## Texas announces \$135.4M coastal protection plan

By JUAN A. LOZANO ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HOUSTON (AP) — Texas announced Monday that it was embarking on the biggest coastal protection effort in state history to fight beach erosion and defend against future hurricanes.

The \$135.4 million plan comes just a year after Hurricane Ike's powerful storm surge damaged thousands of homes in Galveston, the neighboring Bolivar Peninsula and other communities across southeast Texas. The Sept. 13,

2008 hurricane also scoured away on 26 projects from South Padre after being eroded by Ike. The 10seawater and ruined thousands of acres of vegetation.

scale projects like this for quite some time but (Hurricane) Ike has accelerated our efforts and created a greater sense of urgency," Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said in a telephone interview shortly after announcing the plan in Galveston. "It's the largest commitment to coastal protection in the history of Texas.'

Work will begin immediately were replenished earlier this year

beaches, submerged marshes in Island in South Texas to McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge on the upper Texas Coast, Patterson "We've been trying to do large said. The projects have different timelines for being completed.

The biggest project will be a more than \$46 million beach renourishment that will replace sand over a stretch of six miles from the west end of Galveston's famed seawall.

Another stretch of Galveston's beaches, which are a big tourist attraction but also fortify the seawall,

mile long seawall has protected the island city since it was built after the Great Storm of 1900, which killed 6,000 people.

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Other projects include:

- a \$32 million project that will restore dunes along 20 miles of beaches that protect the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge. The 55,000 acre refuge protects one of the largest remaining freshwater marshes on the Texas Coast.

- an \$18.3 million project to rebuild dunes on Bolivar Peninsula. Ike's storm surge overwhelmed

Gulf of Mexico, washing away or damaging 3,600 homes and other structures.

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- a \$1 million test project in South Padre Island that will place low profile stabilizers, or concrete filled tubes, underwater in beaches on the north end. The stabilizers will slow down erosion by retaining sand usually lost to waves and currents.

Patterson said these projects will protect not just the state's physical assets but also the economy.

"It's going to protect the dollars

this thin strip of land along the that are generated in the coast," he said. "Without a beach in front of the seawall in Galveston, there are no tourists. Without tourists, no hotel motel taxes, no sales taxes generated."

Patterson said the state is allocating \$25 million for the effort. Matching funds from local communities and the federal government is increasing the total to more than \$135 million.

A telephone message left Monday with the Gulf Restoration Network was not immediately returned.

## Panel warns against Obama's proposed health care reform

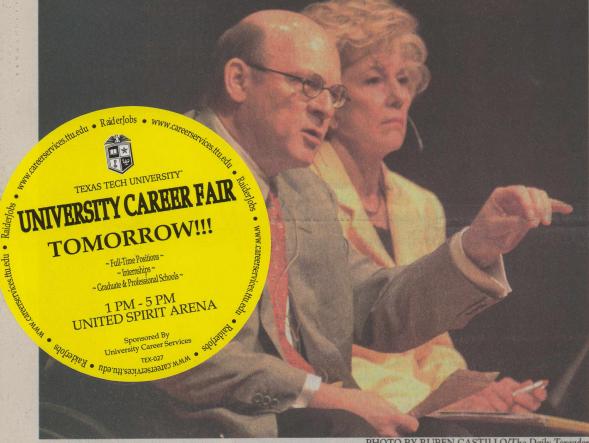


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Dr. Mark Scioli and Elizabeth Ashmore speak about healthcare reform at the Americans for Integrity in Goverment healthcare forum held at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium Monday.

#### **By JASON HARTLINE** STAFF WRITER

An assorted panel of doctors and professionals gathered at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on Monday in an attempt to answer questions Lubbock residents had about President Barack Obama's health care proposal.

Americans for Integrity in Government, the organization that hosted the event and opposes the health care plan, asked the panel several questions about government paying all health care bills, if governmentrun health care can ration or deny care and panelists' opinions of the health care system implemented in the United States.

When asked about how the proposed plan would be funded, Dr. Mark Scioli, a recognized Texas Super Doctor in Texas Monthly since 2004 and one of the panelists, said costs would increase from premiums and taxes to gas and other common expenditures.

"Everyone wants affordable health care," he said. "There is a difference between what the consumer wants to pay and what they can pay. If the federal government picks up the bill, they will make it to where no can pay."

However, a unanimous opinion expressed by the panel was that one of the major problems in health care is the upward spiral of cost.

"If you were to take every business, in every city, in every state across the country and combined their profits, a patient would only be able to pay for five months of health care," Scioli said. "The cost of current health care is staggering to comprehend."

Scioli said health care professionals intentionally make medical bills difficult to read for the average American citizen.

"If you were able to read it, you would be able to question it," he said. "This means you would be able to catch the overpricing brought on by the hospital and most likely fix it."

Opinions also were expressed about the proposed health care legislation pending in Congress.

With a little under 40 employees, I am required to pay \$20,000 a month for health care," said Bob Rogers, a Lubbock small business owner. "The amount of paperwork required by the

government on the state and federal level is almost too much. If the federal government completely took charge, I wouldn't have any time to run my business."

Elizabeth Ashmore, co-owner of an independent insurance agency in Lubbock specializing in employee benefits and compliance issues, said the more the government interferes and the more it offers aid, the less people expect to do for themselves.

"The key is to make people responsible for their own actions and not depend on the government," she said. "Someone can only spend so much of someone else's money before it runs out."

The panel proposed to implement a mandated health care savings account, an idea which has been supported by many Republicans and largely opposed by Democrats.

Not only would the plan open the door to do away with Medicare, according to the panel, it would lower the cost for the average consumer, lower accountability and offer free insurance for 60 million Americans.

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SALVADOR SALAZAR, A sophomore architecture major from Herford and vice-president of the Omega Delta Phi fraternity, speaks to potential rushers Monday at the Meet the Greeks 2009 meeting hosted in the Matador Room located inside the Student Union Building.

## Meet the Greeks seeks to foster diversity in Greek organizations

By ZACH QUIÑONES STAFF WRITER

2009 on Monday in the Student Union Building to introduce and sorority organizations to students, he said, but this year

The purpose for Meet the students con-Greeks 2009 was to provide firmed they students with information about would attend fraternities and sororities in the through vari-NPHC and IGC. The NPHC ous methods of and IGC represent historically communica-Greek letter organization that have a history of minority mem-

"It helps get the minority community aware of these organizations," said Delta Sigma Theta member Megan Ayitey-Adjin, a junior community to different health and dental hygiene major multi-cultural from Dallas.

