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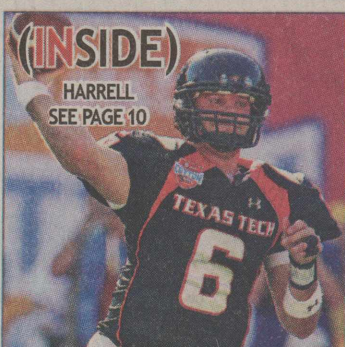
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STATE

Texas governor protests lab decision

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry joined business leaders on Thursday in protesting the decision by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to select a site in Kansas for a new \$450 million federal disease laboratory.

DHS chose Kansas State University in Manhattan over a site in San Antonio. The decision is expected to become official next week, after a comment period is completed.

NATION

Ill. House panel calls for impeachment

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (AP) — A key panel unanimously recommended impeachment for Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Thursday, setting up a vote that could make him the first governor to face such fate in Illinois' sordid political history.

Blagojevich should lose his job for abusing power, mismanaging government and committing possible criminal acts, including federal allegations he tried to sell off a U.S. Senate seat, the special committee concluded.

The governor's office issued a statement calling the panel's proceedings flawed and biased.

WORLD

UN halts Gaza aid after Israel attack on workers

JERUSALEM (AP) — The U.N. suspended food deliveries to Gaza and the Red Cross accused Israel of blocking medical assistance after forces fired on aid workers, killing two, as the threat of a wider conflict emerged with Lebanon.

With violence unabated in Gaza, key Arab nations and Western powers reached an agreement Thursday on a proposed U.N. resolution calling for an immediate and durable cease-fire between the two sides and moved for a vote late Thursday night.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, credited by the Department of Defense

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Tech president announces new provost

By MATT COBB AND JON VANDERLAAN

Nearly four months after the formation of a search committee, Texas Tech President Guy Bailey announced a new provost for the university yesterday.

Bailey selected Robert Smith to serve as Tech's next provost and senior vice president, beginning Feb. 1.

Smith formerly was the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, said he was excited — on behalf of the

provost search committee — about the announcement and that Smith will be the new provost.

Shonrock said he is looking forward to working with Smith, and that he brings a vast experience and a "plethora of academic leadership and expertise."

Smith, who also was a faculty member at the University of Connecticut, Washington State University, the University of Texas and the University of Iowa, said after the announcement he was excited to get to Tech and begin working at the university.

The position of provost has been defined by university officials in previous interviews with *The Daily Toreador* as the chief academic officer and

overseer of educational components and activities, including research and academic personnel.

Smith said he would like to "help guide" the university, but ultimately the institution is a result of the students and staff as well as the faculty.

Smith has served in several academic positions, but he said he was not always interested in academics, especially at a young age.

"I actually did not like school," Smith said.

Describing himself as an average student in high school, he said his interest in his studies was sparked by a job he had working at night in a pharmacy. The experience inspired him to attend pharmacy school.

Smith grew up in Queens, N.Y., and said some of his teachers inspired him to attempt to make an

impact on education.

Although he possibly could have moved up in the administrative chain, Smith said he feels he is most effective in the provost position.

"Of all the things that I've done," he said, "I think I've been the most accessible at that level."

Some of his hobbies include reading and authoring. Smith said he is proud that one of his books, "Graduate Research: A Guide for Students in the Sciences" which was published in 1984, has reached several parts of the world despite selling a relatively few 10,000 copies.

Smith said he was inspired to become involved as a faculty member in academics because of some of his former teachers, and he hopes to have the same effect on students.

He began his tenure at the University of Arkansas in 2000 and was

selected as one of the finalists for the Tech position Nov. 25.

He received his bachelor's degree from St. John's University and received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan.

The two finalists for the position, which also included Gail Hackett from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, went through a thorough background check, as well as several interviews before being selected as finalists. Both finalists visited the campus and spoke in an open forum before Hackett decided to discontinue her bid to become the next Tech provost.

Jane Winer will continue to serve as Tech's interim provost until Smith takes office.

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GOOD TIMING

Lady Raiders hope to catch No. 8 Texas sleeping

By ADAM COLEMAN
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Nothing beats a good start in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

The bad news for the Lady Raiders is that their start has No. 8 Texas visiting at 2 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

The good news is that Tech's confidence has peaked at the right time, opening the door for the Lady Raiders (9-4) to surprise Texas, who has lost two of their last three in non-conference play.

Texas (12-2) took a 66-55 loss to Purdue Jan. 5, and a 60-55 loss to San Diego State Dec. 30, dropping the Longhorns from their No. 4 ranking.

But as Tech coach Kristy Curry sees it, UT's recent losses were bound to happen.

Curry said even the best teams will have nights where everything does not go as planned.

"Anybody at some point in the season is going to have some times where things don't go your way," she said. "It just happened to be here lately with them. There's no question they'll get back on track."

Curry's players also believe the Longhorns will find a way to win sooner or later.

Tech guard Tiny Henderson said she expects an angry Texas team to visit the United Spirit Arena.

However, there is still reason to take Texas serious despite the recent upsets.

The Longhorns ended non-conference play third in the Big 12 in scoring, averaging 79.1 points per game. Tech ended its non-conference schedule 10th in the conference in scoring defense allowing 59.6 points per game.

Texas also features Brittainey Raven, who leads her team with 14.9 points per game. Kathleen Nash is right behind her with 13.4 a game. Raven had five points against San Diego State and 13 in the Purdue loss.

While Texas is undefeated at home this season, road games have not been as successful with a 2-2



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TECH FORWARD DOMINIC Seals hopes to lead the Lady Raiders to an upset over No. 8 Texas at 2 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

record away from Austin. Both the San Diego State and Purdue losses came on the road, which bodes well for the Lady Raiders who are 9-0 at home this season.

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Tax plan finds opposition in Senate

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama's proposed tax cuts ran into opposition Thursday from senators in his own party who said they wouldn't do much to stimulate the economy or create jobs.

Senators from both parties agreed that Congress should do something to stimulate the economy. But Democratic senators emerging from a private meeting of the Senate Finance Committee criticized business and individual tax cuts in Obama's stimulus plan.

They were especially critical of a proposed \$3,000 tax credit for companies that hire or retrain workers.

"If I'm a business person, it's unlikely if you give me a several-thousand-dollar credit that I'm going to hire people if I can't sell the products they're producing," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., a member of the committee.

"That to me is just misdirected," Conrad said.

Sen John Kerry, D-Mass., said, "I'd rather spend the money on the infrastructure, on direct investment, on energy conversion, on other kinds of things that much more directly, much more rapidly and much more certainly create a real job."

The cost of the economic rescue package Obama wants is expected to swell to \$800 billion

or more. About \$300 billion of Obama's package would be for tax cuts or refunds for individuals and businesses.

One tax provision would provide a \$500 tax cut for most workers and \$1,000 for couples, at a cost of about \$140 billion to \$150 billion over two years. The individual tax cuts may be awarded through withholding less from worker paychecks, effectively making them about \$10 to \$20 larger each week.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said he doubted that a modest tax cut would change consumers' spending habits.

"In tough times people don't respond all that well to marginal changes, such as a small amount of money added per paycheck," Wyden said.

Democratic Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, chairman of the Finance Committee, said he hopes to schedule a committee vote on the stimulus package in about two weeks, which would coincide with the week of Obama's inauguration. Many senators still hope to approve a package by mid-February.

There is "general agreement that because of the recession we've got to move, we've got to move quickly, very quickly," Baucus said.

He added that it is too early to pass judgment on any aspect of Obama's plan.

"This is an early part of this whole process. A lot of preliminary questions are going to be asked," Baucus said.

Local gasoline prices rising, crude oil prices falling

By LAURA LENZ
STAFF WRITER

After a short-lived decrease, the price of gasoline is rising once again.

While the price of gas has not reached the level it was at last summer, gas in Lubbock has increased by 30 cents or more per gallon in the last few weeks.

"At one time, we were selling gas for \$1.32 and making a few cents a gallon," said Charles Bolton, owner of Bolton Oil Company. "Now we're selling for \$1.63 and making about the same profit."

Bolton said he could only guess why prices have been on the rise, but he suspects it has something to do with the price of crude oil going up.

"The price of gas isn't directly tied to the price of crude," he said, "but when the price of crude goes up, generally the price of gas will too."

Light sweet crude oil ended Thursday at \$41.70 a barrel for February on the New York Mercantile Exchange after falling 93 cents, according to The Associated Press. Prices fell over 12 percent Wednesday, marking the largest percentage drop in a single day since September 2001.

Bolton said oversupply was the main reason prices lowered in the first place and added that the nation is not using the same amount of oil it has in previous years.

However, he said he would not speculate about the future prices of oil because it could turn into a "guessing game."

Regular grade unleaded fuel in Amarillo sold for an average of \$2.967 per gallon a year ago, according to AAA's Web site. The same grade of gas was sold Thursday for \$1.683 per gallon.

Peter Summers, an assistant professor in the Economics and Geography department, said he thinks most people are taking the in-

creases "in stride."

"As expensive as oil and gas got last summer, and to see such a huge reversal of that," Summers said, "not many people were expecting it and maybe people got used to it."

The increases could be affecting construction around campus, he said, because the increasing prices of petroleum could raise the price of asphalt.

Bolton said he does not feel like lower prices would be a long-term trend, but if prices could stabilize between \$2 to \$2.50 per gallon, people could afford gas and companies could still profit off gas sales.

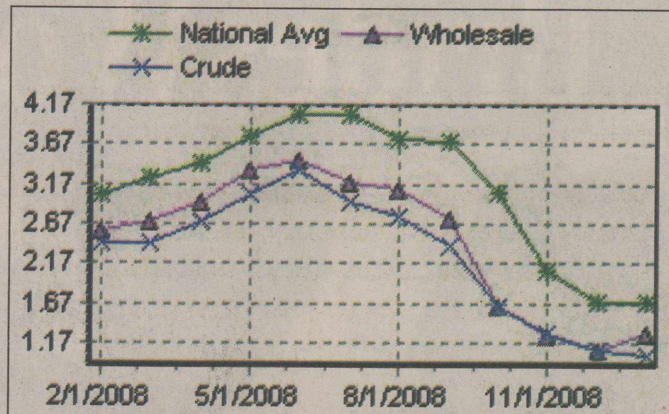


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The average price for regular grade unleaded fuel was \$1.614 in the Austin-San Marcos area and \$1.625 in the Dallas area. The national average for regular grade unleaded fuel was \$1.762.

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Lubbock City Council passes grant to Citibus

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The Lubbock City Council voted Thursday to release a \$2 million grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to Citibus, the Lubbock-owned and subsidized public transportation provider.

John Wilson, the general manager of Citibus, said the TxDOT grant would allow Citibus to purchase three hybrid-electric buses valued at \$550,000 each to replace three diesel buses built in 1996. Seven paratransit vans also will be purchased.

Wilson said each of the hybrid-electric buses can save up to 42 percent of the fuel consumed by a Citibus diesel bus.

"It's a pretty good savings on fuel costs," he said. "The buses will also have ramps and low floors for handicap riders."

Linda DeLeon, city council representative for District 1, said there was no controversy related to the grant for Citibus.

"It just floated right through," she said. "No one even pulled it for discussion."

DeLeon said reducing pollution is a priority for the council.

"We're poisoning the world that we live in with pollution," she said. "So anything that can help reduce emissions is a great investment."

DeLeon said Citibus is owned by the City of Lubbock. Therefore, Citibus could not directly negotiate for grant money.

Dianah Ascencio, the public information director for TxDOT's Lubbock District, said the grant to Citibus was part of a larger — approximately \$11.6 million — state-wide grant for various transportation agencies the Texas Transportation Commission authorized during a July 31 meeting. The grant's funding originally was given to TxDOT by the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facility program.

"All agencies receiving money meet TxDOT's goals to decrease congestion on roads and increase economic activ-

ity while improving environmental quality," she said. "This is not only a move by the agency to reduce emissions but also to set a good example for the community."

Wilson said the new buses will not be used for routes on Texas Tech's campus. When it comes time to replace the buses on campus, he said, they will be replaced with hybrid-electric buses.

Austin Pennington, Tech Student Government Association's external vice-president, said hybrid-electric buses would be a welcomed sight on Tech's campus.

"Gas prices are good right now," he said. "But we need to worry about them going up in the future in addition to conserving money. We pay an hourly rate for each bus on campus and the fuel price we pay is negotiated to a certain price. Right now we're actually making money because the rate is set at \$3.80 and diesel fuel is about \$2.70 now but if the price of diesel fuel goes over its fixed price, we have to pay the difference."

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A \$500,000 GRANT from the Texas Department of Transportation will replace three of Citibus' diesel-engine buses with more fuel-efficient, hybrid-electric buses. The remaining money from the grant, which was part of an \$11.6 million state-wide grant, will be used for seven paratransit vans.

Petraeus: Afghan, Pakistan problems are actually one

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. policy to win in Afghanistan must recognize the poor nation's limitations and its neighborhood, especially its intertwined relationship with U.S. terrorism-fighting ally Pakistan, the top U.S. military commander in the region said Thursday.

Army Gen. David Petraeus, who became a household name overseeing the war in Iraq, now oversees the older, smaller and less promising fight in Afghanistan as well. He predicted a long war in Afghanistan, without quantifying it.

