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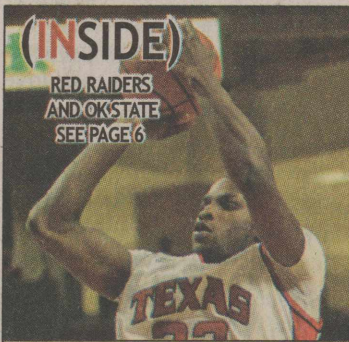
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STATE
American Indian tribes
try to reopen casinos

AUSTIN (AP) — American Indian tribes in Texas are trying again to reopen their casinos with legislation filed Tuesday that would provide a defense to prosecution for tribes that operate limited casino gambling.

Rep. Norma Chavez, an El Paso Democrat, filed a bill that would allow the Tigua tribe in El Paso and the Alabama-Coushatta tribe near Livingston to reopen casinos that were closed by court orders when the state opposed them. The tribes say they need the money generated from gambling for health care, education and other tribal necessities.

NATION
Obama signs stimulus,
readies foreclosure aid

DENVER (AP) — Racing to reverse the country's economic spiral, President Barack Obama signed the mammoth stimulus package into law Tuesday and readied a new \$50 billion foreclosure rescue for legions of Americans who are in danger of losing their homes.

There was no recovery yet for beleaguered automakers, who were back in Washington for more bailout billions. General Motors Corp. said it was closing plants, Chrysler LLC said it was cutting vehicle models and both said they were getting rid of thousands more jobs as they made their restructuring cases for \$5 billion more for Chrysler and as much as \$16.6 billion more for GM.

WORLD
Palestinians say Israelis
launch Gaza air strikes

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian officials in the Gaza Strip says Israeli planes have attacked smuggling tunnels around the Gaza-Egypt border and a disused Hamas security base near the town of Khan Younis.

The Hamas base had already been largely reduced to rubble in previous attacks since the Jan. 18 end of Israel's land campaign in the strip, but this time a mosque left standing inside the compound was destroyed.

Israel has launched sporadic attacks on smuggling tunnels and Hamas outposts since the offensive ended and Israel independently declared a truce.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Students show support for Leach in light of contract talks

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Before Texas Tech coach Mike Leach opted to decline a contract extension and finish out his current deal, Tech students and fans had to let him know how they felt.

About 50 students and fans organized a rally on Tuesday outside the football offices on the east side of Jones AT&T Stadium in support of Leach in the contract negotiations with Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers.

Students, die-hard fans and Lubbock residents were in attendance. The rally started at 11:30 a.m. and the crowd started chants and held up signs in front of local media and some football players who walked by.

There were chants such as "Heck no, Leach can't go" and "Get him signed" and signs that read "11-2, what more can he do?" and "Fight for Mike."

"I think that 'Hey, he's here. He's got the base. He's got everything going from him," said Fred Howell, a 68-year-old Tech alumnus who graduated in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL coach Mike Leach greets students in front of the Athletic Complex at a rally to support his contract extension. The athletic department gave Leach a 5 p.m., Tuesday deadline to sign a contract extension.

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"All of a sudden, this thing blew up. They said it's either Tuesday at 5 o'clock or forget it. That should never happen."

Leach's contract issues have been ongoing since April, and 5 p.m. Tuesday was the last chance to sign the \$12.7 million, five-year extension offered by Myers on Jan. 9.

No extension was signed as the deadline passed.

Throughout negotiations, Leach's agents and Myers tried to figure out a deal both sides are comfortable with; but talks stalled, leaving two years on his contract.

Most students at the rally wanted the two sides to compromise and agree on an extension.

"I think it's important to come to a compromise," said Jordan Marion, a junior public relations major

from Lubbock, "because not only is it important for Texas Tech Athletics, it's for the university and the students, and it's also very important to Lubbock and the South Plains area."

At one point, Tech linebacker Marlon Williams borrowed a fan's sign that read, "Be wise, Compromise," and held it high as he was pulled in a small, red wagon by Tech offensive lineman Deveric Galington.

Other players such as running back Aaron Crawford attended the rally, but declined to comment. Myers was unavailable for comment on the rally Monday and declined to talk about the contract negotiations Tuesday.

Monty Roberson is a Tech alumnus who graduated in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in general business. Roberson said he has watched Tech football since the 1960s, and he said he believes Leach is the best thing to ever happen to the program.

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Majority of Texas in wildfire danger

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

A large portion of Texas was placed in a heightened state of wildfire danger warning by the Texas Forest Service through today.

The areas of most concern are the Panhandle, West Texas, Central Texas and South Texas and include metropolitan areas such as Lubbock, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas-Fort Worth, Midland-Odessa, San Antonio and Waco among others, according to a Texas Forest Service news release.

Jeff Vitale, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Lubbock, said Lubbock's December through February three-month rainfall total was .87 inches, more than an inch less than the average total of 1.91 inches between December and February.

"We have a front moving through the state," said Marq Webb, a public information officer with the Texas Forest Service. "The winds are very strong, up to 60 miles per hour."

Webb said much of Texas is in danger of wildfires igniting because of the low humidity throughout the state as well as a lack of rain.

"It's a dangerous time for the public and for firefighters," he said. Webb said people might take wildfires for granted in the city, but fires still can impact communities.

"Fire doesn't recognize city limits," he said. "If you've got vegetation leading from the fire to the city, (the fire) can travel into the city. We have had towns severely



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Treador
A GRILL IS left vacant at Mackenzie Park Tuesday as a result of the current burn ban in effect.

impacted, houses burned."

Garrett Nelson, the public information officer at the Lubbock Fire Marshall office, said the fire department keeps a close watch on the weather every day. During high wind and drought condition days, the fire department takes extra precautions including sending more than one fire engine and more firefighters than usual to put out a wildfire.

"One of the things we enjoy out here is a lot of farmland," he said. "A fire can run, but eventually it's going to run into farmland unlike North Texas or Central Texas where there's just a lot of dry grassland. But we still have to worry about the houses on farmland. We're prepared in the city. We can get to any fire within

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Muñoz named Tech VP for institutional diversity

By JON VANDERLAAN
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Juan Muñoz was named the Texas Tech vice president of institutional diversity, equity and community engagement Tuesday by President Guy Bailey.

According to a university news release, Muñoz was named to the position to continue building on diversity work already underway.

"Matters of diversity and equity are vitally important at Texas Tech University," Bailey said in the release. "By combining our efforts, I believe Texas Tech can better meet the challenges we face in recruiting, retaining and graduating students."

Muñoz previously served as a special assistant to the president for institutional diversity and associate vice provost for faculty affairs at Tech.

Grace Hernandez, chief of staff for Bailey, said Bailey also developed this position during his tenure at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

"President Bailey has always felt that area is crucial to any university," she said.

Muñoz envisioned the creation of this position for a long time, she said, and the establishment of a vice president in the area as opposed to a special assistant keeps Tech competitive in

the area with other universities such as the University of Texas and Texas A&M, which have similar positions.

Muñoz said he is pleased at the creation of the position and takes his increased responsibility as a serious privilege.

"I think it makes us consistent with other universities in the Big 12," he said.

The elevation of the area and position was appropriate, Muñoz said, and the position will help coordinate the area of administration in a "reasonable and impactful" way.

He also said the position will allow him to draft an institutional-wide diversity framework to better organize and align activities, which he hopes will make Tech the school of choice for Texans.

The creation of this position as well as the awards for diversity the school has earned could help Tech take a national role as an inclusive campus, Muñoz said.

Although he will retain many of the same responsibilities, Hernandez said Muñoz also will be more involved in student affairs and university recruitment and retention.

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US, NKorea trade barbs

TOKYO (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton talked tough on her first overseas trip as America's top diplomat, delivering a sharp warning to North Korea on Tuesday over its threat to conduct a missile test.

As she wound down a long day of official events in Tokyo before preparing for the next leg of her Asia tour in Indonesia, Clinton said North Korea's threatened missile test would harm its prospects for improved relations with the United States and other neighbors.

