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STATE

Suspected hit man for cartel held in US

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A suspected hit man for a Mexican drug cartel is being held by U.S. authorities near San Antonio and awaiting extradition to Mexico, where he has been charged in the deaths of two police officials.

Court records show that Gabriel Jalomo Rodriguez, 23, is charged with multiple homicides in Mexico, but U.S. authorities don't have all the paperwork from the Mexican government, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Saturday editions. Mexico's extradition efforts could take weeks.

NATION

NYC mayor's re-election bid to start next year

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg pulled off a stunning victory Thursday in getting New York City's term-limits law changed so that he can run for a third term, but the billionaire isn't likely to start campaigning until he mends some frayed relationships.

The former CEO accomplished one of his greatest legislative wins in convincing a divided City Council to back his bill, which gives officeholders the option of running for a third consecutive four-year term.

Bloomberg's chief argument to do it quickly, and without voter approval, was that his financial background is crucial to leading the city through the fallout from the economic crisis.

WORLD

Israeli PM-designate calls for early elections

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister-designate Tzipi Livni abandoned efforts to form a government Sunday, putting Israel on course for new elections and endangering already fragile Middle East peace talks.

Palestinians fear the decision could put a year's worth of peace talks in limbo for months, until elections are held. The balloting opens the door for opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu, who rejects sweeping territorial concessions to the Arabs, to return to power.

DEATH TOLL

4186

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Iraq's main Sunni party suspends US contact

By SAMEER N. YACOUB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's largest Sunni party said Saturday that it has suspended official contacts with American military personnel and civilians after the killing of a man near Fallujah.

The Iraqi Islamic Party accused the raid of having a "hidden political motive" in an indication of rising tensions in Anbar province ahead of provincial elections, due to be held

by the end of January.

The U.S. military said U.S.-backed Iraqi soldiers arrested a wanted insurgent leader suspected of training roadside bomb cells in an operation Friday that killed an armed man who opened fire on the troops.

The IIP alleged that a senior member of the party was killed in his bed and five others were arrested during the raid in the Halabsa area on the outskirts of the former insurgent stronghold.

It accused the troops of targeting

party members after its success in forging tribal alliances with other political blocs.

"The hidden political motive behind this incident is clear," the party said in a statement posted on its Web site.

The party said it "has decided to suspend all official contacts with the Americans, both military and civilians, until the party receives a reasonable explanation about what happened, along with an official apology."

It also demanded assurance those

responsible would be punished, compensation for the victims and the release of the five detainees.

Supporters of the Iraqi Islamic Party rallied Saturday in Fallujah to protest the raid.

The IIP has been locked in a bitter rivalry with Sunni tribal leaders who joined forces with the United States against al-Qaida in Iraq in so-called Awakening Councils that started in Anbar and spread to other Sunni areas.

That has raised concerns that the

political tensions could lead to new violence by disrupting the Sunni revolt, which is considered a key factor in recent security gains.

American forces handed over security responsibility for the province to the Iraqis on Sept. 1 but they retain a presence in Anbar, which stretches west from Baghdad to the borders with Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Also Saturday, about 300 Shiites rallied in the southern city of Basra against a U.S.-Iraqi security pact currently under negotiation.



One Big Jump

Tech student jumps bicycle over flaming Mazda to raise money for third-world water wells

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

AARON FARRIS, A junior energy commerce major from Katy, rides his bicycle over his car to raise money for Charity: Water, a non-profit organization that builds water wells that supply safe drinking water to people in developing nations, Saturday in a vacant lot next to his home. Spectators donated a total of \$267.76 to give to the organization.

By MATT MCGOWAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Ever Kniesel, eat your heart out. If Mr. Farris' middle name is "Danger," then his first name is "Charity."

About 50 people cheered as Aaron Farris, a junior energy commerce major from Katy, jumped his bicycle about eight feet over a small car Saturday evening in a yard near the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue X.

The event, "One Big Jump," was organized by Farris and several friends to raise money through crowd donations for Charity: Water, an organization that builds water wells for rural villages in third-world countries.

The tally from Saturday's fundraiser: about \$267.

The group of friends decided about a month ago to host the event after watching the movie "Hot Rod."

"I was the only one who said they'd do it," Farris said. "A bunch of people said they'd do

it at first, but then they backed out."

After a successful first jump, Farris did it again, but he upped the ante.

He jumped over the car a second time, but with friend and event co-organizer, Alex Linney, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Sugar Land, lying on the roof of the car.

"I was trying to think happy thoughts, like rainbows and sheep in the pasture and bunny rabbits," Linney said after the jump in which Farris' back tire nearly hit him. "That

tire was like an inch from my stomach. I was freaking out."

But Farris didn't stop there.

He jumped over the 1991 Mazda 323 hatchback a third time, its roof ablaze.

"Don't try this at home," Linney said as he poured charcoal lighter fluid into a cooking sheet and ignited it with a Bic lighter.

Jumping over his friend, Farris said, made him more nervous than jumping over the fire.

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Obama and McCain try Western swing

By BEN FELLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Scrambling to win the West, Democrat Barack Obama mocked John McCain on Saturday for aggressively trying to distance himself from President Bush. McCain touted his Western ties and warned that Obama is a tax-and-spend threat to the nation.

The financially flush Obama campaign also unveiled a two-minute TV ad that asks, "Will our country be better off four years from now?" The length of the ad, which will air in key states, highlights Obama's fundraising superiority — most campaign commercials run 30 seconds or a minute.

Obama continued to ridicule McCain for distancing himself from the president.

"John McCain attacking George Bush for his out-of-hand economic policy is like Dick Cheney attacking George Bush for his go-it-alone foreign policy," Obama said. Later in the day, Obama put

McCain's criticism of Bush this way: "It's like Robin getting mad at Batman."

Ten days before the election, both candidates were targeting the same trio of states — Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico. Any of them could help shape who wins the presidency.

The flurry of appearances by Obama and McCain likely represent the last time in a long, testy campaign that the toss-up territory of the West will get this much attention. Electoral prizes like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, will soon take the spotlight.

Obama said it was too late for McCain to portray himself as independent from Bush after standing with him for years. McCain has a mixed record of supporting and bucking Bush.

Real change, Obama said, is "not somebody who's trying to break with his president over the last 10 days after having supporting him for the last eight years."

OPEC slashes production; crude continues to tumble

By GEORGE JAHN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC said at an emergency meeting Friday that it will slash oil production by 1.5 million barrels to stem the "dramatic collapse" of oil prices, but crude prices plunged 5 percent anyway as financial markets spiraled downward across the globe.

Demand for crude has evaporated and the supply levers held by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries appear to have little influence in the current economic climate.

Iran and Venezuela pushed for a cut of 2 million barrels a day, but there were concerns among other OPEC members that a more se-

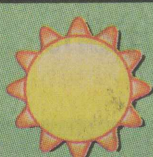
vere production cut would exacerbate a deteriorating economic crisis and further destroy demand.

