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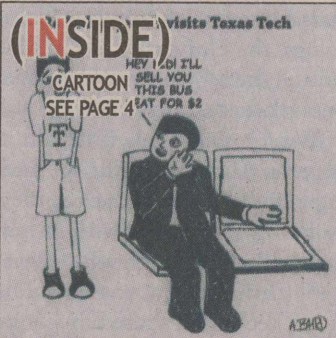
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STATE

Push for high-speed rail in Texas re-emerges

AUSTIN (AP) — The vision of high-speed rail lines swiftly shutting Texans between big cities such as San Antonio and Houston in brisk 90-minute trips is trying to get back on track.

Bullet trains in Texas are being routed again in a big way, and backers who hope to have a \$12 billion to \$18 billion network of high-speed trains running by 2020 say their proposal won't fall flat again.

Fifteen years ago, an initial plan went nowhere. The new push bills a so-called Texas T-Bone corridor that would run between cities including Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Waco.

NATION

Gov. Rod Blagojevich bounced from office

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich was unanimously convicted at his impeachment trial and thrown out of office Thursday, ending a nearly two-month crisis that erupted with his arrest on charges he tried to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

Blagojevich becomes the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed by impeachment.

WORLD

NKorea: Past accords with South will not be honored

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea says it is rescinding past military and political agreements with South Korea over Seoul's hard-line stance toward Pyongyang.

The North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland is accusing South Korea of pushing the two Koreas to the brink of war.

The committee said in a statement carried Friday by state-run media that it considers all inter-Korean agreements "dead" and says it will not honor their disputed western sea border.

Tensions have been high since South Korean President Lee Myung-bak took office nearly a year ago pledging to get tough on Pyongyang.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Official: Obama to repeal 4 Bush executive orders

By PHILIP ELLIOT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama intends to overturn four Bush-era executive orders that unions opposed, a labor official said Thursday.

Obama planned to reverse one order Friday that allowed unionized companies to post signs informing workers that they were allowed to decertify their union, an order some claim is unfair because nonunion businesses are not required to post signs letting workers know they were legally allowed to vote for a union.

The official also said the other three orders address similar administrative rules for labor groups. The official disclosed the plans on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to pre-empt the White House's plans. White House officials would not comment on the plans.

Friday was set to be the second consecutive day for labor leaders to visit the White House. On Thursday, Obama welcomed them to the East Room as he signed his first major piece of legislation, an equal-pay act that organized labor and women's groups championed.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

allowed workers a longer window in which to sue employers for pay discrimination. At Thursday's bill-signing, Obama declared: "There are no second-class citizens in our workplaces, and that it's not just unfair and illegal — but bad for business — to pay someone less because of their gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion or disability."

That tone was expected to continue on Friday, when the administration also planned to re-announce a Middle Class Task Force designed to coordinate an approach to a slice of the country that has seen its ranks shrink as the economy falters. Vice President Joe Biden will lead the group of advisers and four Cabinet members.

"One of the things I was talking to my staff about yesterday is I do believe — and I make no apologies for it — that over the last 100 years the middle class was built on the back of organized labor. Without their weight, heft and their insistence starting in the early 1900s we wouldn't have the middle class we have now, in my view," Biden told CNBC for an interview Thursday. "So I think labor getting a fair share of the pie is part of it."

Labor leaders have been lobbying the Obama administration to repeal scores of executive orders they view as hostile to their cause. Officials gave administration officials their top 10

executive orders they wanted to see dismantled.

After eight years of President George W. Bush's Republican administration, labor leaders approached Obama's Democratic administration with cause for optimism.

Congress is considering the Employee Free Choice Act — also called card check — that would give workers the option of forming a union by simply signing a card or petition instead of holding secret ballot elections. Labor officials see the bill as a way to rebuild dwindling membership; one in eight workers today is a member of a union, down from about one in five 25 years ago.

Spiritual Journey

BUDDHIST TEACHERS VISIT LUBBOCK TO OFFER WISDOM

By GARRETT SALZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Sitting on a couch dressed in the traditional robes of a Buddhist lama, or spiritual teacher, Tulku Karma Gyurme Sonam Rinpoche displayed his knowledge of West Texas culture.

"Lubbock is a beautiful place," he said, sitting cross-legged with prayer beads in hand and a table of incense in front of him. "I always heard about this place. I was told I had to go. I had to see the birthplace of Buddy Holly."

Rinpoche, born in 1976, said the reason for this East Asian visit to West Texas is to spread the teachings of Buddha and help found a Buddhist center in Lubbock. He will be offering teachings and blessings to members of the Lubbock and Texas Tech communities with the assistance of his father, Samteng, who also is a Buddhist lama, during the next week.

Growing up in Nepal, Rinpoche said, he would often offer advice to his classmates. He said his wisdom came to him through his experience in previous lives.



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

LAMA TULKU KARMA Gyurme Rinpoche, left, and his father Lama Samteng, perform the Refuge Taking Prayer before teaching about meditation Thursday at a residence near 28th and Knoxville.

