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Official claims Obama plotting with terrorists

AUSTIN (AP) — State Board of Education member Cynthia Dunbar isn't backing down from her claim that Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama is plotting with terrorists to attack the U.S.

The Texas Freedom Network, a watchdog group that monitors the board, released a public statement Monday asking Dunbar to retract the statement.

"I don't have anything in there that would be retractable," said Dunbar, R-Richmond. "Those are my personal opinions and I don't think the language is questionable."

NATION

Candidates promise change on election eve

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Barack Obama radiated confidence and John McCain displayed the grit of an underdog Monday as the presidential rivals reached for the finish line of a two-year marathon with a burst of campaigning across battlegrounds from the Atlantic Coast to Arizona.

"We are one day away from change in America," said Obama, a Democrat seeking to become the first black president — a dream not nearly as distant on election eve as it once was.

WORLD

String of bombings hits Baghdad, kills 10

BAGHDAD (AP) — A series of bombings struck Baghdad and a neighboring province Monday, killing at least 10 people and wounding 40, including a deputy oil minister who was injured when a bomb went off in front of his house as he was leaving for work.

Most of the six blasts occurred in Baghdad, reinforcing U.S. military warnings that extremists remain capable of launching attacks in the capital despite an overall improvement in security.

The attacks took place on the eve of the U.S. presidential election between Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain, who hold widely differing views on the war in Iraq.

DEATH TOLL

4190

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Blue & Red Raiders

Tech student organization pushes Democratic Party agenda

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

It's the day he's been working toward all semester, and Andrew Serrano is feeling confident.

President of the Texas Tech Democrats, Serrano and his crew have been counting down the days to this year's election, when they hope to see their work pay off.

"It's always an interesting time when the job of the leader of the free world is up for grabs," said the junior political science major.

Besides his work with the Tech Democrats, he has spent a large part of this semester volunteering at the Lubbock Democratic Party Headquarters.

Serrano said he was raised around political campaigns. He spent the first 13 years of his life in Herford, near his grandfather who was very active in local politics. Through his grandfather's work, he realized the impact he could have in local elections.

Serrano took his realization to a personal level when he became the president of the Tech Democrats, an on-campus organization that endorses and

volunteers time to democratic candidates on the local and national levels.

Serrano breathed life into the student organization that its Vice President Patrick Murray said was in bad shape after previous officers. "We had to just restart this semester," said Murray, a junior

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Tech student finds home in Lubbock's Republican Party

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
STAFF WRITER

It will be a sleepless night for one 18-year-old in the midst of politics.

As the local media contact for the Lubbock County Republican Party's office, Phillip Duffy, a freshman international business finance major from Lubbock, will be waiting

at the Lubbock County Office of Elections for Election Day's results.

After participating in the "central count" process during the primaries with Lubbock County Office of Elections Administrator Dorothy Kennedy and her staff, Duffy said the excitement of elections has subsided slightly and the "effect has kind of worn off."

The Lubbock native and first-time voter said he has been interested in politics since the election in 2000 when he was in the fourth grade. In 10th grade he became a Texas State Representative for the National Teen Age Republicans, a youth-based political organization in Washington D.C.

During one particular year, Duffy said, he was the only teen representative from Texas to attend the annual conference, which provided him the opportunity to be involved in politics on a national level.

He began his involvement at the Lubbock Republican office earlier this year after being encouraged by a friend at the office.

For Duffy, the values of

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PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador

ANDREW SERRANO, A junior political science major from Odessa, and Phillip Duffy, a freshman international business and finance major from Lubbock, are two student representatives for their respective political parties who will be on the edge of their seats today.

Mail-in ballots received, being verified by county

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Voters who applied for a mail-in ballot by the Oct. 28 deadline have until 7 p.m. on Election Day to return the ballot to the elections office.

Roxzine Stinson, the chief deputy of the Lubbock County Office of Elections, said only those mail-in ballots received late have not been processed.

The ballots received before the Oct. 28 deadline were processed and mailed out by Oct. 29, she said, and the ballot will need to be returned to the office by 7 p.m. today.

The office received 7,093 applications for mail-in ballots, Stinson said, and more than 6,000 ballots already have been returned to the office.

Randall Dillard, a spokesman for the Texas Secretary of the State's office, said if the ballot is coming from within the United States, the county's election office must receive it by the deadline.

In counties with populations more than 100,000 people, he said, the county can count mail-in ballots before Election Day. However, the numbers counted by the office may not be released until voting ends Election Day.

Stinson said the elections office will not begin counting the ballots until Election Day, but officials already are in the process of opening the mailed ballots and making sure the ballots are signed and valid.

One problem the county occasionally will have with ballots, she said, is that the voter will forget to sign the back of the ballot. In this case, the office will send the ballot back for the voter to sign, and the vote still will count.

Although the mail-in ballots lack the sophistication of computer-based polling booths, Stinson said she does not foresee any problems with the ballots.

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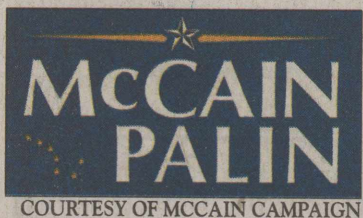
Poll finds racial influence for voters

By TINA L. ARONS
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Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed of a colorblind society, but, in the first election in which an African-American candidate is a serious contender for the White House, has that dream come true?

Despite a recent poll's results that indicated racially-charged undertones in this year's presidential election, political science experts question the poll's accuracy and wonder if Americans do in fact take race into account when they head to voting locations.

"It's not that long ago that African-Americans didn't have a vote," said Pam Brink, chairwoman of the Lubbock Democratic Party. "It wasn't until 1965 that their vote was guaranteed."



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COURTESY OF OBAMA CAMPAIGN

A poll by The New York Times and CBS News found that more than 80 percent of black voters surveyed said they had a favorable opinion of Sen. Barack Obama, compared with 30 percent of white voters who said they had a favorable opinion of him.

According to the nationwide telephone poll conducted in July, almost 60 percent of black respondents and 34 percent of whites said race relations were generally bad.

The poll revealed that about 40 percent of black people said Sen. John McCain would favor whites over blacks if he were to win the presidential election.

But these numbers may not be an accurate gauge of the nation's attitude about race or the influence of Obama's heritage in the presidential election.

Mark McKenzie, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech, said the polls have some political science experts wondering whether the "Bradley Effect" caused deceptive predictions.

The Bradley Effect was named for former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, an African-American who lost the California governor's race in 1982 despite indications otherwise in exit polls.

"Political scientists wondered why," McKenzie said, "and some suspected that people were lying to the pollsters because they didn't want to seem racist."

However, he said political experts recently looked at the Bradley Effect and have

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UT game brings economic boost to local restaurants

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Restaurants surrounding campus often see a larger profit margin on home football game days, but Saturday's game proved to be especially profitable.



MCBRIDE

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce President Eddie McBride said Saturday's game had a tremendous impact on all retail sectors. He said, although several Tech events

are profitable to local businesses, restaurants can gain market share as a direct result of football games.

