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## Texas library seeks info from Ike survivors

GALVESTON (AP) — A Hurricane Ike-damaged library wants to share stories of Galveston residents who rode out the storm on the island and those who fled.

The Rosenberg Library is seeking personal accounts of the hurricane, which hit Galveston on Sept. 13, as part of its historical project "Memories of Ike."

The library, on its Web site, says recording Hurricane Ike from the viewpoint of the everyday citizen offers a chance to understand the disaster from the "ground up."

NATION

## Aid prospects darken for desperate US carmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prospects dimmed on Monday for the \$25 billion bailout that U.S. automakers say they desperately need to get through a bleak and dangerous December.

Though all sides agree that Detroit's Big Three carmakers are in peril, battered by the economic meltdown that has choked their sales and frozen loans, the White House and congressional Democrats are headed for stalemate over the government money that might go toward helping them.

WORLD

## US-Iraq pact poses test for Iraq's security forces

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S.-Iraqi security pact now before parliament calls for U.S. forces to leave Iraq's cities by June 30 in recognition of an improved security climate, but the deadline poses a key test for Iraqi forces in places like Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul where attacks still occur daily.

It is a gamble that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, emboldened by recent military successes, is willing to take — partly because of growing confidence in the capabilities of Iraqi forces.

U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker described the security gains as "superlative" at a Monday signing ceremony of the agreement with Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari.

DEATH TOLL

4200

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## Credit card fraud, check forgery increasing

By JON VANDERLAAN  
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As the strength of the nation's economy remains in question, one expert said she believes an increase in credit card fraud and check forgery will continue through rough economic times.

Ellen Hein, manager and CEO of the Texas Tech Federal Credit Union, said she has seen an increase in the unauthorized use of credit cards and an increase in counterfeit checks that look like cashier's checks.

Hein said two cases of counterfeit checks were discovered in Lubbock during the last three weeks. Normally, it is common to see about one

to two cases per year.

One of the most commonly seen scams, she said, is an e-mail stating the recipient was the winner of a lottery or similar contest.

Given the weakened economy, she said, she believes such cases will continue to increase.

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech Police Department said he also has noticed an increase in the number of reports of credit card abuse.

When a credit card is stolen and used, he said, the person normally will use the card within 24 hours, because after that time they may be unable to use the card.

Because of this, the department advises students to cancel as soon as possible, Seacrist said, and if the person

uses the card before it is canceled, the department can use that location as a lead to find the person.

Hein said the Tech Federal Credit Union uses a system — Falcon Fraud — which is able to detect abnormal trends and sometimes catches fraud before students realize they became a victim.

But students should be careful about checks they receive in the mail and e-mails they receive, she said.

"If (it seems) too good to be true," Hein said, "it is too good to be true."

Seacrist said students should be aware of where they place their credit cards, wallets and purses, even when absent for a short period of time.

Backpacks and residence halls also are targeted, he said, and carelessness is

the cause of most credit card thefts.

Depending on the amount of money spent by the thief, Seacrist said, the person either could receive misdemeanor or felony charges.

More places that accept credit cards check for identification when a credit card is used, he said, which helps the department find thieves.

Although the department may not be able to charge the perpetrator for spending money, the person still may be guilty of possession of stolen property.

Hein said the credit union is proac-



tive and passes any new information to its members. The credit union also helps members when they are the victim of fraud by filing charges, changing account numbers, helping members contact the federal credit bureaus and replacing stolen cards.

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## WORST-CASE SCENARIO

Scientists warn of worst-case climate change scenario

By TINA L. ARONS  
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The global community faces an invisible problem that threatens to disrupt the entire planet: climate change.

According to recent reports, the rate of humanity's current greenhouse gas emissions is setting the world on a course toward leading scientists' projected worst-case scenario by the end of this century, and West Texas will not be immune to the ecological and economic impact.

Although experts do not foresee any way to reverse climate change, many believe today's society can make changes — including President-elect Barack Obama's call for

an 80 percent greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 2050 — that, at the very least, will curb scientists' ominous predictions.

"It is one of the most pressing challenges that we face today," said David Tissue, a research professor for the Centre for Plant and Food Science in Sydney, Australia, "and there is no doubt that global climate change is occurring."

Tissue, a former Texas Tech biological sciences professor who responded via e-mail, said scientists have been warning people about the increasing threat of global climate change for decades, but policy makers have yet to make it a top priority.

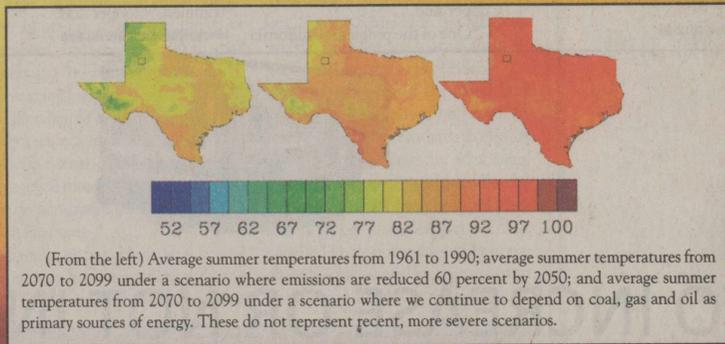
Katharine Hayhoe, a professor of atmospheric sciences at

Tech, said climate change often is overshadowed by more immediate issues, such as economic or foreign troubles.

"These problems don't look urgent, but they will be in 20 or 30 years," she said. "It needs to be addressed very soon or it'll be worse than we've seen before."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil have caused concentrations of heat-trapping greenhouse gasses to increase significantly, which has increased Earth's average surface temperature anywhere from 1.2 degrees to 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit in the last century.

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Images Courtesy of Katharine Hayhoe

## Lubbock facing potentially bad fire season

By MATT COBB  
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As wildfires continue to ravage parts of southern California, Lubbock is on watch for a potentially bad fire season in the months to come.

Lubbock's upcoming fire season, which usually occurs from January through April, could be worse than normal because of the region's overly dry climate and high winds.

"Forecast conditions are favorable for a bad fire weather season," said Jeff Vitale, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Though the peak of the fire weather season

in West Texas typically lasts from January to April, it could begin as early as December of this year, he said. This is because of the current climate conditions in the region.

The Lubbock area is experiencing high winds and very dry weather conditions, Vitale said. Lubbock has gone 32 consecutive days without measurable rainfall. That can cause the grasslands to dry out and initiate an early fire season.

Even though the fire season could begin as early as next month, he said, as of right now there is not an eminent threat of a large-scale fire occurring.

"The days are becoming a lot dryer which

is common for this time of year," Vitale said, "but at this point in time (the fire season) is not a high threat."

California, currently in its fire season, has been trying to extinguish three wildfires that broke out last week.

Since Thursday, three major fires have burned nearly 41,000 acres, or 64 square miles, according to The Associated Press. Officials warned of another bad air day on Monday, and classes were canceled at dozens of schools near fire zones in Orange County. Many schools in session canceled outdoor activities as a result of acrid smoke.

Common causes of grass and wildfires

include power lines that have been brought down by high winds, cars driving over open fields, and cigarette butts that have not been properly extinguished, he said.

