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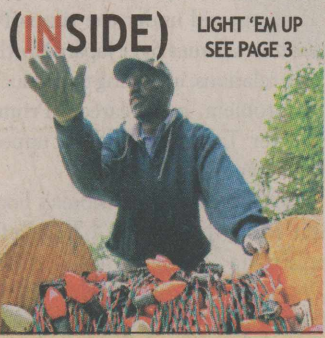
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STATE

Texas failure rate up in 'No Child Left Behind'

AUSTIN (AP) — The number of Texas schools at the most advanced level of failing federal improvement standards increased tenfold over last year, the Texas Education Agency reported Tuesday.

A total of 21 campuses reached "Stage 5" status in the federal School Improvement Program in 2008 after just two were categorized that way a year ago. Such schools must immediately begin implementing restructuring plans that can include replacing most of the staff and becoming a charter school.

NATION

Firefighters attack stubborn blaze near LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Flames whirled dangerously close to homes Tuesday as gusty Santa Ana winds sent the biggest of southern California's wildfires flaring in hilly brushlands on Los Angeles' northern edge.

Firefighters with hoses guarded houses as helicopters unleashed loads of water on hot spots of the 9,872-acre blaze charring slopes above the San Fernando Valley communities of Porter Ranch and Granada Hills.

The fire is one of three major blazes that have burned more than 27 square miles of Southern California, destroyed dozens of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes this week. One man died in the flames, and a motorist was killed in a crash as a fire neared a freeway.

WORLD

Syria establishes ties with Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syria's official news agency says the nation will open an embassy in Lebanon for the first time since the two countries gained independence in the 1940s.

The agency, SANA, says Syrian President Bashar Assad issued a decree Tuesday establishing diplomatic relations with Lebanon.

The decree does not say when the embassy will be opened or give further details.

DEATH TOLL

4183

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Feds buy partial ownership of failing banks

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Big banks started falling in line Tuesday behind a rejiggered bailout plan that will have the government forking over as much as \$250 billion in exchange for partial ownership — putting the world's bastion of capitalism and free markets squarely in the banking business.

Some early signs were hopeful for the latest in a flurry of radical efforts to save the nation's financial system:

Credit was a bit easier to come by. And stocks were down but not alarmingly so after Monday's stratospheric leap.

The new plan, President Bush declared, is "not intended to take over the free market but to preserve it."

It's all about cash and confidence and convincing banks to lend money more freely again. Those are all critical ingredients to getting financial markets to function more normally and reviving the economy.

The big question: Will it work? There was a mix of hope and skepticism on that front. Unprecedented

steps recently taken — including hefty interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve and other major central banks in a coordinated assault just last week — have failed to break through the credit clog and the panicky mind-set gripping investors on Wall Street and around the globe.

The Dow Jones industrials declined 77 points on Tuesday after piling up their biggest point gain ever on Monday on news of Europe's rescue plan and in anticipation of the United States' new measures.

Initially the U.S. government will

pour \$125 billion into nine major banks with the hope that they will use the money to rebuild their reserves and to increase lending to consumers and businesses. Another \$125 billion will be made available this year to other banks — if they need it — for cash infusions.

In return, the government will get ownership stakes in the financial institutions. Banks, meanwhile, will have to accept limitations on executives' compensation.

"Government owning a stake in any private U.S. company is objectionable

to most Americans — me included," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said in announcing the initiative. "Yet the alternative of leaving businesses and consumers without access to financing is totally unacceptable."

Whether the \$250 billion will be sufficient to encourage banks to lend again is hard to tell, said Anil Kashyap, professor of economics and finance at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. The Treasury Department arrived at the \$250 billion figure after consulting with banking regulators.

UNPLUGGED

College students find wireless Internet increasingly important

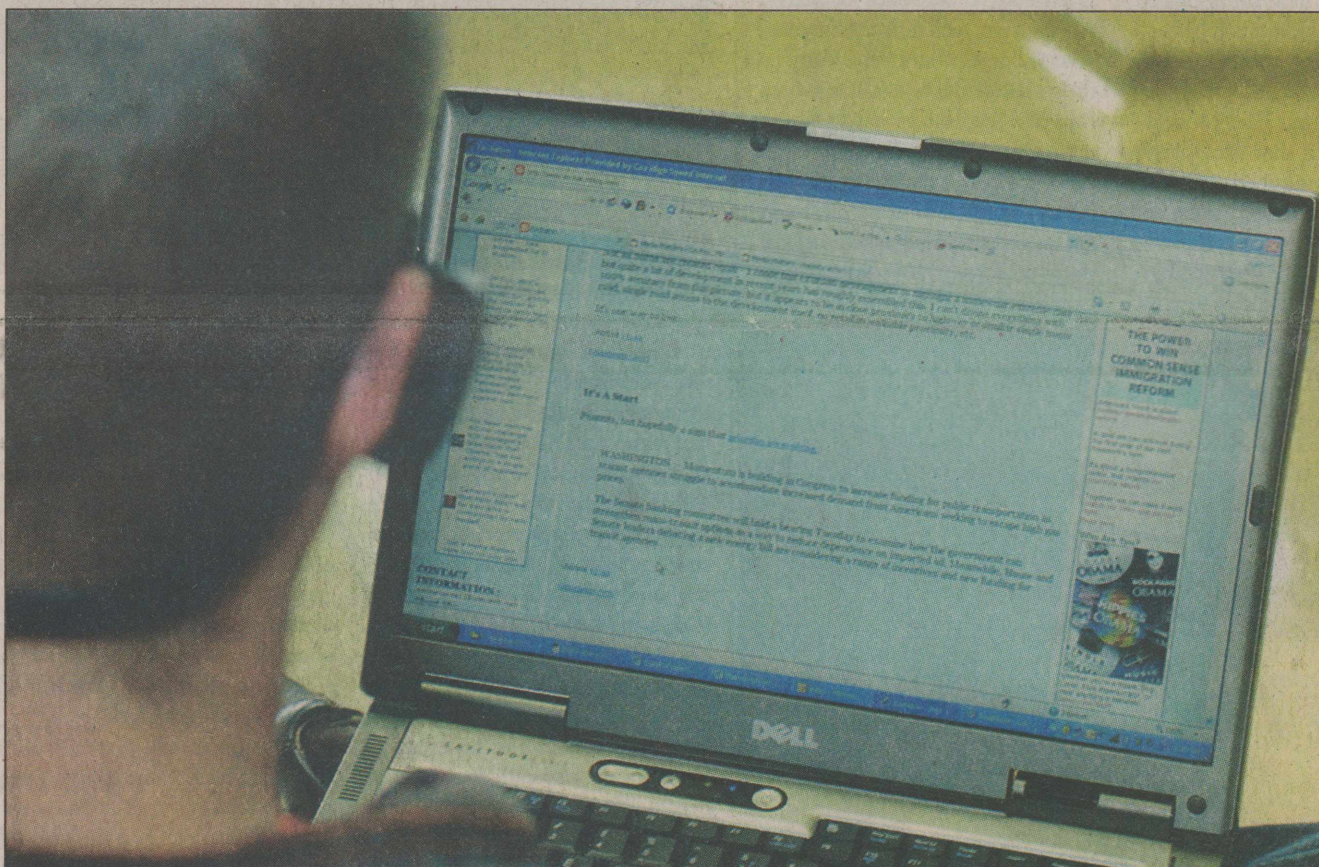


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JUSTIN HART, ASSISTANT professor of history, uses the Wi-Fi to surf the internet Tuesday afternoon in the library lounge.

By MATT MCGOWAN
FEATURES EDITOR

When it comes to the Web there are no strings attached, and college students know it.

A September survey sponsored by the Wi-Fi Alliance, a non-profit organization to promote worldwide wireless Internet standards, showed an overwhelming majority of college students regard wireless accessibility as a key factor in a quality college education.

Of the 501 college students polled about various aspects of wireless Internet access, about 90 percent said such access is as important to their education as classrooms and

computers, the survey found.

Wi-Fi access exists in all of Texas Tech's academic buildings, said Sam Segran, Tech's chief information officer, and was established in those places five years ago. Tech's residence halls, however, only have wireless access in community areas.

The survey found that approximately 80 percent of college students believe college would be "a lot harder" without wireless access to the Internet.

"I think it's a necessity more for some disciplines than for others," Segran said. "Generally, for students to have access to the Internet no

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STUDENTS WEIGH IN ON WI-FI

Of the 501 U.S. college students surveyed:

- 48 percent said they would give up beer before giving up wireless Web access
- 44 percent said they have used wireless networks to get a head start on a class assignment before that class was dismissed
- More than half said they have checked Facebook or MySpace or used e-mail while using a laptop during class

Source: Wi-Fi Alliance

Rains appreciated, not fully recharging water sources

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Not only did Tuesday's rains ruin some peoples' outdoor plans and add an obstacle to campus commutes, but experts say it also is not contributing much to the South Plain's dire need for water.

Lubbock received approximately .82 inches of rain between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday, said Jason Jordan a senior forecaster with the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

Jordan said Tuesday's weather came from a combination of several tropical storms in the Pacific Ocean making landfall in Mexico putting moisture in the air and a storm system that traveled east from the U.S. West Coast and intensified over the Rocky Mountains before reaching Eastern New Mexico and the South Plains.

Tuesday's rain brought the South Plains' total to approximately 26.5 inches since Jan. 1, he said. The average rainfall total from Jan. 1 to Oct. 14 is approximately 16.4 inches, an average nearly 10 inches less than was received this year.

Jordan said the biggest contribution to the higher rain total this year was the eight inches of rainfall that produced flooding Sept. 11.

"Other than the floods on Sept. 11, we're pretty much on pace for an average year in rainfall total," he said.

Water conservationists and officials at the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Lubbock's main water provider, said they can appreciate the reduction in water demand on rainy days.

"Certainly the rain does help with water demand," said Kent Satterwhite, the general manager of CRMWA. "Also at this time of the year it starts to cool off, so that helps water demand as well."

Satterwhite, said Lake Meredith, the primary water supply for Amarillo,

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After weeks of clashing, Tech hockey comes to agreement with City Council

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

COUNCILMAN TODD KLEIN gives the City Council an overview of the negotiations with the Tech Hockey team before putting the new contract to a vote Tuesday at Lubbock City Hall.

A new contract between the city of Lubbock and Texas Tech hockey was voted into action Tuesday, marking an end to nearly three weeks of disagreement between the City Council and the team.

The contract, which was passed by a 7-0 vote, calls for an additional \$20,000 to be paid by the team for its rental of the City Bank Coliseum for playing games and for hosting tournaments and other hockey-related events.

The payments for the \$60,000 will be "backloaded" throughout the contract's term to help the team stay on its feet, according to several council members.

Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin said Tuesday's revised contract allows the city to rent the City Bank Coliseum when

the team is not using the facility. The additional money the team is contracted to pay, along with revenue gained through other temporary leases, will allow the city to renovate the 50-year-old venue.

One of those renovations — repairs to the venue's ice-producing machine — must occur before the next team's game. Stipulations in the contract require the city to finance the repairs.

Another benefit for the team includes exclusive-rental dates for all Tech games, including the two tournaments the team is scheduled to host in January and February.

Martin said the agreement is good for both the hockey team and the city because it allows the team to succeed without requiring the city to subsidize the program.