Students were able to meet originally inmembers of each executive spired the event, Sutton said. council and learn about their mission, vision and values.

event this year.

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The National Pan-Hellenic Greeks adviser, said he already Council and Inter-Greek Counhas seen a positive response since cal engineering major from Arcil hosted Meet the Greeks combining Meet the Greeks into lington, was one of the students a joint event.

and promote minority fraternity Greeks attracted about 40 to 50

almost 200

Promoting campus unity between Greek organizations and exposing students backgrounds

Glasgow, a graduate student in mu-could browse different fraterni-In previous years, the NPHC sic education from Washington, ties and sororities and speak with and IGC held their meet-and- D.C., said the event is a good way members. The fraternities and greet events separately, but for students to see different cul- sororities then gave presentations the two councils hosted a joint tures and backgrounds because not to promote their organizations. one particular culture is restricted Allen Sutton, the Meet the to one specific organization.

Sutton said one of the goals of Meet the Greeks to bring the organizations to light.

Charles Andre, a senior cheminot in a Greek organization who In previous years, Meet the attended the event to learn about the different organizations.

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**MEGAN AYITEY-ADJIN** 

**DELTA SIGMA THETA** 

**MEMBER** 

"I wanted to see what the school has to offer and meet people," he said.

Sutton said many misconceptions exist about what Greek organizations do and stand for, and Meet the Greeks aims to help students understand different fraternities and

sororities.

Meet the Greeks began in the Phi Beta Sigma member Asher Matador Room where students

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#### Immigration fee hikes not providing more revenue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has collected hundreds of millions of dollars less than it thought it would from fee increases imposed two years ago on applications for citizenship and other immigrationrelated services.

The increases were supposed to generate an additional \$1 billion in revenue for Citizenship and Immigration Services, part of the Homeland Security Department. Based on that, the agency predicted it would collect \$2.33 billion in fees in this fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, but is expecting to

come up about \$282 million short of that prediction.

Agency officials blamed the shortfall on an overall drop in immigration-related applications being filed, possibly as a result of the ongoing economic slump.

The agency has twice adjusted its estimated number of applications and the amount of revenue they would bring in. Immigration officials also are cutting back on some spending, looking to Congress for some relief, and is studying the fee structure as required every two years.

#### **NATION**

#### Obama warns Wall Street not to block tighter regs

Wall Street on its own turf, President Barack Obama warned financial leaders not to use the recovering economy to race back into "reckless behavior" that could cause a new meltdown. He declared that a bailout-weary public will not break their fall again.

Obama insisted Monday that there is an urgent need for tighter financial regulation, and he cautioned his audience not to try to block it. He spoke on the first anniversary of the collapse of

NEW YORK (AP) — Lecturing the Lehman Brothers investment bank, the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history and a stark reminder of the financial crisis that spread into a deep recession despite huge federal bailouts of major companies.

"It is neither right nor responsible after you've recovered with the help of your government to shirk your obligation to the goal of wider recovery, a more stable system, and a more broadly shared prosperity," Obama said in a stern bid to boost his regulation proposals.

#### WORLD

#### US troops raid Somali town controlled by fighters

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Foreign troops in helicopters strafed a car Monday in a Somali town controlled by Islamist insurgents, killing two men and capturing two others who were wounded, witnesses said. U.S. military officials said American forces were involved in the raid.

The commando-style action took place in a village near Barawe amid growing fears that al-Qaida is gaining a foothold in this lawless nation.

Two U.S. military officials said forces from the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command were involved. The officials gave no details about the raid or its target, and they spoke on condition of anonymity because the operation was secret.

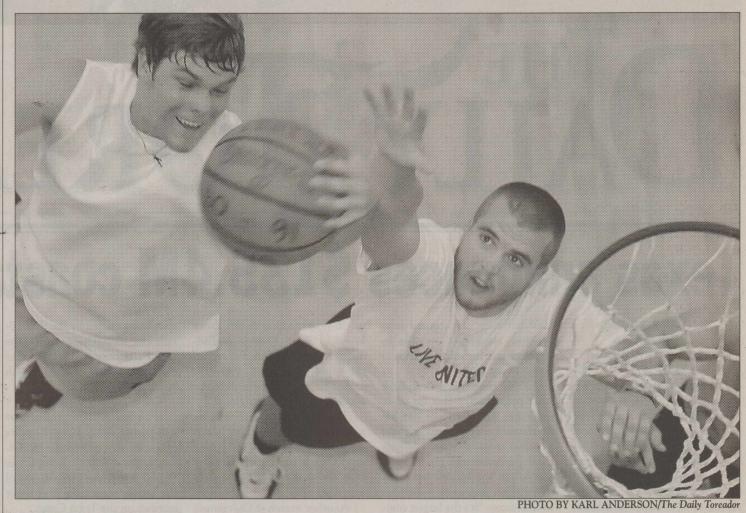
Many experts fear Somalia is becoming a haven for al-Qaida, a place for terrorists to train and gather strength — much like Afghanistan in the 1990s.

#### Correction

Daily Toreador, the article "Greek from 534 in 2008 to 575 in 2009 rush numbers increase across the and from 762 in 2008 to 817 in board" should have stated that 2009 for sororities. The DT regrets registration numbers, not rush the error.

In Thursday's issue of The numbers, for fraternities increased

### HIT THE BOARDS



MATT PARKER, A freshman business major from Dallas, and Rhett Hartsfield, a freshman with no declared major from Austin, attempt to catch a rebound during a basketball game Monday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

## Iran to meet world powers, 1st talks in a year

will repel any attack — while also weapons program." tamping down tensions by agree-

The U.S., Iran and European demands that it freeze uranium Iranian nuclear facilities.

the U.S. and Israel on Monday it along with Tehran's "illicit nuclear standoff over the Islamic Republic's

ing to meet with Washington and Iran's most bitter foe, was quoted as cil demands. other world powers more than a urging tougher action, including adyear after talks broke down over ditional sanctions to cripple Tehran's Salehi, who issued the warning over Tehran's refusal to curb its nuclear economy and turn Iranians against military action, was more moderate the government.