Although Lubbock faces the risk of experiencing wildfires and grassfires, they should be more easily containable than the ones spreading across California, said Rhea Cooper, Lubbock's Fire Chief. This is because of the type of vegetation found in the area.

"We don't have the fuel-loading trees like they do," he said.

California has a large number of pine and

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TODAY

Sunny

High 68 Low 38



Wednesday

Sunny

High 73 Low 36



Thursday

Sunny

High 67 Low 30



Friday

Sunny

High 63 Low 34



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## Warming

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In its 2007 report, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned that an increase between 3.2 degrees and 9.7 degrees Fahrenheit could trigger massive global changes — such as the melting of the Greenland ice sheet, the Himalayan-Tibetan glaciers and Arctic summer ice — which, Hayhoe said, could have direct consequences on humans, including the submergence of major coastal cities in rising ocean levels.

A report by the Environmental Integrity Project found that carbon dioxide emissions from U.S. power plants rose 3 percent in 2007 — the biggest single-year increase since 1998.

According to an October analysis of scientific publications by the World Wildlife Fund, the increased rate of carbon dioxide emissions is higher than all of the U.N. panel's scenarios.

The World Wildlife Fund also predicts that the Arctic Ocean is losing sea ice up to 30 years ahead of the U.N. panel's projections. Some scientists predict the summer sea ice could disappear between 2013 and 2040, which hasn't occurred in more than a million years.

The panel's 2007 re-examination of the impact of greenhouse gas emissions concluded that an 80 percent cut in emissions by 2050 likely would limit climate changes to "acceptable" levels.

Hayhoe, who contributed to the panel on climate change, said consequences of ignoring such measures must be taken seriously.

"We can't stop it," she said. "The change we're going to see is from what we've already put into the air. If we take action now, we can stabilize by the end of the century."

### THE THREAT TO HUMANS

Although some areas are experiencing hotter temperatures, Hayhoe said, other areas will continue to experience "extreme" weather changes such as extended periods of rainfall or drought.

She said many coastal cities will be lost as the ocean rises from melting ice and warmer water.

But melting ice and rising oceans is not the only water-related threat. "Half of the world gets its water from glaciers," Hayhoe said. "There will eventually be nothing left if it melts too fast."

According to the World Wildlife Fund analysis, the change in global temperatures since 1981 led to a reduction of global yields of wheat, maize and barley, which resulted in combined losses of roughly 40 million tons of food each year.

Another 2007 report concluded that children generally are more susceptible than adults to certain diseases resulting from air pollution because their bodies are still in de-

velopment.

These diseases include heart and breathing disorders, Hayhoe said.

### THE ECONOMICS OF GLOBAL WARMING

Aaron Huertas, spokesman for the Union of Concerned Scientists, said refusing to address the climate crisis will cost trillions of dollars by the end of the century.

Huertas said the United States needs to create green jobs and energy-efficient cars that will yield economic growth and allow people to spend less on oil and more money in their local economies.

Huertas said, the union has recommended employing the same cap-and-trade system for carbon dioxide the United States has used since 2005 to regulate mercury emissions, which could improve the financial viability of renewable energy.

The system would allow the government to establish a market for mercury emissions by selling permits to companies that emit mercury, he said. The companies then choose whether to invest in technologies that reduce emissions and meet goals or to buy credits from other companies that already have met them.

Huertas said the absence of regulation for carbon dioxide emissions allows companies to use the atmosphere as a "free dumping ground."

Tissue said a lack of action "boils down to priorities."

"Interestingly, our government can put trillions of dollars into a war, and \$700 billion into the financial crisis," he said, "but it cannot find a way to subsidize renewable energy in any sizeable fashion."

Tissue said governments worldwide need to take immediate action to decrease energy use and increase energy conservation.

"Unless we change our lifestyle to some degree, and rather quickly," he said, "we will have a massive problem in the next decade."

### THE OTHER VICTIMS

According to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, about one-fifth of the world's 5,487 species of mammals are at risk of extinction. Human-caused hunting and habitat destruction threatens approximately 1,141 of these mammal species.

Celine Godard-Codding, an assistant professor in environmental toxicology at Tech, said two species of animals directly endangered by global climate change include sea turtles and polar bears.

"For sea turtles and reptilian species, the gender of the animals is determined by temperature," she said. "That means a fertilized egg will evolve and become a male or female sea turtle depending on the temperature."

Godard-Codding said scientists are concerned a temperature change will skew the sex ratio enough to become detrimental to the species.

For polar bears, she said, scientists are concerned about increasing rates

### Reducing Emissions:

- Reduce, reuse and recycle
  - Replace conventional bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs
  - Purchase energy-efficient appliances
  - Clean air filters regularly and have heating and cooling equipment inspected to improve efficiency
  - Use non-electric push lawn mowers, which, unlike gas or electric mowers, consume no fossil fuels and emit no greenhouse gases
  - Carpool to work when possible
  - And keep vehicles well maintained and check tire pressure regularly
- Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

of starvation and death by drowning. With warmer temperatures in the Arctic, sea ice melts faster than normal, shortening the species' hunting season and potentially stranding polar bears on icebergs after the surrounding ice disappears. Because of this, polar bears may need to swim longer distances than they are capable of and may drown.

The world's plant species also face significant risks.

A study published in "Science" magazine in October reported a temperature increase of 5.8 degrees Fahrenheit in Costa Rica over the next 100 years would cause 53 percent of the 1,902 lowland tropical plant species studied to deteriorate.

About half the carbon dioxide emissions have been absorbed by land and ocean, according to the World Wildlife Fund, but "the capability of these natural 'sinks' is declining at a greater rate than forecast in earlier studies."

### SLOWING GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Global climate change cannot be stopped, Hayhoe said, because scientists have yet to develop a method for removing the emissions already released into the atmosphere.

However, she said, people can slow the process and avoid catastrophic consequences by investing in renewable energy.

"Anyone who has been south of Lubbock has seen the wind turbines," she said. "We can still use the land underneath, and it could be an economic boom for West Texas."

Tissue said people can reduce their use of fossil fuels by buying gas-efficient cars, and they can conserve energy by purchasing efficient appliances.

People can contribute several ways, he said, but everyone needs to "break the mindset that we have unlimited energy and that our actions have no consequences."

"The longer you let it go unchecked," Hayhoe said, "the bigger the impact."

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# Relay for Life kicks off slated 2009 Relay with meeting in SUB

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The run up to Texas Tech's Relay for Life begins today at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Matador Room.

Rachel Verbout, a senior accounting major from Victoria and chairwoman of the 2009 Relay for Life event, said the meeting kicks off a string of events prior to the Relay in March.

"The meeting will mainly be an informational and organizational meeting for people and representatives of groups interested in participating in the relay," she said.

Verbout said teams will be allowed to register at the meeting and a cancer survivor will speak to the group in attendance.

Relay for Life, a nationwide fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, is celebrating its 25th anniversary nationally and seven-year anniversary on Tech's campus,

she said. This year's Relay for Life is scheduled to take place March 28, 2009 at the R.P. Fuller Track Stadium.

Relay for Life of Lubbock County hosts an annual event on a different date than Tech's.

