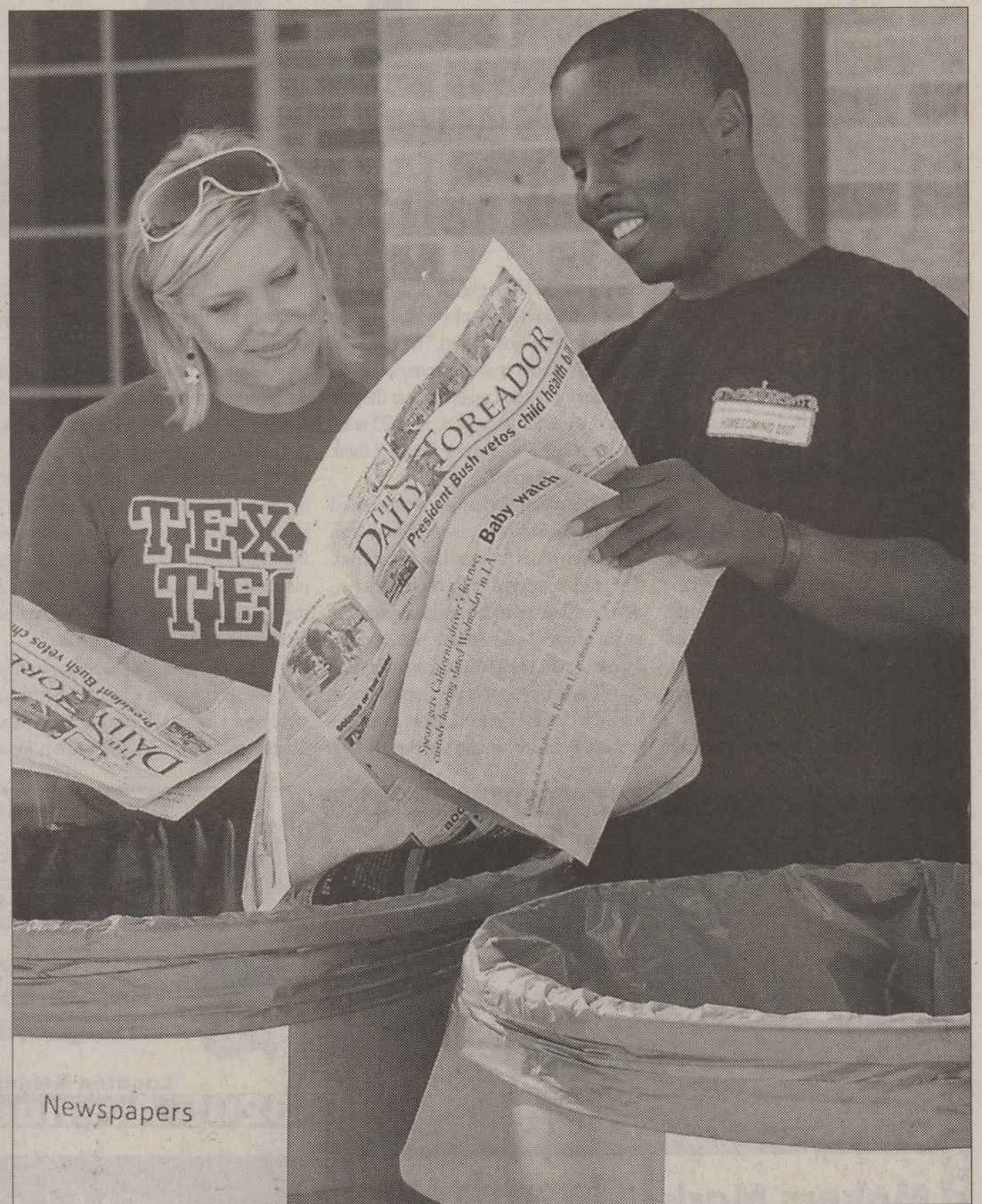


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HOMECOMING KING AND Queen nominees, seniors Brecklyn Hughes a personal financial planning major from Garden City and Akeem Akinpelu, a psychology major from Dallas read *The Daily Toreador* before recycling it into the newspaper recycle trash can. All the Homecoming king and queen nominees were outside the Student Union Building Thursday morning promoting recycling.

Bush White House denies memo authorized previously renounced, painful interrogation tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate and House Democrats demanded Thursday to see two secret memos that reportedly authorize painful interrogation tactics against terror suspects — despite the Bush administration's insistence that it has not violated U.S. anti-torture laws.

White House and Justice Department press officers said legal opinions written in 2005 did not reverse an administration policy issued in 2004 that publicly renounced torture as "abhorrent."

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller sent a letter to the acting attorney general saying the administration's credibility is at risk if the documents are not turned over to Congress.

The memos are "critical to an appropriate assessment" of interrogation tactics approved by the White House and the Justice Department, Rockefeller wrote to Acting Attorney General Peter D. Keisler. "Why should the public have confidence that the program is either legal or in the best interests of the United States?" the West Virginia Democrat asked.

House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers and Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., promised a congressional inquiry into the two Justice Department legal opinions that reportedly explicitly authorized the use of painful and psychological tactics on terrorism suspects.

"Both the alleged content of these opinions and the fact that they have been kept secret from Congress are extremely troubling, especially in light of the department's 2004 withdrawal of an earlier opinion similarly approving such methods," Conyers, D-Mich., and fellow House Judiciary member

Nadler wrote in a letter Thursday. Their letter to Keisler requested copies of the memos.