OPEC officials, however, signaled they were prepared to slice deeper quickly if crude continues its freefall.

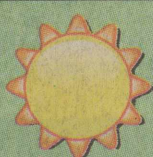
The world's biggest crude consumer immediately blasted OPEC.

"It has always been our view that the value of commodities, including oil, should be determined in open, competitive markets, and not by these kinds of anti-market production

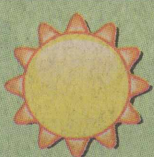
decisions," White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said Friday. "The high oil prices from the past year contributed to the slowdown in demand and the subsequent downturn in the economy, and we would ask that everyone keep that in mind going forward."



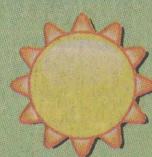
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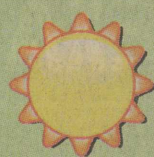
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Experts discuss 'bionic ear'

By **MATTHEW PAYNE**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Lecturers descended on Texas Tech to discuss the "bionic ear" Saturday as part of the 10th Annual Sowell Center Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Guest speakers, including Mona McCubbin, the executive director of the Heuser Hearing Institute in Kentucky, and Joe McNulty from the Helen Keller National Center provided audiences with their insight on the debated technology.

The bionic ear is a cochlear implant intended for the profoundly deaf, often allowing a deaf person to experience sound for the first time. The device is implanted surgically.

The incision is made behind the ear. Then, the "electrode array" is implanted. This "electrode array" stimulates the hair cells or fluid, which activates the auditory nerve, then sends a signal to the brain.

McCubbin said she agrees the cochlear implant is not for everyone, but it certainly can change the lives of others.

"The cochlear implant can only help people who are hearing impaired because of nerve damage in the ear," McCubbin said. "It can't really help people who are deaf for other reasons."

The total costs for the surgery range from \$110,000 to \$130,000, McCubbin said including the price of the cochlear device, which alone costs around \$7,500. Health insurance should cover the cost of the device.

McCubbin explained the differences between a hearing aid and a cochlear implant just before demonstrating the differences through Andrew Jackson, a 9-year-old user of the implant.

"A hearing aid just amplifies sound signals into the eardrum. The implant uses the body's nervous system and

electricity to stimulate sound," she said. "The implant also allows the users to pick up higher frequency sounds, like the F-sound, the S-sound, or the Sh-sound."a

McCubbin looked at Andrew and instructed him to "shush" someone. Andrew was able to mimic McCubbin's sound.

"You see? He can hear me when I shush," McCubbin said.

Brandi Birkelbach, Andrew's mother, said she knew her son was hearing impaired when he was 18 months old.

"We never were able to find out why," she said. "The hearing loss grew more and more severe and now he is profoundly deaf. We had the cochlear implant put in about 3 years ago, and I've witnessed dramatic improvements in his speech."

McCubbin said that the younger a person is when they receive the implant, the better the overall effect of the implant will be. If a person can hear speech more clearly, they can mimic it and speak fluently just like the non-deaf.

"A crucial time of speech development is somewhere between birth and 8 years old," she said. "Research suggests that someone who has the implant at that age will be far better off than someone who gets it in their 30s."

Birkelbach said she resorted to the cochlear implant for Andrew because she wanted him to experience sound and speech the way the rest of his family does. Birkelbach has four sons, and Andrew is the only one who is hearing impaired.

Andrew, McCubbin and Birkelbach all have studied sign language, and Birkelbach said she recently completed her certification for deaf education at Tech. Prior to receiving her certification, she worked as a special education teacher.

McCubbin said 90 percent of hear-

ing impaired children are born to hearing parents.

Birkelbach said Andrew prefers his hearing aid over using the cochlear implant, which can be deactivated at will. His mother refers to her son's hearing aid as "his security blanket" because it is the first thing he puts on when getting out of the bath.

"Andrew likes the hearing aid because it's what he's used to. When he gets older, I'll let him decide which one he wants to use, because he can hear very well with just the hearing aid," Birkelbach said. "Sometimes, he doesn't like the cochlear implant. For example, in restaurants, he deactivates it because it's just too much noise."

A portion of the deaf community is against the use of the cochlear implant, McCubbin said, considering the surgically implanted device to be a person's way of a rejecting the way a child is.

"Andrew is aware that he is different from other children, and from his brothers. I had Andrew get the implant because when he's old enough to make his decision, he will have all the options of using the implant, his hearing aid, or just lip reading or sign language," said Birkelbach. "This way, he can be a part of both communities. I didn't want Andrew to think that I didn't love him or want him the way he is."

McCubbin said culture is important to consider in the deaf community's reaction to cochlear implants.

"There is a definite feeling that the deaf community does not support the implant," she said. "Here is a group that would be really upset to see sign language go away."

Despite this, McCubbin said she is optimistic about the developments science and technology are making in hearing devices.

"With the way that technology is improving so fast," she said, "I am confident that the way in which we deliver services and education to deaf children will change."

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Film festival highlights hunger issues

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Waiting outside a clinic, a frail, starving and hopeless Ethiopian child buries his head into his hands. This was one of many images presented Saturday at the first Hunger Awareness Film Festival hosted in Biology building room 106 by Seva.

Terri Dove, a junior art major from Cooper and co-president of the organization, said Seva is a community service and activist group striving to shed light on global social justice issues.

Laura Zak, co-president of Seva and a senior English major from Lubbock, said Seva means "to give back" in Sanskrit.

"We're so blessed in our lives. We have food. We have shelter," Zak said. "This is a way to give back to the less fortunate."

According to the U.N. World Food Programme Web site, the hunger crisis affects more than 923 million people worldwide. Each day, 25,000 people die, and every five seconds a child dies due to hunger.

Zak said the purpose of the festival was to shed light and open dialogue in the Lubbock community on the issue.

"I like the idea that film festivals can present more than one side of an issue," she said. "We don't just want to tell people that these problems are there. We want to give them ways to solve them."

Three films played at the festi-

val. "The 20th Anniversary of the Ethiopian Famine," a documentary that followed BBC reporter Michael Buerk as he traveled back to Ethiopia, 20 years after he broke the story of the famine in the African country. "Sisters on the Planet," documented four women from Mississippi, Brazil, Bangladesh and Uganda, and explored how hunger and climate change are impacting their lives. "Silent Killer," focused on the global hunger crisis and what individuals can do to help solve the problem.

"World hunger is the Holocaust of our time," said David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, in the film "Silent Killer."

Movies were not the only feature at the festival. Speakers from the organizations Food Not Bombs, Breedlove and HON, provided information not only on the purpose of the groups, but also urged students to combat the global crisis by donating money and time.

According to the Food Not Bombs Web site, some of the organization's principles include nonviolence, free vegetarian food and calls for people to take action for peace and social justice.

According to the Breedlove Web site, the purpose of the non-profit organization is to provide dehydrated food as well as hope to those affected by the hunger crisis.

