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Potts tosses seven touchdowns in 55-10 rout of Rice

> By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

Coming into the season, the hype surrounding new starting downs, which B.J. Symons set quarterback Taylor Potts was his physical characteristics.

He's got the size — 6-foot-5, 215 pounds — and howitzer right arm to be coach Mike Leach's most NFL-ready quarterback

It turns out he's got the mental toughness to boot.

That much was obvious when he erased last week's three-interception performance by going 36-of-57 with 456 yards and seven touchdowns in a 55-10 rout of

Rice Saturday at Jones AT&T

He was one shy of tying the school record for passing touchagainst Texas A&M in 2003.

"I had no idea. No idea what the record was or anything like that," Potts said. "I knew I had six at one point. I told (receiver) Detron (Lewis), 'I'm going for eight,' once I got seven.'

Helping the cause, Potts had a veteran receiver back in Tramain Swindall, who lost his starting role last week against North Dakota.

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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Taylor Potts thows a pass under pressure from Rice defensive tackle Chance Talbert during the Red Raiders' 55-10 victory over Rice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER Marlon Williams attempts to tackle Rice running back Tyler Smith during the

Young Owls contribute to Tech defense's stellar night

By ADAM COLEMAN

Before the season started, Rice coach David Bailiff wanted to stay away from using the excuse that his offense is too young and inexperi-

Even after a 55-10 defeat where the Texas Tech defense collected six sacks, an interception and forced two fumbles. Bailiff still stuck to his promise.

"We've told them all the way back to spring, we won't let youth be an excuse," he said. "I expect these guys — the quarterbacks, the O-line — we knew what the hardships were going to be over there."

After a 10-win season in 2008, the Owls seem to be on the rebuilding path. That may be most evident on the oftwo quarterbacks and look for a way to protect them as well.

However, going up against an improved Tech defense, in Bailiff's opinion, did not allow the Owls to make the strides they needed.

Rice's offensive production for the majority of the game was limited, as the Owls went into halftime with 68 yards through the air. Sophomore Nick Fanuzzi, who started the game, had -1 passing yards. Fifth-year senior John Thomas Shepherd had 69 yards through the air.

Shepherd said a lot of the inconsistencies in the game's early stages can be blamed on Tech's defensive line, which acted as a catalyst for the Red Raiders

But in addition to the pressure from fensive side of the ball, where Rice is the Tech defensive line, Shepherd

trying to replace Chase Clement with said he was anxious at times, which is something he is trying to get better at as the season goes.

> "They did get some pressure, but a couple times it was on me and pulling the ball down too quick, trying to get up through a seam that really wasn't there," said Shepherd, who finished the game completing 14-of-19 passes for 109 yards and a touchdown — the first of his career.

Even though Bailiff said he doesn't use youth as an excuse, the Owls' offensive line is young to say the least.

Left guard Davon Allen, center Keshawn Carrington, right guard Jake Hicks and right tackle Tyler Parish are all starting as sophomores for the Owls. Junior left tackle Scott Mitchell is the elder.

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Schwarzenegger to veto renewable energy bills

By JULIET WILLIAMS ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office said Saturday that he would veto legislation requiring a third of California's energy to come from renewable sources by 2020, choosing instead to mandate the change through an executive order.

The Democratic bills that passed the state Legislature just before the end of the legislative session Friday would have set up the most aggressive renewable energy standards in

the nation.

Red Raiders' 55-10 victory against Rice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

But they also sought to limit the amount of energy from sources such as wind, solar and geothermal that could come from out-of-state. Schwarzenegger and some energy producers said the legislation would set up too many regulatory

"The poorly drafted, overly complex bills passed by the Legislature are protectionist schemes that will kill the solar industry in California and drive prices up like the failed energy deregulation of the late 1990s," Schwarzenegger's commu-

nications director, Matt David, said in a statement Saturday.

The governor's office didn't immediately explain how Schwarzenegger would implement the goals of the legislation through the executive order. Supporters worry that it would not have the same strength of law as the bills would have.

The Independent Energy Producers, which represents companies that provide 80 percent of California's renewable energy, opposed the legislation, despite having sought a higher standard.

Obama says status quo no solution on health care

By JIM KUHNHENN ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — President Barack Obama assailed critics of his health care initiative Saturday, seeking to grab the megaphone from his opponents and boost momentum in his drive for congressional passage of his chief domestic priority.

"I will not accept the status quo. Not this time. Not now," the president told an estimated 15,000 people during a rally that had every feel of a campaign event, right down to chants of "Fired up, ready to go!" and "Yes, we can!"

Republicans in Congress to come together, an invigorated Obama said his plan incorporates ideas from those on both sides and he promised to continue to seek common ground.

"If you come to me with a serious set of proposals, I will be there to listen. My door is always open," the president said.

But he warned that he wouldn't waste time with people who have decided "that it's better politics to kill this plan than improve it." He also said he wouldn't stand by while special interests "use the same old tactics to keep

Days after urging Democrats and things exactly the way they are." And he warned, "If you misrepresent what's in the plan, we will call you out."

> The pitch came in friendly territory. Democratic-leaning Minnesota is one of the nation's healthiest states, with relatively few uninsured residents, cost-effective medical care and top health care providers such as the Mayo

His speech at the Target Center was part of a weekend campaign by the White House to give the president as much exposure as possible after his prime-time address Wednesday to

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Christmas out of Texas curriculum proposal

in Texas public schools removes a mention of Christmas in a sixthgrade lesson, replacing it with a Hindu religious festival, a change that's riled conservatives who say it's another battle in the "war" against the Christian holiday.

"It's outrageous that the war on Christmas continues in our state and in our nation," said Jonathan Saenz, a lobbyist for the conservative Free

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal Market Foundation. "This effort for new social studies curriculum to mislead students about current society is shameful and must be stopped."

The draft proposal being considered by the State Board of Education won't be formally adopted until next May for the 2011-2012 school year. The standards will remain in place for the next decade, dictating what is taught in government, history and other social studies classes in elementary and secondary schools.

NATION

Thousands of downtown DC protesters blast Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) fed up with government spending marched to the U.S. Capitol on Saturday, showing their disdain for the president's health care plan with slogans such as "Obamacare makes me sick" and "I'm not your ATM."

several blocks near capitol, acagement Agency. Demonstra-

tors chanted "enough, enough" Tens of thousands of protesters and "We the People." Others yelled "You lie, you lie!" and "Pelosi has to go," referring to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi,

Throngs of people waved U.S. flags and held signs reading "Go Green Recycle Congress" The line of protesters clogged and "I'm Not Your ATM." Men wore colonial costumes as they cording to the D.C. Homeland listened to speakers who warned Security and Emergency Man- of "judgment day" - Election

WORLD

Afghan reporters blame NATO for colleague's death

Afghanistan has killed dozens of Taliban militants after three U.S. troops were killed in a complex ambush.

Afghan army spokesman Maj. Abdul Basir Ghori says Sunday that coalition forces launched airstrikes in the western province of Farah.

was in response to an attack on a a woman and a teenage girl.

KABUL (AP) — An Afghan convoy that killed three Ameriofficial says a battle in western cans and seven Afghan soldiers. U.S. military spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias confirmed fighting continued after the ambush.

Ghori says about 50 insurgents were killed. No other officials could immediately confirm that

Afghan police spokesman Raouf Ahmadi says a coalition airstrike Ghori says the strike Saturday went astray and hit a home killing

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ROTC instructor competes for NCO award

By ALLYSON SCHELL STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech ROTC instructor Sgt. 1st Class Corey J. King has competed in a series of competitions in order to become the U.S. Army Training Year for 2009.

competition in the series.

training and one of my old bosses insured that I had two weeks for training in medical, combatitive, shooting, assembling army topics. weapons and physical training in a phone interview.

gion Cadet Command at Fort 20- or 25-year-olds with a thirst programs to get to people to want >>> allyson.schell@ttu.edu

Command at Fort Knox, Ky., in more energy." March; U.S. Army Accessions

and Doctrine Command's Non rifle shooting, fitness testing and also aided in the nomination petition will be hosted Sept. 28 Commissioned Officer of the medical aid testing — skills that process. would be deemed comparable to King is training in Fort what would be necessary serving could progress in the military," other competitors for the title Riley, Kan., for the Army Best in Iraq and Afghanistan. A for- Bowman said. "He is a profes- of NCO of the year. Skills tested Warrior Competition, the last mal board presentation also is a sional and represents everything will be much like the other com-"I put together a plan for sergeant majors from across the devotes his time to all different advanced shooting ranges and a army assess each competitor on organizations and is an all-around combatitive competition. their appearance, military bear- good guy." ing and knowledge of critical

once in Afghanistan and twice in King has competed in four Iraq. The real challenge is doing levels to advance to the final everything up to the standard in competition: The Western Re- the book and competing against would be involved in enlistment Army Achievement Medal.

