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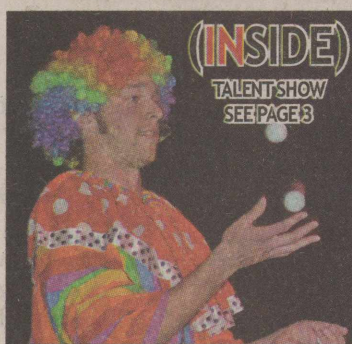
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STATE

US Sen. Hutchison meets supporters in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison met with some 300 supporters at a private strategy session Saturday for her 2010 run for Texas governor against incumbent Rick Perry, a fellow Republican who courted anti-abortion activists a few blocks away.

Hutchison said her meeting was the first for her statewide campaign organization. It included members of Congress, local politicians and big-name business people and political donors. She introduced the group's leaders as "people who are going to help me in my quest to be governor of Texas."

NATION

McCain says defense pick will proceed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain said Sunday the confirmation of President Barack Obama's choice for deputy defense secretary should move forward despite concerns about the nominee's role as a former defense lobbyist.

The Obama administration considers William J. Lynn, Obama's pick for the No. 2 job at the Pentagon, to be an exception from its own ban on hiring lobbyists. As a lobbyist for Raytheon, one of the military's top contractors, Lynn worked on matters with far reach across the Pentagon.

WORLD

Afghan president: US forces killed 16 civilians

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai condemned a U.S. operation he said killed 16 Afghan civilians, while hundreds of villagers denounced the American military during an angry demonstration Sunday.

Karzai said the killing of innocent Afghans during U.S. military operations "is strengthening the terrorists."

He also announced that his Ministry of Defense sent Washington a draft technical agreement that seeks to give Afghanistan more oversight over U.S. military operations. The same letter has also been sent to NATO headquarters.

DEATH TOLL

4232

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Democrats: Stimulus plan no quick fix

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The ailing economy probably will worsen before it improves, despite major government intervention to spur a recovery and save financial institutions, White House officials and Democratic leaders said Sunday.

Democrats sought to lower expectations for a quick fix even as they worked on legislation intended to pump billions of dollars into the market in short order.

They also opened the door for even more government aid to struggling banks in the future, beyond the \$700 billion bailout already approved by Congress.

"There's been no good news and there's no good news on the immediate horizon," Vice President Joe Biden said in a broadcast interview. "The only good news is the president acted swiftly."

Congress has given President Barack Obama permission to spend the second \$350 billion of a Wall Street bailout package initially approved last fall. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi,

D-Calif., said she is open to additional government rescue money for banks and financial institutions. But she said taxpayers must get an ownership stake in return.

Biden said Obama's choice for Treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, will recommend whether more money is needed for the banks. Geithner is expected to be confirmed by the Senate as early as Monday.

Congress is also working on an \$825 billion economic recovery package that dedicates about two-thirds to new government spending and the rest to tax cuts. Republi-

cans want the recovery package tilted more toward tax cuts and have questioned whether government spending programs will revive the economy in the short-term.

"I just think there's a lot of slow-moving government spending" in the package, House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said.

The Obama administration has pledged to spend three-quarters of the proposed money in the first 18 months after it is approved. But officials made no promises Sunday on how quickly the economy would respond. The nation lost a total 2.6

million jobs last year as the housing market contracted and financial markets collapsed.

"These problems weren't made in a day or a week or a month or even a year, and they're not going to get solved that fast," said Lawrence Summers, a top economic adviser to Obama.

Summers said the economy is in its worst shape since World War II.

Biden appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation," Pelosi was on ABC's "This Week," and Summers and Boehner spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Roller Dollz

Roller derby roughhousing appeals to female student skaters

By TINA L. ARONS
STAFF WRITER

Bruises, rink rash and jamming are all part of what three female Texas Tech students do for fun.

Stephanie "Tygrrrr Eyez" Peralez, a freshman mass communications major from Lubbock, said she joined the West Texas Roller Dollz, a female roller derby team, last spring after she watched the sport being played.

"I've skated since I could walk," Peralez said. "Besides loving skating, it's a pretty good workout."

Roller derby players, who choose unique nicknames for themselves, are allowed about the same amount of physical contact as hockey players. Peralez said when she first began playing as "fresh meat" she was taught how to fall and how to hit other players.

The derby players wear uniforms consisting of either tank tops or T-shirts, shorts or skirts, and colorful thigh-high socks or fishnets, she said. When a player falls and slides on the floor in fishnets, the rub burn is called a "rink rash."

Her training helped her become accustomed to the physical contact and occasional injury, she said, but her parents, who are avid supporters, continue to worry.

Her mother, Sally Peralez, said when her daughter first asked her about playing roller derby she said, "What? Are you crazy? Go ask your dad."

"It's kind of scary," Sally Peralez said. "She's my only child. When she fell last week, I got up real quick. But there's no stopping her, and I worry about her, but this is what she wants to do."



STEPHANIE PERALEZ, A freshman mass communications major from Lubbock, Rachel Branch, a graduate classical languages student from Lubbock, and Kim Durbin, a junior psychology major from Lubbock, skate for the West Texas Roller Dollz.

The women on the team range in age from 20 to late-40s, Stephanie Peralez said, and they come from different walks of life.

"Everybody has their own story, but we have this one interest in common," she said. "You don't realize that they have actual lives until

How to play

Roller derby typically is played with five roller skaters per team.

Teams play on a track in a skating rink.

One player from each team is the "jammer."

Everyone else is considered the "pack."

To earn points, one team's jammer must pass the other team with the help from her pack before the other team's jammer does.

The jammer who takes the lead scores points for each player from the opposing she passes.

you talk to them outside of practice."

The West Texas Roller Dollz was formed in 2007 by Renee "Lethal Weapon" Gillson, who moved to Lubbock from Oregon, said Mandy Braziel, the team's public relations officer.

Braziel, a 30-year-old from Lubbock who plays on the team, said five women attended first practice.

The number had doubled by the time Braziel discovered the roller derby group and attended the second practice, she said. The group, one of the youngest leagues to be inducted, was accepted by the Women's Flat Track Derby Association in August 2008 and currently consists of more than 40 dedicated skaters.

Kim "K.O. Kim" Durbin, a junior psychology major from Lubbock, said the team's variety gives everyone a chance to mentor or be mentored.

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Lubbock City Council votes against spring bond election

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock City Council voted Thursday against a May bond election that would have run simultaneously with the Lubbock County alcohol petition election.

The primary issue of the bond election would have been to fund major road repairs for 34th Street, a street that has over 600 businesses.

Mayor Tom Martin said the city council could not reach a consensus in favor of the bond election.

"I'm not sure with the state of the economy people will want to raise their property taxes by 4 cents," he said. "Everyone on the council thinks there needs to be improvements but with the state of the economy, it's better to do this later."

Councilman Todd Klein, District 3 representative, said the vote to put the bond election on the ballot failed with a 4-3 vote against it.

Klein said he voted in favor of the bond election. District 3 includes 34th Street from University Avenue to Slide Road.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I would consider the road reflective of the lack of repair. It was my hope to have (a May bond) election. I'm in favor of it. For me, since I ran for council, I've been committed to helping 34th."

Klein said voting in favor of the bond election would allow the election to coincide with the alcohol

petition election, a vote that is expected to have a large turnout.

"There should be a high turnout," he said. "You should do (bond elections) when there is a high turnout. When you have a low turnout, you don't get a good say from the community."

Klein said any hope to have the bond election in May died with Thursday's vote. Not taking action on the road now may prove more costly for the city in the future.

"There is an approximately 11 percent annual construction inflation rate," he said. "And the longer we wait, it's going to go from repairing a street to an urban renewal project."

Andy Turner, the president of the 34th Street Association and president of People's Bank, said the conditions on 34th Street are hurting the businesses along the stretch of road.

"Most of the businesses are small businesses run by one or two employees," he said. "There are only two or three chains on the entire street, no 'big box' stores. If you can't find it on 34th Street, you don't need it."

Turner said the road is in such disarray that the only way to repair the road is to rebuild it sidewalk-to-sidewalk.

"The curbs are in terrible shape," he said. "They have been destroyed by large trucks and things like the city street sweepers hitting them



CARS DRIVE DOWN 34th Street, a major hub for businesses. Road repair on the street has been discussed but will not be voted on in May.

no infrastructure repair on the road in 30 years. No one can remember the last time it was resurfaced. It's absolutely horrible."

Klein said citizens he comes into contact with are in favor of repairing 34th Street. "I hear a lot of things as a city councilperson," he said. "But, I've never once heard anyone say don't repair 34th Street."

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Tech student dies in car crash

A Texas Tech student died at 10:27 p.m. Saturday night in a traffic accident on Fourth Street west of Loop 289.

Tiffany K. Summers, a sophomore in the College of Human Sciences, was driving westbound on Fourth Street when her 1994 Chevy S-10 drifted into the path of a 2005 Ford Taurus, which was driving eastbound on the road, according to the Lubbock Police

Department accident report.

Summers was not wearing a seatbelt, according to the report, and was pronounced dead on the scene.

The 6800 block of Fourth Street, where the accident occurred, features a four-lane highway with no divider between the two-way traffic.

John Riley Garner, the driver of the Ford Taurus, was listed as seriously injured in the report, and was

transported to the University Medical Center.

Garner was in critical condition as of press time Sunday, a spokesman with UMC said.

An officer with the police department said the investigation was ongoing and new information would be available when the department receives the information.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Israel vows to back soldiers accused of war crimes

JERUSALEM (AP) — Special legal teams will defend Israeli soldiers against potential war crimes charges stemming from civilian deaths in the Gaza Strip, the prime minister said Sunday, promising the country would "fully back" those who fought in the three-week offensive.