Verbout said Relay for Life participants partake in a number of different events during the all-night event. The focal point of the event is having at least one representative from each organization or group of people in attendance take a lap, either walking or jogging, around the track at any given moment during the 12-hour event. Each organization or group raises funds or finds individuals to sponsor their laps around the track, according to the Relay for Life Web site. The money goes to the American Cancer Society.

Verbout said the 2008 Tech Relay for Life raised \$123,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"The event goes all night and

into the morning," she said. "It's supposed to symbolize cancer. Cancer never sleeps so neither do we this one night."

Verbout listed some of the events usually held at the Tech Relay.

"We usually have games like flag football and other little activities to keep us going and to help us stay awake as the night goes on," she said. "The Relay for Life event kicks off with a remembrance ceremony for those who have died of cancer and a luminary ceremony later in the night."

Verbout said the large turnout of students annually means a lot to the cancer survivors and families of cancer patients in attendance.

"It speaks volumes," she said. "I've been involved with this for a long time."

"It's a fun night that raises awareness and concern about cancer. This is a great event."

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## President-elect Obama, McCain vow to work closely

CHICAGO (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama and former Republican rival John McCain pledged Monday to work together on ways to change Washington's "bad habits," though aides to both men said it was unlikely McCain would serve in an Obama Cabinet.

The two men met in Obama's transition headquarters in Chicago for the first time since the Illinois senator vanquished McCain in the presidential election Nov. 4. Obama said they wanted to talk about "how we can do some work together to fix up the country," and he added that he would offer his own thanks to McCain "for the outstanding service he's already rendered."

Obama has said he is likely to invite at least one Republican to join his Cabinet, but McCain was not expected to be a candidate. The Arizona is serving his fourth term in the Senate.

Obama and McCain sat together for a brief picture-taking session with reporters, along with Rahm Emanuel, Obama's incoming White House chief of staff, and South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, McCain's close friend. Obama and McCain were heard briefly discussing football, and Obama cracked that "the national press is tame compared to the Chicago press."

When asked if he planned to help the Obama administration, McCain replied, "Obviously."

After the meeting, the two issued a joint statement saying: "At this defining moment in history, we believe that Americans of all parties want and need their leaders to come together and change the bad habits of Washington so that we can solve the common and urgent challenges of our time."

"It is in this spirit that we had

a productive conversation today about the need to launch a new era of reform where we take on government waste and bitter partisanship in

Washington in order to restore trust in government, and bring back prosperity and opportunity for every hardworking American family," it said. "We hope to work together in the days and months ahead on critical challenges like solving our financial crisis, creating a new energy economy and protecting our nation's security."

Obama and McCain clashed bitterly during the fall campaign over taxes, the Iraq War, and ways to fix the ailing economy. Things got ugly at times, with McCain running ads comparing Obama to celebrities Britney Spears and Paris Hilton and raising questions about his relationship with a 1960s-era radical, William Ayers.

## Fires

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evergreen trees, shrubbery fueling the fire, Cooper said. Both trees produce oils that remain in the trees even during dry seasons. The combination of the wood and oil acts as fuel for a fire.

Lubbock had a large number of early rains in the spring and summer of this year, he said. These rains caused weeds and brush to grow significantly taller than past years. This tall growth could be a potential threat during the fire season.

Wind is also a big factor that helps spread these types of fires, Cooper said.

"One of the problems California

has is the Santa Ana winds can blow as fast as 60 to 70 mph," he said. "Lubbock's spring winds are very similar to those."

Wildfires can pose several types of immediate threats to the general public, Cooper said. Not only can they cause property damage but thick smoke can be a tremendous traffic hazard.

To help prevent these fires from occurring, people should make sure to maintain their property, he said. Lubbock residents should keep their lots free of all brush and loose grass, and they should prevent weeds from growing up next to their homes.

"People should make sure to keep their yards and lawns well trimmed," Cooper said.

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### Weather Fatalities: 1997-2006

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- Hurricane 117
- Flood 74
- Tornado 62
- Wind 47
- Lightning 44
- Winter Storms 41
- Cold 18

Source: The National Weather Service

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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TECH POLICE BLOTTER

# Residence hall bathrooms flooded, several vehicle door locks punched in

Nov. 10

Two officers investigated theft at 8:59 a.m. at the northeast bicycle rack at the University Library in which a men's bicycle was reported stolen.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 10:19 a.m. on the first and second floors of Murdough Residence Hall in which the bathrooms were flooded and caused damage to the floors.

Two officers documented damaged property at 1:29 p.m. in the R-19 library parking lot in which a vehicle damaged a light pole.

An officer investigated tampering with a government record at 1:56 p.m. in the Z-1B parking lot in which a handicap placard was altered.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident at 2:23 p.m. in the Z-5B parking lot. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated theft at 2:41 p.m. at the north bicycle racks at Hulén Residence Hall in which a men's bicycle was reported stolen.

An officer investigated debit/credit card abuse at 2:48 p.m.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident at 2:56 p.m. in the S-1 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated theft at 3:08 p.m. in the Financial Services department of the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building in which money was reported stolen from an unsecured desk.

An officer investigated a traffic accident at 7:42 p.m. in the R-7 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 11

An officer investigated theft at 5:05 p.m. at the southeast bicycle rack at Horn Residence Hall in which a bicycle was reported stolen.

An officer investigated an accident at 7:41 p.m. in the R-7 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident at 8:30 p.m. in the C-11 parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unoccupied vehicle.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident at 8:40 p.m. in the Z-3L parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unoccupied vehicle.

Nov. 12

An officer documented information about a possibly intoxicated employee at 8:09 a.m. in the Administrative Support building. An individual received a call about a MailTech employee being intoxicated while on duty.

Two officers documented identifying information at 8:40 a.m.

in which a grounds maintenance employee provided the officers with employment and identifying documentation.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 12:14 p.m. in the Texas Tech Museum parking lot in which a passenger window was broken and a purse was reported stolen.

An officer investigated theft at 1:10 p.m. at the northeast bicycle rack at the library in which a bicycle and lock were reported stolen.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 3:19 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot in which the driver-side door's lock was punched in and two speakers and an amplifier were reported stolen from the vehicle.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 4:55 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot in which the driver-side door's lock was punched in and an Alpine CD player, amplifier and two subwoofers were reported stolen from the vehicle.

An officer investigated theft at 6:06 p.m. in the Frazier Pavilion in which a Canon digital camera was reported stolen.

A student was issued a citation at 6:56 p.m. in Weymouth Residence Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was released.

An officer investigated an accident at 8:52 p.m. in the 3300 block of Main Street. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 13

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 12:40 a.m. in the Z-1B parking lot in which the driver-side door's lock was punched in and a Pioneer CD player and two Rockford Fosgate speakers were reported stolen.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 1:14 a.m. in the Z-6A parking lot in which the passenger side door was scratched by a male when he got out of his vehicle.

Two officers responded to a medical call at 11 a.m. in the Biology building in which a female fainted and was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

An officer investigated an accident at 11:15 a.m. in the Z-4M parking lot involving a Tech vehicle. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated an attempted theft at 1 p.m. at the west bicycle rack at the Human Sciences building in which an observer witnessed a male cut a bicycle lock and attempt to remove the bicycle from the rack.