Command at Fort Jackson, S.C., part in the competition for NCO right now and so one of the chalin April; and Training and Doc- of the year by recently retired lenges I would face would be to trine Command at Fort Monroe, senior military instructor James let them know that there is help Lusk. Lusk was replaced by Mas- out there." Tested in the competitions are ter Sgt. Robert Bowman, who

"I feel pretty well prepared," travel wherever he is needed Army Cadet Command. If he up here in Fort Riley," King said. "Post Sept. 11, I served to represent the Army to the wins the title of NCO of the year,

Lewis, Wash., in February; Cadet to prove themselves and a lot to join the Army and also help deal with any challenges such King was nominated to take as Army suicides, which are big

The Army Best Warrior Comthrough Oct. 3 in Fort Lee, Va. "I nominated King so that he King will compete against 11 requirement in which six senior that the Army stands for. He petitions, except adding more

> King has spent the past 14 If King wins, he said he will years being involved in the milicontinue to live in Lubbock and tary and is a member of the U.S. he will be adding to his military "I will be like a spokesperson awards which include the Army for the Army," King said. "I Commendation Medal and the

HSC researcher earns prestigious professorship

Dr. Quentin Smith, a researcher an outstandin the School of Pharmacy at the ing teacher," Texas Tech University Health Sci- Nelson said. ences Center, was honored with "There is no the prestigious Grover E. Murray greater recog-Professorship Award from the Tech nition than Board of Regents.

Smith is the sixth recipient peers identify of the award, the highest honor a you as an acfaculty member of the HSC can re- complished ceive. Smith said he was well aware faculty member in all areas." of the magnitude of this award.

"It is such a huge award."

Smith said he was happy to see that all of his research in the campuses. field of pharmaceuticals is being

Dr. Arthur Nelson, dean of the School of Pharmacy, said the award is important for the recognition of a faculty member's hard work.

"The recipients have earned an entist, been noted for engagement drugs just don't work very well." professionally, and achieved as

to have your

Nelson said this award is the first said all of the ad-

"It is a real honor to receive this one to be received in a school other vancements that award from the university," he said. than the School of Medicine. It also need to be made in was the first award given to an indi- the field means it vidual on one of the HSC's regional

Smith said his research, based mainly on the treatment through drugs on certain types of brain cancer, time to be a docwas important to himself personally, tor or pharmacist," as well as the field of pharmaceu- Smith said. "It's a

international reputation as a sci- new drugs," Smith said, "and the

when they are diagnosed with their hard work have been instrumental in condition, and his

goal is to give them a better chance. "When people

get a brain tumor now, it's basically a death sentence," Smith said. However, he

is a very good time to go into pharmaceuticals.

"It's a great great field that we

example of what a pharmaceutical should strive to be."

tients are not given much of a chance ships with the staff and faculty and his

building his reputation and career,

There is no greater recognition than to have your peers identify you as an accomplished faculty member in

DR. ARTHUR NELSON DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

all areas.

" Н е has given of himself not only in building his own reputation and career, but in service to his faculty members in the Department of

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tical Scienc-"In 28 years, we have nearly no can make a lot of advancement in." es," Nelson said. "He is a true role Nelson said Smith is a good model for what a faculty member

He said many brain cancer paresearcher should be. His relation >>> steven.schwartz@ttu.edu

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the GRADUATION FAIR in the Banquet Hall of the Merket Alumni Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Sept. 15, 16 & 17) of this week.

Ring orders placed by September 18th will be delivered in time for the Official Ring Ceremonies on November 9, 10 & 11 at the Merket Alumni Center.

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Risk-taking is back for banks 1 year after crisis

and regaining their appetite for risk.

Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase tial losses. and others — which have received tens of billions of dollars in federal aid during the financial crisis.

That Wall Street is making money thrust the banking system into chaos ment officials say.

— There have been no significant have been made to better monitor mers says. the financial system and to police the products banks sell to consumers have meltdown from risky trading in the and turf-protecting regulators.

of Lehman Brothers, the mammoth crisis of 2008 fades. banks whose near-collapse prompted bigger, increasing the risk they pose happened with mortgage-backed secu- to pay off its debts.

the financial system nearly collapsed, make bets that, in the aggregate, are the nation's biggest banks are bigger worth far more than the capital they

are once more betting big on bonds, ever it takes to protect the financial commodities and exotic financial system from collapse — a precedent products, trading that nearly stopped that could encourage even greater risktaking from the private sector.

again in essentially the same ways that the White House National Economic employment and consumer spending, Council, says an overhaul of financial last fall is reason for concern on several regulations is needed as soon as possible levels, financial analysts and govern- to keep the financial system safe over for profits leads them to take on too the long haul.

ing their behavior. Proposals that that will lead to future crises," Sum-

been held up by lobbyists, lawmakers near term. Rather, the concern is what happens over time as banks' confidence

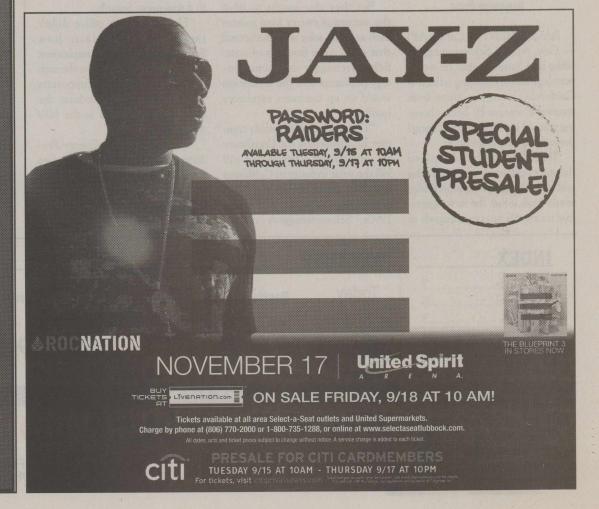
NEW YORK (AP) — A year after to the financial system. And they still rities — its undoing endangers banks

"We're seeing the same kind of have on hand to cover against poten- behavior from the banks, and that could lead to some huge and scary — The government's response to parallels," says Simon Johnson, former last year's meltdown was to spend what- chief economist with the International Monetary Fund.

Some risk-taking is good. When banks are willing to invest in companies or lend to home-buyers, that nur-Lawrence Summers, director of tures economic growth by generating feeding a cycle of expansion.

The problem is when banks' quest much risk. In the case of the housing "You cannot rely on the scars of bubble, which burst last year, banks changes to the federal rules govern- past crises to ensure against practices lent too freely to consumers with weak credit and wagered too much on complex financial instruments tied to No one is predicting another mortgages. As real-estate prices turned south, so did the financial industry's

health Because the largest banks' trading Through mergers and the failure grows and the memory of the financial divisions make their bets with each other, their fortunes are intertwined. Will they pile on bets to the point The collapse of one can threaten angovernment rescues have gotten even that a new asset bubble forms and — as other — and another — if it is unable



WORLD EVENTS BRIEF

Pakistan outsources part of terror war in militia

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — They wear their hair and beards long, Taliban style, and support attacks on U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan. Yet the fighters are tolerated and - many believe - backed by Pakistan because they share a common enemy: the country's most deadly terror network.

Pro-government militias like this one on the border of the country's lawless tribal regions are an important plank in the campaign against the Pakistani Taliban following the slaying of its chief, Baitullah Mehshud, in a CIA missile strike last month.

They know the enemy and the terrain, need no motivation and their willingness to fight means fewer army casualties. And with the Pakistani Taliban ranks said to be in disarray following the death of their leader, some of their fighters could be persuaded to change sides and join them.

But critics say Pakistan risks creating a monster by linking up with them and other militias. While tribal feuding ensures they are enemies of Baitullah's men for now, they are cut from the same militant cloth he was. Any alliance with the state could be temporary, and one day authorities could find themselves fighting their former proxies.

Quake rattles Venezuela capital, nearby states

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — An earthquake shook Venezuela's capital and nearby states Saturday, injuring 14 people and causing damage to a few build-

The U.S. Geological Survey reported a preliminary magnitude of 6.4 for the quake, saying the epicenter was off Venezuela's Caribbean coast 65 miles (110 kilometers) west of Caracas. The head of Venezuela's seismological agency, Francisco Garces, put the quake at magnitude 6.2, followed by an aftershock registering 4.0.

Two young people, ages 9 and 26, suffered serious leg injuries, and 12 other people had minor injuries, Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said.

El Aissami said western Falcon state reported the most structural problems, with seven houses and two other buildings damaged. Two houses were reported damaged in neighboring Lara state, where the wall of a medical clinic also collapsed, state civil protection director Hector Vargas told the state-run Bolivarian News Agency.

Report: Germany ponders Afghan exit strategy

advocates preparing the ground over the next four years for a withdrawal from Afghanistan, with police and army training being stepped up, according to a report Sunday.

The report in the weekly Der Spiegel came two weeks before German elections in which Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier is challenging Chancellor Angela Merkel. Opposition parties labeled it a campaign maneuver.