The move reflected growing concerns by Israel that officers could be subject to international prosecution, despite the army's claims that Hamas

militants caused the civilian casualties by staging attacks from residential areas.

"The state of Israel will fully back those who acted on its behalf," Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said. "The soldiers and commanders who were sent on missions in Gaza must know that they are safe from various tribunals."

Speaking at the weekly meeting of his Cabinet, Olmert said Israel's justice minister would lead a team

of senior officials to coordinate the legal defense of anyone involved in the offensive.

Israel launched its 22-day offensive to try to halt Hamas rocket fire on southern Israel. The assault killed 1,285 Palestinians, more than half of them civilians, the Palestinian Center for Human Rights counted. Thirteen Israelis, including three civilians, were also killed during the fighting, Israel said.

10 killed by Turkish avalanche

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — An avalanche slammed into a group of Turkish hikers on a trip to a remote mountain plateau on Sunday, dragging them more than 1,640 feet (500 meters) into a valley and fatally burying 10.

The members of a skiing and mountaineering club were taking part in an annual winter sports celebration on 7,200-foot (2,200-meter) Mount

Zigana. Seventeen were hiking single-file when the avalanche swept into them.

"We looked up and there was nowhere to run. The snow took us and dragged us along," 61-year-old Kasim Keles told reporters from his hospital bed.

"The snow dragged me down into a valley before it stopped," Keles said. "My right hand was stuck beneath me,

with my left hand I cleared my face; I began to breathe and called for help."

A fellow hiker who escaped unharmed dug Keles out of the snow by hand.

Faruk Ozak, Turkey's minister in charge of public works and housing who visited the site, said 10 hikers died on the mountain. Two of the hikers were hospitalized, while five walked away unharmed, he said.

Some global enemies ready to give Obama chance for improved relations

(AP) — In his inaugural address, President Barack Obama signaled conciliation to America's foes by using the metaphor of an outstretched hand to an unclenched fist.

Already, there are signs that some of those foes were listening, sensing an opening for improved relations after eight combative years under President George W. Bush. Fidel Castro is said to like the new American leader, and North Korea and Iran both sounded open to new ideas to defuse nuclear-tinged tensions.

Unclear is what they will demand in return from the untested American statesman, and whether they will agree to the compromises the U.S. is likely to insist on in exchange for warmer relations.

Are the Castro brothers really willing to move toward democracy? Can Russia and the West heal their widening estrangement? Will Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez stop being a thorn in America's side?

Analysts say they see many bright opportunities amid the perils and complexities.

"In this dangerous world, in a world where America's leverage has either been exposed as not being as strong as the rhetoric implied or where it is simply diminishing, I think Obama's approach is exactly what America needs," said Robin Niblett, the director of Chatham House, the London-based think tank.

"We need an approach that gets

others to show their hand, that makes others have to think harder about their diplomacy, rather than just to react to rather strident and fixed American positions."

Nowhere are the opportunities — and the risks — of diplomacy more stark than in the Middle East.

Iran still considers the U.S. the "Great Satan," but a day after Obama was sworn in, it said it was "ready for new approaches by the United States." Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said his country would study the idea of allowing the U.S. to open a diplomatic office in Tehran, the first since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Texas showing mixed signals on economic health

DALLAS (AP) — Armando Cornejo learned on his 38th birthday that a three-month layoff from his job as an electrician was over.

His reaction to Thursday's news mirrored the outlook of the Texas economy: He was pleased to be afloat, but unsure how long it'll last.

"There's no more job security," said Cornejo, who lives in suburban Euless and was laid off because his company ran low on construction projects. "You've got to keep

your options open."

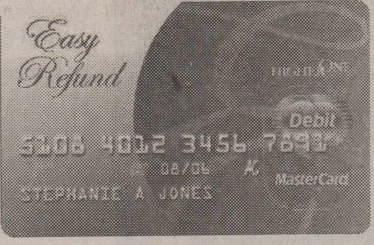
The state learned that lesson in the 1980s, when an oil bust shocked the state into the realization that its economy wasn't diverse enough. Similar lessons from the savings and loan scandal a decade later, analysts say, are playing a role in Texas remaining somewhat insulated from the national economic downturn.

The state has managed to maintain job growth during the past year while 2.6 million jobs

have been lost nationally. With foreclosures skyrocketing and home prices plunging in parts of the country, analysts say Texas homes are hanging on to their value.

"We are a much more diverse economy," said Ray Perryman, a longtime Texas economist. "We're a net importer of energy now. While the oil industry still helps the state, it's no longer the driving force in the entire state this time around."

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World's highest drug levels entering India stream

PATANCHERU, India (AP) — When researchers analyzed vials of treated wastewater taken from a plant where about 90 Indian drug factories dump their residues, they were shocked. Enough of a single, powerful antibiotic was being spewed into one stream each day to treat every person in a city of 90,000.

And it wasn't just ciprofloxacin being detected. The supposedly cleaned water was a floating medicine cabinet — a soup of 21 different active pharmaceutical ingredients, used in generics for treatment

of hypertension, heart disease, chronic liver ailments, depression, gonorrhea, ulcers and other ailments. Half of the drugs measured at the highest levels of pharmaceuticals ever detected in the environment, researchers say.

Those Indian factories produce drugs for much of the world, including many Americans. The result: Some of India's poor are unwittingly consuming an array of chemicals that may be harmful, and could lead to the proliferation of drug-resistant bacteria.

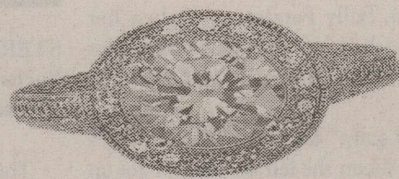
"If you take a bath there, then you

have all the antibiotics you need for treatment," said chemist Klaus Kuemmerer at the University of Freiburg Medical Center in Germany, an expert on drug resistance in the environment who did not participate in the research.

"If you just swallow a few gasps of water, you're treated for everything. The question is for how long?"

Last year, The Associated Press reported that trace concentrations of pharmaceuticals had been found in drinking water provided to at least 46 million Americans. But the wastewater downstream from the Indian plants contained 150 times the highest levels detected in the U.S.

"You won't find me at the mall. I'm not that kind of diamond."

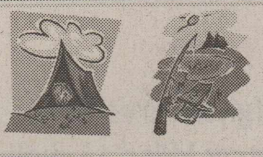


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Tech athletic department presents first Special Olympics talent show fundraiser

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Texas Tech University's Student Athletic Advisory Committee and Special Olympics Texas hosted its first student-athlete talent show Jan. 22 in the Allen Theater.

Texas Tech's Champs and Life Skills Coordinator Angie McKinnell said she was impressed with the dedication and hard work Tech athletes showed while preparing for the talent show.

"I am very proud of the student athletes and the reception the Special Olympics received," McKinnell said. "It will definitely be a tough performance to top next year."

The talent show was designed to raise awareness and monetary donations for the local division of Special Olympics Texas. McKinnell said the show will eventually include more single acts as students gain confidence on stage.

"This was our first year to host a talent show," McKinnell said, "so it was about safety in numbers, but eventually it will become an annual event, and we'll try to make it bigger and better every year."

The talent show began with Tech linebacker Brian Duncan signing the national anthem to a crowd of Tech student-athletes, Tech students and members of Special Olympics Texas.

Tech golfer Nils Floren appeared on stage in a brightly colored clown outfit and rainbow wig to entertain the crowd by juggling golf balls and balancing golf clubs on his nose and chin.

Following Floren, the Tech softball team appeared on stage in black suits lined with colored glow sticks to perform a team dance, which ended with the glow sticks being thrown

into the cheering audience.

The talent show also included a skit by the Tech soccer team titled "The Evolution of Britney Spears," and a ventriloquist act by Tech baseball players Joey Kenworthy and Nate Kerns which turned into a member of the baseball team dressed in drag singing "I Kissed a Girl" by Katy Perry.

The talent show ended with a message from Special Olympics Global Messenger Paul Corbin, who received a standing ovation from audience members as he walked on stage to speak about his life and a performance by Special Olympic athletes Riane Deaton, Amy Wilson and Emily Wilson.

The talent show judges included Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers, Tech Chief of Staff, Associate General Council Member Ronald Phillips, the Masked Rider, Tech Student Government Association Vice President Ari Mazumdar, and Special Olympics representative Nina Turnage-Adams.

Deminy Highley, area director for Special Olympics Texas, said she hoped the talent show helped to foster friendships between Tech athletes and Special Olympics athletes.

"Our athletes are somewhat obsessed with Texas Tech," Highley said. "They love Tech athletes, and I really hope things like this will help them develop future relationships."

Tech women's soccer player Megan Hoffert, who participated in the talent show, said she enjoyed performing in the evolution of Britney Spears skit.

"There was a really good turn out for the first show," Hoffert said, "and I liked being able to work with the Special Olympics and help them out."

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NILS FLOREN OF the Men's Golf Team juggles golf balls at a talent show sponsored by Student Athlete Advisory Committee and Special Olympics Texas Thursday in the Allen Theater.

TALENT SHOW WINNERS

- 1st Place: Nils Floren for his juggling and golf club balancing routine
- 2nd Place: Texas Tech's women's softball team for their team dance involving glow-sticks
- 3rd Place: Tech's women's basketball team for their dance routine
- 4th Place: Tech women's tennis player Simone Templeton for her violin performance

Brian Regan performs comedy routine in Lubbock auditorium

By **GARRETT SALZMAN**
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Touching on subjects ranging from octopus anatomy to string theory, Brian Regan's brand of high-energy comedy was greeted with laughter Friday night at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The show began with comedian Kermet Apio who opened for Regan.

Apio, a native of Hawaii, had some advice for Lubbock's civic planners after traveling down Lubbock's bumpy Broadway Street.