McBride said that while large events such as Saturday's game will have an impact on future restaurant and retail development, he cannot say specifically how many new establishments will come to Lubbock.

"People can anticipate that the market will bear what the market demands," he said.

For some local restaurants, the market demanded extended hours of operation.

Jessica Cagle, manager of the local restaurant Raising Cane's, said her staff was pulling in enough business to stay open an hour later than usual. The restaurant, which she said planned to close at 3 a.m., was still serving food at 4 a.m.

"The lines were out the doors and wrapped around the building," she said. "It

was the most students we have gotten and probably will get all year."

Although customers had to wait longer than usual for their food, Cagle said, morale was high and she didn't hear any complaints. While she expected the game to cause a crowded dining room, she attributed the good attitudes of customers to the win.

"The rivalry was just huge," she said, "so fans were just so excited to have won."

Moses Tievino, manager of the IHOP near campus, said Saturday night's game affected them much like it affected Raising Cane's. Tievino hopes every weekend would bring in the sales he saw Saturday.

He said they had more customers than normal, and it showed in the sales numbers.

"I can see increases from this weekend

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BEYOND THE BLOTTER

Police report fewer arrests than expected

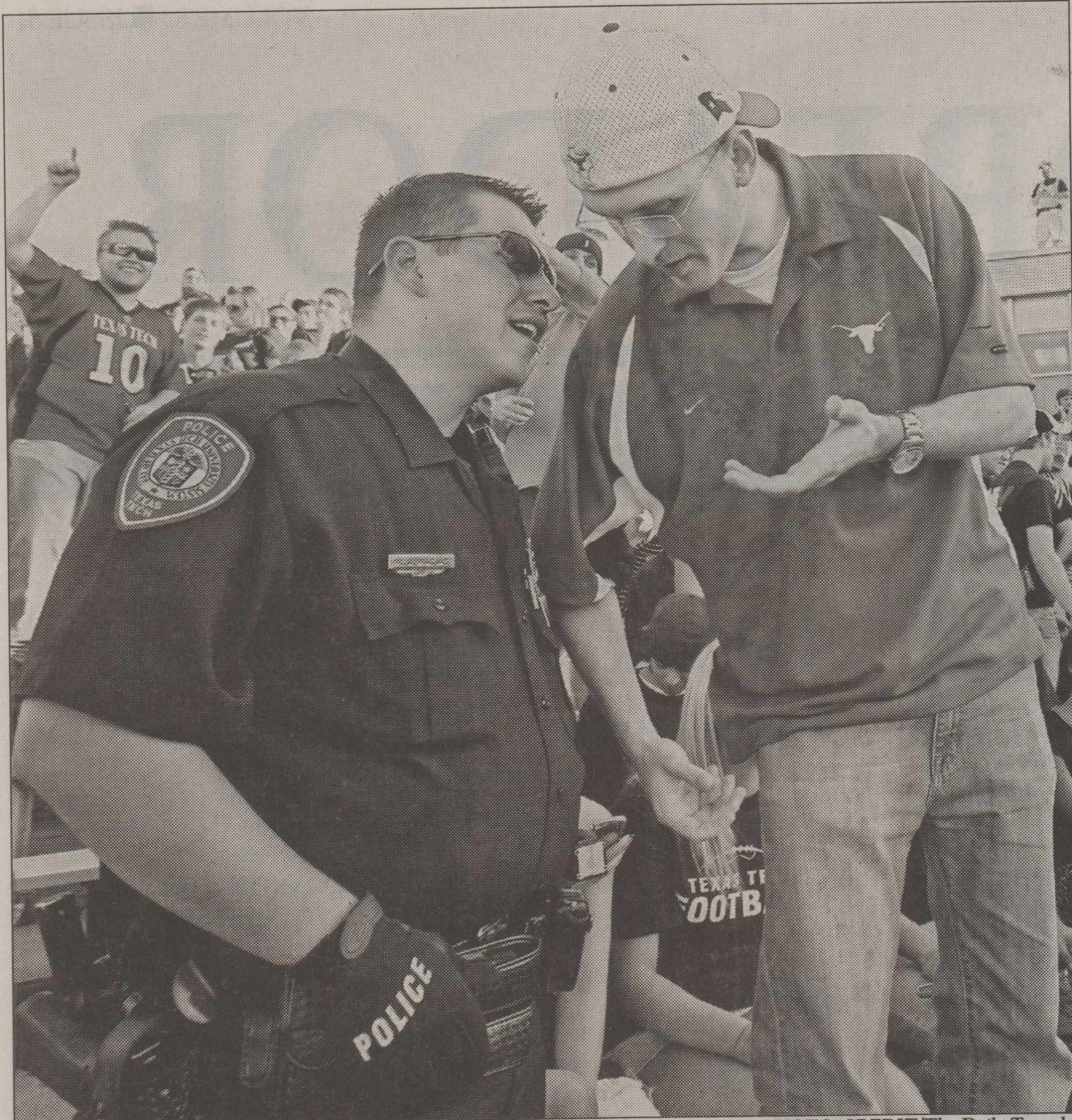


PHOTO CREDIT/The Daily Toreador
JORDAN EVANS, A senior mechanical engineering major from Amarillo is questioned by police. Evans had a valid Texas Tech ID.

By **JON VANDERLAAN**
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock and Texas Tech Police Departments expected to arrest more people than usual with the No. 1 ranked football team in the nation visiting the Hub City but were surprised to report fewer arrests than initially anticipated.

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech Police Department said 26 people were arrested during the game and 28 total were arrested Saturday.

Capt. Greg Stevens of the Lubbock Police Department said despite common beliefs, the department will not assign additional officers to prevent students from rushing the field for future games.

Despite an NCAA rule against rushing the field, which results in an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for the violating team, Stevens said the department does not have a problem with students rushing the field, and made no arrests on the field during the Texas game.

"(Letting) people come down on the field is perfectly fine be-

cause that lets a lot of energy go out — everybody gets to come down and celebrate," he said. "If you don't do that, they're going to go out and do that somewhere (else)."

The Tech Police Department made several arrests for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, Seacrist said, but they made no arrests on the field.

The department expected a busy weekend, he said, and came up with a good plan of action. While some plans are being looked at for possible adjustments, only minor changes are likely.

One such change may be the way traffic is handled at the intersection of Fourth Street and University Avenue, Stevens said.

The department made no mass or major arrests, he said, and they will keep the same basic plan for the next football game.

Seacrist said although the department never has dealt with the amount of people that were on campus during the weekend, the department responded well and only will change a few policies for the next game.

A surprisingly low number of arrests were made at the game, he said, especially because of the amount of people in the stadium and the time of the game.

The stadium turned away some student admissions, but he said only one arrest was made due to a student who acted out because of the denied admission.

"The biggest issue we had was just traffic," Seacrist said. "There were so many cars, so much traffic. Getting people in and out was much more difficult than it usually is."

One change the department will make for the next game, he said, is in the time officers arrive at the game. Because traffic was congested, officers arrived later than they hoped.

