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STATE

Storms move across North, East Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Electric linemen are being brought in from Oklahoma and Houston to help restore power to tens of thousands of North Texas customers left in the dark by a series of storms.

Forecasters expect flash-flooding in Dallas County on Thursday as strong thunderstorms continue to rumble through the area.

The National Weather Service reports as much as six inches of rain had fallen on Dallas County by the morning rush hour, with more rain in the offing.

NATION

Obama declares it is time to fix health care

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — President Barack Obama went to the nation's heartland Thursday to challenge critics of his proposed health care overhaul, asking: "What's the alternative?"

Obama has run into opposition from fellow Democrats in Congress and the nation's largest doctors' association.

Dismissing criticism, Obama attempted to sell his proposals directly to Americans. He did not directly respond to the American Medical Association's president, who remains unconvinced of the wisdom of the White House's call for a public health plan. Instead, Obama broadly described his critics as naysayers.

WORLD

Swine flu pandemic has begun, 1st in 41 years

GENEVA (AP) — The World Health Organization told its member nations it was declaring a swine flu pandemic Thursday — the first global flu epidemic in 41 years — as infections climbed in the United States, Europe, Australia, South America and elsewhere.

In a statement sent to member countries, WHO said it decided to raise the pandemic warning level from phase 5 to 6 — its highest alert — after holding an emergency meeting on swine flu with its experts.

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One wild ride

Red Raiders make history by becoming part of most documented tornado in history



PHOTO BY SARAH DILLINGHAM/Courtesy of StickNet Team 3 with VORTEX 2

A TORNADO REACHES the ground to the southwest of LaGrange, Wyo., on June 5 with StickNet being deployed in front. VORTEX2 members, Texas Tech graduate students Ian Giammanco (left) and Frank Lombardo (right), are setting up. After 26 days of scouring the country, VORTEX2 — the largest, most concentrated effort to research tornadoes in the field — finally documented a tornado.

By ALEX YBARRA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's not very often when someone wants an autograph from a Texas Tech doctoral student.

But here was Tanya Brown, a 26-year-old team leader for VORTEX2 — the largest, most ambitious in-field tornado study ever orchestrated — standing with friends at a gas station between stops, shocked a man was asking for her signature.

Brown was used to people taking photos of all the equipment and what not, but a legitimate signing session? Up to this point, Brown's exposure had been a few stints on The Weather Channel.

"He said his grandson really likes weather and storm chasing," said Brown, a native of Kansas. "I was just like, 'OK, well you can give this to your grandson, but I doubt he's really gonna know who I am so whatever.' It was kind of a weird experience."

That's one little weird experience inside an experience of a lifetime. Brown and the Tech wind science and engineering team are a sliver of more than 100 scientists and students who set out in May with plans to understand tornado formation, maintenance and structure by gathering massive amounts of specific weather data.

"Why do some severe thunderstorms produce tornadoes and some don't?" Brown said. "Why are some tornadoes strong and others are weak? Why do some travel long distances and some are really short?"

After finding the answers and piecing them together, the VORTEX2 crew hopes to make national tornado warnings more effective. According to the program's Web site, current warnings average 13 minutes of lead-time and are false alarms 70 percent of the time.

Two research platforms are vital to gathering information: StickNets, which are modified engineering tripods used to

measure wind, pressure, temperature and humidity; and a new, state-of-the-art mobile Doppler built by Red Raiders, aptly named TTUKa.

The TTUKa is the only one of its kind. Pat Skinner, a Tech doctoral candidate and navigator of the Doppler, said it uses small wavelengths, giving images a higher resolution despite having a shorter range than other radars.

"It ought to have one of the highest resolutions available in the world for a mobile radar," he said.

Of course, the main ingredient in all of this is tornadoes, which as mysterious as they are, seemed to go missing across the Midwest as soon as VORTEX2 launched.

As the days went by, no tornadoes touched down — just close call after close call. The equipment was not going to waste though, huge storms were being recorded and documented regularly. However, without the tornado some grew frustrated, including Chris Weiss, who is an assistant

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"We try to keep each other sane. We drive a lot of late nights, so we're a little silly sometimes ..."