Petraeus told a Washington audience a winning strategy in Afghanistan will look different from the one in Iraq. He offered few specifics as the incoming Obama administration assess its options in the 7-year-old Afghanistan war

that has gone much worse than anticipated, just as U.S. fortunes have improved in Iraq. He also suggested the United States and its partners may one day have common purpose with Iran, another Afghanistan neighbor, in stabilizing and remaking that country.

"There has been nothing easy about Afghanistan, indeed nearly every aspect has been hard and that will continue to be the case in 2009 and the years beyond," Petraeus said in an address to the United States Institute of Peace.

The address was part of a conference highlighting world trouble spots at the moment of political transition in the United States. The institute released a sober outline of problems in Afghanistan as part of the session.

The report said the U.S. and

its partners have shortchanged Afghanistan by focusing on short-term goals pursued without a cohesive strategy or clear understanding of how the decentralized country works. It suggested President-elect Barack Obama should refocus the U.S. war and rebuilding effort in Afghanistan and think of the project as the work of at least a decade.

Petraeus' own review of U.S. strategy in Afghanistan is expected to be presented to Obama the week after he takes office Jan. 20. The plan would shift the focus from the waning fight in Iraq to the escalating Afghan battle.

President George W. Bush's in-house Iraq and Afghanistan adviser has already done a separate assessment; it has not been made public.

US-led naval force to battle pirates

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A new international naval force under American command will soon begin patrols to confront escalating attacks by Somali pirates after more than 100 ships came under siege in the past year, the U.S. Navy said Thursday.

But the mission — expected to begin operations next week — appears more of an attempt to sharpen the military focus against piracy rather than a signal of expanded offensives across one of the world's most crucial shipping lanes.

The force will carry no wider authority to strike at pirate vessels at sea or specific mandates to move against havens on shore — which some maritime experts believe is necessary to weaken the pirate gangs that have taken control of dozens of cargo vessels and an oil tanker.

Pentagon officials described it as a first step to create a dedicated international structure — combining military force, intelligence sharing and coordinated patrols — to battle piracy from lawless Somalia.

The sharp spike in pirate attacks caused a "situation where there were competing priorities" between

counterterrorism missions in the region and protecting merchant ships, said Air Force Lt. Col. Patrick Ryder, a Pentagon spokesman in Washington.

There currently are more than a dozen warships in the vast expanse off the coast of Somalia, from naval giants such as the U.S., Britain and Russia, emerging powers such as China and India and regional forces such as Iran.

The announcement on the new mission — issued by the U.S. 5th Fleet in Bahrain — said more than 20 nations are expected to take part and it will be headed by U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Terence McKnight.

U.S. Navy officials declined to list the nations, but suggested it would likely comprise many of those already in the region.

It's highly unlikely, however, that nations such as Iran would agree to operate under U.S. command. But Lt. Stephanie Murdock, a 5th Fleet spokeswoman, said the new force would "work with any nation that wants to join."

Defense Department press Secretary Geoff Morrell told a Pentagon news conference in Washington

that anti-piracy efforts have been strengthened recently and some militaries cooperating in an anti-piracy task force already in the region have been using "more aggressive tactics ... to thwart would-be hijackings."

The new force underscores the urgency to act after a stunning rise in pirate assaults off the Horn of Africa last year: At least 111 ships targeted and 42 of them commandeered, including a Ukrainian cargo ship loaded with tanks and heavy weapons and a Saudi oil tanker with \$100 million worth of crude.

At two more ships have been hijacked this month, leaving about 15 vessels and about 300 crew members in pirate hands, according to the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center.

Most of the attacks have occurred in the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

The waters have increasingly become scenes for showdowns between well-armed merchant ships and pirates swarming the hulls on skiffs and armed with light weapons and grappling hooks — and often asking for millions in ransom from owners if they manage to take control.

Chevron sees lower profit in fourth quarter

HOUSTON (AP) — Chevron Corp. said Thursday the huge drop in crude prices at the end of 2008 will be a big blow to its fourth-quarter earnings, a sharp reversal from the favorable market conditions that fueled record profits earlier in the year.

After peaking above \$147 a barrel in July, oil prices spent the remainder of 2008 falling dramatically. When the fourth quarter began Oct. 1, crude was trading at around \$100 a barrel. Three months later, on Dec. 31, it settled at \$44.60, a decline of nearly 60 percent.

During the first two months of the fourth quarter, Chevron said its crude oil price averaged \$61.70 per barrel, a 45 percent drop from the \$112.22 a barrel it realized for the entire third quarter.

Natural gas prices for the first

two months of the fourth quarter were also far lower, averaging \$4.98 for 1,000 cubic feet, compared with \$8.64 during the third quarter.

The San Ramon, Calif.-based oil giant provided the guidance in an overview of market conditions for the October-December period.

Chevron, the second-largest U.S. oil company, said fourth-quarter earnings at its exploration and production, or upstream, arm are expected to benefit by about \$625 million from an asset-exchange transaction. It also expects to incur one-time charges related to last year's hurricanes, though lower than similar charges in the third quarter.

Chevron also noted that margins for refined products such as gasoline declined markedly from

the third quarter to the fourth.

With prices swinging downward, Chevron and its rivals simply haven't been making as much money as they did during the spring and summer.

Chevron recorded a third-quarter profit of \$7.89 billion — the most for any three-month period in its 129-year corporate history.

Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest publicly traded oil company, reported income of \$14.83 billion for the same period, shattering its own record for the biggest profit from operations by a U.S. corporation.

Although Chevron didn't provide any specific earnings projections for the fourth quarter, Wall Street is expecting its results to be the poorest of 2008. Chevron is scheduled to report fourth-quarter and full-year earnings Jan. 30.

The average earnings estimate among analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters is \$1.78 a share, well off the \$3.85 a share Chevron posted in the third quarter and the \$2.32 a share it reported in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Chevron shares rose 28 cents on Thursday to close at \$74.24. They've traded in a range of \$55.50 to \$104.63 in the past year.

In a note to clients Thursday, Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Fadel Gheit raised his 12-18 month price target for Chevron to \$86 a share from \$76.

Gheit noted that oil and gas stocks have gained 15.3 percent, on average, since late October compared with a decline of 3.6 percent in the S&P 500.

"Barring a deeper and longer than forecast global recession, we expect (oil and gas) stocks to outperform the S&P 500 in the next 12 months," in part from rising oil prices tied to planned production cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Gheit said.

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Election code bills passed at first Student Senate meeting of 2009

By MATT COBB
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Student Government Association Student Senate addressed changes made to the organization's election code and passed four bills at their first meeting of the semester Thursday night.

The purpose of the code is to clearly define the rules and regulations associated with the senate election process and how elections are conducted, said James Baumgartner, SGA internal vice president.

The association is hosting elections next month for executive officers and senators, he said. The changes made to the election code affect how candidates will campaign and participate in the March elections.

"Spamming was more thoroughly defined to include phone calls," Baumgartner said. "In the student code of conduct it's only defined as written correspondence. We included phone calls, Facebook and texting, as well."

Other changes made to the code include moving the election dates to the first Tuesday and Wednesday in March so candidates can attend informational seminars and still

maintain an adequate amount of time to campaign, he said. It also is now required that a minimum of 5 percent of students must vote in a constitution or referendum amendment election for an amendment to pass.

Less than 5 percent of the student body voted in the last referendum, which was not enough votes to sufficiently represent how students felt, Baumgartner said. He believes that the referendums deal with important issues that directly affect students.

"An election can't just be flooded by two or three hundred votes, and they get what they want," he said. "Those referendums deal with fee increases, changes to the constitution, and lots of really important stuff. We really need to get a better student turnout to get a good feel for how students really feel."

Sarah Saunders, an arts and sciences senator for the SGA, authored three of the bills that passed in the meeting pertaining to the election.

"It's really important because we want a lot of people to vote, that's why we even passed the thing that if less than 5 percent of the student body doesn't vote, nothing is going to happen," she said. "We really want

a lot of people to get out and start voting this year."

In addition to passing bills related to election procedures, the association discussed an upcoming lobbying campaign at the state capital.

Lee Bobbitt, SGA president, said members of the association will be traveling to Austin from Feb. 16 to Feb. 18 to lobby at the state capital on behalf of higher education.

Members traveling to Austin will express concerns and establish relationships with members of the state government, she said. The SGA is trying to ensure Tech's student body voice is heard.

"The big focus, I think, is making sure the legislature stays higher-education minded and that college is affordable and holding them accountable even though these are hard economics times," Bobbitt said. "It's still important to remember that as students, it's hard on us too."

Baumgartner said the next big campus topic the SGA will address deals with transportation issues.

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Northwest flooding affects roads, commerce

CENTRALIA, Wash. (AP) — Floods, mudslides and avalanches in the Pacific Northwest kept tens of thousands of people from their homes Thursday, brought freight trains to a standstill and stranded hundreds of trucks along the major highways that link Seattle's busy ports with markets around the country.

The flooding — some of the worst on record in Washington state — was touched off by a combination of heavy rain of 6 inches or more and a warm spell in the mid-40s that rapidly melted the snow in the Cascade Range.

A 20-mile stretch of Interstate 5, the state's major north-south freeway, was shut down between Olympia and the Oregon line, with one section area under 3 feet of water. Avalanches closed

I-90, which cuts east from Seattle through the Cascades, along with the two other routes through the mountains. Amtrak service and most freight trains were stopped as well.

Hundreds of trucks pulled their rigs off onto the shoulders or packed truck stops as the bad weather bottled up nearly all freight in and around Seattle, costing the economy untold millions of dollars of day.

"You can't go north, you can't go east, you can't go south. What are my options?" said Jon Amerman, a trucker from White Hall, Mont., who had planned to head east to Yakima to pick up apples after delivering a load of goods to Seattle. Instead, he pulled over to the side, and figured his company was losing more than \$1,000 a day every day

that he was idle.

More than 30,000 people in western Washington were urged to evacuate their homes on Wednesday in low-lying areas from Bellingham near the Canadian border to the Kelso area near the Oregon line as rivers spilled over their banks and flooded some neighborhoods.

The stricken areas included such far-flung Seattle bedroom communities as Fife, Orting and Snohomish, but Seattle itself saw little flooding.

Rescuers had used boats to evacuate scores of people from nursing homes. Fire trucks rolled through the streets, using loudspeakers to warn people to leave.

No serious injuries were reported.

Mumbai attacks seen as model for terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deadly attacks in India may have provided a low-frills but bloody blueprint for other violent groups to follow, U.S. anti-terrorism officials told Congress on Thursday.

The FBI's chief intelligence officer told a Senate hearing that the November siege showed that well-trained assailants with simple weaponry can cause massive casualties.

"I think we can expect that groups will look to that as a model for themselves," Donald Van Duyn said at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs hearing. "We sometimes focus on tactics that may be exotic and esoteric ... but for most terrorists, they're looking for what works."

His counterpart at the Homeland Security Department, Charles Allen, told senators that "the sheer brutality of this attack, I believe, is the kind of thing that can be conducted against soft targets around the world."

The attacks in Mumbai, India's financial capital, left 164 dead and nearly 300 more wounded. Lawmakers held the hearing to discuss

lessons learned from the ordeal.

Van Duyn said that as much as governments worry about chemical, biological, or radiological attacks, what happened in India may encourage terrorists to launch low-tech violence. In Mumbai, 10 gunmen with handheld rifles and explosives were able to keep police at bay for nearly three days.

India says the gunmen were all Pakistani and has blamed a Pakistani-based militant group, Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Allen said he was concerned that U.S. shopping malls develop effective evacuation plans. "This kind of attack, I think we have to be prepared for it and be prepared for soft targets to be attacked," Allen said.

Also testifying was New York City's police commissioner, Ray Kelly, who warned of the other simple tool used to deadly effect in Mumbai: cell phones.

According to phone transcripts, the attackers received instructions and real-time updates about the officers amassing against them. Some of the phones they used for the calls apparently were taken

from the hostages.

That information, investigators believe, helped make the attack much more deadly as the gunman delayed capture.

Kelly said his department is examining ways it might be able to shut down cell phone calls in and around future hostage-taking scenarios, without also shutting down the communications devices of the police trying to rescue them.

With President-elect Barack Obama's set to take the oath of office on Jan. 20, U.S. intelligence officials said they know of no specific threats to the upcoming inauguration. But they are concerned about the potential for a Mumbai-type attack.

"A group of well-armed terrorists, likely equipped with automatic weapons and explosives, could assault their target forcibly with the intention of taking hostages," according to a joint FBI and Homeland Security intelligence assessment Wednesday that was obtained by The Associated Press.

SIGN TO SAVE



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador
ROBERT SLADECEK, A senior electrical engineering technology major from Austin, signs the petition to save KTXT 88.1 during the rally Thursday in the free speech area outside the Student Union Building.

Congress declares Obama the next president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama is officially the next president of the United States, Congress declared Thursday in fulfilling its centuries-old constitutional duty to certify and tally the electoral college vote from each state.

Republicans joined Democrats in a standing ovation as Vice President Dick Cheney, in his role as president of the Senate, announced from the podium that Obama had achieved a majority of votes and would be the 44th president on Jan. 20.

Speaking before a joint session of the House and Senate, Cheney confirmed the results of the Nov. 4 election, that Obama and next Vice President Joe Biden had received 365 electoral votes while the Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin garnered 173 votes.