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The third and final presidential debate of the 2008 election season between Sen. Barack Obama (D—Ill.) and Sen. John McCain (R—Ariz.) will be broadcast tomorrow at 8 p.m. Watch and read along as *The Daily Toreador's* Copy Editor, Jan-Tosh Gerling live blogs at www.blogs.dailytoreador.com

Tech Police report first football game with no public intoxication arrests

For the first time during the 2008 Texas Tech football season, no public intoxication arrests were reported Saturday during the game against Nebraska.

Col. Gordon Hoffman with the Tech Police Department, said no arrests for public intoxication were made because the game had an early start time and because the weather was not favorable for RaiderGate.

A total of 69 students and non-students were arrested for public intoxication in the first three games of the 2008 season, which caused Tech police enough concern to ask the Student Government Association for help before upcoming games.

Hoffman said weather and start time are the two biggest factors in how many people are arrested for public intoxication. Because earlier start times allow fans less time to drink alcohol before the games, Tech police generally find fewer intoxicated fans.

When weather is cooler and rainy, he said, fans are not as likely to attend RaiderGate and drink before the game.

Although no members of the SGA were present at the game to assist Tech police, Hoffman said, they had a slightly larger presence at the game against Nebraska.

James Baumgartner, president of the Tech Student Senate, said the senate planned to help Tech police before the Nebraska game, but had a lower turnout than expected as a result of poor weather.

Because the assistance of the SGA would result in students helping other students steer clear of arrests, he said, it would be beneficial for the university and police officers.

While SGA senators would not have authority to arrest students or to penalize them in any way, Baumgartner said, senators would ask students if they are "ready for the game" well before they enter the gates. If the students choose not to enter the game, a Safe Ride taxi would be available to take them to their next destination.

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Official: Afghanistan suffering from Iraqi gains

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. military successes in Iraq have forced sophisticated and well-trained insurgents to pour into Afghanistan instead, part of the reason violence has spiked in Afghanistan, the Afghan defense minister said Tuesday.

In a demonstration of the increasingly deadly attacks, a roadside blast in the east where U.S. soldiers operate killed three NATO troops, while two separate roadside bombs in the south killed 16 Afghan civilians, officials said.

The Afghan defense minister, Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak, said terrorists who would have once fought in Iraq have been "diverted" to Afghanistan.

"The success of coalition forces in Iraq and also some other issues in some of the neighboring countries have made it possible that there is a major increase in the foreign fighters," Wardak told a news conference. "There is no doubt that they are (better) equipped than before. They are well trained, more sophisticated, their coordination is much better."

The top U.S. commander in eastern Afghanistan, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, told The Associated Press last month that he is seeing a spike in the number of foreign militants — including Arabs and Chechens — flowing into Afghanistan. He said militant Web sites have been encouraging fighters to go to

Afghanistan instead of Iraq.

"I can't prove they are coming from Iraq to Afghanistan, but I've seen it on Web sites that that's what they're being told to do," Schloesser said.

The Iraqi insurgency at its height drew Arab extremists and other jihadi leaders who were once focused on Afghanistan, including the Egyptian Abu Ayyub al-Masri, believed to be the current leader of al-Qaida in Iraq. Iran also stepped up aid to Shiite militias as sectarian strife grew after 2006. But the precise number foreign fighters in Iraq was never clear and many U.S. commanders believe local Iraqis comprise the bulk of the al-Qaida and other jihadi forces.

N. Korea allows UN into main nuclear site

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea allowed United Nations monitors back into their main nuclear site Tuesday, but it was unclear whether they had fulfilled a pledge to resume disabling the facilities in line with a six-nation deal.

A diplomat in Vienna familiar with the International Atomic Energy Agency's work at the site said the agency's 3-member team had resumed monitoring the site, including reapplying seals the North had ordered taken off and remounting IAEA cameras. He demanded anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly.

Two months ago, North Korea stopped disabling the Yongbyon nuclear facility in anger over U.S. demands that Pyongyang accept a plan to verify its accounting of nuclear programs as a condition for removal from a blacklist of countries accused of sponsoring terrorism.

Until late last week, the North had threatened to reactivate the plutonium reprocessing plant at Yongbyon.

But the North and the U.S. reached a compromise on the verification row following a trip to Pyongyang by chief U.S. nuclear envoy Christopher Hill. Washington announced North Korea's removal from the terror list Saturday, saying Pyongyang had agreed to all its nuclear inspection demands.

U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Tuesday he believed the North Koreans had

taken steps in the right direction.

"I think, as simply put, the North Koreans have started the reversal of their reversal," he said. "Our monitors are on the ground. And I didn't check this morning to see if they actually were engaged in activities, but I believe that they are free to do so."

Pyongyang had earlier told the International Atomic Energy Agency it would restart work to disable the Yongbyon nuclear reactor and allow international inspectors to resume their activity. The plans were outlined in a restricted document to the agency's 35 board members obtained by The Associated Press.

North Korea also said Sunday it would restart work to disable Yongbyon, though it did not specify a date.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the resolution of the dispute. His spokeswoman, Michelle Montas, said Ban considered it "another step towards a verifiable non-nuclear Korean Peninsula."

China also hailed the progress and pledged to move the process forward as host of the nuclear disarmament talks that involve Japan, the two Koreas, the United States and Russia.

"Promoting the six-party talks process serves the common interests of the involved parties," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement issued late Monday.

"China appreciates the constructive efforts made by the concerned

parties."

Meanwhile, Japan reiterated its demand that Pyongyang resolve the issue of abductions of its citizens by North Korean agents in the 1970s and 1980s, saying it was a precondition for Tokyo's participation in providing aid to the North.

"We will not join the economic and energy aid under the six-party talks unless issues over Japan-North Korea relations, including the abduction problem, are cleared," Prime Minister Taro Aso told an upper house committee Tuesday.

On Tuesday, North Korea's Foreign Minister Pak Ui Chun left for Russia, Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency said, without elaborating.

Moscow's Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said Pak and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov would be discussing the status of the six-nation nuclear talks.

North Korea alarmed the world in 2006 by setting off a test nuclear blast. It then agreed to dismantle its nuclear program in exchange for energy aid and other concessions.

The regime began disabling Yongbyon in November, and blew up a cooling tower in June in a dramatic display of its determination to carry out the process. Just steps away from completing the second phase of the three-part process, Pyongyang abruptly reversed course and stopped disabling the plant, until this week.

Ex-presidents tour Galveston after Ike

GALVESTON (AP) — Former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, seeing firsthand the damage Hurricane Ike wrought, asked Americans Tuesday not to forget about the island or other Gulf Coast communities hit hard this hurricane season.

Bush and Clinton toured Galveston Island and the storm-wrecked Bolivar Peninsula by helicopter and met with local and federal officials to get an update on the ongoing repair and recovery efforts.

Ike blasted ashore near Galveston on Sept. 13, flattening buildings and killing at least 37 people in Texas.

"What we're seeing is abject devastation and determination to come back," said Bush as he and Clinton stood atop a chunk of concrete lying on a debris-riddled Galveston beach. "We're going to do our best to try to help."

Clinton said he and Bush know the country's attention is on the current financial crises.

But he urged Americans to donate money to the Bush-Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund the former presidents started last month to help Texas and Louisiana communities hard-hit by this year's hurricanes recover. Officials estimate Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which hit Louisiana on Sept. 1, combined to cause \$47 billion in damage.

"We don't want Americans to forget about it," Clinton said. "We're trying to urge people to give to this fund to help (communities) come

back quicker."

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who joined the presidents on their tour of Galveston, is overseeing about 40 business and civic leaders from the affected region to help raise money for long-term recovery projects.

Bush and Clinton had a similar fundraising effort after 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

Baker said \$1.5 million has so far been donated but he knows it will be hard to raise money in today's troubled economy.

"The focus of the country is on the hurricane in the financial sector and away from the hurricane here," Baker said. "We are trying to get that focus back."

Bush and Clinton also visited a community center where residents told them about their rebuilding efforts and lives with government aid.

Clinton said he believed the response by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Ike was better than the agency's highly criticized handling of Katrina.

The former presidents ended

their tour surveying the hard hit beaches on Galveston's west end, where Ike's 12-foot storm surge wiped away homes, scattering wood, mattresses, furniture, pavement and other debris across the sand.

Bush, who lives in nearby Houston, said the destruction on Galveston "hits close to my heart" because he has visited the island many times.

"These people are hurting," Clinton said. "We've got to do what we can to help them."

The Bush-Clinton fund will be used toward rebuilding infrastructure along the Gulf Coast.

Local officials in Galveston told the former presidents that without federal assistance it will be very difficult for the island to fully recover.

Galveston City Manager Steve LeBlanc said he and Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas stressed to federal officials Galveston's importance to the region because of its port, the tourism dollars it brings in and the medical care its renowned hospital, the University of Texas Medical Branch, provides.

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PHYSICAL PLANT EMPLOYEE Billy Favors rolls up lights Monday after helping other workers install them on the Industrial-Mechanical Engineering building. The lights are decorations for the annual Carol of Lights.

McCain proposes \$52.5 billion economic plan

BLUE BELL, Pa. (AP) — John McCain, echoing both Barack Obama and Republican orthodoxy, proposed a \$52.5 billion economic plan Tuesday that would eliminate taxes on unemployment benefits and cut the capital gains tax. He warned voters about taking a chance on his Democratic rival.

"Perhaps never before in history have the American people been asked to risk so much based on so little," McCain said of his opponent during a speech at a community college in this Philadelphia suburb.

McCain also promised that as president he would order the Treasury Department to guarantee 100 percent of all savings for six months. Such a guarantee, above the \$250,000 now in force, would ease consumer fears of bank failures and restore "rational judgment to the choices of the market," he said.

The Arizona senator, who trails in the polls on economic issues, said, "The moment requires that government act. And as president I intend to act, quickly and decisively."

McCain said President Bush's \$250 billion plan to buy shares in the nation's leading banks — advance word of which helped stocks soar on Monday — should be short-term and last only until the institutions are reformed and put on a sound footing again.

"When that is accomplished," McCain said, "government will relinquish its interest in these private companies. We're going to get the government out of the business of bailouts and equity stakes and back in the business of responsible regulation."

More than 3.6 million Americans received unemployment benefits, according to the McCain campaign. If

the government eliminated taxes on unemployment benefits, recipients would see an increase on average of nearly 10 percent, the campaign said.

McCain also called for cutting the tax rate on capital gains in half, down to 7.5 percent for two years. "This vital measure will promote buying, raise asset values, help companies and shore up the pension plans for workers and retirees," he said.

The Republican standard-bearer wasn't breaking new ground with the unemployment and capitol gains proposals. He was a day behind Obama in suggesting that taxes on jobless benefits be suspended, and Obama also proposed extending the duration of those benefits. And Republicans for years have offered proposals to reduce the tax on capital gains from investments.

US authorities shut down one of world's largest spam operations

CHICAGO (AP) — E-mail inboxes may be clogged with a little less spam — at least for a while.

Authorities said Tuesday they have shut down one of the largest spam operations in the world, a vast network involving countries from New Zealand to China and the United States.

The spammers sent out billions of e-mails in recent years encouraging people to click through to Web sites that allegedly used false claims to peddle prescription drugs, as well as "male enhancement" and weight-loss pills.