The two Democrats also asked that Steven Bradbury, the Justice Department's acting chief of legal counsel, "be made available for prompt committee hearings."

The memos were disclosed in Thursday's editions of *The New York Times*, which reported that the first 2005 legal opinion authorized the use of head slaps, freezing temperatures and simulated drownings, known as waterboarding, while interrogating terror sus-

pects, and was issued shortly after then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales took over the Justice Department.

That secret opinion, which explicitly allowed using the painful methods in combination, came months after a December 2004 opinion in which the Justice Department publicly declared torture "abhorrent" and the administration seemed to back away from claiming authority for such practices.

A second Justice opinion was issued later in 2005, just as Congress was working on an anti-torture

bill. That opinion declared that none of the CIA's interrogation practices would violate the rules in the legislation banning "cruel, inhuman and degrading" treatment of detainees, *The Times* said, citing interviews with unnamed current and former officials.

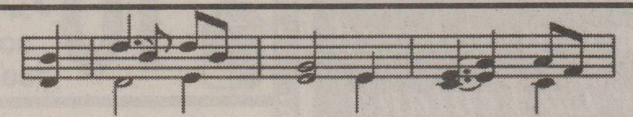
Justice Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said neither of those memos overruled the December 2004 legal opinion that he said remains in effect.

"Neither Attorney General Gonzales nor anyone else within the department modified or with-

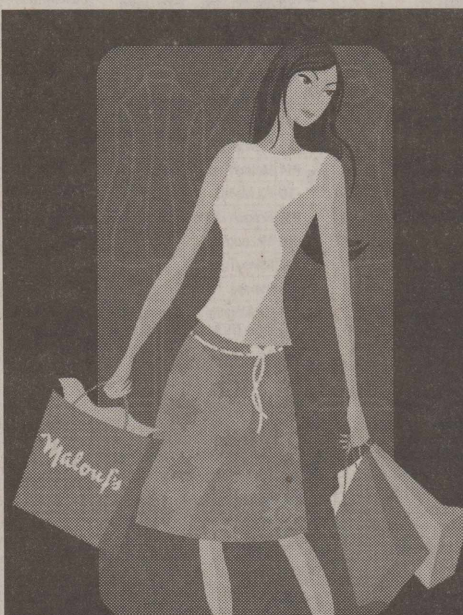
drew that opinion," Roehrkasse said in a statement. "Accordingly, any advice that the department would have provided in this area would rely upon, and be fully consistent with, the legal standards articulated in the December 2004 memorandum." **JAM MOAT**

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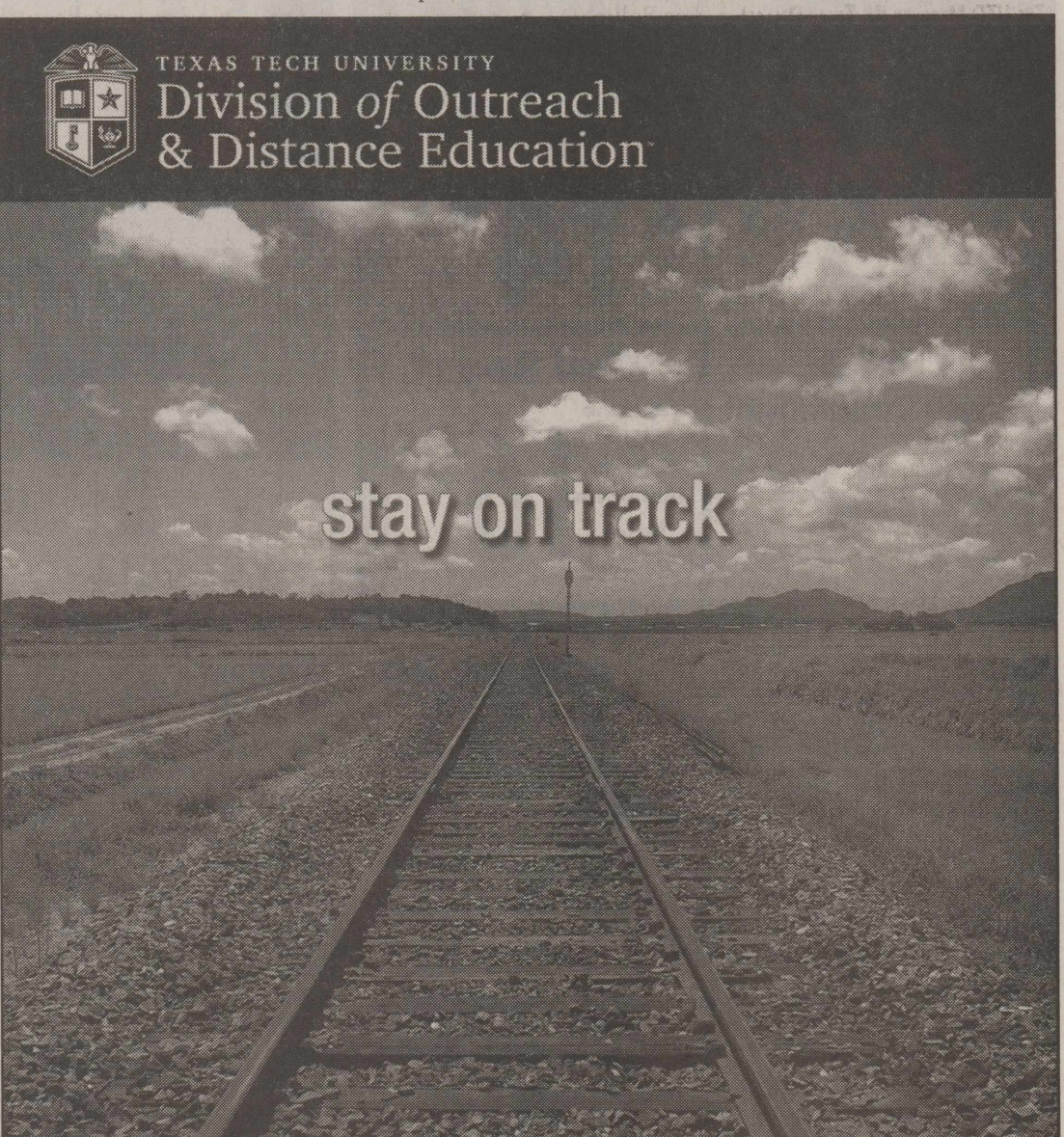
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Pluck of the Irish: Local band to perform at J&B Coffee Co.