"The possible missile launch that North Korea is talking about

would be very unhelpful in moving our relationship forward," she said, adding that if Pyongyang wants to end its isolation, it would have to act on pledges made to previous Bush administration negotiators to scale back its nuclear weapons efforts.

"The decision as to whether North Korea will cooperate in the six-party talks, end provocative language and actions is up to them and we are watching very closely," Clinton said, referring to North Korea's continuing talks with the U.S. and four other major nations over efforts to nudge the North to abandon nuclear weapons.

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Muñoz said the new position is a continuation and extension of the foundation already created by his previous position. He will take on new units and areas under institutional diversity, but his main tasks as an administrator for institutional diversity will remain the same.

Hernandez said the newly-created position could be considered a promotion, and the position also will make it known to the community that the university takes the issue of

institutional diversity seriously.

The first step, she said, is to continue recruiting faculty that is able and equipped to educate students for a diverse workplace outside of the university.

Hernandez, who is a liaison between various administrators and Bailey, said Muñoz's new role is the next step in his career, especially with what he has done in his previous position.

He has been recognized in the community as one of the leaders for diversity at the university, she said, and has worked hard to achieve the diversity goals of the university.

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Tech HSC to host Student Research Week

By KENDYL SEBESTA
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The Texas Tech Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will host Student Research Week: Molecular Pathways of Cancer March 3 through March 6 at the Tech Health Sciences Center to encourage discourse among the scientific community, students and public.

Student Research Week, which is organized by the Tech Graduate Student Association Committee, begins March 3 with a four-day poster competition from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Health Sciences Center. The competition will be open to all research areas and will include work from students outside the HSC, according to the Student Research Week Web site.

Ryan Downey, student director for Student Research Week, said about 90 posters and presentations are expected and will include student presentations from Tech, New Mexico and the surrounding area.

"We really wanted to expand the scope beyond just the Tech Health Sciences Center," he said, "and we want to encourage any type of research and clinical cases in the poster competition that people may have."

Downey said Student Research Week will provide the first step in getting research information to the public and will include poster topics

ranging from genetic fly mutation to reproductive technologies.

According to the Student Research Week Web site, the poster competition will be divided into undergraduate, basic science junior, basic science senior, clinical science junior, clinical science senior and post-doctoral categories that will be judged based on content, presentation and research methods throughout the week.

Each category will be judged March 6, and first place will be awarded prize of \$750 in scholarship funds, second place a prize of \$500 in scholarship funds, and third place a prize of \$250 in scholarship funds, Downey said.

Tech Health Sciences Center President Dr. John Baldwin also will award one \$1,000 scholarship, while additional \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded by the deans of the Tech Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy, according to the Student Research Week Web site.

Downey said judges for the student

research week poster competition will include Graduate Student Association Committee Associate Director Lisa Welch, and Tech Pharmacology and Neuroscience Graduate Student Rajiv Agrawal. The competition also will be judged by other researchers and professors at the Tech Health Sciences Center.

Rick Bliss, president of the Tech Health Sciences Center Student Government Association, received first place last year in the graduate students poster category, Downey said, for his research regarding AMPA-induced toxicity and tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF α).

Tammy Carter, the Tech research week planning committee co-chair, won third place in the first-year student category of the poster competition last year for her research regarding cancer gene SRC 64's impact on an oncogene fly embryo.

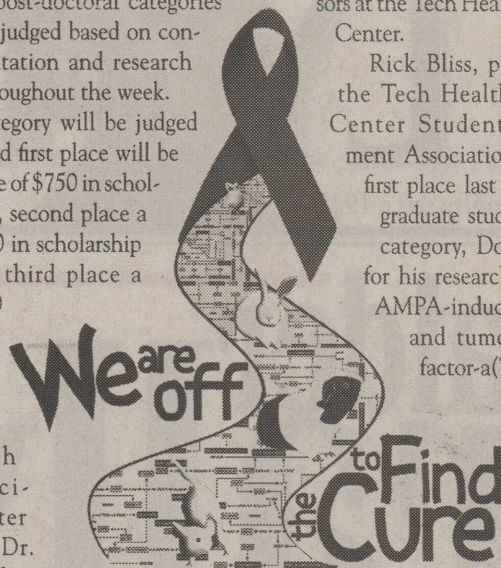
"This year I will be looking at the entire pathway of SRC 64," she said, "and determine if the gene is affecting, how the cells will perform."

The student research week also will include a lecture by Dr. John Minna, a professor at the graduate school of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. March 4. Minna will discuss the molecular pathologies of lung cancer with translation to the clinic.

Dr. Hamid Band, professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, will speak from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 5 regarding cell biology and translational possibilities. Dr. Pradipta Gosh, a University of California professor, will follow the discussion from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. concerning signal amplification switches that drive metastatic progression.

Dr. Richard Gaynor, vice president of cancer research and oncology for Eli Lilly, will end the evening with a lecture dinner series discussing cancer drug development from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 5, according to the Web site. Keynote speaker Dr. Timothy Triche, professor at the University Of Southern California Keck School Of Medicine, will conclude week 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. March 6 from with a discussion of the genetics of cancer, Downey said. Dr. Triche's discussion will be followed by a poster awards presentation ending at 12:30 p.m.

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Retraction

In the article titled "Stations plan to make early DTV transition" printed in the Thursday edition of *The DT*, multiple sources were misquoted and misrepresented.

Texas Tech reporting student Alyssa Little wrote a story that was published in *The DT* courtesy of an agreement between the newspaper and the Journalism Department.

Although she cited Skip Ogle, a director for Suddenlink Communications, and Gannett Tseggai, a spokeswoman with the White House, it has come to the attention of *The DT* — verified by both sources and Little — that she did not interview either source.

The two sources called the newspaper to inform *The DT* editors they not only were misquoted, but did not speak with the reporter who wrote the story. Both Ogle and Tseggai said the quotations used in the story ran contrary to the positions of their respective organizations.

Little did not notify the newspaper that she was unable to contact the two sources prior to publication.

The Daily Toreador and the Tech Journalism Department, a department in the College of Mass Communications have an agreement to allow reporting students to submit stories for publication in the newspaper.

The DT regrets the error.

Wild Fires

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Shawn Ellis, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Lubbock, said high winds and wildfires can impact people with allergies in the cities.

"The smoke and pollution, with the air and the dust could impact breathing," he said. "Smoke and dust carried by the wind could intensify breathing problems."

The worst of the latest wildfire risk is over for the South Plains, Ellis said. Lubbock was under a red flag wind advisory Tuesday as winds blew from the southwest between 25 and 35 miles per hour with gusts up to 40 miles per hour. Other areas of the South Plains had wind speeds

reaching 48 miles per hour, and the speeds were even higher in the northern Panhandle.

Wind speeds in the South Plains are expected to be a bit slower today, Ellis said. The wind is projected to blow from the northwest and the wind speed will range from 20 to 30 miles per hour.

"Our topography, obviously, is a big factor in the winds we see here," Ellis said. "We don't have much difference in elevation, so not much to shield us from the wind. Our geography, we're closer to the low pressure systems of the Rockies. We don't deal much with forests, but we do see grass fires. We're currently very dry with low humidity."

Nevertheless, he said, the South Plains is a high-risk area for wildfires.

Bill McCay, the commissioner for Precinct 1, said the Lubbock County Commissioners Court issued a burn ban Jan. 26 for Lubbock County.

"We watch closely when we have long period of dry weather," McCay said. "We visit with the volunteer firefighter departments of Lubbock County as well as the Lubbock fire chief. It was determined a burn ban would be in the best interest of Lubbock County."

Burning during a burn ban is a Class C Misdemeanor, he said, but there are a few exceptions including training for fire fighting. The burn ban will be canceled when drought conditions no longer exist. The Commissioner's Court could re-adopt the burn ban 90 days after the initial ban was put in place if drought conditions remain.