TANYA BROWN

Texas Tech doctoral candidate and VORTEX2 member

Management duties shifting at The Rawls Course

By ALEX YBARRA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Greg Winter seems pretty competitive, which bodes well for The Rawls Golf Course considering he took over as director last week.

"I think the golf course has already gained a very nice, very good reputation, so it's just building on top of that," said Winter, who has worked under the new management company, Troon Golf, for 14 years. "We're always looking for ways to improve things, not only here at each course we manage, but as a company. We gotta stay ahead of our competition."

With 140 courses around the world either being operated or in development and numerous top 100 course rankings, Troon is a giant in the golf course management business. The company took over last week, and Winter, who



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

AFTER MANAGING DIRECTOR Jack North's retirement in April, the decision was made to switch to professional golf course management company Troon Golf. Pictured is the bridge at the 18th hole of The Rawls Course.

has 20 years experience, came from Rose Creek Golf Course in Edmond, Okla. He replaces longtime managing director Jack North, who retired at the end of April.

The decision wasn't too difficult

for Winter, who grew up in the panhandle of Oklahoma, so he's familiar with the region. Also, his wife graduated from Tech and lived in Lubbock for eight years during that time.

Plus, being a part of one of the top courses in Texas doesn't hurt.

"It's a great opportunity to be involved with the university, with

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Golf tournament, scholarship to honor memory of Texas Tech student



TODD EDWARDS

By ALEX YBARRA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With a nickname like "Sunshine," it only seems right to honor the memory of Texas Tech junior Todd Edwards with a golf tournament under the sun.

"He loved to play golf," said Rebecca Edwards, his mother. "He was pretty good at it. It was just something that he could share with his dad and his brother and his friends."

Todd Edwards, 21, was heading back to Lubbock on May 11 after spending the weekend in his hometown of Midland when he was killed in a traffic wreck early that morning.

After a flag lowering ceremony on Tech's campus June 1, a scholarship fund has been set up in his memory. The initial fundraiser will be the first Todd Edwards "Sunshine" Memorial Golf Classic at 10 a.m., Aug. 15 at Hogan Park Golf Course in Midland.

"We're gonna try to do it annually, an annual fundraiser to fund the scholarship and endowment fund at the school," Rebecca Edwards said. "We just figured that would be at least one way that we could help raise money ourselves individually to put towards a scholarship fund."

Todd Edwards was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Tech, and Rebecca Edwards said it's too early to tell who the scholarship will go to. However, it will process through Tech and possibly be given to a member of his fraternity.

Todd Edwards was the intramural chairman for the fraternity, and Cody Duran, a junior history major from Arlington, was his big brother with Sigma Phi Epsilon. Duran said Todd Edwards had all the characteristics of a leader, and he was a natural in just about anything.

"He was one of the people that was just amazing at everything," Duran said. "Whatever he tried he was good at. He was just one of those lucky people."

Duran remembers when Edwards almost did not rush the fraternity, but once the topic of intramurals and playing softball came up, he showed more interest. Once he was initiated, the rest was history.

"I guess my best memory, one of them, he decided he was gonna win the (softball) championship for us, and he did it almost single-handedly," Duran said. "He was a beast in softball. He was our pitcher, and he dominated."

When he received the news that Edwards died, Duran had a hard time coming to grips with the reality of losing a dear friend.

"That was definitely the worst day of my life, cried for a long time and I hadn't cried in a while," he said. "It was pretty hard to take that news. When we found out, we all went to his apartment and sat there with his

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FRISBEE FUN



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STEPHANIE LOWERY, A junior accounting major from Lubbock, plays ultimate frisbee with children attending the Rec Sports Youth Summer Sports Camp Wednesday inside the Student Recreation Center.

Tornado

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professor of atmospheric science at Tech and a principal investigator for VORTEX2.

"The season has been very strange," he said via email on Wednesday while traveling from Wichita, Kan. "May 2009 will go down as a significant anomaly in terms of tornado production. Very few tornadoes were spawned — which made it very difficult to achieve our research objectives."