"It's called asphalt," Apio said.

Regan faced a packed audience when he took the microphone. During his routine, he darted from side to side on stage to follow

his transitions between subject matter.

Regan, who otherwise avoided political material during the night, commented on the recent inauguration of President Obama with some advice for his predecessor.

"If I was George Bush, I'd be going to every ball that Obama attended," Regan said. "I'd be doing shots at every party he was at."

"I can sleep in tomorrow," he said with a Texas accent, mocking Bush.

Regan, who has been performing since the 1980s, has been featured on "The Late Show With David Letterman" 20 times, according to a press

release. In August he released a DVD of his Comedy Central special "The Epitome of Hyperbole," and he visits more than 80 cities per year.

Sheri Vance, a first year medical student at Tech's Health Sciences Center, said she has been waiting for the opportunity to see Regan's act in person since she became a fan five years ago.

The Austin native, who described herself as "Brian's biggest fan," said the show lived up to her expectations.

"I loved it," Vance said. "I really should be studying tonight, but I think it's awesome a major act came through town so I actually get to see someone here."

Regan received a standing ovation when he left the stage and came back to perform a few of his classic jokes at the request of the audience.

Vance said she appreciated the opportunity

to hear some of her favorite material.

"I thought the new stuff was great too, but I loved hearing the material I knew for the encore," Vance said. "It capped off a fabulous show."

Jennifer Neufeld, who graduated from Tech in December, said she heard of Regan three days before attending the show.

After seeing his act in person, she said she left the Civic Center a new-found Regan fan.

"It was an hour and a half of solid laughter," she said. "It's great to see a major comedic act come through Lubbock, and hopefully it will encourage more to follow."

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US should ban unhealthy food

When was the last time you ate at McDonald's? Burger King? Arby's? Chick-fil-A? Chances are it was within the past week, perhaps even yesterday.

Now when was the last time you had a full serving of fresh fruit? Can you even remember?

When we hear the term "health care" nowadays, our minds tend to leap to images of hospitals, sickness, doctors and pharmaceuticals. Our poor ranking among the industrialized nations of the world in matters of health is well documented.

According to a recent congressional report, The U.S. is near (or at) the top of the charts in rates of heart disease, diabetes, AIDS, obesity and other serious conditions. We're not in good shape, and we're not getting any better.

Everyone has a solution. Universal health care! Socialized medicine! Private health insurance accounts! Yet what if we're overlooking one of the simplest and most feasible solutions of all?

I recently watched Morgan Spurlock's excellent 2004 documentary "Super Size Me" for the first time. I'd heard about the film and knew the basic premise. Yet actually watching as he ate only McDonald's for 30 days and almost died as a result was a chilling experience.

Spurlock suffered extreme liver damage, cholesterol

Stephen Torrence



problems and so forth are controversial. Many other researchers conducted similar experiments to Spurlock's and obtained different — sometimes completely opposite — results.

Nevertheless, nutritionists cited in the documentary were nearly unanimous in their stance that fast food consumption is one of the leading causes of obesity in the U.S., alongside a sedentary lifestyle, social pressures and genetics.

McDonald's itself has even admitted that the ill affects of its food are "common knowledge," yet that hasn't stopped them from continuing to serve it.

I believe we are in the midst of a situation akin to that of the early 1900s, a time in which bulk meat processing was unregulated, sloppy, and in many cases downright dangerous.

It took Upton Sinclair's graphic muckraking magnum opus, "The Jungle" to bring these horrible conditions to light, disgusting Americans so much that they demanded regulation. Films like "Super Size Me" and books like "Fast Food Nation" have done their part in a similar respect, making us more aware of parallel atrocities in our own time.

Yet simple awareness is not enough. We have a new administration that has committed to health care reform, and a primary component of that will be removing or significantly reducing the caustic effects of fast food chains upon the health of the nation.

It is time for Congress to step forth with sweeping regulations. We must ban proven unhealthy foods while at the same time providing enticingly significant tax incentives for chains that offer exclusively healthy menus.

In addition, just as we have banned tobacco advertisements on television, we must ban fast food advertisements as well. Too many commercials directed toward children hook them early and doom them to an unhealthy life as an adult.

These are only the first steps, and they only part of the solution. A huge chunk of it comes from you. Stop eating fast food. Do some basic nutrition research. Learn to cook, and make the time for it. Encourage your friends to do the same. One step at a time, we can make our nation healthy again.

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Facebook is our generation's drug

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My parents' generation did acid. My generation does Facebook. Drugs and social networking sites both function similarly to deliver a superficial reality, a diversion from the mundane. At least drugs provide a high. What is Facebook's high?

Facebook, like a heavily addictive drug, can, for some people, run their lives. They check it during breakfast, again in lecture, again after lecture, 12 times while doing homework and then again right before bed. This column is taking a vast amount of self-control to write with the intense craving for a Facebook contact high looming in the back of my mind... or rather front of my mind.

(Takes a writing break to check Facebook.)

I can't help but wonder how much more productive I would be without it. In my Facebook-free fantasy, I would sit down to write a paper and not immediately get swept away with the thought that, perhaps, someone has written on my wall. Or that perhaps there are new tagged photos of me. I would instead have an uninterrupted stream of academic thought, finishing my paper in record time. Alas, this fantasy world doesn't exist, and Facebook does. Thus I am left to wonder why our generation is so hooked on using social

networking sites as pastimes.

I asked my brother, Adam Hein, why he logs on. "It's an ego boost," he said. "It makes you feel like you have a life even when you don't." And for someone like my brother, a graduate of Chapman University's film school and a film production assistant who works upward of 12 hours a day, a momentary reminder that his social life still exists is comforting.

"It's a way of saying 'Hey! I'm still alive, still around' and maintaining relationships for the future. It's a virtual social life for your nonsocial real life," Hein said.

While most of us in college have hyperactive social lives, we still have nights where we have to blow off friends in order to do work. It is on those nights that I find myself most tempted to log onto Facebook. I suppose it's a comfort to know that even when I have stayed in to do work, I am still with friends, if only online.

"Virtually every one of your peers, assuming they have an account, has this common forum where they can communicate with you," said Michael Riggs, a second-year English student. "It's just convenient, and there's always that chance that

something juicy might happen."

The gossip aspect of Facebook, most often referred to as "Facebook-stalking" has become a widely accepted way to obtain intimate information about your peers, and I know quite a few addicts. Recently, when I mentioned to friends that I have a new boyfriend, the common response was "hold on, let me Facebook-stalk him." The instant delivery of otherwise unknowable facts is another highly stimulating aspect of Facebook.

"You just have this instant window into the lives of all the people you know. You can see what it was like at that party you weren't invited to," Riggs said.

As thrilling as getting caught up in a virtual fantasy land is, we could just as easily be spending time participating in real interactions with friends. But Facebook facilitates real social interactions as well. The likelihood that you would get invited to half of the events that you do via Facebook if it didn't exist is slim. And thus Facebook truly does stimulate your real social life as well.

The convenience has made junkies out of us all. It's convenient to sit down at your computer and click through pictures of friends

you haven't seen since elementary school. It's satisfying to revel at your 500-plus friend count and imagine that you truly are friends with all of those people.

"Facebook is a way of life," said Joshua Halpern, a second-year undeclared student. "It's how you talk to people you don't like, it's how you fake popularity, it's how you spy on people."

And all of these aspects are what make it so addictive. You can get carried away thinking about your plans for the upcoming weekend on top of all of the ego-stroking and friend-stalking. It is so much more satiating in that way than focusing on homework, and so we allow ourselves to be swept away by it all too frequently.

What did we ever do before Facebook? Did we find ourselves more productive, as I would like to believe we would be without it? No. We simply found other virtual ways to distract ourselves. We watched more TV, we played more video games. Facebook isn't necessarily taking up more of our time, it is simply replacing the time we would have otherwise spent in front of the "boob tube." And at least Facebook has the benefit of networking, both for business and for pleasure.

I've got that itch again to check my profile. That desire to break focus and submerge myself in my synthetic social life.

I guess I'll just take another hit of Facebook. I'm not doing my homework anyway.

"It's satisfying to revel at your 500-plus friend count and imagine that you truly are friends with all of those people."

American literacy, what have you read lately?

By DUSTIN STONECIPHER
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

Ninety-nine percent of Americans over the age of 15 can read, but despite our widespread ability to recognize words on paper, we are at a literary crossroads.

The age of print is on its deathbed, and it's not just the end for print journalism but print anything. Barring the "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" series and the books you are forced to muddle through for classes, what have you read recently that has been printed and bound?

If the answer to that question is absolutely nothing, you are in the majority. A recent report by the National Endowment for the Arts found that 53 percent of Americans surveyed hadn't read a book in the past year.

Incongruously, 100,000 more books were published in 2007 than in 2006, according to a study conducted by The New York Times. So it's not just a reluctance to read that's plaguing the industry but an oversaturation of the market. No one wants to read someone else's story, but everyone wants to tell their own. Just ask Barbara Bush's dog.

This trouble isn't just relegat-

ed to books. Newspaper subscriptions are down and continuing to fall. Media giants like Tribune Co., which filed for bankruptcy this winter, are faltering. Also, according to the Times, magazine sales fell 6.3 percent last year.

This has led to desperate attempts by print media to find demand for their supply, but the market for literature is hard to grasp. We read the fun books and award the good ones, but rarely do we endeavor to take on Mark Twain. Of the 400,000 books published in

2007, "Harry Potter" was voted most popular, and though I've read every "Potter" book and loved them all, I don't think author J.K. Rowling will ever walk the halls of Hogwarts with a Pulitzer draped around her neck.

Another cause for this literary crisis is a change in American culture. As scholar and writer Dana Gioia said, "American culture, conditioned by electronic media and a celebrity culture based on personalities, has given birth to a new kind of author: the amplified bard."