"We're hoping for rain," McCay

said. "We (historically) get rainfall within the next 90 days."

Ellis and Webb offered several tips for individuals to help prevent starting a wildfire including asking your local sheriff or county office if your respective county is under a burn ban and discouraging the use of a fire during outdoor activities and leaf burning. Vehicles driving in grassy areas could throw sparks that could ignite fires. Chains connecting vehicles to trailers should be tightened to prevent their dragging from throwing off sparks.

The Texas Forest Service is a state agency controlled by the Texas A&M University system, according to its Web site. It is mandated by law to "assume direction of all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state."

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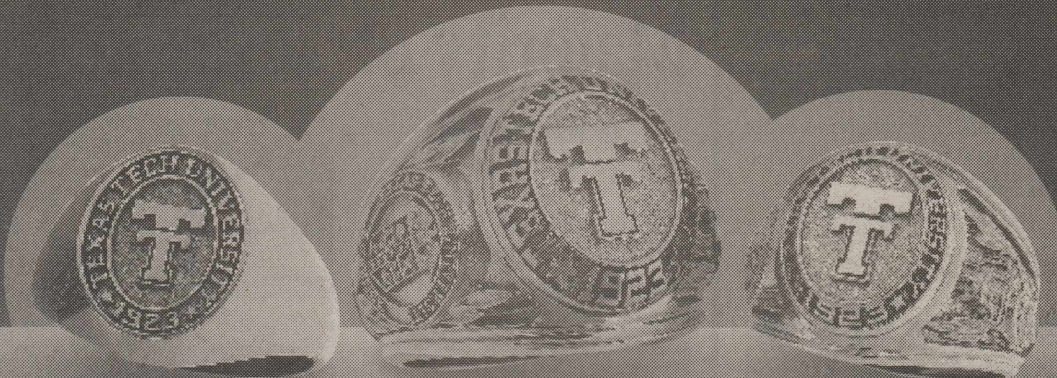
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Tech students celebrate engineers week, showcase future technology

By GARRETT SALZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech engineering students demonstrated the everyday applications of their degree concentrations with a magnetic hover car and hydrogen fuel cell vehicle on Tuesday as part of National Engineers Week.

Dave Wyrick, a Tech industrial engineering professor, said he had other motives for coming to the event.

"It's fun, and it's really good whipped cream," he said while wearing a plastic bag to protect his clothes from thrown pies. "I like that the students are supporting a charity, and I always enjoy supporting student activities."

Wyrick participated in the event by serving as a target for whipped cream pies thrown by students and faculty at the Tau Beta Pi booth.

Richard Greyson Greer, president of Tau Beta Pi, said the engineering honors organization hosted the pie toss as a fundraiser for a local charity.

Greer, a senior architecture and civil engineering dual major from Lubbock, said the event was designed to raise awareness for his group and give back to the community.

"We wanted to let students release some of that midterm stress," he said. "A lot of the students are kind of timid about throwing pies at their professors, but we've had a lot of faculty and staff going after each other to make up for it."

Forrest Jones, a member of Tech's student chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, said he hoped the event would encourage those interested in electronics to become involved in the field.

The senior electrical engineering major from Albuquerque, N.M., said his organization's booth, which featured magnetic hover cars, was designed to in-

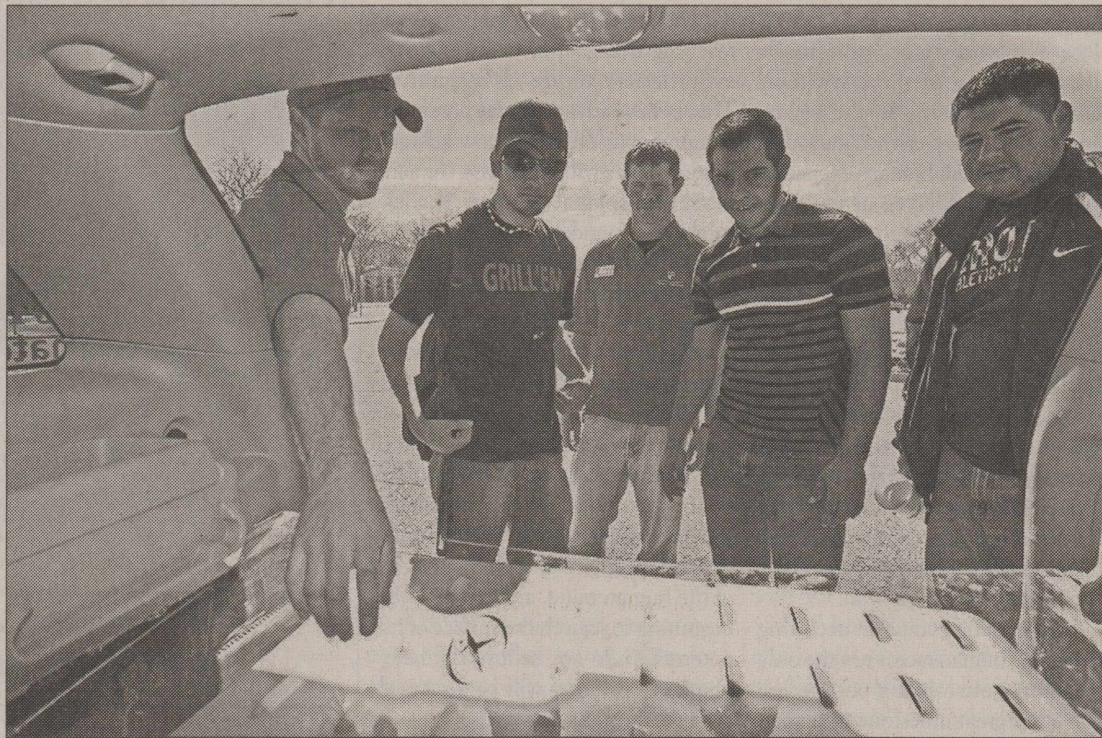


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MICHAEL OSKIERKO, A senior industrial engineering major from Abilene and the outreach coordinator for the ChallengeX team, shows a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle to a group of students Tuesday at the engineering key. Engineering students were at the key to demonstrate projects they designed.

form students about the kinds of projects his group participated in.

"This event is an exhibition for abstract concepts and their application in the real world," Jones said. "We're demonstrating actual proposed technology for the future to engineer power efficient trains in the future."

Michael Oskierko, a senior industrial engineering major from Abilene, showcased the features of a hydrogen fuel cell car the Tech ChallengeX team is constructing. He said the team is building the car as part of a national competition with 16 other colleges to engineer the most cost-efficient gas-alternative powered vehicle.

"This technology isn't necessarily

something that's gonna show up tomorrow in your driveway," Oskierko said. "It's a little sci-fi with fuel cell and all, but when this becomes common, people won't be as scared."

Oskierko said the car was demonstrated to pique the interest of students who were interested in joining the team.

More than \$500,000 has been invested in the project, he said.

"This event is really all about letting the students on campus know what's going on," Oskierko said. "It's about raising awareness and getting these kids involved. We want people to get as excited about the future as we are."

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LA VIDA NOCHE

Thursday

- Zach Edwards Band with Burgandy Haze at Jake's Backroom. Doors open 9 p.m.
- Texas Tech's Jazz II & Combos will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall.

Friday

- Ian Moore with Keegan McInroe Trio at Jake's Backroom. Doors open at 9 p.m.
- Bo Garza will perform from 8 p.m. to 11

p.m. at Stella's Lounge.

- Tech's Faculty Chamber Music featuring Kevin Wass will be at 8 p.m. in Hemmle Recital Hall. No charge.

Saturday

- Hank III & AssJack with the Poor Bastards at Jake's Backroom. Doors open at 7 p.m.
- Dim Lit Daylight will perform from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.

Sunday

- Tech's Faculty Chamber recital featuring William Westney will be at 3 p.m. in Hemmle Recital Hall.

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Are human beings evolving?