As a result, he entered into training to become a monk and utilize his talents. His father also studied as a monk and spent more than 20 years living in seclusion in a cave.

Rinpoche said as a result of their teachings and wisdom, he and his father are known as lamas. Lama is a title bestowed upon

respected senior Tibetan teachers of the Buddhist faith. Father and son also said they aim to teach the people of the world love, kindness and compassion while attempting to perform humanitarian acts for those in need.

His teachers had encouraged him to work in the United States, Rinpoche said, but his main reason

for not leaving the country was his fear of flying. His fear caused him to focus his efforts on learning the dharma, which are teachings of Buddha, and assisting refugees who had left Tibet after the political upheaval created by violent regime changes.

Upon completing his studies to become a teacher in 1997,

Rinpoche said, he began an effort to build a spiritual home for a camp of Tibetan refugees in Nepal. When funding proved difficult, he said he knew he was ready to face his fear of flying.

"Before, I was scared," Rinpoche said. "I was scared of trusting my life and the work I could do to two little engines."

Rinpoche said he arrived in New York City in 1998 with two contact numbers and \$20 in cash. He said after spending half his money on a phone card, he realized he had nowhere to stay. Because of his experience as a boy, he said he felt confident in his ability to survive in his new city.

"When I was much younger, about 11, I was lost for five years in India," Rinpoche said. "I lived on the street, or I worked as a servant. Because of my time being lost there, I thought if I had survived in India, it wouldn't be too hard to find a way in New York."

Rinpoche said he believed it was his pure motivation to help those who needed him that allowed him to fulfill his goals in

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Stimulus seeks to bar illegal immigrants from tax credit

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Illegal immigrants who lack Social Security numbers could not get tax credits under the \$800 billion-plus economic stimulus package making its way through Congress.

Two senior GOP congressional officials expressed concern Thursday that the bill could steer government checks to undocumented workers, but in fact the measure indicates that Social Security numbers are needed to claim tax credits of \$500 per worker and \$1,000 per couple. It also expressly disqualifies nonresident aliens.

The Republicans spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. But

Democrats were quick to reject the notion.

"This legislation is directed toward people who are legal in our country. It is about time the Republicans got a different piece of reading material and get off this illegal immigrant stuff," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "This bill has nothing to do with anything illegal as far as immigration. It creates jobs for people who are lawfully in this country."

A revolt among GOP conservatives to provisions of last year's economic stimulus bill, which sent rebate checks to most wage earners, forced Democratic congressional leaders to add stricter eligibility requirements. That legislation, enacted in February 2008, required that people have valid Social Security numbers in order to get checks.

The current plan doesn't contain

that requirement, but it imposes the same qualifications for the tax credit as are in place for the earned income tax credit, a program for low-income workers that is limited to people with Social Security numbers.

Douglas Rivlin, a spokesman for the National Immigration Forum, called the GOP criticism "a ploy to undermine the president's stimulus package."

"The boogiemanager of the week is the undocumented immigrant taxpayer and they're using it to delay or derail legislation to help the economy," Rivlin said.

Republicans have already criticized the economic recovery package for including what they contend is wasteful spending and omitting tax cuts for wealthier people and businesses they say are needed to jumpstart the anemic economy.

Not a single Republican voted

for an \$819 billion version of the plan when it passed the House on Wednesday.

GOP senators voiced their concerns at a midday news conference.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., criticized the tax credit — which would go to millions of Americans who don't make enough money to pay federal income taxes — as insufficient to stimulate the economy.

"Calling a rebate to people who don't pay income taxes a tax cut doesn't make it a tax cut," Kyl said.

The House-passed economic recovery measure also requires that businesses that win contracts for projects funded by the plan use a federal Internet-enabled system to ensure they do not hire illegal immigrants.

The so-called E-Verify program, a cornerstone of the Bush administration's immigration policy, is

currently voluntary. As of Jan. 24, 106,516 employers had agreed to use the database to confirm that new hires have valid Social Security numbers and are eligible for employment.

It has sparked controversy by business groups who say it's burdensome, and civil libertarians who say it will lead to discrimination and job losses by U.S. citizens misidentified as illegal workers.

Last year, the Bush administration called for federal contractors to use E-Verify, a decision that business groups are challenging. The Obama administration has put the requirement for federal contractors on hold until May while it reviews the program.

The National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy organization, said Thursday it was concerned about the E-Verify provision.

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Faculty, students discuss eating disorders at film series

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The Texas Tech Women's Studies Program began the first of a three-part documentary film series discussing body image issues Wednesday evening with a viewing and discussion of the documentary film "THIN" in the Human Sciences building.

Shannon Owens-Malett, a registered dietitian who runs two half-day clinics at the Student Wellness Center who spoke during the discussion, said increasing public awareness will help those who have an eating disorder discover the treatments available and help others discover some of the warning signs of an eating disorder.

"This film showed the very severe side of people with an eating disorder," she said. "I typically encounter people who haven't reached that yet, and may either be looking to lose weight in a healthy way or are not as far along in their disorder."