By ELLIOTT COCHRAN
STAFF WRITER

Today will commence a two-part Irish event in Lubbock, beginning with a traditional Irish pub session this evening and concluding with an instructional session in traditional Irish music Saturday evening at J&B Coffee Co.

Both events will feature Texas Tech professor Chris Smith, an associate professor of musicology and ethnomusicology and the director of the Vernacular Music Center in the School of Music. Smith said when he landed in Lubbock, the scope of Irish music was barren, so he decided to take steps to ensure a harvest down the line.

"There wasn't much in the way of an Irish

music scene, and I thought, 'Well, damn, if I'm going to have people to play with, I'm going to have to grow some players,'" he said. "The players grew as an organic community — it's like planting a tree. I might not eat the fruit from this tree for 10 or 12 or 15 or 20 years, but somebody will — that's the way I think about teaching, too."

While waiting for harvest, Smith formed a group of musicians to play traditional Irish music, and named the band Last Night's Fun. The group comprised a mix of Lubbock residents and Tech professors, including assistant music professor and Smith's wife, Angela Mariani Smith, who plays guitar and mandola. Steve Cooper, director of plant operations at the Tech Health Sciences Center, added the timber flute and tin whistle, and percussionist

John Perrin rounded out the group. The band has been together for 4 years, despite Perrin moving to Austin.

Cooper said the differences in culture are an appeal to audiences, and the group's customs — such as free admission to shows — continue in the Irish tradition.

"That's the intention on our part; we try to do the same things that are done in Ireland," he said. "We try to get the same results, and it works out pretty well. 'We call what we're playing a tune, because songs have words. I think the overall concept is a little unfamiliar — it comes from a different tradition.'"

Today, the group will be selling its first CD, and special guests Chipper Thompson and Roger Landes will join the musicians. Thompson and Landes are in town for a

world music concert Saturday. The concert, presented by Chris Smith's vernacular music program, is a free show and will begin 8 p.m. at the Hemmle Recital Hall.

Before the vernacular music concert, Chris Smith will make tracks to J&B Coffee Co., for a free slow Irish music instruction, starting at 4 p.m. The program is consistent in traditional Irish instruction, and he said he enjoys doing a service to the community like his instructors did for him.

"Most of the music that I learned in my life, I was taught by people who didn't expect any type of financial recompense," he said. "They taught it to me because I wanted to learn it, and they felt an obligation to the tradition. (The events are) open to anybody, and pretty hard-core; it's the way the music

was traditionally taught — it was learned and taught and passed down by ear, so there's a lot of demonstrating and imitation."

Chris Smith said he does not give musical notation to the class, nor does he focus on specific instruments, but he said he teaches a feeling of the music.

"Essentially, the way that it works, I'm not teaching instruments, but an idiom of music," Chris Smith said. "I'm teaching this is how the music is supposed to sound. I've been listening to the music for 35 years. I have a good sense of what it's supposed to sound like."

Scott Cline, co-owner of J&B Coffee Co., houses the event and said catering to the community is a perk to the relationship the café has with Tech students.

"Chris came to us and brought up the idea

— I thought it was great," Cline said. "We house a huge part of the Tech community — faculty, students and alumni — and we like to enhance that relationship. He gives his own free time, the least we can do is give him a place to do it."

Chris Smith said playing music is a pure and original experience that leaves the consumer wanting more.

"Music is different if you're participating (in) it, rather than just passively consuming it — music feels different," he said. "The experience in participating in music is a very powerful experience, and it's an experience that human beings have valued for about 40,000 years. It's absolutely irreplaceable. This doesn't feel like anything else."

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9 AM	Yankee	HomeTime	Woodshop	Antiques Roadshow	Real Simple	Eat This!	Mexico
10 AM	Barbecue	Kitchen "Pork"	Gourmet's	Life (Part 2)	The Lawrence	Walk Show	Globe Trekker
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9 AM	From Top	Meet the Press	Nation	Hour of Power	First Baptist	Girls Behaving	Southwest Baptist Church
10 AM	Destinos	Southwest Bag. Church-Encounter	RegNews	NFL Today, SW Airlines (Live)	Paid Programs	ReGenesis	FOX NFL Sunday (Live)
11 AM	InnerViews	Business	MotorWeek	TX Month	Religion Ethics	McLaughlin	Money/Track
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SUNDAY NOON

'In the Valley of Elah' exploits emotion

Unsettling films don't usually win a lot of awards on Oscar night. Hollywood likes movies that have nice and happy endings with solid messages we can take home.

That's why "United 93" didn't even get nominated for the 78th annual Academy Awards, and it's why "Crash" beat "Munich."