"The outcome was not surprising, but it's wonderful to have it official," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said after the session.

"Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives are meeting in joint session to verify the certificates and count the votes of the electors of the several states," Cheney intoned in opening the session.

Four "tellers," two members each from the House and Senate, then commenced reading the votes from each state. Ironically, the first four states read in alphabetical order — Alabama, Alaska, Arizona and Arkansas — all gave their votes to McCain and Palin.

A cheer went up when the next state, California, gave its 55 votes to Obama and Biden.

Another note of levity in the otherwise formal and scripted ceremony came as teller Rep. Robert Brady, D-Pa., drew some laughs when he read that the vote

from Ohio, a focus of voter disputes in recent elections, "appears to be regular in form and authentic."

Cheney led a Senate delegation into the House chamber along with teenage pages carrying two mahogany boxes containing the certified vote totals of each state.

He sat on the podium next to Pelosi, carrying out what could be his last act as president of the Senate. He handed the certificates from each state's electors to the four tellers to be read and tallied.

The reading took about 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the state-by-state rundown, Cheney read the tally sheet and announced the results — that Obama has been elected president and Biden will succeed Cheney as vice president.

The 12th Amendment, ratified in 1804, directs the electors chosen by the states to meet and vote for president and vice president, conveying the results to the president of the Senate.

That was accomplished Dec. 15, when the electors, in a largely ceremonial rite preordained by Obama's Nov. 4 victory over McCain, gathered in state capitals to cast their votes. As on Thursday, the tally was 365 for Obama, 173 for McCain.

The electoral college is made up of 538 electors, with each state getting its equivalent in the 435-member House and the 100-member Senate. The District of Columbia gets the other three electors.

The session this year was drama-free,

unlike in 2001, when then-Vice President Al Gore presided over the session that declared George W. Bush the winner over Gore in a disputed election. Gore disallowed objections from fellow Democrats who asserted that Bush had unfairly won Florida and tried to block Florida's electoral votes from being counted.

Florida's Democratic senator, Bill Nelson, on Thursday pointed to the 2000 election, when Gore received more popular votes than Bush nationwide, in proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College in favor of direct popular votes. He said the current system permits a candidate with fewer votes nationally to win the presidency by capturing narrow victories in big states.

Nelson and others have made similar proposals in past sessions of Congress without success.

Also on Thursday, Supreme Court Justice David Souter rejected an emergency plea to prevent Congress from certifying the electoral vote. It was the latest of at least 8 appeals to the court in recent months — all quickly dismissed — asserting that Obama is ineligible to be president because he is not a "natural-born citizen" as the Constitution requires.

Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961 to an American mother and a Kenyan father. Internet-fueled theories contend either that Obama's birth certificate is a fake or he is ineligible because he had dual nationality when he was born. Hawaii officials have said the birth certificate is authentic.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Barry Silk
McLean, VA

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Women can be as disgusting as men

By EILEEN STAHL
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Stereotypes are funny things. We know some are based on ignorance and hate. When there was an influx of Polish immigrants competing for jobs around the turn of the 20th century, for example, other disgruntled workers claimed that "all Poles are dumb."

Some stereotypes are based on what is perceived to be true. Many Asian cultures place a very high priority on education, so the "Asians are smarter than everyone else" stereotype was born.

Whether good or bad, "fact" or fabrication, stereotypes are unfair because they are shortcuts. True, some white people can't dance, but I'm dating a white boy with the most amazing sense of rhythm I've ever seen. "Positive" stereotypes are just as bad because they place unreasonable expectations on people who happened to be born into a certain family. How would you like to be the Asian kid who sucks at math?

So this week, I'm going to do my civic duty and tackle a "positive" stereotype that is pervasive, unfair, and — perhaps most importantly — affects me personally: girls are neat and tidy.

I cannot begin to describe how untidy I am. You're fortunate that you're reading this article in print because my handwriting looks like it belongs to a third grader on a sugar high. My room looks like a combat zone in which it was strategically viable to plant a land mine in an underwear drawer. Sometimes — and I know

this may shock readers — I do not smell good.

It wasn't as if I didn't try to be neat, but my childhood attempts always ended in failure. When my classmates and I had to cut out pictures for collages, mine came out looking like they'd been attacked by paper clip-sized wolverines. It was depressing because I thought I was the only messy one; I eyed the other girls' papers enviously, marveling at their flawless bubble letters, complete with perfect tiny hearts dotting their I's.

Sometimes, in secret, I would practice "girl writing" in my journal, desperately trying to reproduce that beauty. No matter how long I spent, my little hearts came out looking like butts.

I thought I was one of an unfortunate few, although girls I knew well all seemed to have secret sloppy habits. But it wasn't until I began to frequent various online humor communities that I began to suspect the opposite. A common topic was the horrific sights and smells found in public restrooms, and there was no shortage of input from people who had at one point been forced to clean them. On multiple occasions, the consensus was that the ladies' room was much grossier.

I realized they could be onto something. I've experienced disgusting bathrooms from middle school to Angell Hall: paper everywhere, water in places it should not be, and God knows what sorts of bodily substances in and — if you're truly "lucky" — around the toilets.

But since I'd always assumed that men's room had to be 10 times worse, I decided to run an experiment. My

boyfriend and I visited a series of public restrooms in his hometown and took notes comparing the nastiness of the men's and ladies' rooms. The worst thing we ever found in the men's room was water around the sinks and a scrawled assurance on the wall that "TOY STORY 2 WAS OKAY."

Meanwhile, the women's rooms were filled with unflushed toilets, soggy paper strewn about, and some truly horrible sights that I'm confident you don't want to read about.

Of course, this isn't enough to prove that women are the grosser sex (and according to my guy friends, the men's room can be nasty, too), but it certainly goes to show that we're capable of being vile. But why, then, did all of the girls seem to be so perfect when I was a kid?

My theory is that, while some ladies (and dudes) are naturally neat, girls are conditioned to act like we're cleaner from a young age (as it happened, I had a slight motor disorder that prevented me from doing so).

But as someone in a recent discussion on the humor website Something Awful put it, people are "completely inconsiderate of anything they do" in public restrooms. Hey, you're busy and you've got to go. No one's going to know if you don't flush!

I'm not sure if I truly believe that women are naturally messier than men, but we've certainly got the potential. It might just be that after a day of pretending to be pristine princesses, the anonymity of the restroom is the girls' chance to be a slob.

We should probably stop that. It's nasty.

Financial experts fail US

By JACK MILLMAN
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If there is one faction that should have been discredited as much as Wall Street in the last year, it should be the so-called financial experts.

Like the old joke that the stock market has predicted nine of the last five recessions, experts have failed to see major trends, offered contradictory advice on spending, taxes and regulation, and generally did not separate themselves from those offering lay opinions; yet the media treats their predictions as facts while ignoring both their bias and the lack of accurate knowledge.

Economic experts have essentially adopted a platform of "we don't know what is going on, but we need to do something." Venture capitalist Bill Frezza attacked current macroeconomics in an article on Realeclearpolitics.com, pointing out how their science is blinded by partisanship and arbitrary numbers. He went on to point out that one of the great insights into economics was that there are too many things going on to actually know what is going on.

Too many economists work with government and allow their judgment to be clouded by political leanings. That is why you can have a liberal economist calling for more regulation and increased government oversight while a conservative economist advocates the opposite. Another questionable aspect of political economic expertise is the arbitrariness.

Why was the bank bailout \$700 billion? It was simply an arbitrary number that was large enough to rebuild confidence. I

could appreciate the hilarity if it wasn't tons of taxpayers' dollars being thrown around to experiment with. It brings to mind Franklin Roosevelt's statement about his desire to raise the price of gold by 21 cents ... because it was a lucky number.

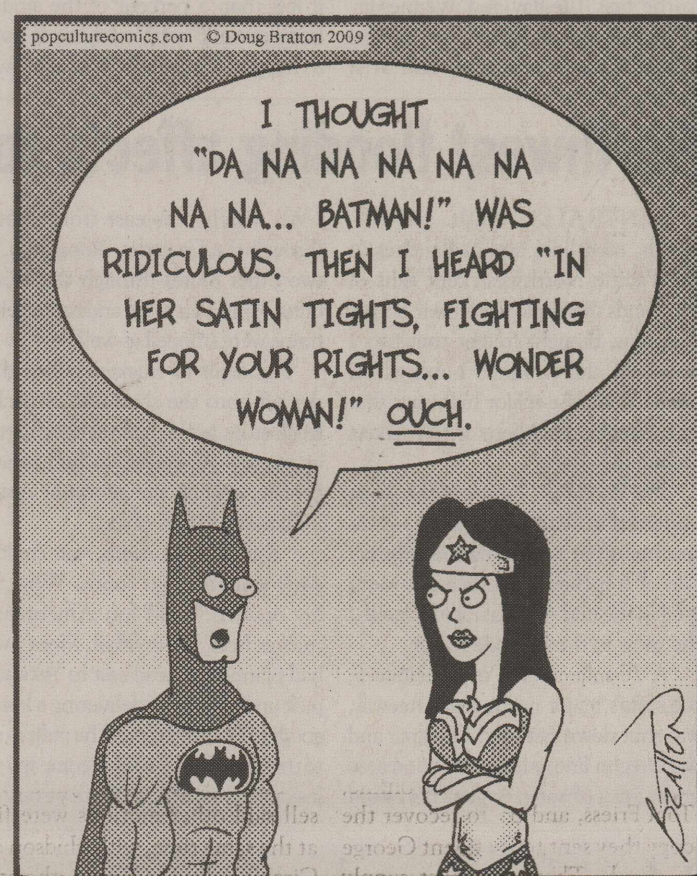
Biased and unfounded expertise was offered on oil prices as well. It's still hard to believe that just six months ago gas was \$4 a gallon, oil was closing in on \$150 a barrel, and every pundit said that cheap gas was a thing of the past. Countries such as Venezuela and Russia counted on oil staying above \$70 or \$90 a barrel in order to fund their various geopolitical projects and internal expenses.

Car companies closed SUV plants to restructure and adapt to a future of expensive gas. Gold-

man Sachs was predicting oil to hit \$175 a barrel last March, with many pundits calling for \$200+ prices. And as quick as the prices went up, they collapsed.

Now many see oil hovering around \$50 a barrel throughout next year, because of the economic slowdown. Who knows what could actually happen.

Of course there are experts who know more, just as there are laws of economics, such as supply and demand. The problem is that valid information is abused, twisted or extrapolated until its worth is non-existent. The media offers countless unfounded predictions that are reported as facts, especially if they fit into a compelling narrative. This leads to a herd mentality of predictable and often inaccurate "expertise."



Citizen journalism pushes boundries of news, involves risk of immaturity

By JENNA REBACK
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2008 was a banner year for what is now apparently being called "citizen journalism." The existence of water on Mars was publicized not by NASA, but by Twitter — as were the earthquakes in China. Television journalist Tim Russert's death was first announced not on his employing network NBC, as had been protocol in such circumstances, but by an anonymous edit to his Wikipedia page, made before his family was alerted of his passing.

It is self-evident that as traditional media outlets (read: print newspapers) continue to downsize their staff and technological advances make the dissemination of current events a collective endeavor, the barrier between plebe and reporter becomes increasingly obsolete.

We are all journalists, and in a way that seems both sensible and appropriate. If a citizen journalist witnesses an important event before a bona fide professional, then why shouldn't he or she share it? And at a moment of debatably unsurpassed political engagement in America, the democratization of news gathering is an effective way to maintain this fervor.

The paradigm shift from jour-

nalism as the duty of the privileged few to journalism as a free-for-all has occurred so rapidly as to seem both inevitable and inviolate. Still, we can sense when a line has been crossed; the announcement of Russert's death could have been delayed for two hours with no consequences for the public, especially when compared to the consequences for his family.

The argument that standards must be put into place for new media reporting, along with the companion argument about the impossibility of enforcing such standards, is an old one. What has not been sufficiently discussed is whether this brave new reporting is not, in certain situations, self-defeating.

Citizen journalism promises unprecedented immediacy; we therefore assume that it will encourage greater candor and richer discourse. In particular, we hope it will bring us closer to those who lead us, whose opinions and actions we are so anxious to know.

But citizen journalists, armed with all the privilege of old-school reporters and none of the ethical obligations, only drive us further from this possible synergy. Continuously poised to make even the most off-handed comment a viral spectacle, citizen journalists simultaneously

demand communication with politicians and discourage them from speaking frankly.

The result is an inundation of dialogue paired with a scarcity of substance that has already been evidenced in the recent presidential election and will no doubt characterize the way we interface with our leaders — or don't — for a long time.

Consider one of the more ambiguously ethical uses of citizen journalism over the past year: Mayhill Fowler attended a private dinner in support of Barack Obama this past April. It was at this event that Obama made his now infamous comment about those heartland Americans who "cling to guns and religion," which Fowler duly noted and published on Huffington Post.

Traditionally, members of the press have been obligated to declare themselves as such when appearing at any sort of public gathering. Fowler declined to do so, yet her experience of the event-

was utilized to shape a news story about Obama's comment on what media service company Technorati recently ranked as the most popular blog on the Internet.