Charles Darwin published his masterpiece, "On the Origin of Species," 150 years ago this November. With the exceptions of the Abrahamic religions (Christianity, Judaism and Islam) Darwin's writing is perhaps the most controversial piece of literature in modern history.

In the book, Darwin proposed his theory of evolution from a common ancestor through a process called "natural selection." In a nutshell, natural selection claims organisms with more favorable traits are more likely to survive long enough to reproduce and thus, the favorable trait is spread to more and more members of the species until all surviving members of a species possess it.

Fifty thousand years ago, Homo sapiens — or human beings — evolved into existence in central Africa. But did the evolution stop there? Are we the same organisms that evolved those cons ago? The answer to that question is a resounding "no."

On the surface, the fact evolution is ongoing in the human population is obvious. Since we left Africa 40,000 years ago, we evolved traits that were favorable to our new environments. At the near equatorial latitudes of Africa, the constant direct sunlight made it necessary for humans to have dark skin to absorb the UV radiation. But as humans began to spread to more extreme latitudes, the high amounts of skin pigment were no longer necessary and people evolved to have light skin.

Also, social factors have played a role in the evolution of humanity. In given societies over history, people who were considered by their social groups to be attractive were more

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likely to reproduce and as such, very distinctive features evolved to be the norm within geographical and demographical areas of the world.

But to say that human evolution is an ongoing process is blasphemous in some circles. Harvard Paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould once wrote, "There have been no biological changes. Everything we've called culture and civilization we've built with this one body and brain." Some evolutionary psychologists claim the human brain underwent most of its evolution during the period when humans were hunter-gatherers and since then, little to nothing in the way of hard wiring has occurred.

But the reality is humanity is evolving and this evolution is occurring along two distinct avenues: genetics and technology. For years, the shrinking of the modern world brought the belief that from all the distinct cultures of the world, a single race of human would appear. It was believed globalization would eventually lead to the homogenizing of human societies. However, recent research has uncovered humans are not homogenizing, but instead evolving away from each other.

For modern humans, our evolutionary "environment" is not dependent on the natural environment (although recent factors such as global warming might begin to influence evolution), but instead is dependent on culture.

From the Americas to East Asia, and everywhere in between, distinct cultures have evolved, and within these cultures, evolution is taking place. The process is occurring much along the lines of the Darwinian "common ancestor." In the beginning, there was one environment and one culture. Then humans expanded and found themselves in multiple environments with multiple distinct cultures being formed.

Within cultures, subcultures evolve and the evolutionary tree branches out exponentially and the line between race and species becomes blurry. Some evolutionary biologists and psychologists believe with the rapid growth in world population, barring wars or some unforeseen extinction event, the moment when the human race splits into distinct species is near.

This genetic evolution occurring within the human race is not the only upcoming milestone for our species. The other great milestone in human evolution is the fabled "Technological singularity," the merging of man and machine. It has been predicted that in the year 2023, a \$1000 computer will match the complexity of the human brain in terms of operations per second. By 2050, we will be able to scan a human mind in its entire complexity and mesh it with a computer brain.

Imagine a world where you can have a chip installed in your brain and simply download information into it. There would be no need for schools, books, television, radio or any other form of media; all information could be downloaded instantaneously into your mind. Could it really be that this is the next evolution of humanity? Are we destined to become a

race of half-human/half-computer organisms?

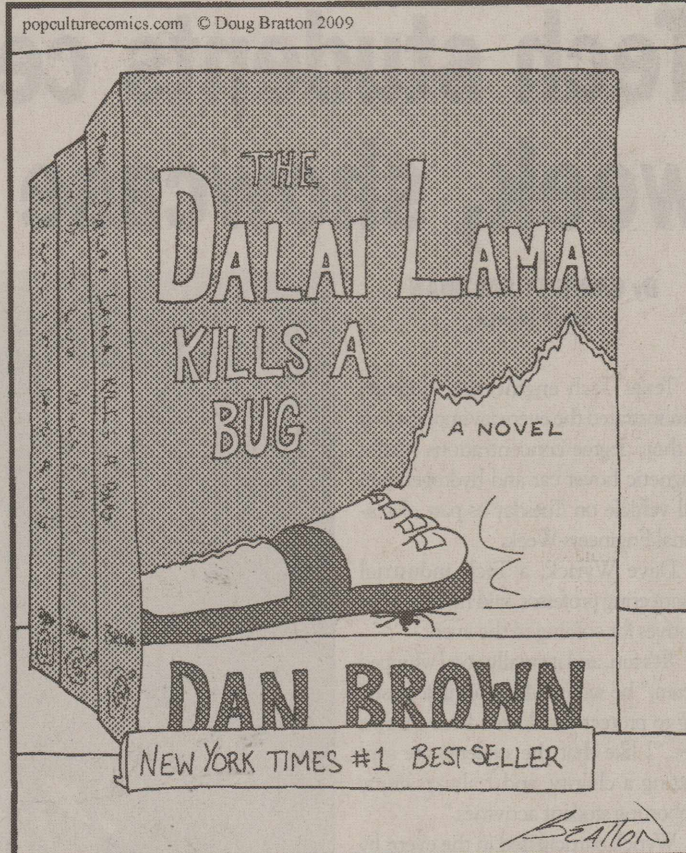
There are scientists and researchers who are dedicating their lives to reaching this goal of mastering the evolutionary future of humanity. They believe advancing the potential of human intelligence towards an infinite level will bring the human race into a golden age where, thanks to our newfound super-intelligence, we can finally achieve a utopian society like something out of a science fiction story.

Personally, I believe this level of technology will one day become possible, but not as soon as futurists suggest. Sure, the computing power will be there but our understanding of the mind and of consciousness will take much longer. We are only now beginning to unlock the secrets of the human mind, and we are only beginning to scratch the surface of its potential. I do not believe the next phase of evolution will be a race of sci-fi robot-humans.

At the end of the day, we are still a species of organisms living out our existence on Earth. For all our intelligence, we still are bound to the will of nature and it will be nature, not technology, that dictates our future.

Lao Tzu once wrote the reason the universe is eternal is it does not live for itself, it gives life to others as it transforms. We do not exist in the universe, we are the universe. We are part of it and it is part of us, and we cannot dictate for ourselves how we will exist as a part of the universal ecosystem.

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The Da Vinci Code Author's Latest Book and Religious Controversy

I am gay. I am also a Republican. So what?

By ALEX KNEPPER
THE EAGLE (AMERICAN U.)

I am a gay Republican. I am not "self-hating." I am not confused.

I am comfortable enough with my sexuality to think of myself in terms of traits other than simply my sexual orientation. I believe that my attraction to the same sex should have no bearing to my thoughts on tax policy, trade, foreign affairs or abortion. I believe that my sexuality is merely an incidental part of my life and should not be a major factor in my decision-making.

I am aware that there is a rich tradition of intellectualism, secularism and equality within the Republican Party outside of the Religious Right. I am aware that Hillary Clinton and Dick Cheney hold the same positions on gay rights. I am aware that Bill Clinton signed into law the last major anti-gay piece of legislation passed by Congress — the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. I am self-respecting enough to know that the words of the Democrats on gay rights are no substitute for their lack of action.

I believe that the virtues of classical liberalism — individualism, self-reliance and a rejection of cultural relativism — help gay men, just as they do all of mankind and are better exemplified by the Republican Party than by the Democratic Party. I am furthermore woefully confused by gay men's ambivalence toward radical Islam, which holds them in a particularly low esteem.

I believe that the gay subculture is destructive. I am not completely sure why a person should be "proud" of his sexuality, which is not an accomplishment. I am confused

by the discord between a group of people who insist that they're just like everyone else on one hand and then on the other refuse to assimilate into mainstream society.

