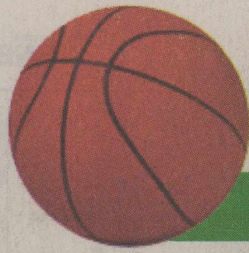




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Building of 3 border wall segments halted

DALLAS (AP) — Homeland Security officials have decided to halt building three segments of the border fence in the Rio Grande Valley for this year, U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar said late Friday.

Concerns over the structure leading to more debris in the river and increasing the potential for flooding caused U.S. Customs and Border Protection to defer plans. The hydrology issues of building in the river's flood plain had been highlighted by the International Boundary and Water Commission, Cuellar said.

NATION

Shot fired at Ohio's Bowling Green U

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP) — Police at Bowling Green State University in Ohio say someone fired a gun near a parking lot but no one was injured.

A student is in custody and is being questioned.

A university spokesman said Friday police are searching for a weapon in a field near a student parking lot.

School spokesman Dave Kielmeyer (KEEL-meye-er) said a university officer heard a gun shot about 6:35 a.m. in a field next to the on-campus lot. Kielmeyer said he didn't know if the shot was fired in the air or at a person.

WORLD

Pakistan says 13 killed in US missile strike

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A suspected U.S. missile targeting a Taliban commander killed 13 people near the Afghan border Friday, a sign that America's new general for the region is not heeding Islamabad's pleas for a halt to the strikes.

There has been a surge in U.S. cross-border attacks since August, angering Pakistani officials who say the raids violate the nuclear-armed country's sovereignty and undermine its anti-terror war in the border region.

Repairing strained ties while keeping the pressure on al-Qaida and Taliban commanders leaders hiding in the lawless frontier area will be a key challenge for Barack Obama when he becomes U.S. president in January.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Unemployment rises, experts not worried

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Despite a rise in the national unemployment rate to 6.5 percent, Lubbock officials remain optimistic the trend will not affect the area.

The unemployment rate, which was released Friday by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, rose from 6.1 percent in September to 6.5 percent in October, and was the highest unemployment rate in 14 years.

Gary Lawrence, CEO of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, said he thinks the Lubbock unemployment rate will remain well below the national average for at least

several months.

While the unemployment rate will rise in Lubbock with the national trend, he said, Lubbock's stable industries are what keep workers employed.

Texas Tech, Lubbock Christian University, Wayland Baptist University, South Plains College, University Medical Center, Tech Health Sciences Center and Covenant Health System are just some of the institutions Lawrence said could keep workers employed because they are not as affected by difficult economic times as other industries.

On the other side of the spectrum, he said, Lubbock does not have the type of manufacture economy of some states

that often "boom or bust." This is one reason Lubbock does not "bust" in the worse economic times, but also does not "boom" when the economy is strong.

Because no "bust" is likely for Lubbock, Lawrence said, he believes people do not want or need the "boom or bust" type of economy, and would rather have an economy that always remains relatively stable.

Lubbock is in a good position to "weather the storm," he said, and never will be near the national rate.

State and local statistics will not be released until the third week of November.

Ann Hatchitt, a spokeswoman for the Texas Workforce Commis-

sion, said while the commission does not predict economic statistics, she has seen Texas remain resilient to national trends.

The Texas unemployment rate in September, 5.2 percent, was higher than one year ago, she said, but still much less than the national average.

Hatchitt said while the unemployment rates are rising in Texas and Lubbock, the state should take a positive outlook because rates are lower than the national average and not increasing much.

Dave Kraus, director of University Career Services, said students should be aware that current unemployment rates do not reflect what rates will be

several months down the road.

Students should not become so concerned with unemployment that they give up on a job search, he said, and should become more proactive in marketing themselves to potential employers.

Spring graduates could see fewer opportunities for jobs, Kraus said, and it may be more difficult and take more time to find a job.

For those graduating in May and later, he said, they should begin trying earlier and harder to find a job, using all the available resources on campus such as the Career Center they already have paid for through student fees.

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Tech stays on course with 56-20 blowout over Oklahoma State



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◀ **INSIDE RECEIVER ERIC Morris** is brought down by OSU defensive back Ricky Price during Texas Tech's 56-20 victory over the Cowboys, Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

▼ **OKLAHOMA STATE RUNNING BACK Kendall Hunter** is dragged down short of a touchdown by Texas Tech safety Darcel McBath Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

It was going to take more than a mishandled snap to rattle quarterback Graham Harrell and the Texas Tech Red Raiders on Saturday night.

Following up its monumental upset victory over then-No. 1 Texas last week, Tech had yet another op-

portunity to prove to all its naysayers just how legitimate this team was when it comes to contending for a national championship.

Many posed the question: Pretender or contender? As if beating Texas and demolishing Kansas was not enough for the No. 2 Red Raiders.

But on its third offensive snap against No. 8 Oklahoma State, it

looked as if Tech literally could not handle the pressure of being in the national spotlight. On the snap, Harrell couldn't get a grip on the football and OSU's Patrick Lowrie recovered the fumble, setting up a three-play drive that led the Cowboys to a quick 7-0 lead.

However, the Heisman Trophy

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US, Russia seek to ease tensions

By MATTHEW LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SHARMEL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — In what may be one of her last such sessions as secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice met with her Russian counterpart in an effort to cool simmering tensions between the two superpowers in the final months of the Bush administration.

Rice, in a meeting the State Department described as "good and productive," hosted an 80-minute discussion with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at her hotel.

Despite the length of the private meeting, there was no sign either side had budged on its position on the most contentious issues, notably missile defense, arms control and Russia's war with Georgia.

Neither Rice nor Lavrov made any public comment after Saturday's meeting, which also covered

efforts to deal with Iran and North Korea's nuclear programs, according to department spokesman Sean McCormack.

Lavrov said later that Russia was not satisfied with the latest U.S. proposals on nuclear arms reduction and missile defense and that positions President-elect Obama has expressed provide hope for a "more constructive" approach, Russian news agencies reported Sunday.

Lavrov said there would likely be further consultations on the defense issues with the U.S. this year, but suggested any final agreements likely would come only with the new U.S. administration.

"We have paid attention to the positions that Barack Obama has published on his site. They instill hope that we can examine these questions in a more constructive way," state-run RIA-Novosti quoted Lavrov as saying.

Supreme Court Justice coming to Lubbock

One of the nation's top law interpreters is coming to speak in Lubbock.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will be speaking at the annual Sandra Day O'Connor Distinguished Lecture Series at 5 p.m. Friday in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Exhibit Hall.

Scalia is the second most senior associate justice for the U.S. Supreme Court, according to a Texas Tech news release. Former President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the position in 1986.

Walter Huffman, dean of the Tech School of Law, said Scalia will be giving a presentation to the general public and also will be conducting

presentations for student functions at the law school, according to the release.

"It is always an honor for the Texas Tech University School of Law to host a justice of our nation's highest court, and it is a special privilege to host Justice Scalia," Huffman said, in the news release. "His articulate and aggressive defense of his position as a strict adherent to the fundamental principles established by the U.S. Constitution has made him one of the most well-known and oft-quoted members of the current court, and I am certain his presentations will be both informative and entertaining."

Admission is free to the public, but tickets are required to attend. Tickets are available by contacting the law school at 806-742-3787 or by e-mail at speialevents.law@ttu.edu.

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Toy Hall of Fame points to new addition: the stick

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A magic wand, a fishing rod or a royal scepter?
The lowly stick, a universal plaything powered by a child's imagination, landed in the National Toy Hall of Fame on Thursday along with the Baby Doll and the skateboard.

The three were chosen to join the Strong National Museum of Play's lineup of 38 classics ranging from the bicycle, the kite and Mr. Potato Head to Crayola crayons, marbles and the Atari 2600 video game system.
Curators said the stick was a

special addition in the spirit of a 2005 inductee, the cardboard box. They praised its all-purpose, no-cost, recreational qualities, noting its ability to serve either as raw material or an appendage transformed in myriad ways by a child's creativity.

Retiree seeks return on 10,000 Obama front pages

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A Washington state retiree is making a \$1,700 bet that Barack Obama's election will lead to prosperity.
Sixty-seven-year-old Thomas Baldwin bought 10,000 copies Wednesday

of The Bellingham Herald's election wrap-up edition. The front page carries a photo of the Democratic president-elect and the headline "Obama wins."
Baldwin was sold the papers at a bulk rate. He thinks he could net a

profit someday if the edition becomes a collector's item.
The Herald still had the plates for the publication when Baldwin called and was able to fill his special order.

Ga. man cleaning with blowtorch sets fire to house

SARGENT, Ga. (AP) — Would-be cleaners take note: A blowtorch is not a good substitute for a broom.
Coweta County authorities say Galen Winchell set fire to his west

Georgia home Wednesday as he cleaned cobwebs from exterior eaves with a blowtorch. Winchell noticed the blaze when he saw smoke pouring from the attic.
Coweta Fire Investigator James

Gantt says the fire was contained to one part of the house, but the entire home had smoke and water damage.
No one was hurt and no phone number was listed for Winchell.