Although the traffic was bad, Seacrist said, the officers who helped guide traffic did a "phenomenal" job making sure it was handled well.

The Tech Police Department had about 150 officers present at the game, he said, about 40 more than the usual 110 officers staffed for football games.

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Counterfeit tickets create new problem for Texas Tech athletics

By **JON VANDERLAAN**
STAFF WRITER

About 500 Texas Tech football fans thought they had a ticket to Saturday's matchup against No. 1 ranked Texas but soon found out they bought a counterfeit ticket.

Before the game, the Tech Police Department and Tech officials said they had not received information about counterfeit tickets and did not expect a problem with fans buying possible fakes.

But Dave Welsh, Tech assistant athletic director for ticket operations, said he spoke with about 200 people possessing counterfeit tickets. Many of the fake ticket holders he spoke with said they bought their tickets on Broadway Avenue, the intersection of Fourth Street and Avenue Q, and certain 7-11 convenience stores.

The fake tickets, which are made of a different type of paper and have a different bar code than the real tickets, do not scan correctly at the gate — an immediate sign of a fake ticket.

It is hard for the average fan

to tell if tickets are real or fake, Welsh said, which makes it important for fans to buy their tickets at the ticket office.

"The best thing we are trying to do is media awareness to have people not buy from these street vendors," he said, "and even eBay stuff is not a fool-proof, automatic ticket."

The university never had problems with counterfeit tickets before, he said, but because the team continues to play on a national stage, it may be a problem more often.

Desperation to get tickets may have played a factor, Welsh said, as the game was sold out early in the season. The fans he spoke to said they felt furious, silly and victimized.

However, capturing professional counterfeiters may be difficult after the fact, he said, because the counterfeiting rings generally leave the area soon after selling tickets.

Capt. Greg Stevens of the Lubbock Police Department said he is not sure if any of the reports the department received about the counterfeit tickets have been assigned for officers

to investigate.

Because the department assigns cases based on their "solvability," he said, some cases may take much longer to be assigned because of the lack of evidence to point to a suspect.

Stevens said the department did not expect counterfeit tickets to be a problem, but he was not surprised by the problem.

The awareness caused by w people who were sold fake tickets may make people more wary for the Oklahoma State University game, he said.

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech Police Department said the department received information that counterfeit tickets existed just before the game started, but they all were sold at off-campus locations.

The difficult part of the investigation will be tracing the tickets, he said.

The department did not have any problems with fans acting poorly because of the fake tickets, Hoffman said, because he believes fans realized they took a chance when buying the tickets.

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Lubbock receives \$66 million for freeway section

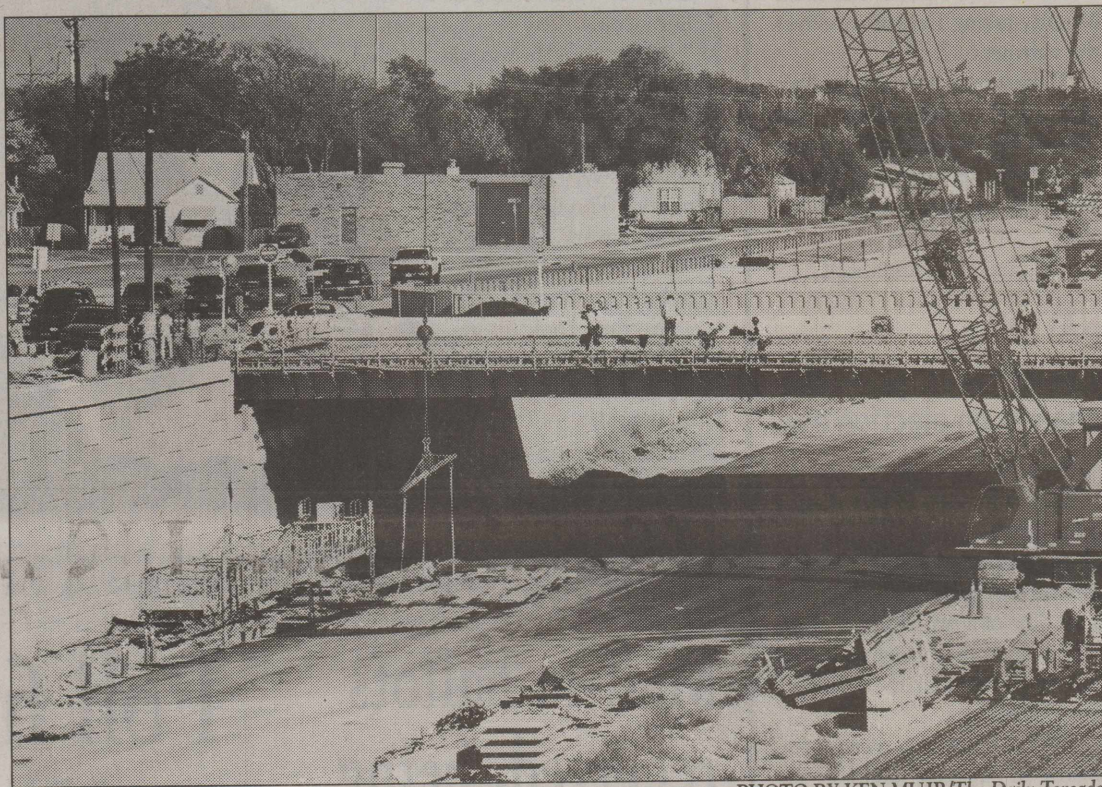


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CONSTRUCTION ON THE Marsha Sharp Freeway causes traffic congestion on 4th and University Monday.

By **MATT COBB**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Transportation Commission unanimously voted Thursday to provide funding to complete a section of the Marsha Sharp Freeway.

Lubbock will receive \$66 million in funds to connect the Marsha Sharp Freeway to Interstate 27, which will come from a \$1.8 million package for construction projects across Texas.

The funding will go entirely toward the completion of Phase 4, which is the section of the freeway that stretches from Avenue L to Interstate 27, said Eddie McBride, president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

"It is a very important part of an

excellent transportation system in the city," he said.

McBride said he believes it is "outstanding" that funding was allocated to this portion of the freeway. These funds could significantly reduce the project's construction time. Officials will start looking for a contractor for the next phase of the project toward the end of next year.

"Now that the funds have been secured," he said. "They think the freeway will be completed in a 10-year timeline."

Right now, a big focus is to get Phase 4 of the freeway construction started, said Dianah Ascencio, public information officer for Lubbock's District of the Texas Department of Transportation. Construction of Phase 4 of the freeway was delayed

because of a lack of funding.

"When we first started construction in 2002, we were anticipating it would take anywhere from 18 to 20 years to get Phase 4 built," she said. "We are now on schedule to complete this in half the estimated time."

Once construction begins, it should take between two-and-a-half to three-and-a-half years to complete Phase 4, Ascencio said. People will be able to drive entirely across town without having to stop, once this portion of the freeway is complete.