Germany's unpopular mission in Afghanistan, targets," Der Spiegel reported.

the spotlight by a German-ordered Sept. 4 airstrike

leaders in calling for a new international conference on Afghanistan, hoping to accelerate and improve training of local forces and lay out a timetable in which Afghans can take back full control.

A paper drawn up by the Foreign Ministry says the conference should "not satisfy itself with vague

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's foreign minister where it has more than 4,200 troops, has been put in

Merkel last week joined the French and British

near Kunduz in which civilians appear to have died.

Israel: Differences with US over peace talks

Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking on the eve of a key meeting with the White House Mideast envoy, said Sunday that differences remain with the U.S. over resuming peacemaking with the Palestinians.

Netanyahu delivered the assessment before flying to Cairo for talks with Egypt's president, a main mediator in efforts to restart peace talks. On Monday, he is scheduled to meet George Mitchell, President Barack Obama's envoy.

the point man, has been pressing Israel to declare a state.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister halt to construction in its West Bank settlements. Palestinians claim the West Bank as part of their

Netanyahu, whose Likud Party is ideologically committed to expanding settlements and holding on to the West Bank, has been bargaining for a compromise that would allow some building to continue.

Palestinians are insisting they will not resume peace talks until Israel completely stops its West Bank construction. Palestinians charge that settle-The Obama administration, with Mitchell as ments are a main obstacle to creating their own

6 Hong Kong workers die in elevator shaft fall

HONG KONG (AP) — A construction platform inside an elevator shaft collapsed Sunday, sending six workers falling about 20 stories to their deaths inside a Hong Kong skyscraper, officials said.

The accident occurred at the International Comcompleted next year, making it one of the world's tallest buildings and the highest in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the scene in the Kowloon district, Hong Kong leader Donald Tsang told reporters the men fell after the platform they were working on collapsed in request for comment.

the elevator shaft.

All six workers died, police spokesman Michael Kwan said. The workers were believed to have fallen from around the 30th floor to the 10th floor, he said.

The building's developer, major Hong Kong property merce Center, which will be 118 stories high when company Sun Hung Kai, has agreed to pay each of the victims' families 1 million Hong Kong dollars (\$128,000) on top of normal compensation payments, Hong Kong Labor Secretary Matthew Cheung told local media.

Sun Hung Kai did not immediately respond to a

Galveston residents mark anniversary of Hurricane Ike

dents of Galveston on Sunday remembered the destruction Hurricane Ike inflicted on their Texas island city a year ago, but they also celebrated the community's efforts to rebuild, saving the storm has brought people closer together.

During a sunrise memorial service to mark the storm's anniversary, clergy from the island's different faiths talked of the strides their community has made since Ike made landfall just outside Galveston in the early morning hours of Sept. 13, 2008.

"You can see behind me a new day has dawned. A new day has dawned on our community," the Rev. David Green of the First Presbyterian Church said in a sun-filled ballroom at the Hotel Galvez. About 100 people gathered for the service at the historic hotel near the beach.

The service was part of a nearly weeklong series of events to highlight rebuilding and recovery efforts in the

Through the windows behind Green one could see Galveston's Seawall Boulevard, which runs along the beach and a year ago had been covered in rocks, sand, splintered wood and other debris that had been deposited there by Ike's powerful storm surge. On Sunday, cars flowed along the boulevard and people sat or walked along the beach.

A year ago, bleary-eyed residents used dawn's first light to survey the destruction to their homes. Many homes were unrecognizable, said the Rev. Helen Appelberg, with St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal

The hurricane damaged 75 percent of the city's houses and as well as thousands of other homes in cities from the southeast Texas Gulf Coast into Houston, which is 50 miles inland. It also submerged farmland and ranches in saltwater, scoured away beaches and ruined thousands

of acres of vegetation.

Galveston suffered more than \$3.2 billion in damage. The workingclass city's largest employer, the University of Texas Medical Branch, temporarily shut down and had to lay off about 3,000 employees.

Ike was the costliest natural disaster in Texas history. Its powerful surge reached as high as 20 feet and its 110 mph winds caused more than \$29 billion in damage. The storm caused flooding and deaths as far away as Pennsylvania and Illinois. Ike was blamed for at least 72 deaths in the U.S., including 37 in Texas.

Appelberg asked residents to hold on to their hope for a better future.

"Let the hope that rests in each of our hearts grow and grow into the flower of new life in every corner of this city," she said.

Galveston has been able to bounce back after Ike. City leaders says 75 percent of businesses are now open and tourists have returned.

SGA passes election legislation, announces election commission

At a retreat to New Mexico Friday through Sunday, the Student Government Association Student Senate discussed several issues and passed Senate Bill 45.05.

The Daily Toreador listened in on the meeting at The Sierra Blanca Lodge in Ruidoso, N.M., via speakerphone.

Senate Bill 45.05, introduced by Senator Hannah Smith, will allow an extra day for freshman council candidates to turn in their statements of intent to run for office. The senate passed the bill unanimously Saturday afternoon.

"This is basically a maintenance bill," Smith said. "We wanted freshman to have a little extra time."

Sarah Saunders, president of the Student Senate, said freshman council candidates usually turned in their statements of intent Friday, but will be allotted Monday and Tuesday of this week to

turn in their statements. Smith said the deadline Tues-

day for freshman statements of interest will be 5 p.m. During the meeting a report

was presented by Senator Kat Harris, the chairwoman of the Rules and Administration Committee, announcing the approval of a new election commission. According to Saunders, the

chairman of the election commission is affiliated with the SGA but is training a replace-

"We're trying to figure out a training process so that the chair has no affiliation with the SGA but still knows what's going on,"

Saunders said. Election commission members are appointed by SGA President Suzanne Williams and approved by a majority vote by the Student Senate.

Saunders also said new members of the senate were taught the procedures and agenda of the Student Senate by administrators who were in attendance.

Among the Tech administrators present were Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs, Greg Elkins, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, and Student Regent Kyle Miller. » jett.thompson@ttu.edu

Shuttle astronauts prepare for Texas homecoming

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. Calif. (AP) — After diverting to California, astronauts from space shuttle Discovery prepared to reunite with their families and NASA managers in Texas

Discovery took a cross-country detour to the Mojave Desert on Friday after bad weather scuttled a return to its Florida home port.

The crew will attend a welcome ceremony in their honor at Ellington

Field in Houston.

A day earlier, Discovery streaked through the desert sky and glided to a stop on a concrete runway at Edwards Air Force Base after a two-week, 5.7-million mile mission to the international space station.

Six of the seven astronauts emerged after sunset and inspected the shuttle's underside as is customary after land-

Shuttle commander Rick Sturckow

said the vehicle performed well in

"We're very happy to be back on land here in California. We wished we could have gone to Florida today ... but it just didn't work out with the weather,"

said Sturckow. Astronaut Timothy Kopra, who spent nearly two months in orbit, did not appear on camera after landing. Sturckow said he was undergoing

Biden lauds 2 killed battling LA fire as heroes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two veteran firefighters who died trying to save the lives of dozens trapped in the largest wildfire in Los Angeles County history were remembered as heroes Saturday in a memorial service at a sun-dappled Dodger Stadium attended by Vice President Joe Biden

Capt. Tedmund "Ted" Hall and firefighter specialist Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones were killed Aug. 30 when their truck plunged off a mountain road as they were trying to find an escape route for dozens of inmatefirefighters whose camp had become overrun by flames. The inmatefirefighters survived.

"Ted Hall and Arnie Quinones, you are giants in my eyes and in the eves of all Californians," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said.

Schwarzenegger recounted how the firefighters, with little concern for their own safety, drove directly toward the flames looking for a way out as the fire came bearing down on dozens of prison-inmate firefighters huddled in a dining hall high in the mountains. He said he was humbled by their bravery.

The often-emotional service in the cavernous stadium took place just a few miles south of the rugged San Gabriel Mountains, where the firefighters lost their lives and where their brethren are still battling to contain the wildfire.

"Just over the hills behind me there are 3,000 firefighters who are now putting themselves in harm's way to protect us," the governor said.

The fire has burned across hundreds of square miles and destroyed more than 80 homes. It is now 84 percent contained, and is expected to be fully contained Tuesday.

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

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The memorial service drew firefighters from across California and as far away as New York. Uniformed firefighters, some holding children on their laps or seated next to spouses and other relatives, were scattered throughout the first four levels of the cavernous stadium. Those in the sun fanned them-

selves with programs as noon approached and the temperatures rose. Biden said firefighters are quick to

dismiss the term hero and tell others they are just people doing their jobs when they charge into flames to save lives and property. But he added that Hall and Quinones were nonetheless part of a special breed.

"There's a saying that all men are created equal but then a few become firefighters," Biden said.

Although often somber, the memorial also had a few lighthearted moments, as when firefighter specialist Rob Morales, who stood several inches shorter than the other speakers, carried a stool to stand on behind the dais at the stadium's home plate.



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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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Textbook holiday debate irrational

The change

holidays.

embers of the state Board of Education may be in need of some early holiday cheer this week as they convene for a hearing on a new proposal to revise the state's primary and secondary school social studies curriculum.