Alaska man says he accidentally stole a car

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A motorist confronted by a state trooper said he was stunned when the officer told him the car had been stolen.
Charles J. Schultz explained that he was driving his Chevy Cavalier and everything was fine. That's when the trooper informed Schultz that he was actually behind the wheel of a

Ford Escort.
Police charged Schultz with auto theft, felony driving under the influence and misdemeanor drugs misconduct. Police said the 27-year-old's blood-alcohol content was .166, more than twice the legal limit.
It all started when Fairbanks police received a report shortly after

midnight Friday that a Ford Escort had been stolen from the parking lot of a gentlemen's club. An officer spotted the stolen Ford two hours later — with Schultz driving.
Schultz swore he had no memory of taking the wrong vehicle outside the club, according to a criminal complaint.

FBI: Airline passenger restrained with duct tape

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An airline crew used duct tape to keep a passenger in her seat because they say she became unruly, fighting flight attendants and grabbing other passengers, forcing the flight to land in North Carolina.
Maria Esther Castillo of Oswego, N.Y., is due in court Thursday, charged with resisting arrest

and interfering with the operations of a flight crew aboard United Airlines Flight 645, from Puerto Rico to Chicago.
Castillo, 45, struck a flight attendant on the buttocks with the back of her hand during Saturday's flight, FBI Special Agent Peter Carricato said in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District

Court in Charlotte. She also stood and fell onto the head of a blind passenger and later started pulling the person's hair, the complaint stated.
Ankle cuffs kept slipping off Castillo, so the flight crew and two passengers were forced to use duct tape to keep her in her seat, the complaint states.

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Egypt denies entry to bin Laden's son

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt denied entry to one of Osama bin Laden's sons on Sunday, becoming the third country to reject the self-proclaimed "ambassador for peace."

Omar Osama bin Laden, 27, and his British wife arrived at Cairo International Airport over the weekend and were promptly put on a plane to the Gulf Arab country of Qatar.

Bin Laden was denied entry after he unsuccessfully sought political asylum in Spain, claiming he would not be safe if he returned to an Arab country. The couple had lived in Egypt for the past year.

Israelis, Palestinians reaffirm peace commitment

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — Israeli, Palestinian and international negotiators pledged Sunday to continue peace talks launched last year by President Bush, even though the quest for peace will certainly outlast his administration.

But future talks will be held in an increasingly uncertain terrain, with the prospect of a hawk coming to power in Israel's February parliamentary elections and deeply divided Palestinian factions controlling the West Bank and Gaza. It is also unclear how high Mideast peace-

making will figure on Barack Obama's agenda.
Despite the impending failure to meet the year-end target set at a November 2007 peace conference in Annapolis, Md., Israel and the Palestinians affirmed their commitment to the process.

China announces \$586 billion stimulus plan

BEIJING (AP) — China announced a \$586 billion stimulus package Sunday in its biggest move to stop the global financial crisis from hitting the world's fourth-largest economy.

approved a plan to invest the amount in infrastructure and social welfare by the end of 2010.
Some of the money will come from the private sector. The statement did not say how much of the spending is on new projects and how much is for ventures already in the

pipeline that will be speeded up.
China's export-driven economy is starting to feel the impact of the economic slowdown in the United States and Europe, and the government has already cut key interest rates three times in less than two months in a bid to spur economic expansion.

Iraq still needs US military, official says

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's deputy prime minister said Saturday his country still needs the U.S. military to ensure security and warned that time is running out to approve a new security deal with Washington.

West of Baghdad, a suicide bomber killed eight people and wounded 17 more at a police checkpoint near the former Sunni insurgent stronghold of Ramadi in Anbar province, police said.

The bomber stepped out of his car at the checkpoint and blew up his explosive vest, said police Col. Yassin Duweich. Seconds later the car exploded, apparently detonated remotely by an accomplice nearby.

UK police: man charged with having IEDs, Nazi book

LONDON (AP) — British police charged a 43-year-old man Thursday with plotting an act of terrorism and having two improvised explosive devices, chemicals, timers, and a Nazi-themed handbook.

Neil Christopher Lewington was first arrested last week after police discovered a suspected explosive device when they searched him at a railway station in Lowestoft, a coastal city in eastern England.
He was originally charged with possessing an item to cause criminal damage and was released on bail Saturday. But he was immediately re-arrested by Scotland Yard.

Scotland Yard said in a statement that Lewington carried two improvised explosive devices to Lowestoft from Reading, a city near London where he lives, on Oct. 30. It said Lewington was being charged with making or having an explosive substance intended to "to endanger life, or cause serious injury to property in the U.K."

In Mexico, beheaded man hung from overpass

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A beheaded man was hung from an overpass Thursday, a gruesome display even for this northern border city long used to drug-related violence.

Shortly after the grisly sighting about 5 a.m., police found the victim's head in a black bag in a nearby plaza, said state police spokesman Alejandro Pariente.

Pariente said the body was wearing black jeans, a red T-shirt and white sneakers, and was handcuffed. A banner apparently directed at rival drug-gang members was hung next to the corpse.

Doctors fight cholera outbreak in eastern Congo

KIBATI, Congo (AP) — Doctors struggled Sunday to contain an outbreak of cholera in a sprawling refugee camp near Congo's eastern provincial capital of Goma, as renewed fighting ignited fears that patients could scatter

and launch an epidemic.
Congolese soldiers and rebels were seen less than 800 meters (yards) apart near Goma, where rebel leader Laurent Nkunda declared a cease-fire on Oct. 29 as his forces reached the

edge of the city.
Rebels and soldiers clashed Thursday just north of the Kibati refugee camp, seven miles (12 kilometers) from Goma, and soldiers who retreated last week were digging in Sunday at a new front line.

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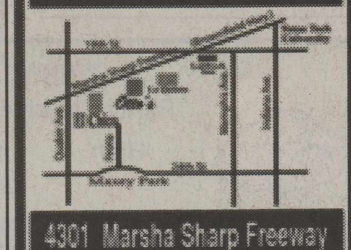
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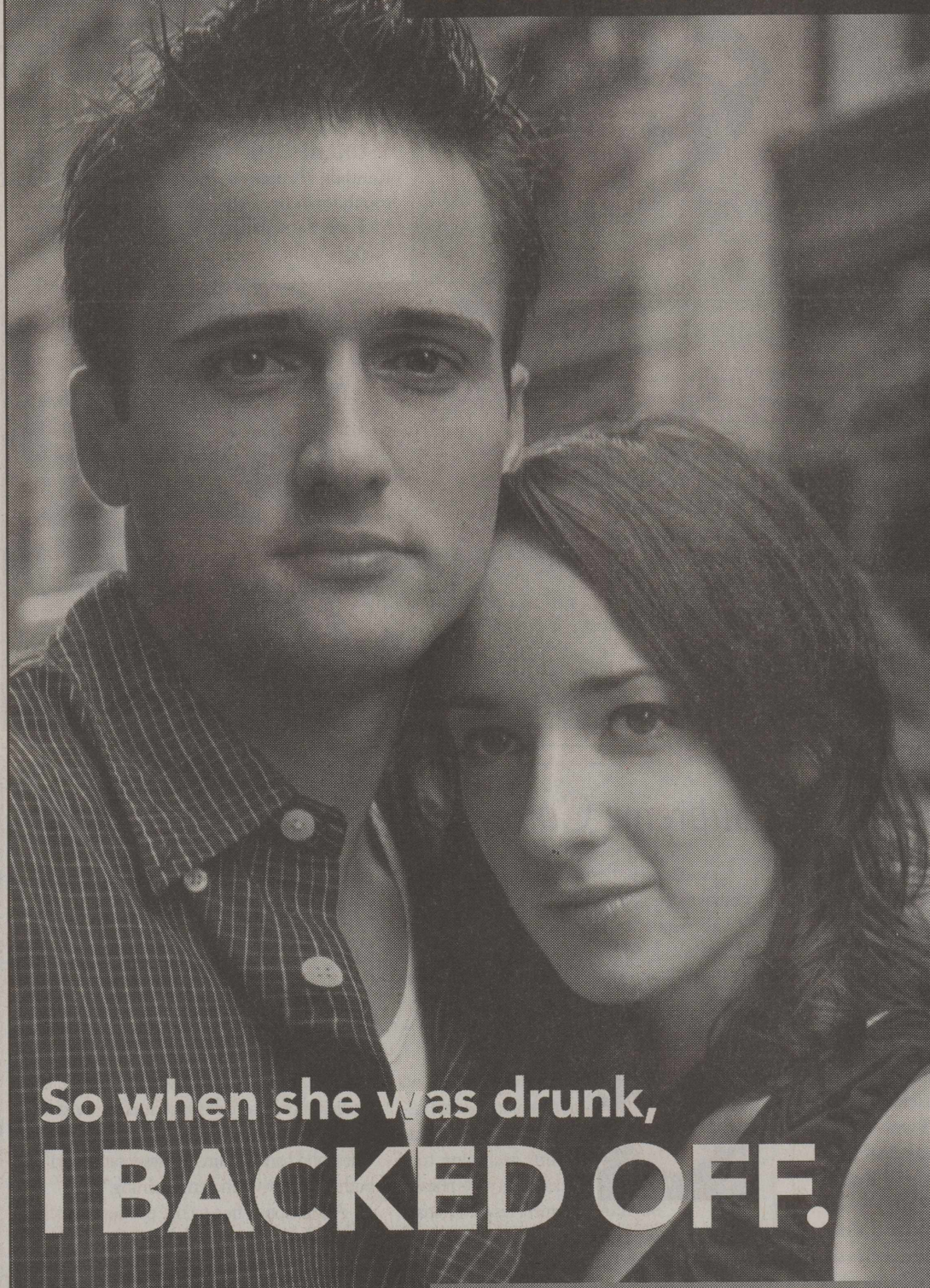