Zak said the biggest misconception about food is there is not enough to feed everyone. She said the crisis impacts not only the hungry but ev-

ery citizen of the world because food is a right, not a privilege.

"We're all a part of a big global family, even though I can't see their faces or I'll never meet them," she said. "We value human life."

Glen Hunt, a senior computer science major from Rowlett, said college students should care about the hunger crisis because of their "unique" position. Because college students have few responsibilities, mobility and free time, he said, they can help combat and solve the global hunger crisis.

Hunt said in order to fight global hunger, the next president should improve the educational system in the United States.

"I want the next president to make radical changes to the current education system," he said, "because that alone could help solve a lot of problems."

Zak said the film festival also was a way to transition into and highlight Hunger Awareness Month in November.

The film "Silent Killer" pointed out that in 1963 President John F. Kennedy declared an aspiration to end world hunger, not only providing nourishment but also instilling hope in the hearts and minds of millions world wide.

"We have the means. We have the capacity to eliminate hunger from the face of the earth in our lifetime," Kennedy said in the film. "We need only the will."

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Report: Iranian president has fallen ill

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has fallen ill due to exhaustion brought on by his heavy workload, the state-run news agency reported quoting a close associate.

The announcement comes as doubts have surfaced over whether Ahmadinejad, who faces strong

criticism from opponents, will seek re-election next year.

Parliament member Mohammad Ismail Kowsari, an ally of the president, said late Saturday that Ahmadinejad was feeling under the weather because of the strain of his position, according to the news agency, IRNA.

"The president will eventually get well and continue his job," said Kowsari, who accompanied Ahmadinejad last month to the U.N. General Assembly. "Every human being can face exhaustion under

such a workload." Ahmadinejad, who rarely misses meetings and public appearances, canceled a speech Wednesday at a conference and did not appear at a Cabinet meeting the same day. But the president, who turns 53 on Monday, did attend a religious ceremony on Saturday in Tehran, though he looked tired as he greeted supporters.

On Sunday, state TV also showed him receiving credentials of three foreign ambassadors.

Ahmadinejad, who is known for working long hours, has had low blood pressure and has gone to the hospital occasionally to seek treatment, said Mohammad Hossein Saffar Harandi, the Iranian Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance.

MONDAY							
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10 AM	Dragon	Word	11 AM	Martha	Jeopardy	12 PM	Quilt
1 PM	Scraps	The Doctors	2 PM	Betw. Lion	Reading Inside	3 PM	Arthur
4 PM	FETCH!	Cyber	5 PM	Maya	News	6 PM	NewsHour
7 PM	Antiques	Jack-Ad	8 PM	American Experience	"LBJ, Part 2"	9 PM	News
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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Irving bank robbery suspect flees in limo

IRVING (AP) — Economic times may not be that tough for a suspected bank robber in the Dallas area. Irving police say the on-the-limo suspect used a limousine as his getaway vehicle. Police say a Comerica Bank branch was held up Friday, then the suspect jumped into the passenger side of a black limo, which sped away. Police spokesman David Tull says the man escaped with an undisclosed amount of money. The limo is also sought.

Couple get marijuana with order of tacos

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — A Colorado couple found an unusual topping on their order of tacos: a small bag of marijuana. They discovered the drugs with their order from a Del Taco restaurant and called police, said Lakewood police spokesman Steve Davis. Twenty-six-year-old Dennis Klermund, who police say waited on the husband when he picked up food Oct. 16, faces charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Klermund initially denied any knowledge but admitted the bag was meant for a friend after a search dog found more marijuana in a locker, police said. Klermund no longer works at the restaurant, said manager Ulises Montero. A message left for Klermund was not returned.

No rest for dead at foreclosed funeral home

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Even the dead can't escape foreclosure in suburban Detroit. Five bodies and the cremated remains of 22 people were evicted Friday from a funeral home in Pontiac. The remains from the House of Burns Memorial Chapel were delivered to the Oakland County medical examiner's office for storage. A medical examiner's administrator, Robert Gerds, said some of the cremated remains date to the 1990s. The county will send the bodies to another funeral home if a family member makes a claim. A pastor who went to the building Friday to attend a funeral service says he disapproves of the timing and the way the eviction was carried out. Detroit television stations also aired video of caskets being removed. Gerds says no bodies were inside.

200-lb wild boar struck by car in Mass

LANCASTER, Mass. (AP) — This was no ordinary road kill. Massachusetts State Police say a 200-pound Russian wild boar was euthanized after being struck by a vehicle on a road in Lancaster earlier this week. Hunter Chester Hall said he was offered the carcass for coyote bait. wildlife experts. They say although some wild boars are known to live in northern New England, there never has been a native population of feral swine in Massachusetts.

Fla. woman grows dreads to nearly 9 feet

MIAMI (AP) — Asha Mandela has hair that could rival Rapunzel's. The South Florida woman who started growing her hair 20 years ago now has locks longer than she is tall. Mandela has submitted her hair, which measure 8 feet 9 inches long, to the Guinness Book of World Records for the Longest Dreadlocks, the first entry in a new category.

Bush urges patience in economic crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now is not the time for countries to abandon open market policies or make changes that would threaten free enterprise, President Bush said Saturday. Bush used his weekly radio broadcast to address anxiety about the financial meltdown, which Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress this week had left him in a "state of shocked disbelief." The president, who is hosting a meeting of world economic leaders on Nov. 15 in Washington, called for patience and expressed confidence the economy would eventually rebound. He called on the leaders at the summit to recommit themselves to the fundamentals of "long-term economic growth — free markets, free enterprise and free trade." "And this moment of global economic uncertainty would be precisely the wrong time to reject such proven methods for creating prosperity and hope," he said. Over the past few weeks, governments have taken unprecedented steps to thaw frozen credit markets and avert what economists predict could be a long recession. Still, stock markets around the world dove Friday and oil prices fell to their lowest in more than a year on rising fears that governments, central banks and finance ministers could be powerless to stop a global downturn. The Dow Jones industrials ended the day down 312 points at the 8,378 level, while all the major indexes fell

more than 3 percent. Major European exchanges that were down more than 10 percent during the day improved by closing time but still suffered losses as high as 5 percent. Asian stocks also closed sharply down. Russia's two exchanges were shut down early because of double-digit losses and officials said they wouldn't resume trading until Tuesday. "Americans from all walks of life are continuing to feel the effects of the financial crisis," Bush said. "In recent weeks, concerns about the availability of credit, the safety of financial assets and the volatility of the stock market have made many families understandably anxious about their economic future." He said steps the government has taken to stabilize the economy, such as the passage of a \$700 billion plan to buy bad assets from banks and other institutions and enhanced federal guarantees of deposits, are beginning to show results. "It will take time for their full impact to be felt," he said. Bill Burton, spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, said the president's efforts on the economy have fallen short. "After casting his ballot for John McCain," Burton said, "George Bush took to the airwaves and eloquently endorsed his economic plan that represents four more years of policies that give billions in tax breaks to CEOs and big corporations but does nothing to create jobs or provide relief to more than 100 million middle-class Americans."