The bicycle was taken to the Police Department for safekeeping.

An officer investigated theft at 2:26 p.m. at the north bicycle rack at Hulén Residence Hall in which a Specialized mountain bicycle was reported stolen.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 3:28 p.m. at Coleman Residence Hall in which a door plate was damaged.

An officer investigated theft at 6:52 p.m. in Chitwood Residence Hall in which a Burbury purse and a Juicy necklace were reported stolen.

A student was arrested at 10:36 p.m. in the 3100 block of 18th Street for theft of a bicycle. The student was released pending the filing of charges.

Nov. 14

An officer documented a cashier's check at 8:05 a.m. at the Tech Federal Credit Union.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 11:30 a.m. in the C-16 parking lot in which a lock was punched in and a checkbook was reported stolen.

An officer investigated an accident at 12:45 p.m. in the C-10 parking lot involving a Tech vehicle. No injuries were reported.

An officer documented information about a non-student at 1:36 p.m. in which the non-student may have been stealing bicycles from Horn/Knapp Residence Hall bicycle racks.

An officer investigated an accident at 4:16 p.m. in the C-1 parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unoccupied vehicle. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated an accident at 4:56 p.m. in the 1800 block of Indiana Avenue. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 16

A student was arrested at 12 a.m. in Sneed Residence Hall for public intoxication and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was arrested at 12:24 a.m. in Hulén Residence Hall for public intoxication, criminal mischief and possession of a fictitious driver's license. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 2:34 a.m. in Coleman Residence Hall in which a window was broken.

An officer investigated theft at 1:18 p.m. in the University Library in which two prescription bottles and an inhaler were reported stolen.

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# Student illusion artist hopes to predict Tech score again

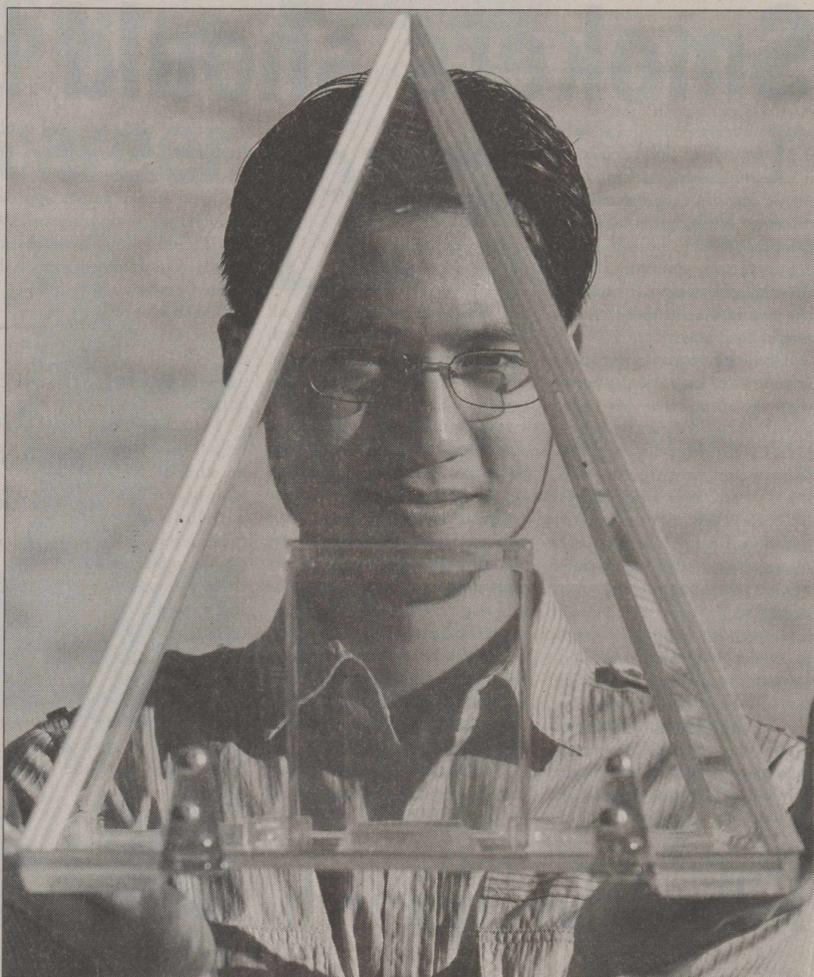


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IRVING QUANT, A Tech student and Lubbock illusion artist, will make his second football prediction today.

By JON VANDERLAAN  
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As if predicting the final score and last-second drive of the Texas Tech vs. University of Texas football game wasn't enough, a student illusion artist believes he can accomplish the feat again in the game against No. 5 University of Oklahoma.

Quant will make his second prediction today at 3 p.m. at the Abuelo's restaurant on 82nd and Quaker.

Irving Quant, a Tech student and Lubbock illusion artist, said he is predicting the outcome of the second game to promote his show, "Dreams and Memories," which he will be performing Nov. 21 and 22 in the Escondido Theater.

Quant successfully predicted the score and final touchdown, including the player who scored the touchdown and how much time was left on the clock — Tech receiver Michael Crabtree with one second left on the clock. The prediction

was locked in a vault at the First Texas Bank in Lubbock.

David Quintanilla, the executive vice president of the bank, said he was present when Quant made his prediction before the Tech vs. Texas game, and helped lock the box in the bank's vault to prevent tampering.

The predictions were precise in detail, he said, because Quant was able to predict the score and Crabtree's game-winning, last-second touchdown.

Quintanilla said he believes Quant will successfully predict the correct score again.

Al Itria, vice president and regional partner of Abuelo's, said the restaurant has hosted Quant several times before and some excitement has built up for this visit.

While the restaurant is not promoting the event and they are not directly benefiting from the show, he said, they are happy to have him and to have built a good relationship with Quant through his appearances.

Quant said because of ethical and

"security" reasons, he will not reveal his predictions until after the game ends. Although the predictions will not be locked in a vault, he said he believes they will be safe in an unreachable, visible location in the restaurant.

All money raised by the show he is promoting, which is his last advertised show in Lubbock, is going to Tech's Filipino Student Association of which he is a member, he said.

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# Somali pirates hijack Saudi tanker loaded with oil

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — In a dramatic escalation of high seas crime, Somali pirates hijacked a Saudi supertanker loaded with crude hundreds of miles off the coast of East Africa — defeating the security web of warships trying to protect vital shipping lanes.

The takeover demonstrates the bandits' heightened ambitions and capabilities: Never before have they seized such a giant ship so far out to sea. Maritime experts warned the broad daylight attack, reported by the U.S. Navy on Monday, was an alarming sign of the difficulty of patrolling a vast stretch of ocean key to oil and other cargo traffic.

The MV Sirius Star, a brand new tanker with a 25-member crew, was seized at about 10 a.m. Saturday more than 450 nautical miles southeast of Mombasa, Kenya, the Navy said. The area lies far south of the zone where warships have increased their patrols this year in the Gulf of Aden, one of the busiest channels in the world, leading to and from the Suez Canal, and the scene

of most past attacks. The massive supertanker would seem to present a daunting target for the pirates, who usually operate in small speedboats. At 1,080 feet, it is the length of an aircraft carrier and can carry about 2 million barrels of oil.