This dependence on technology affects everyone. I've always loved to read, but I'm finding it harder and harder to read some-

thing if it isn't on a screen. Even when I do sit down with a book, by the time I reach page 25, I'm considering opening a new Google tab to check my e-mail instead.

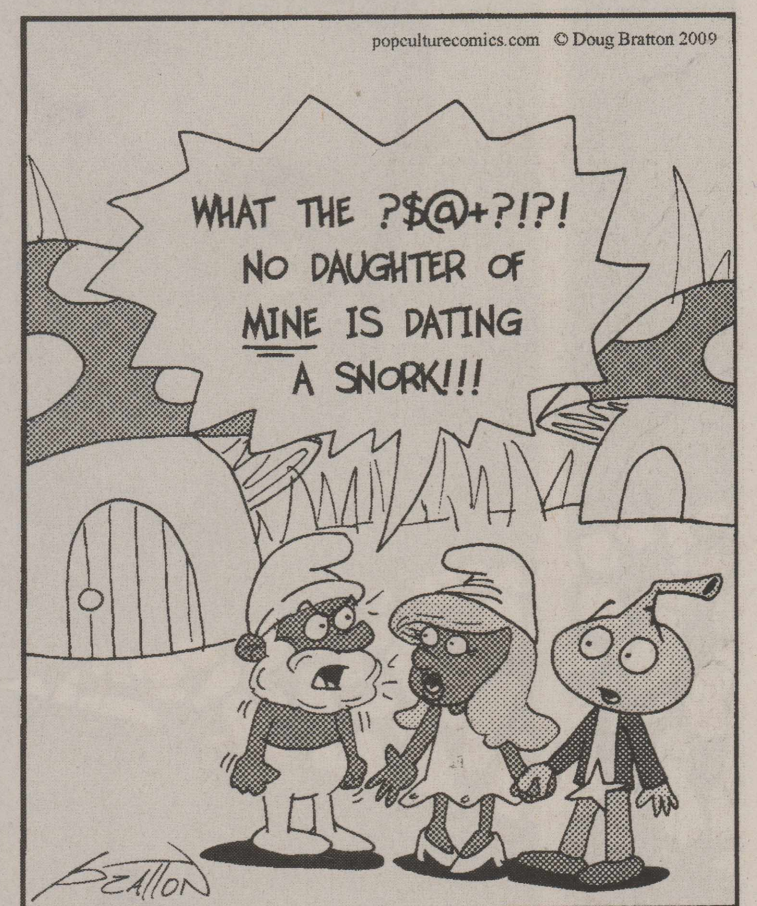
As long as these "amplified bards" keep clogging America's brainwaves with terrible blogs, movies like "Prom Night" and the comics in this paper, people will continue to look to them as the quick and easy entertainment solution.

Hopefully, people will soon

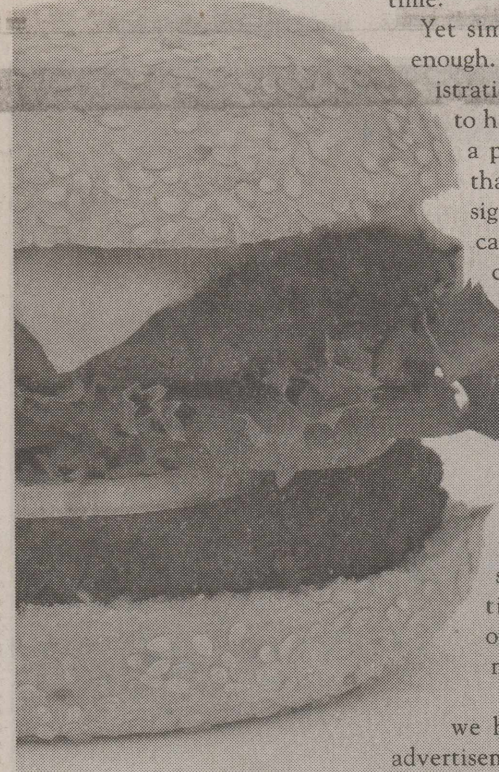
realize that this never-ending flow of shallow news and ghostwritten biographies is filling their heads with garbage, not knowledge. They need to rediscover classic literature and credible news media that will broaden their minds, not dull them.

The only answer I have is both quaint and simple, but it encompasses writers everywhere: Write what you know and write it well. If you don't know anything or cannot write, please don't.

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Papa Smurf's Racist Tendencies



increase, 30 pounds of weight gain, lethargy and depression during his binge. The doctors who followed him compared his symptoms to those of an alcoholic or drug addict.

In the years since the film's release, McDonald's and other fast food chains have made an effort to push "healthier" options such as salads, fruit parfaits and yogurt in addition to their staple offerings. Unfortunately, these options are often just as fatty or more expensive, amounting to no more than a superficial PR stunt.

The links between fast food and obesity, heart disease, liver

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Academics, researchers discuss media coverage of 2008 presidential election

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

A panelist of academics and researchers discussed the media's coverage the 2008 presidential election Friday afternoon in the Escondido Theatre.

The debate was hosted by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Marshall and Sharleen Formby Regents Professor of Convergent Media Tom Johnston in recognition of the inauguration of President Obama.

"I picked this date because we are only a few days into the Obama presidency," Johnston said, "and I thought it was a good time to look back on the presidential election particularly on how the media covered the election, how well they did it, new technology used, and how well candidates used the new technology."

The panelists were given 10 minutes each to introduce themselves and explain what their research or focus is about.

David Perlmutter, a professor in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas, spoke first about his interest in politics and new media.

Perlmutter's book, "Blogwars: The New Political Background," earned him a spot on "The Daily Show with John Stewart."

Perlmutter said the 2008 election was the year everyone tried everything; campaigns involved Facebook, MySpace and other new media.

"On campaigns this has had a profound effect," he said. "Anyone with a cell phone is a journalist. Nothing is off the record."

Richard Johnston, a professor of political science and research director for The National Annenberg Election Survey, displayed several charts and graphs with election trends and public opinion.

The standard pattern in a presidential election," Johnston said, "is whichever party is ahead coming out of a convention wins."

He said there was a reversal of fortune in the 2008 election.

The front-runner usually has a lead preserved at about 70 percent, Johnston said, but in Obama's case, it continued to expand.

Michael Xenos, an assistant professor in the Manship School of Mass Communication and the political science department at Louisiana State University, said he focused his research on the effects of new media on political learning.

Xenos said one key focus is interactivity and the ways candidates can take advantage of it.

Elizabeth Skewes, an assistant professor for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Colorado at Boulder, said there are large amounts of research that attempt to prove the media is unfair.

Looking at new media from the backstage and how reporters view it, she said, the first thing to notice is the attention blogs and Twitter posts received.

"It's driving some of the best of journalism out of journalism," Skewes said, "like verification, depth and content."

Skewes said another interesting aspect of the election is the role of women and the type of media coverage they received.

Clinton received criticism for her wardrobe, Skewes said, so she resorted

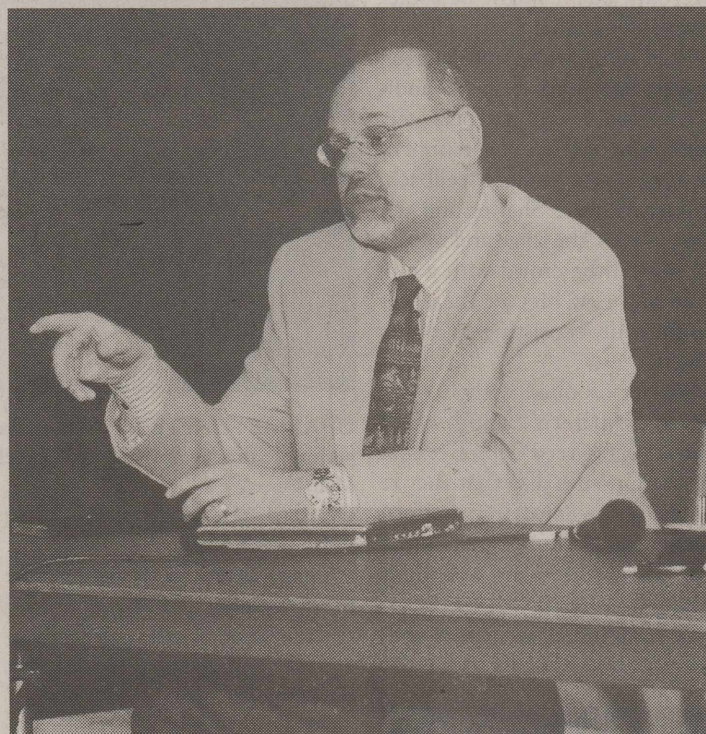


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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS' David Perlmutter, Ph.D., was part of a panel during the debate on media coverage of the election year on Friday at the Escondido theater in the Student Union Building.

to only wearing pantsuits, which she got criticized for too.

"For Palin," Skewes said, "if she shows up (to an event) with her kids, she is bad mom because the kids aren't in school, but if she shows up without them, she is a bad mom because people ask, 'Where are the kids?'"

She said female political figures are held under a much harsher light than the men.

The panelists also discussed the role the media played in Obama's success. Skewes said the media put Obama

on the map early on in the election, providing him with a lot of coverage, but once he was nominated he took control.

David Perlmutter said Obama would have been a strong candidate no matter what because of his charisma.

Richard Johnston said Obama made terrific choices throughout his campaign to fix various problems that arose.

"He learned along the trail the way most people cannot," Johnston said. >>> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

Vatican launches Pope YouTube channel

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI joined President Barack Obama and Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on Friday by launching his own YouTube channel, the latest Vatican effort to reach out to the digital generation.

The Vatican said it was launching the channel to broaden Benedict's audience while also giving the Holy See better control over the papal image online.