Iran also sounded a tough note — Union expressed hope the Oct. accusing the U.S. of amassing "fright- nuclear rights and obligations in a 1 talks could lead to substantive ening and dreadful weaponry in ... general context, even though it would negotiations — despite Iranian the Persian Gulf' and warning Israel not bargain over enrichment, which Gallach said representatives of Russia, warnings it would not even discuss and the United States that it is ready he called "our sovereign right." meeting U.N. Security Council to defend itself against any attack on

VIENNA (AP) — Iran warned — "would be part of the discussion," the stage for progress in resolving the conducive to future dialogue." refusal to freeze uranium enrichment The prime minister of Israel, and heed other U.N. Security Coun-

> Iranian nuclear chief Ali Akhbar Saeed Jalili. in later comments, telling reporters that Iran is "open to discussion" on

In an allusion to President Barack are also expected. Obama's stated goals of global nuclear

U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu confirmed the U.S. would be sending a representative to the meeting with Solana and Iranian nuclear negotiator

"This is an important first step," Chu said in Vienna for the general conference of the 150-nation International Atomic Energy Agency, which began Monday.

Solana spokeswoman Cristina China, France, Britain and Germany

Swedish Foreign Minister Carl The EU's chief diplomat, Javier nonproliferation and disarmament, Bildt, whose country heads the rotat-But White House spokesman Solana, announced Iran's readiness to and offer to negotiate with Iran ing EU presidency, warned against Robert Gibbs said enrichment follow up an offer last week from the without conditions, Salehi said that if undue expectations, considering the - which can make both nuclear six powers for a new round of talks. those aspirations "are translated into divide between Tehran and the six fuel and fissile warhead material Solana said the meeting could set deeds, then the environment will be nations on nuclear and other issues.



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### Bin Laden prods US to end "hopeless" Afghan war

CAIRO (AP) — Osama bin ferences with the U.S. stemmed from that they don't really want to fight Laden said in a new audiotape that President Barack Obama's strategy in Afghanistan is "hopeless" and called on Americans to resolve the conflict with al-Qaida by ending the war there and breaking the U.S. alliance with Israel.

In the message marking the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the al-Qaida leader avoided his usual rhetoric of jihad and instead took a more analytical tone, claiming its difthe Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But analysts said Monday that the message's tone and its unusually short length — only 11 minutes, far shorter than others released by al-Qaida to mark the anniversary - was an indication that al-Qaida was struggling to maintain interest eight years after its most shattering terror attacks.

"You might interpret this as a sign of weakness, the suggestion being

the U.S.," Jeremy Binnie, an analyst with Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center, said of bin Laden's tone.

Arabs and Muslims' more positive feelings toward the new U.S. president are believed to have helped deflate al-Qaida's anti-American rhetoric, which found a receptive audience during the administration of former President George W. Bush, who was widely resented in the region.

#### Panel -

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"With a health care savings account, the premiums would be able to go down in the long run," Scioli said. "This would supply coverage for a catastrophic event and help the consumer to not depend on a co-pay from the insurance company every time they have a cough.'

According to members of the panel, the level of pay and qualifications in physicians would decrease under the proposed plan.

"In 1964, for every one open spot in medical school, there were 15 applicants," said Dr. John A. Buesseler, the founding dean of the School of Medicine and founding vice president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. "Now there are two. Imagine the numbers if the salary incentive was reduced or taken away. Imagine the level of quality with no competition.

Buesseler said the best thing about the health care system is the power

"(Patients) can choose everything from which physician to see to what insurance company they want to represent them," he said. "The power to choose represents the principles in which this country was founded on.'

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• Editors note: Billed as a town hall meeting, this event differed from those that have taken place around the country during the past several months. The meeting was hosted by an organization that disagrees with the health care proposal being pushed by President Barack Obama, and thus was not a discussion conducive to bipartisan debate.

### Greek +

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to promote their organizations. Greek organizations represented Kappa Delta Chi, Gamma Alpha Gamma. Organizations represented

Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Zeta Phi Beta.

by the IGC are Delta Kappa Delta, the largest Greek-letter organizations with a historically large mi-Omega Delta Phi and Zeta Phi the organization's Tech Web site.

by the NPHC are Alpha Kappa maintain high standards in the Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta quality of life among fraternities and sororities by addressing, coor-Phi Beta Sigma, Omega Psi Phi and dinating, and developing strategic action plans; to unify organizations, The NPHC represents nine of promote higher education, enhance leadership and serve as a link to the student body and administration," Omega, Lambda Theta Alpha, nority membership, according to according to the organization's Tech



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### Study finds Male bass in many US rivers feminized

WASHINGTON (AP) - Government scientists figure that one out of five male black bass in American river basins have egg cells growing inside their sexual organs, a sign of how widespread fish feminizing has become.

The findings come from the U.S. Geological Survey in its first comprehensive examination of intersex fish in America, a problem linked to women's birth control pills and other hormone treatments that seep into rivers. Sporadic reports of feminized fish have been reported for

The agency looked at past data from nine river basins - covering about two-thirds of the country and found that about 6 percent of the nearly 1,500 male fish had a bit of female in them. The study looked at 16 different species, with most not

But the fish most feminized are two of the most sought-after freshwater sportfish: the largemouth and smallmouth, which are part of the black bass family. Those two species were also the most examined with nearly 500 black bass tallied.

"It's widespread," said USGS biologist Jo Ellen Hinck. She is the lead author of the study, published online this month in Aquatic Toxicology. She said 44 percent of the sites where black bass were tested had at least one male with egg cells growing inside.

### Sarkozy: happiness should be used as economic indicator

PARIS (AP) - French President Nicolas Sarkozy asked world leaders to join a "revolution" in the measurement of economic progress by dropping their obsession with gross domestic product to account for factors such as health-care availability and leisure time.

In a speech on the first anniversary of the collapse of Lehman Brothers, Sarkozy said the financial crisis has shown the need for a better way of calculating a country's economic health.

His own country, known for its leisurely meals, long vacations and labor protections, could outshine more profitfocused economies if nations act on new recommendations in a report headed by two Nobel economists commissioned 18 months ago.