In addition to beginning Phase 4 of the project, the construction around Texas Tech's campus is nearing completion, she said. This includes the bridge located at the intersection of University Avenue and Fourth Street.

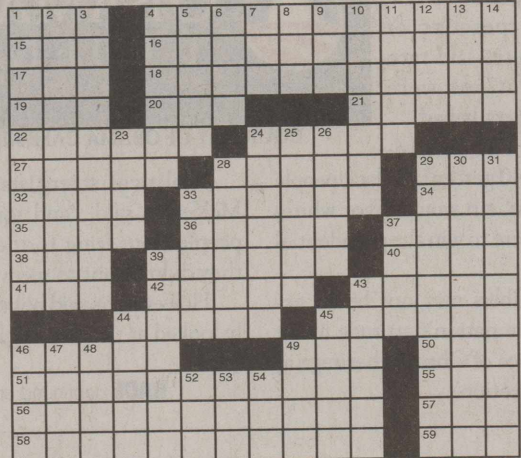
Ascencio said construction crews anticipate having the University Avenue and Fourth Street bridge open by the end of November or early December.

The freeway construction around Tech's campus is part of Phase 2 of the project, she said. Phase 2 of the freeway stretches from Salem Avenue to Avenue L, and it should be complete by early 2009.

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- ACROSS**
1 Small pitcher
4 Winner or loser?
15 United
16 Exploit too much
17 SHO rival
18 Authenticity
19 Saul's uncle
20 High dudgeon
21 Dodger Pee Wee
22 Refrigerator sticker
24 Speaks roughly
27 Canadian tribe members
28 George Sand novel
29 WWII soldiers
32 Taxis
33 Closet item
34 Former queen of Spain
35 Border on Chekhov or Bruckner
37 Back part
38 They: Fr.
39 A Gandhi
40 Royal Peruvian
41 Book before Esth.
42 Nary a soul
43 Yellowish-pink
44 Barely making do
45 Delay
46 White with age
49 Memo acronym
50 Altar of stars
51 Allotments
55 Actor Kilmer
56 Extinct
57 Pierre's here
58 Winner or loser?
59 Equivalent wd.



By **Willy A. Wiseman**
New York, NY 11/4/08

- DOWN**
1 Winner or loser?
2 Too much to take
3 W
4 Hobgoblins
5 Stave off
6 Descartes or Magritte
7 Island group in the Moluccas
8 Mil. watchdog grp.
9 Kesey or Follett
10 Like bogeys
11 Elaine's last name on "Seinfeld"
12 On the sheltered side
13 Velvety flora
14 Projection on a basilica
23 Home in a tree
24 Seeking tenants
25 Dick Cheney's predecessor
26 Tuscan commune
28 Presidential also-ran of the past
29 "Commander in Chief" star
30 Factual fault
31 Winner or loser?
33 Asian capital
37 Phnom Penh cash
39 Mushroom with black gills
43 Lethal substance
44 Wear away
45 Christie of the Pretenders
46 Pilgrimage to Mecca
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49 Edibles
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Clint Eastwood's 'Changeling' brilliant, haunting addition to his directing career

Some people don't like leaving a film with mixed feelings. I don't mean feelings about whether the movie was good or not, I mean a feeling of numbness. The movie didn't make you feel just sad or just happy. You simply don't know what to feel.

I think that's why a lot of critics don't like Clint Eastwood's films. Movies like "Mystic River" and "Million Dollar Baby" end in moral ambiguity, and people don't like stories that aren't tied up with a big bow and a note that says, "Here's how you should feel."

So it is with "Changeling," Eastwood's latest.

And that's just one of the reasons it's a great film.

"Changeling" is one of the most disturbing and beautiful films to come out of Hollywood since, well, "Million Dollar Baby." One of the most troublesome aspects of the story is that it's true, and during the first hour of the film you may have trouble believing that. The LAPD was hardcore corrupt in the 1920s, and Eastwood's film tells the story of one brave woman who stood up to this corruption.

Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie) is a single mom living with her

Chris Kellerman



son, Walter, in 1920's Los Angeles. Christine comes home late one day from her job as a telephone operator only to find Walter missing. She calls the Los Angeles Police Department, but the LAPD tells her she must wait 24 hours to file a missing child report. Naturally, Christine is shocked, but the LAPD tells her to "check the neighborhood."

Of course, Christine doesn't find Walter, and when the LAPD finally decides to take her case the next day, Walter's disappearance becomes something of a statewide news story. There's a whole lot of pressure on the LAPD to find the boy, much of it coming from Rev. Gustav Briegleb (John Malkovich). Briegleb is a Presbyterian pastor who uses his popular radio show not only to preach the Gospel but to expose LAPD corruption and inefficiency.

A few months after Walter's

disappearance, the officer (Jeffrey Donovan) handling Walter's case tells her they've found Walter in Iowa. Christine goes to the train station to be reunited with Walter, but a tragic mix-up has occurred: It's not Walter.

Even stranger, the kid claims he is Walter, and the LAPD tells Christine that she's wrong.

Christine spends the next few weeks trying to prove to the LAPD, with the help of Walter's doctors and teachers, that the child they have returned to her is in fact not Walter. The LAPD insists that it is, and when Christine and Briegleb start to cause a fuss, the LAPD promptly locks up Christine in an insane asylum.

The rest of the film explores Christine and Rev. Briegleb's struggle for justice, the search for Walter, and the disgusting murders of a serial killer named Gordon Northcott (Jason Butler Harner).

There's only a couple flaws in "Changeling."

There are a few cheesy lines in the script written by J. Michael Straczynski, but they're mainly reserved for the child actors who can't really act anyway. There's four main kids in the film. Two of whom can act (the two

Walters) and two who can't. Unfortunately, when those two disappointing children are on the screen, the movie gets a little awkward.

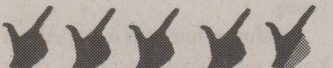
Besides that, everything's perfect. The direction is flawless, the cinematography is just as haunting as any other Eastwood flick, and even Eastwood's score is wonderful. Jolie is as brilliant as usual. We quickly forget she's a mega-star and instead remember that she is a damn good actress.

I suspect she'll get an Oscar nomination for this performance.

Malkovich is in top form, and Harner is absolutely creepy. One of the final scenes between Jolie and Harner carries enough weight to crush a semitrailer. All supporting actors are fine.

"Changeling" won't leave you feeling happy or sad, but it will leave you thanking your lucky stars Clint Eastwood is still making movies.

Four and a half out of five guns up.



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Race

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not found evidence of the effect in national or congressional elections since the 1990s.

"I don't doubt that it has had some effects on this race," Brink said, "but I'll tell you what's exciting to me is how much it hasn't had on this presidential campaign."

Brink evidenced former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as examples.

"When they made momentous decisions, I don't think people thought about the fact they were black at all," she said. "I think we'll see this over and over again, especially with younger generations. I'm 63 years old and my generation was involved in the civil rights movement. It is thrilling for me to see this kind of promise for the future."