That all changed on June 5, when the preparation and traveling paid off. After 26 days chasing ghosts, VORTEX2 finally hit the scientific jackpot.

It happened in Goshen County near LaGrange, Wyo., in a rural pasture, and it was the perfect setting: a good road network, no one in danger and a sluggish, mild tornado. It was anywhere from a quarter-mile to half-mile wide, classified as an F-1, Brown said, and it was slow moving, allowing ample time to load up on data without any equipment getting destroyed.

It ended up being the most documented tornado in the history of any

field project, Brown said.

"That was kind of the point of having all these different research groups, was to get the complete data set," she said, "and we nailed it. Everybody got their instruments deployed, all the radars were there."

After nearly a month, their journey will be coming to an end on Sunday, but that doesn't mean they're slowing down. In fact, they're just getting going.

"We're starting to get a little desperate and running out of time," Brown said. "So we finally started off June with several classic looking supercells so we're finally, finally getting cranking here."

As of Wednesday, the crew had traveled 9,000 miles across the central plains from Northwest Missouri up into Western Iowa then over to Southwest South Dakota, Eastern Wyoming, Eastern Colorado and down toward Lubbock.

With a caravan of about 40 cars reminiscent of the 1996 film "Twister," and hundreds of people, lodging seems to be an obvious issue, especially in smaller towns.

"We stay in hotels," Brown said.

"Actually, there's one lady responsible for making hotel reservations for the

entire group, and she makes about 125 reservations a day. So I don't envy her."

As for entertainment, Skinner said they're working on an exciting photo catalog of more than 200 water towers from different cities. Anything to stay occupied during the long, drawn-out road trips helps pass the time.

"We try to keep each other sane," Brown said. "We drive a lot of late nights, so we're a little silly sometimes in the late hours of the day just trying to stay awake and keep going."

Even with long road hours and late nights — the teams normally don't reach their hotels until 11 p.m. or midnight — the sacrifices are well worth every bump in the road, every missed tornado and every broken piece of equipment.

The original VORTEX project was in 1995, and after VORTEX2, there may not be another concentrated effort of this magnitude in a long time.

"The whole idea is to make people safer and save lives," Brown said. "Not very many people get the opportunity to do something like that. So we're pretty fortunate to be involved in such a noble project."

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Students multitasking more than ever

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Students often find themselves reading a newspaper, checking their e-mail and listening to a lecture in class at the same time. The multitasking culture has led Texas Tech's Teaching, Learning and Technology Center to wonder if effective learning can be achieved while spreading an attention span too thin.

Allison Boye, Teacher Education Alliance Collaborative for Higher Education program director, said multitasking is popular among students, however, not an effective way to learn.

"Generally, it's not really multitasking that's the problem," she said, "but becoming distracted between multiple tasks. You might accomplish some things, but the quality of learning is not as good as it is when you are thinking about one thing at a time."

Boye, along with Suzanne Tapp, another Teaching, Learning and Technology Center employee, will be hosting, "The Myth of Multitasking", a workshop to inform faculty, staff and students of the dangers of multitasking.

"Multitasking isn't the best way to go about things," she said. "Recognize it's ineffective, even though it's fun to

text or be on Facebook."

The idea for the session came about, Boye said, after realizing the quality of learning attained by millennial students.

"In college students who came to college starting in 2000," she said, "some central tendencies have been identified by researchers. Multitasking has come up."

The session will help instructors in connecting to students who tend to multitask in class, she said, and shed light on effective ways to get the most out of a culture who face multiple distractions in the classroom.

Stephanie Shippey, reference librarian for the The Preston Smith Library at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, has noticed students' tendency to multitask while instructing in the schools of medicine and nursing.

"This generation definitely has a tendency to multitask more than the older generations," she said. "Some of them can do more than one thing at a time and still catch up to a lecture, but most will realize they're a step behind."

Shippey said she is attending the session to understand more about the dangers of multitasking and how to keep the attention of students.

"We would listen to music and watch TV while we did homework," she said of her own generation, "now everybody has

more stuff to pay attention to."