In a move that already has riled many Conservative activists in the Sumter (OK, bad example). state, the proposal would strike the mention of Christmas, as well as the limiting of each world religion to a Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah, single representative holiday in the from the state curriculum and text- textbooks of Texas is in some way books; coverage of the Hindu festival an attack on Christianity is patently of Diwali would be added.

calls for students to be instructed on the cultural and societal significance of major religious would impact the holidays. Proponents of the revistate's sixth-grade sion argue the new curriculum would curriculum, which give students a calls for students more well-rounded introduction to be instructed on to the holidays of the world's major the cultural and religions, pointing out the coverage of Easter and societal significance Yom Kippur would of major religious remain as representative holidays of the Christian and Jewish faiths,

Muslim holy month of Ramadan is from each is similarly ridiculous. also covered).

respectively (the

Republican activist and adviser to amount of time on each of the the board, is quoted by The Associ- 13 colonies (Stop hogging all the ated Press countering the mention of attention, Pennsylvania. You and Christmas and Rosh Hashanah, "(do) your Independence Hall.)? Cernot promote either Christianity or Ju-tainly not. daism; rather, it simply acknowledges with accuracy the religious culture curriculum clearly provides a more of America as it actually exists that global perspective and should be these holidays have been awarded kept; the removal of Christmas, their place in the culture by the people however, does not contribute to

Jonathan Saenz, a lobbyist for the Free Market Foundation, goes further in his criticism, calling the proposed revisions a "war on Christmas" and an effort that "must be stopped." Yes, you heard right; the next holy war is about textbooks.

Considering the vision statement of the Free Market Foundation is for "all Texas government and culture goodwill is what both sides really (to) create and foster an environment that protects faith," it becomes clear the removal of Christmas from Mrs. Jones' sixth-grade classroom is akin to the firing of the first salvo at Fort

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Nevertheless, the notion the absurd. I suspect sixth-graders these The change would impact the days are so clever they might find state's sixth-grade curriculum, which out about this whole Christmas idea

without their teacher ever telling them. So I implore you, put your bullets and Bibles away, there is no war upon us. (Note: To those at the hearing in Austin, the Air Raid you'll witness this weekend regards a different matter).

At the same time, the notion the only fair way to teach an appreciation of world religions is to discuss only a single holiday

Does an instructor of American Nonetheless, David Barton, a colonial history spend the same

> The inclusion of Diwali in the such a broadening of education. In fact, it risks the dismissal of the entire proposal and, at best, slows the adoption of the many other positive additions to the curriculum.

Thus, I implore both sides; do not use the state's educational curriculum as a medium for advancing personal political positions. Perhaps a Christmas-like spirit of need at the moment.

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Ginger Express



Quality coffee losing battle for consumers

hat do you think of when you hear the word "coffee-

Maybe you conjure up an image of some cozy little mom-andpop place, full of comfy couches you can sink into as you enjoy think of the local Starbucks, full Caramel Frappuccinos and reading the paper or hunched over Starbucks. their laptops.

super-sized, greasy french fries ally deand gargantuan, sauce-drenched Big Macs. That's right: Mc-Donald's.

But lately the fast-food giant has transformed into one of America's top choices in getting that morning fix of coffee. I pose one important question: Why?

Now, I do not claim to be a great coffee connoisseur, but I for one find its taste much less desirable than virtually every other place to buy coffee. I suppose at first I was merely biased and unwilling to go to McDonald's to get my daily dose of caffeine. Something about buying my coffee from a toohappy clown named Ronald just seemed odd.

Eventually I caved, thinking I'd at least give it a try, but to no avail. I found it mediocre at best, and, not to sound pragmatic, it was about what I would expect from the venue.

What gets me the most bent up, however, is not the fact Mc-Donald's is doing so well with

Sherri Haertling

your cup of joe. Or perhaps you its coffee sales, but what it is invariably doing in the process: of people sipping their Grande quelling the success of the na- norm. But this time, Starbucks how these two virtually opposite tion's best chain coffeehouse: was dark and boarded up — it had chains are competing in the same

However, what is not likely under the Starbucks spell. While ald's, naturally. Those looming to instinctively come to mind some say it is merely alluring, golden arches had never looked is a fast-food chain that has over-priced coffee with a fancy so despicable. in the past been known for its logo, I opt to disagree. It is actu-

king of all fast-food joints.

the situation. My friend and I ference, but alas it was still just had stopped to get a cup of cof- not up to par. fee from Starbucks, as was the closed. And what, you may ask, . league - and Starbucks is seem-Yes, I admit it; I have been cast was right next-door? A McDon- ingly losing. As Bill Tancer of

cent quality coffee that simply time again, people answered in cannot be mimicked, even by the favor of Starbucks when asked which of the two was better It was on my way back to overall. One friend told me she Texas Tech from Dallas this La- went numerous times to several bor Day weekend that I became different McDonald's locations, acutely aware of the severity of just to see if that made any dif-

What I don't understand is Time Magazine put it, "I've always thought of these two chains as polar opposites - one designed Curious to see whether I was as a sophisticated faux living the only one who pos- room where customers could get sessed these a decent coffee drink and read views on their newspapers; the other, a t h e riot of plastic-and-vinyl booths and bright fluorescent lighting where meals are counted in billions served."

> So how will the situation pan out exactly? Well, it's hard to say. Some people that I've talked to speculate that Starbucks is more or less doomed to extinction; more and more locations are closing due to business being taken by these other establishments. All I know is that if this does happen, I, along with many others I'm sure, will be appalled and I asked a abashed. But I most certainly will few fellow cof- not cave in and settle for buying

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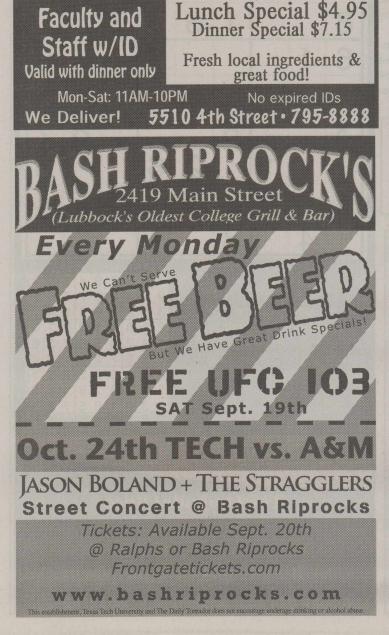
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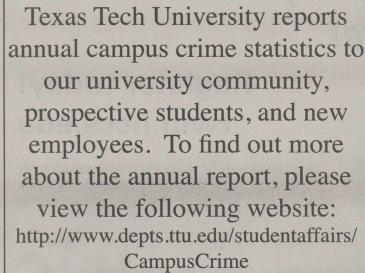
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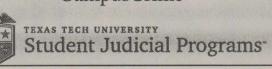
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Burton terminates competition in '9'

Aside from the upcoming "Alice and Wonderland," Tim Burton adds yet another animated film to his credit with "9."

The story primarily concerns the struggle for a small group of non-human beings to survive in a post-apocalyptic world after man and machine have finally canceled each other out completely. An version of "Wall-E." They share doll-like figures before he died as a result of creating the ninth figure. in the ruins hiding from the "Beast" who threatens their existence.

Nobody should be fooled by the fact Burton's name appears in the credits of this film. Besides the dark tone, "9" does not contain many of the qualities that have come to be as iconic as Burton's films them- able as well as entertaining. selves. The supernatural elements featured in previous film have been film makes it all worthwhile. replaced with a theme reminiscent The outline plainly states the that of "The Terminator."

I would say "9" is a much darker one day lead to our own ruin. If we >aaron.m.nichols@ttu.edu



inventor stitched together eight many qualities but unlike "Wall-E" this film makes use of dialogue.

Action grips most of the scenes both films. After his death the figures must live and the Computer-Generated Imagery, or CGI, effects go to great marketed as a children's film, I the screen. The visual effects help story and some of the action may to drive the film well enough to startle the young. However, the make it worth watching, but throw social importance of the movie in the film's reasonably complex overall compels me to give it extra plot and it only makes it respect-

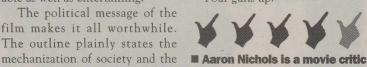
The political message of the To sum up this film in a nutshell dependence on technology may

do not first learn to understand that which we hope to control, grave consequences may follow.

This definitely makes "9" a "message film" which I find interesting considering Elijah Wood provides his voice for the title character. In "Happy Feet," his character was concerned with an issue that affected the penguin population deeply. Political messages provide the foundation for

Though it could in a sense be lengths to add to the intensity on would not agree. This is a complex recognition.

Four guns up.



Christian Siriano grows up at NY Fashion Week

NEW YORK (AP) — Designers

shown Saturday was his third at Mercedes Benz Fashion Week following his stint on the reality show, and in

elicited spontaneous applause from a crowd that included actresses Mena Suvari and Tori Spelling and model Alessandra Ambrosio. A satin-faced organza strapless gown in blush, elegantly draped and with a beaded bodice, cried out for a red carpet.