Brink said she is confident the American people disregard any remaining negative race relations impacting this or future elections — or society in general for that matter.

"It's irrelevant," she said. "We just drag along this baggage, but I think we're shedding it marvelously."

Chris Winn, chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party, said he agreed that race was not a focal point during the months leading up to today's election.

"I think what they've been focused on are the issues John McCain and Barack Obama have been discussing," he said. "To make race an issue is to ignore that."

He said people are more concerned about a presidential candidate's plans for the economy, the war in Iraq, and leading a country whose citizens lack "trust and confidence in its government and financial institutions."

"Race can be thrown out there as a red herring, but the real issue is how much experience Barack Obama has got," he said. "There is no correlation to me about that and the fact he's an African-American."

Winn said the poll may only

Poll Results

Four out of 10 black people said there has been no progress in recent years in eliminating racial discrimination. Fewer than 2 out of 10 white people said the same thing.

About 25 percent of white people polled said they thought that too much had been made of racial barriers facing black people; about 50 percent of black people said not enough had been made of racial impediments faced by them.

Nearly 70 percent of black people said they had encountered a specific instance of discrimination based on their race; about 26 percent of white people said the same.

Sixty-four percent of black people said white people have a better chance of getting ahead in today's society.

Source: *The New York Times* and CBS News poll

Democrat

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French major from Lubbock, "because the officers before had let it die."

Murray and Serrano said the group is four-times larger than last semester, and Serrano attributed the attendance to the popularity of this year's democratic presidential candidate.

"When Obama says something," he said, "it resonates with listeners."

Serrano said he has always been liberal and passionate about politics, but his excitement for this year's candidate started with a 2004 Democratic National Convention speech by Obama.

"I realized then that there are really people who care about the greater good," he said, "and he is one of them."

After reading Obama's memoir in 2005, Serrano said he knew the candidate would be president someday, but was not sure when. Although Serrano felt at first that running this year was a little early for the candidate, he said the timing has worked to Obama's benefit.

"Polls lie to an extent," he said, "but you can't ignore he's the front-runner."

Win or lose, Serrano said he and the Tech Democrats will be proud of their efforts in this year's election. A lot of optimistic people, including himself, have been hoping to see Texas go blue this year, but since the state remains red, he said the group has been focusing their efforts on other states.

Serrano's efforts include visits to New Mexico and phone calls to several states, but he said his biggest accomplishment regarding this election is the number of people the Tech Democrats have registered to vote.

For Serrano, satisfaction comes from sending informed voters to the voting booths. He said the Tech

Democrats have registered more than 1,000 voters.

Serrano said he feels his group is working on a conservative campus, so his efforts have been geared toward registering and informing voters, and he is proud to get any students to the voting booth.

Although a lot of people are getting involved in this year's election, Serrano said he is not sure they all know the issues, and is still concerned there are students who do not care about the election.

"It's hard not to care with the economy and the war," he said. "Our country is at a crossroads."

The economy and the war are two issues Serrano listed as most important for student voters. He said the economy should be a significant concern for students nearing graduation, and this year's election will choose the economic path America will take.

Concerning the war, he said students should be concerned with seeing their friends and fellow students fighting and losing their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, and should examine where they stand on this issue.

Because Tech has made voting so convenient for students, Serrano said he sees no reason for them not to vote, and although he is uncertain about the outcome of votes in Texas, he is encouraged by the work of the Tech Democrats in other states.

He said Obama has changed the electoral map, and is eager to hear Tuesday's results.

While Serrano and Murray agree that they can only do so much regarding the election, they feel they have met the expectations of the group and have really made a difference in Lubbock.

"We've done the best we can and all we can do is watch the returns come in," Murray said. "Sure, we'll be disappointed if Obama doesn't win, but if he does we'll be ecstatic."

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Republican

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the Republican Party fit his right-winged ways.

Growing up in a conservative household with two Republican parents, Duffy said, his mother and father were open-minded to whatever political party affiliation he chose.

"In my heart of hearts, everything the Republican Party stands for are my beliefs," Duffy said.

"The core values are what influenced me the most."

Chris Winn, chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party, said Duffy is a valuable asset to the office locally and nationally, and they "couldn't work without him."

A recent trip to Colorado with six Lubbock representatives helped stump for McCain's campaign, he said, as his delegation went door-to-door and collected more than 500 voter contacts.

"Our office outperformed every other office in Colorado the entire three days we were there campaigning," Duffy said.

Irene Howell, an administrator at the Lubbock County Republican Party, said all of the workers call Duffy "the Governor" because of his involvement and dedication to the party.

He has assisted in primary fundraisers, attended rallies and conventions and is the first contact for the media, she said.

Duffy's professionalism, experience and knowledge of the media, Howell said, are the reasons why he

was given the position during this year's election.

His integrity and spirit, Winn said, makes Duffy a "natural-born leader."

He said he foresees Duffy getting more involved in politics in the future, and his grassroots involvement gained him contacts from the local courthouse to the White House.

Jacob Reach, a graduate student from Plano and student volunteer at the Republican office, said Duffy looks for any opportunity to help at the office. He is doing one of the hardest jobs of the year, staying at the elections office all night.

Duffy is devoted to getting students involved in politics, Reach said, by going to Greek organizations, urging students to register in Lubbock County and reminding

them about voting dates.

As a young voter himself, Duffy said he thinks youth plays an important role in this year's election.

"I've seen a lot of outpour from a lot of kids who are completely interested in it," he said. "And a lot of us are for McCain."

Despite Gallup's most recent poll that shows Barack Obama leading McCain by 11 percentage points, Duffy said he remains confident that McCain will take the presidency.

"People know what's important to their values and what's important to their lives," he said, "and basically, tomorrow, when they go into the voting booths they will vote that way, so hopefully they'll realize that's John McCain."

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Ballots

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As of Monday afternoon, 127 mail-in applications were canceled at polling booths — which means the voter used the polling booth instead of the mail-in application to vote — and 705 still were not received.

Mark Heinrich, a Lubbock County commissioner, said some of the applications could be voided if they are determined to

be duplicated or fictional.

The county is "going to all lengths" to be sure Election Day in Lubbock goes smoothly, he said.

Voting for the 2008 Presidential Election begins at 7 a.m. today and ends at 7 p.m. More information on polling times and locations for Lubbock county can be found on the Lubbock County Office of Elections Web site.

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Student voters political beliefs heavily influenced by family, education

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Steven and Elyse Keaton could be considered by many to be zealous left-wing hippies, raising children with entirely different values from the characters on the television series "Family Ties."

Upon watching the show, viewers are left to wonder if a real family exists with such contradictory political ideals.

But Alan Reifman, a Texas Tech professor of human development and family studies, said a voter's family is only a part of their political influence.

"How often that exists in real life," he said about the probability of a real-life Keaton clan, "I don't know."

The professor, who studies ado-

lescence and transition into adulthood — including political identification — said parents do play some role in developing a child's party loyalty, but so do other factors, including school, peers and the media.