In his inaugural foray, Benedict welcomed viewers to this "great family that knows no borders" and said he hoped they would "feel involved in this great dialogue of truth."

The site, www.youtube.com/vaticanit,

was launched the same day the pontiff praised as a "gift to humanity" the benefits of social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace in forging friendships and understanding.

But Benedict also warned that virtual socializing had its risks, saying "obsessive" online networking could isolate people from real social interaction and broaden the digital divide by further marginalizing people.

And in his message for the World Day of Communications, he urged producers of new media to ensure that the content respected human dignity and the "goodness and intimacy of human sexuality."

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Roller Dollz

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"You get to hang out with people that you'd never get to hang out with otherwise," she said.

Durbin said she began playing about a year and a half ago to help lose the weight she gained after the birth of her son and discovered she enjoyed the camaraderie and the sport.

"The best thing it gives me is an outlet for the stress of going to school and taking care of a kid," she said. "When people ask me about myself, (roller derby) is one of the first things I tell them."

Rachel "Wild Wookee" Branch, a graduate classical language student from Lubbock, said she enjoyed the physical contact, which helps her relieve stress, too.

Branch, who has been playing for more than a year, said she discovered the West Texas Roller Dollz by accident.

"Nobody told me about it, but one day I was thinking 'I wish there was a full contact sport here for girls my age,'" she

said. "And I thought I'd heard of roller derby, but I figured Lubbock was too small. I Googled it anyway and found the team's MySpace."

Branch said she enjoys the "roughness" of roller derby, because she grew up with an older brother who often used her as a tackle dummy for football practice.

Part of the game includes physical pain, she said, and the team's members do not take it personally.

"You have to be willing to take it if you are going to take someone else out," Branch said.

The tough nicknames and rough at-

titude that goes hand in hand with the contact sport turns into a "roller derby persona," she said, which can help build confidence outside of the rink.

"Some people are the most quiet and shy people outside of roller derby," Branch said, "and then they get to practice and let out their anger."

She said God recently brought her through a difficult period in her life, but roller derby helped.

Attending practice twice a week allowed her to "let out physical violence in a safe environment," Branch said, and provided a place for her to escape.

"For some people, its an identity thing," she said. "For me, it's just something I do."

Roller derby may be intimidating at first, Durbin said, but she encourages people to not let nervousness or inexperience hinder them.

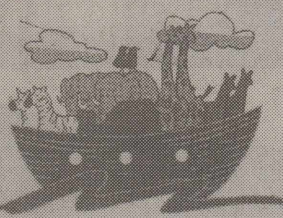
"Even if you're horrible on skates, come to a practice," she said. "The girls will help you improve. Just put on some skates and give it a try."

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Charlie Shafter and the Gnomes mix Southern rock, 80s pop

Charlie Shafter and the Gnomes tour extensively, but they always manage to clear off a spot on their calendar for the Hub City.

Cranking out an original hodge-podge of Southern rock and 80's pop, Lubbock fans are never disappointed by the band's impressive set.

Diverse lineups are always gold at Bash Riprock's, but the meleé Saturday was one of the more memorable gatherings of bands with different sounds.

The aforementioned Charlie Shafter and the Gnomes entertained the crowd with help from an energetic set from One Wolf, the mock-punk spectacle I Are Transformer, and the sunny pop of Daniel Folmer.

Folmer, a musician from Denton, kicked off the night with his upbeat blend of acoustic sing-along strummed on an electric guitar and accompanied by simple drum rhythms.

Folmer showcased his heart on

Ben Williams



his sleeve for the gathering crowd, blending the best of 90's alternative pop artists like Matthew Sweet, Elliott Smith and Ben Folds.

I Are Transformer, a four-piece band featuring local heroes from Thrift Store Cowboys and One Wolf, were next to take the stage.

Sporting giant sunglasses and fake British accents, the satirical pop-punk group hammered out their entire catalogue of five songs. The tunes included titles such as, "You Don't Know My Mom You Don't," a jab at Radiohead's song called "It's Not OK Computer," and a song about being unbearably British with a title not appropriate enough to be printed in a newspaper.

Although the performance was I Are Transformer's third to date, their message was heard loud and clear.

What that message is remains uncertain, but it might be something leader Daniel Fluitt yelled in between songs while spilling beer, shouting the song lyrics in audience members' faces, and purposely dangling his microphone in front of the monitors to produce feedback.

Then Charlie Shafter and the Gnomes took the stage and rocked and swayed the crowd with a mix of old and new hits for the eager fans in front, consisting of mostly women.

Shafter crooned with his signature Southern twang while strumming on a red Gibson guitar, and the Gnomes did what they're known for — crafting modern country sounds into a mix of the Band, Ladyhawk, Dave Matthews and the Cars.

Each guitar solo was met with high-pitched squeals from the



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
CHARLIE SHAFTER, FROM the band Charlie Shafter and the Gnomes, perform Saturday at the Bash Riprock's located at University Avenue and Main Street.

crowd who also helped Shafter sing most of the songs.

It was clear who the crowd came to see Saturday, and Charlie Shafter and the Gnomes basked in the glory of it all by producing a lively set just for Lubbock.

With the help of the diverse bands before and after, the musi-

cians at Bash's made sure the crowd left with either sore legs from two-stepping or sore necks from head-banging.

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Brazilian model dies

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — One month ago, 20-year-old beauty queen Mariana Bridi was living the dream of many young Brazilian women, trading her striking good looks for a modeling career that promised to lift her family out of poverty.

Then she contracted a seemingly ordinary urinary tract infection. The bacteria spread quickly and inexorably through her body, proving to be extremely drug resistant. In a desperate bid to save her life, doctors amputated her hands and feet. But by Saturday she was dead.

"God is comforting our hearts because he wanted her to be with him now," her father Aginaldo Costa told reporters outside the hospital where his daughter died. "I can't accept that my daughter left us so soon."

Bridi's Web site says she began modeling at age 14 with the hope of giving "a dignified life to her parents."

Her father is a taxi driver and her mother a house cleaner.

By the age of 18, she was well on her way: In 2007 and 2008, she was a finalist in the Brazilian stage of the Miss World pageant.

Cancer threatens tasmanian devils

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Tasmania is trying to save the devil.

The Tasmanian devil, a ferocious, snarling fox-sized marsupial, is in danger of going extinct because of a contagious facial cancer. In the meantime, its biggest rival — the European fox — is thriving, and may become so dominant that the devil never comes back.

Scientists now want to build a double fence standing more than three feet tall to stop the cancer's relentless spread toward the rugged northwest of the island, home to disease-free devils and World Heritage-listed rain forest. Devils spread the cancer when they bite each other during mating or squabble over food.

But for any chance of success, the fences would have to be completed within two years, said Hamish McCallum, the senior scientist in the devil rescue program. He predicts the devil will go extinct in the wild within 20 years.

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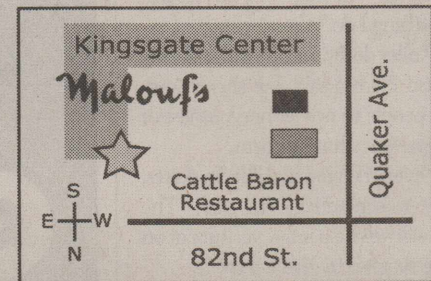
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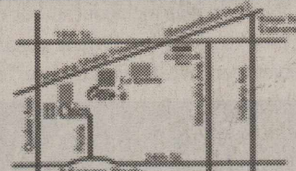
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TEXAS TECH POLO Club members Sandy Crabtree, right, a senior agricultural education major from Converse, and Courtney Rosa, a freshman animal sciences major from Leonard, ride the club's horse, Halo, and practice polo Thursday at the free speech pavilion. Crabtree and Rosa were encouraging students to attend the club's rush Saturday at the polo barn located near Interstate 27 and FM 1585.

Timberlake, Pitt spoofed in upcoming game

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Justin Timberlake and David Beckham don't have any real-life beef with each other, but cartoony characters resembling the famous crooner and soccer player will face off — along with 16 other A-list impersonators — in the upcoming Wii boxing game "Ready 2 Rumble Revolution" from publisher Atari and developer AKI.

Besides the Timberlake and Beckham copycats, players can don boxing gloves as a lanky Brad Pitt ringer named Fight Clubber or a flabby John Travolta lookalike dubbed Fever Friction. Other characters resemble such famous faces as Sylvester Stallone, David Hasselhoff, James Brown, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Shaun White, Simon Cowell and Antonio Banderas.

"We went with a decent mix of mostly modern, mainstream people that I think much of the younger generation will recognize and know, but then we also went to the other end and grabbed characters that we think some of the older people will recognize as well," said "Ready 2 Rumble Revolution" producer Todd Slepian of the game's casting choices.

Unlike previous "Ready 2 Rumble" games, which only offered a handful of unlockable famous stand-ins, the producers opted to fill the ring with celebs for the series' first outing on the Wii — although gamers will be able to create their own customizable boxers from scratch. Slepian insists the celebrity-inspired characters are meant as parodies, not clones.

DanceTech performs original choreography

By **CAYLOR BALLINGER**
STAFF WRITER

A combination of musical elements, colorful artistry, and dance techniques made-up DanceTech: Artistry in Motion Jan. 22 to 25.

The performances provided audiences with a taste of original jazz, modern, ballet and hip-hop choreography. Dances were choreographed by Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance students and guest artists and performed by mostly Tech dance students.

Ashley Farrar, a senior biology major from Lake Jackson, has been part of DanceTech productions for the past three years.

"I like the fact that DanceTech has a really strong modern program and a very supportive

faculty and staff," Farrar said.

Farrar danced in a piece called "Censored," which was choreographed to a song that combined Kanye West and Beyonce.