"I feel like a proud dad," said Tim funnel neck dress with blue piping thinks he's evolved into something famished even by model standards. Siriano's spring 2010 collection more: "I believe he's this generation's

that time he's made his way to the created using an aerial photograph windows of Saks Fifth Avenue and to of the Italian coast line — "flipped, modified, repeated and saturated The collection was a lush take with Volcanic and Oceanic colors," as

> wearability seems beside the point. Claire, said she agreed with Gunn's But his weakest moments came when assessment of the designer, calling he strived for it — as in a fitted khaki Siriano "pretty amazing."

from "Project Runway" have come Gunn, the "Project Runway" mentor. — and when he totally ignored it, as and gone — sadly, mostly gone. But He said he knew Siriano would be a in an ocean print body suit that was Christian Siriano has shown he plans standout from the competition, and unflattering on the model, who looked

> But he showed a capacity to wow with some of his tamer pieces in shades Some of Siriano's most striking of blush, nude and khaki — there was pieces were made from a fabric print elegant draping, delicate pleating and gathered flounces at the shoulders and hips, two body parts getting a lot of attention at Fashion Week.

Also meant to be wearable: the on Mediterranean travel, concluding Siriano described in his notes. The resky-high shoes for his third Payless with three intricate ball gowns that sult was a richly intricate pattern that line with a curved, pointed heel and looked almost animalistic rendered in sometimes upturned toe. Just don't try

Siriano is a natural showman, so judge and fashion director of Marie

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Man accused of stalking "The Hills" star Partidge

judge has issued a temporary re- was issued Friday. straining order against a Northern

Angeles County Superior Court of the reality TV celebrity. The order to her and a photo of a woman being

California man accused of stalking cused of showing up on the doorstep porch for seven hours. "The Hills" star Audrina Partridge. of Partidge's Los Angeles home last Zachory Loring of Petaluma is month and handing her a stack of set for Sept. 30.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los barred from coming within 100 yards materials, including poems written strangled. Her lawyers say he returned The 24-year-old Loring is ac- two more times, once staying on her

A hearing on a long-term order is

Fey an Emmy winner for Palin mimicry? You betcha

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Is 09 season and preceded next week- Burstyn said, winning her first

dential contender Sarah Palin top comedy honors. on "Saturday Night Live."

Accepting her trophy for best guest actress in a comedy, Feythanked "SNL" producer Lorne series. Michaels and her parents, "who are lifelong Republicans, for their patience."

She was honored at the Creative Arts Primetime Emmys, which recognize technical and other achievements for the 2008-

chance for more awards: She could Fey received an Emmy Award repeat last year's win as best actress on Saturday for her imperson- in a comedy series for "30 Rock," ation of Republican vice presi- and the show also could again claim

> Justin Timberlake was another "SNL" winner Saturday, honored as best guest actor in a comedy

On the drama side, Michael J. Fox won the guest actor award for his turn on "Rescue Me," and Ellen actress for "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

"I always wanted one of these," claiming six.

Tina Fey an Emmy winner? You end's main ceremony. Fey has the Emmy after being nominated five

Neither Timberlake nor Fox were on hand to accept.

Kathy Griffin was host of the nearly four-hour ceremony, her trademark outrageous humor intact with risque jokes and filmed bits.

An edited, shorter version of the ceremony will air Friday on E! at 1 p.m. EDT.

The top network winner was HBO with 16 trophies, followed Burstyn was honored as best guest by NBC with 11. Fox and ABC each won eight awards, with CBS, PBS and Cartoon Network each

the shoe aisles of Payless.

Marc Jacobs. I do."

cartography in blues.

reds and orange and like a deep ocean walking too far. It wouldn't be fierce.

Nina Garcia, a "Project Runway"

Hefner says children delayed divorce

TORONTO (AP) — Hugh

wanted me to."

But now his twin boys are "Now is the time."

On Friday, Hefner filed for di- national Film Festival. Hefner said he waited more vorce from former Playmate of the were legally separated in 1998. "I stayed married not be- Since then, Hefner lived with values of his time." cause it was a marriage — the three girlfriends at the Playboy show "The Girls Next Door."

and Rebel," at the Toronto Interthe spring of 2010.

At the premiere, Hefner dethan ten years to complete Year, Kimberly Conrad Hefner. scribed himself as "a died-in-thehis divorce "because of the The couple married in 1989, and heart romantic who played some part in the changing social sexual

But the film shows a different marriage ended in 1998," he Mansion. That relationship was side of him. Directed by Academy said. "I stayed because she documented on the E! Reality Award winner Brigitte Berman, she chooses to depict the mak-Hefner made the comments at ing of the man and his stance as turning 18, so the 83-year-old the premiere of his documentary, activist and humanitarian. The Playboy magazine founder says, "Hugh Hefner: Playboy Activist film opens in North America in

Robert Redford picks Savannah for historical film

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) ously filmed along the Georgia star Miley Cyrus finished work in city of Savannah as the location Vance" in 1999. for his post-Civil War film about Other films made in Geor- The American Film Company Abraham Lincoln.

selection Friday. Redford previ-

City officials announced the Garden of Good and Evil."

Last month, 16-year-old super- Wilkes Booth.

Robert Redford has picked the coast for "The Legend of Bagger Savannah on Walt Disney Pictures' "The Last Song."

woman who was hanged for gia's oldest city include "Forrest production will tell the story of aiding the assassin of President Gump," "Glory," "The General's boarding house owner Mary Sur-Daughter" and "Midnight in the ratt, who was hanged in 1865 after being convicted of aiding John

Apollo moon rocks lost in space? No, lost on Earth

know where your moon rocks are?

The discovery of a fake moon rock in the Netherlands' national museum should be a wake-up call for more of lunar rubble from both the Apollo 11 flight in 1969 and Apollo 17 three years later.

Nearly 270 rocks scooped up by U.S. astronauts were given to foreign countries by the Nixon administration. But according to experts and whereabouts of some of the small rocks are unknown.

"There is no doubt in my mind that their presents from Washington. many moon rocks are lost or stolen and now sitting in private collections,"

tion, countries of the world: Do you Arizona instructor and former U.S. government investigator who has made a project of tracking down the 17 mission given away to nations or lunar treasures.

than 130 countries that received gifts a repository for 17th century Dutch site for space history buffs that has long paintings, announced last month it had had its plum-sized "moon" rock tested, only to discover it was a piece of petrified wood, possibly from Arizona. The museum said it inherited the rock from complete. the estate of a former prime minister.

research by The Associated Press, the a natural history museum. But the mispartment and U.S. embassies in 1973

less in mineral terms, can fetch six- and Nepal.

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Atten- said Joseph Gutheinz, a University of figure sums from black-market col-

Of 135 rocks from the Apollo their leaders, only about 25 have been The Rijksmuseum, more noted as located by CollectSpace.com, a Web attempted to compile a list.

That should not be taken to mean the others are lost — just that the records kept at the time are far from

The AP reviewed declassified cor-The real Dutch moon rocks are in respondence between the State Deidentification raised questions about and was able to locate ten additional how well countries have safeguarded Apollo 17 rocks — in Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Barbados, France, Genuine moon rocks, while worth- Poland, Norway, Costa Rica, Egypt

Ex-first daughter's TV journalism debut next week

Bush Hager will make her debut as tional speaker Dalton Sherman. a correspondent for NBC's "Today" show.

Arlington. The Fort Worth Star- against the New York Giants.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) Telegram reports her first story will be Former "first daughter" Jenna a profile of 11-year-old Dallas motiva- lic "coming out" for the twin daughter

The show will originate from Arlington as NBC promotes its "Football She'll debut Friday when "To- Night in America" telecast of the Dalday" airs from Cowboys Stadium in las Cowboys' Sept. 19 home opener publicity.

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Jay-Z more than a rockstar at 9/11 concert

Hager's debut will be a sort of pubof former President George W. Bush. During her father's presidency, the White House tended to shield Hager and her twin sister, Barbara, from

The twins' parents live in Dallas.

Israeli film on '82 Lebanon war wins Venice prize

non," an Israeli film that recounts Lee, himself a Golden Lion-winning Israel's 1982 invasion of the Middle East country through the eyes of four soldiers in a tank, won the top he do next. prize at the Venice Film Festival on

Saturday. last day of the 11-day screening of films from around the world. An Iranian film about women and repression took the No. 2 prize, the Silver Lion.

"Lebanon," directed by Samuel Maoz, tells the story of Israeli paratroopers searching a hostile town. The conflict is seen through the binocularaided eyes of those inside a tank, with their cramped quarters lending an anxious sense of claustrophobia to their viewpoint.

"I dedicate this work to people all over the world that come back from the war safe and sound," the director told the audience at the award ceremony. "They work, get married, have children," but the memories get "stuck in their souls."

Maoz was a young man when he served in the Israeli military during the invasion, which led to a long occupation of southern Lebanon.