Although children often are influenced by their parents' political ideals, Reifman said, it is likely the exposure to politics in college can be another significant influence.

For Reifman, proof of this influence lies in the Bennington College Study led by late psychologist Theodore Newcomb.

Reifman said the private women's college in Vermont was widely known as liberal, but students came to the college mostly from Republican families. The study, conducted in the 1930s, showed education affected political identity.

"You figure the kids will be fairly conservative," Reifman said, "but when professors and upper-year students are liberal, the two forces hit each other."

Reifman said the study showed conservative women who pursued higher education at a liberal college may have left the party loyalty of their families and shifted to the left.

"A roughly small group of women remained conservative," he said, "stuck to their families viewpoints."

The women who remained conservative, Reifman said, were aware of the shifting views of their peers, but made a conscious effort to stay close to their family values.

While the Bennington study suggested the college environment plays a large role, Reifman said he

believes the results would not be consistent on Tech's campus.

"Certainly, Texas Tech is not overwhelmingly liberal like Bennington College is," he said, suggesting that Tech students who grew up in a conservative household will be exposed to much the same ideals in college.

"We know that Lubbock is one of the most conservative areas in the whole country," he said, "they vote overwhelmingly Republican for virtually every office."

Reifman used statistics from local elections to prove his point. Nationally, 2006 was a strong year for Democrats who captured the House and the Senate, locally, Republican candidate for U.S. House of Representatives Randy Neugebauer won 68 percent of votes.

Reifman said coming to Tech

from primarily Republican regions will receive the same exposure on campus, but students who come from more liberal regions may be exposed to very different political ideals.

"If what you're exposed to in college is the same as what you're exposed to at home, it's probably going to reinforce what you believed at home," he said. "The difference is if college experience clashes from ideals taught at home."

That difference, Reifman said, is where students may allow their pursuit of higher education to have an influence on political ideals.

Cindy Rugeley, assistant professor of political science at Tech, said researchers cannot be 100-percent certain, but the best indicator of political socialization is family.

"Family is a big part and it con-

tinues through to whether or not they vote and party identification," she said.

Rugeley and Reifman agreed hard evidence does not exist to prove the largest influence on political party loyalty, though they both speculated family is a sizeable authority.

When children are young, Rugeley said, they learn from their families, and what they learn typically follows them through their entire life. She acknowledged young people often change their opinions, and that does not exclude politics.

Rugeley attributed political shifts in college to the fact that higher education is being pursued.

"As people become more educated," she said, "they tend to become more liberal."

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West Virginia University students to go to multiple sources for election news

By SAMANTHA CSSICKO
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Every four years, college students take part in the presidential election for the first time.

Through gaining knowledge about the candidates and the issues of the election, students can make informed decisions.

Ryann Phillips, a West Virginia University junior accounting major, said she receives most of her information about the election through CNN and Fox News. Phillips said she chooses the two because one network leans more right while the other is more left-winged.

Phillips said that she also reads the newspapers and looks online at polls to get information. By knowing the different topics and how each candidate feels about them, Phillips said she feels well-informed about her decision come Tuesday.

But she believes that America as a whole could learn more.

"I don't think they're very well-informed because it's back and forth

bickering, and you don't know what's true or not," Phillips said.

Freshmen engineering majors Brandon Langley and Chris Rombold both said they prefer CNN to get information about the election because it is thorough and delivers the news quickly.

Although both plan to vote, they said they have not done any other research about the candidates aside from watching the news.

The two also differ in their opinions of how informed America is. Langley said that this election is more commercialized and has reached out to a lot more voters, allowing them to be more informed. Rombold said that since the news media tends to be biased, it is hard to say if people are informed or not because most of what they hear is partisan.

Sarah Freed, a junior sports management major, said she relies on Fox News for her information because it is news that is more republican-based, and her family has always watches it.

Freed said she has also watched the debates in order learn more about the

election. She feels informed enough to make an acceptable decision.

"I think (we're) better informed this election but not near to being well-informed," Freed said about voters.

Freshman forensics major Alycia Knepp said that although she plans on voting this election, she has not done much research about the election and instead relies on the fliers sent in the mail and information she obtained from a former boss who follows politics closely.

Knepp said that she is busy with school and that is her top priority, but that as far as the two presidential candidates go, she doesn't feel that she'd be more informed if she watched the debates or commercials because "all they do is bash each other."

As for how informed America is, Knepp said it depends on how closely everyone follows events like the debates. She said that she feels the older "baby boomer" generation is more informed than most college students are.

BIZ WEEKLY

Palin takes prank call from fake French president

TORONTO (AP) — Sarah Palin unwittingly took a prank call Saturday from a Canadian comedian posing as French President Nicolas Sarkozy and telling her she would make a good president someday.

"Maybe in eight years," replies a laughing Palin.

The Republican vice presidential nominee discusses politics, the perils of hunting with Vice Presi-

dent Dick Cheney, and Sarkozy's "beautiful wife," in a recording of the six-minute call released Saturday and set to air Monday on a Quebec radio station.

Palin campaign spokeswoman Tracey Schmitt confirmed she had received the prank call.

"Governor Palin was mildly amused to learn that she had joined the ranks of heads of state,

including President Sarkozy and other celebrities, in being targeted by these pranksters. C'est la vie," she said.

The call was made by a well-known Montreal comedy duo Marc-Antoine Audette and Sebastien Trudel. Known as the Masked Avengers, the two are notorious for prank calls to celebrities and heads of state.

Def Jam exec dies from self-inflicted gunshot

ATLANTA (AP) — The executive who succeeded Jay-Z as the head of hip-hop music label Def Jam Recordings died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound near Atlanta, police said Sunday.

Executive vice president Shakir Stewart, 34, died on Saturday, his New York-based label said in a statement.

Stewart was found Saturday afternoon in the bathroom of his home in the Atlanta suburb

of Marietta, Cobb County police spokeswoman Cassie Reece said Sunday. He was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

Police described the shooting as self-inflicted and would not say who discovered Stewart.

Fox's long-running 'King of the Hill' canceled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "King of the Hill" is over the hill at Fox, which is canceling the long-running animated comedy.

Final episodes of the half-hour series, now in its 13th year, likely will air during the 2009-10 season, Fox said Friday. The network recently ordered 13 new episodes,

and animated series have a long production schedule.

"King of the Hill" chronicles the life of blue-collar family man Hank Hill of Texas and his family and friends. Hank is voiced by series co-creator and executive producer Mike Judge. Others in the cast include Kathy Najimy, Brit-

tany Murphy and Stephen Root.

The picture is brighter for another Sunday night animated show on Fox, "American Dad," which was renewed for its fifth season. It has posted single-digit ratings gains among advertiser-favored young adult viewers and total viewers.

Jury: Keanu Reeves doesn't owe paparazzo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a most excellent outcome for Keanu Reeves: The "Matrix" actor doesn't owe a dime to the paparazzo who sued him.

After deliberating for less than three hours, jurors unanimously rejected the civil lawsuit Mon-

day, ruling that Reeves is not responsible for the photographer's alleged injuries. Alison Silva had asked the jury to award him \$711,974, which includes medical bills, lost wages and punitive damages.