The piece Farrar danced to, along with several others at the concert, included a dance portion where the dancers moved to spoken words rather than music. The spoken words attempted to convey a clear and powerful message, and the dancers often spoke along with the words.

The Artistry in Motion performances included 10 different dances, most of which were modern.

Farrar said for the past 20 years her dance experience has been prominently in jazz, ballet and tap.

"I've been dancing since I was two," Farrar said. "I think I would like to teach dance in a studio when



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DANCERS PERFORMED "CENSORED" Thursday in Dance Tech's Artistry in Motion, which was held in the Maedgen Theatre.

I'm older."

DanceTech's next performance will be "Goodnight Desdemona," a comic revision of Shakespeare's "Othello" and "Romeo and Juliet" after she graduates college.

Lubbock girls participate in play day with Tech athletes

By **GARRETT SALZMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Local girls and their mothers participated in a play day at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Saturday.

Betty Blanton, associate director of the Student Recreation Center, said the free event for Lubbock elementary school girls was a result of the combined efforts of Texas Tech Athletics, Rec Sports, the United Future Leaders and High Riders. She said the event provided participants with an opportunity to learn about sports, self-esteem, and becoming healthy and active.

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"I want them to have the happy feeling that exercise can bring," Blanton said. "I want them to improve, succeed and have a better self-image. This event gives girls the chance to try something new or to be successful at a sport and to be able to spend some time with their moms in a productive atmosphere."

Karen Carruth, who brought her 8-year-old daughter, Paige, to the event, said she wanted to provide her daughter with the opportunity to see women succeeding in both sports and education.

"It's important to see girls and women in sports while being college students," she said. "Even though sports isn't really my daughter's thing, I brought her because it's important for her to get that exposure to the rules of the game and the players."

Leah Legler, a member of Tech's softball team, said the day was a great opportunity for her team to get involved with the Lubbock community.

"I really appreciate the chance to teach girls how to develop a healthy lifestyle and a culture of being active," said the Houston junior business major. "I'm excited to see so many people here who we can work with."

The mothers and daughters rotated between playing tee ball with the Tech softball team, soccer with the Lady Raiders soccer team, and participating in aerobics with recreation center fitness instructors. The girls and their mothers also were guests at the Lady Raiders basketball game against the Baylor Lady Bears in the United

Katie Tucker, a 7-year-old girl whose favorite sport is softball, said she was excited to get the opportunity to meet Tech players.

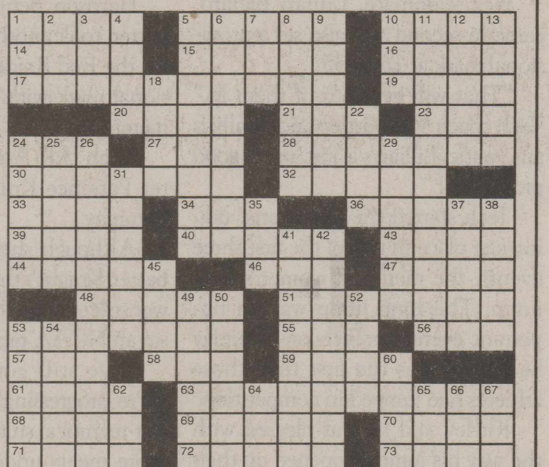
"It's neat that I get to play with Tech girls," Tucker said, standing on first base during a tee ball game.

Blanton said she was encouraged by the turnout for the play day. She said there were 98 girls who participated in the play day activities.

"I think women still do not get quite as many opportunities as men," she said. "Lots of the girls probably don't think they have the ability to go to college, and going on a campus to play with these girls reinforces the idea that it's possible."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Food for Silver
 - 5 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 10 Little pranksters
 - 14 Run smoothly
 - 15 Acquired family member
 - 16 Layer
 - 17 Marine gliders
 - 19 Beige
 - 20 Small amount
 - 21 Director Burton
 - 23 Family
 - 24 Vocalized grunt
 - 27 Musical time unit
 - 28 Snob
 - 30 Tries to land a sucker
 - 32 Mill probe
 - 33 Razor choice
 - 34 Young man
 - 36 Lawn tool
 - 39 Man of the manor
 - 40 Eat soup impolitely
 - 43 Ready and willing partner
 - 44 Mean-spirited
 - 46 Pick up
 - 47 Neap or ebb
 - 48 Geeky ones
 - 51 Motorized
 - 53 Elite clique
 - 55 "Little Women" woman
 - 56 Parched
 - 57 Old Gray Mare, for one
 - 58 B'way sign
 - 59 Rave's partner
 - 61 Apothecary purchase
 - 63 Sport utility canine
 - 66 Needle
 - 69 Pale as a ghost
 - 70 Home of Hawkeyes
 - 71 Cay
 - 72 Riot
 - 73 Experience emotion



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 - 5 Braided danglers
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 - 10 Motel freebie
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 - 13 Daring feat
 - 18 Penpoints
 - 22 "Of — and Men"
 - 24 Kazakhstan range
 - 25 Fare
 - 26 North Atlantic flier
 - 29 Thus far
 - 31 Set of steps
 - 35 Tunneled
 - 37 Mormon leader
 - 38 Thin-voiced
 - 41 Clever comeback
 - 42 Food poisoning
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 - 49 Duke's location
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Tech track has strong showing, Kipyego qualifies for nationals

By ADAM WADSWORTH
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Even though it's still early in the season, some Texas Tech track athletes are a step closer to a national championship.

The Red Raiders finished the second Texas Tech Invitational with 11 first place finishes and eight national championship qualifying times Saturday in the Athletic Training Center.

Most notable of the NCAA provisional mark was Sally Kipyego's time of 16 minutes 7.12 second in the 5000-meter race. The time puts Kipyego in a place to win her ninth national championship.

She beat the previous ATC record by 16 seconds and the national qualifying time by more than 50 seconds.

Her teammate, Lillian Badaru, came in second and also set a provisional mark at 16:34.35.

"That will get both of them in," Tech coach Wes Kittley said. "Sally is automatic. Lillian's is just a very good provisional."

Tech started the day strong, taking first place in two of the first three events, the men and women's long jump. The long jump was an important event for Tech on Saturday because it was the first time those athletes had jumped in competition.

Kittley said he was pleased with the way his jumpers opened up their season.

Anthony Flemmons won the men's competition with a mark of 7.41 meters and Janelle Appelhans took first place in the women's with a mark of 5.71.

Tech earned its first NCAA provisional mark and ATC record of the

day on a weight throw from Ozzie Okolie. She beat her old record of 19.49 with a throw of 20.21, more than three meters farther than the second place thrower.

The Red Raiders were not done yet.

Tech 55-meter hurdler Omoghan Osaghae also had a good day Saturday. In the preliminaries he ran a time of 7.19 seconds, which would have qualified him for nationals had he not broken the school record with a 7.17 last week. Osaghae placed third in the finals behind Barton County Community College's Ryan Brathwaite and former Tech All-American Shawon Harris, who ran as an independent.

Harrison Benjamin, a Tech shot putter, took another first place finish for the Red Raiders and set a provisional mark with his throw of 18.16 meters.

Tech All-American shot putter Patience Knight also threw on Saturday.

Although she said she could be better, Knight's throw of 16.69 meters was still enough to win first place and set an NCAA provisional mark.

"I've still got work to do, but we're progressing," Knight said. "It's just technical stuff. When I get a few more meets under my belt and we get further into the season it'll be a lot better."

Tech assistant coach Roy Williams said his main goal for these first few meets was to make sure the team stayed healthy, even if it meant some athletes didn't compete in all their events.

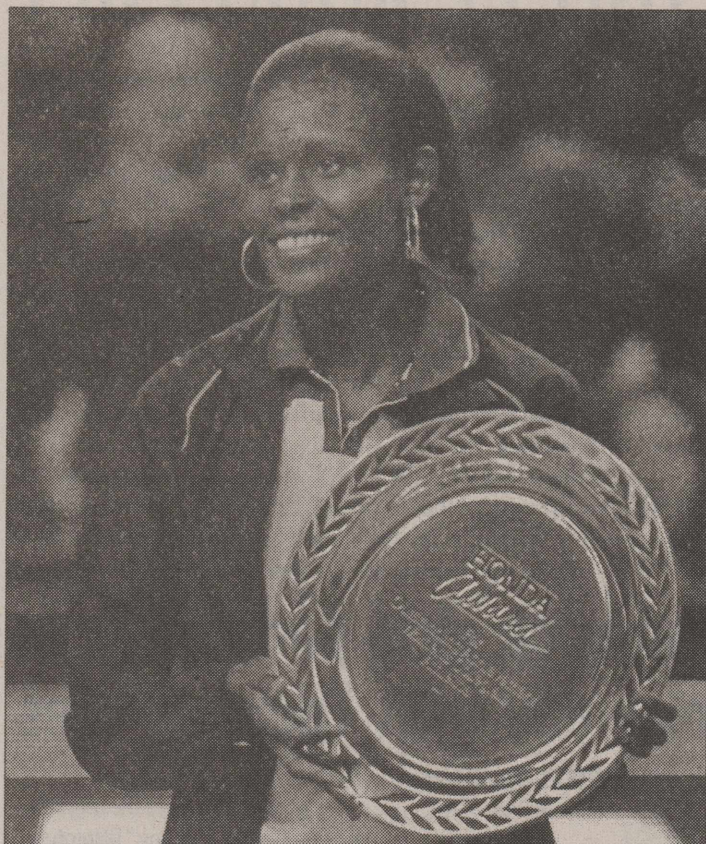


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SALLY KIPYEGO QUALIFIED for her ninth NCAA Championship appearance Saturday in the Texas Tech Invitational.

Williams said freshman sprinter Gil Roberts is one of the guys that want to go all out all the time, but even an athlete like Roberts can wear himself down with too much work.