The film series, "Threading the Needle: Differing Perspectives, Differing Bodies," is designed to bring eating disorder and body image issue awareness to the Tech community while adding to the Student Counseling Center's awareness week discussion of health and wellness,

said Tricia Earl, coordinator and instructor for the Women's Studies Program. The documentary film tells the story of four women suffering from eating disorders in a Florida treatment center.

Owens-Malett said approximately 5 percent to 10 percent of Tech students suffer from an eating disorder, but the percentage is based on those who admit to having one.

Shelley Fillipp, a nutrition professor and director of the Dietetic Internship at Tech, said the goal of working with eating disorder patients is to address the issue and normalize eating through a team effort.

"There are a lot of people who have issues," she said. "Anorexia is just more visible, and many patients have actually said they were surprised family and friends did not say anything."

Fillipp said there also is typically some trigger or interaction, such as sexual abuse, that causes an eating disorder for some people but would have not caused it in others.

Owens-Malett said she has not encountered a specific cause of eating disorders in her research, although sexual abuse appears to be a common thread.

"In working at the Student Wellness Center I've found that there tends to be a mother that's really controlling, and

WOMEN'S STUDIES FILM SERIES

"DISfigured"

Time: From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Date: Feb. 25
Place: Human Sciences Room 169

"FAT: What No One Is Telling You"

Time: From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Date: April 1
Place: Human Sciences Room 169

parents in general do come up a lot," she said, "but the specific causes vary from person to person."

Although parents often are a major issue with college students, Owens-Malett said, the pressure and stress created in college also could deepen the disorder.

"It is important to catch the disorder early," she said. "We attempt to first address the functions of food and then the psychological issues, but prevention is key in helping to develop a different view of food."

Earl said the documentary films series discussion is particularly helpful in open-



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
SHANNON OWENS-MALETT, LEFT, a clinical dietitian at the Student Wellness Center, and Shelly Fillipp, right, director of the Dietetic Internship, answer questions about body issues posed by the audience following a film in the women's studies film series.

ing conversation and informing people in the Tech community.

"People who have this disorder usually feel as if no one cares," she said, "so it is important to have open dialog and resources available to the community.

That is what education on campus is all about — impacting people even if it is 20 years later."

The next film in the "Threading the Needle: Differing Perspectives, Differing Bodies" series is "DISfigured," which

tells the story of a developing friendship between two women, one of whom is anorexic and the other who is obese.

All three films in the series are available in the Tech University Library.
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Journey

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America. While living in New York, he traveled along the East Coast, teaching and raising funds for his work in Nepal.

He said while speaking with the homeless of New York City, he had a revelation.

"I would share stories with the homeless, try to share wisdom with them," he said. "It was speaking to them when I realized that suffering and difficulties are not just on the other side of the world."

His understanding led him to Miami to assist young people, he said. Since establishing the Yogi Borsari Dechen Rinpoche Foundation in Southern Florida, he has traveled to several American cities and hopes to establish dharma centers throughout the United States.

Lisa Harkema, a senior exercise sports science major, said she has been a student of Rinpoche for more than eight years. After moving from her hometown of San Antonio to Lubbock to attend Tech, she said she was surprised by the absence of a Buddhist center in West Texas.

As a result, she requested Rinpoche assist in founding a place to study in Lubbock.

"A lot of people desire a Buddhist center in Lubbock," she said. "There are a lot of people studying in Lubbock that are looking for teachers and can't find them, and we want to give them the opportunity to study the dharma."

Harkema said Rinpoche was encouraged to return as soon as possible to continue to spread his teachings to Lubbock's

UPCOMING TEACHINGS

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Jan. 31: Tara Empowerment at 7 p.m.

Feb. 3: Private consultations, blessings and purification ceremonies

Feb. 4: Tsok Ceremony at 7 p.m.

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Contact Lisa Harkema at (806) 281-2929 for more information or to schedule a private consultation.

citizens because of the large turnout for a teaching in October.

"He gives people the opportunity to have compassion for others through the study of Buddhism, especially students that don't have much background in it," she said. "It's about living a more peaceful and less stressful life."

Rinpoche said he does not seek to convert anyone to Buddhism but hopes to create a greater understanding for people who are seeking answers.

"I did not come as a missionary," he said. "I came as a reminder to the great potential we all have. All these great beings — the Christian Jesus, the Muslim Allah — have shown us our ability to be like them."

Rinpoche said he has come to Lubbock not only to receive the funding necessary to complete his humanitarian projects, but also to enrich the lives of those who are interested in the teachings of Buddhism.

"I come to teach meditation, and in this kind of hectic society we live in, we

are constantly challenged, overwhelmed and exhausted," he said. "I wish to bring some peace to their minds and to really, truly know yourself better by practicing loving kindness and compassion."

Rinpoche said his goal in life is to see the opening of 1,000 dharma centers across the world, which would allow constant prayer and teachings that benefit the entire universe.

Jon Urbanovsky, vice president of the Tech Pagan Student Union who is from Lubbock, said he is a member of a group dedicated to helping Rinpoche establish one of these dharma centers in his hometown. The senior English major said he believes anyone can benefit from participating in a teaching with Rinpoche.