However, the last time Paul Haggis wrote a morally ambiguous, unsettling and super depressing movie — "Million Dollar Baby" — it won. Haggis' newest film, "In the Valley of Elah," sure deserves such recognition. But because it's a film about the Iraq war that doesn't scream for a troop withdrawal, I don't know if Hollywood will give it anything.

"In the Valley of Elah" takes the Iraq war, which has been turned into a two-sided issue by the media and sound-bite politicians, and leaves politics behind. It shows the true complexities of war by simply telling a story.

Hank Deerfield (Tommy Lee Jones) is a retired non-commissioned officer whose son goes absent without leave after returning from a tour of duty in Iraq. The young soldier, Mike (Jonathan Tucker), turns up dead and dismembered in a field near his base. Hank goes to the base and, with the help of Det. Emily Sanders (Charlize Theron), he tries to discover who killed his son and why.

Frustratingly distorted videos and pictures from his son's friend's cell phone only hint at what Mike may have been experiencing in Iraq, but soon his military friends reveal some new habits of Mike's that Hank must accept — including weed and strip clubs. At first Hank and Sanders think Mexican drug dealers could have killed Mike after a sour deal, but the possibility of Mike's fellow men committing this terrible crime continues to haunt them both.

There are very few plot twists, and none are surprising. Those looking for a suspenseful crime drama will be disappointed. The film is also not a romance — Hank and Sanders never flirt, thank goodness. It's barely a war movie — there's not a single battle, and we only see a few photographs and flashbacks of Iraq. At its heart, "Elah" is a tragedy seeking to discover how to

Chris Kellerman



deal with unconquerable grief. Haggis writes and directs entirely differently than he did in "Crash," preferring to tell a lean story with few subplots. There are no big explosions or moments of ridiculous slow motion coupled with weeping and overblown music. Haggis doesn't remind us every five minutes what the message of the story is. "Elah" is the anti-"Crash."

“Those looking for a suspenseful crime drama will be disappointed.”

— CHRIS KELLERMAN
MOVIE CRITIC

The cast is more than capable of handling emotionally draining roles. Jones is a master actor, and this may be his finest work. His portrayal is so real and humble that his every action causes us to forget Tommy Lee Jones ever existed. I couldn't help but believe Hank is sitting at home somewhere in rural America.

Theron is tremendous as always, and the scenes with her character's

young son are among the only warm moments in the film. Susan Sarandon's role as Hank's wife is brief but poignant.

What is the message? Is it about post-traumatic stress? Is it a call to end the war? Is it simply saying the war is wrong? I don't know, and I think that's the point. Haggis doesn't shove a message in our faces. He just shows how the war affects this family. Obviously this military-base murder is a very rare case, and the film's goal can't be to show soldiers suffering from psychologically traumatic experiences — we've known about that for thousands of years.

Is it anti-war? Yes, of course. But I'm not so sure this isn't the type of anti-war movie President George W. Bush could sit down and watch, too. It explores the tragedies we've faced in every war. And while this film might leave you with the sense that it wishes the war were over, it never slaps you in the face like a Michael Moore documentary. Everybody wishes the war were over.

The only discernible message of "Elah" comes when Hank sits by Sanders' son's bed and tells him of the battle of David and Goliath in the Elah valley. In Hank's world, we've got two things on which we can rely: courage and faith. Faith gives us courage in life's massive battles, and when the results aren't what we'd like, faith sustains us.

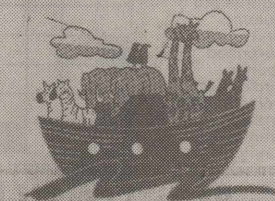
The final shot in "Elah" is chilling — and unforgettable.



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Homecoming

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announced at noon today in the Student Union Building.

Cope, a senior human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said the king and queen must be good representatives of Tech.

"I think the queen should be someone who is involved on campus," she said, "and a good leader and role model."

As a Lubbock native, Cope said she has been involved with Tech since she was young, and homecoming season has always been a big deal.

"The community gets involved with the school, and everyone gets together to support Tech," she said. "It's a great tradition."

Harris, a senior exercise and sports sciences major from Fort Worth, said the winner of homecoming queen needs to represent the university in the best light.

"All of the nominees represent diversity, academics and organizations," she said. "It shows they care about Tech."

Harris said she feels the homecoming tradition is an amazing asset to Tech.

"I think it's something we should be proud of," she said. "Texas A&M doesn't have homecoming. Here, the alumni come to show their support, the

students get involved and the community comes together, too. It wouldn't be the same without one or the other."

The journey to find the royal pair is not an easy path, Stringer said. It is an extensive process of résumé screenings, interviews and a popular vote. A board consisting of faculty and staff members and Student Government Association representatives commence the screenings and interviews.

"It's extensive because it is so competitive," she said. "Every candidate we have would be a great representative of Tech. It takes a lot of work to narrow it down."

Townsend, a senior agriculture education major from Fairfield, said he used to think the homecoming court was a popularity contest but has discovered it is more than that.

"There is an intense process of interviews, and the board really looks at your résumé," he said. "They are really trying to find the (person) most worthy of the title and the best representative of Tech. It's more than just the people you know."

This week means a lot to Townsend who said homecoming is an integral part of Tech.

"It really energizes the campus and carries on the tradition," he said.

Johnston, a senior zoology major from Lubbock, agreed that tradition is what Tech is about.

"We base ourselves on pride and tradition," he said. "The king brings a sense of leadership to the campus. We do these homecoming events and help with

involvement, like raising money and doing the recycling project for the SUB. It shows we do care."