US considering implications of nuclear decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mighty U.S. arsenal of nuclear weapons, midwived by World War II and nurtured by the Cold War, is declining in power and purpose while the military's competence in handling the world's most dangerous arms has eroded. At the same time, international efforts to contain the spread of such weapons look ineffective. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, for one, wants the next president to think about what nuclear middle-age and decline means for national security. Gates joins a growing debate about the reliability and future credibility of the American arsenal with his first extensive speech on nuclear arms Tuesday. The debate is attracting increasing attention inside the Pentagon even as the military is preoccupied with fighting insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan. The unconventional tools of war there include covert commandos, but not nuclear weapons. Gates is expected to call for increased commitment to preserving the deterrent value of atomic weapons. Their chief function has evolved from first stopping the Nazis and Japanese, then the Soviets. Now the vast U.S. stockpile serves mainly to make any other nation think twice about developing or using even a crude nuclear device of its own. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, wrote in the current issue of an internal publi-

cation, Joint Force Quarterly, that the United States is overdue to retool its nuclear strategy. He referred to nuclear deterrence — the idea that the credible threat of U.S. nuclear retaliation is enough by itself to stop a potential enemy from striking first with a weapon of mass destruction. "Many, if not most, of the individuals who worked deterrence in the 1970s and 1980s — the real experts at this discipline — are not doing it anymore," Mullen wrote. "And we have not even tried to find their replacements." Gen. Kevin Chilton, commander of U.S. Strategic Command, which is responsible for maintaining the nation's nuclear war plans, told Congress last spring that technical nuclear expertise also is lagging.

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Blogging encourages honest communication

“That’s it gothy, you just made my Internet diary.”

With those words, written in a Web comic I’ve long since stopped reading (Wigu by J.J. Rowland) I was introduced to the idea of a blog. It wasn’t until a while later that I actually heard the term blog, but the idea of a journal online intrigued me.

Kevin Saunders



Fast forward to today: blogs are everywhere, and with the rise of microblogging platforms like Twitter, practically passé. I’ve actually heard someone say “Blog? That’s so 2005.” How many people do you know started up a Xanga or LiveJournal only to leave it behind a few short months later?

There are a number of different types of blogs. Corporate blogs used as a method of public relations for big companies, political blogs to spread ideologies, fashion blogs to see who is wearing what

at the most.

For most people who blog as a hobby, the act of writing sometimes extremely personal things on the Internet isn’t as daunting as it might at first seem. There is a sense of blogging “into the void,” that is, with anonymity. It is unlikely that many people will read a blog, especially if it is kept a secret. However that ever-present chance of readership gives an author a sense of being heard.

There is a common Internet theory

known as John Gabriel’s Greater Internet “Jerk” theory. Roughly, the theory says that a normal person plus the anonymity of the Internet and an audience creates a total “jerk.” There is cer-

tainly much evidence for this theory on various message boards, but I propose a similar but opposite equation.

My theory will be called the Greater Internet Honesty theory. I propose that a normal person plus the anonymity of the Internet but minus an audience produces total honesty. It is a lot easier to tell secrets to nobody and everybody at once through a blog than to tell them to a few close people.

With just a quick Internet search (you can use Google if you want. After all they own the Web service Blogger) it is easy to find countless personal accounts of life. People have stories to tell and blogging is a way for them to be open and honest about those stories.

Some might argue it is selfish to think anybody would care about other people’s mundane lives, but

people do care and want to listen. My mother follows about half a dozen different blogs written by total strangers, and she cares about them. When we talk to each other, she often mentions her “imaginary friends” as we jokingly call them. She keeps up on their lives and by proxy, so do I.

Most personal bloggers probably will never meet their small audiences. They may not even know they have an audience, but they write to be heard. Even if it is just one set of eyes reading the words of a single blogger, a human connection has been made across potentially unimaginable distances, and when it comes down to it, isn’t that what everybody really wants?

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Students asleep to Adderall implications

By KENAN SOLOMON
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Desperate times call for desperate measures, but just how much do some yearn for that A on the organic chemistry final?

At \$20 a pop, Adderall seems like a desperate measure many students are willing to explore, if they haven’t already experimented with the drug. Intended as a “combination medication” according to WebMD, Adderall is used as part of a total treatment program to control attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. It helps patients pay attention, stay focused and control behavior problems.

Its intended patient base consists of those diagnosed with ADHD, not college students seeking a quick fix for a strong case of poor time management.

“It was my last exam, freshman

year, and I was drained from all my other exams,” said junior economics major Yusuf Adem. “It was a desperate move but when I did take it, I felt wired.”

This exemplifies the common confession from college students who have looked to the “smart pill” as a study aid. Some students out there take prescribed Adderall, helping them to compete academically with other students who have perfectly normal attention spans.

As more and more students without ADHD take Adderall, however, they stand to raise the standard of academic expectations while comparatively leaving those affected by ADHD right where they started. Soon enough, not taking the drug before every exam could be considered a poor decision, furthering the stereotype of a drugged-up America.

“I was the first person to show up at my exam,” Adem said. “I

made it through the exam, but I was averaging, like, two hours of sleep a night that entire week and eventually crashed for 23 hours. Naturally, I went home after my last exam, and my mom checked to see if I was breathing. I only took half [an Adderall] that day and gave the other to my roommate.”

But students like Adem take the drug without thoroughly understanding its potential harms. According to Solomon Tesfation, a local pharmacist, doses are prescribed based primarily on how severe a patient’s disorder is but are usually limited to one pill a day. Warnings for this medication clearly state if you suddenly stop taking it, withdrawal reactions may occur.

Such reactions can include severe tiredness, mood changes including depression and sleep problems. These are the kind of warnings you won’t find on the zip-

close bag you’re most likely to get Adderall on on this campus.

Adderall has become the steroids of our generation, with its abuse growing common and its safety constantly in question. Infamous athletes have been getting caught using steroids to gain an unfair advantage in their sporting careers year after year. Athletes caught in the act face suspensions, the return of medals and enormous shame. So what happens to the students who take Adderall and break the curve? Where’s that in the honor code we sign before every exam?

It’s nowhere to be found because the academic norms haven’t been adjusted to address this issue as the norms have adapted in the world of sports. I guess Red Bull and Monster energy drinks will take a back seat to the more potent Adderall and its generic imitators.



Mary Poppins: Magical Nanny and Rihanna Fan

Celebrating Halloween during election Palin false feminist, doesn’t support women

By ALEXANDRA SCHWARTZ
YALE DAILY NEWS (YALE U.)

Election years make for the best Halloweens.

I discovered this in 1996, when I was overcome by the irresistible urge to borrow a jacket and tie from my father and go trick-or-treating wearing an enormous rubber Bill Clinton mask. At the time I barely understood political affiliation. But I knew the ludicrous sight of the president’s smiling face bobbing atop the body of a fourth grader would inspire generosity in even my most tight-fisted neighbors.