Senior petroleum engineering and math major from Houston, Mike Jones, admitted to paying attention to several other things in his classes.

For example, he looks at his cell phone several times during class, he said, but tries to make it brief.

"If it was dangerous to learning," he said, "then why are so many other people doing it?"

Jones would continue to allow distractions to occupy some of his attention, he said, because he feels he has been successfully learning so far.

Boye said students often believe some common myths concerning multitasking without realizing the damage it can do to learning.

"A lot of people believe it helps them save time," she said, "or that they couldn't get everything done without multitasking. The learning is not as good as when you are able to focus on one thing at a time."

Both students and instructors have something to gain from the event, she said.

The multitasking workshop will be held at noon on Thursday, June 18 in the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center room 153. Staff, faculty and students interested in attending can register at www.tlct.ttu.edu.

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Edwards

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roommates.

"We didn't talk much, we just stared with each other. Having all the brothers there helped a lot."

As for the nickname, it began as a joke from the movie "Remember the Titans," when

a transfer student with long blond hair joined the football team, immediately being named "Sunshine." It was sort of the case with Edwards, who had the same hairstyle. Soon enough, the nickname caught on because it fit his personality.

"It kind of just stuck because he was always happy," Duran said. "He was the happiest person I've ever met."

Lisa Worden, Edwards' aunt, said the nickname was perfect for him.

"He was such a pretty boy, like Sunshine in that movie," she said. "Then he turned out to be pretty tough and really good at athletics. Then they realized that they had done a great job with that nickname because Todd was always smiling."

"Todd was comfortable in his own skin. He was confident, but not pushy, not arrogant. He was just comfortable to be around. He was at ease."

A Facebook group, "Todd Edwards, you will never be forgotten," was created after Edwards' death and has 595 members with friends and family posting stories every day.

Some of Edwards' ashes were spread on a Corpus Christi golf course, one that he always wanted to play, on Thursday. The golf tournament in his honor is a four-person scramble and the entry fee per player is \$75, which includes use of a golf cart, practice balls, a T-shirt and a gift bag.

The deadline to enter the tournament is July 15, and it is limited to the first 36 teams.

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Leisure pool bringing in crowds of people

By HANNAH MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Not even a morning of stormy weather could keep Tech community members from enjoying the Texas Tech leisure pool.

One of five leisure pools in the Big 12 Conference, students, faculty, alumni and staff enjoy the facilities for a variety of reasons.

April Rhoads, supervisor and lifeguard at the pool, said the facility expects around 500 guests, members of the public and students alike, on average per hour.

"We have to do head counts every hour," said Rhoads, a junior biology major from El Paso, "and it's around 500 every hour. Family hours are at least a third more, if not half."

Kristan Kaufman, with guest services, said family hours are designated for Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday when children ages 16 and under can enter the pool.

"Public can only come in if they are faculty, staff, student or alumni with proof," she said. "If not, you have to be sponsored in by one of those. Like, you can bring in a friend from somewhere else. It's six bucks for adults, and four for kids."

Although families only are allowed at designated times, Kaufman said, Tech students are allowed at all times.

"We try to make time for only college kids," said Kaufman, a senior biology major from Georgetown, "so they don't have to worry about little kids running around everywhere."

Meghan Sheehan, a sophomore mass communications major from Fort Worth, said she enjoys the pool but sometimes feels there are too many people.

"It's fun except for Sundays when it's family day," she said. "Cause I went this past Sunday, and it was so overcrowded and so many little kids. You just have to watch out for little kids and their jumping in and splashing. But I understand why they do it, and it's a nice thing to do, I guess."

Rhoads said customers' concerns generally regard minor issues such as the temperature of the water or even students complaining about needing new identification cards to enter the facilities.

"Some people will want the hot tub like piping hot, but not everyone wants that," she said. "Customers just want what they want. It's kind of like that anywhere."

Marla Bibb, a graduate student in occupational therapy at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said

she enjoys the leisure pool because it lets her relax after a hard workout.

"After working out," Bibb said, "it's really nice to be able to come out here and either get in the hot tub if you're really sore, or work out some more. It's just another means of working out."