"You get such a sense of calm from him, such a deep peace," Urbanovsky said. "All your problems seem to go away. It's a wonderful once in a lifetime opportunity for a lot of people that everyone should experience."

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LA council votes to keep Billy the elephant at zoo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Billy the elephant is staying put, and Bob Barker isn't happy about it.

The City Council voted Wednesday to finish a \$42 million elephant exhibit and keep its lone pachyderm at the zoo, despite pleas by the "Price

is Right" host and other celebrity opponents to scrap the project.

The decision came after an emotional hearing attended by several hundred people. Barker, actress-singer Cher and actress Lily Tomlin were among them after Barker pledged \$1.5 million

earlier this week to move Billy to a sanctuary in Northern California.

"They say it's always been done this way, there's always been elephants in zoos," Cher said. "But it doesn't make it right because we've had other things we're ashamed of, like slavery."

Association adopts professor's earthquake recommendations

By **KRISTINE PHILIPS**
DAILY KENT STATER (KENT STATE U.)

Students are sitting in class taking notes. There's a loud rumbling noise and the classroom starts shaking. Windows break and the ceiling comes down.

Students are pinned between their desks and underneath piles of rubble. Some may make it out of the building, some may not.

For Hongshan Li, Kent State professor of history and native of China, this terrifying scenario took on personal significance when thousands of people were killed on May 12 when an earthquake with a magnitude of 8.0 hit the Sichuan province near Beijing.

When subpart construction and poor materials were found to be the cause of the numerous schools collapsing, Li sought to

research the policies of the government and compare them to how the United States, particularly California, has regulated its construction codes.

"I tried to look at history to see why American schools are safe," Li said. "All of China is subject to earthquakes, not like the U.S., where it's mostly California that has earthquakes."

Using a 1933 California earthquake as his primary focus point, Li explored how California had changed its regulations of building codes following the massive earthquake.

He published a paper in September 2008 that was accepted by the China Association for Science and Technology, the largest private organization of scientists and technology

workers in China. CAST lobbies the central and provincial Chinese governments to pass laws on various agendas.

"The security and safety of schools is very important," Li said. "What China should do is to follow higher standards."

In his paper, Li recommends higher construction standards in schools. According to the CAST Web site, the organization has adopted the paper and has formed it into a formal government document.

The document is now in the hands of the deputy prime minister, the ministries of housing, education and urban development and the standing committee of science, education and health in the National People's Congress.

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FITNESS FRIDAY

Endurance training improves muscle tone, increases fat loss

Looking to build lean muscle and lose weight? Endurance training is the type of exercise you need to be doing.

The term "endurance training" often is used as a blanket statement for various types of exercise, but for a person looking for a few pointers rather than a degree in exercise physiology, endurance training can generally be broken down into two categories: aerobic and muscular strength.

By adhering to the FITT principle (frequency, intensity, time, and type) and eating correctly, weight loss and muscle toning will come readily and the benefits are long-lasting.

Aerobic exercises are characterized as low to moderate intensity activities performed during a substantial amount of time. These exercises include such activities as jogging, cycling, swimming and tennis.

During aerobic exercise, your body will take in a greater amount of oxygen than normal, which will eventually have benefits such as lowering blood pressure and improving your lungs' supporting muscles.

Muscular endurance sessions are typically associated with light resistance and high rep sets with minimal rest times. This includes exercises such as push-ups and lunges.

During these activities, slow twitch muscle fibers are worked. Slow twitch fibers are smaller and contract slowly for extended periods of time. They also have a larger volume of blood moving through them.

Working these muscles regularly in this capacity is directly correlated to the toned muscle look you're trying to achieve.

Now that you have some solid background information regarding endurance training, put it to use.

Coaches, trainers and even the U.S. military advocate the FITT principle when establishing a workout plan.

As with any type of exercise, remember not to work your body too hard without properly preparing yourself first. If you do feel the beginning of an injury, you should consult a professional and consider switching

John Miller



to a lower intensity activity, for example fast walking as opposed to jogging.

This applies to certain extreme sports as well, such as wake boarding. If someone tries to do too much without a proper warm up and cool down, he or she puts himself at great risk for injuries and could possibly end up seriously injured.

Muscular and aerobic endurance training are great forms of exercise. If you'd like to test yourself, there are many opportunities.

Take part in the Valentine's Day Fun Run at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Feb. 7. It's free. So, why not?

Or if you and a group of friends are serious about toning up and losing some pounds, put a team together and compete in the annual FIT TECH challenge.

No matter where you draw your motivation from, remember to train smart, train hard and keep an end goal in mind. Now get out there and shed some pounds.

Have a fitness related question? John Miller is an ACE certified personal trainer and graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School. E-mail him at john.j.miller@ttu.edu

States get D-plus on teacher reviews

NEW YORK (AP) — As if taking a cue from the Australian homeland of two of its stars, "Fringe" is a playdoh of a TV series. This Fox drama borrows ideas from a sprawl of program genres. It's an unlikely mash-up for sure. And it's working like a charm.