(I like to think that when I told the adults who opened their doors that “children would die” if they neglected to add their spare pennies to my UNICEF box, I was channeling Clinton’s spirit, if somewhat simplifying his approach to international aid. But I digress.)

As for my trick-or-treating companion, whom I had convinced to accompany me as Bob Dole: She wound up with a little more than half as much loot as I did, which wasn’t far off from that year’s electoral vote breakdown.

Halloween at Yale may be all about cleverness and debauchery, but I still think of it as the quintessentially American holiday. Teachers go blue in the face explaining the basics of our political system to their young students, but nothing puts theory into practice quite so well as systematically harassing one’s neighbors for candy.

Does sitting around the dinner table with your family on Thanksgiving do anything to demonstrate the intersection of participatory democracy and capitalism? Has any child left a Fourth of July fireworks display well versed in the principles of competitive self-promotion and supply and demand?

I’m convinced that the three hours I put into making appearances as Clinton in 1996 and as Al Gore in 2000, were worth 100 hours of actual canvassing. If people are going

to vote, they want a face to connect with, a hand to shake. There is something disappointing in the notion of overeager college students appearing on your doorstep to campaign for a candidate when you know that somewhere else, other citizens are getting to meet the guy himself.

Indeed, while there are still states to be contested and swing voters to coddle (or alienate), my New York City neighborhood will never see the likes of an actual candidate. The least I could do was give my neighbors a taste of the big time, however small and illusory. Plus, walking a metaphorical mile in Al Gore’s shoes gave me a sense of real empathy for the guy — which came in handy over the following few weeks.

It was not until I had reached relative maturity that I grasped the extent to which the role-playing went both ways. Campaigns are just one protracted Halloween, and this one is getting more creative than most. Assisted by \$150,000 of fancy clothes and jewelry purchased by the McCain campaign, Sarah Palin gets to dress up like the kind of politician who could actually run the country responsibly.

Meanwhile, Barack Obama knows the all-too-common humiliation of sticking a foot in the front door only to have one’s costume misunderstood: What’s the point of all those years of elite education if you’re only going to be mistaken for a terrorist sympathizer?

McCain, for his part, seems comfortable with the nastier side of the holiday. If I had to name the political equivalent of toilet-papering all the houses on your block, it would be the McCain campaign’s recent spate of robo-calls. The initial rush of power that comes with playing dirty pranks on one’s opponent only makes the trickster forget that these things tend to come full circle.

As he veers from angry to bewildered and back again, McCain reminds me of a kid in my ninth grade class who came into school on Oct.

31 wearing a printed photograph of his own face.

The makeshift mask’s expression straddled the murky line that separates religious ecstasy from abject horror, and while we all knew that there used to be a genuine person underneath, the force of his pixelated grimace obscured reality.

One can’t help wishing, if only for the country’s general amusement, that McCain’s advisors had noted that Halloween observances change dramatically at a certain age. A child of six can get by with only a winning smile and a vague display of imagination. But if you’re still trick-or-treating after the age of 15 — or 70 — you’d better start showing some serious skin.

The candidates’ fervor this Halloween season is all the more remarkable considering the common knowledge that those are carrot sticks and toothpicks, not chocolate, waiting at the bottom of the bag. It may not be wise to bob for apples that might be concealing razor blades, but you have to envy their enthusiasm. Politicians, after all, will be kids.

By SARA HAJI
DAILY TEXAS (U. TEXAS)

I was going to dress up as Gov. Sarah Palin for Halloween this year.

The best Halloween costumes are easily identifiable, and Palin makes for a veritable feast of stereotypes — Eskimo, soccer mom and the ever-popular “MILF” among them. And while it wasn’t the most original idea, I thought it was pretty hilarious nonetheless.

But then I remembered that I’m a feminist.

Palin’s political rise has confounded feminists, raising questions of what actually constitutes feminism and how large of a role abortion rights should play in the feminist identity. Pro-life feminists have historically comprised a minority of self-declared feminists. Conventionally, in pro-choice speak, a woman’s right to complete control over her body is a crucial part of feminist ideology.

The emergence of Palin and her anti-choice group Feminists for Life, however, has left us slightly speechless — or perhaps even more outspoken. At the very least, the modern feminist movement is being forced to question its right to exclude women on the basis of this singular aspect of women’s rights.

Pro-life feminists claim among their ranks Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Mary Wollstonecraft, all who allegedly shared the belief of mainstream pro-lifers that personhood begins at conception and abortion is thereby a violent crime. Pro-choice feminists, of course, respond that female control over all aspects of reproductive health is essential to equality, compulsory pregnancy is a violation of women’s human rights, and without safe and legal abortions, women will take to unsanitary, harmful methods to have an abortion. There’s a small glitch, however: Pro-life feminists also contend that abortion is the result of a patriarchal, oppressive society that capitulates to male values.

Hm. Patriarchy. Oppression. Male values. These sound oddly familiar. In fact, most pro-life feminists are also proponents of comprehensive sex education, easy and affordable access to contraception and full, healthy sexual empowerment of girls and women.

Palin, however, is not one such proponent. Therein lies the rub: She isn’t a proponent of a woman’s right to choose, emergency contraception or comprehensive sexual education.

Amid accusations that Palin is riding the coattails of feminism straight to the White House, one has to wonder: Is she

giving anything back? The Republican Party seems to think so, claiming that she’s “broken the glass ceiling” through her nomination and willingness to withstand criticism (apparently they’ve forgotten Geraldine Ferraro back in 1984 — and, oh, Sen. Hillary Clinton).

She does manage a family and a job simultaneously, and it’s always a reflection of hard work when women enter the political domain. Unfortunately, she doesn’t support other women. After all, she’s on the ticket with Sen. John McCain, and he opposed the Fair Pay Restoration Act and supported cuts to the Family and Medical Leave Act.

The “hottest VP” buttons, her “MILF” status, the repeated references to her clothing and shoes, the implication that she should be at home taking care of her children — all of these threaten the strides, however small, she has made for women. She’s certainly no Hillary, and we needn’t support her because she’s a woman, but we do owe her the gender-neutral consideration we give other political candidates.

What all of this means, of course, is that I’ll have to find another Halloween costume that doesn’t conflict with my feminist principles — maybe someone really powerful and strong, like Princess Jasmine.

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Legacy of Jake's Sports Café in decline

I miss going to shows at Jake's Sports café.

It used to be one of my favorite places to frequent in Lubbock before the untimely closing of the establishment. The shows there have been some of the best I've seen in this town, and there were always so many people there.

Now reopened, I went back to Jake's Saturday night for the first time in what I'd say was nearly six months. Not much has changed. They still had the same old pool tables set up, the same old stage and the same old music-loving crowd. Although now I see a lot of guys there wearing girls' jeans. I have to say, I'm not a fan of that fad.