The Federal Trade Commission received more than

3 million complaints about the spam and related Web sites, illustrating the scale of the operation, officials said.

The sites, including one called "Canadian Healthcare," were difficult to distinguish from legitimate online pharmacies — making the pitches more persuasive, said Steve Baker, the FTC's Midwest Region director.

"These sites are really professionally constructed," he said. "Some years ago you used to be able to tell the bogus things because they looked cheesy and had misspellings. Anymore, I don't think that's true."

Rain

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Lubbock and many smaller communities in between, is at approximately 12 percent of its capacity and the water level currently stands at approximately 50 feet.

In the summer of 2000, Satterwhite said, Lake Meredith's water level was at 93 feet and added the lake has never been filled to maximum capacity.

"This summer, we were at 45 feet," he said. "We couldn't even get water through the intake towers, so we had to use other methods to get the water out of the lake for usage."

Satterwhite said water levels at Lake Meredith may rise a foot as a result of Tuesday's rain.

The flooding that Lubbock experienced on Sept. 11 made almost no impact on Lake Meredith which is located 160 miles north.

"We only received a quarter of an inch of rain that day," Satterwhite said. "A rain like that would have made all the difference in the world."

Jim Cronkwright, the general manager of the High Plains Water Conservation District, said the rains also will not have an immediate impact on the Ogallala Aquifer, which agricultural communities from Midland-Odessa to Nebraska heavily depend on for human consumption, livestock

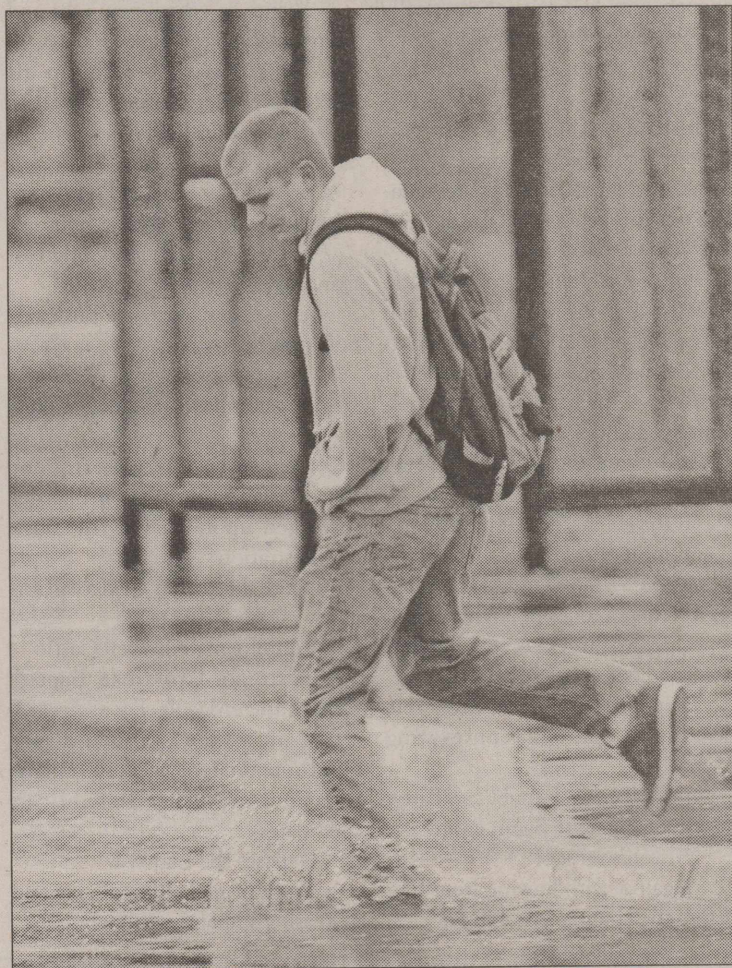


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IAN RENKES, A sophomore chemical engineering major from Houston, crosses the Drive of Champion in the rain Tuesday.

consumption and irrigation. Water from the aquifer is being used at such a rate that it is not being fully recharged.

"It takes many, many years for rain water that hits the surface to reach the Ogallala," Cronkwright said. "That's not to say some of it won't

eventually get there but it takes a long time."

However, Cronkwright said rain does temporarily reduce the local strain on the Ogallala because less water will be demanded for irrigation purposes.

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Hockey

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"It's amazing what you can get done when cooler heads prevail," he said, "when you get the emotion and the politics out of the way."

The same issues may reappear next year, Martin said, but both the hockey team and the coliseum must increase revenue before they can begin repairs to the building, which the city contractually owns for another 50 years.

District 3 Councilman Todd Klein, the negotiator of the contract, said he took concerns of the other council members into account when negotiating with the team, calling it a "group effort."

"This represents an opportunity to step in the direction of getting a fair and more appropriate return for the taxpayer," Klein said, "who ultimately will be the people who write the check to refurbish and remodel that facility."

After working on the contract for more than 40 hours with representatives from the team, Klein said, he believes much credit should go to Jeff Griffith, a representative for Tech hockey.

Because both parties wanted to get the contract finalized, he said, they were able to find more agreeable terms for the city and the team.

Griffith, who negotiated the con-

tract on behalf of the team, said he believes the lease is fair, and the city's willingness to help the team with the ice plant is a "blessing."

Because representatives on both sides of the issue were passionate about it, he said, it was difficult to work through some issues, but he is relieved the contract is resolved.

Griffith said the team still plans to host public skating events and lessons at the venue, possibly with an increased emphasis on offering those programs.

He said Tech hockey will attempt to get a head start on negotiating next year's contract with the city.

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Roll the dice to cast your vote

There are only 21 days left before the election. If you are not sure whom you are going to vote for yet, you don't need to flip a coin to decide.

There are more than two candidates to pick from this Nov. 4. Specifically, there are six candidates on enough state ballots to theoretically win the required number of electoral votes. All appear on the Texas ballot.

Instead of flipping a coin this semester, try rolling the dice!

Simply assign the candidates numbers one through six, roll the die, and cast your vote accordingly.

But if you want to know a little something about just who it is you are exercising your democratic rights for, I've conveniently compiled a summary of the candidates and their positions in brief.

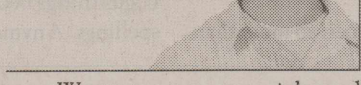
Barack Obama, Democratic Party

- Running mate Joe Biden
- Illinois Senator
- Opposes Iraq War, and has called for a renewed focus in Afghanistan
- Opposes Bush's tax cuts, but supports a middle-class tax cut
- Supports affordable, accessible health care that builds on existing plans

John McCain, Republican Party

- Running mate Sarah Palin
- Arizona Senator
- Against withdrawing from Iraq before the country is stabilized

Shane Nassiri



- Wants to create new jobs and keep taxes low to help economy
- Supports investment in all alternative energy areas as well as new domestic drilling to meet energy demands

Bob Barr, Libertarian Party

- Running mate Wayne Root
- Former Republican Congressman from Georgia

Outspoken critic of Bush administration

- Voted for the Iraq War and Patriot act, but now publicly regrets those votes

Wants to cut government spending and restore civil liberties infringed upon during the Bush administration

Chuck Baldwin, Constitution Party

- Running mate Darrell Castle
- Pastor of Crossroad Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.
- Criticizes the Christian Right's blind support for the Bush administration and other Republican candidates

- Opposes the Iraq War
- Wary of globalist policies and increasing size of government

Cynthia McKinney, Green Party

Running Mate Rosa Clemente

- Former Democratic Congresswoman from Georgia
- Against the Iraq War
- Concern for the environment and human rights

Supports repeal of legislation such as the PATRIOT act that infringes civil liberties

Ralph Nader, Independent

- Running mate Matt Gonzalez
- Third bid for presidency since 2000 and 2004

Consumer rights advocate

Supports withdrawal from Iraq and impeachment for Bush/Cheney

Supports a single payer national health insurance program

By no means are these short lists a comprehensive look at where these candidates stand in relation to one another. Take an hour or so and Google their names to find out more.

Are any of these candidates perfect? By no means. You will likely find negative points about all of them. But before you crinkle your nose at any bad taste a third party candidate might leave in your mouth, recall that the two "mainstream" candidates are loaded with so many negative points it is impossible to discern truth from fiction.

Another thing to consider: if

you are running on a third-party platform, it has to be for reasons other than political gain. If you are seeking only to advance your own political career, you'll likely have a much easier time as a Democrat or a Republican, as an establishment candidate. Third-party candidates are running on principles.

Also, there is the old argument that if you vote for a third-party candidate, you are wasting your vote. Well, what about all the people that vote for Obama in Texas? McCain is guaranteed to win Texas. Are they wasting their vote by voting for Obama? No! They are voting for a candidate that they believe in.

As John Quincy Adams said: "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost." The only vote that is wasted is the one that isn't cast.

If you find that the Democrat or Republican best represents your views, great, you are a voter voting in favor of a candidate rather than against another candidate.

In any case, take the time to learn who all these people are and what they represent. Real change is on the ballot this November.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In her column "Lubbock's Congressman does not represent us", Ms. Maxwell failed to accurately display the worth of Congressman Randy Neugebauer on many different issues and failed to journalize the truth when she denounced him.

On the first issue of children's health care known as SCHIP, Congressman Neugebauer supports the program and is quoted saying "I believe SCHIP is a worthy program, and I support extending it so those families near poverty can get health care for their children." The problem with the bill that came through the house was that the program expanded to areas that strayed away from the original intention of the program that was implemented in 1997.

The new SCHIP bill — known as H.R. 3162 — wanted to cover illegal immigrants, people who made over \$82,600/yr which is 400% above poverty level which will cost \$75 billion and is to be taken out of the Medicare Advantage budget.

On the second issue, troop withdrawal, Ms. Maxwell fails to explain Congressman Neugebauer continuously votes to give funding to the troops; Congressman Neugebauer has

said, "Having 535 politicians micromanage the War on Terror 6,000 miles from the battlefield is no way to achieve victory." Leave the military strategy to the military leaders — not to the politicians or journalists who have no experience in fighting a war.

Lastly, there is the issue of the energy bill in which Ms. Maxwell proclaims that Congressman Neugebauer does not support tax breaks and funding for alternative energy resources. The truth is that Congressman Neugebauer does support alternative energy exploration but does not support the pork that was attached to the bill, along with the decreased areas of reserves the democrats want to halt production on.

Congressman Neugebauer said "This unbalanced legislation would place unreasonable mandates on states, result in less oil and gas production in America, and roll back important policies currently in place that help lead to greater energy independence."

Congressman Neugebauer is someone we should thank and not one we should ridicule. He has helped fight for our district and is only looking out for our best interests.

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Rumor that bin Laden trained by U.S. still alive in media

By JAMIE PELLEK
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Another year passes by as the liberal media undermines the crucial war on terror. I'm personally sick of the media pumping repulsive myths into the American atmosphere.

Our everyday life is now polluted with ridiculous and uncredited statements such as: "bin Laden was trained by the CIA," "George W. Bush knew about the threats before Sept. 11," "The Iraq War is another Vietnam," "The U. S. military killed over 100,000 Iraqi civilians," "There were no weapons of mass destruction," "Halliburton made a fortune in Iraq," or my personal favorite, "Iraq and al Qaeda aren't related." I'm tired of the liberal media exposing our own country's defenses and anti-terrorism organizations. You're flirting with treason ...