The report, presented to Sarkozy on Monday, offers a raft of factors that governments should take into account when making policy, such as environmental sustainability. But it doesn't specifically suggest a new statistical index.

Despite the lack of detail Monday, Sarkozy said the French statistics office to change the way it measures progress. But any worldwide shift would require other nations to get on board, and some economists questioned whether rethink-

ing GDP would work. Sarkozy will nonetheless try to persuade other world leaders to sign up to the proposals at the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh, Henri Guaino, a special advisor to Sarkozy, told The Associated

## Tech chess champion fueled by competition

By SHERREL JONES

While children his age were masters. learning 4th-grade science, one

Chess has been part of Gergely began competing at age 8 or 9 in

tournaments around Europe.

first to teach me the game," said Antal, an international master of chess from Hungary. "My father, uncles and my sister play chess. It is like a chess family, but they chess players.

**GERGELY ANTAL** are not serious INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF CHESS

My grandfather

was the first

to teach me

the game."

They just play for fun." Antal said he likes to compete in chess tournaments rather than playing leisure games because he likes the feeling of being under complishments to be an interna-

pressure during a chess tourna-

Antal is a strong player.

said. "He played in our spring tournament and didn't do so well, but I think it was jitters. He also won the Southwest Open. I think he has done extremely well this year."

hosted in the DFW area and had 160 players in attendance. Antal won first place and took home the Student Union Building. the \$1,500 prize.

"Usually, they rank people difficult, Kuljasevic said, because by their strength, and he was talented international players will the fifth-highest-rated player,"

Antal is a talented player. tion from his own team last year grandmaster. because he was the only inter-

She's an original...

national master on the team. This year, Tech has acquired two other strong players who are international

"We have three international future Texas Tech student was masters, and all of them are quite traveling throughout Europe strong," Karlsson said. "They all just participating in chess competi- need one more grandmaster norm to become grandmaster.'

Davorin Kuljasevic, who won Antal's life since he was 4, and he second place at the Southwest Open, said Antal's international master status would be the equiva-"My grandfather was the lent to master's degree in college,

and a grandmaster would be the equivalent of a doctoral degree.

"He also has two grandmaster norms," said Kuljasevic, an international master of chess, "which means he is very close to achieving his grandmaster title. He has a

grandmaster strength, which makes him probably top 500 chess players

tional master, including his most recent victory in the 2009 World Hal Karlsson, faculty adviser Chess Live Tournament of College for Knight Raiders, said he thinks Champions during the summer. "It was a collegiate tournament

"I always thought he had po- in Indianapolis," Antal said. "Unitential when he came," Karlsson versities sent their best students to the competition.'

Antal was the only student from Tech to attend the competition. "I was the strongest player at

that time," Antal said. Kuljasevic said the upcoming in-The Southwest Open was dividual tournaments are scheduled

Sept. 19 through Sept. 27 and will be hosted in the matador room in The tournament is going to be

be competing. Grandmasters and Karlsson said. "He was not the chess players from different areas of highest-rated player, but won the United States will also gather in the matador room to compete. Despite all the talented players

Karlsson said, but he is not the and tough competition, Kuljasevic only talented player at Tech. said it is possible for Antal to Antal did not have competi- achieve his goal of becoming a

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GERGELY ANTAL, A senior economics major from Hungary, practices chess moves Thursday in the Student Union Building. He is one grandmaster norm away from being a grandmaster in chess.

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# PINIONS

## Tech and UT, one year later Respect farming life

here were you when Michael Crabtree beat Texas on a last second touchdown?

For Texas Tech fans, this will be a question asked for years to come. You saw it, I saw it, and we all remember it a unique way. For Tech fans, it is one of those moments in time that the people Corso declared Tech having "the involved never forget, forever best and most signs ever!" (He of tuned in to watch the game, entrenched in our memories, a constant defining image. And despite its relative insignificance to the entire global state of af- nomenal. With Tech jumping out Tech's encore the next week, a fairs, for Lubbock and Tech that to an early lead, Texas climbed 56-20 drubbing of then-No. 8 one singular play could not have back to take the lead back on the Oklahoma State. For Tech and meant more.

Yet it's the week of the rematch Colt McCoy, between the two schools and nearly everything has changed.

Going into that game on Nov. 1, 2008, a buzz had generated in Lubbock that had never been seen before. Texas Tech, who was 8-0 with a Top 10 ranking, was looking for the programs 500th win and first against a top-ranked opponent. With quarterback Graham Harrell and receiver Michael Crabtree both garnering Heisman atten- to see tion, fans were predicting a Big produce a drive for the ages, cul-12 Conference championship

19-yard touchdown catch with it produced an uninspired loss We all remember the cult city dubbed "Raiderville" with thou- one second left. sands of students and tents; all of which was highlighted on ESPN, lowed was as big as the game Crabtree, along with star de-The New York Times and USA itself. Harrell and Crabtree were fensive end Brandon Williams, Today. And the media hype was the new faces of college football. declared for the NFL draft. unprecedented: For the first time Tech climbed all the way to No. ever, ESPN's College Gameday 2 in the polls. Fans and media Mike Leach seemed to fall visited Lubbock to which host Lee started predicting national cham- out of the Tech administra-



course later picked Tech to win by the second largest audience firing off Raider Red's guns).

arm of its own savior, quarterback Lubbock, elation was at an all-

pionships. Everywhere, people looked toward Lubbock as the new college football mecca. Sports Illustrated's Stewart

Mandel called it "the best college football moment of the year." ESPN's Tim Griffin was quick to declare it "the best game in Big 12 history." More than 12 million viewers of any game all season, and Then the game itself was phenearly as many were viewers to only time high.

But what a difference a year makes. Since then, Tech football has seen two of the worst

beat downs in recent memory. One of them, a 65-21 punishment by eventual Big 12 and Heisman Trophy winners Oklahoma and Sam Bradford, respectively, spelled the end for Tech's 2008 Tech dream season. After a 3-way tie for first in the Big 12 South, Tech was relegated to the seemping, tip-toeing, side-stepping ingly lowly Cotton Bowl where

> to Mississippi. A week after the game,

Then in February, Coach

tion's favor. Leach, after failing to agree to a contract extension with administrators, was given a deadline to sign a deal with the university. When that deadline came and passed, it looked as if Tech officials might do the unthinkable and fire Tech's beloved coach. And then Leach produced his own last second catch, inking a \$12.7 million deal after sitting down personally with Chancellor Kent Hance.