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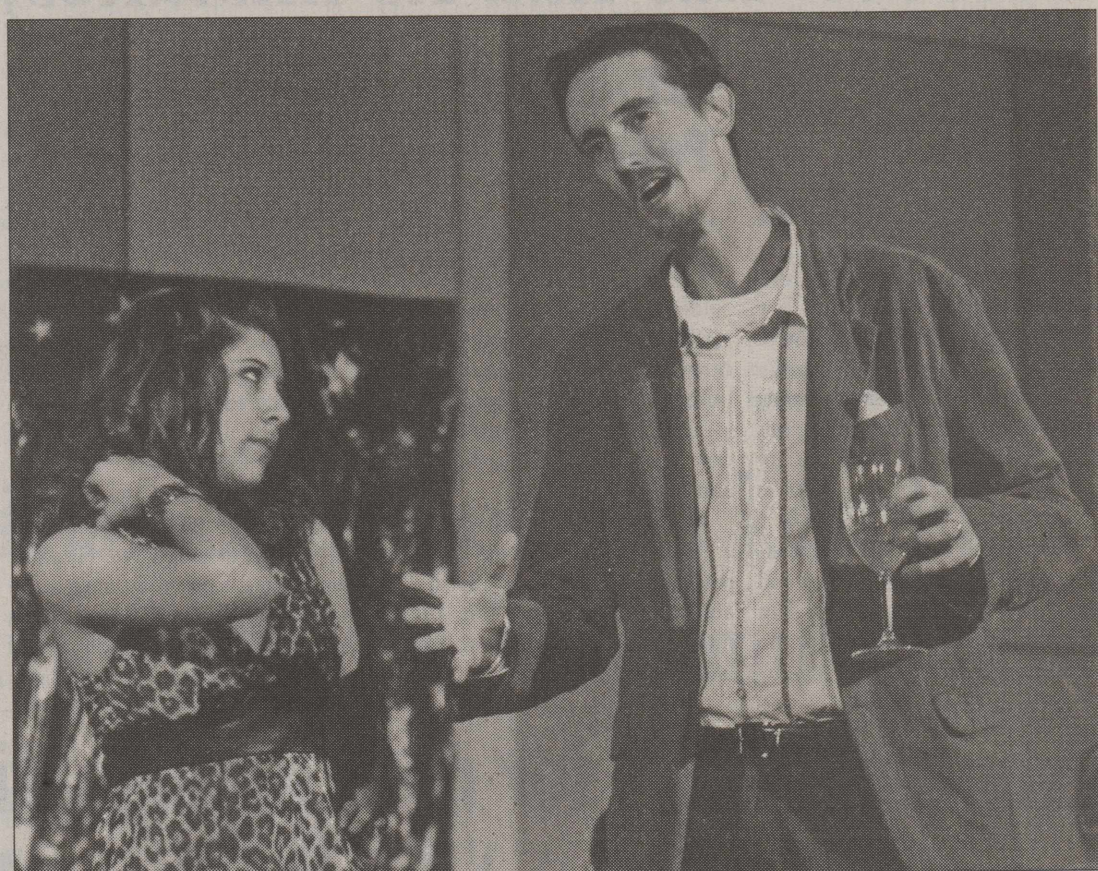
Whodunnit? Actress' death causes commotion in SUB

By **TINA L. ARONS**
STAFF WRITER

Come, Watson. Come!
The game is afoot.
The Tech Activities Board hosted its third annual Murder Mystery Dinner Friday evening in the Student Union Building Ballroom. About 200 students attended to watch a cast of nine actors and actresses perform the mystery drama, the plot of which takes place the evening before the Academy Awards at a private party thrown by Columbus Studios to celebrate its seven nominations for the studio's blockbuster hit, "Back When I Loved You."
"This is show business, darling," said Elizabeth, a young aspiring actress. "Nobody has friends."
For Elizabeth — played by Mallory Flores, a freshman pre-communication disorders major from San Antonio — the statement rings true. The up-and-coming Hollywood star made a few friends in the industry, but she soon dies from cyanide poisoning in her champagne.
But which one of the party guests kills her?
The movie's fashion designer, Derek — played by Adam Randall, an experimental social psychology doctoral candidate from Ada, Okla. — may want to kill Elizabeth, because she decided not to wear the dress he designed for her.
Also, the murder weapon belongs to him. Derek carries a locket containing one cyanide pill. It

belonged to his grandmother who was a spy during the first French Resistance.
"It was traditional for spies to carry lockets with a cyanide pill," said Sophie, an actress out of her prime, to the audience, "because then if they were caught, they could kill themselves instead of revealing information."
So, either Derek did it or someone stole his locket.
He claims the latter.
Perhaps it is the film's producer?
Brian — played by Dustin Jones, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Blooming Grove — did not read Elizabeth's contract carefully. If she won the Academy Award, then the studio would owe her a \$5 million bonus. If she died, then the studio could keep its money and collect from her life insurance policy.
"You'll be dead in this town," Brian said to her before she died. "In fact, that wouldn't be such a bad idea."
The studio's publicist and its producer's wife, Cynthia — played by Ann Luu, a junior journalism major from Dallas — may have had an affair with the studio's director, but she does not seem to be involved in the murder of Elizabeth. Unless, of course, she did in fact have the affair with Richard and found out he secretly fancied Elizabeth.
But it is more likely Sophie, not Cynthia. The actress who has become old news — played by Jacie Hood, a graduate public adminis-

tration student from Rising Star — becomes infuriated when she realizes three of her scenes were cut from the movie and replaced with Elizabeth's scenes.
— Simon, who escorted Elizabeth, has no motive to kill her. He used her to hobnob with celebrities, and he desperately tries to find a way to get into the Academy Awards after her death.
Then there is Mark — played by Simion Griffith, a freshman early childhood education major. The lead actor is having an affair with Elizabeth despite secretly being married to Louise. Mark is entirely devoted to Elizabeth, but he cannot stand his wife. Also, during the film, he learned how to pickpocket.
Louise — played by Monica Archuleta, a sophomore interior design major from Albuquerque, N.M. — attends the party because Mark made her promise to go before the movie was made and before he fell in love with Elizabeth. Louise was crippled in an accident caused by Mark in high school.
He promised to take care of her, so they got married.
But now Louise suspects his interest in Elizabeth.
Richard, the studio's producer, wants to create another film, but has troubles securing the rights. He finds out that Elizabeth bought the rights to the film and he will have to make her the lead actress to obtain them from her, an action he does not want to take.
"Don't play this card, Elizabeth," Richard said.



KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

MALLORY FLORES, a freshman pre-communications disorders major from San Antonio portrays a young aspiring actress who speaks to her escort played by **Michael Mann**, a freshman restaurant hotel and intitutional management major from Lubbock.

"I'll play any card I want," she said before she died.
Also, Richard admits he knows how to perform magic tricks with slight of hand.
But who did it?
Tannah Ijoma, a junior public relations major from Lewisville and CSI fan, said she eventually figured it out.

"Initially I thought it was maybe Louise, but it seemed too obvious," she said. "And it was weird that Mark would have his love interest and his wife in the same place."
Justin Price, a personal financial planning graduate student from Lubbock, said he knew who it was immediately after she died.
Mark was the last one to touch

her glass, he said, and he was a pick-pocket for the movie. Also, the glass did not have any engraving on it. The glasses for the movie stars did, which suggests someone was trying to kill the only non-celebrity at the party: Louise.
"It was obviously Mark," he said.
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Participants run, walk to raise money for local veteran

By **TINA L. ARONS**
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Members of the Texas Tech community put on their running shoes Sunday morning to support disabled veterans.
The Tech Law Military Association organized Run For Freedom to raise funds for a local veteran through Homes For Our Troops, a non-profit organization that builds specially adapted homes for severely injured veterans.
Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Roy Nichols, a law student from Alamogordo, N.M. and the association's secretary, said too many veterans are forgotten when they return home.
"They sacrifice their time, freedom and sometimes their health to secure the freedom of people at home," he said. "So, we should take care of them as much as we can and show them we appreciate it."
Nichols said he read about Reas Axtell — whose legs and hips were amputated after a rocket blast in Iraq last year — in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* and wanted to contribute to the services that Homes For Our Troops plans to provide him.
The association's president Alec Pourteau, a law student from Cypress, said it was the first time for the association to organize the event, which was made possible by volunteers and donations.
About 30 people participated in either a 5K run or a one-mile walk while

others cheered from the sidelines.
Kori Truby, a 28-year-old Tech alumna, said she participated to support the cause and train for an upcoming marathon.
"My dad and grandfather are both veterans," she said, "so, I think it's important to come out and support our vets."
Pam Alexander, a law student from McAllen, said she tries to participate in every race she can because she loves to run.
"I run anyway," she said, breathing heavily after the race, "but I might as well put it to good use."
Pourteau said people could choose how much they wanted to donate instead of paying a set entry fee, and the association raised about \$400.
Ashley Messoline, a law student from Salem, Ore., and the association's physical training officer, said the goal was to raise about \$500, so the association plans to set up a booth in the School of Law to collect additional donations.
With Veteran's Day approaching, Pourteau said he encourages everyone to remember the military's men and women by giving back.
Pourteau said it is important to give back to the veterans who fight for our freedoms.
"These vets have made huge sacrifices," he said. "They've gone and fought for our freedom and the least we can do is help them when they need it now."
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TINA ARONS/The Daily Toreador
KORI TRUBY, a Texas Tech alumna from Lubbock, finishes the 5K race.