The liberal media lately has been thriving off of misconstrued, out-of-context, factual stories that now have a little liberal tell-tale added to the end, often with a splash of anti-Americanism. Starting with the fairy tale that bin Laden was funded and trained by the United States.

It's a catchy rumor, I'll give them that — but even bin Laden himself isn't buying it. In 1993, a British journalist by the name of Robert Fisk became the first Western reporter to get an interview with bin Laden himself. Bin Laden stated in Independent (London), "Personally I, nor any of my brothers, saw evidence of American help while in Afghanistan." I mean I guess if CNN insists we funded him, they must be right. Bin Laden himself must have just been confused on the whole thing. No biggie.

I won't even go into George W. Bush knowing of the planned terrorist attacks before it happened — everyone already knows he's clearly a fortune teller. So Al Gore may have invented the Internet, but George W. predicted it.

All hail ... wait, President Jalal Talabani? What? Iraq is quite possibly the furthest thing from another Vietnam as they are not communist. In fact, they achieved an even higher voter turnout percentage than that of what the U. S. can conjure up for its own elections. I could dry heave after listening to all of the media demeaning Iraq, calling it a case of eminent "defeat."

However, I guess in some respects, they are right. Maybe how we defeated Saddam Hussein, a mastermind behind a mass genocide against all those who opposed his communist ways. Or maybe how we defeated the official rape chambers where women of opposing political stances were held, tortured, and raped

after being charged with false accusations of "prostitution." Or possibly how we defeated the ongoing malicious assault of over 100,000 innocent Kurdish civilians. Or could it be how we defeated the unlawful beheading of thousands of women and children without traces of any judicial review, as they were family members of political resistance figures.

Uday Hussein later confessed he would torture men, women, and children alike by "beating them with iron bars, tanning the soles of their feet and dragging them on pavements until their backs became bloodied, then dunking them in sewage to ensure the wounds became infested."

The Iraq War was indeed a case of defeat, but not on our part. We defeated a weapon of mass destruction by the name of Saddam Hussein, and liberated a whole new generation of people. America helped the Iraqi nation transform into a country of free-thinkers, free to choose any religion, vote for their own elected officials and to live without fear. The media may call this a "defeat," but I already see it as a victory.

Just as the liberal media misconstrues factual stories, they also love to distort figures for the betterment of our nation. I don't think anything smells more ludicrous than the figure of 100,000 Iraqi victims being killed by U. S. forces. It was later disproved by some of the people who helped conduct it!

But of course, the liberal media somehow passes up on covering the story proving they had fabricated a number once again. Dr. Fumento states, "Researchers usually try to avoid hot spots that skew the findings - like determining how much of a nation's population wears dentures by surveying only nursing homes." Since then a more responsible tally of Iraqi deaths has been recorded by Iraqbodycount.net, which projects approximately 87,833 deaths caused by violence. They are quick to clear up that violence entails both sides, including car bombings, walking into the line of fire and other mishaps. This statistic is a little different than blatantly saying the U. S. forces killed over 100,000 innocent Iraqi civilians. Truth seems to be hard for the media these days.

As all of these myths are a little harder to disprove, I am honestly disgusted at the amount of people who believe Iraq had no connections with al Qaeda. Do a little research. Anyone with the slightest bit of intelligence can find there was al Qaeda presence within Iraq. Not only did Saddam Hussein offer refuge to al Qaeda after the week of Sept. 11, but Abu Masab al Zarqawi of al Qaeda had set up a terrorist base camp in Iraq in 2002.

But we'll put the literally hundreds

of other al Qaeda connections aside and look at Halliburton and how it was just one big scheme. Halliburton is clearly making a killing in profits at the return profit rate of 2.4 percent. Would you honestly stick with a fund that only returned 2 percent growth? No. This is quite possibly why Halliburton has been trying to sell off Kellogg, Brown & Root, the division of the company that handles the Iraqi rebuilding. Not only was Halliburton's bid contract approved by the U. S. Congressional General Accounting Office, but by many other sectors.

And lastly, according to a report, Halliburton was the only company that had what it took to rebuild the Iraqi nation - besides a French contracting company. Now who are we to give the job to? As if the media wouldn't attack our government for not even giving our own company the job.

Well, maybe bin Laden lied to Robert Fisk, President Bush honestly does have fortune-telling abilities, and a country that has bigger voter turnout elections than that of the U. S. ... really is a futuristic Vietnam. Or more likely, the liberal media jumps at every chance possible to undermine our war on terror.

The media has released misconstrued messages to toil with projected prosperity in Iraq, by making our nation's attitude into a self-defeatist persona. Given the ties between Iraq and al Qaeda, the Sept. 11 attacks, human rights concerns, Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and a history of terrorist support leads the educated, intelligent, non-partisan, non-ideologue mind to believe the Iraqi war was justified. The only organization promoting defeat in Iraq, is that of the liberal media, and they're flirting with treason.

Is Fey fit to run the country? You betcha

By LESLIE SMALL
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My fellow Americans: I have decided to forsake the two presidential candidates and support a different kind of person to lead this country.

This person is not part of the "Washington elite," which is more than I can say of Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain. This person is a fresh face with some awesome ideas, and boy can this person make people happy.

Sorry, Libertarians — I'm not talking about Ron Paul. I'm talking about Tina Fey.

Before you discount my bold assertion, consider her credentials. Almost every American knows her name. She's a successful career woman and a proud mother, and she looks damn good in a pantsuit.

She has no real political experience, you say? Let's be honest — we don't really care too much about that. Just ask Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who I hear does a mean Tina Fey impression. The race for the White House is about style, not substance.

Even if Fey can't see Russia from her house, she can memorize scripts, and with a competent campaign staff, that's all she really needs to convince the country she's qualified to lead.

Fey's also a Pennsylvania native, so she could deliver a key swing state.

Even the "mainstream" candidates are talking about Fey. Last Monday, Politico.com reported that Palin addressed a crowd in Clearwater, Fla., explaining her recent media gaffes by saying: "I was just trying to

keep Tina Fey in business."

As if Fey really needs your help, Palin. She has everything she needs to successfully run for elected office. She's got the money, the looks and, clearly, the support of the public.

Case in point: One of Fey's recent Saturday Night Live appearances gave the sketch comedy series a 42 percent ratings boost

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compared to the same episode last year. Even while every politically themed comedy show enjoys ratings boosts, Fey's folksiness is no doubt the reason for SNL's success.

Perhaps more importantly, she's on par with the American people in terms of key issues.

In Mean Girls, she showed us her passion for education and reforming our wayward youth. In Baby Momma, she showed profilers with her comical hiring of a surrogate mother. Her stint as co-

anchor on Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update" demonstrates she's equipped to handle the press. And for every disgruntled Hillary Clinton supporter out there, why not get behind the first female head writer of SNL and winner of 11 Emmys?

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to this University of Virginia alumna's accomplishments. Word has it that bids to publish her first book have reached as much as \$6 million.

Fey manages all this while keeping SNL alive, starring in her self-created TV series, 30 Rock and making us all want to use our American Express cards.

OK, so Fey isn't officially running for president. But I refuse to think she hasn't thought about moving into the Oval Office, where she can successfully run this country while playing endless pranks on the Secret Service.

We need a candidate whom we can relate to, who is also, in fact, smarter and more successful than we are. We need someone who can laugh at herself, distracting us with playful tomfoolery every time the Dow drops 700 points. Ever hear Obama tell a joke? If you have, I bet it wasn't funny.

I know I'm not the only one out there with this mindset — a random crowd shot outside the vice presidential debate showed one freedom-loving citizen waving a "Tina Fey '08" poster. Now that's what I'm talking about.

Just ask Jesse Ventura and Arnold Schwarzenegger — Hollywood stars can definitely hold public office.

Now it's Fey's turn to put on some cute glasses and turn this country around.

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Penn State professor encourages students to live without violence

By **MATTHEW PAYNE**
STAFF WRITER

The lecture hall did not have enough seats for those in attendance, but several students found a comfortable spot on the floor Tuesday evening in the Human Sciences building to hear a presentation about domestic violence and intimate terrorism.

Michael Johnson, a professor emeritus from Penn State University, presented the lecture to Texas Tech students to kick off the College of Human Sciences' Week Without Violence.

"I really became interested in studying domestic violence when I traveled to Vietnam in the early 1990s," he said.

After realizing his work would fail to help the vast majority of abused spouses in Vietnam, Johnson brought his work to the United States. He now works with state agencies to answer questions for shelters that take in victims of domestic violence.

During his lecture, Johnson educated his audience about identifying early signs of what he called "intimate terrorism" and explained abuse is not necessarily limited to physical and emotional abuse.

"Early signs of intimate violence include isolation of the partner, financial control, extreme jealousy or degrading the partner in front of friends," he said.

Johnson offered his audience facts, statistics and stories he has acquired during his experiences in social work.

And his lecture revealed a few facts about intimate violence that some may find shocking.

"Women who murder their husbands are no different than women who have not killed their husbands," Johnson said. "The difference lies within the husband. The husbands that are murdered are generally more physically and sexually violent and make their wives feel so trapped that murder is the only way out."

He said approximately 400 women murder their partners each year — one-third of the number of men

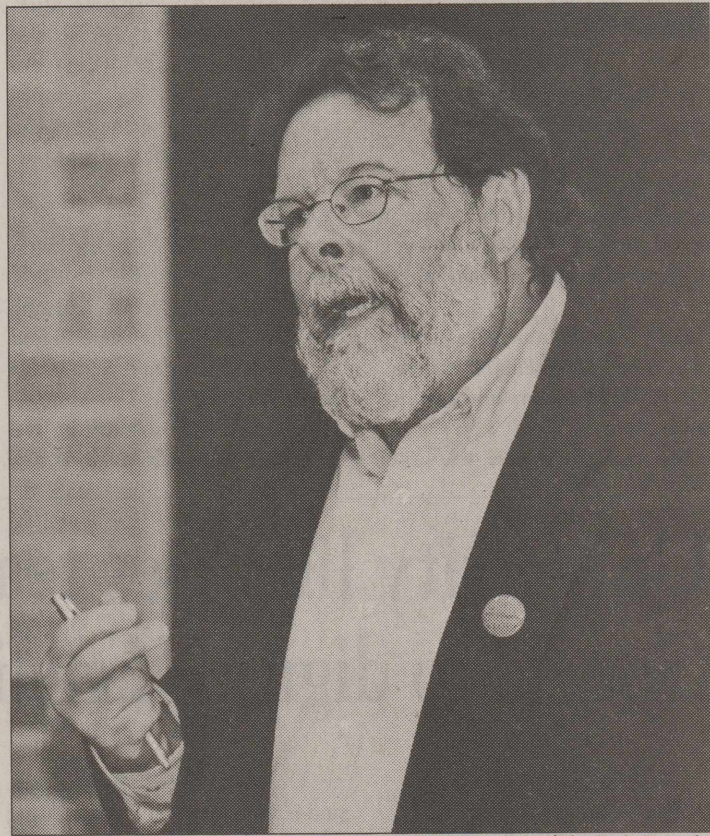


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MICHAEL JOHNSON, PROFESSOR emeritus from Penn State, speaks about intimate violence Tuesday in the Human Sciences building. His lecture was one event in a series held during National Week Without Violence.

who are convicted of killing their partners.