While some Tech fans are expecting the worst this weekend, it is unfair to compare this game to that one. The stars of that game are gone. Harrell, Crabtree and Williams all have yet to play a down in the NFL. Instead of being 8-0, this team is just 2-0. Tech comes into the game unranked and untested. Instead of the 56,000 blacked-out fans of Jones AT&T Stadium, Tech will be in front of 100,000 screaming Longhorns.

Yet, there remains that single ray of optimism that will forever shine after Crabtree's catch. As former Tech basketball coach Bob Knight put it that morning on his College Gameday cameo, "I deeply hope we beat their ass."

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Y est Texas is founded upon agriculture. Growing cotton has provided this area with the prosperity needed to found a thriving community.

In many of my classes, I have heard comments that bash farmers. I always hear heard, "If things don't work out which are used. academically, you can always the smartest people I know.

of farming, thoughts of a few labor. people in a field planting or mind for engineering.

technology turn a profit (just than the farmers' homes. as in medicine and computer science). The maintenance and

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about subsidies, and I have even and improved upon the machines

For example, some of the farmbuy some land and farm." There ers I know helped develop a GPS is an undercurrent of prejudice for tractors which positions the and an assumption farmers are tractor into cotton rows using stupid. This is why I want to satellite technology. The accuracy proclaim farmers are some of of this system is incredible. This work is far from mind-numbing; When the layman thinks it is highly technical and skilled

As for subsidies, only a limswishing around scythes all day ited number of farmers qualify for reaping come to mind. This is them. Those who are successful far from true. Modern farming usually are not given subsidies beis a highly-technical industry, a cause they can provide the capital field (pun) in which to be suc- needed for farming themselves. cessful, one should have a good Money has historically been problematic with farmers, and farmers Due to the nature of the need a certain amount of capital Llano Estacado (arid, windy to invest into the tractors needed and huge), farmers must rely on for success. Tractors can cost more

It is called investment. If any of you have problems with investdevelopment of these kinds of ment, then you should give back machines requires an engineer- your scholarship or Pell Grant ing mind. Innovation is a key right now, because it works off element to modern farming, and the same principle. It is not a many farmers have invented social program. It is the price we must pay to develop domestic, self-reliant food and clothing industries for the nation and should be a national priority. We worry about dependence on foreign oil. What about dependence on foreign food?

> Farming is on the cutting edge of science. Farmers must have a good understanding of meteorology, botany, ergonomics and economics in order to produce a fruitful yield. Genetics have given farmers a tool to provide the maximum amount of crop per plant and refine the quality of that crop. Botanical knowledge is also very useful: How many of us know the day of the year when cotton should all be planted, or when is the best day to begin harvesting?

> Why is this important? This disrespect for farming is just one of the examples of ingratitude our culture displays. Farming historically has fueled innovations which have led to modern life. Due to agricultural, sedentary lifestyles, people began to live together in cities and diversify. Art, high culture and science have arisen due to farmers providing surpluses of food. Yet, people in these and other fields despise the farmer.

I think the real issue is some people resent their heritage. These people honestly believe modernity and life began with them, and so they resent their past and those who could not develop their level of high culture. There is a pride, especially in academia, which demands respect for the years of education accomplished, and disrespect for forms of manual

Let me tell you, I have never worked harder in my life than when I worked on a farm for two summers. Sunup to sundown, we picked weeds, sprayed pesticide and took care of cotton. I was always exhausted when I came home, and the rest of the time I had was spent sleeping and getting ready for the next day. However, I felt connected to the land. I felt more "green" by planting and harvesting than by buying chips and salsa at a grocery store with one of those recyclable bags. I felt like I was producing something.

Farming is a traditional and wonderful way of life and it produces more for our society than any diploma giving program can. We need to respect the hard work and intellectual ability of those who produce food and clothing for our society. We need to be less prideful about our own position in society and more grateful to those who allow our system of life to function.

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## Students line up for RaiderX ab class

A crowd of students clogged the walkway in front of Room 114 at the cations design major from Manassas, Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Va., said Monday's ab class was her Center in anticipation of abs class second time to attend, and she plans

The class' popularity has forced the semester. rec employees to hold the class in two separate rooms to accommodate all of feels good," Davis said. the participants.

major from Dallas. "Everyone wants a class is appealing. six pack.'

Abs class also provides an opportunity for students to socialize with one another, he said. The abs class Davis said. consistently draws a large crowd, as does Zumba.

it's a workout, but doesn't really feel like on quitting anytime soon. it," Dean said. "People don't like to feel like they are working out."

Zumba classes, each which of quickly fills up at every time slot, he said. Students are willing to wait outside well before the through his friends. They recommended classes begin to secure a spot.

"The abs class stays busy yearbecause people come back and want to produced long-lasting results. continue work out and look good, and in the spring people want to start look- abs?" Usen said. ing good for the summer."

Chelsea Davis, a junior communito continue the regime for the rest of

"It's really intense and strenuous but

Students are drawn to the class be-"Abs class is probably the most cause of its brevity and no cost, she said. popular, besides Zumba," said Brian Having good abs is something everyone Dean, a senior exercise sports science wants, which is why the easily accessible

> "I have been to other classes like spinning and yoga, but abs is my favorite because it is hard, but not too hard,"

Osagie Usen, a sophomore nutrition major from El Paso, said he has been to "Zumba is appealing to girls because ab class three times and does not plan

"I like it because it really works," he said. "You are in there for a short period The rec offers 10 abs classes and five of time, and you can feel the results immediately."

Usen said he heard about the class the class, which begins at 5 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. Monday through Friday, round," Dean said. "In the fall it is because they felt it worked well and

"And I mean, who doesn't want nice

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### **REASONS FOR RAIDERX**

'The class I go to is cardio-boxing, and I'll probably continue to go for the rest of the semester because it is fast paced and challenging."

-Miguel Levario, history professor





"I go Zumba because I love the Latino-pop style, its really fun and a great workout."

-Jacyln Smith, a freshman animal science major from Richardson

"Abs class is only 20 minutes long and you work just your abs."