Variety has described the film, one of 25 which competed for the Golden Lion, as the "boldest and best of the recent mini-wave" of Israeli movies.

VENICE, Italy (AP) — "Leba- The awards jury was headed by Ang into conflicted parts of the world. director, who marveled that if "Lebanon" was Maoz's first film what might

He said the jurors were both quick and unanimous in choosing "Leba-The festival jury announced the non" and were "happy not be inside all classes of society in 1953 Iran, on Golden Lion and other prizes on the that tank which could have been any the eve of an American-aided upristank in any war."

a phone interview immediately after industry, and leading to the return of winning that he hoped the film "helps the shah. people understand our country better, understand our society better, and the providing encouragement to democracomplexity of our society better."

Iranian filmmaker and photographer Shirin Neshat snared the Silver Lion for best director for her feature debut with "Zanan Bedoone Mardan"

("Women Without Men"). The film depicts four women from ing that deposed an elected govern-Maoz told Israeli Channel 1 TV in ment that had nationalized the oil

But Neshat said the film aimed at cy-loving people in her country a half The jury seemed to wade straight century after the events in the film.

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be many things—a music and fashion Square Garden for his "Answer to Call" Jay-Z continued with his own New York mogul, nightclub owner, co-owner of concert, which paid tribute to the police anthems — including "Empire State of the New Jersey Nets and Beyonce's officers and firefighters who died respondhusband — but more than anything, ing to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the his upbringing in the Marcy projects the entertainer showed the world he World Trade Center. was a proud New Yorker Friday night.

The 39-year-old Brooklyn native the show, followed by "The Star-Spangled Santigold.

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay-Z may performed to a sold-out crowd at Madison Banner" infused with an electric guitar. Mind"; "Where I'm From," a song about complex; and "Brooklyn Go Hard," a The Pledge of Allegiance kicked off collaboration with alternative singer



Elton John wants to adopt toddler

LONDON (AP) — Look out, Madonna and Angelina Jolie — pop star Elton John has decided he wants to join the ranks of A-list celebrities with adopted children.

But it's not clear if John, 62, will be able to adopt, and the Rocket Man star has not yet started formal proceedings, which are often long and complicated.

John and longtime partner David Furnish are interested in trying to adopt a Ukrainian toddler named Lev they met during an orphanage tour there.

The singer told reporters in Ukraine on Saturday that Furnish has long wanted to adopt a child but that he was reluctant until he met Lev at an orphanage where many of the children's parents have died from AIDS.

"David always wanted to adopt a child and I always said 'no' because I am 62 and I think because of the traveling I do and the life I have, maybe it wouldn't be fair for the child," John said.

"But having seen Lev today, I would love to adopt him. I don't know how we do that but he has stolen my heart. And he has stolen David's heart and it would be wonderful if we can have a home. I've changed my mind today."

He acknowledged bureaucratic hurdles may make adoption of a Ukrainian child impossible, citing the lack of a formal adoption protocol between England and the Ukraine as a serious potential problem.

"I don't know what the procedure is to adopt a boy from the Ukraine. I don't think I can because England doesn't have a treaty with the Ukraine," he

But he said the fact that Furnish, 46, is Canadian may provide an avenue for adoption from the Ukraine. Some countries also make it difficult for gay couples to adopt.

Warhol's paintings stolen from LA home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A unique series of Andy Warhol pieces — portraits of Muhammad Ali, Jack Nicklaus, Pele, Dorothy Hamill and other athletic superstars — has been stolen from a collector's home.

Los Angeles police said Friday the collection of 10 silk screen paintings of famous athletes of the 1970s was taken from the home of businessman Richard Weisman sometime between Sept. 2 and 3.

Weisman commissioned the iconic pop artist in 1977 to create the portraits, said Brenda Klippel, the director of Martin Lawrence Galleries in Los Angeles, which has a large collection of Warhols.

A commissioned portrait of Weisman was also stolen, said Detective Mark Sommer of the Los Angeles Police Department's art theft detail. A \$1 million reward was offered for information leading to the return of the paintings.

"This was a very clean crime," Sommer said. "(The home) wasn't ransacked."

Art recovery expert Robert Wittman, a former investigator for the FBI's national art crime team, says most rewards are offered for about 10 percent of a stolen collection's value.

"A million dollars is nothing to sneeze at. That's a hefty reward for a collection," Wittman said.

The art was on display in Weisman's dining room and his house was locked up. It wasn't clear exactly when the paintings were taken or how the thieves got into the home.

The theft was discovered by the family's longtime nanny who arrived at the home to find the large prints missing from the walls. She immediately went to a neighbor's to call police, Sommer

It wasn't known exactly how much the prints were worth.

Archaeologists find early menorah depiction

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli archaeologists have uncovered one of the earliest depictions of a menorah, the seven-branched from the same period, she said, candelabra that has come to but this one was unique because symbolize Judaism, the Israel An- it was inside a synagogue and

The menorah was engraved in stone around 2,000 years ago and found in a synagogue recently discovered by the Sea of Galilee.

Pottery, coins and tools found at the site indicate the synagogue dates to the period of the second Jewish temple in Jerusalem, where the actual menorah was kept, said archaeologist Dina Avshalom-Gorni of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

The artist might have seen the menorah during a pilgrimage and then recreated it in the synagogue, she suggested.

A small number of depictions of the menorah have surfaced tiquities Authority said Friday. far from Jerusalem, illustrating the link between Jews around Jerusalem and in the Galilee to the north.

The menorah, depicted atop pedestal with a triangular base is carved on a stone which was placed in the synagogue's central

The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by Roman legions in 70 A.D.. The Arch of Titus in Rome, erected to mark the Roman victory, depicts troops carrying the menorah from Jerusalem to symbolize the defeat of the Jews.

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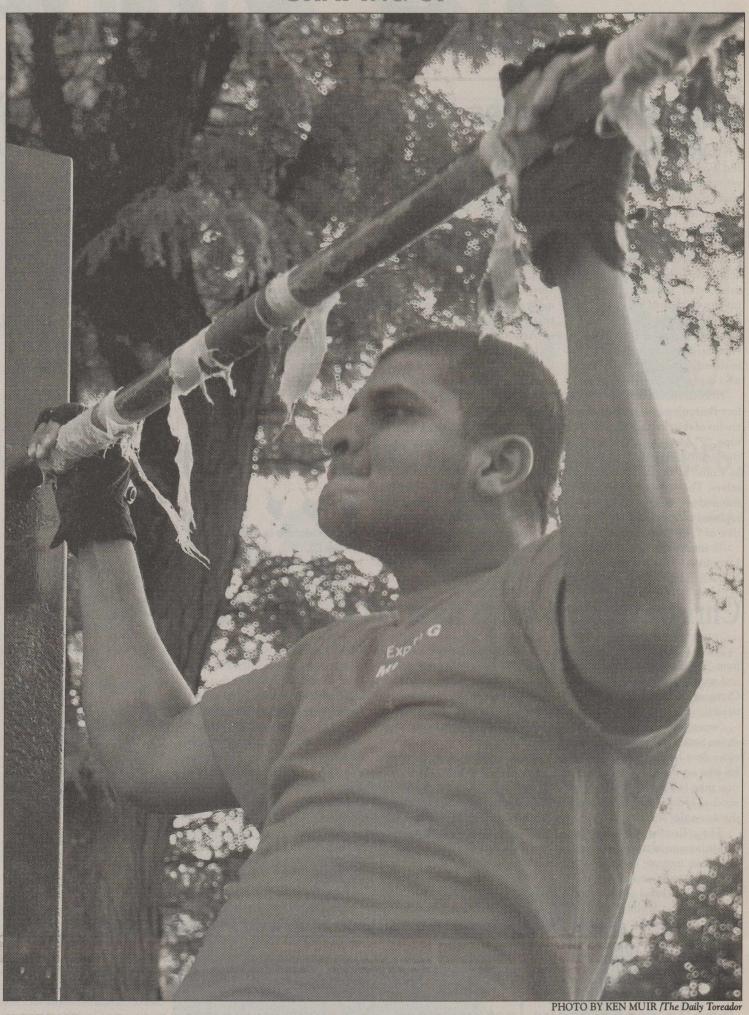
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Ex-cons in Naples get second chance as tourist guides

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — Luigi "Giggino" Nocerino once stalked tourists through the tight alleys of this southern Italian city, snatching bags and valuables to fuel his drug addiction.

Now he looks after his former prey, escorting them through bad neighborhoods and giving tips on how to avoid muggings and where to eat the best pizza.

Nocerino is one of 70 former convicts, including muggers, drug traffickers and con artists, hired by authorities to guide tourists through the art-rich but crime-plagued city and use their inside knowledge of the local underworld to keep visitors safe.

Officials say the six-month experiment that began in May is succeeding in reducing petty crime and preventing the ex-cons from falling back into old habits or joining the ranks of the Camorra, the powerful mob syndicate that runs global drug rings out of Naples.