Johnston said he encourages everyone to continue to get involved.

"Show your pride in your school," he said.

Harris said her favorite part so far was the showcase.

"We did a lot of fun things that got to show off our personality with the Alternative Fuels Improv Troupe," she said. "Personally, the best thing was I got to see my organization — the Pi Phi — come to support me. I really felt that they cared, and it meant to world me."

Stringer said homecoming is important to Tech because it carries on the tradition.

"We are where we are today because of the people before us," she said. "It's really amazing to bring back all the alumni to show them we are still a great school and great students."

Today's homecoming events will include Rowdy Raider Rally in the West Plaza of the SUB where the homecoming court will be announced, and the Spirit Board winners also will be announced at 11:45 a.m.

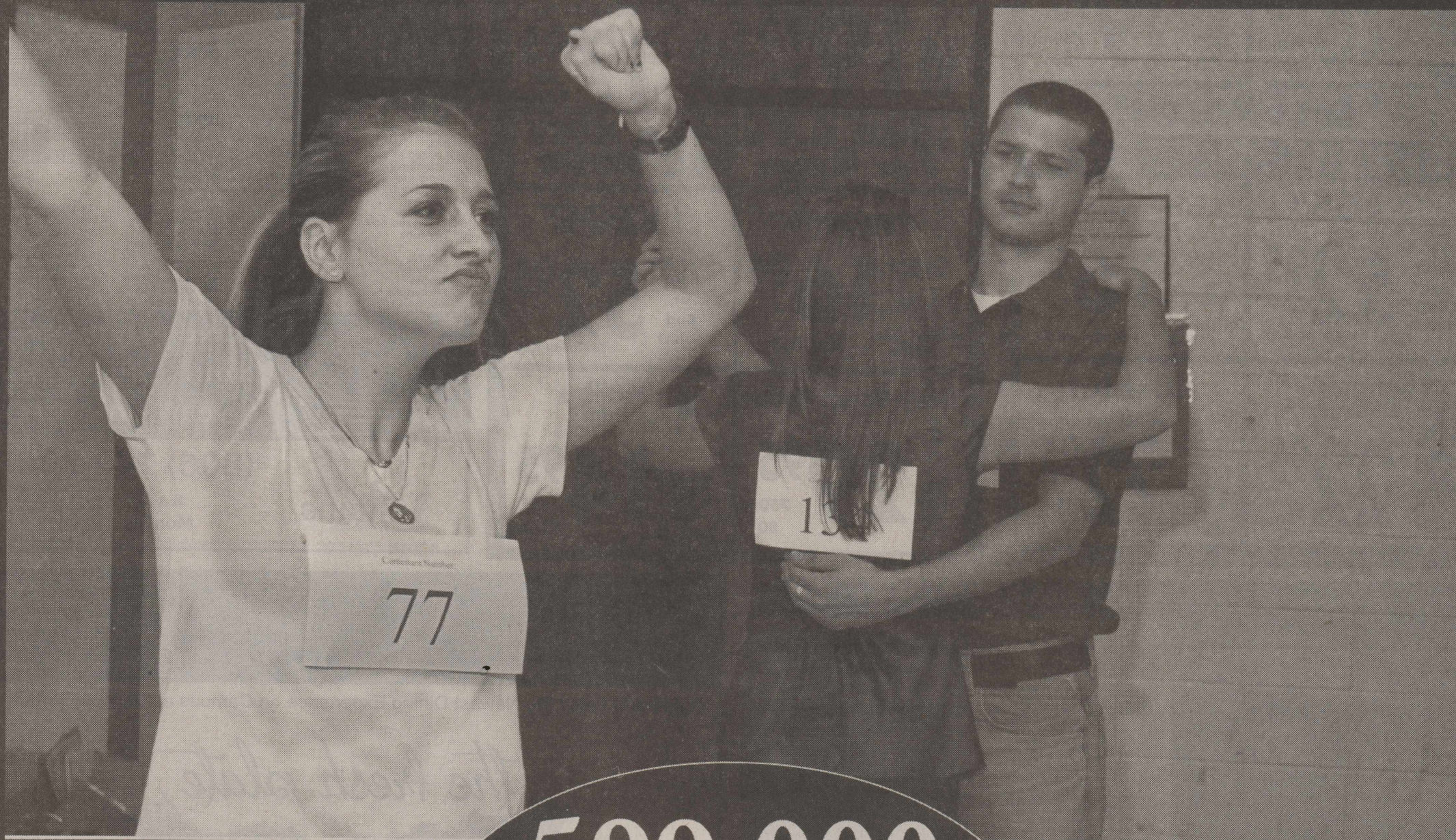
West Texas Showdown — the 2007 Homecoming Step Show — will be performed at 7 p.m. in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union Building.

The evening's activities will conclude with a pep rally and bonfire at 9 p.m. at the Urbanovsky Park rugby fields.

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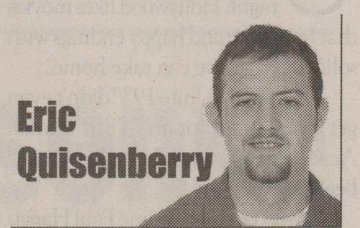
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Leach made correct decision in Kellen Tillman's situation

This is not the University of Miami, with its reputation for having football players more familiar to police officers than the employees of the local doughnut shop. This is not the University of Texas, which seems to be trying to entice the Cincinnati Bengals to draft its players by having many of them get arrested.



Eric Quisenberry

out of the game against Northwestern (La.) State on unrelated disciplinary issues.

Someone needs to get that message to Kellen Tillman.