-Alyssa York, a freshman marketing major



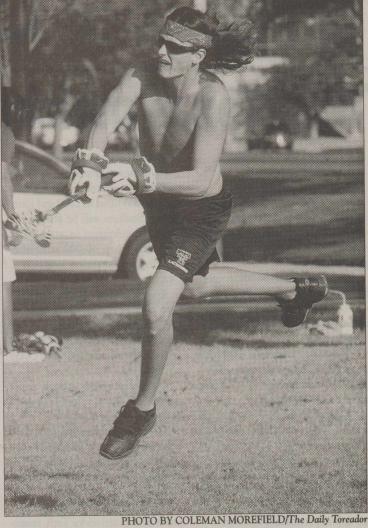


"Abs class is fun because it makes you feel

-Monica Gonzalez, a junior Spanish and social work major from Fort Worth

Compiled by Carrie Thornton

### LACROSSE THE WAY



WILLIE STERNER, A senior math major from Kingwood, polishes his lacrosse skills Monday near the Tech Alumni Center.

## Alternative oasis found at KFMP-FM

There are many things that bother me about Lubbock; the largest elevation change is 3 feet, the water tastes terrible, and there is construction everywhere I need to go. However, one offense I find particularly aggravating and heinous. Lubbock radio is absolutely terrible.

Chief among the call signed fiends is KONE-FM (Rock 101). Although I enjoy classic rock and sometimes find it actually plays decent music (like Led Zeppelin, The Who and Queen), absolutely nothing can rectify the sin against nature that is "Bob and Tom at Night."

While driving home one night I decided to try KONE-FM because while flipping through the bleak selection of Hub City radio I remembered hearing and Tom at Night" laughed uproariously as if the display were funny.

it were some early morning talk show (I have all but given up on the a.m. hours of radio), but this was during my commute home. I believe it is my right, as an inhabitant of the Lubbock area, to have access to local radio that plays decent music at some point dur-



ing the day.

To make matters worse, KMMX-FM (Mix 100) and KZII-FM (KISS-FM) have abandoned any attempt at variety. I used to feel that a fleeting pause at these stations was worth the chance that I might be treated to some quality '90s tracks. But, after hearing the same 10 songs for the past four months, I am fed up. I can't even listen to my favorite songs more than "Teenage Wasteland" on the station three or four times in a single drive, the day before. What I heard was not much less the American Idol pop that classic rock. It was a song, or what was has infected these stations like a virus. unjust end to the student operated supposed to be a song, about flatulence I do, however, turn to these stations in radio station last year. KFMP-FM also and other crass puns. After each forced the morning when I am dying to know encourages submissions from local rhyme of tacky verses, the cast of "Bob" what Kidd Kraddick has to say about musicians as well, further endearing Lady Gaga's underwear.

Enter a bastion of hope in these the Lubbock area. This may have been forgivable if dark times in Lubbock radio. Follow me, weary travelers, to the haven that is KFMP-FM, "Lubbock's Entertainment Alternative." This sanctuary has been purified of the morning and evening talk shows and possesses a magical playlist capable of playing more than 10 different songs in a given day.

The first time I tuned my radio to this station I was pleasantly surprised to hear "Electrify" by Mute Math. The song was not only an intelligent example of alternative rock, but it had also been released only weeks prior to my listening. Was this really a current alternative rock station with no insufferable talk shows? It seemed too good

Investigating their Web site I found they played Foo Fighters, The White Stripes, The Killers, Radiohead, The Shins, Postal Service and many more. If any readers enjoyed my blatant praise of Sigur Ros from last week they will be pleasantly surprised to know that KFMP-FM actually airs the brilliant music of the Icelandic group.

Those who remember the obscure but refreshing KTXT-FM will find some solace at KFMP-FM after the the station to outraged music fans in

Although KFMP-FM is a step in the right direction, I would still really like to hear some decent classic rock without Bob and Tom butting in with their fart jokes.

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### Government Web sites kept alive at Cyber Cemetery

DALLAS (AP) — It was a ment Printing Office, which issued understandable — the Child Online documents and files were forever

Such Internet deaths inspired the Cyber Cemetery at the University of North Texas, which in their final form. The Cyber Cemetery archives sites when commissions or panels expire, allowing the online work of defunct government bodies to live on and remain accessible to the public.

The virtual graveyard was were disappearing.

publishing era for governments ... and these Web sites were just going away," said Cathy Hartman, an assistant dean of libraries at North Texas. "I began conversathe sites and keeping them available for public access."

Hartman's concern coincided with those of the federal Govern-

historian's nightmare. During a 1995 report emphasizing the need Protection Act Commission of 2000 the change from the Clinton to to preserve electronic publications. the Bush administration, Web North Texas and the printing office out the 2005 Commission on Syssites affiliated with the Clinton eventually joined forces, and early temic Interoperability or the 2000 White House went dark, and users of the system christened the International Competition Policy an unknown number of online depository as the Cyber Cemetery.

"It started as a joke. You know, 'Oh, all these dead Web sites," said Starr Hoffman, who oversees the project as the librarian for digital collections at North Texas. "But century antitrust problems. preserves government Web sites it stuck, and nobody thought of a better name."

> In an increasingly digitized world, the cyber cemetery has bethat don't exist on paper.

born in the late 1990s when a ternet Archive, take periodic snapgroup of university librarians shots of Web sites to preserve infornoticed that Web sites affiliated mation. But the Cyber Cemetery, with the Clinton administration which also has partnered with the "It was very early in the Web- ministration, focuses exclusively on so not every document from the form, Hoffman said.

responsibility of capturing the matetions with folks about recapturing rial for future researchers," Hartman said. "This is government by the people, and we need access to see what our taxes are paying for."

The archived sites include the response to Hurricane Katrina.

— and the unintelligible. (Check Advisory Committee Research Collection.) The work is varied, from commissions to help people have more access to health care information to panels that study 20th

But even obscure commissions deserve to have their work saved, Hartman said.

There are 48 archived sites for come the main publicly accessible visitors to view and another nine depository for government records are coming soon, Hoffman said. A pair of Web sites from the Office Other entities, such as the In- of Laura Bush — USA Freedom Corps and Helping America's Youth will be on the cemetery site in

The cemetery preserves only the National Archives and Records Ad- work of commissions and panels, government Web sites and captures Bush or Clinton administrations them in their final and complete can be found there. Bush-era sites with plots in the Cyber Cemetery "Someone needs to take the include the 2005 Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction and a bipartisan committee that investigated the administration's preparation for and

### Actor Patrick Swayze dies at 57

Swayze, the hunky actor who danced his place in my heart for Patrick. While way into moviegoers' hearts with "Dirty Dancing" and then broke them with "Ghost," died Monday after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 57.