I am unable to relate to the faction of gay men who revolve their lives around their sexuality: their neighborhood is gay, their friends are gay, their music and movies are gay, their academic interests are gay, the stores that they frequent are gay — their lives are gay. I am not interested, though, in living my life as a gay man, but simply as a man. I envision a future in which a person's sexual orientation will be an afterthought. I do not in any way whatsoever see the Democratic Party furthering that.

I have been discriminated against more by Democrats than by Republicans. I have been shunned and mocked by Democrats, many of whom will not accept me as a gay man unless I fit into their neatly-packaged view of what a gay man is "supposed" to be. I have yet to encounter, on the other hand, a Republican who has rejected my presence in the party, shunned me on a personal level or refused to engage me on the issues.

I have come to understand on a very personal basis that the stereotypes and caricatures of the parties are no substitute for experiencing their members up close. I see that the "tolerance" and "compassion" of the left only extends as far as a person is willing to further their ideological worldview.

I am not Alex Knepper, the gay man. I am Alex Knepper, a man who just so happens to be gay. I believe that my chosen virtues and the actions that I take, not my un-chosen sexual orientation, defines me as a person. I am a man who chooses to think for himself and shape his life on his own terms.

I don't think that makes me so radical.

"I believe that my attraction to the same sex should have no bearing to my thoughts on tax policy, trade, foreign affairs or abortion."

Americans need to come out of recession on their own

By JOEL BERRY
THE BG NEWS (BOWLING GREEN STATE U.)

I love America. Yes, I am one of those simple minded, ignorant rednecks who think America is truly beautiful. Two years ago, I was given a rare perspective on this country few will ever see.

When I stepped off the bus after a tour in Fallujah and saw my family for the first time in a year, a most profound gratefulness for the blessing that is America rose up within me. Passion for American freedom tugged at my heart and has not let go to this day.

While others may passively sing the Star Spangled Banner without a second thought, I cannot get through the song without tears welling up in my eyes. For me, freedom has a sweet taste many in this country will never know. I will never take anything for granted again.

Since the Civil War, we have come through two World Wars, the Great Depression and over a dozen recessions. Because of the freedom and opportunity we enjoy in America, we have endured each crisis through hard work, unbridled patriotism and undying optimism.

I love Americans because we refuse to accept defeat. We are a people who always look at a seemingly insurmountable obstacle with confidence and eagerness. Through sheer determination and love for our families, we pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and get things done.

Recessions are a time for Ameri-

cans to gain a new appreciation for hard work and the fruits of labor. They are a time to be reminded that our blessings are not free, and just as our forefathers poured sweat and blood to build what we have, we must bleed to maintain it. There is nothing more rewarding than overcoming hardship through hard work.

This is what America is about. And I don't think President Obama got the memo.

It seems as soon as Obama stepped from the campaign trail to the oval office, his message instantly switched from "Hope and Change" to "Doom and Gloom." The president has been touring the country trying to salvage the dying support for his new stimulus plan.

During his tour, I have heard more uses of the words disaster, catastrophe, crisis, "depression" and "desperate" than I care to in my life. He has called this the worst financial disaster since the great depression. In reality, it is the worst financial disaster since the early 1980s.

Obama has set out to convince everyone we are on the brink of Armageddon if we don't pass this spending bill. Obama appears to be doing the same thing Bush was accused of

— using the politics of fear.

Things are bad, and a president should never deny a problem exists. However, in the midst of a crisis, a true leader should inspire confidence, not instill fear.

In the speeches since his election, Obama has done nothing but remind us just how bitter, miserable and worried we should be. Rather than having hope in the resilience of the American people, he has simply stated only government can save us. Rather than inspire us to endure the pain and tackle this problem, he is expanding his nanny state version of government to ensure we endure as little pain as possible.

Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation recently reported the economic stimulus package passed on Saturday will set in motion another \$523 billion in new welfare spending over 10 years. You won't find this amount in the bill's much-advertised grand total because it is hidden by budgetary gimmicks. Additionally, the bill contains rewards for state governments to enroll more people in welfare.

"[This is] a time to be reminded that our blessings are not free, and just as our forefathers poured sweat and blood to build what we have, we must bleed to maintain it."

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Deadline passes, Regents schedule special meeting

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

For the time being, Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach will remain on board for the next two seasons after sputtering negotiations involving his contract extension came to a halt.

The deadline to sign a five-year, \$12.7 million extension offered by Athletic Director Gerald Myers was set for Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The deadline was not met, and Leach's immediate future seems uncertain after a suggestive statement released by Myers on Tuesday.

"Coach Leach has declined our \$12.7 million contract," Myers said in the statement. "We will enter the decision-making process and should have some announcements by next week. Our decisions will be based on the best interest of Texas Tech and all of its supporters."

That "decision-making process," is coming after Leach steered the Red Raiders to an 11-2 season in 2008, which earned him three national coach of the year awards and his best Tech recruiting class to date.

Addressing about 50 students at a rally outside Jones AT&T Stadium on Tuesday, Leach thanked them for their support and said he looks forward to an

exciting year in 2009.

Then in regards to the negotiations, he said "right now I just figure on finishing out my current contract."

In light of the issues, Tech's Board of Regents scheduled a special teleconference on Friday at 2 p.m. to discuss the situation.

Leach was prepared to sign a counteroffer sent to Myers on Friday, but the "so-called contract," as Myers put it in his rejection letter, was not worth consideration.

The offer, which was sent by Leach representative Matt Baldwin of International Management Group, agreed in principle on \$12.7 million through 2013, but other alterations regarding buyout and termination provisions caused Myers to make a strong rejection. It was Myers' second counteroffer rejection, the other was a Jan. 20 proposal sent by Baldwin.

In Myers' final offer, the buyout numbers for both sides in the early termination clause were the same: \$300,000 for each year left on the contract.

The counteroffer sent by Baldwin on Tuesday had Leach under a flat buyout of \$500,000, while guaranteeing him 40 percent of his remaining base salary and outside income if Tech terminates the contract.

In addition, Baldwin's proposal somewhat agreed to one of the sticking points that was holding up an agreement: Leach must provide notice to Myers if he plans to interview with another school.

In Myers' offer, the provision stated Leach would need to ask "permission" instead of just notifying Myers.

In his rejection, Myers called the difference in buyout numbers "unfair," considering Tech would pay Leach \$4.4 million if it wanted a coaching change in the first year, while Leach gets off with a base payment of \$500,000.

Leach first spoke of the "sticking points" during his press conference on National Signing Day Feb. 4, which opened the door for e-mails and letters to flood different media outlets on a weekly basis.

The original four points Myers presented in his final offer on Jan. 9 were as follows:

If Leach does not ask permission from Myers before interviewing for other coaching jobs, he is subject to termination and a payment of \$300,000 for each remaining year on his contract.

Leach's buyout clause was increased from a flat \$500,000 to \$300,000 for each year remaining on his contract. According to an e-mail sent from Baldwin on Jan. 9 shortly after Myers put

his final offer on the table, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, Kansas' Mark Mangino, Texas' Mack Brown and Kansas State's Bill Snyder each do not have buyout clauses.

The average buyout clause in the Big 12 Conference is \$740,909, which is less than the \$1.5 million maximum Leach could end up paying under Myers' offer.

Only Texas A&M's Mike Sherman and Missouri's Gary Pinkel have higher buyout clauses.

If Tech fired Leach, his guaranteed income would be less than the stipulations in his current contract, which guarantee him \$3.6 million — 40 percent — of his \$9 million base salary. In Myers' offer, at \$300,000 for each year left on the contract, Leach would be guaranteed \$1.5 million of his \$11.1 million base salary.

And last but not least, in Myers' final offer, Tech would "acquire coach's rights for outside athletics related income." It would have no change in Leach's total compensation, but it allows Tech to profit from his appearances, endorsements or book publishing, etc., by having Leach sign with Tech's new sports marketing company, Learfield Communications.

In an e-mail dated Jan. 12, Leach's agent, Gary O'Hagan, said in part, "In all my years in the business, I have never



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH COACH Mike Leach faces local media during a support rally Tuesday just outside Jones AT&T Stadium.

seen such a request."