He also explained that there are more cases of intimate terrorism between dating couples than there are for married couples. He said women tend to be more violent when they are young.

"Young women always want to slap a guy when he makes a mistake," Johnson said. "This is considered a form of violence."

Johnson encouraged couples to discuss their problems as an alternative to terrorizing their partners. Also, he provided an array of information, theories and solutions to problems.

Johnson said he worked with social justice issues before attending the University of Michigan, where he earned a degree in sociology in 1974. He later went to Penn State and has been associ-

ated with it since.

Other events for the Week Without Violence are scheduled throughout this week, including a Women's Protective Services Candlelight Vigil slated for noon Wednesday at Our Lady of Grace Church.

The week's events also includes an information fair at 10 a.m., Thursday, in the Hulen/Clement lobby. A viewing of the movie "Senorita Extraviada" also is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday in Room 169 of the Human Sciences building.

Also, the "Clothesline Project" — an artwork created by women and children who endured domestic abuse that features T-shirts representing a life without violence — will be available for viewing during the week in various locations throughout campus.

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Local obedience club offers help to Lubbock dog owners

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A local obedience training club aims to teach old dogs new tricks.

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock, Inc., is a non-profit organization focused on training dogs to be well-behaved companions and encourage responsible dog ownership, said Joann Neal, trainer at the SPOTC.

The goal of the club is to train people to train their dogs.

Puppies and older dogs are all trainable, Neal said, but the sooner an owner trains a dog, the easier it will be.

"None of them lose the ability to learn," she said. "However, they will test you to see if you're still in charge."

Texas Tech students comprise a large portion of her clients, Neal said. The majority of students' complaints involve oversized dogs that destroy their owners' belongings.

"They will get a great big dog for such a small space," she said. "The energy that they should have worked off will go into destructive behavior."

Small dogs, Neal said, are better for apartments and other small housing situations.

Multiple owners, including children who can handle their dog, are allowed to train the dog in separate sessions at the club.

It is important to follow the same methods learned in training, Neal said.

Although dogs can distinguish one person from another, she said, it is vital that the owners remain in charge.

In each class, 12 people train their dogs one hour per week for seven weeks.

Neal said she encourages owners to spend 15 to 20 minutes per day practicing skills they learn in class.

Dogs tend to have a short attention span, she said. To effectively fix bad behavior, owners are advised to correct the dog as it performs disobedient act.

Timing is everything, she said. While an owner may not fully correct their dog's bad behavior, it is more important to reinforce and reward good behavior.

For one Tech student, obedience classes are doing the trick.

Alexis Solis, a senior biology major from San Antonio, said she already has seen improvements in Brooklyn, her 15-week-old German shepherd and border collie mix.

After two training classes, she said, Brooklyn is starting to learn basic com-



ALEXIS SOLIS, A senior biology major from San Antonio, walks her dog Brooklyn, a 15-week-old German shepherd and border collie mix, through an obstacle Monday at the The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock.

mands and how to walk on a leash.

Solis said many dog owners are referred to the SPOTC training club through the veterinary clinic where she works.

"We see puppies that come into the clinic," she said, "then come here and turn into a different dog."

Dogs that bite humans are not allowed at the training club, she said, because safety is the club's first concern, but some bad temperaments are fixable.

"There are dogs with a screw loose," she said, laughing, "but some humans do too."

For another dog owner, the training club has become a social event for his dogs.

Zach Drabick, a graduate student from Columbus, Ohio, said his shy Yorkshire poodle mix, Toby, is learning to socialize not only with other dogs of all sizes, but with humans as well.

The SPOTC of Lubbock is an American Kennel Club sanctioned organization that is involved in specific agility and obedience trials. The organization will host an AKC dog agility trial from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Tech Equestrian Center.

This weekend's trials will feature 150 pure-bred dogs from surrounding states that will compete in unique obstacle courses for AKC agility titles.

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U. Missouri biochemist part of first team to 'see' HIV enzyme

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An University of Missouri researcher is part of the first team to watch the initial formation of HIV.

In a study published in the Oct. 2 issue of Nature magazine, biochemistry professor Chun Tang and four scientists from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases used a new technique to watch the joining of two precursors to the HIV-1 protease enzyme, which triggers the release of HIV.

HIV-1 protease helps to create mature proteins that allow the virus to spread to other cells.

The enzyme is one of the primary targets of AIDS treatments. The treatments use other molecules to inhibit the portion of the enzyme that bonds with particles known as substrates. Because HIV-1 protease is constantly mutating, it is resistant to the drugs.

"The virus is constantly mutating, so you want to find more targets to inhibit different states of the virus life cycle," Tang said.

When a person first contracts HIV, the protease is inactive, meaning it will not produce the particles that encourage replication, even when the substrate is present.

According to the report, Tang and the NIDDK scientists discovered the inactive enzyme has a tail of amino acid residues. Using their new technique, they saw the enzyme self-activates by joining the two halves of the tail and cutting it off.

Their technique uses nuclear magnetic resonance, which occurs when nuclei of atoms, like those in the protease, are exposed to both a static field and a moving magnetic field. The protons of the protease molecule have a property called spin, which produces a magnetic field around the protons. The interaction of the NMR magnetic fields with those of the protease protons produces lines to create and image of the protease molecule.

Tang said the paramagnetic waves, which expose molecules to four magnetic fields, helped magnify the site where the protein tails are cut, allowing scientists to view the activation of the enzyme.

Marius Clore, a co-author of the study, said the findings show the importance of the new nuclear magnetic resonance technique in molecular research.

"This process allows us to see important species that are invisible to conventional techniques," he said.

Co-author John Louis is head of the NIDDK division that focuses on protein engineering and chemistry. His team uses information about the protease activation to substances that will inhibit the proteins that allow HIV to bind to

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Mega Man 9 reminiscent of old-school Nintendo games

These days, the trend of creating a new game in a beloved video game franchise typically dictates that you have to make the experience as modern as possible.

This could include bringing a game from 2D into 3D, adding complicated stories and making graphics as flashy as possible. In some cases, this has worked extremely well, such as with the "Mario" and "Zelda" franchises.

With others, the results have been less than pretty, like the 3D iterations of the "Sonic the Hedgehog" series.

But it's practically unheard of for a game developer to decide not to move forward, but, rather, backward.

This is exactly what Capcom has done with their beloved "Mega Man" franchise.

Over the years, the Blue Bomber has landed on just about every platform under the sun, doing everything from fighting computer viruses



Britton Peele

to playing soccer. But the "main" series, the games numbered one through eight, were mostly found on the old Nintendo Entertainment System in the 1980s and early 1990s and made brief appearances on the Super Nintendo and Sony PlayStation.

Rather than build on the slick, shiny 2D style of the PlayStation's "Mega Man 8" and try to "reinvent" the series for the newer consoles, Capcom decided instead to make Mega Man 9, a downloadable game for the Wii, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3.

The catch? It's entirely 8-bit. The game looks exactly like the old Nintendo games of yore, and the player is capable of doing much more than he was in Mega Man 2. You can run. You can jump. And you can shoot.

And that's pretty much it. Even the ability to charge your weapon — something of a staple of the series for a long time now — has been removed. Mega Man is back to his true roots.

The graphics are pixelated. The sound is a lot of "beeps" and "boops." The story is cheesy and almost non-existent, and there are deliberate graphical glitches and frame rate slowdown.

And the result is awesome. The game is an amazing throw-

back to the days when gaming was just starting to take off. And, as was typical of many games back then, the game doesn't keep you coming back because of its length — in fact, it can be completed several times in

one day. Rather, the game keeps you coming back because you're simply unable to master it. The game is hard. To some — especially those who started gaming more recently — the difficulty level may seem impossible and unforgiving.

Jumps over gaps and spikes (which spell instant death) demand extreme precision. Boss battles require pattern memorization.

Oh, and there are no save

points in levels. You usually get only three tries to complete a stage, and then you're back to square one.

So while the casual gamer may want to stay away from fear of throwing their console during a frustrated rage, there's a lot for the more classic gamer — and definitely fans of the old "Mega Man" games — to enjoy here.

On top of simply being an extremely nostalgic trip, there are a ton of challenges built into the game that test your skill and give you bragging rights. Completing the game should make you feel like you have a badge of gaming honor.

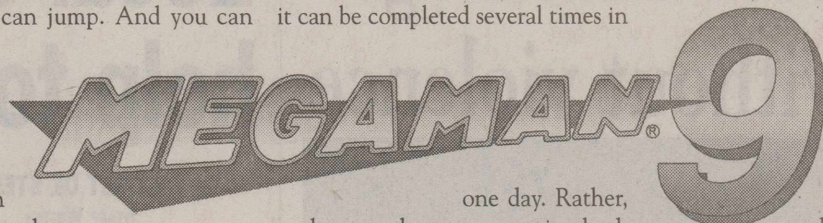
Being a downloadable title, the game also is quite affordable at just

\$10, regardless of console. This isn't the only classic Capcom franchise getting the nostalgia treatment, because they've also recently revisited "1942" with a downloadable sequel, and "Bionic Commando" with a downloadable remake. Hopefully this will start a trend of great new games reemerging in the vein of their old styles. It would be nice to see classic takes on games such as "Sonic" or "Castlevania."

If you don't like old-school games or aren't a fan of maddeningly tough game play, then you might want to stay away.

But if you're a fan of the classics or are just up for a challenge, you should definitely do yourself a favor and give Mega Man 9 a try.

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Wi-Fi

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matter where they are is helpful pretty much for whatever they do."

According to the survey, 60 percent of polled students said a school's wireless access is indicative of how much that school cares about its students, a notion James Burkhalter, Tech's associate vice president for student affairs, said may be slightly exaggerated.

"It's not necessarily a measure of how much we care about students," he said. "It's more of a measure of keeping up with the times." While many of Tech's faculty members explicitly ask students not to log on during their lectures, others encourage their pupils to do the opposite.

Andreas Schneider, an associate professor of sociology at Tech who studies the affects of the Internet on education, said a Wi-Fi connection in a classroom provides an invaluable resource for educators.

"It is much easier for me to access this material directly in the classroom — tremendously," he said. "It's not only that they get the mater they could access outside the classroom, but it works as a great tool."

Schneider said Tech, however, unplugged somewhat late

in the game. "For me, in terms of wireless technology in the classroom, I have been waiting for that for a long time," he said. "The problem in the beginning was that the access was very hard and limited."

Although Tech's existing wireless networks suffice for most students' day-to-day online activity, Segran said, it may be too slow or otherwise

inadequate for students who download or upload a great deal of information.

"The other thing about wireless is that if you have too many people all clustered around, then you're sharing that wireless access," he said. "So if you have a lot of people all firing up their laptops at the same time, then it could be a problem."

Departments and colleges at Tech that require students to have laptops — like the School of Law, College of Architecture and the Department of Computer Science — have a more "beefed-up" wireless connectivity to accommodate a higher demand for unplugged Internet access, he said.

Information technology administrators at the university continually monitor demand for Wi-Fi access at different locations on campus to pinpoint which areas are in need of further upgrades.

"(Some departments) actually

call us ahead of time and say, 'Hey, we're going to be instituting a laptop program,'" Segran said. "So in those cases we're actually able to go in an beef up infrastructure before the demand increases."