After Lubbock police arrested the Tech linebacker Monday and charged him with possession of marijuana, coach Mike Leach swiftly responded by removing Tillman from the team until the investigation reveals all the facts. Leach said he does not want any distractions for his team.

Excuse me for a moment while I stand and applaud our football coach.

First of all, let me say that I hope Tillman can work through these charges and come out with a valuable experience. My only wish is that he was not a senior so I could wish him best of luck on the field for the Red Raiders next year. Since he is in his final year of eligibility, however, I grudgingly want to wave goodbye to Tillman and thank him heartily for the plays he did make for the team.

Leach did the right thing. This is the second time Tillman has received a suspension from the coaching staff. According to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, the first suspension kept him

As much as it may look detrimental to the team to no longer have the senior linebacker on the field, a culture of discipline outweighs the loss of any individual player in the long run.

In all honesty, losing Tillman will not hurt the Tech defense in the grand scheme of things. While I maintain he is extremely athletic and proven to be one of the better tacklers on the team, Tillman's absence gives way to younger players who can be a part of a new defensive culture at Texas Tech — one led by a new defensive coordinator.

Redshirt freshman Brian Duncan will start in the linebacker position and will most likely be substituted from time-to-time by true freshman Bront Bird.

Ask any student on campus what he or she thinks the Tech football team needs to improve most. Ninety-nine times out of 100, you will hear the same response — defense.

If interim coordinator Ruffin McNeil is going to take advantage of the extended job

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Track star Marion Jones admits doping before 2000 Sydney Games

(AP) — Marion Jones admitted using steroids before the 2000 Olympics in a recent letter to close family and friends, The Washington Post reported Thursday.

Jones, a triple gold medalist in Sydney, said she took "the clear" for two years, beginning in 1999, and that she got it from former coach Trevor Graham, the newspaper reported. Graham told her it was flaxseed oil.

"The clear" is a performance-enhancing drug linked to BALCO, the lab at the center of the steroids scandal in professional sports.

Until now, Jones had steadfastly denied she ever took any kind of performance-enhancing drugs.

Jones is scheduled to appear in U.S. Southern District Court on Friday to plead guilty to charges in connection with her steroid use, a federal law en-

forcement source told The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing, and would not provide specific details about the plea.

"I want to apologize for all of this," the Post reported, quoting a person who received a copy of Jones' letter and read it to the paper. "I am sorry for disappointing you all in so many ways."

In her letter, Jones said she'd used

performance-enhancing drugs until she stopped training with Graham at the end of 2002. She said she lied when federal agents questioned her in 2003, panicking when they presented her with a sample of "the clear," which she recognized as the substance Graham had given her.

"Red flags should have been raised when he told me not to tell anyone," the Post reported, quoting the letter.

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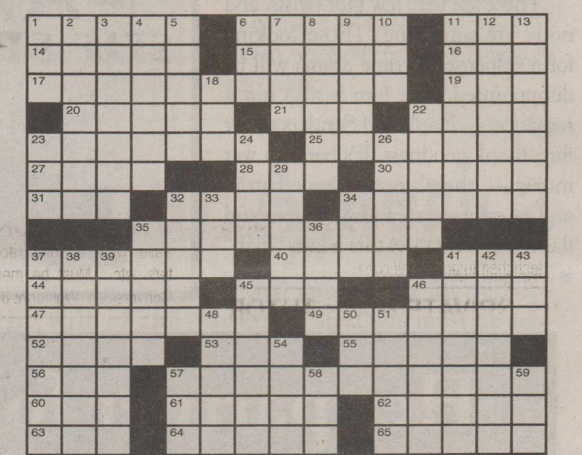
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 - Shoshone
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 - Brief handbills
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 - Store, as grain
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Tech soccer prepares for pair of weekend home games

By **ALEX YBARRA**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team returns home after splitting a pair of road games — beating Colorado and losing to No. 5 Texas.

Tech (3-4-1, 1-1-0 in Big 12 Conference) will take on No. 14 Missouri at 7 p.m. today and Kansas at 1 p.m. Sunday; both games will be played at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Missouri (8-2-0, 2-0-0) has won four games in a row, including a 3-2 win against No. 4 Texas A&M Sept. 28 and a win against Baylor Sunday. The two wins gave Missouri its best start in the Big 12 since 2000, but the Tigers have never started a Big 12 schedule 3-0.

This will be the 13th all-time meeting between Missouri and Tech with the Tigers holding the overall advantage, 7-5.

In 2006, Tech defeated then-ranked No. 16 Missouri 3-1 in Columbia, Mo., by shutting down the Tigers in the second half, while holding them to just three shots.

Tech coach Tom Stone said a good defensive game will need to come from more than just the back line.

"I think they're the best offense we've seen, because they have multiple players that can cause problems,"

he said of the Tigers. "Whereas with Colorado and Texas we were able to focus on stopping one particular player."

The Tigers lead the Big 12 in goals scored with 33 and are third in the nation with 3.3 goals per game.

Tech goal keeper Tina Rincon — who has three shutouts on the season — has allowed only one goal in the last three games. She said the only thing that can eclipse last week's win against Colorado is a win over Missouri.

"We've only had one home game, but being able to play at home again against a nationally-ranked team is awesome in itself," Rincon said. "Being able to beat them would be even bigger especially coming off last weekend."

Missouri's goal keeper, Tasha Dittamore, has given up four goals on the season and provides a potent offensive weapon for the Tigers. Tech prepared for her this week because of her ability to kick the ball past the

middle circle on a normal 120-yard field to distribute it to the forwards. The length of R.P. Fuller Stadium is 110 yards.