"Patrick Swayze passed away peacefully today with family at his side after tor today, I lost my older 'Outsiders' facing the challenges of his illness for the last 20 months," said a statement released Monday evening by his publito express condolences, and "Dirty cist, Annett Wolf. Swayze died in Los Dancing" was the top trending topic Angeles, Wolfsaid, but declined to give for a while Monday night, trailed by further details.

Fans of the actor were saddened to learn in March 2008 that Swayze was suffering from a particularly deadly form of cancer. He kept working despite the diagnosis, putting together a memoir with his wife and shooting "The Beast," an A&E drama series for which he had sketch, in which he played a wanalready made the pilot.

painkilling drugs while making "The Beast" because they would have taken the edge off his performance. The show drew a respectable 1.3 million viewers when the 13 episodes ran in 2009, but thing. He was an extraordinary fighter A&E said it had reluctantly decided not in his battle w Cancer." King added to renew it for a second season.

When he first went public with CNN program Tuesday night. the illness, some reports gave him only weeks to live, but his doctor said his situation was "considerably more optimistic" than that. Swayze acknowledged that time might be running out given the grim nature of the disease.

thinking," Swayze told ABC's Bar- the role. bara Walters in early 2009. "Two years seems likely if you're going to believe ring Jennifer Grey as an idealistic statistics. I want to last until they find young woman on vacation with her a cure, which means I'd better get a fire family and Swayze as the Catskills under it."

with Swayze in "The Outsiders," "Grandview U.S.A." and "Red-Dawn", muscular physique.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick said: "I have always had a special I was fortunate enough to work with him in three films, it was our passion for horses that forged a friendship between us that I treasure to this day. Not only did we lose a fine ac-

Other celebrities used Twitter several other Swayze films.

Ashton Kutcher — whose wife, Demi Moore, co-starred with Swavze in "Ghost" — wrote: "RIP P Swayze." Kutcher also linked to a YouTube clip of the actor poking fun at himself in a classic "Saturday Night Live" nabe Chippendales dancer alongside Swayze said he opted not to use the corpulent — and frighteningly shirtless — Chris Farley.

> And Larry King wrote: "Patrick Swayze was a wonderful actor & a terrific guy. He put his heart in everythat he'd do a tribute to Swayze on his

A three-time Golden Globe nominee, Swayze became a star with his performance as the misunderstood bad-boy Johnny Castle in "Dirty Dancing." As the son of a choreographer who began his career in musical "I'd say five years is pretty wishful theater, he seemed a natural to play

A coming-of-age romance starresort's sexy (and much older) dance C. Thomas Howell, who co-starred instructor, the film made great use of both his grace on his feet and his

### Ray Romano going to golf doctor

NEW YORK (AP) — Comic Ray Romano is going to the golf

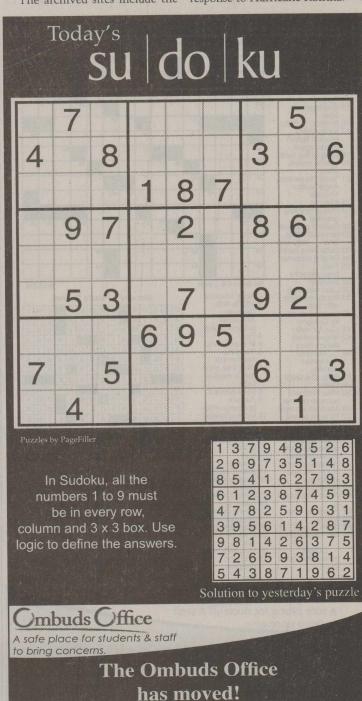
The Golf Channel says the "Everybody Loves Raymond" star will be the focus of its new reality series, "The Haney Project." The series follows Tiger Woods' swing coach Hank Haney as he tries to improve

the game of a celebrity. The first season of "The Haney Project" with former NBA player Charles Barkley was the secondhighest rated program in the network's history. Only "The Big Break," about competing for a spot on the professional tour, did better. The Golf Channel started

Barkley's appeal was his hideously bad swing. Funnyman Romano, who's "obsessed" with golf and wants to get better, will add entertainment value to the show, said Tom Stathakes, the network's programming chief.

The Romano project is expected to air in March.





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## Tech-Texas matchup gets early billing in 2009

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

It's a play everyone remembers from last year's classic between Texas and Texas Tech that doesn't involve receiver Michael Crabtree sparking a gamut of emotions.

It was when Texas freshman safety Blake Gideon dramatically dropped what would have been a gameending, season-altering interception the play before.

Of course, Lubbock exploded seconds later as Crabtree waltzed into the endzone, capping a 39-33 upset against then-No. 1 UT.

"I didn't think he'd catch it for one," Tech coach Mike Leach said of Gideon's mishap. "For another, it's always interesting that they highlight that because I can probably rattle off 10 other things that would have allowed us to win by more. So I don't see that as particularly significant."

Maybe the play wasn't, but the victory was. And it's worth revisiting considering the Red Raiders will try for another upset against No. 2 Texas at 7 p.m. Saturday at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

A few reasons why: being on prime-time television, it was the most-watched football game of last season; the Red Raiders jumped to No. 2 in the nation with school publicity at an all-time high; and former quarterback Graham Harrell was the leading Heisman Trophy candidate.

Although Tech didn't finish its season how it wanted to - losing two of three down the stretch — the effect

continued once the season ended.

To name a couple positives, Leach pulled in his greatest recruiting class since he was hired in 2000 and Jones AT&T Stadium will be fifth in the Big 12 Conference in attendance with more than 60,000 seats after a north side expansion wraps up in

Growing up in Midland, senior deep snapper Austin Burns said he's been a lifelong Red Raider fan and can remember when the facetime was at a minimum during the Spike Dykes coaching era.

Basically before Leach came around and shook things up, which Burns has experienced.