My original intention was to go and meet the band Cyrus, who recently opened for the Toadies when they visited Lubbock, but the whole time I was there I found myself reminiscing about all of the great shows I've seen on that stage throughout the years. This may go without saying, but the music is always good at Jake's.

Chelsea Roe



I really love that stage. The brick wall behind it adds this kind of dark comedy-club type of vibe, and there is great music right in front of it coupled with some really cool — and what appears to be new — light fixtures they have. Not to mention the sound at Jake's is almost always good, but that sometimes depends on who is running the sound booth.

While at Jake's I noticed there was still a loyal crowd of followers at the show Saturday, but I was disappointed to see that it does not have the rapport it once did.

It was not completely dead there — granted, I've seen the place with less business — but it was no "Spoonfed Tribe" show

type of night.

To be honest, I'm just not into the sort of post-modern, post-pop punk underground-style movement that seems to be emerging these days, especially in this bar and on that night. The music and the style it's submersed in just aren't my bag of tea.

I'm also just not down for being surrounded by people who just now turned 21 years old and feel it's their civic duty to consume as much alcohol as possible and to be as loud as they can — I saw a few of them on Saturday. I myself was like that when I first reached the age of legal alcohol consumption, as I'm sure most of you were, so I can't really blame them. I guess, all in all as I sat there attempting to listen to the bands playing right in front of me, I suddenly started to feel old and even somewhat out of place.

I must point out that I have ample respect for their booking agents. Whether it's of my interest or not, Lubbock needs to be well

versed in different styles and cultures. It must be before it can claim to be the crossroads of West Texas music. I give all the props in the world to them for attempting to bring a little diversity to our city; we desperately need it.

When it boils down to it, though, the night should have been about the band and their performance. Sometimes it's just more rewarding to take a walk down memory lane. Nostalgia can teach a person quite a bit about themselves and what's going on around them.

I have high hopes for Jake's, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Maybe next Saturday the Texas BelAirs (my favorite local band) can draw a crowd like the old days and help make Jake's become what it once was again.

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Youngstown State U. housing conducts dorm inspections

By LAMAR SALTER

THE JAMBAR (YOUNGSTOWN STATE U.)

Students living on campus prepared for a knock on their door as dorm inspections got underway by Youngstown State University housing staff two weeks ago.

Each semester, the department of housing and residence life conducts an inspection of every dorm room on campus. Housing staff and resident assistants check rooms for safety hazards such as wire plugs, flammable material and unauthorized items such as microwaves and alcohol. The

search is done once a semester during school and before campus closes for each holiday or semester break.

Executive director of student services Jack Fahey said the purpose of the inspections is mainly for fire safety and the well-being of students living on campus.

He also said in addition to posting notices around the dorms to notify students of the inspections, the housing staff knocks on students' dorms before entering each room as a final notice.

"Although we would prefer students to be in the dorm while we do

the inspection, it is not a requirement," Fahey said. "We do not search through your drawers or any place that is locked away. Our job is to check what is around the area that could be a hazard to students and make sure the dorms are safe."

Assistant director for resident education Erin Driscoll said the most common items found and confiscated are candles and wire plugs lying around the rooms.

"We usually suggest wire strips for the dorms instead of wire plugs, as they are much less of a hazard," Driscoll said.

Driscoll said when prohibited items such as alcohol or drugs are found, the department of housing handles the situation.

"We will have one of the housing staff members, such as a resident assistant, come talk to the students and let them know of what they have found in addition to leaving a notice to the students, and also let the students know from there what actions might be taken," Driscoll said.

Resident students living on campus voiced their reactions to the inspections.

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"Fire I can put out," he said afterward. "I'd rather catch on fire than land on Alex."

Before the jump, organizers played a short movie about the Charity: Water organization.

According to the movie, contaminated water causes 80 percent of the world's sickness and kills more people than all wars combined.

While the cost of a well varies, most cost between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to build, depending on how deep below the ground the fresh water source lies, said Luke Williams, a freshman civil engineering major from Phoenix, Ariz.,

who helped organize the event.

"It's cool because we're all different people from all over the place," Williams said about the organizing group of friends. "All of us meeting together at Tech for a cause — like for social justice — but we all found common ground."

One well, according to the movie, provides clean water for 400 people.

"It's just ridiculous how much you can do, but we don't," Williams said. "We want to build our own well tonight, but we're realistic. We can't do that, but every little bit helps."

Building in wells in countries like Liberia, Williams said, costs more than they do in place like Nicaragua and Honduras.

While most of the money donated came from donations, the group of friends also sold hotdogs, bottled water and cookies to those in attendance.

Farris said he bought the Mazda, which he jumped using a launching and landing ramp, this summer for \$400.

"How many people do you know who jumps a car?" said Stevie Womble, a junior biology major from Midland and a neighbor of Farris who watched the jumps with her dog.

Farris did several practice jumps before the event, he said, but he was not prepared for one of the event's unexpected factors: no daylight.

"He's face-planted in the light," said a man in the crowd as a volunteer pulled his car up to the ramp and turned on his headlights. "I can only imagine what will happen at night."

But no face-plant followed. As the crowd dispersed after the grand-finale jump over the fire, Farris said the event's turnout pleased him.

"A good amount of people came out," he said. "The excitement level out here was great. It wasn't lame. People were really excited. I'm glad I jumped it. I'm glad I didn't light my car on fire. I'm glad the fire department didn't show up. It was great. It was the craziest thing, well, until the next crazy event we do." >> matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu

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Amy Poehler gives birth to baby boy

NEW YORK (AP) — "Saturday Night Live" just won't be the same without Amy Poehler — who delivered a baby boy hours before she was to appear on the NBC show.

The live show's parody news anchor was missing from her spot alongside Seth Myers on "Weekend Update" because she gave birth earlier Saturday.

On behalf of Poehler and her

husband, Will Arnett, "I can confirm that Amy gave birth to Archie Arnett on Saturday," read a statement from Poehler's spokesman, Lewis Kay.

The baby was born early Saturday evening in New York, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Mother and child were "healthy and resting comfortably," according to the statement.

Jennifer Hudson nephew still missing

CHICAGO (AP) — The 7-year-old nephew of Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson was still missing Saturday, a day after the shooting deaths of Hudson's mother and brother in their Chicago home.

A suspect in the deaths remained in custody Saturday, but young Julian King had not been seen since the bodies of Darnell Donerson, 57, and Jason Hudson, 29, were found Friday afternoon.

A family member entering Donerson's South Side home found the woman shot on the living room floor. Officers later found Hudson shot in a bedroom,

police said.

At least one of the victims suffered defensive wounds, said authorities who described the shooting as domestic violence.

William Balfour was arrested Friday but had not been charged, law enforcement sources told the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. A statewide Amber Alert for Julian that remained in effect Saturday said Balfour was a suspect in the double homicide.

Police spokeswoman Monique Bond said investigators were talking to "a number of people in custody" but she declined to elaborate.

Jerry Lewis makes anti-gay slur

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Jerry Lewis made an anti-gay slur on Australian television similar to one he apologized for using on his annual telethon a year ago.