It has been argued that Obama did not deserve protection from Fowler. Obama made his comment in front of a group, after all, and potential voters elsewhere have a right to additional information that would give them a sense of who they may be endorsing.

Such contentions are valid until studied in a larger context. [Obama thought he was speaking to a group of supporters in confidence, and he directed his speech towards them.] Was the insight that an undecided voter gained from this sound bite worth the price of increased recalcitrance on Obama's part overall?

Obama is constantly engaging with the media (in the month following his election, he set the record for number of press conferences held by a President-elect), but his

appearances are so tightly managed as to make the endeavor all but worthless.

The Washington Post suggested that the journalists who interviewed Obama in the wake of his election may have been "pre-selected by his aides." The New York Times has quoted several of Obama's advisors as acknowledging that their strategy for media management parallels that of the Bush administration in its structure and rigorosity.

We can all agree that politicians as a group talk too much and do too little, but the vigilance of millions of bloggers and Twitterers necessitates an unprecedented level of information control. The desire of citizen journalists to circumvent the bureaucracy inherent in traditional journalistic practices is understandable, but their methods are self-defeating. The harder they press, the more elusive Obama and his ilk become, generating a continuous feed of babble all the while.

In the act of running for public office, political leaders implicitly agree to be forthright and responsible in all their dealings, and to make themselves available to public scrutiny. The media is integral to guaranteeing the ethicality of politicians; as such, it should not have to rely on fraudulent techniques to

do so. We've already seen how, in the announcement of Russert's death, citizen journalism can violate ethical boundaries — and how, on a pragmatic level, it threatens to further erode the quality of political discourse.

There is, of course, no way to guarantee that everyone with a story and an Internet connection considers the implications of his or her actions. As such, it falls to those who provide a forum for new media reporting to punish those who act inappropriately.

The person who updated Russert's Wikipedia entry early was fired from his or her job at Internet Broadcasting Services (in spite of — or should I say, because of — pleading ignorance at the implications of the gesture). If Huffington would hold her contributors to similar standards, that would be a good place to start.

When Governor Sarah Palin complained about the "gotcha media," we all laughed at her. Journalists worth their salt ask hard questions, fact-check and follow up. But good journalists also respect themselves and their readers enough to do the task with integrity, while doing it well, and the rest of us could learn from them. The future of political discourse depends on it.

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New policy allows students to hide low SAT scores

By HANNAH BOEN
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High school students who take the SAT in March 2009 or later will have new options when it comes to reporting scores to colleges and universities.

The College Board, an association that provides programs and services to colleges and universities, has approved a new score-reporting policy that will give students the option to hold low scores from being reported to universities, according to the board's Web site.

"As part of implementing Score Choice, The College Board is providing institutions with the ability to display their SAT score-use practice directly to students on CollegeBoard.com," said Alana Klein, a College Board spokesperson, via e-mail. "This way, students will be able to see how colleges use scores and can then send the appropriate scores."

According to the board's Web site, the system is designed to remove the stress and anxiety students feel toward the SAT by giving students control of their own scores.

For Texas Tech, however, the Score Choice system will have little effect on

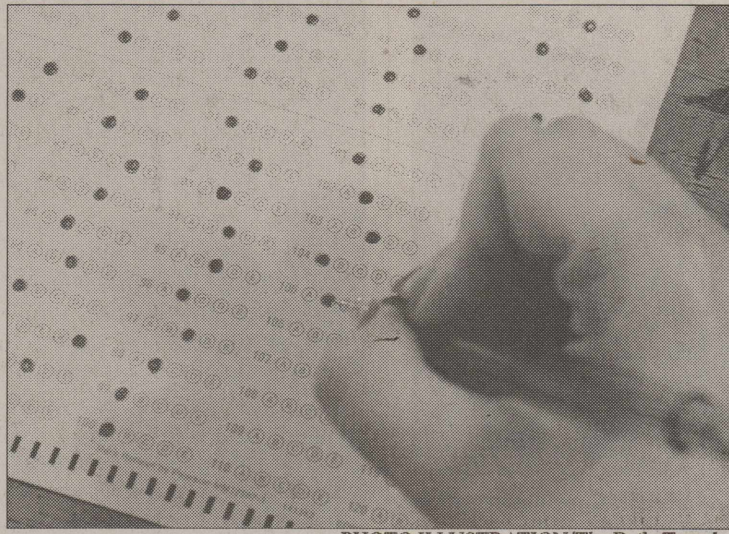


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STUDENT TEST TAKERS will now have more control over their SAT scores when the College board policy takes effect in 2010.

the acceptance process for undergraduate students.

The university currently reviews applicants two ways, said Ethan Logan, managing director of undergraduate recruitment and admissions at Tech.

A student in the top 10 percent of his or her class or a student with an SAT score of at least 1100 has assured

admittance, he said. Assured admittance is granted by a computer that reviews students based on quantitative measures.

Because Score Choice will still allow universities to see the highest score achieved, Logan said the computers used by the recruitment and admissions office will continue to identify students with

assured admittance.

Students who have failed to receive assured admittance have their applications reviewed by an admissions counselor. Logan said this is where Score Choice may have an effect on the admissions process, because a counselor is performing a more qualitative review.

"They'd be looking at the courses, extracurricular activities and civic engagement," he said. "We're looking at a profile of a person opposed to numeric values."

Logan said part of the profile may list the number of times the SAT was taken and the amount of improvement made, depending on what the admissions counselor is looking for in a student.

"Not to say it's a completely subjective process," he said, "but individual counselors look at individual things."

The College Board will no longer automatically report cumulative scores to institutions, according to their Web site, allowing students to keep universities from obtaining their test scores entirely.

"If a student under our current policy decides to not report any scores," he said, "they would then fall into the review

category and it would be up to an admissions counselor."

Sophomore Kristin Schumacher and Hannah Freeman took the SAT twice and earned better scores on the second exam.

Both Tech students said they did not practice between the first and second attempts, but the better score stemmed from decreased nervousness the second time they took the test.

"I knew a little better what to expect the second time around," said Schumacher, a business major from the Woodlands.

If Score Choice been an option when they were applying to universities, both students said they would choose to report all of their test scores.

"I spent so much time and effort and money," said Freeman, an early childhood and special education major from San Antonio, "that I might as well show a school that I cared enough to get a better score."

Students — whether they choose to reveal some or all of their scores — will be able to use the Score Choice system when it becomes available to all entering college students in 2010.

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Additional SAT statistics

The average student who retests increases his or her combined SAT score by approximately 40 points.

55 percent of juniors who took the SAT their junior year improved their scores as seniors.

35 percent of juniors who took the SAT their junior year improved their scores as seniors.

10 percent of juniors who took the SAT their junior year had no change as seniors.

Source: College Board

Judge orders couple to rein in video

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Two followers of jailed evangelist Tony Alamo must try to get back a video of their daughter's interview with a state child welfare official, even though the footage is on the Internet and a copy was mailed to the White House, a judge ruled Thursday.

Miller County Circuit Judge Jim Hudson's order comes hours after a federal judge sentenced a man who once identified himself as an associate pastor at Alamo's Fouke church to house arrest after pleading guilty to trafficking in counterfeit compact discs. Meanwhile, another judge delayed Alamo's upcoming trial on charges he took young girls across state lines for sex.

Hudson ordered the man and woman, who are married, to contact a man who posted the video online, Tom Friess, and try to recover the copy they sent to President George W. Bush. They also must supply the court with documents that illustrate their efforts.

The Associated Press is not naming the parents in order to protect the privacy of their children.

The interview was conducted less than 24 hours after two of the couple's children were seized by Arkansas Department of Human Services workers following a raid on the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries compound in Fouke. The children were among six juveniles seized in the Sept. 20 raid. Since then, a total of 36 juveniles linked to Alamo's organization have been taken by the state.

At the start of the hearing, DHS attorney Misty Bowen Eubanks expressed concern about five other videos of interviews with seized children that were sent anonymously to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, which posted them online with the children's faces obscured.

The woman took the witness stand so Hudson could question her. The judge pressed the woman as to whether she knew when she gave Friess the video that it would be widely distributed, which she eventually acknowledged. She testified that she had no information about the videos given to the newspaper. The order notes that her husband didn't know she provided the tape of their daughter, but he is listed as a defendant.

DHS spokeswoman Julie Munsell said other motions were filed at the same time, with Hudson and Circuit Judge Joe Griffin, the other judge handling Alamo-related custody cases, to try to pre-empt any further disclosure of videos that are supposed to be confidential.

Munsell said no action would be taken against the Democrat-Gazette or Google, where the original video appeared.

The couple had been ruled indigent for the first court proceedings, but they will have to hire a lawyer for their appeal of the state keeping custody of the children. The judge explained after the hearing that the parents are each capable of working 40 hours per week, so the state isn't obligated to pay their lawyers.

Asked before the proceeding what they do for a living, the couple paused. The woman answered, "We're members of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministry. Our jobs are within the ministry. Everything is provided for us."

"It's a great place to live, great place to have children," she said.

After the hearing, the woman said authorities have conducted repeated interviews with the children.

"They've been pumping them, trying to get information against our pastor," the woman said. "It's all about Tony Alamo."

Alamo remains in federal custody, awaiting trial on a 10-count indictment that alleges he transported juveniles across state lines for sexual purposes. Numerous witnesses at hearings have said Alamo would take young girls as his wives.

Alamo denies inappropriate contact with juveniles but says he's an advocate of girls marrying when they reach puberty.

'Dark Knight' sweeps People's Choice Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Holy People's Choice Awards, Batman!

"The Dark Knight" soared away with every trophy it was nominated for Wednesday at the 35th annual fan-favorite CBS ceremony. The caped crusader flick won five awards, including favorite cast, superhero, action movie and on-screen matchup for Christian Bale's Batman and the late Heath Ledger's Joker.

"On behalf of all of the cast from the movie, thank you very much to the fans," said Bale. "Here's to Heath."

The CBS ceremony was hosted by Queen Latifah and returned to the Shrine Auditorium for its typical star-studded live show format, following last year's writer's strike-friendly, pre-taped program. Stars such as Adam Sandler, Kate Hudson, Robin Williams, Hugh Laurie and Reese Witherspoon showed up to accept their awards at the slightly subdued ceremony.

"It's such a great way to start the new year," Witherspoon, the "Four Christmases" star who won an Oscar in 2005 for portaying June Carter

Cash in "Walk the Line," said as she accepted her award for favorite female movie star. "A couple years ago, I won a great award for singing in a movie. This year, I won an award for having a baby throw up on me."

Other recipients selected by Internet voters in categories spanning movies, television and music included "Dancing With the Stars" as favorite reality show, Carrie Underwood as favorite female singer, "House" as favorite TV drama, Brad Pitt as favorite leading man, Angelina Jolie as favorite female action star and Ellen DeGeneres as favorite talk show host.

"I wish I could share this with you," DeGeneres told the audience while clutching her trophy on stage. "I could throw it on the ground and smash it into a million pieces, and give each one of you a little piece of it, but that's violent, and that's prob-

ably why you voted for me, because I'm not violent."

Other winners were "WALL-E" for best family movie, "27 Dresses" for best comedy and "The Secret Life of Bees" for best independent movie.

Will Smith was named both the top male action star and best male movie star; Kate Hudson was declared the best leading lady. The best TV comedy was "Two and a Half Men" and the top TV animated comedy was "The Simpsons."

Queen Latifah accepted the favorite drama and independent movie awards alongside her "The Secret Life of Bees" co-star Dakota Fanning. The overly enthusiastic host opened the show by wading through the audience and asking celebrities if they could keep entertaining the masses in 2009. All mimicked President-elect Barack Obama and by answering: "Yes we can."

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7 AM	Curious Sid (HD)	Today Schedules: Kathy Bates, Howie Mandel, Linda Bassilianich, rescuing a marriage (HD)	The Early Show	Copeland Robison	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	Good Day Lubbock
8 AM	Super Why Clifford			Believer's J. Hanna	Steve Wilkos		
9 AM	Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Divorce Payne	Payne	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart
10 AM	Dragon Word		Pride in Flight (HD)	The Morning Show	Cosby	The View (HD)	Bonnie Hunt Show
11 AM	Martha Jeopardy	Jeopardy! (HD)	Restless (HD)	Alex	Paid Prog.	Victory	Tyra
12 PM	Knitting Fine Art	News	The People's Court	Roseanne	All My Children	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
1 PM	Real Moments Place	The Doctors	Guiding Light	Maury	Judge Jeanine	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
2 PM	Betw. Lion Reading	inside					
3 PM	Arthur WordGirl	Oprah Winfrey	Brown	Access	J. Foxx	No Deal No Deal	Ellen DeGeneres
4 PM	FETC Cyber	Dr. Phil	Judy	Meury	Standing	Rachael Ray	News
5 PM	Maya Bus. Rpt.	News	News	Fam. Feud	Queens	News	Lopez
6 PM	NewsHour (HD)	News	News	Law Order (HD)	70s	News	Family
7 PM	Wash. Wk. NOW PBS	Howie Do It "Prize"	Ghost Writer	Friday Night Smackdown!	Everybody Game	Wife Swap	"Bruce Almighty" (03) Men gets power
8 PM	Bill Moyers Journal	Lipstick Jungle	Flashpoint	13: Fear Real	Supernanny		
9 PM	Foreign Consulto	Dateline NBC	Numb3rs (HD)	Jim (HD)	Style	20/20	News
10 PM	Bus. Rpt. Charlie Rose	News	News	King	Sex City	News	Two & 1/2
11 PM	News	The Tonight Show	(10:35) Late Show	TMZ	Married	Nightline	Seinfeld
12 AM	News	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show	Wife	Bernie	Scrubs	
12:30 AM	AM	Country girl.					