"Any time you have someone who has that much distance," Stone said, "you have to be cognizant of your back-line starting position and your goal line starting position on re-starts. We just have to account to the fact that she can hit it a mile."

Win or lose against Missouri, Tech will turn their attention to Kansas (1-8-2, 1-1), a team trying to turn its season around after finishing fourth in the Big 12 in 2006. Since Tech plays as the Big 12 "lone ranger" this season — teams that the Red Raiders play on Sunday will have played a non-conference game the Friday before — gives them opportunities to rest important players for conference play.

Stone said the lone ranger situation has not affected the team at all, and should not make a big difference

this weekend.

"Kansas may even be looking to Sunday as their opportunity to get back on track," Stone said, "because they don't have to play a Big 12 game on Friday. They know we have to play Missouri, then they get a chance at the lone ranger, needing a win. The only difference in this case is the lone ranger is a hungry team, and we're playing at home."

After traveling to Hawaii for their first two games of the season, the Jayhawks probably never got their legs back under them, Stone said.

"The dominoes started to fall when they went to Hawaii, and lost both and came back, and that is a brutal trip to come back from," he said. "It's beautiful when you're there, but then you pay for it when you return."

Tech has dropped three straight games to the Jayhawks and are 3-8 all-time against them.

Despite Tech losing to Texas Sunday, senior forward Priscilla Esquivel said the team does not feel like they are coming off a loss, and wants the momentum to continue building.

"I expect two wins," she said. "I know we can because we've been working our butts off. We deserve it, and we want it really bad."

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Tillman

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interview that is the next few weeks of Big 12 Conference play, he needs to show he can take young players and mold them into the core of a new defensive unit with a new mind set. The culture of a dominant offense compensating for weaker defense must change.

Tillman's legal problems should send a warning to any athlete — or young person in general — that an individual's choices in his or her personal life can have massive repercussions in their professional life.

In no way am I comparing Tillman's misdemeanor charge to the greater problems facing Atlanta

Falcon's quarterback Michael Vick, but one cannot deny that athletes seem to be getting more coverage when the only person wearing a uniform is the officer making the arrest.

I hope for nothing but the best for Tillman and hope he can put this issue behind him and get back onto the field soon. I hope this is all nothing more than a misunderstanding. Until we know for sure, however, the image of our very own Mike Leach standing shoulder-to-shoulder with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in enforcing higher standards for our athletes is one we all should admire.

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Court hearing set in O.J. trial

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A judge Thursday scheduled a hearing next month for prosecutors to present evidence against O.J. Simpson and five other men accused of kidnapping and robbing two sports memorabilia dealers at gunpoint.

Justice of the Peace Joe Bonaventure Jr. ordered the defendants and their lawyers to attend the hearing on Nov. 8 and possibly the hearing on Nov. 8 and possibly

Rejecting a request from one of the defendant's lawyers for a later

date, Bonaventure said, "I have to consider the state, co-defendants, witnesses (and) the general public."

Clark County District Attorney David Roger did not oppose the date. He could present evidence behind closed doors to a grand jury before Nov. 8 instead of making it public.

A hearing would allow defense attorneys to cross-examine each witness and present their own witnesses, while a grand jury would not. At the hearing's conclusion, the judge would be asked whether to bind the case over for trial in state court.

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Tech football looks for first conference win

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech will look to continue its winning ways as the team returns to Big 12 Conference play 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech's (4-1, 0-1 in Big 12 play) defense is still transitioning to interim defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill's style of coaching.

Tech coach Mike Leach said McNeill takes his job seriously and puts everything he has into being successful.

"He's very passionate about it," he said. "He's always in constant motion and he's always done a good job with groups of people. Having enthusiasm in what you're doing is more important than anything."

In their last game, the Red Raiders held Northwestern (La.) State to seven points and 118 total yards, but redshirt freshman linebacker Brian Duncan said the bar has been raised for this week.

"Seven points is not even in the question," Duncan said. "We're going to try to hold them to zero (points) and do all we can to hold them to zero."

Iowa State (1-4, 0-1) has been turnover prone in 2007 with 13 turnovers, including eight interceptions from quarterback Brett Meyer.

"I think that one word can really describe every loss—turnovers," Cyclones coach Gene Chizik said. "They play a huge role in why we're 1-4. I've said it since the beginning: I think the game is real simple—you get turnovers and you don't give the ball up and you've got a chance to win."

Leach said he sees similarities in

Chizik's first year as a head coach and his own.

It kind of reminds me of my first year here just from the standpoint that there are things that you must adjust and you improve quickly as time goes on, which I think that they've done," he said. "I think there are always challenges as you get your stuff in place."

Before taking the job at Iowa State, Chizik spent two seasons as assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator at Texas, where he has experience against the Red Raider offense.

"They're averaging 610 yards of offense and 55 points a game, so I guess

other people have struggled preparing for them as well," Chizik said. "Whether they run it or throw it, whatever they do they're doing it really well. They are difficult to prepare for because they are really good at what they do."

Last season, Tech beat the Cyclones 42-26 in Ames, Iowa, thanks in part to 368 yards passing and six touchdowns by Tech junior quarterback Graham Harrell.

"That was a big game last year," Harrell said. "We came out and played really well last year against them in an environment (that) wasn't what you would plan on for having a great offensive game—rainy, real windy, kind of snowy, cold."

Chizik said he believes Harrell's experience under center for Tech makes him more dangerous than other quarterbacks who have only been able to start for one season in Lubbock.