"I used to hunt for tourists. How things have changed," Nocerino marvels, recalling how he spent more than 10 of his 43 years serving prison terms for drug-related offenses.

Nocerino and his fellow guides roam tourist-filled areas, like the historic cen-

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Their job can include pointing the way to a monument, helping tourists negotiate a cab fare or walking them to a specific pizzeria or a pastry shop. The service is free and tips are not encouraged.

Giovanni Aspride, a 53-year-old former counterfeiter, said he and his colleagues usually wait for tourists to approach them, though they may come forward if somebody seems desperately lost or to tell a visitor to remove a gold watch or tuck a wallet in a safer pocket.

in conversation.

On a busy shopping street on Tuesday, Aspride pointed an American couple just off a cruise ship toward baroque

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yellow vests identifying them, in some- they weren't wearing any jewelry that Serious offenders including murderers, what mangled English, as "Operator for could attract unwanted attention. "You OK," he told them in broken

The tourists were unfazed when told Aspride had served time. "It's a great way to reintegrate them a supervisor, usually a private security into society," said Brooke Cervine wolves in charge of the sheep," said

March, 37, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. "Everybody deserves a second chance." Her husband, Scott Cervine, said a fellow cruise passenger bought an MP3

player from a street vendor, only to find out later that he'd been conned. Unscrupulous street vendors will display

which at the last moment is switched with one that's empty or contains a heavy object. The guides must call police if they see anything suspicious, but officials

Though their criminal record does say that in some cases they have taken of an education agency that runs the not have to be revealed, the guides are matters into their own hands, chasing scheme. not shy about discussing it if it comes up off muggers or returning lost property to tourists. When the government of the Cam-

pania region, which has Naples as its capital, started the project the idea caused uproar.

Applicants went through interviews and were chosen based on any previous pean Union funds.

ter of Naples or its port, wearing bright churches in the area, then checked that working experience and language skills. rapists and mobsters were ruled out.

Still, critics complained the ex-cons could be a danger to tourists and tarnish the image of a city already reputed as

"We were accused of putting the Corrado Gabriele, the regional official in charge of labor issues. "I think convicts should not be marked for life and, once they have served their sentence, we have a duty to help them."

The project has had its rough mo-Aspride smiled as he recognized the ments: one of the ex-cons was arrested trademark "pacco" — the package trick. on the job — but that was after the slow-paced Italian courts sentenced him for a crime committed more than a high-tech gizmo, then place it in a box, a decade ago.

> None of the convicts has committed any crime since the project started and the initial distrust has largely dissipated, said Alessandro Maria Vecchioni, head

> He proudly showed letters of thanks from tourists helped by the guides and citizens' petitions to increase their numbers and hours.

For now the guides work 20 hours a week for a monthly salary of 500 (\$725), paid by the Campania region with Euro-

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"He played hard this last week," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "He had a good week of practice and he went out and played on the field too."

Swindall played hard and got started early, not letting his first start of the year go to waste, finishing with six catches for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

"This past week in practice and stuff, I was just ready to play," he said. "I had a good week in practice and then I found out I was going to start and just brought a good energy to the team and leadership to the team. And the rest of the receiving corps just kind of fed off of me."

One of those receivers was Lyle Leong, a teammate of Potts' at Abilene High School, who had nine catches for 117 yards and three touchdowns.

But the offensive show overshadowed the best defensive outing by the Red Raiders since they held a year ago.

It was a good, old-fashioned sack attack.

terbacks John Thomas Shepherd and — could be a sign of consistency. Nick Fanuzzi all night, racking up six sacks, forcing two fumbles and an ple started interception.

Those in on the sack party were myself included linemen Colby Whitlock, Daniel - some of us Howard, Brandon Sharpe, Chris may have got-Perry, Daniel Howard and linebacker ten comfortable Marlon Williams.

For defensive end Brandon Sharpe, it was," Potts who recovered a momentum-shifting said. fumble, the defense took care of its hunger for big plays — buffet style.

"Got to eat. Got to eat," he said. looked easy, "Like you said, feeding frenzy. We though. trying to eat."

"They're just a real good club." touchdowns Rice coach David Bailiff said. "They on all six poswere getting after us, and that's one sessions of the of those things where we just got to improve."

Offensively, Tech showed the same back Steven Sheffield recorded his complacency as last week, when it first career touchdown pass in the coasted against North Dakota after fourth quarter. taking an early lead.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Tored

KRISTIN TOMDALE, A graudate student from Southlake, is hoisted by fans 28 times after Tech scored its SMU to seven points almost exactly 28th point during Tech's 55-10 victory against Rice on Saturday at Jones AT&T stadium.

Leach said his team may be kind of streaky, but the second half pound-The defense pestered Rice quaring — when Tech put up 41 points

> "Some peomay have been at 14, how easy

The second half was what

Tech scored second half backup quarter-

Red Raiders, who now have to deal revenge this week after losing with key injuries a week before travel- as the nation's top-ranked team ing to Austin to play No. 2 Texas.

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Lewis left the game in the second quarter with not return.

> end Ra'Ion straight year. Henley also boot on his left game.

not share any

ture of player injuries.

Tech finally can turn its attention it. That's the biggest thing." But it wasn't all good news for the to Texas, who will be looking for >>> daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

in a 39-33 thriller last season in Lubbock.

After being the most watched what looked college football game in 2008, this like an injury to season's matchup was moved up a his upper-right few weeks for prime-time television thigh and did on ABC. So it's no surprise that ESPN's College GameDay will Defensive be in attendance for the second-

For Tech, the win against Rice left the game was a much better outing than last with an injury week's game against North Dakota, and was seen on which could boost confidence for crutches and a the Big 12 Conference opener.

When asked if he believes Tech foot after the is prepared for the Longhorns, Leach dished out another classic, Tech does outside-the-box comment.

"Well, you know, it is what it is," information he said. "It's like Bob Dylan says, about the na- 'You are where you are.'

"I just think that we just need to Now with Rice out of the way, take that second half and build on



RICE QUARTERBACK JOHN Thomas Shepherd breaks free from Texas Tech linebacker Bront Bird during Texas Tech's win against Rice on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Rice ←

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Tech linebacker Marlon Williams said the Owls' youth showed and it sive linemen David Neil and Chris ended up being an advantage for the Tech defense.

"You could see them get flustered easy or if you give them a look that they may not have seen, a lot of times they didn't know how to check known side of the ball for Tech. to it," said Williams, who had the I think it helped us come up with some year." big plays."

Along with the interception, Williams had a sack for a loss of seven yards. Defensive ends Daniel Howard and Brandon Sharpe, nose tackle Colby Whitlock and defen-Perry all had one sack apiece. All this without injured defensive end Ra'Jon Henley.

Bailiff, who saw Tech's defense in 2007, now sees a trend on the lesser

"It's improved every year," Bailiff game's only interception Saturday. "I said. "I think Mike Leach has done think with us having experience, we a good job of attracting the talent saw that and we just kind of attacked that it takes to compete in the Big 12 it. Gave them different looks, move defensively. He's always been there people around. Fake different cover- offensively. I think that's why they age's, different looks that we give, and had the type of season they had last

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SPORTS

Tech volleyball leaves Tulsa tourney 1-2

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

With conference play just a week a 25-19 win in the second set. away and tournaments coming to an end, the Texas Tech volleyball team was in need of some momentum before its match against No. 5 Nebraska a strong defensive showing.

Tech (2-7) grabbed a 3-1 victory against Gonzaga on Friday, but took a 3-1 loss to Stephen F. Austin and was swept by Tulsa on Saturday in the total of 15. Tulsa Airport Radisson Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

winning point in the first set, which so it gave us the advantage." ended 28-26. Cave also chipped in key block assists that helped swing the momentum in favor of Tech in the first set.

"We all came in feeling very well," Cave said. "We just decided we wanted to play and it felt great, so I think that transpired onto the court."

second set against the Zags and put

Even though the Zags took the third set, Tech bounced back to clinch the final set 25-17, thanks to

Tech setter Karlyn Meyers was a It seems the Red Raiders got a key component throughout the night, not hit the ball well. Tech's hitting little bit of what they were looking totaling 43 assists. Sophomore outside hitter Amanda Dowdy led Tech with 20 kills on the night and racked up 10 digs, while senior Jenn Goehry led the team in that category with a

'There were three of us in double figures for kills and we were digging In the Gonzaga match, freshman the ball really well," Dowdy said. "Ofoutside hitter Miara Cave stepped fensively, we were really aggressive up at the right time. She had a and we outplayed them. It was just career-high 15 kills, including the hitting the ball more and we had that there.'

The solid play, however, did not last long as Tech could not keep its momentum going into a Saturday morning match with Stephen F. Austin and the match against Tulsa later that day.

The Red Raiders came out for the them 25-19 and 22-15, respectively.

Despite the slow start, Tech came

of the year, totaling 14 kills and only to a performance from middle blocker two errors in 30 attempts — leading Barbara Conceicao who tied Tech's to a .400 team hitting percentage and all-time record for the most block assists in a game with 11.