"They're like Ferraris, you can't smash the pedal to the metal every single meet," Williams said. "Sometimes it's better for them to just back them off."

Although Roberts usually competes in the sprints, the coaches decided to only run him in the 4x400-meter relay on Saturday.

That decision played out in Tech's favor.

Roberts and the relay team managed to take home first place in a race that was decided by only .14 seconds. Their time of 3:10.14 also was good enough for another Tech provisional marking.

Now that they have a second week of competition under their belts, the Red Raiders begin preparations for New Mexico's Lobo Invitational in Albuquerque Jan. 31.

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Follow your instincts, Ariz. wins Super Bowl

I am not a journalist. I am not even a journalism major.

You can tell because editors and journalism professors everywhere preach vigorously about avoiding the use of the word "I" in print. But I plan on using quite a bit of self-reference, along with some self-deprecation, in this column.

The gods of sport frown upon a self-proclaimed expert, who in reality is just a Grade A hack, making predictions in print about things that are better left to the analysts and Vegas odds makers.

Time and time again I have made bold projections, only to be humiliated by the smirking universe.

In the 2007 and 2008 seasons, I forecasted Rams-Patriots and Cowboys-Chargers Super Bowls. Only one made it to the Super Bowl only to lose, and two of those teams failed to make the playoffs in those respective seasons.

I said you would have to be an idiot not to take the Cubs over the Dodgers in this year's National League Divisional Series. The Dodgers promptly swept the Cubs right out of the postseason.

This past weekend I advised you take the Eagles and the Ravens.

But in the spirit of Seinfeld, and following the example of the greatest loser of all-time — George Costanza — from now on I will do the opposite. Whatever my instinct says, no matter what the statistics and numbers are, I will not follow reason or hunch.

As a result, your 2008-2009 Super Bowl Champions: the Arizona Cardinals.

The numbers show that Arizona cannot beat good defenses. The Cardinals are 1-5 in the regular season against teams that finished the year ranked 10th or higher in total defense — the lone win coming at home in overtime against Dallas — and Pittsburgh, as you may have heard, led the league in total defense.

The numbers show that Arizona's already poor running game (dead last in the regular season) all but disappears against a good run defense, a category in which the Steelers finished second. Six of Arizona's seven losses were against teams ranked in the top half of the league in rushing yards allowed per game and their



Brett Talley

rushing average of 73.6 dropped to a paltry 49 in those seven contests.

More evidence against the Cardinals, you say?

They outscored their opponents over the course of the regular season by one single point, while the Steelers outscored theirs by 124. Arizona had a turnover differential of 0, while the Steelers were +4. The Cardinals allowed 55 percent of their sacks in 43 percent of their games. Those seven games were their seven losses and Pittsburgh coincidentally finished the year second in sacks.

Pittsburgh has 20 guys on the roster that were on the 2005 Super Bowl team, but Arizona has never even played in a Super Bowl. Mike Tomlin and Ken Whisenant are both second-year head coaches, so Arizona has no great coaching advantage on their side.

The only hope the Cardinals have is the Mickey Rourke of football, Kurt Warner.

No one has ever believed in the guy, but he has a ring, another Super Bowl appearance under his belt, another one on the way and one stellar playoff history. He is 8-2 in the postseason (Tom Brady being the only active quarterback with more playoff wins) with a 97.3 passer rating and almost 300 passing yards per game (299.1 yards per game). Larry Fitzgerald has cemented his place as the best receiver in the NFL, but in the words of Graham Harrell, "Balls don't magically fly through the air."

All signs point to Pittsburgh. Vegas opened the betting at Steelers -6.5, and the public has bet that up to seven, for the time being. But as George Costanza would say, "No way ... I'm loving the opposite, baby!"

It's the Cardinals in a squeaker. Arizona 24 - Pittsburgh 20

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Harrell on losing end as South wins Senior Bowl 35-18

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Local hero Pat White passed for 95 yards and a touchdown and directed two scoring drives to lead the South to a 35-18 win over the North Saturday in the Senior Bowl, a showcase game for many of college football's top prospects.

The West Virginia quarterback is a native of Daphne just outside Mobile. The most prolific running quarterback in major college football history, and projected to be a receiver in the NFL, White stood out among a group of high profile signal callers and was the most valuable player of the game that featured many top NFL prospects.

If there were doubts about the strength of White's arm, he tried to erase them in the third quarter when he stretched the South's lead with an impressive 39-yard scoring toss to Mississippi's Mike Wallace in the corner of the end zone.

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell was on the losing end, playing for the North. Harrell completed four of 13 passes for 40 yards with



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one interception.

Alabama's John Parker Wilson also played well, completing 7-of-13 passes for 56 yards and scoring on a four-yard scamper in the first quarter.

Wilson was named offensive player of the game, while Robert Ayers of Tennessee was named the game's outstanding defensive player.

The South led 21-10 at half-time and stretched it to 28-10 with White's scoring pass midway through the third quarter.

The North narrowed the lead to 28-18 early in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Eric Kettani of Navy

and a 2-point conversion run by Oregon's Jeremiah Johnson. But any hopes of getting closer were dashed with 8:47 to play when All-American defensive tackle Peria Jerry of Mississippi fell on a fumble in the North end zone for the final South score.

The South dominated in the first half as three different quarterbacks directed impressive scoring drives.

Wilson started the scoring with a 4-yard run from out of the shotgun formation with 7:28 to play in the first quarter. Wilson's score ended a 16-play, 80-yard drive in which he completed four passes for 37 yards.

The first quarter ended with the South ahead 7-3 after the North got on the board with a 38-yard field goal by Utah's Louie Sakoda.

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Lady Raiders fall at home to No. 5 Bears 76-64

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The Texas Tech Lady Raiders looked strong in spurts during their bout with No. 5 Baylor.

But the Bears did what they always have this season: overcome and win.

Tech (11-7, 2-3 in Big 12 Conference play) pulled within three points of Baylor (17-1, 5-0) at halftime, trailing 38-35. But costly second-half turnovers and defensive lapses proved too much for the Lady Raiders to overcome, losing to Baylor 76-64 Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

After committing only two turnovers in the first half, Tech had nine in the second.

"They're just so good," Tech head coach Kristy Curry said. "They have critical makes at critical times and you have to give them credit for that. The ball game was lost on our end at the beginning of the first half and second half and I have no answers for that."

Curry said the thing that stands out to her the most about the loss to Baylor — and Wednesday's loss at home to Kansas State — was the lack of consistent energy she saw in her players. She called a timeout with 31 seconds remaining in the game to make the point.

"That's the thing I'm most disappointed about this week," she said. "Our energy level on a consistent basis is not the level it needs to be. We need to

have more consistent energy for longer periods of time. It's actually the reason I called the timeout at the end was for that group just to know that's what we need for longer periods of time. Mentally, we have to have got to have more energy to make better decisions."

The Lady Raiders went 25-of-63 from the field for 39.7 percent — a moderate improvement from Wednesday's 32.2 percent from the field in a 60-48 loss against Kansas State.

Tech, on a two-game losing streak, travels to play Colorado on Wednesday. Colorado is 0-2 at home, 1-4 overall in Big 12 play. Colorado lost to Baylor Jan. 10, 63-50.

Although Colorado's Coors Events Center has been friendly confines for visiting Big 12 teams thus far, Curry said the team will not be taking the Buffaloes lightly.

"It's all tough," she said. "Never do we look at records or never do we go into a place and underestimate anybody. Believe me, we're more concerned with Texas Tech right now and what we need to do to get shaking and get our stuff together and play with a little more energy mentally. I'm very disappointed with what we've been doing this week and if we don't have better energy or effort that we had against Baylor and K-State, we'll have a hard time at Colorado. We better get shaking on Wednesday or we'll have

a long ride home."

At halftime Saturday, it looked like Tech had Baylor on the ropes, but the Bears began pulling away early in the second half with two made free throws by Kelli Griffin off of Tech's Maddy Brown's foul six seconds into the half. From there, Baylor jumped out on a 13-4 run, leaving 14 minutes on the clock.

"I just thought there were times in the game where we extended the lead and we would do something on the defensive end to allow them to hit a big three or penetrate," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "I just thought our defense today was not as good as it has been prior to today."

The Lady Raiders began to reel in Baylor for a second time during the game with a 12-2 run of their own, pulling within six points with about 10 minutes to play.

But Baylor's defense stiffened up and allowed Tech just six points over the next eight minutes while scoring 16 points of their own and quelling any last-minute hope for Tech.

Baylor, now 3-0 on the road in Big 12 play, went 23-of-26 from the free-throw line — a season high 88.6 percent — against Tech. Baylor center Danielle Wilson had a career high 17 rebounds.

Tech forward Dominic Seals scored 11 points in the first half but none in the second half. She went 4-of-15 from the field. Against K-State, Seals went 0-for-6 with two free throws in the first half and



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TEXAS TECH'S DOMINIC Seals had 11 points in the Red Raiders' 64-76 loss to Baylor Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

scored five in the second. Wilson led Baylor in scoring with 17 points while Maria Moore led the Lady Raiders with 22.

"I felt it was more upon us," Moore

said. "It wasn't anything they were really doing to us but I figure we just ran through our plays but they got better results."

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Mosley wins to take back crown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shane Mosley had the speed, everyone knew that.

The surprise was his power.

Mosley dominated from start to finish, stopping Antonio Margarito at 43 seconds of the ninth round Saturday night to win the WBA welterweight title in a stunning upset.

The knockout was the first of Margarito's career.

"People underestimate my strength," Mosley said. "(Ricardo) Mayorga, (Fernando) Vargas, these guys are big. I'm able to knock them out. Margarito didn't feel nearly as big."

Margarito was coming off an impressive victory over previously unbeaten Miguel Cotto six months ago that had 30-year-old slugger being touted as one of the top pound-for-pound fighters.