In Tuesday's counteroffer that Myers rejected, IMG proposed \$1 million less in bonus incentives that were included in the Jan. 20 counteroffer.

The biggest difference was a bonus decrease if Leach wins a national championship. The Jan. 20 offer had Leach collecting \$1 million for winning a title, and the recent offer changed to \$250,000.

One bonus that was added in the

Jan. 20 offer and stayed in the latest offer was a \$150,000 payout for Leach if he reaches the national championship.

With Leach not signing Myers' final offer, he will coach in 2009 and 2010, unless an extension is worked out sometime in the near future. Tech President Guy Bailey told *The Daily Toreador* on Saturday he believes an extension can be achieved, but would prefer things to "cool down" for a little while.

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Lady Raiders' second-half lead slips away against No. 2 Oklahoma

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

It would have been a monumental win for Texas Tech.

But No. 2 Oklahoma did what it has done best during a school-record, 19-game win streak: persevere.

The Lady Raiders (14-11, 4-7 in Big 12 Conference play) lost 80-72 to OU (23-2, 11-0) Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech's loss places the Lady Raiders in a difficult spot considering the next five opponents on the schedule.

The Lady Raiders had a seven-point lead with 7:05 left in the game, and it seemed Tech would make headlines for knocking off a team few have found an answer for.

But after going 0-for-5 from the free-throw line in the first half, the Sooners found a way to get Tech into foul trouble while slowly climbing back into the game. OU went 21-of-25 from the charity stripe in the second half. That includes 11 straight free throws from the 9:12 mark to the 5:01 mark. The

free throws gave OU a lead it would not relinquish for the rest of the game.

"I thought that we had some poor possessions whether it was turning it over or we had some shots roll out," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "I mean goodness gracious. You take it back on the other end, the defensive end, too many offensive rebounds."

On the positive side, Curry said Jordan Murphree's past two games may be some of her best.

Murphree led Tech with a career-high 25 points. Behind her performance was a 17-point effort by forward Dominic Seals and 13 points from guard Maria Moore.

OU coach Sherri Coale said the Sooners did not have an answer for Murphree.

But OU made sure Murphree could not do anymore damage, as she went 0-for-3 in the last five minutes, assisting OU in controlling the lead.

"I think they put (Danielle) Robinson on me face-guarding, so the ball couldn't come back to me," Murphree said. "It was just key possessions in the last few minutes that really hurt us."

But what may trump Murphree's performance are double-doubles from Courtney and Ashley Paris. Courtney Paris led the Sooners with 23 points and 20 rebounds, nine of which were on the offensive glass. Ashley Paris added 16 points with 13 boards.

OU's uncharacteristic play highlighted the first half, as the Sooners had 13 turnovers along with 10 fouls. Robinson had four of those turnovers and three came from Ashley Paris, who also had three fouls at the half. Freshman guard Whitney Hand also found herself in foul trouble with three fouls.

This allowed the Lady Raiders to keep control of the game in the first half. OU didn't grab their first lead until 21-20 on a Robinson basket at the 8:37 mark.

But what changed in the late stages of the game is what continues to keep OU on top.

"Poise is a big thing," Coale said. "I think it's the difference, especially amidst all the chaos and the storm. Ironically, we didn't have that in the first half and you could tell in our turnovers and then the score."

Now a trip to visit Oklahoma State and the Big 12's leading scorer in Andrea Riley awaits Tech. On top of that, No. 5 Baylor, No. 21 Iowa State, a rematch with OU in Norman, Okla., and Missouri at home are not too far behind.

"Everyone always remembers how you finish," Curry said. "We have to be consistent these last five games and continue to fight, fight, fight."

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
LADY RAIDER FORWARD Kierra Mallard gets a shot off against OU's Courtney Paris during Tech's 80-72 loss to the Sooners Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Jerry Jones: No decision on TO

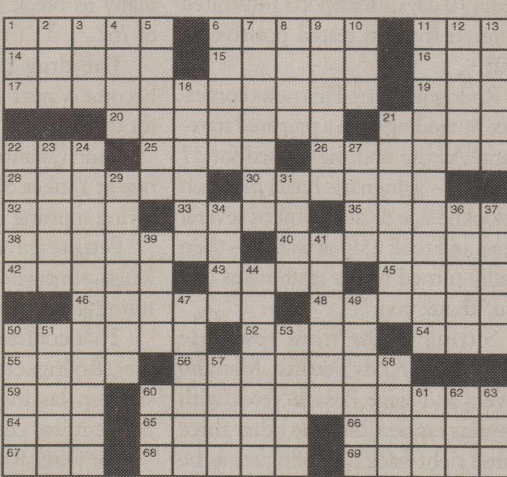
ARLINGTON (AP) — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones went on and on Tuesday emphasizing he hasn't decided whether to keep or cut Terrell Owens.

Then, long after the subject was seemingly put to rest, Jones brought it up again — with a pretty obvious hint that T.O. is staying.

"You and I both know that the one that you're asking about all the time, if I gave you the answer that you want to hear, then you would've already had it. So the fact you don't have it ought to tell you something. It really should," Jones said.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Arthur Marx's stage name
 - Jazz pianist Jankowski
 - Holy cow!
 - French water-bottler
 - City southeast of Rome
 - Here, in Le Havre
 - Show
 - Born in Boulogne
 - Bishop's district 21 & others
 - Angel dust: abbr.
 - Wilkie Wonka's creator
 - Climb
 - Gadabout
 - Hope/Crosby co-star
 - Athletic org.
 - Tab's target
 - Took care of
 - Acorn producer
 - Game bird
 - Bind again
 - Lt. subordinates
 - Gallery display
 - More vacuous
 - Beach, S.C.
 - Cartwright or Down
 - Succulent herb
 - CPA's approx.
 - Architect Mies van der ...
 - Jellyfish
 - U.S. dance grp.
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 - Pipe material
 - Roofing material
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 - Comet heads
 - Streisand movie
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 - Fauna starter?
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By Josiah Breward
Scranton, PA

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 - Handle capably
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 - The Silver Streak" co-star
 - Comet heads
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 - Afternoon show
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 - majesty
 - Spills the beans
 - Start
 - Factual
 - Pass through a membrane
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Being No. 1 a welcomed Tech tennis responsibility

By ZANE TURNER
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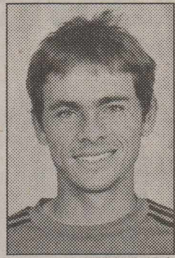
Being the No. 1 player for the Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams is a big responsibility: Facing the nation's best week in and week out, leading the team by example and winning on a consistent basis are among the tasks.

On the women's side, Samantha van der Drift holds the No. 1 spot and for the Red Raiders freshman Raony Carvalho mans the No. 1 position.

"He is handling it well," Tech coach Tim Siegel said of Carvalho. "We're trying to teach him to take care of his court

ready to play and win for his team — not just when it is match time but in workouts and every day in practice.

"Being No. 1 is a tough position," he said, "because it's not guaranteed you can beat all the matches because all the matches are hard. I think if I'm giving 100 percent the whole match I think it can make a big difference because if they see I'm working hard, then they have to too."



CARVALHO



VAN DER DRIFT

Drift's previous accomplishments command respect from her teammates.

Her responsibility this year is greater than in the past because she has the most experience and has two freshmen in the lineup — Natalie Leitch and Stefanie Peana — who can benefit from her knowledge.

Being the most experienced player, van der Drift said she leads by example every day, and her team picks their game up when she plays well and she picks her game up when her teammates play well.

But there is still more to reveal about the two No. 1s, as the competition for both the men and women will continue to get tougher each week.

The Lady Raiders have this week off before facing Midwestern State and No. 21 TCU on Feb. 26 at the McLeod Tennis Complex. The Red Raiders stay on the road to face No. 40 Arizona and No. 50 San Diego at 11 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, respectively, in Tucson, Ariz.