> But in the fourth set, SFA's M.C. Bottles rattled off six unanswered points through serves and helped lift her team to the win, 28-26.

In this match, both teams did percentage was .059 and SFA's was

"I think the blurring thing is that our hitting percentages are so bad," Tech coach Trish Knight said. "We only hit like .059, which is terrible, and you're not going to win matches doing that. Plus, we're digging more balls, but Stephen F. Austin just digged everything we hit, so we've got to dig a few more balls here and

Tech was overmatched against a Tulsa team on a roll looking to bounce back from a loss to the Zags. The Golden Hurricane (8-2) took all three sets by at least five points.

Meyers continued to impress with 30 assists and three block assists to Tulsa's four.

on their best statistical performance out to take the third set 25-23, thanks over, Tech's focus shifts to Big 12 Division I Coaches Top 25.



TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitters Caroline Witte, left, and Amanda hope to lead the Red Raiders into Big 12 Conference play with momentum. Tech finished its nonconference schedule Saturday.

Against SFA (7-5), Tech came helping her earn all-tournament hon- Conference play, which might present out sloppy in the first two sets, losing ors. Tech had seven blocks compared a rough start. Two of Tech's first three said Tech has to have the right at- (Friday), we played to win and we flat Big 12 opponents are ranked in the titude, which it had Friday. Now that nonconference play is CBS College Sports Network/AVCA

"Texas Tech volleyball is just used we played not to lose." to losing and we need to learn how » jose.rodriguez@ttu.edu

To play with these teams, Dowdy to win," Dowdy said. "We did that out beat the other team. (Saturday)

Kansas gets best of UTEP, 34-7

While the No. 22 Jayhawks get plenty of attention for their prolific we didn't play better against their interception. Those are respectable offense, the guys on the other side defense," Price said. "They didn't numbers, of course, but Reesing of the ball led the way in a 34-7 vic- do anything we didn't seen in films. has raised expectations for his play tory over Texas-El Paso on Saturday What surprised us was that they were night.

The forecast coming in suggested coach Mike Price, has always used shutout. a big-play offense. Miners quar-

last fall.

The result? Kansas (2-0) had five sacks in night on the run or on his back, the action starts up front. freeing the linebackers to help with the secondary.

the push by their defensive line-

"It makes the quarterback think," cornerback Daymond Patterson said. "It makes him get the ball out that easier to be a defensive back."

The Miners (0-2) finished with 4

run was a big fiesta for the Kansas seasons in El Paso. Only two posses- played into the fourth quarter and sions ended in Kansas territory.

that good."

The only setback for Kansas? a much closer contest. Last year, Vittatoe threw a 75-yard catch-and-Kansas ranked 114th nationally in run TD to Donavon Kemp early in pass defense while UTEP, under the fourth quarter, breaking up the

terback Trevor Vittatoe threw a happen but it's hard to complain," with 104 yards rushing, ran for a school-record 33 touchdown passes Jayhawks coach Mark Mangino said. 1-yard TD, caught a 5-yard scoring "We were really stellar on defense tonight."

Kansas had just 131/2 sacks last third quarter. the first half, all by the defensive season. If there was to be any im-

Mangino has been keeping an coverage and making life good for eye on the defensive line lately in field," said receiver Dezmon Brispractice. End Jeff Wheeler credited coe, who returned from a one-game Afterward, the Jayhawks praised coordinator Clint Bowen's game plan against UTEP but also said Mangino has been helping by emphasizing hand work and getting up 34 points, I feel like we still did all close with the linemen.

"It's a little intimidating somemuch faster. He's running around times," Wheeler said. "He gets us continue the momentum. more, his stamina is down and his going. We want to do a good job for passes aren't as accurate. It makes it him every day. He gets on people facing Duke next weekend, then sometimes.'

EL PASO (AP) — This border fewest points for UTEP in Price's six by quarterback Todd Reesing. He completed 25 of 41 attempts for 260 "I am a little bit surprised that yards passing with one TD and one and he was out of sync most of the

> Fans back on the plains must have been concerned when Kansas led 3-0 in the second quarter.

Then the Jayhawks got on track, scoring 17 more points by the half. "We shouldn't have let that Tailback Jake Sharp, who finished pass from Reesing and then added a 3-yard TD run midway through the

The Jayhawks finished with 576 front. Vittatoe spent most of the provement, any coach will tell you total yards and ran nearly twice as many plays as UTEP.

"We left a lot of points on the suspension and had eight catches for 154 yards. "But for us to have a bad day on offense and still score right."

The Jayhawks are looking to

They're home for the next month, Southern Mississippi, a bye week and The Kansas defense timed it well lowa State before their next road trip rushing yards, 208 total yards and the because it wasn't a star performance to Colorado on Oct. 17.

Stephen F. Austin lights up scoreboard, blows out NAIA's Texas College 92-0

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NACOGDOCHES, Texas of total offense and held Texas tinel newspaper in Nacodoches. a safety and a missed extra point recorded nine sacks and 14 tackles could do about it." - 92 points, and all for one for losses and the Steers finished

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Austin over-

whelmed I'm very proud of NAIA school Texas our execution and College on Saturday as focus. We've been Lumberjack quarterbacks preaching that Jeremy Moses and Dalsince November. I ton Williams combined was also very for 438 yards happy with only passing and eight touchhaving five downs between them. SFA (1-1) overpowered the Steers (0-3) with four first-quarter

touchdowns and didn't let The score

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73-11 shelwas 50-0 at the half and contin- lacking by the Lumberjacks.

(AP) - Thirteen touchdowns, College to 92. The Lumberjacks "There was really nothing they

Steers quarterback X'Zavier with mi- Bloodsaw completed 15 of 30 for nus-29 yards 121 yards. And Texas College did put together an impressive drive on the first series of the game, but Cory Barlow ended the scoring sive coordi- chance with an interception at the nator Shan- 3-yard line.

non Dawson Four plays later, Moses found knows how Gralyn Crawford for a 65-yard the Texas scoring strike and the rout was College play- on.

"I'm very proud of our execuafter watch- tion and focus," said SFA coach J.C. Harper. "We've been preachponentrunup ing that since November. I was a school re- also happy with only having five cord in points penalties.'

Moses finished the night a Dawson perfect 12-for-12 passing for 285 was on the yards and tied a career-high with 1999 Wing- six touchdown passes. Williams ate Univer- completed 6 of 7 passes for 153 sity team that yards and two touchdowns.

SFA recorded 165 yards on the ground, led by Romonte Hampton, who carried the ball 10 times for record — a 88 yards and three TDs.

Duane Brooks caught four passes for 146 yards and two scores. His "I know exactly what that team 74-yard reception from Moses was SFA racked up 603 yards is feeling," he told The Daily Sen- a career-long for both players.



Del Potro routs Nadal for first Grand Slam final

NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael after the match he finally admitted Nadal looked lost, swallowed up by the huge serves and crushing forehands coming at him from the 6-foot-6 opponent across the net.

That was Juan Martin del Potro, who made his first Grand Nadal said. Slam final, handing Nadal a 6-2, suffered in a major tournament.

"I think this is the best moment of my life," del Potro said.

strained abdominal muscle, which 90s to the 130s.

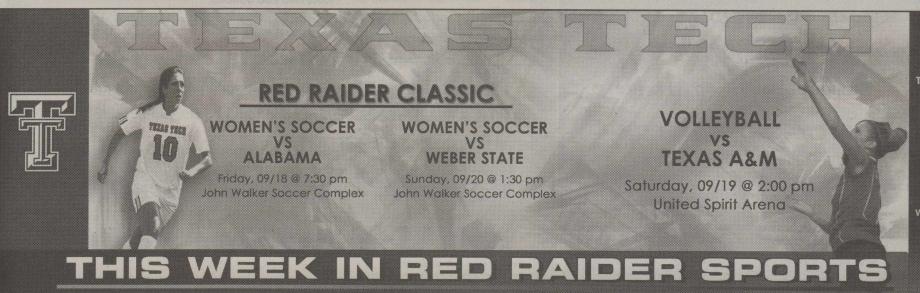
deserved every bit of it.

"Just have to congratulate him,"

The sixth-seeded Argentine -6-2, 6-2 loss Sunday at the U.S. first from that country to make a del Potro's huge serve over the first Open — the worst loss Rafa has U.S. Open final since Guillermo 12 games. And there was no waiting Vilas in 1977 — kept No. 3 Nadal pinned behind the baseline with a deep, flat forehand and a first serve Nadal was dealing with a he mixed at between speeds in the

In the first set, Nadal put on was bothering him. The six-time his usual show, battling for every Grand Slam champion also gave point, never giving in, even though plenty of credit to del Potro, who it appeared he was being overpowered. The first four games took 27

> But he couldn't convert any of the five break points he had against out this storm, no hoping del Potro might weaken, the way he did earlier this year at the French, when he was leading Roger Federer 2 sets to 1 at his first Grand Slam semifinal.



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