But experts said its crew may have felt a false sense of security so far from shore, even though pirates have repeatedly demonstrated their skill in taking down big prizes.

Details of Saturday's attack were not known, but in past seizures, pirates have used ropes and ladders to climb

the hull — and on large ships, the crew often doesn't notice them until it's too late. On the Sirius Star, the attackers likely would have had to scale about 30 feet from the water to the deck.

It was not clear if the Sirius Star had any armed security on board. In past attacks, alert crews have fended off pirates trying to climb the sides, using water hoses to knock them away. But the pirates have struck back: In April, they fired a rocket-propelled grenade that punched a hole in the side of a Japanese oil tanker, spewing oil into the sea, in an unsuccessful attempt to capture it.

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## Smokers should be more courteous

Last night, as I was walking to my car, I saw someone smoking.

No surprise to me that someone was smoking on a college campus, but what he did with his cigarette was terrifying. While the cigarette was still smoking, the young man threw it into a pile of dead leaves.

Does this seem dangerous to anyone else? Luckily, the person with me stomped it out before anything could catch on fire.

Why did this smoker do this? Why would he throw a smoking cigarette into a pile of dead leaves? While pondering this question, I stumbled on an even bigger question: Why can't smokers on this campus be more courteous?

I support everyone's right to smoke. However, I also wish smokers would support my right not to inhale their poison.

One thing I want to make clear is that many smokers are courteous and respectful. Many smokers dispose of cigarettes properly and try to minimize their effect on the

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health of non-smokers. Not all smokers are inconsiderate with their habit. But some are.

On most every building on this campus, there are signs that tell smokers to be 15 or 20 feet away of all entrances while they smoke. Some of these signs — which are posted on residence halls — have cigarette burns on them. This tells me that either smokers are blatantly disrespecting these set rules or they cannot read. Because this is a college campus, I'll assume the former.

Maybe smokers disrespect these signs because they do not understand the reason behind the rule. The reason is simple: Secondhand smoke kills.

"Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who

do not smoke," according to the American Lung Association. The ALA goes on to report that "Secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 22,700-69,600 heart disease deaths in adult nonsmokers in the United States each year."

That's a lot of deaths, and you can bet I don't want to be one of them.

You may be asking how smoking 20 feet away from a door will help stop these deaths. It's simple, really. If there is a smoker standing right in front of the door I need to use, I cannot avoid the smoke. However, if there is someone smoking 20 feet away from the door I need to use, I can fairly easily avoid the toxins in the air around him.

I absolutely support a per-

son's right to smoke. Everyone has their right to do with their body as they wish. However, forcing someone to breathe that poisonous air is murder. Smoking should be tolerated — murder shouldn't be.

There is one thing about Texas Tech that has always impressed me: There is hardly any litter on the campus. With the exception of the UT game, this campus stays mostly clean. I say mostly clean because there are always cigarettes littering our beautiful campus.

In my opinion, Texas Tech has one of the most beautiful campuses in the state, if not the nation. Why, then, don't smokers remember this while discarding cigarettes? There are cans designed especially for people who

smoke to leave the cigarettes in. These should be used instead of throwing them into a pile of dead leaves or littering the sidewalks.

Furthermore, not discarding cigarettes properly can be dangerous. What if I had never seen the man throw the cigarette into such a dangerous place? The cigarette could have caught those leaves on fire. There were cars parked only inches away from the mound. What if they, too, would have caught on fire? The result could have been ugly.

"Cigarettes are a leading cause of home fire fatalities in the United States," according to the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes. These fires kill between 700 to 900 people each year and cause millions of dollars worth of damage. This alone is reason enough to dispose of cigarettes appropriately. If every smoker was more cautious about where they leave cigarettes, the number of deaths and amount of property damage caused by cigarette fires would reduce dramatically.

As a general rule, people should be more respectful of one another. More specifically, smokers should recognize the danger their cigarettes can cause. To be more respectful, smokers should make sure to minimize their damage to other people's lungs and be safe in the disposal of cigarettes.

If every single smoker did this, most of those deaths caused by secondhand smoke and cigarette-caused fires could be avoided. To me, that is worth walking a few extra feet to get away from the door step or find a disposal for a cigarette.

I call on the smokers of Texas Tech to be more courteous. Think of the effect you may be having on others. Remember that such a small decision, such as smoking right in front of a door, can have a large impact on someone. Only you can stop these deaths. Will you?

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## Killing class research two clicks at a time

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There are many things I don't understand about the past: powdered wigs, the Puritans, Richard Nixon, disco. The full list is more extensive (though a lot is related to disco and Nixon), but perhaps most baffling to my 21st-century mind is the concept of scholarship before the Internet.

I am told people used a "Doo-E decimal system" to locate data on servers of (get this!) bound paper. Firewalls in this epoch were considered a danger, not protection. These "paper-servers" were located in warehouses that contained many packets of bound papers called "books."

The University of Pennsylvania has actually preserved one of these warehouses above the Undergraduate Study center in Van Pelt. I am told it is a fascinating, if somewhat musty, place to visit that has become a hotbed for sex tourism (factoid: "sex in the stacks" originally referred to finding an uncensored anatomy textbook).

As silly as pre-Internet scholarship seems, it sounds somewhat noble. These days when I'm writing a research paper, I rely wholly on my natural genius. Because I don't want to interfere with my already perfect thesis on the subject, I tend to use most of my energy checking blogs and Gmail chatting about how awesome my paper is. After several hours, I have the crux of my paper finished.

Then I head to JSTOR, EBSCO MegaFILE or Google Scholar. I type in a few keywords from my thesis (example: nihilism AND "viral videos") and then the Internet finds people who agree with me. A couple citations later, and BAM! there's your research paper. And yes, you can just give me the A now.

But if I'm honest with myself, I realize that using research to confirm previously held opinions is anathema to a liberal education. And it's being made easier by the Internet.

College freshman Alex Utay told me he thinks the Internet is a great resource because it allows people to focus their research. Yet he sees a potential problem with this kind of scholarship.

Internet research sites, "to make

things easier, leave out a lot of important things you probably need to know." (As an aside, I cherry-picked this interview because Alex agreed with me. Ironic? There were plenty of other students who claimed to write papers the old-fashioned way: research, thesis, paper.)

Maybe the suffering and toiling caused by the paper warehouses served a purpose. Maybe the frustration of finding some book or journal that specifically supported their position forced ye olde scholars to confront opinions that were contrary to their own. Such a methodology would force me to question the inherent views and values I bring to my academic research. In reality, I realize I'm shockingly ignorant and should treat my initial reaction to any viewpoint with mistrust. But with the Internet, it's so easy to do the opposite.

We're only beginning to see what the Internet can do for academic research. Google Scholar already allows you to search some books. And as more books come online, it seems likely that paper warehouses such as Van Pelt will become even more obsolete.

I'm not railing against such developments. Books have always had indexes to make finding evidence easier. Cherry-picking information for research papers is not a recent development.

But the plethora of online sources and precision of searching makes it much easier to do this without even realizing it. In the future, it will be easier to disguise one's own initial opinion as the product of exhaustive research.