"Fringe" started strong last September and has only gotten stronger creatively. It won a robust audience, too, even before "American Idol" became its lead-in (it airs Tuesday at 9 p.m. EST).

By now, the series seems totally cool with its ambitious mix of action, intrigue, souped-up science, simmering evil, plus all the right doses of humor, romance and blood-and-guts.

Befitting a series that counts J.J. Abrams ("Lost") among the creators, "Fringe" glories in its free-wheeling style and its giddy universe of characters who, at any given moment, may or may not be who they seem. But even with its teeming uncertainties, "Fringe" keeps one thing constant for the viewer: its trio of ill-assorted heroes, busy battling a sinister force that threatens the world with "fringe" science (way-out stuff such as mind control, teleportation, astral projection and genetic engineering).

The trusty threesome: Dr. Walter Bishop, a pleasantly mad genius; his cocky caretaker son, Peter; and FBI Special Agent Olivia Dunham, who initially enlisted them to help find the truth about her slain FBI partner and lover (whose loyalties have kept viewers guessing while they wonder just how dead he really is).

As Peter, Joshua Jackson ("Dawson's Creek") strikes the right sardonic tone. John Noble ("The Lord of the Rings") is brilliantly adlored as Dr. Bishop. And Noble's fellow Aussie, Anna Torv, shines as Olivia.

Olivia is the soul of the show — two-fisted and defiant, yet vulnerable. Torv knows how to convey authenticity, even in the midst of an outrageous scene. And sporting sensible pantsuits and just a hint of makeup, she makes Olivia a plausibly gorgeous pro, not a crime-busting tootsie.

"We didn't want the coifed hair and the red lipstick," says Torv with a laugh. "And I LIKE the pantsuits. It feels like you're putting a uniform on."

The 29-year-old actress is a native of Melbourne who snagged her role on "Fringe" armed with training at Australia's prestigious National Institute

of Dramatic Arts, where she was accepted at age 17.

Then, after graduation, "I sort of jobbed about," she says. "I did plays, film and voiceovers," as well as two popular Australian TV series, "The Secret Life of Us" and "Young Lions."

"I wasn't a star, anyone you'd recognize on the street," she says, "but I managed to earn a living."

Then she moved to London, where she landed the part of sexy-animated warrior Nariko in the video game "Heavenly Sword." She performed the game's epic story with her fellow actors in a New Zealand studio where they were dotted with tiny sensors to digitally capture their movements.

"No bothering with costumes, no waiting for lighting setups!" Torv recalls. "We had such a ball!"

It's a different story with "Fringe." Shot in New York (which subs for the show's Boston setting), "Fringe" often places its actors in bleak, out-of-the-way corners of the city (vacant lots, warehouses, subterranean tunnels), during all kinds of weather.

Apple and Palm butt heads about smartphone copyrights

Apple's iPhone has undoubtedly cast such a huge shadow in the smartphone market that few other phone makers feel capable of properly competing in with Apple's products.

Apple's iPhone sales were upwards of 11.3 million during the combined last fiscal quarter of 2008 and first fiscal quarter of 2009 — well past the 10 million milestone Steve Jobs set back when the now ill CEO announced the 3G version in June during the company's annual Worldwide Developer Conference.

Although Apple is yet to surpass either Nokia or Samsung in terms of mobile phone revenue, it's hard to deny that the iPhone, along with many other iProducts, have become the colloquial visual that comes to mind when someone says "cell phone" or "MP3 player."

And, with a 2008 yield of \$4.6 billion, it goes without saying there will be aggressive competition.

Smartphone giant RIM's BlackBerry released the Storm and was met with lukewarm reviews at best. Google, T-Mobile and HTC triple teamed the G1, but, instead of unleashing an iPhone-killing beast, it only gave tech lovers a new touch toy. And otherwise leading competitors such as the Samsung Instinct or LG Dare simply never grabbed a significant market share for whatever reason.

However, long dormant PDA and mobile phone manufacturer Palm recently announced at Consumer Electronics Show 2009 they would be hopping back in the market with the Palm Pre and was met with a great deal of excitement and anticipation.

Unfortunately, it doesn't seem

Timothy Poon



Apple is willing to let a potential competitor to even get off the ground if they can help it; they're taking a Cisco tact with the whole situation and will ostensibly be issuing some sort of legal action towards Palm for patent violations on touchscreen technology.

In Apple's first quarterly fiscal reports of 2009 released Jan. 21, acting CEO Tim Cook responded to a question regarding iPhone competitors with this gem: "We don't mind competition, but if others rip off out intellectual property, we will go after them."

This thinly veiled and decidedly Pre-related quote got Palm riled up enough to send out a very carefully worded statement two days later that summed up with, "If faced with legal action, we are confident that we have the tools necessary to defend ourselves."

However, this seems to be largely talking the talk and only wishing they could walk the walk. Despite what it may seem with the lack of similarly featured touchphones, Apple does not have any sort of patent regarding the "general use" of multitouch devices and only holds rights for very specific functionality in touchphones. According to more legally informed professionals at Engadget and other online, technology news outlets, Apple's original "iPhone patent" has been reduced through the approval process to merely address the

iPhone's one and two dimensional scrolling methods.