"I respect the jury's decision,"

Silva told reporters outside the Los Angeles County Superior Court after the verdict was read. "That's what we were here for since the beginning."

Silva said he would continue to work as a paparazzo despite the jury's decision.

Mackenzie Phillips pleads guilty to LA drug charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mackenzie Phillips has pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine and will go into drug treatment.

The former "One Day at a Time" star entered the plea Friday

in Los Angeles to a felony drug possession count. The district attorney's office says two counts of possessing heroin and a needle were dismissed, and she was ordered to complete an 18-month

program. Phillips, 48, was arrested Aug. 27 at Los Angeles International Airport after airport police found small amounts of narcotics during a security screening.

Harvard U. law professor takes on RIAA

By MATTHEW R. COHEN
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A Harvard Law School professor is defending a Boston University student in a lawsuit against the Recording In-

dustry Association of America.

"I was downloading music from Kazaa, and before I know it, a letter came to my parents," said Joel Tenenbaum, the BU undergraduate. Kazaa is one of several programs that let users share

and download files over the Internet.

That letter directed Tenenbaum to call a hotline run by the Recording Industry Association of America, asking the teenager to pay for his seven illegal downloads. Tenenbaum refused to pay. After his refusal, the RIAA brought a suit.

Charles R. Nesson '60, is the professor who has taken on Tenenbaum's case. Nesson, who could not be reached for comment because he has been traveling, has written on his Web site that the recording industry organization is trying to intimidate others through its actions against Tenenbaum.

"The plaintiffs and the RIAA are seeking to punish him beyond any rational measure of the damage he allegedly caused," Nesson wrote. "They do this, not for the purpose of recovering compensation for actual damage caused by Joel's individual action, nor for the primary purpose of deterring him from further copyright infringement, but for the ulterior purpose of creating an urban legend so frightening to children using computers, and so frightening to parents and teachers of students using computers, that they will somehow reverse the tide of the digital future."

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SPORTS

RUSHED REACTION

Stadium empties onto field, makes UT-Tech game interesting

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

As he basked in the heat created by a massive crowd of Texas Tech students at midfield, tackle Rylan Reed didn't want the moment to end.

He would rather stand in the middle of Jones AT&T Stadium until the mob dissipated to the streets of downtown Lubbock.

"I'm somewhere out in the middle and I'm geeked up," he said. "I'm just like, 'I don't know if I'll ever get to the locker room, and I didn't really care if I ever would.'"

Meanwhile, safety Darcel Mc-Bath was occupied with trying to salvage his shoes, and ultimately his feet. No one wants to walk back to the locker room through hundreds of students without shoes.

"I had to get out though because I couldn't breathe," Mc-Bath said. "It was too hot, too many people. Some guy started trying to pick me up, but people started trying to rip my shoes off so I had to stop. I didn't want my feet to be stepped on, so I told them to put me down."

The scene after receiver Michael Crabtree sprinted into the end zone for the game winning touchdown in a 39-33 upset against Texas on Satur-

day was pandemonium at its highest degree. A second remained on the clock after Crabtree's score, but Tech fans were too busy to notice, darting to the 50-yard line.

"We did have a second left, and boy don't we remember that," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "It seems to me that second got lost in the shuffle somewhere. That was actually — what a mess."

Leach said he thought that was an interesting part of the game, considering how many times fans rushed the field despite the game not being over. The raucous crowd sprinted onto the field for the second time after kicker Matt Williams made the extra point.

Then it took several minutes to clear everyone off. Two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties added to the situation, forcing Tech to kickoff from its own 7-yard line.

But it was not over yet. A few more Tech enthusiasts scampared onto the field one more time.

"That wasn't real great," Tech quarterback Graham Harrell said. "We had to kick on our own seven and a half (yard line). The fans were great all night; we really can't hold that against them. A&M thinks they have the 12th man or whatever, we had a 12th man (on Saturday)."

Leach said the referee gave directions to kick from the 7-yard line as if Leach was pressing a magic button, triggering Tech fans to run onto the field.

In order to ensure the Longhorns did not run back a game-winning touchdown, Leach called a timeout before kickoff to discuss each individual role.

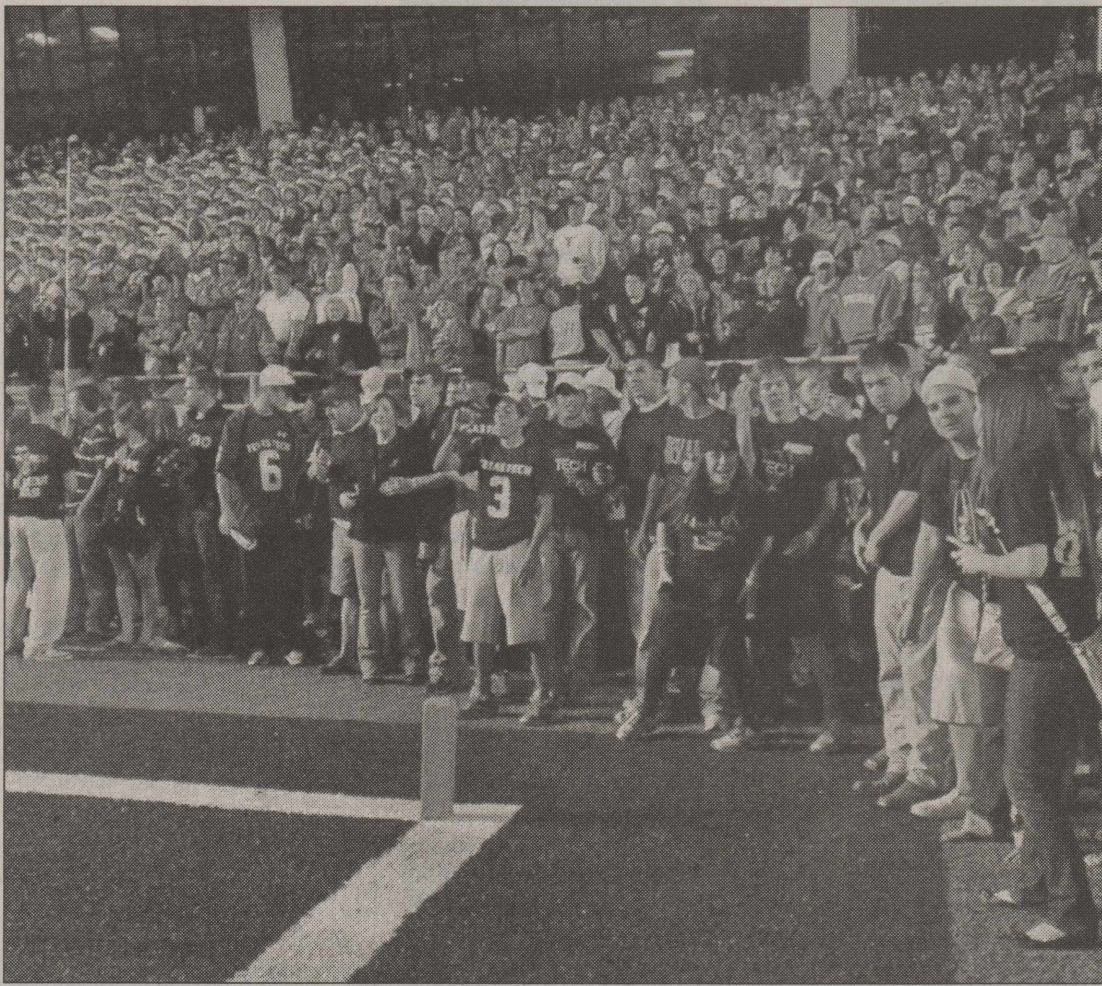
He said the plan was to kick the ball to someone who could not handle the football very well — except the player who caught it was a big man with decent athleticism, who made a good pitch to a speedier, smaller player.