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7 AM	Mirabelle Angelina	Today Weekend (HD)	Saturday Early	Paid Prog.	Sonic X Gogonki	Good Morning (HD)	Di-Gata Biker
8 AM	Saddle Dragonfly		Cake Horseland	Paid Prog.	Dinosaur	Empire	Sonic X
9 AM	Design Heartland	Jane Zula	Dino Sushi Pk	Paid Prog.	Chaotic	So Raven	Chaotic
10 AM	TX Parks Texas	Penguins Veggie	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Yu-Gi	Hannah	Kirby
11 AM	Europe	Turbo	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Degrassi	Jungle	Athlete
12 PM	P. Allen	Old House	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Stargate: SG-1	To Be Announced	Animal
1 PM	Yankee Home	Home	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Dead Zone	Information un-	Paid Prog.
2 PM	Woodshop Antiques (HD)	Woodshop Antiques (HD)	The NFL Today	Paid Prog.	College Basketball Iowa State vs Texas	To Be Announced	Jim (HD)
3 PM	Luxury	Fast Food	Extreme Sports Events (Live)	NFL Playoffs "AFC Divisional Playoff" (Live) (HD)	Extra	Idol	House (HD)
4 PM	Mexico Grill	Kitchen	News	TMZ	70s	News	Pre-Game
5 PM	Grill	Grill	News	TMZ	70s	News	Pre-Game
6 PM	Cook's	Christina	Wheat	70s	Paid Prog.	NFL Playoffs "NFC Divisional Playoff" (Live) (HD)	NFL on FOX
7 PM	Week	Crusoe Reunion.	Game Show	Game Show	The Commitments Irish soul band.	Married	Married
8 PM	Globe Trekker	Law & Order (HD)	Criminal Minds	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	True Beauty	NFL on FOX
9 PM	Austin Limits	Law & Order: SVU	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	True Beauty	NFL on FOX
10 PM	Ashe to Glory	News	News	Legend Seeker	Cheaters	News	Family
11 PM	Mastepiece	Country girl.					
12:30 AM	AM	Country girl.					

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2009							
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7 AM	Thomas Bob	Today Weekend	Strawberry Bears	Awakening	Heroes	Pollard	Paid Prog.
8 AM	Franny Animalia	Reporter	CBS News Sunday Morning	Special Ed	Children	Copeland	
9 AM	Wishbone	Meet the Press	Nation	Access Hollywood	Paid Prog.	In Touch	FOX News Sunday
10 AM	Healthy	Southcrest	Hour of Power	TMZ	Gladiator	Puede!	Southcrest
11 AM	InnerVIEWS	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	First Baptist	Degrassi	Paid Prog.	Pre-Game (HD)
12 PM	MotorWk	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	My Lubbock	*** "Killing Moon" (03) Virus outbreak	NFL Playoffs "NFC Divisional Playoff" (Live)
1 PM	Religion	Paid Prog.	College Basketball Wisconsin vs Purdue (Live)	*** "Straight Out of Brooklyn" (01)	*** "Red Team" (09) Thriller/Serial killer.	To Be Announced	Information un-
2 PM	Smiley	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	*** "Red Team" (09) Thriller/Serial killer.	To Be Announced	Information un-
3 PM	Globe Trekker	Extreme Sports Events (Live) (HD)	NFL Today	NFL Playoffs "AFC Divisional Playoff" (Live) (HD)	Desperate House (HD)	Everybody Game	To Be Announced
4 PM	Spain Road	News	News	House (HD)	Drew	News	To Be Announced
5 PM	Grannies	News	News	House (HD)	Drew	News	To Be Announced
6 PM	Walk	Red Carpet	News	CSI: Miami	Jericho (HD)	Home Videos	Simpsons
7 PM	Nature (HD)	The 66th Annual Golden Globe Awards 66th annual awards.	Mil. Password	"Ice Princess" (05) Girl learns skating	"Carrie" (76) Thriller/Paranormal teen.	Extreme Make-over	24 Jack on trial.
8 PM	Mastepiece "Tess of the D'Urbervilles"	Law & Order: SVU	Cold Case (HD)	Limit Religious relic.	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Brothers & Sisters
9 PM	Bus. Rpt.	News	News	Lopez	Sex City	News	Red Raider
10 PM	News	News	News	Pat Knight	Boston Legal (HD)	CSI: NY "Risk" (HD)	
11 PM	Nanotechnology	Law & Order: SVU	Westmark	Star Trek	The Dead Zone	Victory	CSI: Miami (HD)
12:30 AM	AM	Country girl.					

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Tech Museum displays historic teddy bears

By **CAYLOR BALLINGER**
STAFF WRITER

Toys have been present throughout history, but one toy's history begins with a famous name.

The teddy bear was named after President Theodore Roosevelt, or Teddy, after a hunting trip when he could not bare to shoot a bear.

Today teddy bears can be found in almost every toy store and have a common recognition among children and adults.

The Texas Tech Museum has 40 teddy bears on display, all on loan from Lubbock residents. The bears vary in size, shape, color and age.

Museum visitors can learn about each bear by reading a binder next to the display that states the name, age and a brief story from the bear's perspective.

The oldest bear on display is 33 years old and has a missing eye and a sewn ear. The bear was given to his owner as a Christmas present more than 30 years ago.

Jill Hoffman, curator of education at the museum, said this is the fifth Christmas season the Teddy Bears Out West display has been open and it is her first year to be in charge of the display. She said people feel nostalgic when they see the bears.

"It's a feel-good experience for all ages," Hoffman said. "Adults were once children too."

Hoffman said the visiting display would be a great experience for college students because it relates to a lot of people.

"The teddy bears provide a nice way to bring people to a museum who wouldn't normally come," Hoffman said.

She said the familiarity of the teddy bears makes the museum a more comfortable place. She hopes once people come to the display, they will see how much the museum has to offer.

Hoffman said her favorite bear was a big, well-loved big stuffed bear.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEDDY BEARS DONATED from the Lubbock Community will be on display at the Texas Tech Museum until Jan. 25.

She said she could relate to the feeling the bear-owner had and could "tell it was very dear to him."

The teddy bear display was created to provide adults and children a better understanding of museums and the process of loaning items, Hoffman said. The outcome from loaning a teddy bear might provide

more reassurance for people to loan other items to museums.

Hoffman said this is the last year for teddy bears to be on display, and it is almost time to say goodbye to the bears. The last day to see all the teddy bears will be Jan. 25.

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Rec center offers new fitness classes for students

By **HANNAH BOEN**
STAFF WRITER

Students searching for a new way to exercise are in luck this semester.

The Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center will offer new classes during the spring semester to get students out of their work-out rut, and the classes will cost nothing during the trial week.

"The week is really just to try out different types of exercises that you wouldn't normally do," said Leslie Eyerly, the fitness and wellness coordinator at the center.

Some classes at the center are free, but others require a fee. She said from Jan. 11 to Jan. 17 the specialty classes that normally require a fee will be available to students at no charge.

There are more than a dozen specialty fitness classes offered, including swing dance, meditation, spin and yoga.

"Don't be afraid or intimidated to come for the first time," Eyerly said. "Just go try them out and find a wide variety of ways to exercise."

Belly dancing and X-Band pilates are two new classes the center will add to the spring semester schedule.

Arica Worthington, a senior from

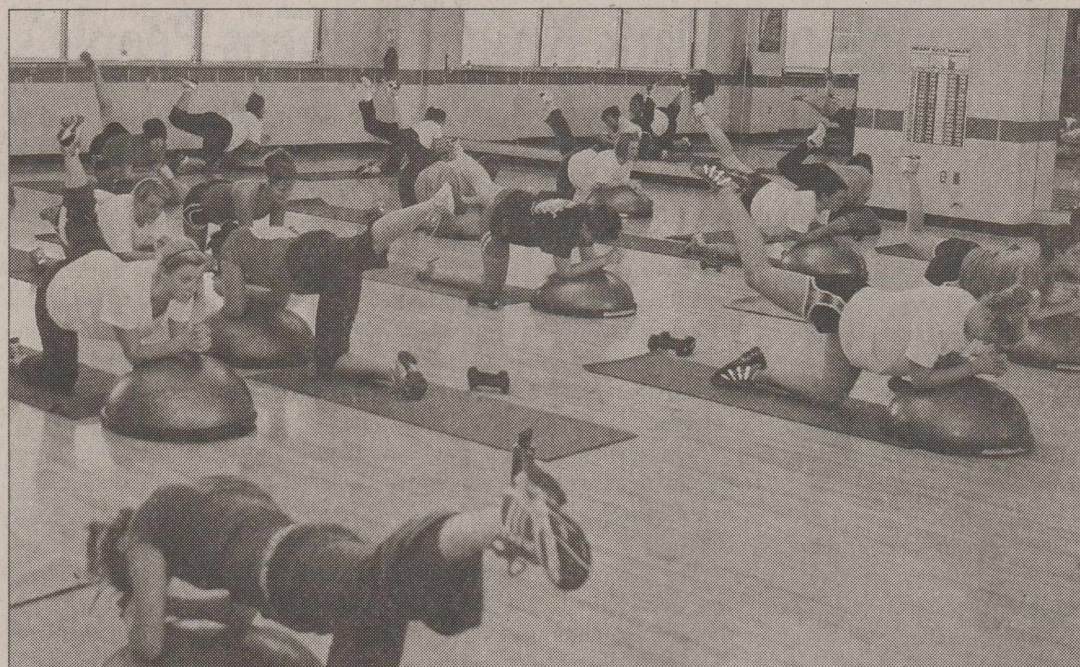


PHOTO CREDIT/The Daily Toreador
A BUSY RAIDER X class meets Thursday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

Houston, said she has been a pilates instructor for three years and will be teaching the X-Band pilates class this spring.

Besides providing a way for students to stay fit, Worthington said the group classes are a good way to meet other people who also have

exercise goals.

"The classes are fun," the speech language and hearing science major said, "and they're not intimidating."

The X-Band pilates class will have basic mat pilates and use resistance tubes for a more vigorous work out, Worthington said. Specialty classes

include most of the extra equipment and are geared toward more specific goals than the regular fitness classes.

A complete schedule of classes can be found on the center's Web site, www.depts.ttu.edu/recsports.

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Bee decline continues, researchers still have no answer

By **SOMER WIGGINS**
DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENN STATE)

It's been two years since Dennis vanEngelsdorp began searching for the reason why bees nationwide are dying—and after two years of 60-hour

weeks, he's frustrated to say he still doesn't have an answer.

Penn State researchers are leading the investigation into why bee populations are declining around the United States, but have yet to come to a definitive conclusion, according to an article

published October in Research | Penn State, an annual magazine.

"One frustrating thing is we don't have a clear-cut answer yet," said vanEngelsdorp, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture state apiarist, or beekeeper.

Over the past two years, beekeepers have lost two-thirds of the bee population nationwide, said Maryann Frazier, senior extension associate in the department of entomology. Frazier said reports of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) -- where adult bees abandon their colonies -- first surfaced in November 2006, although researchers believe hives have been experiencing losses since 2004.

Frazier is part of a team within the department of entomology investigating the bee epidemic. The team and other researchers have received more than \$250,000 throughout the past two years from Häagen-Dazs to work on pollinator decline, Frazier said.

Why are bees leaving? At Penn State, researchers are trying to find the answer, focusing on disease, viruses and pesticides as possible causes, Frazier said. But they're still unsure of the primary cause, according to the article.

It's not for the lack of trying. Since the first reports, researchers have been putting in long hours to solve the mystery. VanEngelsdorp is part of a team responsible for collecting samples from

the bees and has been putting in 40- to 60-hour workweeks.

"For the last two years, the longest stretch I've been in Pennsylvania is two weeks," vanEngelsdorp said. "I've been on vacation having to do work."

However, the amount of time researchers spend on finding a solution pales in comparison to the amount of time the beekeepers put in to maintaining healthy hives in the midst of this crisis, vanEngelsdorp said.

Honeybees generate more than \$14 billion of economic revenue every year through their pollination of more than 100 fruits and vegetables in the United States, according to the Research | Penn State article. Some are now worried that this resource is in danger and beekeepers will continue to lose their source of income.

"Beekeepers could go bankrupt," vanEngelsdorp said.

It's not the first time beekeepers have seen their stocks decrease. Since 1987, before the discovery of CCD, the parasite varroa mite has threatened the survival of many colonies by weakening bees' immune systems. However, CCD presents a greater threat to bees nationwide than any danger before, wiping out hives at an unprecedented scale, according to the article.

Free traditional Irish music classes to be held Saturday

Those who stop by J&B Coffee Saturday afternoon can expect to hear a commotion of Irish music.

The Texas Tech University School of Music, Caprock Celtic Association and Vernacular Music Center will sponsor sessions to teach anyone in the community traditional Irish music from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday.

"For those who are familiar with Irish music, the classes are intended to be very accessible," said Christopher Smith, who will teach the classes, "but for those who are unfamiliar it is a chance to embrace a new art."