Mosley must not have been paying attention.

The 37-year-old Mosley used his superior quickness from the beginning, and Margarito never was able to display the power and fortitude he showed against Cotto.

"It was a great night for me. Hopefully, there are many, many more," Mosley said. "I wasn't really expecting a knockout. It happened."

When asked what won the fight, Mosley replied: It was my strategy, my focus, my game plan. It was a tough fight, but it was a great plan. It was my left hook. I caught Vargas with it, I caught Mayorga with it.

"Margarito's a warrior, he's going to win more belts. He's just a great guy, I'm happy he took the fight."

Mosley brought in Nazim Richardson to train him for this fight, replacing his father, Jack. That move worked to perfection.

"When you have a great game plan and an excellent athlete, then everything works out very well," Richardson said. "Shane Mosley's an excellent athlete. Shane Mosley's an excellent student."

The bout was held before an announced crowd of 20,820 — largest to attend a sporting event at Staples Center since it opened in October 1999. The fans were clearly pro-Margarito, even though Mosley grew up in suburban Pomona. It meant little once the bout began.

Curry comments on death of legendary N.C. State coach Kay Yow

Before the start of the Texas Tech-Baylor women's basketball game Saturday, there was a moment of silence for North Carolina State coach Sandra Kay Yow, who died Saturday because of breast cancer. She was 66.

Yow had a significant impact on women's basketball with 737 wins in her 38-year career. She coached the U.S. Olympic women's basketball team to a gold medal in 1988. She coached the Wolfpack to four Atlantic Coast Conference tournament titles. She also earned 20 NCAA

Tournament bids with a Final Four appearance in 1998. She coached for 34 years with N.C. State.



YOW

She was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2002 and North Carolina State named the court in Reynolds Coliseum "Kay Yow Court."

Yow was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987, according to a report

by the Associated Press. The report stated that the cancer spread to Yow's liver and bone.

Yow had accomplishments off the court as well as she served on the V Foundation for Cancer Research, founded by N.C. State men's basketball coach Jim Valvano, better known as "Jimmy V." Valvano died of cancer in 1993.

The report said she was most known for raising awareness to cancer and money for research, all while still coaching the Wolfpack.

Yow announced she would leave

N.C. State on Jan. 7 because of low energy levels, the report states.

Meeting Yow when she was a young assistant, Tech coach Kristy Curry said the Hall of Fame coach will be best remembered for her devotion to finding a cure for cancer and women's basketball.

"She's just always given so much to all of us," she said. "From being a 23-year-old assistant from the first time I met her, she never treated me any different 20 years later. Her love, her passion, her zest for people and life. I always have this thought that we make

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Tech's 29 turnovers reason for 97-86 loss to Mizzou

By ADAM COLEMAN
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COLUMBIA, Mo. — The Missouri Tigers like to dub themselves as the fastest 40 minutes in basketball.

This past weekend, Texas Tech saw a good example of why.

The Red Raiders took a 97-86 loss Saturday in Mizzou Arena. The Missouri win gave the Tigers their 14th consecutive win at home, a Mizzou Arena record.

What Tech coach Pat Knight said stood out to him and what probably prevented his team from making this a competitive game earlier were turnovers.

Tech (11-8, 1-3 in Big 12 Conference play) had 29 turnovers in the game. Twenty of those turnovers were Mizzou steals. The Tigers' JT Tiller had seven steals on the night, one short of the school record for most in a game.

"When a guy's not guarding you, you

just throw it away," Knight said. "Just not smart plays. I thought our defense was good. You take away the turnovers — they scored 35 points off turnovers, but our defense, we got them in a half-court game. It was good."

A half-court game was the complete opposite of Missouri's style of play.

For the majority of the game, the Tigers pushed the ball up the floor on offensive possessions and whenever Missouri (17-3, 4-1) would get a steal, the Tigers wasted no time in finding an easy bucket.

This allowed Missouri to score 35 points off Tech's turnovers along with 16 fastbreak points. It also allowed Mizzou's DeMarre Carroll to earn 27 points on 10-of-16 shooting.

The start to the game may have sealed the Red Raiders' fate.

Tech already had five turnovers at the 18:23 mark in the first half. Two of those turnovers belonged to Alan Voskuil and another two belonged to Robert



PHOTO BY JEFF LATENBURGER/The Maneater
SENIOR FORWARD LEO Lyons defends Texas Tech's Mike Singletary in the Red Raiders' 97-86 loss to Missouri Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

Lewandowski.

It pushed Missouri out to a 10-1 advantage early in the first half, and Tech never got close enough to take a lead over the Tigers.

At the half, Tech was down by 12 with 17 turnovers, 10 of which were Missouri steals.

Carroll said the reason for those turnovers is the defensive concept Mizzou

coach Mike Anderson wants.

"Our whole mentality is defense," he said. "Soon as we get out there, we want our defense to make our offense. We like to get the ball up and down (the court) like coach said. We like to have chaos."

Singletary could agree with Carroll, as he said creating chaos with their fast style of play is something the Tigers can use to win a lot of games.

"This was the first time we ever played against a team that pressured you so much, let you go by them and have a lot of back tips, create a lot of turnovers, create a lot of havoc," he said. "It was the first time we've ever seen something like that. First part of the game, we kind of panicked and then later on in the game, we kinda started to settle in."

Tech did find a way to make it interesting in the second half.

At the 6:43 mark in the second half, a 3-point shot by Voskuil cut the lead down to seven after they were down by as much as 18 points.

However, the Tigers continued to attack the basket and a quick 8-0 run extended Missouri's lead to 15.

This was one of the positives he could take from this game, as Pat Knight said he believed his players responded well to Missouri's tendency to push the ball up the court.

He also said now that the Red Raiders have played Missouri, Tech has faced some of the top teams in the conference and the Tigers have rightful place among the Big 12's best.

Mizzou's 4-1 conference record has the Tigers in third place in the Big 12 standings behind Oklahoma and Kansas, respectively.

"Unfortunately, we've played three of the top five teams already," Knight said. "I'd put them up there. I'd say Texas, Baylor, them and Oklahoma are the ones right now that I've seen. Plus it's such a different style of play and everything. I think it's really gonna benefit them."

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Tech women's tennis defeats North Texas, loses to Miss. State to open 2009 season

By ZANE TURNER
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A new season can bring high expectations.

But the Texas Tech women's tennis team may be a little disappointed after opening the weekend with a win, only to end it with a close loss.

The Lady Raiders handled North Texas (0-2) in nasty weather playing their way to a 6-1 victory Friday at the McLeod Tennis Complex, but could not grab another win as they lost to Mississippi State (2-0) 4-3 on Sunday at the Lubbock Country Club.

Tech coach Todd Petty and the team came away not only with the first win of the season Friday, but also Petty's first win as interim coach.

"It's always good to get that first win out of the way," Petty said. "The girls played good with tough conditions and a

lot of them had never been in that situation before. They responded well. That's a good North Texas team. We felt good about getting that one."

Tech came out ready to play by winning all three doubles matches to earn the doubles point.

The duo of Samantha van der Drift and Kelsy Garland were given all they could handle in a 8-6 win over North Texas' Irina Parashiv and Paula Dinuta.

The Lady Raiders No. 2 team of Kerryn Potgieter and Simone Templeton took care of North Texas' Rachel Wilhelm and Amy Joubert with an 8-4 victory. And completing the doubles sweep was the freshmen duo of Stefanie Peana and Natalie Leitch, as they dominated Catalina Cruz and Narine Kazarova from the beginning with an 8-2 win.

Tech (1-1) also came out with the hot hand in singles play, with only Leitch

losing to Kazarova in three sets, 6-2, 0-6, 10-7.

No. 15 in the Southwest Region, van der Drift had to come back down 2-0 in the second set to win the set and match 7-5, 6-3 over Parashiv.

When down 2-0, van der Drift gave her opponent all she had, making Parashiv run and make many errors.

Garland played well by navigating the Lubbock wind and frustrating her opponent on her way to a two set 6-2, 6-2 victory over Dinuta.

Stefanie Peana showed strong play in her first spring match at No. 4, easily handling Amy Joubert in two sets, 6-3, 6-2.

North Texas coach Sujay Lama said he was impressed with Tech's strong play from the first serve.

"Hats off to Texas Tech," Lama said. "They played really well; they had a good start. They jumped on us right off the bat. They really took charge from

the get-go."

North Texas was short-handed as the Mean Green were missing two of their normal starters including their No. 1 player Madura Ranganathan.

"We've been pretty banged up, as far as the whole team getting the flu at the wrong time," Lama said. "So, we've really had some adversity to deal with, but that's college athletics. You gotta sometimes fight through that. Our young team will learn from the loss."

On Sunday, the Tech-Mississippi State match came down to the wire.

With a rescheduled 8 a.m. start, the match was moved indoors to the Lubbock Country Club because of cold weather. With the match now indoors, the teams started with singles play, leaving a 3-3 score as a result.

The match however, came down to the duo of van der Drift and Garland coming up just short against the Bulldogs'

Olesya Tsigvintseva and Natalia Mayuk in a two set tie-breaker, 8-8 (9-7).

Notably, van der Drift defeated MSU's Martina Banikova in two sets 6-0, 6-3. Also with a strong performance, Templeton took three sets and three hours of play to dispatch the Bulldogs' Elna de Villies 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 at No. 4.

After both matches, Tech players were unavailable for comment.

Despite the nail biter loss on Sunday, Petty said it was a positive weekend for Tech.

"I thought we played really well," Petty said. "I thought we came out against



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH SENIOR Samantha van der Drift, plays in a doubles match against UNT on Friday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

two very good teams and fought hard and competed hard in both matches, extremely hard. That's something to be commended for."

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