I trust that TAs and professors will root out a lot of this. Yet I also worry that these methods of self-confirmation will become widespread, combine with grade inflation and create an atmosphere in which Internet scholarship is accepted at the undergraduate level.

Let's avoid that by heading to the stacks and challenging our own brilliant thesis.

Maybe we'll see someone having sex. We can ask them what the hell the Doo-E system thing is.

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## Government needs lesson in fiscal responsibility

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Before becoming a civil servant, one should have to pass a fiscal responsibility exam. Let's call it the FRE. My guess is that most of our politicians would fail.

Despite the federal government's \$455 billion deficit (it is expected to reach over a trillion in 2009), Obama supported a \$10-billion expansion of a pre-K education program, a \$150-billion renewable energy "investment" and a government health-care plan that the non-partisan Tax Policy Center estimates will cost \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. All in all, Obama's policy plans would add another \$3.6 trillion to the deficit by 2018, according to the Tax Policy Center.

But to be fair and honest, it's not just Obama. Bush has topped the list of presidents on almost all kinds of spending, including regulatory spending. According to Richard Viguerie, a principal architect of the Reagan Revolution, the federal government budget increased by 33 percent during Bush's first five years in office. Discretionary spending grew at a faster rate than under Lyndon B. Johnson, and pork-barrel earmarks skyrocketed by 121 percent.

Lately, the Capitol has become the finance sector's ATM, as ravenous lobbyists from banks, savings and loans associations and insurers line up for their piece of the pie. When they blow through their billions, they'll just come back for more, like AIG. After already giving the Big Three American automakers a \$25-billion loan, Democrats are pushing for a \$50-billion stimulus for these same

companies. There's no accountability.

But since the feds seem quite willing to bail out almost anyone and everyone, why don't they bail out California? After all, California desperately needs it. The state right now is running a \$27.8 billion deficit. Despite Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's promises to exercise fiscal discipline, he's succumbed to the Democratic legislature on most spending measures and has become a typical, tax-borrow-and-spend liberal.

When times were flush, California made huge financial contracts and outlays, and now when times aren't flush, the state wants to continue spending as if it is still reeling in the money. On the last ballot, Schwarzenegger supported the \$19.4-billion high-speed railway, the \$2-billion children's hospital bond and the \$1.8-billion veterans' bond. All of these, of course, were worthy causes, but so are many other things. Increased grant money for disadvantaged students and funds for cancer research are also worthy causes.

But taxpayers cannot afford to subsidize every worthy cause — much less to subsidize unworthy, incompetent, bankrupt businesses like the Big Three automakers. Where is all the money going to come from?

Taxes? Schwarzenegger has proposed a 1.5-percent increase in sales tax and the extension of the sales tax to services. Rather than wrangle with unions and cut state employee benefits (which are better than almost anywhere in the

private sector), he'd rather distribute the costs of the state's fiscal irresponsibility over the entire population. Obama, on the other hand, would rather concentrate the costs of the federal government's irresponsibility on the wealthy.

Under Obama's tax plan, 48 percent of people will not pay any income tax and many of these people will even receive a check from the government. Those who earn more than \$250,000 will see their tax burden increase by 11 percent, even though the top one percent already pay 40 percent of the nation's income taxes while earning 21 percent of the nation's income, according to the Tax Foundation.

But if Obama taxes the rich too much, they are going to leave. This is in essence what has happened to California, as the state's steep business taxes and highly progressive in-

come tax have caused many wealthy people and businesses to move out of the state or shelter their money.

And now, during the economic downturn, the state is facing an even bigger shortfall since income and business taxes are lower than expected. That's the problem with relying so heavily on the wealthy for revenue. When their pocketbooks suffer, so does our government's purse. Under Obama's plan, the financial fate of the wealthy and that of the nation will just become even more entwined.

Gov. Schwarzenegger, President Bush and President-elect Obama need to start exercising their veto power and requiring that legislatures spend within their means, without expanding their means. If people and most businesses (except for those pleading for bailouts) have to do it, so should the government.

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## Thrift Store Cowboys' Shires launches organic solo career

Normally when a member of one of my favorite bands launches a solo career it is somewhat disheartening to me. For instance, John Lennon's post-Beatle music does not interest me.

However, Thrift Store Cowboys' vocalist and fiddle player, Amanda Shires, released a solo album Saturday, and I was thrilled to see her succeed.

First things first: Shires has got some style. The release of her 2008 self-produced album "West Cross Timbers" was hosted during the Day of the Dead exhibit at the Buddy Holly Center. Surrounded by the exhibit's art, Shires' haunting voice created the perfect vibe in the room. The airy sound of her voice mirrored the winds that blow through West Texas, from which the Thrift Store Cowboys have been known to draw inspiration.

She was humble and gracious the entire time, approaching the event with a great sense of humor — especially when the crowd gathered at the album table, ready for her to sign their copies.

Shires, also known as Pearl to close friends, portrays an image of a sweet and somewhat innocent southern girl.

"It was very tastefully done," said Lubbock musician Nic Shute, whom many know for his classic take on the trumpet.

At times, Shires reminds me of a very young Dolly Parton. When I randomly saw her the next day at a restaurant with her guitarist, Rod Piccott, and told her this, she seemed thrilled and delighted

### Chelsea Roe



to hear it.

Even when living her private life, Shires still remains humble.

Aside from the perfect vibe, Shires looked professional and did not make the release of her record some gaudy and overdone event.

The stage was simple, the set-up was simple, and the instrumentals were simple too.

The most extravagant part of the show was when Shires had two friends join her on stage for her last song of the event — and they played their fiddles too.

The three seemed to have played together before and were comfortable with each other on stage.

The album itself is a force to be reckoned with.

There hasn't been an album released in Lubbock for maybe a year now that is so structured in roots like this.

This project was time well spent.

"West Cross Timbers" carries the haunting theme Shires is so well known for, but it also carries her take of simplicity.

Rather than creating an album full of screaming guitars that rely on solid-pocket drumming or crashing cymbals, Shires chose to represent the South with the sim-



PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador

AMANDA SHIRES, A local artist, performs Saturday at the Buddy Holly Center at an event to celebrate the release of her new CD. "West Cross Timbers" is Shires' first solo album.

ple sounds of the ukulele, sweet vocals, organs, cellos, pianos and her favorite, the fiddle.

It was well grounded and more organic sounding than anything

I've heard in a while.

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### BIZ WEEKLY

## Pop stars, fans say goodbye to 'TRL'

NEW YORK (AP) — Carson Daly chatted with Eminem, Beyonce gave a show-stopping performance, girls shrieked at the sight of Justin Timberlake and hundreds of fans lined up outside in Times Square for a glimpse at superstars.

For few hours, it seemed like old times at MTV's "Total Request Live" — back when the show was not only music's most

powerful force but a dominant part of pop culture. Unfortunately, it took the show's demise to make it relevant again.

MTV pulled the plug on its most influential franchise Sunday night following years of declining ratings, but not before marking the occasion with celebration and nostalgia, as some of pop's biggest stars paid respects to the show that helped launch their careers.

## Prescription drugs cited in Locklear DUI charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in Santa Barbara have charged Heather Locklear with misdemeanor driving under the influence, citing prescription drugs.