Bibb also said she enjoys the leisure pool for the relaxed environment and sense of security she feels there.

"I actually like this atmosphere a lot better," she said, "because all the other pools in town, especially like at the apartments — there is always just a lot of alcohol and just nonsense going on, and out here it's just really regulated, and it's a lot nicer."

Ben Miller, a lifeguard and senior chemistry major from The Woodlands, said although the leisure pool staff have had a few problems with guests drinking, issues with guests are generally minor.

With no saves by any of the lifeguards yet, Miller said there is little drama.

"We've had like assists, but nothing dramatic," Miller said. "We've had a couple bee stings. One guy hit his head on the bottom of the pool."

Sometimes cleaning the pool provides more work than attending to the swimmers, he said.

"Well, there was a sand storm like last week," he said. "It was Friday night and on Saturday the pool was littered. It was really hard to clean up."

Receiving more positive feedback than negative, Rhoads said since the leisure pool was opened, the staff have received few complaints from guests regarding cleanliness or the employees.

"I don't get very many major complaints," she said, "but nothing to tell my boss about."

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Apple keynote speech disappointing

Stephen Torrence



I never thought I would see the day when Apple and Microsoft, perhaps the two biggest rivals in the computing industry, would disappoint me so much in a single week.

As I write this, I have just finished watching the Apple keynote speech from the Worldwide Developer Conference (WWDC), which takes place this week in sunny San Francisco. But if you're going there, don't plan on putting any flowers in your hair for acting CEO Phil Schiller.

Instead, you might just want to pack a whole lot of NoDoz. Schiller's keynote was a two-hour snore fest. His droning, rehearsed style and palpable discomfort on-stage did little to spice up the dreary dribble of announcements Apple forward on Monday.

To make matters worse, Schiller was not the sole presenter. The keynote suffered a classic case of too-many-cooks syndrome as vice presidents, chief executive officers, directors and a local rock star played musical chairs with the presentation, demonstrating applications and features related to the new iPhone OS 3.0. Failed demos and flubbed lines abounded. At times it was truly painful to watch.

The products themselves hardly made up for all these gaffes. Aside from a slightly faster iPhone with turn-by-turn navigation, copy/paste and some other assorted features that should've been in the device from the beginning, the announcements largely were underwhelming.

Apple announced an Intel-optimized OS X named Snow Leopard and an upgraded MacBook Pro line alongside the new iPhone 3GS. These were predictable, safe, dull moves. The presenters pulled out every adjective they could to gloss over the mediocrity, but it amounted to little more than strained hyperbole.

I sat there shaking my head in disbelief as I realized I had just witnessed possibly the most disheartening Ap-

ple keynote in recent memory. Three years ago, Steve Jobs introduced the adoption of Intel chips in Apple machines, a move that would send its market share soaring. A year later he walked up on stage and announced the phone that would change the mobile world forever.

Apple has not announced a truly revolutionary new product or initiative since then. Jobs is now battling cancer and the company seems to have lost its feverish motivation, its passion for groundbreaking innovation, its talent for consistently leading the world into the future of computing.

It's not that the iPhone 3GS, Snow Leopard, or iPhone OS 3.0 are not logical evolutions of their predecessors, the problem is that's all they are. Apple has fallen into that dangerous rut of coasting on its own success.

The iPhone is huge, no doubt about it. But it will not remain huge forever. Nokia, Google and even Palm are playing a mean game of catch-up while Apple seems content living off the revenue from the 1,001 inane iPhone games and farting apps available through the iTunes Store.

Apple is hardly alone in the disappointing announcements department this month. Microsoft recently slapped a new coat of paint on its MSN/Live Search Web site, rebranding it as "Bing" with a \$100 million marketing campaign that included a live launch extravaganza on Hulu called "Bingathon." I stopped watching it after the first five minutes.

Cable celebrity endorsement and clever TV ads can hardly

make up for the fact the engine still is vastly inferior to Google when it comes to search results. A BlindSearch comparison of Google, Yahoo! and Bing has confirmed that users still find Google results more helpful, even when they don't know they're Google's. Microsoft is simply throwing cash down the "tubes," as it were.