New Yorkers trying to save historic Tin Pan Alley

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of New Yorkers is fighting to save Tin Pan Alley, the half-dozen row houses where iconic American songs were born.
The four-story, 19th-century buildings on Manhattan's West 28th Street were home to publishers of some of the catchiest American tunes and lyrics — from "God Bless America" and "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" to "Give My Regards to Broadway."
The music of Irving Berlin, Scott Joplin, Fats Waller, George M. Cohan and other greats was born on Tin Pan Alley.
The buildings were put up for sale earlier this fall for \$44 million, with plans to replace them with a high-rise. The construction plan fell through amid the turmoil in the economy, but the possibility of losing the historic block hastened efforts to push for landmark status for Tin Pan Alley.
"The fear of these buildings being sold for development crystal-

ized their importance, and the need to preserve them," said Simeon Bankoff, executive director of the Historic Districts Council, a nonprofit preservation organization aiming to secure city landmark status for the buildings, which would protect them from being destroyed.
The Landmarks Commission is "researching the history of the buildings and reviewing whether they'd be eligible for landmark designation," said Lisi de Bourbon, a spokeswoman for New York's Landmarks Preservation Commission.
No date has been set for a decision, which she said depends on "a combination of historical, cultural and architectural significance."
The block is sacred to Tim Schreier, a great-great-grandson of Jerome H.

Remick, whose music publishing company occupied one of the houses and employed a young sheet music peddler named George Gershwin.
"I'm not opposed to development in New York, but we have to balance development with history — and this is definitely American cultural history," said Schreier.
From the late 1880s to the mid-1950s, the careers of songwriters who are still popular today were launched from the buildings at 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55 West 28th.
Nearby, high-rise condominiums have pushed out old brownstones. The four-story Tin Pan Alley buildings house street-level wholesale stores selling clothing, jewelry and fabrics; eight apartment units fill the upper floors.

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8 AM Super Why			Believer's J. Hanna	Divorce Payne	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart	
9 AM Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Divorce Payne	Divorce Payne	The View (HD)	Bonnie Hunt Show	
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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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'Heroes' has had its mistakes, still better than other options

When "Heroes" first premiered on NBC, I was stoked.

My inner (and, let's face it, outer) nerd was a large factor in my excitement. A show that would be entirely about superheroes, told and shot in a style similar to comic books.

But when I decided to go online to share my excitement, I saw a different opinion from a lot of viewers.

Ratings of the show are dropping fast, and many popular Web sites and publications — such as Variety and TV.com — say the show is "struggling."

NBC has in turn fired co-executive producers Jesse Alexander and Jeph Loeb, and series creator Tim Kring has promised to simplify the series' storylines.

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Now, don't get me wrong. "Heroes" isn't a perfect show and can certainly improve. Focusing more on one or two characters at a time — as opposed to the entire, large cast — could really help the pacing and storytelling.

Also, while it can get away with a lot by imitating comic books, reducing the number of plot holes, contradictions and "Wait, huh?" moments could only help the series as a whole.

Former series writer and "Pushing Daisies" creator Bryan Fuller might potentially return to the show as well, something that many fans have been clamoring for.

So yes, all signs point to the series improving, which is a great thing.

But I still wonder why so many people have lost interest.

Season one of the show was a breathtaking ride, but unfortunately the season's finale left me a bit wanting, though still hopeful of the show's future.

Season two had its high spots, but it also had a lot of low ones. Did we really want to follow two Hispanic super humans on an attempt to escape to America in a chase that was hard to care about? How long would we put up with Hiro's potentially

god-like ability hitting bizarre snags that catapult him into bizarre places and times?

To top it all off, the writer's strike essentially cut the season in half.

This, potentially, wasn't a bad thing. The season already was planned to be cut into two "chapters," and so chapter two supposedly ended exactly where it was supposed to. However, the somewhat awkward and unsatisfying end to that chapter — as well as the long, looming wait for new episodes — really hurt the pacing of the show, and made some of the fanbase wander.

Cue Season three, chapter three: "Villains."

The season started with a two-hour bang, answering tons of questions about season two's finale,

providing plenty of "Oh my gosh!" moments for loyal fans.

We found out who shot Nathan Petrelli before the title sequence had rolled. Sylar — one of the baddest villains in all of television — got what he had been trying to obtain throughout the course of the whole show. And we caught a glimpse of a future that needs to be stopped at all costs.

Throughout the season so far, many things that have needed to happen have happened. Claire is becoming much more than just a whiny cheerleader that can't die. The show is firmly establishing limits to Hiro's time-travelling.

Peter and Sylar are changing and developing in interesting ways — and interacting with each other

in ways that are almost mind-blowing.

The show has given twists, turns, questions and answers in a way that has me fully back on board. Season three is my favorite yet.

So while the "Villains" storyline starts to wind down, I'm going to sit on the edge of my seat, dying to know what happens to Peter, Sylar and Claire. There's sure to be mystery, intrigue, special effects and battles of good versus evil of epic proportions.

I guess the rest of you can continue watching "Dancing With the Stars."

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Preparing Palin for next presidential election is monumental mistake for Republican Party

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From the moment she was announced as Sen. John McCain's vice presidential selection, supporters of Sarah Palin defended her anonymity by suggesting that she was a true Washington outsider, someone who could shake up the system for the good of the American people.

To everyone else, she was the governor of Alaska who seemed to be more focused on her husband's snowmobile world record than coming up with concrete ideas for the direction of the country.

Almost immediately after her selection, Palin was hit with her first contradiction — a video surfacing of her own queries for a possible new job.

"Can someone tell me what the vice president actually does?" Palin asks in the video. A few weeks later, she answered her own question — apparently, it's to help the president force legislation on Congress (oh, wait, no it's not).

The campaign immediately switched gears from honin' in on that good ole' country folksiness and turned it against Sen. Barack Obama, citing his relatively new political career in the Senate in an attempt to

deflect criticism of Palin to him.

"Palin has more executive experience than the entire Democratic ticket combined," former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani said at the Republican National Convention. "I'm sorry if Barack Obama thinks her hometown isn't cosmopolitan enough."

But for all their deflections, the effort didn't pay off, and Obama was elected as the 44th president of the United States along with his vice presidential nominee, Sen. Joe Biden.

But as America celebrates the nation's first black president and looks eagerly toward the next few months before Inauguration Day, divisions are beginning to appear in the former McCain-Palin ticket — conflicts that look to undermine any political future she may have with the GOP and the nation's highest office.

Palin's appointment as vice presidential nominee is shaping itself to be the biggest blunder McCain made in his campaign efforts. Fox News has reported that the Alaskan governor, prior to her nomination, didn't know that Africa was a continent — a major head-scratching moment, considering her would-be position in a global power such as the United States.

The cable news channel also reported that Palin didn't know who

the members of the North American Free Trade Agreement are. There's even a hint in the title — North America (that's the United States, Canada and Mexico).

Newsweek Magazine reported that she exceeded the total cost of her wardrobe purchases for her family by almost \$100,000 — and McCain wasn't told about it. That, and she leaned on several lower-level staffers to help fund her expenses by putting thousands of dollars on their personal credit cards.

I guess it's important to look the part when you know you don't really fit it.

To be fair to the governor, her selection to the Republican presidential ticket was nothing more than a political ploy to attract women voters from the Democrats who were disheartened by Sen. Hillary Clinton's loss of the Democratic nomination.

In a race that championed the historic nature of the female presidential candidate, the result was the use of a clearly unqualified woman solely for her gender.

It was evident to anyone who could see past Palin's alarmingly folksy — and shame me for saying it — can't-take-your-eyes-off-her personality that she was not ready enough to serve as the nation's second-in-command. Nor was she fit to serve as president, should — God

forbid — anything have happened to McCain.

Many reports are coming out saying that Republican leaders are already preparing her for a run in 2012. For a party that has seen yet more losses in Congress and the loss of the nation's highest office, this would be a terrible, terrible mistake.

Palin's history in this presidential election has painted the picture of someone in over her head. She might be a terrific governor, serving the fine people of Alaska well, but she is in no position — no matter how relatable to the average plumber — to lead this country.

You can't preach world peace when you can't name its continents. You can't preach fiscal responsibility in times of economic hardships by leaning on staffers to fund purchases with money they don't have.

Palin does not represent the image that the Republican Party needs.

Sure, she knows how to use a gun. Sure, she has a traditional family. Sure, she fits the folksy model set up by President George W. Bush.