The California Highway Patrol said the actress showed "obvious impairment" when an officer noticed her car parked on a highway and blocking a lane in Montecito in September, but that alcohol was

ruled out. She was tested for drugs at a police station and released.

Locklear, whose TV credits include "Dynasty" and "Melrose Place," divorced from Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora last year and sought treatment for anxiety and depression in June.

Locklear is scheduled for arraignment on Jan. 26. Her attorney, Blair Berk, had no comment when reached via e-mail Monday.

## Australia hopes Nicole Kidman film spurs tourism

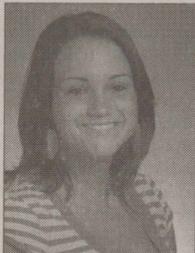
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The film camera sweeps across the landscape, taking in flat plains, gushing waterfalls and a dusty country town. The color is brilliant, the empress palpable, and the soundtrack soars dramatically as warplanes bomb a city.

This is "Australia," the new movie by award-winning director Baz Luhrmann. The World War II-era romantic epic, which opens later this month, has already been hailed for its cinematography and its pairing of

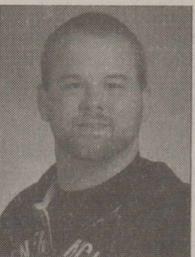
Australian film stars Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.

But tourism promoters claim the real star of the movie is the country itself.

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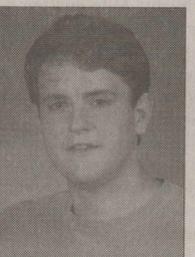


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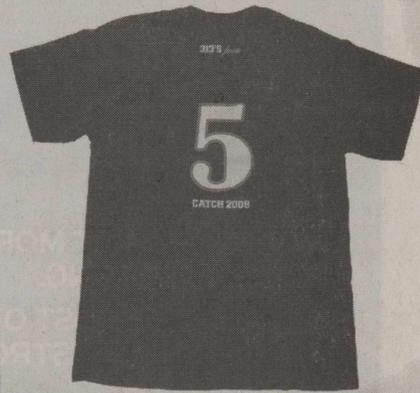
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# National Championship not out of reach for women's cross country team

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Anything is possible. So to a Texas Tech women's cross country team that has won a Big 12 Conference title and a Mountain Region title, a national championship is not out of the question.

"It really is exactly a dream season," said Chep Boit, who finished 25th at the Mountain Regionals Saturday with a time of 21 minutes, 22 seconds. "By winning Big 12 (Championships), I guess everyone got the confidence. Going out to regionals, being ranked as the No. 1 school (in the region), I guess it had all that hype in the air. We're really looking forward to nationals."

The Lady Raiders already made history within the program by capturing the conference title for the first time in school history, giving Tech Athletics only its ninth Big 12 title in school history. They topped it with a first-place finish at the Mountain Region Championships Saturday.

The first-place finish consisted of the same athletes that had been leading the team all season. Sally Kipyego captured her third-straight regional title by finishing first with a time of 19:31.9.

However, she was not alone. The Lady Raiders had contributions from three other athletes who finished in the Top 10. Lillian Badaru finished second behind Kipyego with a time of 20:12.3. Asia Diaz placed sixth with a time of 20:49:8 and Gladys Kipsang finished eighth at 20:50.7.

Having more than one runner finish in the Top 10 is what Tech coach Jon Murray said has been the difference in this "dream" season.

With the performance at region-

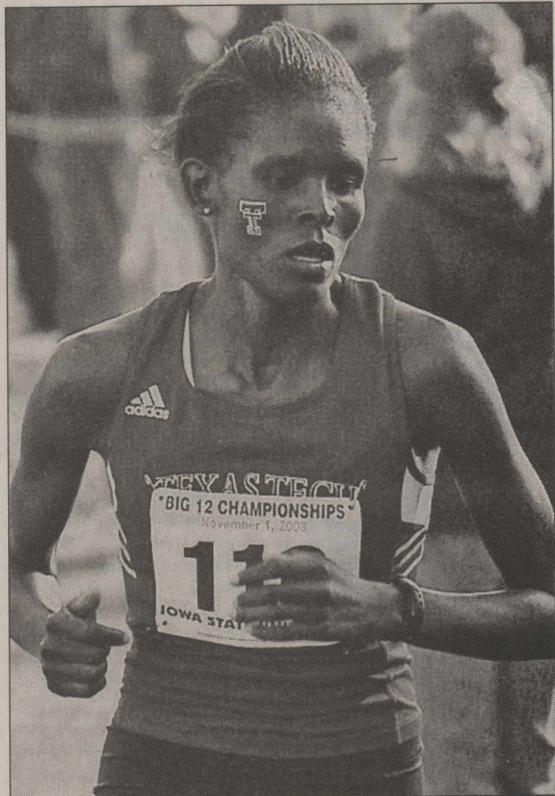


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THE TEXAS TECH Women's cross country team will compete in the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. on Nov. 24.

als, the Lady Raiders head to the NCAA Championships on Nov. 24 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The men's team, however, will turn its focus to improving on what Runner Cory Higgins said he believes will be a much better season.

At regionals the men's best finish came from Gilbert Limo, who came in 42nd with a time of 31:03.3.

The men finished in 13th place at the Mountain Region Champion-

ships, keeping them from making an appearance at nationals.

Higgins may have a reason for his belief, as the men return everyone on the roster for the 2009 season.

He said the men now have time to rest and focus on the next phase of their sport.

"We're taking a short break right now, couple weeks off," he said. "Then we're going to just get right back to it until (the indoor season)."

Limo may have been the bright spot for the men's team this season. He gained all-conference honors at the Big 12 Championships, the only male athlete to do so.

The men's team finished the last

three meets of the season eighth, sixth and ninth at the Cowboy Jamboree, Chile Pepper Festival and the Big 12 Championships, respectively.

Still, Murray is pleased with the men's season considering there were no seniors on the team.

"We had some good things with Gilbert being all-conference," he said. "We redshirted a couple. We knew we were going to have to take some lumps this year. They learned a lot. They developed quite a bit. I see some success there in the future."

*"I like the spirit of our team and the momentum of what we've been able to do."*

**JON MURRAY**  
TEXAS TECH CROSS COUNTRY COACH

For the Lady Raiders, they will go up against the best in the nation Nov. 24, including the No. 1 team in the country in Washington.

The Huskies have dominated for most of the season, Murray said, and won their conference meet with a perfect score.

But the Big 12 Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year said, with the season his women are having, anything is possible.

"As strong as Washington is — but up there at nationals you never know what's going to happen," he said. "I like the spirit of our team and the momentum of what we've been able to do. I think that's going to carry into this next weekend."

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# Mark Cuban charged with insider trading

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators on Monday charged Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban with insider trading for allegedly using confidential information on a stock sale to avoid more than \$750,000 in losses.

Cuban disputed the allegations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and said he would contest them.

The SEC filed a civil lawsuit against Cuban in federal court in Dallas. Cuban was invited to get in on the coming stock offering by Mamma.com Inc. after he agreed to keep the information private.

Cuban owned 6.3 percent of Mamma.com's stock at that time and was the largest known shareholder in the search engine company, according to the SEC. The agency said Cuban knew the shares would be sold below the current market price, and a few hours after receiving the information, he told his broker to sell all 600,000 shares before the public announcement of the offering.