Schneider said he recently conducted an evaluation of another instructor and had an opportunity to see what students were up to on their laptops during class.

The most common mischief: solitaire, which doesn't require Web access.

"(Classroom distraction) is a general problem, and as an instructor, it is a problem," Schneider said, "but the wireless is not a problem, per se."

To Schneider, Wi-Fi Web access is the least of his worries when it comes to students' distractions.

Student cell-phone usage during class, Schneider said, presents a much larger distraction to students than does its wireless-Internet counterpart.

"I'm not enthusiastic about all technology," he said. "I find it much more problematic if students do not shut off their cell phones," which are much more prone to distract students who are sitting nearby.

In a statement about the survey, Stan Schatt, vice president and research director at ABI research, a technology market research firm, said he expects to see a 99 percent "penetration" of Wi-Fi Internet access at American colleges by 2013.

"I think the concept of having wireless available within easy reach is reasonable," Segran said. "It definitely makes it easier for people, and I can see more and more colleges providing that."

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University libraries team up with Google to digitize English research

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DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)

Literature from 24 university libraries is now available at the click of a mouse to students and researchers, after the official launch Monday of a vast digital repository for library research content scanned by Google.

The libraries, which include those of the 10 UC campuses, are participating in a nationwide effort called HathiTrust to digitize library content, primarily in order to preserve their collections but also to make certain books available online.

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation, a 12-university consortium made up of the University of Chicago and the Big Ten Conference universities, launched the initiative in partnership with the California Digital Library and 12 other universities.

"For us, it is a chance to work with another large group of universities with different kinds of expertise, so we can pool our expertise," said Laine Farley, the interim executive director of the California Digital Library, which provide digital services to the UC campuses. "Ultimately our users will benefit."

HathiTrust was spearheaded by the University of Michigan

and Indiana University in 2007, and is funded by the participating schools, according to Kim Armstrong, the committee's assistant director of the Center for Library Initiatives.

Partner universities allow Google Inc. to scan and upload their libraries' public domain content-material whose copyright has expired-in exchange for a full digital archive each individual library can keep.

The program will strive to respect copyright laws, Armstrong said.

"We are committed to the protection of intellectual property rights," she said.

Only work considered public domain is available for search online. Public domain content makes up about 16 percent of the repository's current 715 million pages of total content, according to HathiTrust's Web site.

HathiTrust will provide the infrastructure for storing and managing content, said John Wilkin, HathiTrust executive director and the associate university librarian at the University of Michigan.

The program will also make content accessible to blind readers, Farley said, adding that the project is advantageous economically as well.

"We're still learning what

the final fee will be, but it's in line with what would have been for us to provide the services ourselves," she said. "We'll get more books and services for about same cost."

Wilkin said the universities are collaborating to share the costs of compiling their digital libraries.

Currently, all material in the repository is from the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin-Madison libraries, but the UC campuses are expected to contribute soon, Wilkin said.

Some of the text digitized by HathiTrust will be available on the already existing Google Book Search, but the new program is meant to provide wider content for scholars and ultimately to preserve texts longer than Google exists as a Web site, Farley said.

"One thing we're doing that Google isn't doing is making commitment to preserve digital files," she said. "If Google goes out of business, or if their data center had a catastrophe, we'll have a copy."

Armstrong said HathiTrust will pave the way for preserving library content.

"Digitizing a scan can make it usable long into the future in a way we can't preserve paper," she said.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- "The Grapes of Wrath" family
- Clever remarks
- Keyboard key
- Crucifix letters
- Dark
- "Star Wars" princess
- Davy Crockett portrayer
- Author of "The Nazarene"
- Has a bowl
- Paper boss
- Beat circuits
- Beat badly
- Dublin's land
- Moral principles
- All-film sin
- Ran on-and-on
- Dept. of Labor dept.
- Rocky crag
- Walked to and fro
- ASCAP's counterpart
- Affect
- Letters for shock treatment
- Portion (out)
- Religious principles
- 1904 roadster
- Moneylender
- Sell-out shows
- Typefaces
- Legal go-ahead
- Mislead
- "Tuesdays with Morrie" writer
- Aida or Colmes
- Certain nuclear weapon
- Brass element
- "The Maltese Falcon" co-star
- Pasternak character
- "Smooth Operator" singer
- Peachy!
- Draw with acid

DOWN

- Peter Pan rival
- Single entity
- longa, vita brevius
- Identifiable as a unit
- Shrank in fear
- Turmoil
- Varieties
- Dessert pick
- Final run
- State as true
- Early TV transmission
- Anticrime acronym
- Lion of Oz
- Word before 17A, 57A, 11D and 25D
- Prescribed amount
- Shaker stuff
- Top flier
- Pilot
- Yes indeed, Jose
- Round-tripper
- Stogans
- La... WI
- Novelist White
- A/C figures
- Matched outfit
- Singer Gloria
- Bridge (NYC span)
- "Billy..."
- Pound portion
- Word before 17A, 57A, 11D and 25D
- Haagen-
- Director Kazan
- Hammitt's terrier
- Function
- Single grain
- Richie's father, to Fonzie
- Phooey!

By Allan E. Parrish
Mentor, OH
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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U. Maryland robot will be able to detect, destroy breast cancer cells

By CHRIS YU
THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

For University of Maryland mechanical engineering professor Jaydev Desai, breast cancer awareness is more than a month-long endeavor.

Though October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Desai has spent the past year and a half developing a robot that can perform biopsies and destroy tumor cells all in one session, making the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer less time-consuming and more accurate than ever before.

"[People] will be excited," Desai said. "It will revolutionize how procedures are performed for breast cancer diagnosis and treatment."

After a tumor is located on an MRI, the robot will perform a biopsy of the breast while the patient is inside the scanner. This way, the doctor who controls the robot can see where the tumor is located during the procedure.

If the biopsy displays cancerous cells, the robot will then insert a probe into the breast until it reaches the tumor. The probe will then burn the cancer cells until they are destroyed. This entire process is conducted while the patient is inside the MRI scanner, so the doctor controlling the robot can more specifically target the cells.

With the robot, the three months between mammogram and treatment can be reduced to a hospital visit and the cancer can be stopped before it spreads, said Rao Gullapalli, a collaborator on this project from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.

But what makes the robot stand out is its ability to work inside an MRI machine, Gullapalli said. Because it is made of titanium and stainless steel, the robot won't be disrupted by the scanner's magnetic field.

The robot can also access areas in the human body that surgeons can't, said mechanical engineering graduate student Kevin Lister, who worked on the project with Desai.

Desai said he and his team have built only a preliminary model so far; not a fully functional one. The final version of the robot will take about four years to complete, he said. He received a \$1.27 million grant last month from the National Institute of Health.

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Tech volleyball hopes for more blocks at Iowa State

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team needs to improve in one of the toughest aspects of the sport: blocking.

Tech takes on Iowa State (11-7, 3-4 in Big 12 Conference) at 6:30 p.m. today in Ames, Iowa.

The Red Raiders (5-14, 0-8 in Big 12 play) have dropped 12 of their last 13 sets and are trying to snap their 27-game Big 12 losing streak.

Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said a key in today's match will be Tech's blocking, which he said is one of the toughest things to learn in volleyball.

"We looked lost blocking against (Texas) A&M," he said, "even though we've seen them over and over and over and knew exactly what was gonna happen. A&M didn't vary from their game plan at all and we still didn't block. Being that we have such a young team, that's a real difficult thing."

The Red Raiders sit at the bottom of the Big 12 in blocks. The team is averaging just 1.77 blocks per game.

Tech middle blocker Amanda Dowdy agrees with Moffitt as she said blocking has been one of the toughest adjustments she has had to make as a freshman.

"It takes a lot of discipline," she

said. "I'm having to learn that now because in high school it was easy for me to block — I was the biggest girl out there. But now, everybody is my size and competition is a lot more."

Tech setter Karlyn Meyers, who was the primary setter for the first time this season against Texas A&M Saturday, said a big component of any future success will be the team's ability to shorten, if not eliminate, stretches of inconsistent play.

"Saturday we did a lot of really good things, but then we would go on runs where we weren't doing what we know we can do," she said. "So we need to just become more consistent and really know how to just end a play."

Iowa State features players ranked in the Top 3 in the Big 12 in five different statistical categories, making the Cyclones a team capable of exploiting those bad stretches of play.

Among those leaders is Jen Malcom, who, like Dowdy, is in the Top 10 in hitting percentage. Malcom is second with a .419 hitting percentage, whereas Dowdy is seventh with a .328 hitting percentage.

The match against the Cyclones starts a week of away matches for Tech. The Red Raiders will not play in the friendly confines of the United Spirit Arena again until Oct. 22

when they face No. 3 Texas.

Dowdy, who leads the team with 191 kills and is the only freshman in the Top 10 of the Big 12 in hitting percentage, said these two road games are pivotal for Tech as it is hoping to gain some momentum for a stretch run.

"It is extremely important," she said. "We have to step it up even more now that we're not at home. We've had all the opportunities to get a win at home and we haven't, but we will. It's a good time now, we will get our chance."

Even though the match is in unfamiliar territory, Dowdy said Tech has to approach it the same way it would any match.

"It's a little bit harder because you travel and a lot of times we charter in the same day, but that's not an excuse," she said. "Every game counts. You've gotta get

BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| | Big 12 | Overall |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| Nebraska | 8-0 | 17-0 |
| Texas | 6-1 | 12-2 |
| Kansas State | 6-2 | 16-3 |
| Baylor | 4-3 | 12-5 |
| Texas A&M | 4-3 | 9-8 |
| Iowa State | 3-4 | 11-7 |
| Colorado | 3-4 | 9-7 |
| Oklahoma | 3-6 | 7-10 |
| Kansas | 2-5 | 8-8 |
| Missouri | 2-5 | 8-9 |
| Texas Tech | 0-8 | 5-14 |

-Texas Tech hopes to end a 27-match losing streak 7 p.m. today against Iowa State. Last season, the Red Raiders lost to the Cyclones 3-1.

-While Tech is last in blocks against conference opponents, with 41, Iowa State is second in blocks against conference opponents with 65.

-Alongside the Cyclones, Jen Malcom, who is third in the conference in hitting percentage against Big 12 opponents with .395 percent, Iowa State's Kaylee Manns is tied for third in assists with 10.81.

excited for every game, I mean, it's the Big 12."

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Graham Harrell one of 10 finalist for Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell was announced one of 10 finalists for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Tuesday.

The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, the organization that sponsors the award, recognizes the top collegiate quarterback in the nation in honor of NFL great, Johnny Unitas.

John Unitas Jr., president of the foundation and Johnny Unitas' son, said this award has a different criteria than most.

"There are a lot of great quarterbacks out there," he said. "What sets my award apart from the others: I only pick seniors. I pick the quarterbacks that are graduating. It's strictly graduating senior quarterbacks that have completed their NCAA requirements and eligibility."

The foundation originally had 26 senior quarterbacks on its list, but now moved to the second stage of choosing the award winner by narrowing that list down to 10. The list soon will be narrowed down to five candidates and the finalist will be named Dec. 5 at the Tremont Grand Meeting & Banquet Facility in Baltimore. Alongside Harrell are some of college football's top signal callers, such as Fresno State's Tom Branstater, Missouri's Chase Daniel, Alabama's John Parker Wilson and West Virginia's Pat White. The original list with 26 candidates included quarterbacks such as Texas A&M's Stephen McGee and Rutgers' Mike Teel.