But it didn't work, and it won't work again in four years.

US should take action in Congo

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Today in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — the former property of Belgian King Leopold II and third-largest African nation by land mass — tens of thousands of people are living in displaced peoples' camps located throughout the eastern region off the nation.

According to a Congolese woman interviewed by the BBC, "The fighting began near our home in the middle of the night. There was a lot of gunfire and 'mabombi' — explosions [shelling]. Some people were caught in the middle of the fighting. I saw them die; and after seeing them I knew we had to run away or else we would also die with them." And later, "Of everything though, the only thing I am asking for is peace."

A potential humanitarian disaster resulting in the starvation of thousands of refugees of the fighting may ensue if aid is not provided soon, according to a representative of the UK charity, Save the Children. According to the witness, "Women were grubbing vegetables from the surrounding countryside."

The obvious reaction to this crisis is a call for the United States to send aid. But because this situation is fully entangled in international diplomatic bureaucracy and constrained by the very instable power structures that exist in the region, that simple task is never simple. Without utilizing these traditional channels of bureaucrats, the United States could possibly violate the sovereignty claim of the Congolese government.

However, as the stakes are demarcated in human lives, the cost of an international scandal should not stand in the way of any humanitarian aid that is deemed necessary for the subsistence of the Congolese refugees.

Rather, the pertinent questions should be pragmatic and not legal: What can we do to help? How bad is the crisis? Through which mechanisms can we save the most lives?

If the answers to these questions involve direct military intervention, the United States should remain hesitant while realizing that the channel-

ing of capital, material resources and other resources through the European powers and the United Nations could be very effective in preventing both military and humanitarian crises.

The UN Peacekeeping forces are undermanned and underfunded, resulting in a frustration and helplessness that in the past has manifested

itself in alleged rape, prostitution and pedophilia in UN peacekeeping efforts in the Congo, Haiti, Burundi, Liberia and elsewhere. While the allegations are typical of most military campaigns, better pay and a more promising military outcome could reduce their incidence.

Thus, intervention must only come as a result of wise deliberations and careful considerations. As of Tuesday's elec-

tion, we remain optimistic that an Obama administration will be capable of maneuvering through and perhaps reforming the diplomatic maze that so often impedes humanitarian aid in similar situations.

Obama's multilateral and diplomatic policies will be much more effective at providing the aid sooner and more effectively than the Bush administration's contentious deliberation style.

Furthermore, an Obama administration will be more likely to view such massive and terrible displacements out of the context of their potential economic consequences for the United States.

An Obama administration that reinvents itself into the UN instead of overtly acting against its wishes would strengthen this international body significantly. Instead of the UN and UN peacekeeping troops viewing themselves as acting counter to the will of the United States, they would see themselves as carrying out the will of the more truly United Nations.

As we see the disturbing pictures and hear the tragic stories of displaced and hungry Congolese families, there is a moral imperative to do something. The mechanics of that something should be for the international community to decide, but the moral imperative must remain in each of us.

Despite election setbacks, gays will be equal citizens one day

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Tuesday was a historic day, especially for African-Americans. As the march for civil rights and racial equality continues, electing a black man to the presidency is quite a leap for America. No one could have expected this 100 years ago or even 50 years ago.

The day was not so great, however, for gay Americans. By large margins, Arizona and Florida voted to add clauses to their state constitutions to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Arkansas passed a measure that prohibited unmarried sexual partners from adopting children; proponents admitted that it was aimed at prohibiting gay people from adopting.

The most shocking victory wasn't Obama's, which had been predicted for weeks — it was the victory of Proposition 8 in California. Advocates and opponents spent a record total of \$73 million on Proposition 8. Considered a liberal bastion in recent decades, California has been a safe haven for gay people to marry ever since the California Supreme Court declared same-sex marriage legal in May. That is, until its voters reversed the Court's ruling and banned same-sex marriage again on Tuesday. Interestingly, the increase in black voters going to the polls for Obama may have led to majority support for Proposition 8; black voters supported the proposition two to one.

As a liberal Californian, the return of the ban pains me. As the saying goes, "today California, tomorrow America." California is considered a political, economic and cultural leader in many fields: the high tech industry, health care,

fashion and music, greener environmental policies and more. It was four percentage points away from being a trendsetter for gay rights, but now that issue will take a back seat for several years, if not several decades.

Listening to friends back home and friends on our fairly liberal campus, I feel as if Obama's win has been forgotten and people have moved on to focusing on this result in California. People are afraid that gay people will never be treated like normal citizens in the United States and will be left with civil unions. It even got to the point where a few friends and I joked that, after prohibiting gay marriage and gay adoption, mandating the abortion of gay babies outed via genetic screening would be a national issue in a few years, just to get rid of gay people completely.

I tend to forget that Princeton University, the so-called "most conservative" Ivy, is much more liberal than the state of California and perhaps just as liberal as the Bay Area. We have several programs and even an LGBT Center in Frist Campus Center to support the LGBT community. The wide liberal bias makes it difficult for a large number of us to imagine why the country still has not legalized gay marriage. In California, our generation — those under 30 — voted overwhelmingly (more than two to one) against Proposition 8.

Do Tuesday's results mean that America will remain in this gray zone where gay people receive the benefits of civil unions but don't get to call it marriage? It's likely to be this way for a long time. But the LGBT community won't acquiesce to the current status quo. Even though they're receiving the same rights, they don't want to be treated like second-class citizens, and they'll

fight it. Straight and gay people alike will continue to file lawsuits and campaign until they get what they want.

It took a while from the abolition of slavery until black people got to the Civil Rights Movement, but they got there and got their rights. We even elected a president of color, revealing that America is becoming more tolerant of its cultural diversity. A non-Protestant president was elected in 1960, and one woman in particular will likely be gunning for the White House in 2012. But whatever your stance on Proposition 8, I'm going to say that eventually gay people will get their rights and get to call their partners their spouses. No politician will admit it, but gay people will get equal rights some day. Gay president? Very likely. Some already claim James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln were gay. But as long as America stays afloat as a

democracy, it is probable that an openly gay president will eventually be elected.

Already largely supportive of gay marriage, our generation will help propel this trend toward legalizing gay marriage. But for now, gay rights advocates will have to accept that the rest of the country isn't ready yet and endure the obstacles that fall in the way. American minorities have a history of persevering, and America has a history of responding and opening its doors to them.

If this election could happen for blacks, marriage can happen for gays. It might not happen in our lifetime, but whether you like it or not, all Americans — regardless of sexual orientation — will inevitably have the right to marriage one day.

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'Gears of War 2' superb, well-rounded game

When the original "Gears of War" was released two years ago, it quickly found its way into many an action gamer's heart, winning multiple awards, including Game of the Year from several publications.

Now, Epic's "Gears of War 2" has arrived, and in the words of lead designer Cliff Bleszinski, it's "bigger, badder, and more badass."

While it doesn't bring with it the myriad of innovations the original did, "Gears of War 2" is an improvement in every single way.

Perhaps one of the greatest improvements is in the story — something that was practically nonexistent in the original game. While "Gears of War" gave you a war, an



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enemy and a goal, there was very little story to the plot.

"Gears of War 2" doesn't fall into that trap. From the very beginning, you start caring about these characters, these battles and this war. There's a surprising amount of emotion to be found over the course of the game, and as one of the game's taglines says, "hope runs deep."

While the story answers a lot of questions and definitely leaves you satisfied, it seems to ask a lot more than it tells, possibly setting up at least one more epic installment in the franchise.

But the story isn't the only element given a boost. The graphics in "Gears of War 2" set a new benchmark on the Xbox 360, sporting gorgeous visuals and even more action on screen than ever before.

Multiplayer has seen vast improvements as well, both in competitive modes and in co-op.

Cooperative play for two people is just as much fun as ever, allowing a second player to drop in and out of the action at any time during the

game. Now, though, each player can select his or her own difficulty level.

Want to play on the "hardcore" difficulty level? But your dad/friend/girlfriend isn't up to your skill level? Not a problem. Let them play on "Casual" and they'll practically have to try to be killed.

There's a new cooperative multiplayer mode for up to five players online, in the form of "Horde."

Horde mode pits a group of COG soldiers against wave after wave of Locust enemies. It has a somewhat arcade feel in its pacing and scoring system and is a unique and highly addicting take on the "Gears" formula.

Working together is the key to

survival, and only teams that can successfully communicate and cooperate are going to succeed.

Competitive multiplayer is also here, and it's sure to please the millions of fans who enjoyed the original "Gears."

Certain game types now allow for up to five players on each team (as opposed to four), and all modes are spiced up with new maps, weapons and execution moves.

There are entirely new modes to enjoy, such as "Meat Flag," a take on "capture the flag" in which the flag is a living person that you must capture and bring back to your base before the opposing team does.

Problem is, the meat flag wields a

shotgun, and isn't afraid to use it.

All of these improvements combined with the traditional "stop-and-pop" gameplay that made the original game a success are sure to delight anybody who's just itching for more "Gears."

But there have also been enough tweaks made that may entice new players to join the war against the Locust.

It's the kind of brutal, bloody and outright badass experience that no action game fan will want to miss.