By selling when he did, Cuban avoided losses exceeding \$750,000, the SEC said in its lawsuit. Montreal-based Mamma.com changed its name to Copernic Inc. in June 2007.

"It is fundamentally unfair for someone to use access to nonpublic information to improperly gain an edge on the market," Scott Friestad, the SEC's deputy enforcement

director, said in a statement. The agency alleged that Cuban acted with "scienter," a legal term indicating knowledge of wrongdoing.

The SEC is seeking a court judgment against Cuban finding that he violated the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws, an injunction against future violations, an unspecified civil penalty and restitution of the losses Cuban allegedly avoided.

Unless he is subject to an injunction, Cuban "is likely to commit such violations again in the future," according to the SEC suit.

Cuban's attorney said in a statement that the SEC's case "has no merit and is a product of gross abuse of prosecutorial discretion."

"Mr. Cuban intends to contest the allegations and to demonstrate that the (SEC's) claims are infected by the misconduct of the staff of its enforcement division," Ralph Ferrara wrote in a note posted on Cuban's blog.

Cuban, in his own statement, said, "I am disappointed that the (SEC) chose to bring this case based upon its enforcement staff's win-at-any-cost ambitions. The staff's process was result-oriented, facts be damned. The government's claims are false and they will be proven to be so."

Cuban, 50, also owns Landmark Theaters, a large national chain dedicated to independent films, and the HDNet cable television channel.

# Pop Warner proves to be big hit in the Valley

McAlLEN (AP) — The 7-year-old running back snatched the handoff, burst outside and sped by a host of defenders.

On the sideline, his biggest fan, who doubles as his mother, cheered. It was the last game of the season, held at De Leon Middle School in McAllen. The North

McAllen Mighty-Mite Chargers faced an opponent from Weslaco.

Campbell Speights, the little runner who'd just scored, no doubt wanted to celebrate after the game. And Alandra Speights, his mother and No. 1 fan, no doubt limited said party. The game happened during the school year, and homework comes first.

Pop Warner Football, a youth sports organization with football teams and cheerleading squads across the country, came to the Rio Grande Valley two years ago. Parents, coaches and players who've embraced it say it improves the boys' athletic and academic performances. Speights and the Chargers have seen so much success that the coach contracted a local production company to make a reality show about their team.

Speights praised the organization for giving her children a chance to be a part of this, and also for the help in school.

"Pop Warner is all about scholastic achievement," Speights said. "At the end of the year, you're not rewarding the world's greatest running back — you're awarding the best student."

You have to pass classes to play, and Speights said her son knows this. She sees him come straight home from school to finish homework. It's those sorts of moments the reality show seeks to capture.

Speights, who coordinates the North McAllen Chargers, also has an 11-year-old son who plays in the Pee Wee division. Taylor Speights also plays running back. His team triumphed at a recent game in Corpus Christi and moved on to the semifinals.

Speights said she knows much about Pop Warner and the difference in her sons' lives. She knows how they've improved their study habits in the past two years.

And she knows how they are developing into fine young teenagers.

Everything from the league's rules to the coach has helped her boys, Speights said.

Coach Bert Trevino runs the younger boy's team. He has coached for the past two years, and although the Mighty-Mite division doesn't keep score, Trevino does. And he said the little ones have gone undefeated the past two years. Trevino embraced the idea of a reality show.

This season, Trevino said the boys held their opponents from scoring a single offensive touchdown, a fact he uses to motivate them before the game.

"Have we given up a single touchdown?" he yelled before the final game.

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# Okorie, Singletary lead Red Raiders to 87-76 win over Sam Houston State

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

The score of last year's upsetting loss against Sam Houston State was taped up to Texas Tech players' lockers before Monday's game.

Now they can throw away that piece of paper and put the 56-54 loss to rest.

Tech guard Nick Okorie and forward Mike Singletary scored 18 points apiece and the Red Raiders had four players in double digit scoring in an 87-76 win over the Bearkats Monday in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech (2-0) had a 24-point lead midway through the second half, but sloppy play allowed the Bearkats (1-1) to whittle the final score to an 11-point loss.

Overall, Tech coach Pat Knight

said he was satisfied with the all-around production as guard John Roberson chipped in 14 points with eight assists and forward D'wain Roberts had 10 points.

"You always want to improve what you did a year before," Knight said. "So overall it's pretty satisfying, but it's a marathon the season, there's a lot for us to improve on."

Although Singletary had a much better game this time around, the guard play has been the story of the year so far.

Okorie has transitioned smoothly from junior college, averaging 17 points while making 6-of-10 3-pointers through two games.

The connection between Roberson, Okorie, Alan Voskuil and T'ree Graham has developed earlier than expected.

"We pretty much got a bond real early in to practice," Okorie said of his relationship with Roberson. "We just feed off of each other. Me, him and Alan are just real comfortable with each other on the court, so we know what each person is capable of doing."

Knight said once more game tapes get out, teams eventually will begin to key off on Okorie, but he said this rotation of guards can still score points. Against the Bearkats, Voskuil had another off game, but he managed to score nine points and grab 12 rebounds. The sharpshooter has started the season off 5-of-16 from behind the 3-point line.

"Our guys are running our motion I think pretty well right now because we're getting a lot of buckets from a lot of guys," Knight said. "Hopefully

they'll start keying on him, but now what happens, Voskuil gets hot. We have guys that can get streaky, which is good in a sense from when guys start keying on people."

The Bearkats were led by Corey Almond's 23 points, which mostly came from his five 3-pointers. Almond had 24 points against Schreiner on Friday by way of a school record eight 3-pointers.

Tech went up 21-13 when Alan Voskuil hit his only 3-pointer of the first half with 10:46 remaining.

Then, with an 8-2 run, Tech slowly started padding its lead, which never eclipsed 12 points in the first half. Singletary came in and provided a physical presence, scoring six-straight points.

Singletary played much better than he did against St. Francis, when

he was less aggressive in a six-point, five-rebound night.

"He showed up," Knight said. "It's pretty simple, he probably showed up and played, that was good to see. I give him credit, he didn't play well last game. He's not a pointer and doesn't sit there and moan."

With 23 seconds remaining in the second half, Tech called a time out to set something up, but Almond stole the ball on the ensuing play and raced down the court to convert a layup as time expired. The Bearkats went into halftime trailing 40-30.

Tech had a 10-point lead despite shooting poorly from 3-point range in the first half, going 3-of-13. Until the second half, Voskuil could not find his shot as he went 1-of-6 from 3-point range in the first half.

After Sam Houston came within

five points, Okorie helped Tech jump back out to a 54-43 lead with a string of great plays.

Okorie poked a pass down court, scooped it up and was fouled on his way up for an easy field goal, sinking one free throw.

After a bucket from the Bearkats, Okorie made a layup off an offensive rebound and on the next play he hit a 3-pointer from the corner to make the score 54-43.

Roberson followed his lead, making another trey, and Tech poured it on from there, going up 74-50 before Sam Houston fought back with a 12-2 run, however it was too late. Tech already had the game sealed.

"We got revenge on the loss that we had last year," Singletary said, "and that's what we really wanted to do."

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