Smith, a musicology and Celtic ensemble professor at Tech, said the classes will provide an opportunity for the community to get a "jump start to a new hobby."

The classes, which he started in 2001 after moving from Indiana, are offered to all ages and levels of experience, he said.

"I enjoy playing Irish music, but after moving I realized I had no one

to play with," Smith said. "Irish music is like jazz, it's a group music."

The classes are taught with focus on instruments in the mandolin family, but he said he is open to teaching all types of traditional Irish instruments.

"I particularly like the bouzouki," said Smith.

Although the classes on Saturdays focus on playing music, Caprock Celtic Association will host a special event at 7 p.m. Monday at J&B Coffee.

The event will be an opportunity to enjoy both playing music and dancing, he said, and the Caprock Celtic Association will continue to hold special events outside of the Saturday classes throughout the semester.

"The whole purpose of these classes are to get the community involved," Smith said. "I really feel strongly that participating is more rewarding than listening or watching."

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Oregon State U. researcher helps unlock key to metamaterial optics

By **KATIE WOLF**
OSU DAILY BAROMETER (OREGON STATE U.)

Oregon State University and Norfolk State University researchers may have discovered the key to a lens that would allow them to see things the size of a nanometer.

Viktor Podolskiy, an assistant professor of physics at OSU, contributed largely to this advance.

Along with researchers from Norfolk State University, Podolskiy has solved one of the remaining challenges surrounding the field of metamaterial optics—developing a way to prevent the loss of light as it passes through photonic "metamaterials."

Metamaterials are composite substances which possess distinctive electromagnetic properties. Because of their unique ability to create materials which can bend light differently than any other substance in nature, photonic metamaterials have recently attracted much research interest.

"This is a significant breakthrough,"

said Mikhail Noginov, professor at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va.

"Many of the fantastic possible applications of these materials have been largely prevented by the obstacle of the absorption loss. That's a big problem that we should now be able to work past."

The discovery was recently published in Physical Review Letters, an esteemed physics journal which strives "to advance and diffuse the knowledge of physics" while producing publications of great prestige, according to the journal's website.

A highly regarded physicist, Podolskiy has taught and researched at OSU since 2004. He has published more than 40 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and more than 35 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

"This progress has made way for further advancement in optical, communication and electronic technologies."

Along with the advancement of a super-lens, this discovery could contribute to progress in machine visions systems and electronic manufacturing.

T.I. cuts check for overdue fees

ATLANTA (AP) — Rapper T.I. went to court and promptly paid an \$8,000 overdue lawyer bill for the mother of two of his sons, telling a judge the debt was an oversight.

Lawyers for LaShon Dixon asked a Fulton County judge to intervene after the 28-year-old rapper, whose real name is Clifford Harris, failed to pay in November. He had agreed to the payment as part of an ongoing child support case.

T.I. had a check for the money owed, effectively settling the matter. During the Tuesday hearing, which lasted more than four hours, he told the judge the order to pay got lost when he changed assistants.

"It was just a clerical error, totally innocent," he said. "I will ac-

cept full responsibility for that."

The two-time Grammy winner was ordered in September to pay more than \$3,000 a month to Dixon — to whom he had been paying about \$2,000 per month — as well as the boys' private school tuition, uninsured medical bills and expenses related to their extracurricular activities.

T.I. and Dixon are still negotiating child support and custody of the boys, ages 7 and 8. He also has two sons with his fiancée, Tameka "Tiny" Cottle, of the defunct R&B group Xscape.

It is unclear when the judge will issue a final decision. T.I. is scheduled to be sentenced on federal weapons charges in March. He is expected to serve at least a year in federal prison.

Obama and Spider-Man in comic together

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spider-Man has a new sidekick: The president-elect.

Barack Obama collected Spider-Man comics as a child, so Marvel Comics wanted to give him a "shout-out back" by featuring him in a bonus story, said Joe Quesada, Marvel's editor-in-chief.

"How great is that? The commander in chief to be is actually a nerd in chief," Quesada said. "It was

really, really cool to see that we had a geek in the White House. We're all thrilled with that."

The comic starts with Spider-Man's alter-ego Peter Parker taking photographs at the inauguration, before spotting two identical Obamas.

Parker decides "the future president's gonna need Spider-Man," and springs into action, using basketball to determine the real Obama and punching out the impostor.

Obama thanks him with a fist-bump.

Marvel comics have featured most presidents, but generally in walk-on roles, Quesada said.

"I think President Nixon might have appeared on the cover, but not in a good way," he said.

Obama has said that as a child, he collected Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comic books. His Senate Web site used to have a photo of him posing in front of a Superman statue.

The Obama story is a bonus in Marvel Comic's Amazing Spider-Man 583, available in comic book shops nationwide on Jan. 14 for \$3.99 and is expected to sell out, with half the covers devoted to Obama.

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1. OKLAHOMA (14-1)

With this year's version of Kevin Durant and Michael Beasley in forward Blake Griffin, the No. 6 Sooners are aiming for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. OU is off to its best start since 1987-88, but a deep Big 12 Conference could change that soon enough. Everyone knows about Griffin (22.2 points per game, 13.9 rebounds per game), but what about freshman guard Willie Warren? The four-time Big 12 rookie of the week is averaged 23.7 points during his last four games.

2. TEXAS (11-3)

A pivotal game can't come any sooner for the No. 7 Longhorns. The Big 12 schedule wastes no time pitting Texas against OU on Jan. 12 in Norman, Okla. After all the debate during football season regarding the BCS, it will be nice to see this rivalry settled on the court — but that won't happen until tournament time. Until then, the Longhorns are led by senior sharpshooter A.J. Abrams (18.1 points per game) and the versatile Damion James (14.6 points per game, 8.9 rebounds per game).

3. BAYLOR (12-2)

The No. 23 Bears continue to show the nation they were no fluke last season. Led by point guard Curtis Jerrells' 16.7 points per game, Baylor has four other players averaging double figures, and each one hits over 44 percent from the field. But for Baylor to compete for the Big 12 title, it needs a more consistent defensive tenacity. The Bears are 10th in the Big 12 in scoring defense, allowing 65.4 points per game.

4. KANSAS (11-3)

After losing six of their top seven scorers from 2008's national championship team, the Jayhawks new leader is junior guard Sherron Collins who has scored in double figures in 13 of 14 games this season. With three freshmen in Markieff Morris, Brady Morningstar and Tyshawn Taylor in the starting lineup, Kansas lacks the depth it had a year ago. However, sophomore center Cole Aldrich has proved sufficient down low, hitting 63 percent of his shots and averaging 15.9 points and 9.9 rebounds per game.

5. MISSOURI (13-2)

Before Christmas, the Tigers climbed to No. 25 in The Associated Press poll for the first time since 2003 with impressive wins against USC and California, but a 59-75 loss to Illinois made their stay shorter than expected. Coach Mike Anderson's Tigers lead the Big 12 in assists, steals, turnover margin and scoring margin. With 2008 Newcomer of the Year and senior Demarre Carroll leading Mizzou with 16.7 points per game, Anderson's squad will finish better than last year's 6-10 conference record.

6. TEXAS A&M (14-1)

Although according to realtimerpi.com, Texas A&M's strength of schedule ranks 240th nationally and 10th in the Big 12, coach Mark Turgeon has directed a 14-1 non-conference schedule for the second time in as many years. Going into Big 12 play, he has the Aggies playing strong defense, holding 12 of 15 opponents below 70 points with the last seven averaging less than 57 per game. Along with hitting 87 percent of his free throws, senior Josh Carter averages 13.9 points per game.

7. OKLAHOMA STATE (11-3)

With three 100-point games this season, the guard-oriented Cowboys are first in the Big 12 with 85.9 points per game, but rank 11th in scoring defense. Along with Baylor, first-year coach Travis Ford's Cowboys have five players averaging double-digit scoring. Sophomore guard James Anderson leads the pack with 18.4 points per game while hybrid Obi Muonelo is hitting 45 percent of his 3-pointers and averaging 15.4 points and 9.6 rebounds per game. If OSU can improve its defense, the Cowboys should finish better than last year's 7-9 conference record.

8. KANSAS STATE (11-3)

For starters, the Wildcats lost phenom Michael Beasley and stud Bill Walker to the NBA. Those are two huge blows for coach Frank Martin, but he has softened the blow with a decent defense that ranks second in field goal percentage and fourth in scoring defense. Surprisingly, the Wildcats average 40.9 rebounds per game, which leads the conference. With Jacob Pullen averaging 14.7 points per game, the Wildcats are getting it done, but so far its been against a strength of schedule ranked 228th nationally, according to realtimerpi.com.

9. TEXAS TECH (10-5)

After starting the season 7-1, Tech has not played defense consistently enough to merit a higher ranking, losing four of seven. The Red Raiders will need to prove how bad they want to make the tournament, because a Big 12 record with at least nine wins is the only way to the bubble. Although Tech averages 83.2 points per game, Pat Knight's team ranks last in the Big 12 in scoring defense, allowing 78 points per game. Winning on the road still seems to be a thorn in Knight's side, too. Dating back to last season, Tech is 2-13 on the road. Remember though, Tech lost to No. 1 Pittsburgh by 13 points in a competitive game earlier this season.

10. NEBRASKA (10-3)

Doc Sadler's Cornhuskers will rely heavily on the production from guards Steve Harley and Ade Dagunduro, who average a combined 23.7 points per game. Guard Sek Henry caught fire late in the non-conference schedule, hitting double figures in four of his last five games. However, even though Nebraska has held all of its opponents under 67 points this year, expect the Huskers to struggle with a lack of depth in the frontcourt. They'll get beat on the boards a lot this season, and that translates to a similar 7-9 record from 2008.

11. IOWA STATE (11-4)

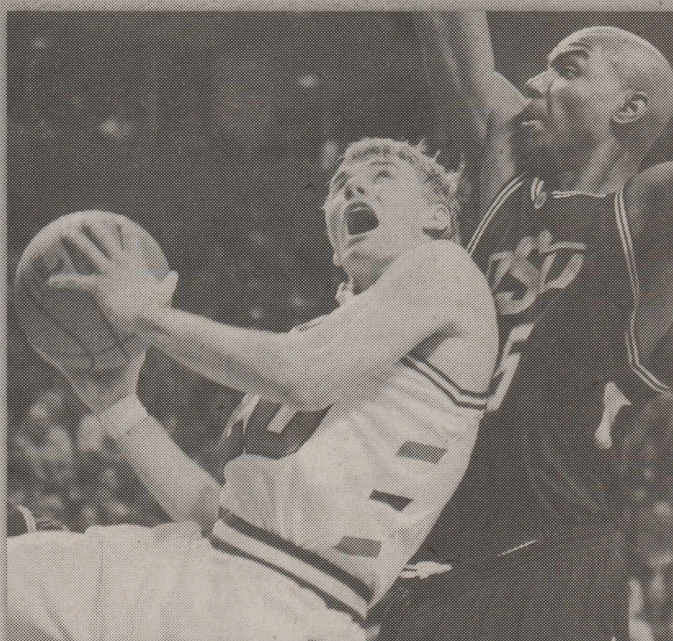
What a turn around after losing 12 of 14 games to end last season and losing sophomore Wesley Johnson to Syracuse during the offseason. The Cyclones have not had 11 wins in non-conference play since the 2000-01 season when they started 12-1. That also was the year ISU won its second consecutive Big 12 regular season championship. And all of this is getting done in year three of a rebuilding phase that features big-man Craig Brackins averaging 18.3 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

12. COLORADO (7-6)

About the only thing the Buffaloes have to look forward to other than another poor Big 12 outing is sophomore guard Cory Higgins. Higgins has made 45-consecutive free throws in his last seven games, breaking and furthering the Big 12 record. Oklahoma State's Joey Graham set the record at 39 in 2004-05.



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(ABOVE) OKLAHOMA'S BLAKE GRIFFIN has become one of the biggest stars in the Big 12 Conference. He leads the Sooners into Big 12 play with 22.2 points per game. (TOP LEFT) NICK OKORIE battled injuries during non-conference play. (BOTTOM LEFT) SENIOR ALAN VOSKUIL hopes Tech's guard play will help the Red Raiders against Baylor.

Baylor's guard play provides early test in Big 12 opener

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

In the Big 12 Conference coaches' preseason poll, Baylor received two first-place votes.

One of those came from Texas Tech coach Pat Knight, and his reasons were convincing.

"They got everybody coming back," said Knight, who opens conference play against No. 23 Baylor at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco. "They got three very good guards, the type of guards we're trying to get here, that break you down and also score."

Actually, Baylor (12-2) has a dangerous foursome of guards in seniors Curtis Jerrells (16.7 points per game) and Henry Dugat (13.8 points per game), sophomore LaceDarius Dunn (15.9 points per game) and junior Tweety Carter (11.2 points per game).

It is a core that gives Baylor a legitimate chance to win the conference.

"We have more experience," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Curtis Jerrells, we have a lot of seniors and a veteran crew, and this is the last go around, and I think they really wanna do well. I think they all like one another, so I think they all want to help one another."

Their similar playing styles give defenses problems because

none of them can be guarded with one preventative technique in mind.