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Cable news braces for post-election ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Matthews refused to be drawn in to a debate last week when fellow MSNBC host Joe Scarborough talked on "Morning Joe" about whether President-elect Obama had fumbled the appointment of Rahm Emanuel as his White House chief of staff.

Matthews said he wanted to "do everything I can to make this thing work, this new presidency work."

Wait a minute. A declaration of political peace? On one of the three cable news networks that has thrived on political combat during the presidential election campaign?

CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC all knew the end would come. Now the networks must retool, and will learn how many of the new viewers who sought them out over the past year will stick around.

Over the last three months, each of the networks saw their prime-time audiences double over the same period a year ago. The climb was steeper at MSNBC (up 158 percent to 1.5 million people a night), compared to CNN (up 124 percent to 2 million) and Fox News Channel (up 101 percent to 3.3 million), according to Nielsen Media Research.

Yet it's been a truism for cable news networks since they began: what goes up invariably comes down when things get quieter.

Frank Sesno, a former CNN Washington bureau chief and now a professor at George Washington University, recalled how his audience virtually disappeared when

the first Gulf War ended. The networks will suffer some losses over the next few months, but he doesn't believe they will be dramatic.

"The market has changed," said Sesno, an occasional analyst at CNN. "I don't think this is episodic. I think it is structural and real and probably permanent. People have learned new viewing habits and new news consumption habits."

Matthews said he believes that the start of Obama's presidency may be a bigger story than the election itself.

The biggest change in the market has been at MSNBC, where Matthews, Keith Olbermann and Rachel Maddow have given the network an opinionated, liberal identity in prime time. That stands in contrast to Fox, the network of choice for the most Republican viewers. CNN said it is happy to occupy a middle ground, although its audience leans Democratic.

MSNBC should do better in quieter periods than it has in the past because of its clearer identity, said Erik Sorenson, who was president of the network at the time of the contested 2000 election.

"That said, the wrong guys won the election for MSNBC," he said. "If McCain won, Keith and Rachel would have a lot to talk about. The audience would have a lot to be angry about and focused on."

Phil Griffin, MSNBC's current chief, said some people won't follow things as intensely as they did the end of the campaign. "But a lot of them will," he said. "And they've found the voices they want to hear."

Local musician contributes to keeping Lubbock sound of West Texas music alive

Lubbock is one of the best places in the state to meet people who devote their lives to West Texas music.

I have met many people who have contributed to the "Lubbock Sound." Perhaps one of the most interesting characters falling into this category is a man named Curtis Peoples.

I first learned about Peoples' contributions to the music of Lubbock nearly a month ago. He was featured in a performance at the Cactus Theatre that showcased some of Lubbock's all-star musicians.

I came across him again a week later when I began to learn what the Crossroad Music Archives at the Southwest Collections Library was all about. Peoples, a founding member of the Southwest Collections Library Music Archives, works as an archivist for the collection. He has, in many ways, propelled the preservation of true Lubbock music through his efforts with the music archives.

Peoples not only has been tirelessly working on the preservation projects, but he has been making his own original music in the Hub City for decades. He has become one of those artists many Lubbockites may not know, but all definitely should.

In July, Peoples released a self-produced album called "Peoples Collective." The album is just what it says: a collection of his own original music featuring a number of influential West Texas names, such as the legendary pianist Doug Smith and steal



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guitarist Lloyd Maines (related to Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks).

I admit, at first, I was interested in this album simply because of the names attached to it. I was intrigued to hear what these artists could do for Peoples. As I listened to it, I realized all

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of the things Peoples did for them. He gave them a chance to collaborate together and introduced them to what can only be described as an eclectic sound.

"Peoples Collective" has a sound that differs from what most members of the Lubbock community are accustomed to listening to. It's just plain refreshing to be introduced to something completely new to this region without straying from what Lubbock music is all about. The mixture of sounds Peoples features on his latest album are reminiscent of those found on acid-blues-type albums

of the 1960s and 1970s with a modern twist.

Not surprisingly, it seems Peoples draws a lot of inspiration for this album from the actual nature of West Texas — whether it is the nature of the way we find ourselves living here or the sound of the roaring West Texas winds. For example, the album features Native American flutist Rita Box Peek, who breathes haunting air into the mix that we've all felt here before on lonely nights.

All in all, I would highly recommend "Peoples Collective" to anyone interested in West Texas music. Peoples has made the album available for download on his MySpace profile for 99 cents per song, and I would suggest checking at least one of them out.

It's a small price to pay for quality music.

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Headphones can interfere with heart devices

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Have a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator? Don't keep your iPod earbuds in your shirt pocket or draped around your neck — even when they're disconnected. A study finds that some headphones can interfere with heart devices if held very close to them.

They might even prevent a defibrillator from delivering a lifesaving shock, say doctors who tested them.

"Headphones contain magnets, and some of these magnets are powerful," said the study's leader, Dr. William Maisel, a cardiologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and a heart device consultant to the federal Food and Drug Administration.

"I certainly don't think people should overreact to this information," but it's smart to keep small electronics at least a few inches from implanted medical devices, and not let someone wearing headphones lean against your chest if you have one, he said.

"The headphone interaction applies whether or not the headphones are plugged in to the music player and whether or not the music player is on or off," he added.

Maisel's research was presented Sunday at an American Heart Association conference.

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OSU loss prevents four-way tie in Big 12 South

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

There already is no room for error in college football.

In the Big 12 Conference's South Division, that room for error is much smaller. Oklahoma State found that out the hard way.

After a 56-20 thrashing from No. 2 Texas Tech Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, the No. 8 Cowboys find themselves in a deeper hole for conference championship aspirations. The loss prevented a four-way tie for the top spot in the Big 12 South and virtually ended Oklahoma State's chances of ending up in Kansas City for the Big 12 Championship game.

"... We had that opportunity (Saturday)," OSU co-offensive coordinator Gunter Brewer said. "We got beat by a better team as coaches and as players on all three phases of the game. We've gotta go to Colorado, gotta win there. Then we gotta beat (Oklahoma). Maybe some other things happen that way. Our odds are slim right now for that opportunity but there are still a lot of other things to play for."

While Oklahoma State rearranges its goals after the loss, Tech remains atop the division ahead of Texas and Oklahoma, respectively. OU still can make the race a little more even as the Sooners have a chance to knock off Tech Nov. 22 in Norman, Okla. After handing Baylor a 45-21 defeat, Texas has Kansas and Texas A&M to finish out its schedule.

An Oklahoma State win would have created a four-way tie for first place in the Big 12 South between the Cowboys, Tech, Texas and Okla-

homa. The win also would have kept what has been an improbable OSU run alive this season.

But even with the loss that could potentially put OSU out of the Big 12 South race, 2008 has been a step in the right direction for the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State quarterback Zac Robinson said there are still many worthy goals the Cowboys can complete that will prove the program's progress is legitimate.

Under coach Mike Gundy in three years, the highest number of wins the Cowboys have reached is seven. They already have eight this season. The Cowboys could still accomplish a 10-win season, something that has only happened three times in the school's history and has not happened since 1988 — a year with NFL legend Barry Sanders as the marquee name on the team.

"There's definitely a lot in front of us — 10 wins and things like that," said Robinson, who had 182 yards passing against Tech. "... We're out of (the conference race) now. It's a crazy conference and obviously something's happening every week nationally. You never know. We just gotta stay focused. Win out, win the games we got remaining and see what happens."

OSU defensive coordinator Tim Beckman said it would be better to head to Colorado with the Big 12 standings looking a little different.

"Yeah, I'd like for it to be a four-way tie and all that stuff but any loss hurts, because you put time into it," he said. "You try to make sure the gameplan's set for the kids. We'll go back and find out what we need to correct."