Microsoft also is playing it safe OS-wise with its latest release, Windows 7. The minor upgrade is essentially what Windows Vista should've been. I've used it on my Mac for months, and I can easily say it's the best Windows ever. But it's too little, too late. The Vista stigma still hangs over the computing world and there are no guarantees yet that Microsoft will make 7 affordable enough to compensate.

Maybe it's just the recession, but the whole technology world feels like a ship adrift lately. Sure, new projects are launching, and some of them are even slightly compelling. I'm genuinely excited about Google

Wave and Wolfram Alpha.

In retrospect though, these are small initiatives compared to game-changers like the original iPhone.

I sincerely hope Apple and Microsoft are using this downtime to incubate some truly epic new products and services. Leaps of innovation, pushing the envelope, taking the status quo and turning it on its head — moves of that caliber are what truly galvanize the world to move mountains.

We've seen far too little of that lately.

Get off your laurels, gentlemen. You don't win this race by jogging in place or by paying some spectators to cheer a little louder for you. You are the icons we've come to trust, the captains to which we look for inspiration and vision. Don't you dare let us down when we need you the most.

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Trump dismisses Miss California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Miss California USA Carrie Prejean, who stirred up a hornet's nest of controversy when she said gays shouldn't be allowed to marry, got the word from pageant poobah Donald Trump on Wednesday: "You're fired."

Trump and other pageant leaders said Prejean was being sacked not because of her controversial remarks but because she hadn't been holding up her end of the agreement she signed when she entered the pageant.

"This was a decision based solely on contract violations, including Ms. Prejean's unwillingness to make appearances on behalf of the Miss California USA organization," the California pageant's executive director, Keith Lewis, said in a statement.

Lewis had complained at a news conference last month that Prejean was skipping Miss California USA events while speaking out against gay marriage at unsanctioned appearances.

After the complaints reached Trump, who owns Miss California USA's parent organization, the mogul decided to give her a second chance and keep her on. On Wednesday he changed his mind and sided with Lewis.

"I told Carrie she needed to get back to work and honor her contract with the Miss California USA Organization and I gave her the opportunity to do so," Trump said in a statement.

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the golf teams, the Texas Tech men's and women's golf teams," he said. "It's the No. 3 university golf course in the country and that says a lot. I just think it's still relatively new.

"It's only six years old. I just think the sky is the limit with some of the things we can accomplish here. There's just so much opportunity for so much growth and development and it's awesome to be involved in something like this."

Bobby Gleason, Tech deputy athletics director, said the athletic department pays Troon a set fee of \$147,000 a year for its services, which include professionals in everything from course development, sales and marketing, membership marketing, agronomy, operations, food and beverage, procurement, retail, risk management, human resources, information technology and accounting.

Troon and KemperSports were the

two finalists after the request for proposals went out.

"The expertise of the company, the references and the number of courses they manage, Troon was the pretty clear choice out of four proposals," Gleason said.

The course still is owned by the university, it is just being managed by Troon, Gleason said. The employees basically were rehired under Troon, and everyone switched over with the exception of the food and beverage supervisor and head professional Robert Salazar.

Winter said their departures were not Troon's doing, and it was their decision to go after other opportunities.

As for the course, the evaluation process is still ongoing, Winter said, and he does not expect any major changes to take place in the near future.

"Right now, we've only been in here a week, and it will take time," he said. "Just one thing at a time. We're just trying to improve all the little things, just do the detailed

things. That's kind of what our company is known for and very good at."

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Tech baseball sends three to big leagues

By **CHRISTOPHER MARTIN**
STAFF WRITER

Good news really does travel fast in the baseball industry, especially for Texas Tech first baseman Chris Richburg.

After the second day of the Major League Baseball Draft Wednesday, Richburg was one of three Red Raider baseball players to be selected. However it wasn't a major league scout or the MLB's online draft tracker that brought Richburg the announcement.

"It was kind of funny, I think everyone else found out about it before I did," he said. "I was sitting at my computer by myself watching the draft tracker and all of the sudden my phone started going crazy with people telling me congratulations, and it was another minute or two before I saw my name come up on the screen."