In fact, the best shot Apple has at a real suit against infringement with Palm involves the scroll and spring back bit the iPhone does when you scroll past the end of a screen, but since the Pre has yet to be released, no one even knows if this is a final feature of Palm's new phone. The most prominent multitouch feature of the iPhone in pinch-zooming isn't even close to being patented. Instead, the pinching feature is only patented insofar as regarding cutting, copying and pasting.

In a sweet twist of events, it actually appears that Palm has the upper hand in the patent situation. Palm has a patent called "Dynamic brightness range for portable computer displays based on ambient conditions," which is exactly what it sounds like and is exactly what the iPhone and many other smartphones do.

Three more patents involving "accessing contacts and telephone services," detecting "device connection status," and the interface for "managing an active call" are all eerily similar to the iPhone's phone app and contact search methods, syncing features, and method for switching between callers. Check out the patents and compare with your or a friend's iPhone and take notice of the striking resemblance.

So what does this mean? Hopefully, not a lot.

Historically, companies have always had mildly conflicting interests and patents or properties or whatnot and yet always worked things out so everyone involved gets to make as much money as possible.

Much like how most fights get broken up before they even get started, it is similarly likely Apple and Palm will come to butt heads in a darkened room full of legal fog, but ultimately settle with some cash, a licensing agreement, and unspoken hate for one another.

Of course, this could easily go the totally opposite way and result in the demise of Palm or nearly billions of dollars lost by Apple in royalties and

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Iraqi shoe hurler inspires art in Saddam hometown

BAGHDAD (AP) — When an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at George W. Bush last month at a Baghdad press conference, the attack spawned a flood of Web quips, political satire and street rallies across the Arab world.

Now it's inspired a work of art.

A sofa-sized sculpture — a single copper-coated shoe on a stand carved to resemble flowing cloth — was formally unveiled to the public Thursday in the hometown of the late Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein.

Officials and visitors walked around the outdoor sculpture during the brief ceremony, pondering on its eccentricities — such as a tree poking up from the shoe's interior.

Its sculptor called it a fitting tribute to the shoe hurler, Iraqi journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi, and his folk hero

reputation in parts of the Muslim world and beyond.

The Baghdad-based artist, Laith al-Amari, said the work honors al-Zeidi and "is a source of pride for all Iraqis." He added: "It's not a political work."

But its location in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, about 80 miles north of Baghdad, is a point of reference for prewar nostalgia among some Iraqis.

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Suits and Sneakers Awareness Weekends sweeps into Lubbock

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After Texas Tech notched its first win in Big 12 Conference play with a victory against Colorado on Jan. 20, a jovial Pat Knight acknowledged a wardrobe change — he was not wearing the patented “Knight” sweater vest.

“You gotta change the mojo,” Knight said. “I’m not gonna lie, I’m superstitious, the vest wasn’t working so I decided to just go with the golf shirt. I know Under Armour gives us a lot of great gear so I might as well wear it. No more sweater vests.”

And no more dress shoes, at least for games slated from today to Sunday.

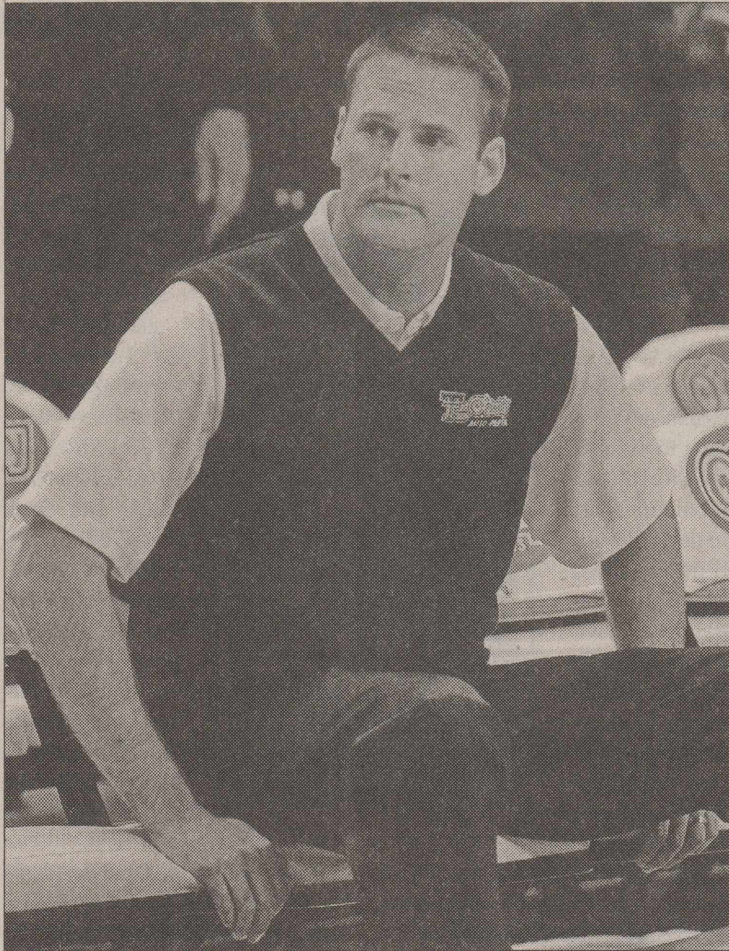
In support for the fight against cancer, coaches across the nation will trade their shiny loafers in for sneakers as the traditional Coaches vs. Cancer, Suits and Sneakers Awareness Weekend gets underway. Tech’s coaching staff will participate against Nebraska at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