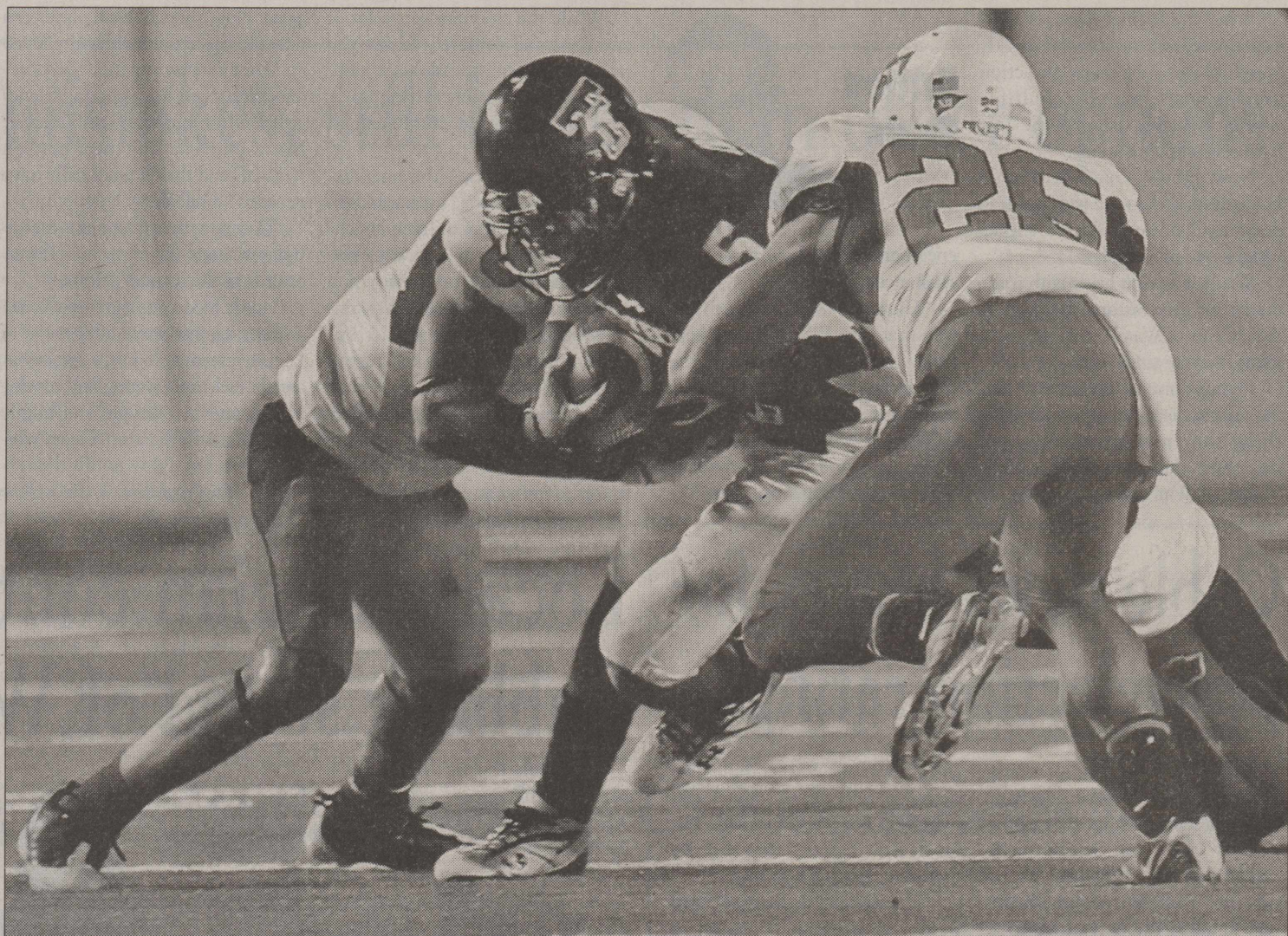


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TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Crabtree is tackled by Oklahoma State defenders in Tech's 56-20 win over the Cowboys. With the loss, the Cowboys are now behind Texas, Oklahoma and Tech in the Big 12 South Division.

Before the Cowboys can do any moving on, they have to bounce back from a game where the OSU offense could not keep up with the Red Raiders.

Oklahoma State had trouble making the ground and air attack

equally effective throughout the night. While running back Kendall Hunter had 112 yards rushing with two touchdowns, Robinson could not find a receiver in the end zone. The team's leading receiver in Dez Bryant had four

catches for 86 yards.

Gundy said it is difficult to beat a team of Tech's caliber when his offense becomes one-dimensional.

He said the importance of keeping the right mentality in the middle of this Big 12 season can make or

break a team.

"When you play a 12-game season and you play in a division and a league we play in," Gundy said, "you can't get too high on a win and you can't get too down on a loss."

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frontrunner was not shaken.

"There's no reason to panic. We still have 58 minutes of football to play," he said. "There's no reason to get worried about it, and that's exactly what the offense did, I felt like."

Tech left the turnover behind and made its third national statement in as many weeks by scoring a touchdown on its next seven possessions in a 56-20 drubbing of the Cowboys on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, extending the Red Raiders' nation-leading win streak to 12 games.

"A lot of people thought we'd probably come out and lose," said Harrell, who continued to stay in rhythm by going 40-for-50 with 456 yards and six touchdowns. "A lot of people picked us to lose. A lot of people just thought we'd be riding that high from Texas and not be ready to play, but that's what's different about this team. We put games behind us and get ready for the next opponent."

The Red Raiders (10-0, 6-0 in Big 12 Conference play) have a

bye week before playing at No. 6 Oklahoma, its final opponent of a difficult four-game stretch in which they beat Kansas, No. 4 Texas and now No. 8 Oklahoma State. A similar run of games shot the Longhorns to the top of the Bowl Championship Series standings, but the Red Raiders' miss-it-if-you-blink rise to the top of the polls took a beating because the school was an outlier in the BCS picture for so long.

"One thing our team has done a really good job of is get absorbed in their work and their effort every day so we had good practices. We had good preparation, all those things," said Tech coach Mike Leach, whose team is 10-0 for the first time in 70 years in school history. "Everything that happened tonight, that all started last Sunday really."

With a resounding win over Oklahoma State (8-2, 4-2), Tech has hurdled all the obstacles in its way thus far, and only the Sooners and Baylor stand in its way to a Big 12 Championship game and a potential national championship appearance.

Tech receiver Eric Morris said he recalls sitting next to Harrell during the flight to Lubbock after the team's

Gator Bowl win last season, and the two talked about how special this season could end up being.

"It's kind of fun looking back on that to know how far we've come," Morris said. "But we put in a lot of work, a lot of hard work that a lot of people don't see when no cameras are around or no people around."

It didn't seem like any defense was around to hassle Tech's offense either, which made scoring look easy, posting 38 first downs and 629 yards of total offense. The only thing missing from last year's 49-45 shootout was Oklahoma State's offense, which was held to 186 yards rushing, 90 yards below its per game average. Harrell led the Red Raiders on drives of 80, 70, 97, 72, 48, 80 and 96 yards.

Although running back Kendall Hunter ran for 112 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries, the Cowboys had difficulty sustaining drives, punting the ball four times and turning it over twice — once on a Robinson interception to safety Darcel McBath and another by way of a Brandon Pettigrew fumble. Tech scored touchdowns off both turnovers and all but one punt, essentially putting the Cowboys in a hole too deep



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Graham Harrell and Tech's running back Shannon Woods celebrate after the game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

to climb out of.

"They just play really excited, play together," Leach said of the defensive improvements from last year to this year. "You see people on the sideline communicating, trying to work with one another. There isn't anybody that's not committed to working extremely hard and understanding that the other guy's role is really important too."

After his fumble in the first quarter, Harrell capped off a five-play, 80-yard drive with a 16-yard touchdown pass to Edward Britton, who caught the ball on a fade route before planting one foot in bounds as he hit the turf. Then three of Harrell's next five

touchdown strikes ended up in the hands of Crabtree, who had 89 yards on eight catches, giving him 1,010 yards receiving and 18 touchdowns on the season.

After a four-yard touchdown to Morris and Crabtree's first score, OSU's Keith Toston ran in a two-yard touchdown, cutting Tech's lead 21-14. Then a little more than three minutes later, running back Shannon Woods responded with a touchdown. On its first possession of the first half, Tech safety Darcel McBath forced Pettigrew's fumble and fellow safety Daniel Charbonnet recovered.

The turnover set up Crabtree's next touchdown, which was quickly

answered by a 47-yard pass to OSU receiver Dez Bryant, giving Hunter room to score a four-yard touchdown, 35-20. However, Crabtree was there again, plucking Harrell's throw out of the air on a fade route toward the corner of the end zone, making the score 42-20.

What closed the door on the Cowboys was Harrell's 96-yard drive, sparked by McBath's diving interception and capped by Woods' 14-yard touchdown scamper.

"That's probably as good as a whole game that we've put together this year," Morris said. "It seems like we were clicking on all cylinders."

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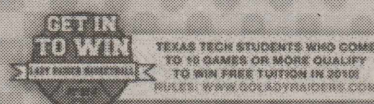


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Lady Raiders win 94-68 in last exhibition game

By **STEVEN RYAN**
STAFF WRITER

In their final exhibition game before the season kicks off this week, The Texas Tech Lady Raiders fine tuned their offense and threw out many different defensive looks against the Houston Jaguars.

Tech had a little bit of trouble with Houston's front court, giving up 18 offensive rebounds, but still came out on top with a 94-68 victory.

Jordan Murphree led the way for Tech with 16 points and 5 rebounds on 7-of-13 shooting from her new forward position, while freshman Tilmila Martin added 15 points with six coming from the free throw line.

"It was much more of a challenge (than Melbourne)," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "There were some positives and there were definitely some areas we need to work on but that's what today was about."

The deciding statistic seemed to be the Lady Raiders' ability to make their shots. Tech was 33-of-63 for a 52.4 percentage from the field, while the Jaguars struggled in the same department, making just 36.2 percent of their shots.

The Lady Raiders also did a better job than the Cougars at getting to the free throw line. They attempted 11 more free throws, making 80 percent. This gave Tech 14 more points than Houston from the charity stripe alone.

"A real positive to me is to see more people being more aggressive," Curry said. "With Jordan (Barncastle) and Kierra (Mallard), we have been getting about

not being passive and being more aggressive. I was actually happy when I saw her get some offensive rebounds and an offensive foul or two."

Tech had another solid contribution from the newcomers. Martin, Kierra Mallard, Barncastle combined for 38 points and 19 rebounds.

Barncastle, a freshman from Martin Mill, led Tech in rebounding with nine total rebounds and five coming on the offensive glass.