"He is executing that system phenomenally," he said. "He's a young guy that's got it down, which is a little bit different from what they've

had and that's scary. He kind of has that knack and the intangibles that good quarterbacks have. He's got it and then he's in a system that if you're a good quarterback it magnifies all of your skills because you throw it 70 times a game, 60 times a game, whatever it is and he's got it down now and he's really good."

After losses by Oklahoma and Texas Saturday, Harrell said the Iowa State game could help the Red Raiders get back on top in the Big 12 South.

"It's wide open for anyone because only two teams have won their conference openers," he said. "You just have to take it one game at a time and try to win every week and that's what we're going to try to do."

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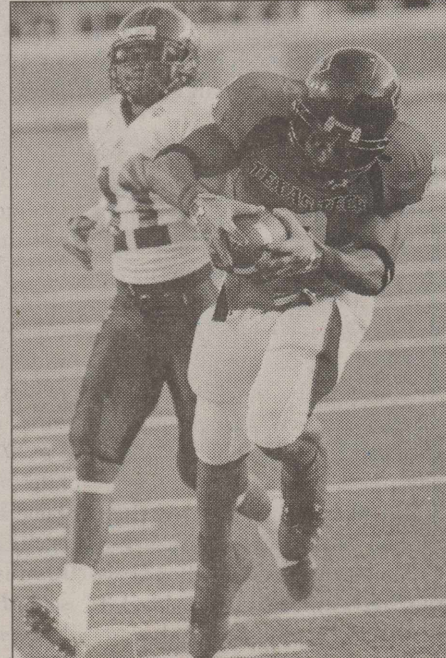


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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Shannon Woods scores a touchdown in Saturday's game against Northwestern State at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech defense to face multiple back system, again

By **ADAM COLEMAN**
STAFF WRITER

The Iowa State Cyclones found a new contributor to their running attack.

Last week—in ISU's loss against Nebraska—running back Jason Scales helped fill the void after J.J. Bass went down with a shoulder injury. Scales rushed for a career-high 115 yards and two touchdowns, giving the Cyclones a new option at tailback.

"(Scales) made some tough yards in there and I think he came in and really did a nice job and filled his role in taking J.J.'s place very well," ISU coach Gene Chizik said. "I

think we still (have to) continue to find ways to run the ball better, but he came in and did everything we asked him to do Saturday."

The Tech defense could get another look at a multiple running back system from the Cyclones after seeing teams with similar styles earlier in the season.

In each of the Red Raiders' five games, at least two running backs had 22 or more combined carries. Tech allowed 115 yards on the ground against SMU, 215 yards from UTEP, 99 yards against Rice and 366 against Oklahoma State—where three the Cowboys had three 100-yard rushers.

The Tech defense's best game

statistically against the run came against Northwestern State, allowing just 15 yards on the ground.

"There's not a lot we did differently, the only thing we got into was running to the ball and being excited to play," Tech linebacker Brian Duncan said. "We got the mentality of being a swarming defense and that's the only thing that changed."

Bass is the Cyclones' leading rusher with 390 yards rushing and four touchdowns. Scales—who has played in just two games—finds himself third on the team in rushing behind quarterback Brett Meyer, who has 195 yards on the ground with one touchdown, and Bass.

Tech coach Mike Leach said the Cyclones have the characteristic of being quick and playing with a certain attitude.

"I think they're a team that flies around and plays with a certain level of intensity," Leach said. "I expect a good challenge."

The Tech defense is ranked 47th in the nation in total defense and 74th in rushing defense. The Tech defense is ranked No. 10 in the Big 12 Conference in rushing defense this season.

Chizik said he expects to see a Tech defense with the same concepts with interim defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill at the helm of the defense.

"I don't think you can make wholesale changes in the defense midway through the year," he said. "Obviously, you can add whatever flare felt necessary and you can tweak some things some. I think to make wholesale changes would be hard, but not to say they can't.

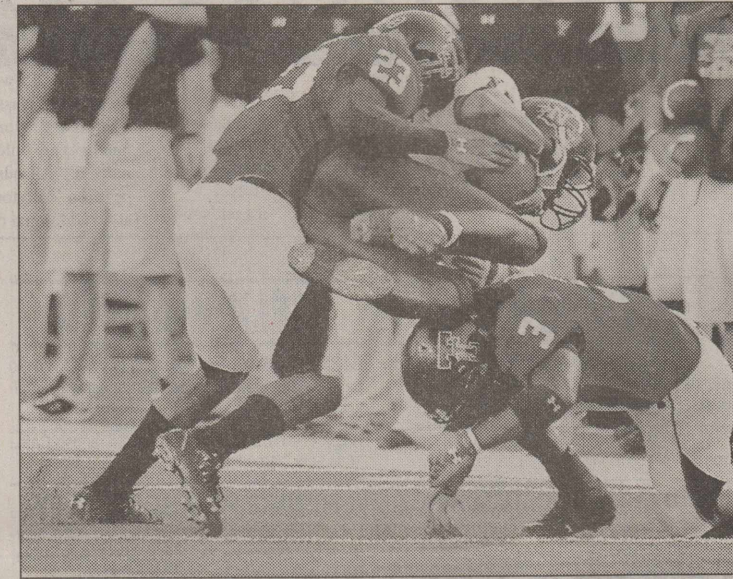


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TEXAS TECH SAFETY Anthony Hines and defensive back Jamar Wall tackle a Northwestern State player Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

It would be hard to do. I think the kids—they've been playing that defense for a while and that's what they know."

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