It is a collaborative initiative between the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the American Cancer Society that uses the sneakers as a symbol that everyone can take daily steps in reducing their risk of cancer, although the disease still remains a major health concern, according to a press release.

“There’s

probably nobody in America that hasn’t been affected from that disease on a personal standpoint,” Knight said. “So I think it’s a good deal to bring awareness to it because we’re all on TV. Millions of people are gonna watch these games, so it’ll bring really good awareness to the research and the fighting for cancer.”

Knight mentioned 2005 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductees UConn coach Jim Calhoun and



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH COACH Pat Knight will wear sneakers instead of dress shoes to raise awareness for cancer when the Red Raiders take on Nebraska at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena

Syracuse coach Jim Boheim, who both have led their respective teams to a national championship after battling cancer.

They serve as examples that the fight to defeat cancer never stops, even after the personal battle is won. Calhoun has battled cancer three times — skin and prostate cancer — and still coaches after radiation treatments as recently as summer 2008.

Boheim defeated prostate cancer in 2001 just before he won a national championship with then-super-freshman Carmelo Anthony.

“It hits pretty close to our sport,” Knight said. “So I think it’s a good thing that everybody is doing.”

Since 1993, participants have raised nearly \$45 million for cancer research, cancer information and education and services that improve the quality of life for patients and their families, according to the press release.

“The program draws from the personal experiences, community leadership, and the professional excellence of coaches nationwide to increase public awareness of the society’s mission to save lives and prevent cancer, and to raise funds to fight the disease on a variety of fronts,” Coaches vs. Cancer Director Jim Satalin said in a press release.

A win against Nebraska would give Tech its second win in conference play, however, Knight said if his Red Raiders pull out a victory, do not expect him to toss aside his dress shoes like he did the sweater vests because “if we always wore sneakers, it wouldn’t be that big of a deal.”

“No, that’s just for this game, but yeah we are a little superstitious, you hate to admit it,” he said. “This is just for this one cause and everything. It’s just a special day I think for all the coaches across America.”

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Tech back at home against Huskers

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Before Texas Tech lost at Texas A&M on Wednesday, Aggie coach Mark Turgeon was beginning to see his team play up to his standards after going cold early in Big 12 Conference play.

“I think we’re getting better,” Turgeon said after a nine-point loss at Texas on Jan. 24, “but obviously the record doesn’t show that.”

Much like Turgeon, Tech coach Pat Knight is witnessing his team’s improvements, especially after taking into consideration that his Red Raiders lost a close game, 79-70 in a hostile environment like College Station.

In addition, the Aggies were coming off two straight losses on the road before getting the win against Tech. Now Tech, which also has lost two consecutive away games, is in the same position to grab that slippery win when it plays a scrappy Nebraska team at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

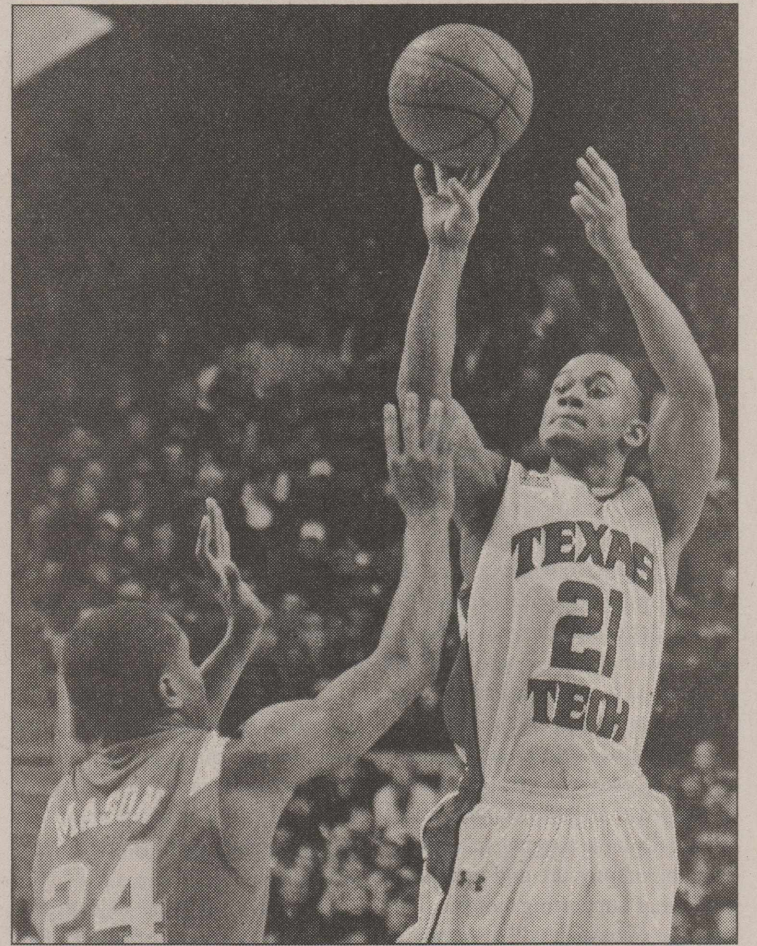
“I think so, these guys are getting close,” said Knight, whose team has lost five of its last six games. “That’s why I was hoping last night we’d get that one and sneak that one out. I think these kids deserve it. Right now is not a good time to coach or be a player or even be a fan. It’s the toughest time.”