"I just try to take it one game at a time and focus on the little things that coach emphasizes," Barncastle said. "It's all about experience for me."

Tech's bench players were used early and often as nine players had at least 15 minutes of playing time. The Lady Raiders offense also spread the ball out well with seven players attempting five or more shots.

With the Jaguars unable to key on one offensive player, Tech had contributions from basically everyone that touched the floor. Six different players scored in double digits for Curry.

"We can't be Dominic Seals and we can't be Jordan Murphree and just expect those two night in and night out to do what they did a year ago," Curry said. "We have got to have more help. Our goal is to always have a fourth person in double figures. Six is icing on the cake."

The Lady Raiders open up regular season play against the Idaho Vandals at 5 p.m. Friday in the United Spirit Arena.

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TEXAS TECH CENTER Kierra Mallard shoots the ball against the Houston Jaguars during the Lady Raiders' final exhibition game Sunday at the United Spirit Arena.

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SPORTS

Tech secondary continues solid coverage of receivers

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

During Saturday's post-game press conference, Texas Tech safety Daniel Charbonnet was about to elaborate on the defensive scheme that held Oklahoma State receiver Dez Bryant in check.

The senior got four words in before defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill chimed in from the back of the room, politely suggesting Charbonnet not dive into any more details. So, like any player would, Charbonnet listened to his coach and ran around the question.

"We just had a good scheme and had good players and players made plays, so that's all," said Charbonnet, who played a part in limiting the explosive Bryant to four catches and 86 yards during a 56-20 win against No. 8 Oklahoma State on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"That's why he's a starting safety, because he's smart," McNeill said shortly after.

Although Charbonnet whispered to McNeill he was not going to divulge any specifics anyway, the gist of controlling Bryant was giving him attention underneath and over the top while trying to stop OSU's run game, which prior to the loss, averaged 273.5 yards per game.

"You had to focus some guys on (Bryant) in different kind of ways, but they have a great run game," said McNeill, whose defense held the Cowboys to nearly 100 rushing yards below their season average. "So when you focus somebody on him in different kind of ways, maybe one under, one on top, maybe one on top, one coming underneath, different kind of ways. You gotta take away from the run game, and we did wanna do that because that's their bread and butter."

While Oklahoma State runs the ball more than 60 percent of the time, few quarterbacks rely on a re-

ceiver the way Cowboy's quarterback Zac Robinson does Bryant, and Tech eliminated that connection for the most part.

Heading into the game against Tech, Bryant caught 46 percent of Robinson's completions, 75 percent of his touchdowns and 50 percent of his total passing yards along with an average of 117 yards per game and 17.6 yards per catch.

The Red Raiders disregarded all those statistics.

"In stopping great wide receivers, you gotta play 11-man football on run, 11-man football on pass," McNeill said. "Now today, we couldn't really play 11-man football on the run because we had to have some other guys tied into (Bryant). He still got loose, we knew he's good."

The first time Robinson was able to look Bryant's way on a consistent basis was late in the second quarter. He threw a 40-yard bomb down the middle that safeties Darcel McBath and Anthony Hines converged on for the break up. Three plays later, Bryant hauled in a 19-yard reception before being targeted on two straight incompletions to end the first half.

Then on the first play of the Cowboy's second possession in the third quarter, Robinson zipped the ball to Bryant over the middle who sprinted for a 51-yard gain. However, an offensive holding penalty down field lessened the damage, bringing the play back five yards. Running back Kendall Hunter eventually punched in a four-yard touchdown.

"We gave (Bryant) the attention that he deserved. He got loose on us once," McBath said. "He's a great player, so he's gonna make plays."

Bryant had two more catches in the third quarter for a total of 23 yards, and he did not catch a single ball in the fourth quarter. It was the fourth time this season Bryant did not gain more than 100 yards and was held without a touchdown.

McNeill said cornerbacks coach

Brian Mitchell and safeties coach Carlos Mainord did a good job devising a plan for Bryant throughout the week leading up to the game, and Charbonnet credited the scout team for previewing Bryant the best it could.

Then again, eliminating a team's best receiver is nothing new for the Red Raiders.

While plowing through Kansas and No. 4 Texas, Tech slowed down some of the hottest receivers in the nation at the time in Kansas' Dezmon Briscoe and Texas' Jordan Shipley.

Briscoe was coming off a record-setting 12-catch, 269-yard and two touchdown performance against Oklahoma, but Tech all but erased Briscoe after the first quarter against the Jayhawks. The 6-foot-3, 200-pound sophomore had eight catches for 55 yards and a touchdown — 42 of those yards and the touchdown came in the opening quarter.

A week later against Texas, Tech had its hands full against receivers Jordan Shipley and Quan Cosby. Cosby left the game after an injury in the first quarter, but Tech's secondary kept Shipley relatively quiet — he returned a punt for a touchdown — by limiting him to six catches and 42 yards on the day.

Moreover, Charbonnet and McBath have become the center of a more opportunistic defense that has forced 24 turnovers this season with 16 interceptions — six to McBath and five to Charbonnet. McBath added another when he picked off Robinson early in the fourth quarter on Saturday.

"I think Darcel does a pretty good job kind of setting the example and just sort of he's kind of the spirit of that group overall," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "(The secondary has) been playing really hard, not just to shut people down but trying to figure out a way to get the ball back."

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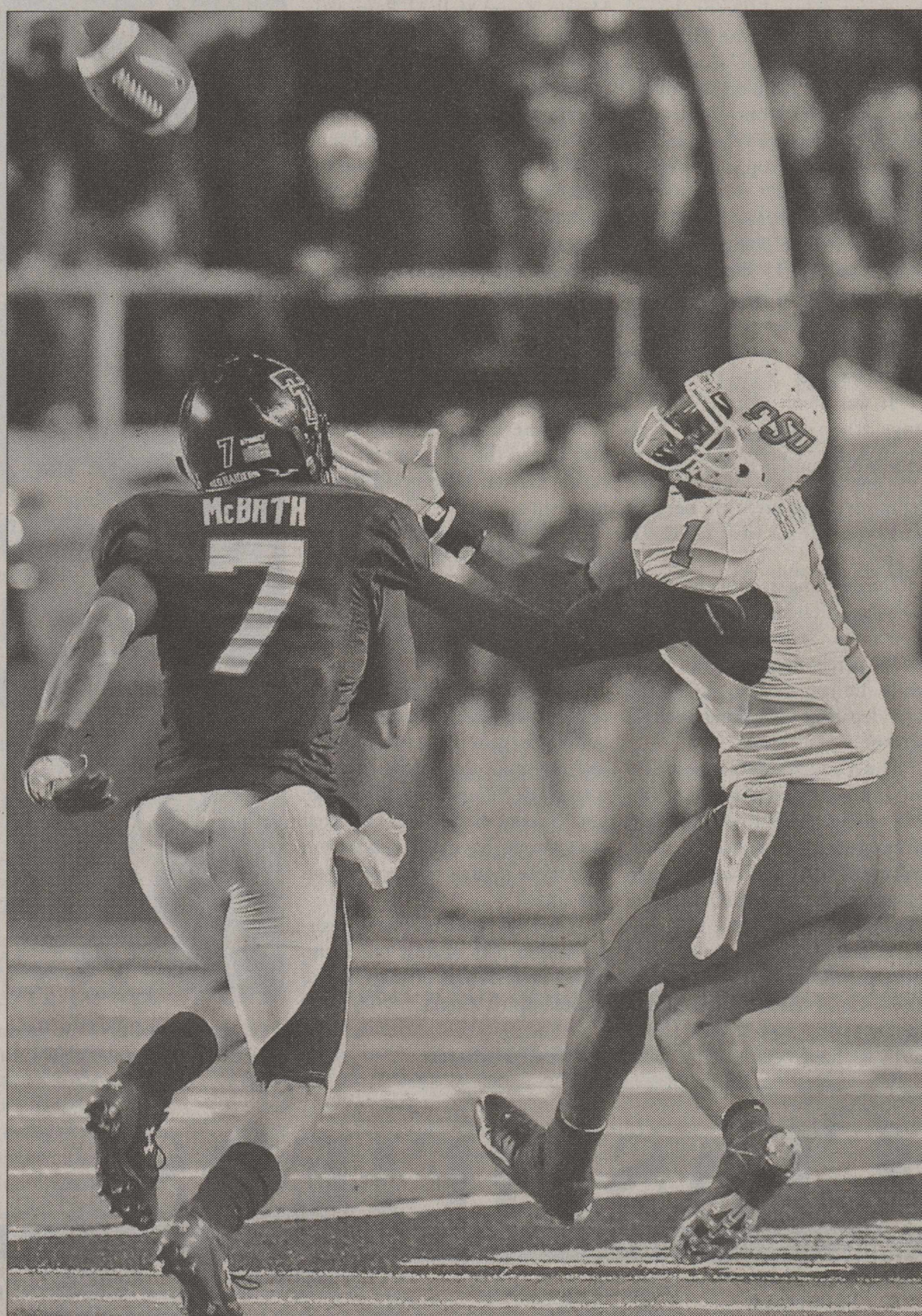


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OKLAHOMA STATE'S DEZ Bryant misses a pass with Texas Tech safety Darcel McBath defending Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



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