If a defender tries to play lockdown defense, anyone in the backcourt can identify a lane and drive the ball, where he can hit the layup or dish for a spot-up three. After that happens a few times, a defense may tend to sag toward the paint, allowing them to knock down a quick jumper.

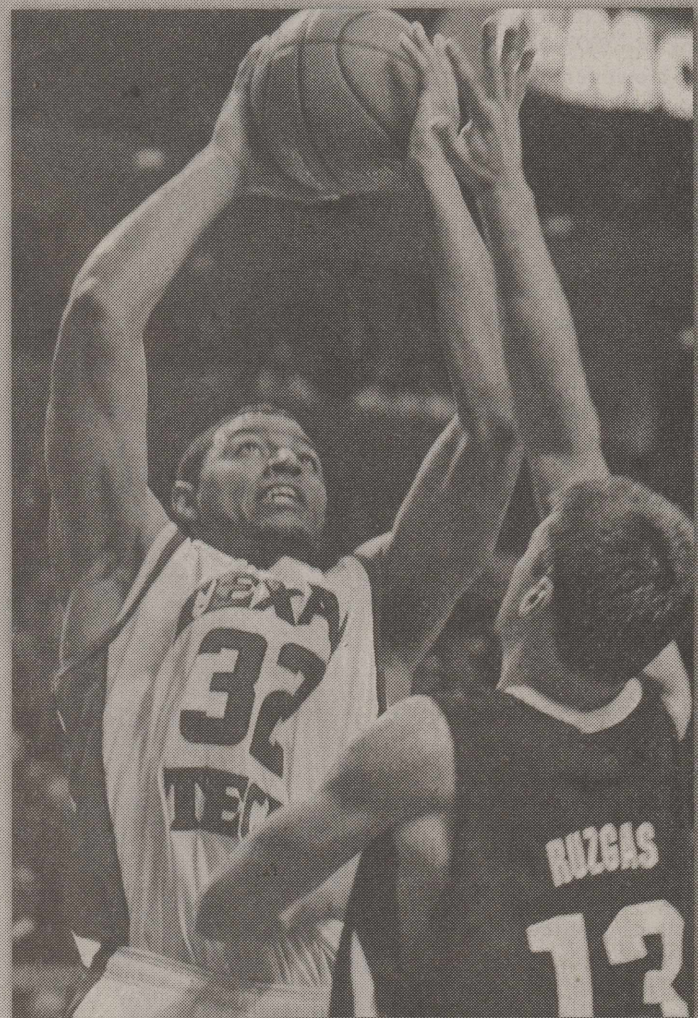
"We have (Alan) Voskuil, who is a very good shooter, not great off the dribble," Knight said. "So you can play him a little different, but then (John) Roberson is good at both, so they're a lot like having three Robersons out there, who can shoot it and drive it. That's what worries me."

Fortunately for Tech (10-5), who lost both games against Baylor by double digits last season, there is a bit more depth at the guard position with the addition of Nick Okorie and Tyree Graham. However, the Red Raiders still will have their hands full with this bunch from Waco.

"I think we'll match up well with this team considering we can start three guards as well," Voskuil said. "We can go small or quick, or put two guards and go really big."

Both defenses are at the bottom of the conference, so whoever can string a few stops together may be able to open up a lead.

With seven teams averaging more than 80 points in the Big 12 — Tech and Baylor are two of them — Bears' coach Scott Drew said he



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WITH THE STRONG play from Baylor's guards, Texas Tech's Mike Singletary presence in the frontcourt could help protect the paint. To help him accomplish that, 7-foot center Esmir Rizvic makes his return for conference play.

believes the teams are "very similar to the football style that we have in the Big 12, a lot of very explosive offenses."

It does not end with the guards though. Baylor has a decent frontcourt with inside presence Kevin Rogers, who averages 12.1 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

With back injuries to forwards Trevor Cook and Damir Suljagic, Tech would be shorthanded if it was not for 7-foot center Esmir Rizvic returning to action. The senior was granted an extra semester of eligibility, and adds a defensive pillar inside just in time for the frontcourt-heavy Big 12 squads. His first test will be protecting the paint against the likes

of Jerrells and Dunn. Even though Rizvic has been working out all season, Knight said he does not know what to expect considering how inconsistent every player on his team has been this year.

"I'm hoping it's a good defensive player, hoping he's not another player that's up and down," he said. "I've got enough of those now. I think it gives us a defensive presence. He's very good help side. He's gonna be hard to shoot over, getting behind the post players. I think putting him in the middle of our zone is gonna help. It's just good to have another big body."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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1. TEXAS A&M (12-1)

Some may have questioned whether the defending Big 12 Conference Tournament Champions could repeat this season. Tasia Starks' 14.5 points a game has Texas A&M at the top spot in the Big 12. No. 3 Texas A&M started the season 12-0 with one of their more impressive wins against No. 20 Pittsburgh. The only blemish on the Aggies' record is a 60-53 loss at Florida State in their final non-conference game. Now they have to travel to Missouri to start conference play and face a Tiger team that has won eight in a row.

2. OKLAHOMA (11-2)

Courtney and Ashley Paris continue to lead the way for the No. 4 Sooners. It's no surprise both are the team's leading scorers with Courtney Paris scoring 15.3 points a game and Ashley Paris scoring 14.4. Much attention already was on Courtney Paris, who entered the season on the Preseason John R. Wooden Award list. The good news for Sooner fans is that Oklahoma's two losses came from two of the best teams in the nation with an 80-79 loss to No. 2 North Carolina and a 106-78 loss to No. 1 UConn. There is an 86-75 win over No. 9 Cal to balance out the losses a little. However, in order to get another shot at the best in the nation, OU will have to go through the best in the Big 12.

3. BAYLOR (12-1)

The only blemish on this team's record is a one-point loss to Wisconsin. Outside of that, the No. 6 Bears have taken care of business heading into conference play. Baylor did have a game scheduled at No. 9 Cal for Dec. 22. The game was cancelled because of inclement weather and will be rescheduled for another date. This is one of the strongest non-conference games on Baylor's list. The other was an 81-65 win over then No. 2 Stanford. Still, even without the chance to defeat another Top-10 team, junior center Danielle Wilson has Baylor in the right spot heading into Big 12 play.

4. KANSAS STATE (13-0)

Probably one of the more impressive teams heading into Big 12 play. The No. 20 Wildcats are off to their best start since 1969 by defeating all their non-conference opponents. Where the criticism comes in is that K-State is the only Big 12 team that has not played an AP Top 25 team this season. This may leave the Big 12 schedule as a chance to prove the start is not a fluke for the defending regular-season Big 12 champions. But Shalee Lehning's 119 assists and Ashley Sweat's 16 points a game have some believing in the Wildcats.

5. TEXAS (12-2)

Everything in No. 8 Texas' non-conference past suggests the Longhorns are one of the top teams in the conference. A win against defending national champion Tennessee and then-No. 24 Old Dominion helps the case. However, the finish is something the Longhorns might want to forget as they have lost two of their last three games. The losses are to San Diego State and Purdue. Texas may have to regain some momentum heading into conference play.

6. OKLAHOMA STATE (11-2)

The Big 12's leading scorer in Andrea Riley always has a chance to keep No. 21 Oklahoma State in the mix. She averages 21.5 points per game leading the Cowgirls to 11 wins. OSU did have a season-opening loss to then-No. 8 Duke and Arkansas-Little Rock, giving the Trojans their first win over a ranked opponent in school history. But with Riley on the roster, Oklahoma State still has a chance to go far in conference play.

7. IOWA STATE (12-2)

Among the best teams in the Big 12, the Cyclones may be one of the more underrated. No. 25 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll, Iowa State's only losses come from Stanford and Iowa. A win over No. 24 Vanderbilt is something Iowa State has to show for. However, there are not too many big non-conference wins for the Cyclones, leaving the Big 12 as a chance to stay among the best teams in the conference. An early-conference test against Oklahoma State may be the opportunity Iowa State needs.

8. TEXAS TECH (9-4)

A win over UCLA stands out as one of the more impressive for the Lady Raiders. Tech also has losses to then No. 3 Cal and at New Mexico. The Lady Raiders started the season 4-0, then lost four of their next five and finished non-conference play on a four-game winning streak. The problem for Tech is that the Lady Raiders do not have a win away from Lubbock. Whether they can win on the road in Big 12 play may be the key to a successful conference season. The Lady Raiders will not have to find out just yet as they start conference play at home against Texas.

9. NEBRASKA (9-4)

Junior forward Cory Montgomery and the Cornhuskers finished at 9-7 in the Big 12 last season with an appearance in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. With the departure of Danielle Page, the only senior on the team last season, Montgomery has taken a new role as she leads the team in scoring with 13.4 points per game. In order to get off to a good start in conference play and another tournament appearance, Nebraska will have Oklahoma at home only to follow that up with a trip to Austin to face Texas.

10. MISSOURI (9-4)

An eight-game winning streak gives the Tigers a lot of momentum heading into conference play. After a 1-4 start, Missouri has rallied to gain the second-longest winning streak in the Big 12 at the end of non-conference play. This team finished last in the Big 12 with two conference wins. The only question is if the Tigers can continue rolling against some of the tougher teams in the conference. That question may be answered soon with Texas A&M to start Big 12 play.

11. KANSAS (11-2)

The Jayhawks are off to a good start this season with 11 wins. But in the past few years, Big 12 play has not been too kind to Kansas. The Jayhawks have not had more than five Big 12 wins in the past seven years.

12. COLORADO (7-4)

They have the least amount of wins among Big 12 teams so starting conference play with Baylor and Oklahoma State may not help the cause. Although the teams in the Big 12 North may not be as strong as the ones in the Big 12 South, the Buffaloes will have to climb over a lot of teams in order to get noticed.



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(ABOVE) TEXAS TECH GUARD Tiny Henderson and the Lady Raiders hope to start conference on the right note with a win against No. 8 Texas. Four of Tech's first five conference opponents are ranked teams. This consists of No. 8 Texas, No. 3 Texas A&M, No. 18 Kansas State and No. 6 Baylor. The Lady Raiders won four conference games last season and six during the 2006-07 season. (RIGHT) OKLAHOMA STATE GUARD Andrea Riley leads the Big 12 in scoring this season with 21.5 points per game. She has the Cowgirls as one of five ranked teams in the Big 12 South.



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Big 12 continues to present big problems for Lady Raiders

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Raiders had four Big 12 Conference wins during the 2007-08 season.

However, the Big 12 is not making it any easier to improve that total from last season.

Texas Tech enters conference play as the only unranked team in the Big 12 South and one of five unranked teams in the whole conference.

No. 3 Texas A&M, No. 4 Oklahoma, No. 6 Baylor, No. 8 Texas and No. 20 Oklahoma State headline the Big 12 South this season. No. 18 Kansas State and Iowa State, who is No. 25 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll, round out the other top-tier team in the conference.

With their only game against a ranked opponent being the 68-54 loss to then-No. 3 Cal, the Lady Raiders will look to their Big 12 schedule to boost them into the NCAA Tournament, while some teams' non-conference resumés speaks for themselves.

The first two games are ones Tech can use to add to the list of impressive wins.

While No. 8 Texas visits Lubbock to kick off conference play, the Lady Raiders will have to turn around for a visit to Texas A&M, the highest-ranked team in the Big 12. Kansas, No. 18 K-State and No. 6 Baylor loom for the Lady Raiders after the first two conference games, making four of their first five Big 12 opponents ranked. However, three of those ranked opponents must come to Lubbock.

But these games are the ones Tech center Dominic Seals said can get this team where it wants to be.

"I'm pretty sure everybody's gonna turn it up a notch," she said. "This is the Big 12. This right here gets you to the NCAA Tourna-



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TEXAS TECH FRESHMAN forward Jordan Barncastle will see her first action in Big 12 Conference play. The Big 12 has six ranked teams—five in the Big 12 South and two in the Big 12 North.

ment. We just know anybody can win on any given night."

The four-win conference season was rare considering the Lady Raiders last few seasons in Big 12 play. In the past seven years, the 2006-07 and 2007-08 season were the only ones where Tech finished conference play under .500.

Tech is 9-0 at home so far this season and with some of those first batch of ranked opponents in Lubbock, Tech forward Jordan Murphree said the winning

streak has to continue.

"It's definitely important to get off to a good start," she said. "Every team in conference is going to be good. So we need to get our wins at home, protect our home court."

"It's going to be good for us to come out with a lot of energy. We only had four wins last season. We're looking to add more to that this year."

With this year's Big 12 opponents, Tech coach Kristy Curry said conference play will not be

a smooth ride.

"The Big 12 is not a sprint," she said. "It's a marathon. Whether it's good or bad, you gotta have short-term memory and get ready for the next game. You really don't have any time to celebrate or to be down. You've gotta have short-term memory and focus on the next opponent because it is very treacherous. Can't get too high or too low."

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Men's tennis to prove ranking

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

It's not how you start, it's how you finish.

Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel had this mindset when he heard his Red Raiders are ranked No. 21 in the nation.

"I don't know what we're ranked half the time, it doesn't matter, it's about getting the team ready to play the next opponent," he said. "I've gotten these guys to understand that these rankings are based primarily where we finished last spring."

Last year the Red Raiders finished the season ranked No. 20 in the country, climbing as high as No. 15 in the polls.

Siegel said the Red Raiders have the opportunity to be very competitive once again this year.