Following a news conference in Sydney Friday, Lewis, 82, was asked by a Network Ten national TV reporter for his opinion on the Australian nation sport of cricket.

"Oh, cricket? It's a f--- game. What are you, nuts?" Lewis replied.

The network broadcast the comment in full on its Friday evening news bulletin along with footage of Lewis handling an imaginary cricket bat with an effeminate gesture.

Lewis apologized in September last year for using a similar anti-gay slur in Las Vegas during his annual Labor Day telethon that raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

New York-based media discrimination watchdog Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, or GLAAD, as well as gay rights group Australian Coalition for Equality called for Lewis to apologize again.

"Last year, Mr. Lewis apologized for using an anti-gay slur on live television, and expressed his desire to raise public awareness about the impact of this kind of defamation," GLAAD president Neil G. Giuliano said in a statement.

Writer won't have to reveal sources

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — An author doesn't have to reveal his sources for a book in which he claimed Donald Trump's wealth was in the millions, not billions.

The ruling by a New Jersey appellate panel Friday reverses a 2006 decision to compel the disclosure.

Trump sued author Timothy O'Brien and Time Warner Book Group over the book "Trump-

Nation: The Art of Being the Donald." It claimed Trump was worth between \$150 million and \$250 million.

Trump says the book damaged his reputation and argues that his fortune was closer to \$2.7 billion.

The judges wrote that details of Trump's life are matters of public interest and therefore are protected.

Price was right for Cal Poly student

By CAMAS FRANK
MUSTANG DAILY (CAL POLY)

Cal Poly business junior Nikole Mackenzie's studying paid off this summer, not by gaining a degree, but by becoming the winner of an award showcase on "The Price is Right."

Mackenzie organized a trip with 20

friends to CBS Television City in Los Angeles with the intent of making it onto the program.

After passing the preliminary interviews where the studio screens potential contestants for expressiveness and enthusiasm, Mackenzie found herself on stage, wearing a green Cal Poly T-shirt and being cheered on by her entourage.

"I've been watching 'The Price is Right' since I can remember. It's always been a dream to be on it," she said. "I wanted all my friends to be there. Usually I'm not much of an extrovert, but in this situation I made myself because I really wanted to be on."

Mackenzie had an opportunity to win \$10,000 early in the program but lost out. However, she went on to win a spot in the showcase round, where she guessed closer to the correct price for the items than her opponent, who she speculated was unfamiliar with the format.

"The other girl said \$75,000 and she knew she'd made a mistake. I didn't want to overbid, I went with \$21,000. That's around what the prizes in the showcase are usually worth," Mackenzie said.

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Tech defeats Kansas 63-21 in start of difficult four-game stretch

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — It's one down and three to go in a brutish four-game swing that'll either ruin the season for Texas Tech or thrust the Red Raiders squarely into the national championship hunt.

With Graham Harrell throwing for 386 yards and five touchdowns and a swarming defense forcing Todd Reesing into his worst game since high school, No. 8 Texas Tech pasted No. 19 Kansas 63-21 Saturday. The Red Raiders scored 49 straight points.

Next up for Texas Tech (8-0, 4-0 Big 12) will be No. 1 Texas, followed in order by No. 7 Oklahoma State and No. 4 Oklahoma.

"We're focusing on not looking

ahead," said running back Baron Batch, one of 11 different receivers who caught passes in coach Mike Leach's seemingly unstoppable spread offense.

Harrell, the nation's No. 1 passer also scored on a 1-yard run for the Red Raiders, who rolled up 556 yards of total offense while matching their best start in 32 years.

"Here's the reality of it," Kansas coach Mark Mangino said. "We got a good old-fashioned butt-whipping today and we know that. You just get a day where the snowball starts rolling down the hill and before you know it, you've got no chance to stop it and it runs you over."

Parcel McBath intercepted three

of Reesing's first four passes of the third quarter to snuff out any flickering hopes for the Jayhawks (5-3, 2-2).

Harrell's touchdown passes ranged from 55 yards to Edward Britton to 4 to Michael Crabtree. He also connected with Eric Morris on scoring tosses of 10 and 7 yards and found Crabtree on a tackle-breaking 16-yard scoring play.

"It's all about having fun," Harrell said. "When we have fun, we're at our best."

The Red Raiders' career passing leader was 34-for-42 with no interceptions. But late in the game, long after the outcome was decided, Harrell was sacked on successive plays

after being sacked only once in his first seven games.

"We went out and executed well. When we play like that, we're tough to beat," he said.

Kansas matched Harrell touchdown-for-touchdown through a first quarter that ended 14-14. But the Red Raiders ripped off 49 unanswered points for their 10th victory in 11 games against Kansas, which had won 13 straight at home.

The Jayhawks kept trying to disguise coverages. But a week after giving up an Oklahoma school-record 468 yards passing, they were helpless against Harrell and his offensive machine. When they dropped everybody back in coverage, Harrell would

simply stand back, protected by huge blockers, and pick out targets.

When the Jayhawks tried to blitz, Harrell almost invariably found the open receiver and kept moving downfield.

"I thought we had some pressure on him at times," Mangino said. "There were a couple of instances where we hit him as he was throwing the ball and he completed it. That's pretty impressive."

Kansas tried a safety blitz on second down early in the second quarter and Harrell connected with Batch for 24 yards to the 7. On their second possession, Harrell again frustrated a Jayhawks blitz by flipping the ball to Batch on a simple screen that went

42 yards.

Any hope Kansas had in the second half was extinguished by the two quick touchdowns that resulted from McBath's interceptions, and turned a game that had Kansas favored by two points into one of the most embarrassing routs in Mangino's seven years as coach.

"I've never had that happen to me in a lot of years of football, back-to-back mistakes like that," Reesing said.

Reesing finished 16-of-26 for 154 yards and two touchdowns in Kansas' most lopsided home loss since a 64-0 setback to Kansas State in 2002.

"Sometimes when things go bad, they can get real bad," he said.

Tech soccer ends season back-to-back losses against Aggies, Horned Frogs

By STEVEN RYAN
STAFF WRITER

The final weekend of the season did not go as planned for the Texas Tech women's soccer team.

The Red Raiders (8-9-1, 3-7 in Big 12 Conference play) fell to No. 13 Texas A&M (13-3-1, 6-2-1 in Big 12 play) Friday night 1-0, before blowing a second half lead against Texas Christian on Sunday in a 3-2 loss.

"It was a disappointing way to end the season," Tech freshman Taylor Lytle said, "but hopefully our season is not completely over yet. We could still make the Big 12 Tournament."

Against Texas A&M, Tech played its best game against a ranked opponent all season.

In their four previous matches against ranked teams, the Red Raiders were outscored a combined 11-3 and were outshot in every game.

But Friday, Tech outshot the Aggies for 90 minutes. The Red Raiders controlled the tempo the entire second half maintaining a 12-1 shot advantage for the period.