The First-Team All Big 12 Conference first baseman was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 23rd round of the draft, the third Tech player to be selected.

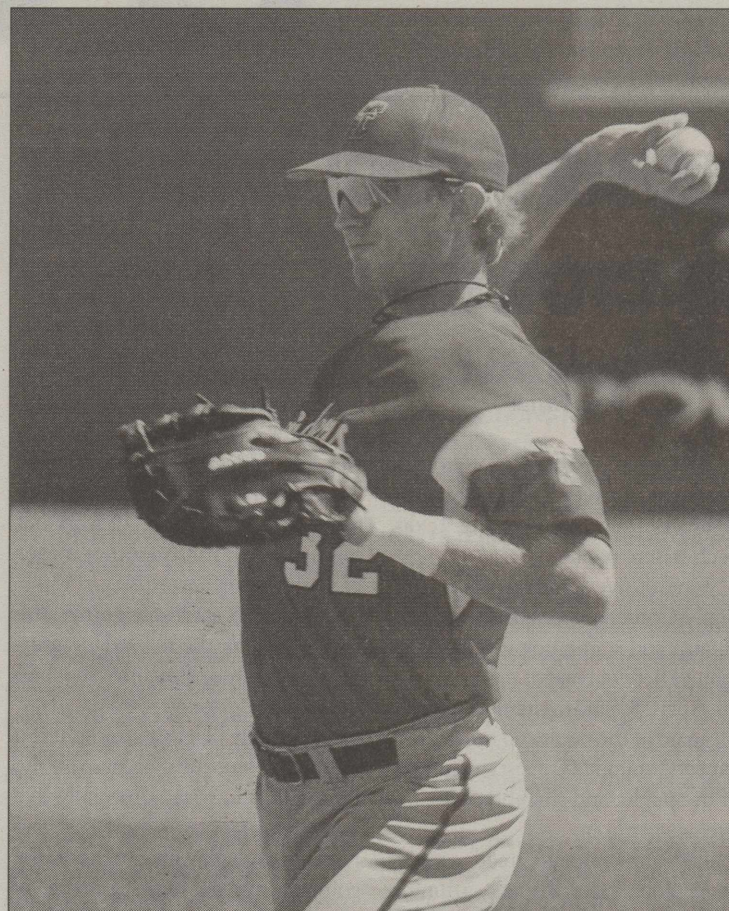
The other Tech players selected on day two were pitcher Nathan Karns, selected by the Washington Nationals in round 12, and pitcher A.J. Ramos, who was chosen by the Florida Marlins in the 21st round.

Ramos was working at a Tech youth baseball camp when he received a phone call from the Marlins notifying him of his selection, and he said his heart skipped a few beats when he hung up the phone.

"All day I was waiting for that call so it was really nerve-racking," Ramos said. "The first thing I felt was total relief that I got the call, and then came the excitement. I have been working my whole life for this opportunity and now that it is here it really is an amazing feeling."

Ramos said even though he is nervous about playing in the major leagues, he believes competing in the Big 12 has prepared him to pitch against the pros.

"I feel like the type of hitters that I faced while at Tech will help me in the major leagues," Ramos said. "Someone once told me that Big 12 competition is almost



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

FORMER TEXAS TECH first baseman Chris Richburg was one of three players drafted in the Major League Baseball Draft Wednesday. Pitchers A.J. Ramos (21st round by Florida Marlins) and Nathan Karns (12th round by Washington Nationals) also were taken.

like AA competition so I have already had to pitch against good hitters and learn how to deal with bad situations."

Richburg also believes his time at Tech helped prepare him for the next level of competition. He said the coaches he was under while playing at Tech always prepared him to play professional baseball.

"Tech has changed coaching staffs a few times while I was here, and I have always liked the coaches that I have had," Richburg said, "and I felt like they prepared me well to get to the next level."

Even during the excitement of his recent success, Richburg said he appreciates all the work he has done to reach his goal of playing professional baseball, and he encourages his remaining teammates at Tech to follow his example.