"I'm looking forward to this spring and I think we have the potential to be very good, but I think these first three weeks of practice will be the key."

Tech is no stranger to the Men's ITA Division I Top 25 poll.

During the 2004-05 season, the Red Raiders got as high as No. 9, finishing the season at No. 12.

Giving the team's ranking a boost and looking to lead it to the NCAA Tournament is the duo of Christian Rojmar and Raony Carvalho, ranked No. 7 in the nation. Carvalho also kicks off the spring season No. 19 among singles players, making him the third-highest ranked freshman in the nation.

"All of us have been working hard

during Christmas break, I think we are prepared," Rojmar said.

"We gotta start pretty early this season. It's important that we start out and work out hard and practice a lot in getting ready for the season to start."

Tech's Michael Breler said the ranking is dead on, as long as the Red Raiders prove so during the upcoming season.

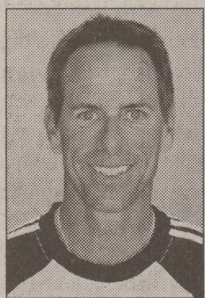
"We have a team this year that's probably the best team we've had in quite a time now," Breler said. "As far as I'm concerned, when the season is over we're gonna be ranked in the Top 16 and hopefully play the NCAA rounds here in Lubbock."

The Red Raiders are not the only team in the Big 12 Conference with a favorable ranking in the preseason polls.

Texas begins the season at No. 2 and Siegel said the Longhorns are a real threat to win a national championship. Baylor comes in at No. 7, Texas A&M at No. 18, and Oklahoma State at No. 22, giving the Big 12 five teams in the Top 25.

"Doesn't matter at all, like I said the results will take care of themselves," Siegel said. "I never get caught up in the rankings until the very end and then I know where we are."

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SIEGEL

Are the Eagles this year's Giants?

(AP) — Justin Tuck chuckled when he was asked if the Philadelphia Eagles are this year's version of the New York Giants, a low-seeded wildcard team that can go all the way.

"The Giants from last year are in that locker room over there," New York's Pro Bowl defensive end said, nodding toward the large space 100 yards or so down the hall from the room at Giants Stadium where he was talking.

"The team in Philadelphia," Tuck said, "is the Eagles of this year."

The scene sets a compelling second-round NFL playoff matchup, the third meeting of the season between the defending champions and their NFC East rivals from 90 miles down the New Jersey Turnpike.

As Philadelphia is trying to do

this year, New York had to win three road games before upsetting unbeaten New England 17-14 in Arizona in the Super Bowl.

The Eagles and Giants, who will play at 1 p.m. EST on Sunday, split their two games this season with Philadelphia handing New York its only home loss, 20-14 on Dec. 7. It was a game that some of the Eagles think was their best this season, and the Giants consider one of their worst. It came the week after Plaxico Burress, the Giants' main receiving threat, shot himself accidentally in the leg and was suspended by the team for the rest of the season.

What also makes it compelling is the nature of the NFC East, probably the consistently best division in the NFL for the last 25 years. It has had eight teams in the playoffs the last three seasons and

from 1990-1992, had three teams win Super Bowls: the Giants, Washington and Dallas.

Philadelphia is the only division team without a Super Bowl victory — Dallas has five and New York and Washington three each. But for most of this decade, with Donovan McNabb at quarterback, the Eagles have been consistently good — losing to New England by three points in the 2004 title game, reaching four conference championship games and missing the postseason just twice.

The Eagles (10-6-1) enter having won five of six, including last week's 26-14 first-round victory in Minnesota. New York, by contrast, finished 1-3 after an 11-1 start, although its only December victory — over second-seeded Carolina — clinched home-field advantage

for the playoffs.

In any case, the familiarity makes this a chess match between Reid and Giants coach Tom Coughlin as well as the tacticians: offensive coordinators Kevin Gilbride of the Giants and Marty Mornhinweg of the Eagles and defensive coordinators Jim Johnson of Philadelphia and Steve Spagnuolo of New York, who honed his skills as the Eagles' linebackers coach for eight years.

But expect something new.

"The guys all know each other and everybody knows each other's jersey number and all that bit," says Reid, whose team lost 36-31 to New York in Philadelphia on Nov. 9. "But every game is different and if you come in saying you know the New York Giants, I think you make a huge mistake."

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"We just know that they're going to come out mad and ready to play," Henderson said, "so we just have to be ready and just come out and execute and we just have to know everybody's tendencies and come out and play as hard as we can."

A lot goes into the Tech-Texas matchup that the Lady Raiders look forward to as well.

The two teams are meeting

for the 80th time with Texas having the 55-24 lead in the all-time series. While Texas did get a win over the Lady Raiders in Austin last season, Tech returned the favor in Lubbock. The two teams met in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament on March 11, with Texas getting the final say in the season series, 75-63.

While Texas has lost two of its last three, the Lady Raiders enter conference play on a four-game winning streak.

The streak includes a 72-62 win over UCLA on Dec. 29 and a 75-60

"We just know that they're going to come out mad and ready to play."

TINY HENDERSON
LADY RAIDER GUARD

win over Arkansas on Jan. 3. The two wins may be the most impres-

sive non-conference victories for the Lady Raiders.

As comfortable as the Lady Raiders may be, Tech center Dominic Seals said there is such a thing as being too comfortable.

"Our confidence is high right now, but we just can't get too high," she said. "This is what we're waiting on — the Big 12. Just gotta come in, gotta play under poise. We gotta play like we played in the last couple of games."

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Harrell signs management for draft

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS WRITER

Allegiant Management, a sports agency based out of Tennessee, announced the signing of Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell Thursday.

Also, according to the press release, Harrell and teammates Eric Morris and Daniel Charbonnet will train with Competitive Edge Sports, the same place where former Tech receiver Danny Amendola trained.

In January and February, the release states Harrell will spend 10 to 12 hours a day working with "technical mechanics" and tuning his fundamentals in hopes of becoming an NFL quarterback.

Kim Derwiller, a representative for the agency, spoke on behalf of Allegiant Management and its decision to sign Harrell.

"Graham Harrell is a very talented and consistent player who possesses the size, poise, intelligence and athleticism to be successful as an NFL Quarterback," she said. "Allegiant Management looks forward to guiding Graham through the business side of the game and we are confident he will have a long and successful career in the NFL."

Harrell will be training for the Under Armour Senior Bowl on Jan. 24 and the NFL Combine, which takes place Feb. 20 to Feb. 26.

Chip Smith, one of the main trainers with Competitive Edge Sports, said one thing Harrell will work on over the next few months is taking snaps under center rather than from the shotgun formation. He said Harrell also will work with former Cal head coach Roger Theder, who Smith said is one of the best quarterback coaches in the country.

Smith said Harrell, Charbonnet and Morris all have criticisms against them, but working with a performance coach is a good start to eliminating those criticisms.

"What we do is, we identify those



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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Graham Harrell will be represented by Allegiant Management, a sports agency based out of Tennessee. He will train for the NFL Combine with Competitive Sports Edge along with Eric Morris and Daniel Charbonnet.

(weaknesses)," he said. "We get reports from the NFL, they say what your strengths are, what your weaknesses are. 90 percent of the time, the things that they say are weaknesses might be quick hands, quick feet, might be change of direction, might be hips, might be arm strength. All those are things we isolate and that's the great thing about working with a performance coach."

Harrell became the NCAA's all-time leader in touchdown passes at the Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 2 with 134 touchdowns thrown in his career.

Harrell led Tech to an 11-win season while earning numerous awards such as The Sporting News 2008 Co-National Player of the Year honor and the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. He also

was a finalist for the Heisman Memorial Trophy, as he finished fourth behind Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Florida's Tim Tebow and Texas' Colt McCoy, respectively. He was a finalist for the Maxwell and Davey O'Brien Awards as well.

Morris finished the 2008 season with 64 catches for 682 yards and eight touchdowns. Charbonnet was tied for third in the Big 12 with five interceptions on the year.

Harrell and his agent were unavailable for comment. His agent, whose name also was unavailable, was in Miami Gardens, Fla., for the Bowl Championship Series National Championship game at the time of the release, according to Derwiller.

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Browns introduce Mangini as coach

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Eric Mangini is starting over where he started out.

Mangini, who began his NFL career as a ballboy for the Browns, was introduced as Cleveland's 12th full-time coach on Thursday, less than two weeks after he was fired by the New York Jets.

The 37-year-old Mangini signed a four-year deal with the Browns, who are rebuilding once again following a 4-12 season that ended with the firings of coach Romeo Crennel and general manager Phil Savage.

Browns owner Randy Lerner hasn't decided on a GM yet, but the frontrunner is George Kokinis, Baltimore's director of player personnel and a longtime friend of Mangini's.

Mangini began shagging balls with the Browns in 1994 under then-coach Bill Belichick, who liked the kid's work ethic and quickly promoted him to a public relations assistant before adding him to the scouting department. Now Mangini's taking over the job from Crennel, one of his best friends in the game who may be on his staff in Cleveland.

"It is really special to be back here, where I got my first opportunity," said Mangini, who opened

his news conference by joking that he should be getting coffee or food for the media. "I have a very distinct vision of what I want to build. Having talented players with character, players selflessly driving toward the same goal. I'm going to be vigilant about that."

When he arrived in New York, Mangini inherited a 4-12 team and led them to 10 wins in his first season, prompting the tabloids to dub him "Mangeni-us." By the end of his run in the NFL's largest market, he was being called moody, dour and controlling — like Belichick.

Mangini went 23-25 with one playoff loss in three seasons with the Jets, who started 8-3 this season but lost four of their last five games and missed the playoffs.

He took the fall after the Jets finished a disastrous stretch where they lost to Denver, San Francisco and Seattle — three non-playoff teams — in the final month behind 39-year-old quarterback Brett Favre's injured arm and questionable play calling by the coach.

Mangini acknowledged mistakes were made with the Jets, but said he enjoyed his time there.

"You learn so much from your experiences," he said. "I tell players, win or lose, be honest. I ask myself that

all the time. Nobody stops improving. I learned so many things over three years. There's no Dummies guide to head coaching."

Mangini didn't point any fingers and said he had no problem with the Jets' acquisition of Favre, a trade that pushed starter Chad Pennington out the door.

"I really enjoyed my time with Brett," he said. "He's a Hall of Fame quarterback and came into a challenging situation. I respected how important it was for him to be one of the guys and fit into the team. I liked him as a person."

Mangini and Crennel both lost their jobs on Dec. 29, although Lerner was not aware of Mangini's dismissal when he met with the media to discuss Crennel's firing.

Rejected a few days earlier by his first choice, former Steelers coach Bill Cowher, Lerner's eyes lit up when he learned Mangini was available. The owner wasted no time in going after him and interviewed Mangini the following night in the New York area.

"It was a long week," Mangini said.

Despite the Jets' meltdown, Lerner is enamored with Mangini's potential and believes he will bring discipline to the underachieving Browns, whose disastrous season was marked by injuries, ugly losses and a 1-7 home record.

James, Cavaliers, set for rematch with Celtics

(AP) — When the NBA champion Celtics take the court in Cleveland on Friday night, LeBron James expects to see the Boston team that opened the season 27-2, not the one that has lost six of its last eight games.

"It's not the end of the world. They've lost a few. They'll get it together," James said. "I bet they won't come in here on Friday sluggish."

After scoring 21 points in Cleveland's 111-81 home victory over Charlotte on Wednesday night, James gave a running commentary as he watched the final minutes of Boston's 89-85 loss to Houston on television.

The Cleveland star smiled at a rebound and putback inside by

Yao Ming and questioned a long shot by Rafer Alston.

"What are you doing?" James moaned.

Boston lost at home for the first time since falling to Denver on Nov. 14 — a loss the Celtics followed with a 19-game winning streak.

"In our last timeout, you could see it in our guys' eyes. Like, 'Shoot, we're going to lose this home game,'" Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "It bothered them. You could see that. And I was thinking, 'That's a good thing.'"

In other NBA games Wednesday night, it was: the Los Angeles Lakers 114, Golden State 106; Portland 84, Detroit 83; Denver 108, Miami 97; Indiana 113, Phoenix 110;

Minnesota 129, Oklahoma City 87; New Jersey 100, Memphis 89; Orlando 106, Atlanta 102; Toronto 99, Washington 93; Utah 116, New Orleans 90; and Philadelphia 110, Milwaukee 105.

In Boston, Houston's Von Wafer hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 44 seconds left, and Yao led the Rockets with 26 points and eight rebounds.

"Yao is unstoppable," Rockets forward Ron Artest said.

Paul Pierce scored 26 points for Boston, and Kevin Garnett had 18.

"Nobody said it was going to be easy," Garnett said. "I know, at times, we do make it look easy. We are a very, very confident team. ... I feel we have the mind-set to weather the storm."

Chicago Cubs introduce outfielder Milton Bradley

CHICAGO (AP) — Milton Bradley's talent is undeniable when he's healthy and that's why the Chicago Cubs gave him a \$30 million, three-year contract to be their right fielder and a run producer in the middle of

the lineup.

It's the other issues that have often overshadowed his on-field accomplishments — tantrums and angry outbursts throughout a decade-long career with numerous teams.

Bradley said Thursday at a Wrigley Field news conference that he's matured, ready for another fresh start — the Cubs are his seventh team and fifth in the last five years.

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