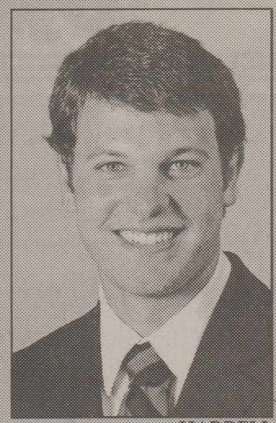
The award's past recipients includes many quarterbacks who found their way on NFL rosters. Last year's winner was Boston College's Matt Ryan. In 2006, Notre Dame's Brady Quinn took home the award. Both New York Giants' quarterback Eli Manning and Indianapolis Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning won the award in 2003 and 1997, respectively.

Harrell leads the country with 385.2 yards per game while throwing 20 touchdowns this season. He holds numerous school records as Tech's all-time leading passer with 12,993 yards.

Harrell has supporters in many places, as Unitas Jr. said he has a board member who is a fan, but Harrell will have to win the award like everyone else.

"The gentleman that serves on my board Bill Tate, is a graduate of Texas Tech so I know he pulls for Graham," he said. "If he's going to win, he's going to win based on his merits and based on his performance."

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HARRELL

Bush honors champion Red Wings at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush welcomed the Detroit Red Wings to the White House Tuesday, celebrating a Stanley Cup championship team that overcame odds and age and even had one player who scored a goal with his teeth.

With the Stanley Cup on display near the podium, Bush paid tribute to forward Darren McCarty, a popular player who came back from alcohol problems and injuries to help the Red Wings' playoff run.

Bush said McCarty "had a problem — he drank too much. And it brought his career to an early end. But Darren McCarty did not give up. Darren McCarty decided to do something about it."

Bush recounted McCarty's decision to clean up his life, return to the minors and work his way back to the NHL. "This guy got his life back together, seized the moment, and scored the opening goal in game 2 of the series against Nashville. That is a stout story."

Bush noted that 46-year-old defenseman Chris Chelios became the oldest player to win a Stanley Cup and the second-oldest player to play in the NHL. "That guy is going to play a lot more."

And Bush saluted Kris Draper, who "set an unofficial record of sorts," a playoff goal off his teeth. Draper deflected the puck off his face and into the net in a playoff

win against Dallas, costing him three teeth.

"Those are beauties," Bush joked to Draper, who smiled broadly.

Detroit won its 11th Stanley Cup last June, defeating the Pittsburgh Penguins in six games. The Red Wings have won five Cups during the past 12 seasons.

Team captain Nicklas Lidstrom gave the president two red Detroit jerseys — No. 43 for the current president and No. 41 for his father, former President George H.W. Bush. Chelios also presented Bush with a miniature Stanley Cup.

McCarty said he bonded with the president, who has discussed his own battles with alcohol. McCarty

said Bush told him before the ceremony that "he's been clean since '86 and he wouldn't be standing there today if it wasn't for that ... it reassures me that I'm doing the right thing."

McCarty had played for the Red Wings from 1993-04, helping the team win Stanley Cup titles in 1997 — when he scored the winning goal against Philadelphia — 1998 and 2002.

Bush said the Red Wings offered a sporting bookend of sorts for his presidency. Detroit was the first Stanley Cup championship team that he welcomed during his presidency in 2002, and they will be his last.

Cowboys trade for wideout Roy Williams to stop recent struggles

IRVING (AP) — Roy Williams headed home to Texas on Tuesday in the NFL's biggest trade before the deadline, giving the struggling Dallas Cowboys another proven receiver opposite Terrell Owens.

The winless Detroit Lions traded their unhappy 2004 first-round pick and one-time Pro Bowler for three draft picks, from the first, third and sixth round in 2009. Detroit also gave the Cowboys a seventh-rounder next year.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he struck the deal two minutes before the NFL trade.

"I'm more happy to be a Dallas Cowboy than when I got my first bike," said Williams, an Odessa native who went to the University of Texas.

Williams' best season was 2006, when he went to the Pro Bowl after catching 82 passes for 1,310 yards and seven touchdowns. He has 17 catches for 232 yards and a score this season, and has 262 career passes for 3,884 yards and 29 TDs.

Soon after announcing the deal, the Cowboys said that they had given Williams a five-year extension on his contract that was set to expire after this season.

The Cowboys acquired their new star hours after learning they lost another in cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, whom NFL commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Tuesday for at least four games.

Goodell will determine the full length of the suspension following the Cowboys' game in Washington on Nov. 16. Jones was in repeated legal trouble while with the Tennessee Titans and was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas.

Jerry Jones, who has never shied from adding players with checkered

pasts to the Cowboys locker room, made a point Tuesday to mention Williams' "outstanding character, no matter who you talk to."

Williams said the first phone call he received after the trade was from Owens, who has complained recently about not getting enough catches in an offense that lost quarterback Tony Romo this week for perhaps a month with a broken finger in his throwing hand.

Jerry Jones said Owens was "elated and beside himself" upon hearing the trade. Williams said he and T.O. talked about winning.

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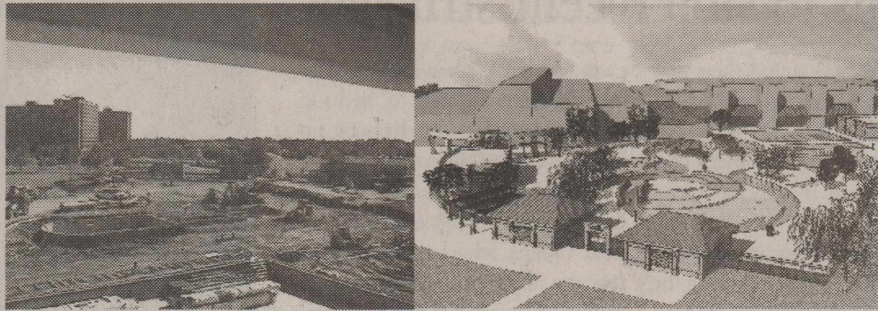
Cardioboxing Master Class

Stop by the Cardioboxing Master Class on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 5:30pm in room 114. You will be able to get double stamps for Raider Xcape, and we will also have prize drawings and giveaways! This class is meant to introduce you to cardioboxing if you have never taken the class before, or to give you a new appreciation for it if you love it! Hope to see you Tuesday!

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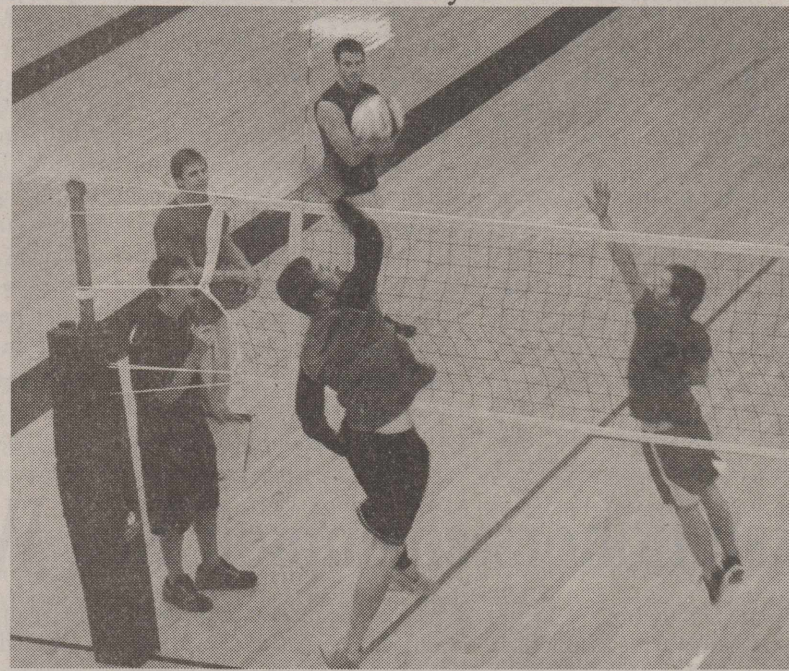
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Movie -- Hancock

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Matinee Movie -- Hancock

Friday, October 17
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00pm

After Hours

Tuesday, October 21
SUB Matador Room | 7:00pm

Chemistry Wizard

Wednesday, October 22
SUB Courtyard | Noon

Capitol Steps

Wednesday, October 22
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

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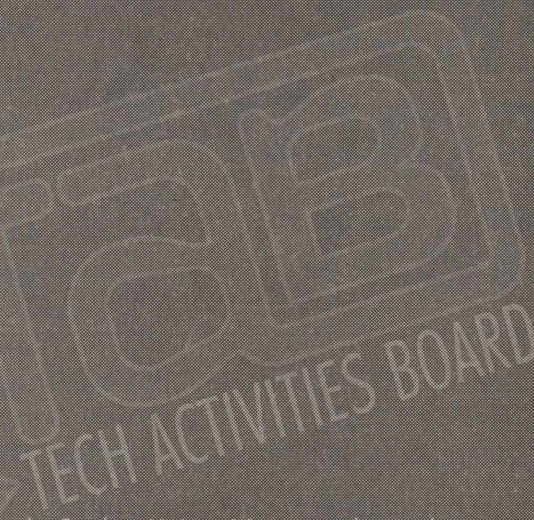
student organization updates...

Student Organization Registration Meeting

Tuesday, October 21
SUB Senate Room | 2:00pm

OrgSync Training

Wednesday, October 22
SUB Playa Room | 5:00pm



Leach, Red Raiders not worried about other teams using Nebraska's offensive gameplan

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

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Nebraska's game plan of long, methodical drives was nothing new for Texas Tech coach Mike Leach and his offense.

What was new, however, was NU's supreme execution that almost blindsided the Red Raiders.

With chunks of yards coming on first down, and play action passes benefiting from a consistent effort to run the ball, the Huskers' offense used 40:12 of clock with extensive drives. Consequently, Tech's offense had only seven possessions in the game.

Leach expressed no concerns about other teams all of a sudden knowing how to stop his offense.

"Those schemes usually don't work real well, because you have to be able to be consistent with it," said Leach, whose team plays Texas A&M at 11 a.m. Saturday in College Station. "Like anything, it's got to be well-executed, and obviously, there's nothing new about that."

"Shortly after they invented fire, they invented the notion that you keep the ball as long as you possibly can and try to keep explosive offenses off the field. But usually that breaks down, because if they fail on a drive or something and you succeed on yours, you're going to come out on top."

Before Tech's 37-31 win against Nebraska Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, the longest drives against Tech's defense belonged to Nevada, SMU and Kansas State, who each had one drive longer than six minutes. Nebraska's first drive was more than eight minutes and the following two were seven minutes or more.

"What Nebraska did, we looked at

real hard," Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman said. "What's good for them isn't always necessarily good for you, but you try to see similarities, and what was successful, and what possibly you could employ that would help defend this group."

Tech's game against Nebraska proved Leach's statement after the game: It is a relatively useless statistic. Nebraska did a great job of not turning the ball over until quarterback Joe Ganz's game-ending interception in overtime.

Like Leach, Sherman also said time of possession is deceiving, especially against a quick scoring offense like Tech.