For the women, TCU's No. 1 is Nina Munch-Soegaard, who is ranked No. 12 in the nation with a 5-0 record — another challenge for van der Drift.

"I think I lead more by example," van der Drift said. "I think I'm more of a captain that leads by example rather than someone who is really vocal. But I think that is important too. Especially when we're playing and you have six players on your court, it's important to be vocal and especially with the freshmen."

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OSU playing with new identity

By ALEX YBARRA
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Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford heard himself give too many reasons why his team was not performing like it did earlier this season, so he decided to play tailor and make some last-second alterations in Saturday's game against Iowa State.

His starting lineup consisted of five guards: 5-foot-10 Keiton Page, 5-foot-11 Byron Eaton, 6-foot-5 Obi Muonelo, 6-foot-5 Terrel Harris and 6-foot-6 James Anderson. Ford's defensive game plan went to a full-court press, and it stayed that way for all 40 minutes.

"I'd been using the excuse myself, that 'Hey, we're not deep. We're not big, so we just gotta stay with this lineup,'" said Ford, whose team will play Texas Tech at 8:30 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena. "Finally, I just said, 'Hey, there's gotta be a change here.' Guys are either gonna be in the right place at the right time to do the right things, or you're not gonna play. You're gonna come out."

The Cowboys (15-9, 4-6 in Big 12 Conference play) beat Iowa State 86-67 at home, giving them some confidence through a style of play that no one expected.

Ford said he plans to do it again against the Red Raiders (12-13, 2-8).

"Try to keep our guys on edge a little bit," he said, "and let them know that just because you've started the first 25 games that doesn't mean you're gonna start the rest of them. There had to be a change."

Tech coach Pat Knight, whose team has lost nine of its last 11, said he understands why Ford has turned around his philosophy this late in the season. Although they are not as extreme as playing full-court basketball all game, Knight said he has tried some changes of his own lately.

"I don't think it affects anything," said Knight, whose Red Raiders lost 81-80 at Oklahoma State on Feb. 4. "When teams aren't winning as much, like the both of us are, you'll do anything to try



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Nick Okorie has scored 45 points during the last two games and will look to continue scoring against Oklahoma State tonight in the United Spirit Arena.

to gain an edge, or try to get some players fired up, or try to get as much as you can out of them."

Knight has not needed to coax any extra energy or precision from guard Nick Okorie, who has a combined 45 points on 15-of-25 shooting in his last two games. He followed up a career-high 21 points against Kansas State on Feb. 11 with a career-high 24 against Oklahoma on Saturday, increasing his scoring average to 10 points per game — fourth on the team.

After averaging double figures through the first six games of the season, Okorie went down with a sprained ankle,

sidelining him for the next four games and hampering him for several games after he returned.

Okorie, a transfer out of South Plains Junior College, said his improved play is a combination of his ankle getting closer to 100 percent and adjusting to Division I basketball.

"I've been actually feeling it, the shots just falling," Okorie said. "I'm getting my form better, working on the footwork with my shooting coaches and what not. They've been telling me to work with my shot and keep it up and drive to the basket pretty much."

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"Being No. 1 is a tough position because it's not guaranteed you can beat all the matches because all the matches are hard."

RAONY CARVALHO
TEXAS TECH
NO. 1 SINGLES PLAYER

For the Lady Raiders van der Drift has been rock solid her entire career. This season, the senior holds a 4-2 record and has played a major leadership role being the lone senior on the team. With 71 singles wins in her career, van der Drift is three victories shy of becoming Tech's all-time women's tennis wins leader.

Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty said a player like van der Drift is invaluable to the team.

"More than anything it is the leadership qualities that she shows," he said. "She's not only a top-notch player, but she's also like an assistant coach especially for me this year. She's the team captain, and she has all the qualities of a champion and carries that around the court."

As team captain and preseason All-Big 12 Conference selection, van der

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

Ombuds Office
A safe place for students & staff to bring concerns.

The Ombuds Office has moved!

We are now located in the SUB room 238.

238 Student Union Bldg 806-742-4791

Leach

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"It's the most exciting it's ever been, and I just don't want to see it come to an end," said the 58-year-old. "Who would fire a national coach of the year?"

At about 12:26 p.m., Leach made an appearance at the rally to thank the crowd for supporting him. He said he was excited about the upcoming season and one of the biggest things recruits like to see is fan support, which the crowd showed. After Leach left, so did the crowd, leaving the rally to end at about 12:30 p.m.

Not everyone supported Leach through the contract negotiations, though.

Rick McCreight, a 45-year-old Lubbock resident, said he believes Leach has not shown his best colors throughout the

latest developments.

McCreight created the Web site takeahikemike.com in hopes that it would show a different viewpoint of the situation.

On the Web site, McCreight wanted to show that the money is overshadowing what coaches should really stand for: character.

McCreight, whose son attends Tech, also is giving away bumper stickers that read, "Take a Hike Mike."

McCreight said he hopes the Web Site is not portrayed as an angry outrage, but rather an enlightening viewpoint on what has gone wrong with sports.

"I think that sports in general has changed to the bottom line," McCreight said. "It's changed to what kind of money can we make? I think it's harmed the overall general character of sports."

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Rodriguez says he injected over-the-counter substance

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez offered new details Tuesday about his performance-enhancing drug use, saying his cousin injected him with an over-the-counter substance to gain an energy boost.

The New York Yankees star said using the banned drug that he said he obtained from the Dominican Republic was a "stupid mistake."

"I knew we weren't taking Tic Tacs," said Rodriguez, who was joined at the head table with Yankees general manager Brian Cashman and manager Joe Girardi.

The three-time AL MVP and baseball's highest-paid player met the media 10 days after Sports Illustrated reported that he tested positive in 2003.

Rodriguez started his news conference by reading from a prepared statement. At the end, he paused for 37 seconds — a dramatic break in which he looked side to side, blinked several times and took a sip of water — then finally turned to his teammates and said "thank you."

Sitting in the front row were Derek Jeter, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada. Jeter, with his arms crossed, and the other three stared right back at Rodriguez as he apologized directly to them.

In an interview with ESPN last week, Rodriguez admitted to using banned drugs from 2001 to 2003 while playing for the Texas Rangers. He insisted then and again Tuesday that he has not used banned drugs since.

"I'm here to take my medicine," Rodriguez said. "One thing I will say after today I hope to focus on baseball. We have a very special team here."

Asked whether his stats during those years should count, he said it wasn't for him to decide.

The 33-year-old Rodriguez has hit 553 home runs and is expected by many to break Barry Bonds' record of 762.

The drug-related apology has become a near-annual February rite for the Yankees.

Jason Giambi gave an ambiguous one at Yankee Stadium on the eve of spring training in 2005.

Pettitte gave an emotional and lengthy one when he arrived at spring training last year.

That confessional lasted 55 minutes. Rodriguez's on Tuesday was far shorter, lasting about 32 minutes before it was cut off.

For years, Rodriguez denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

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8 AM	Super Why			J. Hanna	Willkos		
9 AM	Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Divorce	Payne	Regis	Martha Stewart
10 AM	Dragon Word		Price to Right (HD)	The Morning Show	Cosby	The View (HD)	The Morning Show
11 AM	Martha Jeopardy	Restless (HD)		Alex	Paid Prog.	Church	Tyra
12 PM	Quilt-Day	News	News	The People's Court	Roseanne	All My Children	Paid Prog.
1 PM	Painting Days of Our Lives	As the World		Paid Prog.	Fam Court	One Life to Live	The People's Court
2 PM	Behv. Lion Reading	The Doctors	Guiding Light	Maury	Judge Jeanine	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
3 PM	Arthur WordGirl	Oprah Winfrey	Brown	Extra	J. Fox	No Deal	Ellen DeGenerese
4 PM	FETCH Cyber	Dr. Phil	Judy	Meury	Standing	Recheal Ray	Bornie Hunt Show
5 PM	Meaya Bus. Rpt	News	News	Fam. Feud	Queens	News	Lopez Simpsons
6 PM	NewsHour (HD)	News	News	Law Order	'70s	News	Lopez
7 PM	NYC Ballet (HD)	Knight Ride	Christine	Funnies! Moment	Privileged	Lost (HD)	American Idol (HD)
8 PM	American Masters: Chagall	Life "Heart Mom"	Criminal Minds	One Roof	90210	Lost "316" (HD)	Lie to Me (HD)
9 PM	Law & Order (HD)	CSI: NY (HD)	Jim (HD)	Lopez	Style	(9:27) Life on Mars	News
10 PM	Bus. Rpt	The Tonight Show	News	King	Sex City	News	Two & 1/2
11 PM	Rose	(11:37) Late Show	Wife	Barnie	Scubs	Raymond	
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- It is recommended that applicants have had the journalism course in magazine writing (when offered) and editing.