"The thin, fast guy appeared to be bad news," Leach said. "Then as we started to converge on him, the thin, fast guy didn't pass as well as the heavier guy, and we picked it and won."

Finally, Tech fans had their uninterrupted moment to celebrate the school's biggest win in history at midfield.

"I've never had a field stormed like that before," Reed said. "They had three chances to rehearse it, but I mean, you look on TV when they storm the field. They look like ants from all four sides like that. I've never seen it like that, ever."

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FANS ARE TOLD to stay on the sidelines following their initial attempt to rush the field while there was still one second on the clock.

Tech women's cross country use Big 12 title as momentum for upcoming regionals

By KAYLA PARHAM
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Texas Tech finally got rid of the terrible twos.

The Tech women's cross country team added the Big 12 Championship trophy to their bags after coming in second for two years in a row. The Red Raiders are preparing to use the momentum from the meet to train for the regional meet in two weeks.

Tech coach Jon Murray said the women's team — led by Sally Kipyego — took care of business, stepping up where it was needed for a complete team effort.

He said the spirit of the women's team is high, which sets the Lady Raiders up for the upcoming NCAA Regional meet on Nov. 15 in Fort Collins, Colo.

"That's just a classic Sally race right there," he said. "I think it was a great honor for her — that race to go the way



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY gave Texas Tech Athletics its ninth Big 12 team title.

it did. From the start she was already in the lead and every step it just got better and bigger. I was just real proud of Sally, three-time all-Big 12 Champion

and being able to win by that much. It signifies the dominance she's had in the Big 12."

Kipyego and Lillian Badaru took first and second, respectively, and had three more athletes finish in the Top 20.

Michelle Guzman, who finished 14th, said when one of Tech's athletes was struggling, the rest of the team picked up the slack.

"We pretty much knew it was going to be between us, Nebraska and Baylor," she said. "We noticed that the Baylor girls were trying to stay with us and us with them. It was back and forth, then some of their girls seem to hurt and we

took advantage of that."

The women's team finished the previous two years second behind Colorado who 11 Big 12 cross country titles.

Guzman said winning the Big 12 title is a phenomenal and exhilarating experience for the team.

"It gives us more confidence that we can do it," she said. "We never had a conference championship and I think it gives a lot of us a confidence that we can get a regional title."

Tech athletic teams have won nine Big 12 Conference Championships, the third lowest in the league with Kansas State claiming seven and Missouri two.

The Lady Raiders basketball team were Big 12 Champions in 1998 and 1999 — earning regular and postseason titles both years — and in the 2000 regular season. Tech baseball won in the 1997 regular season and in the 1998 postseason. The men's track team won in 2005 and now the women's cross country team was named Big 12 Champions on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Gilbert Limo said he was extremely proud of the women's team winning the conference title and congratulated them hoping to follow suit next year.

"They really showed their talent they have," he said. "They had four girls get All-Conference. Lillian was named as (Big 12) Newcomer of the Year. Sally Kipyego won the Big 12 Conference so that was really good."

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Murray named Big 12 Cross Country Coach of the Year

By KAYLA PARHAM
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Texas Tech coach Jon Murray was voted as the 2008 Women's Big 12 Conference Cross Country Coach of the Year after a successful weekend at the Big 12 Championships.

Under his guidance, the No. 11 women's cross country team won a conference title for the first time in league and school history Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Murray humbly took his first honor of Big 12 Coach of the Year, giving credit mainly to his team.

"It's an honor," Murray said. "It's an honor for the athletes — the athletes did all the work. I just came along for the ride."

Murray had four runners — Sally Kipyego, Lillian Badaru, Asia Diaz and Michelle Guzman — earn all-conference honors Saturday.

In Murray's first season at Tech in 2005, he had three athletes qualify for nationals. The following year improvements were made when the women's team placed second at the Big 12 Championships and later qualified for nation-

als. The trend continued into 2007 when Tech again placed second behind Colorado at the Big 12 meet and again qualified for nationals.

During the last three years, Murray has coached Kipyego, who is a two-time NCAA national champion and Mountain Region champion, a three-time Big 12 champion and has never lost a race under the fourth-year coach.

"Athletes perform well," he said. "They get out there. They worked hard all year, then they get out there, perform well and win. Any coach could recognize that."

Murray was named Coach of the Year along with Oklahoma State coach Dave Smith for his men's cross country team.

Smith, also a first-time recipient, led the Cowboys to their first conference title since 1995 Saturday in Ames.

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MURRAY

Nuggets, Pistons swap Allen Iverson for Billups, McDyess

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Pistons worked the phones last summer, trying to trade for a superstar to shake up their roster.

They ended up standing pat because a deal didn't make sense.

Two games into the season, Allen Iverson was the answer to their hopes in a blockbuster that generated rare buzz for the NBA in November.

Detroit acquired the former NBA MVP on Monday for All-Star point guard and former finals MVP Chauncey Billups, top reserve Antonio McDyess and project Cheikh Samb.

"We just felt it was the right time to change our team," Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars told The Associated Press. "Iverson gives us a dimension that we haven't had here and we really think it's going to help us."

The Pistons have reached six straight Eastern Conference finals

— the longest such streak since the Los Angeles Lakers' dominant run in the 1980s — and won the 2004 title without a player expected to be in the Hall of Fame.

"Trading Marilyn Monroe for Jane Russell. That's not bad," said Larry Brown, who coached the Pistons to the 2004 NBA title and Iverson in Philadelphia. "Joe knows what he's doing, and I'm happy chauncey's going back to Denver and his family is there."

Iverson may not be around for long — making \$20.8 million in the final season of his contract — but The Answer might be what Detroit needs to return to the NBA finals for the first time since 2005.

The Pistons are hoping Iverson will play Wednesday at Toronto and barring injury, his home debut will be Sunday night against the Boston Celtics.

Detroit played Monday night at Charlotte, where the Bobcats are led by Larry Brown. The Hall of Fame coach helped Billups and the Pistons to the 2004 NBA title and guided the Iverson-led Philadelphia 76ers to a spot in the finals in 2001.

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