"I don't know if I could ever just sacrifice time on the clock and not go for the end zone and try to get points on the board," Sherman said. "Certainly the most damaging statistic is turnovers. (Tech is) very opportunistic. If you turn the ball over to them, you give them another possession and take yourself off the field."

Judging by their defensive outings this season, following the Cornhuskers' performance creates a difficult objective for the Aggies.

In the Big 12 Conference, they are last in turnover margin, scoring defense (33 points per game) and rushing defense (223.3 yards per game), as well as opponent third down conversion percentage (48.8 percent).

Going back to what Sherman said about turnovers deciding the outcome of a game, Texas A&M has turned the ball over 14 times this year while forcing only nine turnovers. The Aggies turnover margin is last in the conference and 100th in the nation.

A decision that could impact A&M's

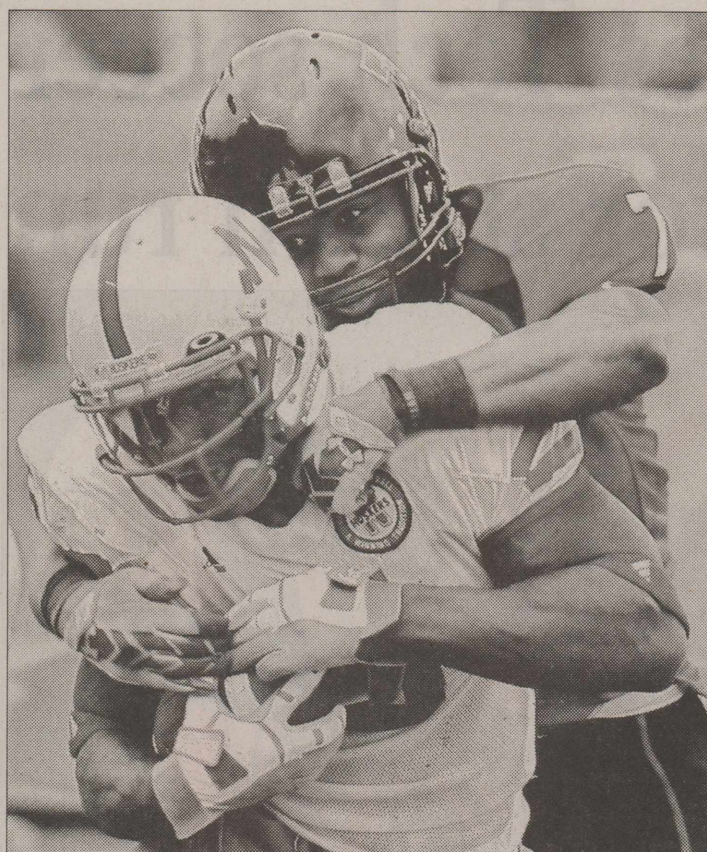


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TEXAS TECH SAFETY Darcel McBath tackles Nebraska running back Marlon Lucky during Texas Tech's 37-31 overtime victory over the Cornhuskers Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

turnover margin rests in the questionable return of injured senior quarterback Stephen McGee. The Round Rock native strained his right shoulder against New Mexico Sept. 6, causing him to miss a 41-23 loss to Miami the next week. He returned to action against Army a week later but re-injured the shoulder in the first quarter and has not played since.

Sherman quipped that he does not want to give Tech any advantage by admitting McGee will play, but he said he will continue to see if the quarterback is

healthy enough to start again.

In McGee's absence, the 6-foot-5, 229-pound Jerrod Johnson has 1,089 passing yards, 11 touchdowns and four interceptions with a 60.7 completion percentage.

"(Johnson has) made a lot improvement, no question," Sherman said. "We're going to keep working with both of those guys. It's been proven that we need both of them to win this year."

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Corner Robinson readies for return to Texans after injury

HOUSTON (AP) — Dunta Robinson was one of the top young cornerbacks in the NFL when a collision with a Texans teammate left his right leg a mangled mess.

His hamstring was ripped off the bone and his anterior cruciate ligament was torn.

The journey that began in that moment more than 11 months ago will reach a milestone on Wednesday when Robinson returns to practice. If things go well this week, the 26-year-old could play Sunday when Houston hosts the Lions.

Coach Gary Kubiak knows his team is looking forward to the return of one of its defensive leaders.

"It's been a long, long haul for him and he's worked extremely hard," Kubiak said. "He's had this day earmarked and his teammates think a lot of him, so I know they are excited for him to get back on that field."

Robinson never lost his upbeat demeanor in the grueling months of rehabilitation that followed his injury, but he did allow himself to reflect on his difficult year this week as he prepares for his return.

On that day last November, the pain was severe for a short time after 281-pound defensive tackle Earl Cochran fell on a pile and twisted Robinson's leg grotesquely. Soon though, that pain subsided and he was numb.

"The trainers asked me how it felt and I said, 'I don't feel anything' and they said, 'That's usually a sign that you're everything completely,'" Robinson recalled.

The pain would return with a vengeance after acclaimed surgeon Dr. James Andrews reconstructed his hamstring and ACL not long after the injury.

"Man, it was terrible," Robinson

said in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press. "That's probably the best word I can use to describe it. After my surgery I probably didn't get a good night's rest for about three months. I had to sleep one way and that was on my back with my leg propped up on pillows. I had to have my medicine because I was in so much pain at nighttime that it was hard to sleep."

Robinson's injury was so severe he had to learn to walk again after surgery. Getting back to football seemed miles away as he slowly gained strength by focusing on small tasks and little victories.

"It was just a lot of things that you take for granted that I had to learn how to do again," he said. "It was a tough situation, but I understood that this was the point I was at in my life. I didn't have time to sit back and say, 'why did it happen to me?'"

It was time to go to work and that's what I did."

That early work was done in Birmingham, Ala., where Andrews is based and his work was done with a cadre of fellow players facing similar paths. Tampa Bay's Cadillac Williams and Washington's Carlos Rogers as well as New Orleans running back Deuce McAllister were among the group.

"During the five months they worked together in Alabama, Robinson said they became like a family, sharing meals, rehabbing together and sometimes simply hanging out.

"We leaned on each other and pushed each other," Robinson said. "I think that was the best move for me, to go and be there every day. I don't think I would have made it if I had just been by myself. I needed to see guys going through the same thing that I was going through in order for me to get better."

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SPORTS

Sims' return gives Tech soccer an extra leader for stretch run

By **STEVEN RYAN**
STAFF WRITER

Some performances can't be measured by statistics and highlights. Some players are special enough that just being on the field makes the whole team better.

Even though senior co-captain Shannon Sims played only 64 minutes and took two shots on the weekend, she returned to the starting lineup. Her teammates and coaches said they believe having her out there was a bigger deal than what met the eye.

"I felt like her presence was important," Texas Tech coach Tom Stone said. "Knowing she was starting, having that senior on the field early on even though she is still finding her game was big for us. It won't show up on the stat sheet but she was more important than many people would have realized."

Sims missed eight straight games after hurting her knee Aug. 29 against Colorado. She was cleared to play Oct. 3 but Stone chose to use her sparingly in her first couple of games back, having her come off the bench against Kansas and Missouri and giving her a total of 72 minutes played.

After being shutout in both games and getting a season-low three shots against Missouri, Stone said he thought putting her back in the starting lineup could increase the level of team confidence.

"When the team sees her ready to go it helps out our demeanor on the field," Stone said.

With Sims back as a starter in last weekend's games against Baylor and Texas, the offense was more ag-

gressive, scoring two goals on 41 shot attempts with 19 coming on goal. This was a major change from the weekend before when Tech scored no goals on just seven shot attempts with three coming on goal.

Junior Maegan Wilber said having Sims back on field brings back a sense of normalcy in a season that has been anything but because of an assortment of injuries. Of the 11 opening day starters for Tech, four have missed at least four games, and two of those players have been declared out for the season.

"It was great (having her back). She was vocal, encouraging, and really played hard," Wilber said. "She went into every tackle which is what we needed."

The player who may have missed Sims the most was the other co-captain, goalkeeper Tina Rincon. She is the only other senior on the team besides Sims and has been teammates with her going back to their club soccer team in high school.

"Just having her back around has helped out a lot," Rincon said. "She is always intense and is so passionate about soccer. She definitely helps me out because obviously I'm in goal so I can do so much, and she is a leader on the team both on the field and off the field."



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH CO-CAPTAIN Shannon Sims returned to the Red Raiders' lineup from injury in hopes to give the team a much-needed boost as the season winds down. Tech returns to action against Iowa State at 7 p.m. on Friday in Ames, Iowa.

Rincon said Sims continued acting as one of the captains even with her bum knee by making her voice heard on the sidelines with encouragements and helpful advice.

Since recovering from the knee injury, Sims has been working to get herself in midseason form even though she has only played in half

of her team's games. Rincon said although Sims is not getting as much playing time as she did before the injury, the players still respect her as one of the leaders.

"I feel like I work extremely hard on the field," Sims said. "I kind of lead by example."

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Dallas' 'Pacman' Jones suspended once again

FORT WORTH (AP)—Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones once again must earn his way back into the NFL, and it likely will take more than being on his best behavior.

The NFL suspended Jones for at least four games Tuesday for violating the league's personal conduct policy. Commissioner Roger Goodell will determine the full length of the suspension after the Cowboys' game in Washington on Nov. 16.

"If he earns his way to a point that he can be considered to play again, then I would support that," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "Frankly, just as he earned through his behavior the right to get back in and play a few weeks ago, he would have to earn that."

The league said reinstatement will depend on strict compliance with treatment plans by the NFL and the Cowboys and an evaluation by "clinical experts."

"The question really is, can he address his issues he needs to address. He does need treatment," said Jerry Jones, adding any treatment would be voluntary. "I do agree with the commissioner in that he needs to address some things and show that he's aware of that and address those things."

After repeated legal trouble while with the Tennessee Titans, Adam Jones was traded six months ago to Dallas, where he had stayed out of trouble until an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party.

In a letter to Jones on Tuesday, Goodell cited a "disturbing pattern of behavior and clearly inconsistent with the conditions I set for your continued participation in the NFL."

The disturbance at an upscale Dallas hotel came only six weeks after Goodell reinstated Jones from a 17-month suspension.

"It's terribly disappointing to me that we're dealing with this again and that he's reflecting so poorly on all of the players in this league, which they don't deserve," Goodell said at the NFL meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The player's agent, Worrick Robinson, didn't return messages left with his assistant and on his cell phone.

Jerry Jones called the Oct. 7 incident an "aberration" and said the Cowboys didn't plan any discipline because no team rules were violated. But he knew the NFL might have a different view.

"He was brought back into the league with the understanding that we would have a zero tolerance relative to such things as publicly having a negative issue under any kind of circumstance," Jerry Jones said.

In the latest incident, Dallas police said officers responded around 11 p.m. Oct. 7 and that the matter was over by the time they arrived. Hotel employees had reported hearing a tussle in the men's restroom in the lobby.

The player and the bodyguard, Tommy Jones, said everything was OK. Police said both were driven from the hotel by an acquaintance, and the bodyguard, part of a security detail provided by the Cowboys, didn't want to press charges.

Jerry Jones said last week banter between the player and his bodyguard got out of hand, resulting in the scuffle. A small glass item on the vanity in the restroom was damaged.

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