"Baseball is a game where you have to stick with it to play with the best, and it takes a lot of work," Richburg said. "I think all of the players at Tech know that it's something that you have to work at

everyday. There is always someone out there working to take your spot, and you just have to outwork them."

Ramos attributes his recent accomplishment to his time spent working outside of practice and self confidence while on the mound.

"It is what happens after practice that counts," Ramos said. "You have to be in the weight room and put in the extra time and effort to be able to move on and succeed at the next level, and be confident in yourself. If you are pitching without confidence then you have already lost."

Several Tech recruits from the recent signing class were taken during the draft: Pitcher Jay Johnson was taken in the 25th round by Baltimore, Brandon Petite was taken in the 30th round by Houston, Bobby Doran was drafted in the 36th round by Pittsburgh and Stephen Hagen was chosen in the 42nd round by the Seattle Mariners.

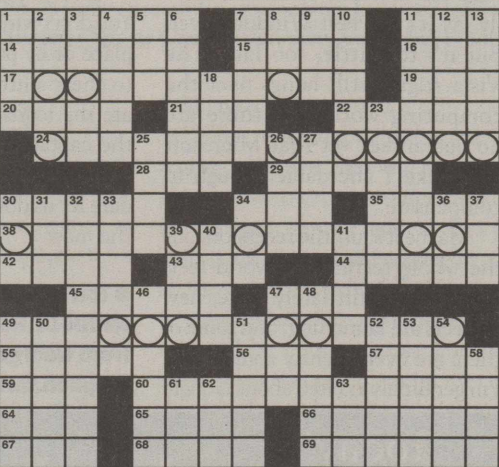
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 7 Relax
- 11 Sta. that might show a Bogie flick
- 14 "Let me find out"
- 15 Wash basin partner
- 16 Romance
- 17 Colonial fair artisan
- 19 Baja bear
- 20 Marquis de
- 21 "Lord, is ___?": Matthew
- 22 Stage awards
- 24 Reasons for an R rating
- 28 DJ's array
- 29 It may be roja or verde
- 30 "The Zoo Story" playwright
- 34 QB's goof
- 35 Two-time Indy 500 champ
- 38 Keep an eye on things
- 42 DNA part
- 43 Place to crash
- 44 Took another plunge?
- 45 Seder month
- 47 Tire gauge meas.
- 49 Likely-split
- 55 Old-time actress
- 56 Galoot
- 57 Look down
- 59 Drift (about)
- 60 Cryptographers' successes (and what can be found in the circles in this puzzle's long answers)
- 64 "The Loco-Motion" singer Little
- 65 Mother of Helen of Troy
- 66 Tennessee team
- 67 Tennis winner's hurdle
- 68 Even once
- 69 Trim



By Peter A. Collins

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- 6 Put a new book cover on
- 7 Pope during the Battle of Ostia
- 8 "How cute!": 92% of zero?
- 10 "Misty" composer
- 11 Streak beginning?
- 12 Trig ratio
- 13 Long-headed mammal
- 18 Former Ford's answers
- 23 "Don't take silly chances"
- 25 Served past
- 26 "That ___ fair"
- 27 Hand-on-the-Bible vow
- 30 "Found it!"
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- 36 Dander
- 37 LAX posting
- 39 Moonfish
- 40 Subside
- 41 The Phantom of the Opera
- 46 Quarter horse quarters
- 47 Plumber's piece
- 48 Sachet
- 49 Three-star mil. officer
- 50 "Monday Friday on my mind": 1967 song lyric
- 51 Senegal's capital
- 52 Wax theatrical
- 53 Situated at a junction
- 54 Plan through
- 58 In ___ actually emanations
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Dallas Stars hire Crawford

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars hired Marc Crawford as their new coach yesterday, bringing in a well-traveled NHL veteran to replace the fired Dave Tippett.

Crawford has a 470-361-156 record in 13 seasons as coach of the Quebec Nordiques/Colorado Avalanche, Vancouver Canucks and Los Angeles Kings. He was the Avalanche coach when they won the 1996 Stanley Cup. His last season on the bench was for the Kings in 2007-08, when they were 32-43-7.

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