Applications Due: 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20
103 Student Media Building



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Big Kahuna Softball is Back! We will have a one day softball tournament on Saturday, March 7 starting at 9am! This is a free tournament for everyone! You don't have to be playing spring softball! Big Kahuna is pool play followed by a single elimination Tournament. This is an open league event.

Registration Starts Monday and goes through March 5th. Play will be at the Rec Sports Softball Complex.

Raider X2
Just a reminder - Session 2 sign-ups start on February 22! All of your favorite X2 classes and a few new ones, like self defense and Intro to Triathlon will be available!

Intramurals

Spring Softball Sign-ups

It's Softball Time at Tech! Get ready to dust off the gloves and warm up the bats, Intramural Softball sign-ups will be taking place today and tomorrow for the 2009 Spring Softball Season. Remember team sign-ups are first come first serve. For more information, visit the web at www.rescsports.ttu.edu or call 742-2945. Hope to see you on the DIAMOND!

Intramural Badminton and Table Tennis now Registering!

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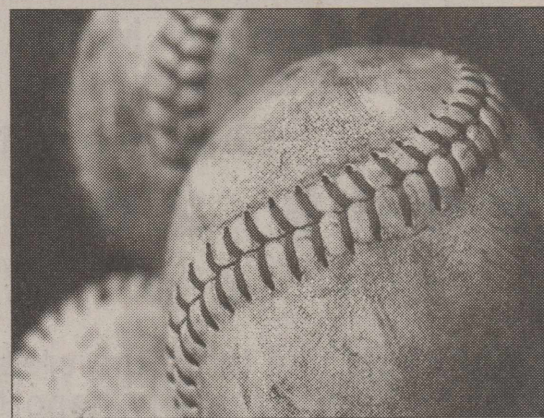
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Tuesday, March 31st - April 23rd

Wednesday, April 18th - April 26th

Monday, May 11th - May 16th

Outdoor Pursuits Center

Colorado Ice Climbing Trip

Deadline: Feb. 19

Cost: \$275

Trip Dates: Feb. 26 - Mar. 1

Are you ready to challenge yourself with a new adventure? Colorado Ice Climbing might be for you! This trip has two and a half days of climbing guided by an ice climbing guide. The trip is at a waterfall near Creede, Co!

For more information, call 742-2949.

Wilderness First Responder

Deadline: \$495 before February 20, \$525 after

Trip Dates: March 14 - 22

The Wilderness First Responder course has been designed specifically to meet the needs of wilderness guides, expedition leaders, and outdoor instructors. It is the outdoor education and recreation industry's standard for wilderness medical training. It is the wilderness medicine training course for outdoor professionals...and the course you want your friends to have taken before you travel with them. The course includes WMTCA adult CPR & AED certification. For more information, call 742-2949.

The Devil's Highway Bike Tour

Register by March 5

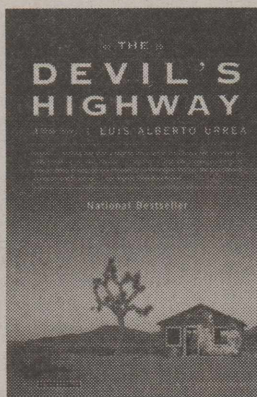
Trip Dates: March 18 - 22

Trip Cost: \$195

Bike rental is included!

This trip will start in the Big Bend National Park area and proceed north over the course of five days. Over the course of the five days, everyone will be discussing different aspects of the "The Devil's Highway" by Luis Alberto Urrea, the 2008 Summer Reading Program book for the First Year Raider Experience. The book follows 26 Mexican men as they try to come into the United States illegally. Only 12 survive. This book dissects the failings and hardship of border regulations both in the US and Mexico. Join us in a trip that attempts to provide a unique perspective on the immigration issue by riding through one of the harshest areas of Texas not meant to sustain human life.

For more information, contact the OPC at opc@ttu.edu or by phone at 742-2949
For more information on the Summer Reading Program, visit www.summerreading.ttu.edu



Fit/Well

Feed Your Body and Soul Week

Monday, Feb. 23 - Nutrition Monday "Snack Smart"

Eating disorder screenings from the Counseling Center 4:00 - 6:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Free Belly Dance class at 5:30 Room 114

Men's Health Panel 7pm Room 201

Check <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/scc/> for the entire week's activities

Registration for the 2nd Session of X2 classes begins February 22.

Register for the 2nd 6 weeks of Spin, Boxing Techniques, Dance and Mind/Body classes.

New this session is an Intro to Triathlon class, Self Defense and Ballroom Dancing. Check www.rescsports.ttu.edu for times and prices.

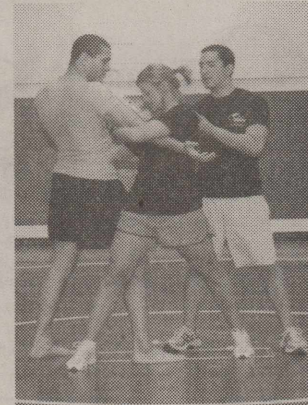
Classes begin on March 1.

Wellness Blood Screenings Tomorrow!

New Year's resolutions, spring break, and warm weather... Get some solid proof of your health profile and resolve to improve those numbers over the next few months! Covenant Corporate Services will draw blood. Results of Blood tests include Lipid Profile (\$10), Glucose (\$5), Wellness Chemistry profile (\$25), CBC (\$20), Thyroid (\$15), PSA (\$20), H.pylori (\$15), C-Reactive Protein (\$30) and Homocysteine (\$35).

Colon Cancer Screening Kit (\$10) will also be offered but does not require a blood draw. For descriptions, please go to www.rescsports.ttu.edu. Rec Center membership is NOT required. Please register by today at noon by calling 742.3828. Payment (cash or check) is due the morning of the tests. FirstCare participants need to bring a copy of their insurance card.. Please come fasting (no food or beverages 10 hours prior). Make a commitment to better health. Begin by learning your current blood levels and continue with exercise, better nutrition and stress management.

For more info, email fitwell.rec@ttu.edu.



student union

coming together in the union

Come On Down!

You may be the next contestant on



Thursday, February 26, 2009

8:00 p.m.

Allen Theatre



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Student Union & Activities

Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

for more information - call (806) 742-3636 or visit www.sub.ttu.edu



activities

whats coming up at the union

Broadway Attractions -- The Rat Pack is Back

Thursday, February 19 - Saturday, February 21
Lubbock City Bank Auditorium | 7:30pm

Movie -- Changeling

Friday, February 20
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00pm

Matinee Movie -- Changeling

Monday, February 23
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00pm

After Hours featuring Death from Below

Tuesday, February 24
SUB Matador Room | 7:00pm

Tech Price is Right

Thursday, February 26
SUB Allen | 8:00pm

For more information about activities in the Student Union visit www.tab.ttu.edu

student organization updates...

S.O. Registration Meeting

Tuesday, February 24
SUB Senate Room | 2:00pm

S.O. Advisor Meeting - OrgSync 101

Wednesday, February 25
SUB Mesa Room | 5:00pm