"We showed not only that we can keep up with A&M, but we showed we could dominate them at times," Tech assistant coach Aaron Gordon said. "That is the cruelty of the game we play. You can dominate the other team but still lose 1-0."

In the final minutes, Tech had numerous chances to score. Freshman Casey McCall got the ball off a corner kick and just missed what would have been a tap-in goal. A minute later, Katie Hinds found an open McCall by the net on a cross, but McCall's header went well over the goal.

With the loss to A&M, Tech finished its Big 12 schedule with a 3-7 record, good for eighth place in the conference and the final spot in the Big 12 Tournament.

Now that the Red Raiders are done with conference play, they must sit at home and hope no one catches them from behind.

The team in position to catch Tech is Oklahoma. After beating Iowa State 2-1 Sunday, the Sooners now must pull off an upset against No. 11 Oklahoma



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Katie Hinds takes control of the ball during their 3-2 loss to TCU, Senior Day, Sunday at the John Walker Complex.

State Friday to propel them into the eighth and final spot, knocking Tech out of the postseason.

"It is just a waiting game right now," senior co-captain Shannon Sims said. "We can only hope that Oklahoma State shows up to play. We put ourselves in a tough spot."

With its conference portion of the schedule wrapped up, Tech finished its regular season against TCU Sunday, honoring seniors Tina Rincon and Shannon Sims before their four years on the team.

For the first 48 minutes, it looked as though the two seniors would end their careers on a high note. Lytle's fifth goal of the season came early in the second half and gave Tech a 2-0 lead.

But things started going south immediately after the goal was scored.

TCU tied the game in less than two minutes. Alex Mechalske and Jordan Calhoun scored back-to-back goals seven seconds apart, then Lizzy Karoly added another in the 61st minute to give TCU a lead it would not relinquish.

"We were unable to defend on set pieces," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "We had all the momentum but we gave it away."

With the loss coming on Senior Day, Lytle said it was a tough game to give away because the team wanted to win it for Sims and Rincon.

"They are a huge part of this team," she said. "Their leadership will be missed next year. Everyone on the team respected them and its good to have captains that you respect."

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Tech volleyball falls short to Colorado

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Sometimes a team is put in a situation it is unfamiliar with.

For the Texas Tech volleyball team, one of those situations is being up 2-0 in a Big 12 Conference match.

Tech (5-18, 0-12 in Big 12 play) lost 3-2 to Colorado (11-9, 5-6 in Big 12 play) after being up 2-0 to start the match Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

"I think obviously (it is) a big step in the right direction," Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said. "(Tech) played really good ball. We went back to what we did at the very beginning of the season, which was pass extremely well and run our middles actively."

The two teams played even until the score was tied at 14 in the first set. It was then that the Red Raiders made their move.

All it took was an Amanda Dowdy kill to put Tech in the lead for good. Dowdy then finished what she started with a kill to end the set.

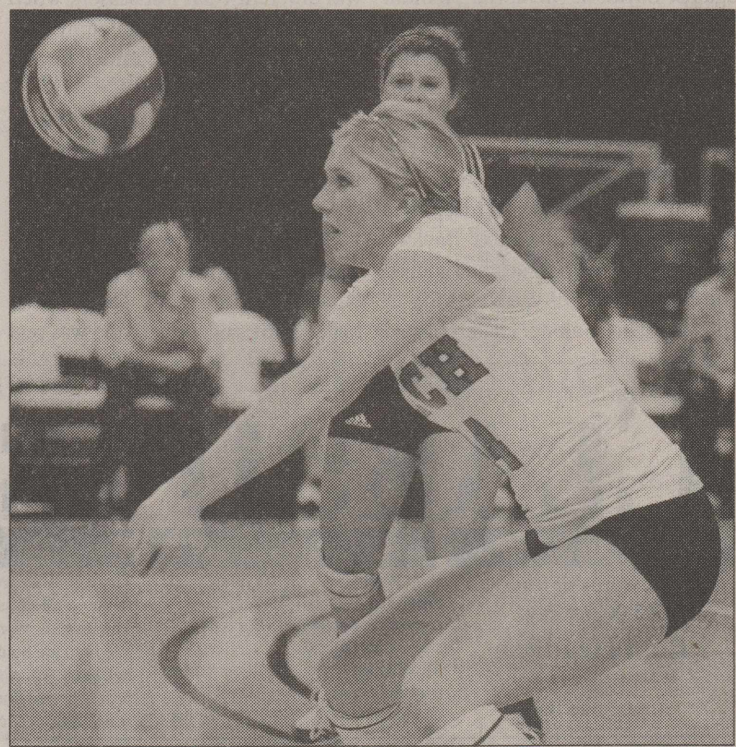
The win in the first set snapped a streak of 17-straight set losses for the team.

In the second set the Red Raiders capitalized on the momentum they gained by winning the first set.

Middle blocker Brandi Hood started Tech off with a kill to take a 1-0 lead. Hood made sure, time after time, that the Red Raiders were going to win the set with timely kills and constant pressure put on the Buffaloes' defense with relentless attacks.

Hood finished the match second on the team in kills with 16 and a .261 hitting percentage.

"Brandi Hood had an exceptional night," Moffitt said. "I think she really stepped up and did a really good job. She brought her game to a different level today."



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TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitter Hayley Ball returns a serve in Tech's 3-2 loss to Colorado on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Colorado then found the spark it was looking for.

The Red Raiders had the lead in the third set at 8-5 before surrendering eight-straight points to the Buffaloes. Tech followed that up with its own five-point run to even things up at 13. After regaining the lead at 18-16, Tech allowed Colorado to go on a 9-2 run to close the game out at 25-20.

Allowing scoring runs has been a problem recently for the Red Raiders, and Hood said the team cannot focus on what its opponent is doing but rather must focus on its own play.

"We have to stop their momentum and it's all on our side," she said. "We have to get up to put the ball away. We have to do everything perfect in those times."

Moffitt said youth and inexperience may have contributed to the loss in the third set as the team was

in "uncharted territory."

In the fourth set the Red Raiders were in the driver's seat the majority of the match.

Tech was not behind once until Colorado took the lead at 22-21. A kill by Amanda Dowdy and an assisted block by Dowdy and Caroline Witte brought the score to 23-22 in Tech's favor.

However, the Buffaloes were not to be outdone. A service error by Tech outside hitter Becca Baldwin allowed Colorado to regain momentum and score the next two points to even the match score to 2-2.

The deciding set was tightly contested throughout.

After 11 ties and lead changes to end the set, Colorado won its third-straight set and the match victory.

Witte tallied eight kills in the match from the setter position which is something Moffitt said was a product of the matchup she faced.

Dowdy led the team in kills for the match with 19, bringing her team-leading season total to 210.

"Growing as a team, it's a long process," Moffitt said, "and now we've taken away some of the mental barricades really. That's what it's been, other than the difficulty of the Big 12 being a barricade, now it's just slowly taking away the mental barricades that they have to success."

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