Having lost three straight games, Nebraska (12-7, 2-4 in Big 12 play) has just as many scrapes and bruises as Tech does.

The Cornhuskers are coming off a 68-62 loss to Kansas Wednesday, a game the Huskers easily could have won.

The Jayhawks committed a season-high 21 turnovers and trailed until about the 10-minute mark in the second half, but the high energy level could only last so long.

“It was another game that I could not be prouder of our guys,” Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said after the loss. “They have given me far more effort than any team I have ever been associated with, and that



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH’S JOHN Roberson had 13 assists in the Red Raiders’ 70-79 loss to Texas A&M Wednesday in College Station

is what is so tough.”

Knight said he does not see how the loss to Kansas can boost the Huskers’ confidence, but he did acknowledge it could have an effect on how bad they want to leave Lubbock with a win.

“I don’t know how Doc Sadler is,” Knight said. “I know Doc’s not sitting back, ‘Boy, I’m confident we got beat by Kansas.’ I’m sure he’s a little ticked off that they lost that game, and that’s gonna be their motivation just like with us losing a couple close ones on the road.”

Tech (11-9, 1-4) bounced back nicely in the loss to Texas A&M after a 29-turnover performance against Missouri. Along with playing all 40 minutes, Tech point guard John Roberson had the best game of his career, statistically, with 20 points and a career-high 13 assists.

The Red Raiders were averaging 21 turnovers per game in Big 12 play

going into College Station, but Roberson moderated the game well and kept Tech’s turnovers to seven — one shy of the season-low.

“From being on the road in a tough environment, that’s the best we’ve looked,” Knight said. “I think we’ve looked better in some wins. I don’t think we’ve ever looked better in a loss, but the effort was there and that’s one of the first things we’re trying to get.”

But when one thing is clicking for the Red Raiders, another problem arises. Against the Aggies, it was bench production and rebounds. Tech had one point off the bench and was outbounded 40-29.

“I think if we’re gonna turn that corner we’re gonna need to clean up a few things and sometimes calls don’t go your way,” Roberson said. “We were right there and I think that helps us a lot confidence-wise.”

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Obama rooting for Steelers in Super Bowl

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said he’s pulling for the Pittsburgh Steelers over the Arizona Cardinals in football’s biggest game on Sunday — and he did so with a politician’s touch.

Obama said Thursday that he would root for Pittsburgh against the “long-suffering” and “great Cinderella story” Cardi-

nals. His spokesman also said the president would have friends as well as a bipartisan group of lawmakers over to the White House to watch the game.

“I have to say, you know, I wish the Cardinals the best,” Obama said diplomatically. “You know, Kurt Warner is a great story, and he’s closer to my age than anybody else on the field.”

Warner, Arizona’s 37-year-old quarterback, came out of nowhere about a decade ago to take the St. Louis Rams to two Super Bowls, including a title in 2000. Just when he seemed washed up, Warner rose to the top again this year with a stellar performance. His team was not expected to make the playoffs, let alone get to the title game.

Lance Armstrong urges smoking ban

AUSTIN (AP) — Cyclist Lance Armstrong joined forces with anti-smoking groups Thursday, urging Texas lawmakers to pass a statewide ban on smoking in bars, restaurants and other indoor work and public places.

“This is an important idea, a bold idea for Texas,” Armstrong said after a rally with more than 100 supporters outside the state Capitol.

Armstrong, who battled back from testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain to win the Tour de France seven times, recently came out of retirement to race again.

He also pledged that his comeback would take his cancer awareness campaign with him around the world. That included the stop at the Texas Legislature, where a similar anti-smoking measure failed two years ago.

“This is something that is very, very personal for me,” Armstrong said. “Having lived this life as a cancer survivor for the last 12 years, I think I know it personally and deeply and I think I have a pretty good understanding of how you go about defeating cancer.”

According to the Smoke-Free Texas coalition, which includes the American Cancer Society and the Lance Armstrong Foundation, second-hand smoke kills 53,000 nonsmoking Americans every year and is a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease, low birth weight and chronic lung ailments.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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