"It's been an incredible thing to be a part of," he said. "I wouldn't change any of it. It's just been real cool to be a part of and to watch. Like last year, we had a great run last year."

And, although there are probably much more positives for Tech, primetime television came calling after last season ended and both schools agreed to slide the game up to Week 3 so it can be featured nationally.

And as if it was a surprise, ESPN's College GameDay will be on site for the second straight season and third time in five years — it was in Austin

Leach said he doesn't have a problem with television networks mixing and matching conference games to fit broadcast schedules.

"I think that that's free enterprise for you," he said. "I think the school has got a role in doing what's best for their team. It's like going up to a kid

and asking him if he wants an ice cream cone right now or \$50 in three days. So I think the school has got a duty to help do the wise thing."

Then there's the question of whether playing a conference game, particularly against the Longhorns, is more difficult this early in the

Has Tech quarterback Taylor Potts, the offensive line or the young secondary been tested enough to handle Texas?

Is it better to have the game later in the season, that way, the Red Raiders have more games to learn from?

Burns said he's wrestled with the pros and cons of the game being

"I've thought about that a lot," he said. "You're gonna play it eventually. Week 3, Week 7, Week 9, it's whatever. Yeah, we'll play it now. It doesn't really matter. We're excited to go play them."

The Longhorns might be a little more excited, though. Avenging last season's heartbreaker, which kept the Longhorns from reaching the national championship, would seem like a key motivating factor.

But during a conference call Monday, Texas quarterback Colt McCoy and coach Mack Brown talked about leaving it in the past and focusing on a different season.

"We've discussed it with this year's team this week and said that last year we lost a lot, but this is a different team," Brown said. "This is a different year." » daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

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TEXAS TECH HEAD coach Mike Leach hopes to upset Texas again when the Red Raiders face the No.2 Longhorns at 7 p.m. Saturday in Austin.

### Niners discuss new Crabtree rookie contract

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Coach Mike Singletary said Monday the San Francisco 49ers have discussed changing their offer to top draft pick Michael Crabtree.

Whether the franchise has reached out to the former Texas Tech star formally, Singletary wasn't sure. He has asked the brass to keep him completely out of it so he can focus on the 53 players he has on the active roster.

"At this time in the year, that may be the case," Singletary said of making a new offer. "At this point, the whole Crabtree thing, it's over there. I'm focused over here.'

The 49ers beat the reigning NFC champion Arizona Cardinals 20-16 on Sunday.

Crabtree, the 10th overall pick in April's draft who turned 22 on Monday, hasn't accepted the 49ers' offer for approximately five years and \$20 million with a reported \$16 million guaranteed - instead seeking money comparable to the higher picks.

Oakland Raiders receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey, the No. 7 choice, signed a five-year contract that will guarantee him at least \$23.5 million.

Jacksonville Jaguars top pick Eugene Monroe, taken eighth overall, signed a five-year, \$25 million contract that includes \$19 million guaranteed.

Twice in the last month, and as recently as Sunday, reports have surfaced that Crabtree would re-enter the draft in 2010 and wait for the money he thinks he deserves.

### Williams wishes she could give line judge a hug

NEW YORK (AP) — After two Clijsters, she directed a profanity-laced

wishes she could give the line judge she yelled at "a big ol' hug."

Williams teamed with sister Venus on Monday to win the U.S. Open doubles title with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Cara Black and Liezel Huber. At the post-match news conference, she discussed her outburst Saturday.

After being called for a foot fault toward the end of her match against Kim

days to think about it, Serena Williams tirade at the line judge that led to a point

penalty that ended the match. Williams was fined \$10,000

on Sunday and issued a written apology Monday, a day after coming out with contrite statement.

In the news

U.S. OPEN DOUBLES conference, she said the line judge was only doing her job. Asked what she'd do if she saw the

line judge again, Williams replied: "I'd

like to give her a big ol' hug and put it all behind us like I have. Move on from it like I have and just learn."

Before that, Williams was interviewed on the court by Patrick McEnroe, who asked if there was anything she wanted to say to the crowd of a few thousand at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"I think I said it all," Williams replied. "I love my fans. Most of all, I'm really excited to be here and play another match with Venus and, thank you, Venus, for allowing us to win today."

McEnroe tried again, asking Serena what "clicked in your head" to compel her to come out with her apology Monday. But before he could get the whole question out, the fans started booing and her big sister interrupted.

"I think what the crowd is saying is, 'Patrick, let's move on," Venus said.

### Texas ice venue could turn into Knight basketball venture

DALLAS (AP) - A moneylosing ice skating venue run by the Dallas Stars is likely to end up in the hands of a youth sports venture bearing the name of Hall of Fame basketball coach Bob Knight after the hockey team failed in its bid to reduce the rent.

The National Hockey League team owned by the financially strapped Tom Hicks failed had hoped to cut the rent at the StarCenter facility in Duncanville, one of several in suburban Dallas intended to ramp up support for the franchise.

Stars president Jeff Cogen said the team made another proposal to Duncanville officials Monday but declined to offer specifics. City Manager Kent Cagle said the City Council would proceed with a vote Tuesday to terminate the team's lease.

If the lease is voided, Duncanville could pursue a plan to convert the building into Bob Knight's Fieldhouse, a combination basketballand-volleyball facility geared toward

Project developer Jimmy Archie said the former Indiana and Texas Tech coach offered his name because one of his former trainers with the Hoosiers, VaShone Rhodes, was behind the idea. Archie said Knight, who retired at Texas Tech last year, would have a small ownership interest in the \$1.2 million project and appear annually for a clinic.

"Anyone who knows coach Knight knows he's a true believer in teaching and education and fundamentals, and we want this facility to rejected the revision Friday.

be more of a childhood development center," Archie said. The Stars began accumulating

their brand-building StarCenter complexes about 10 years ago, part of a strategy to boost hockey's popularity in a new market. There are five complexes, with a sixth set to open soon.

But Cagle said the Stars were losing upward of \$800,000 a year in Duncanville and intended to void the lease, which would mark the first time the franchise has lost one of its satellite facilities.

After being persuaded by parents desperate for ice time for hockey and other youth teams, Cogen proposed a revised lease that reduced rent to \$50,000 from \$70,000. The city

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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### First active NFL players promise brains to concussion research

BOSTON (AP) — Three NFL players announced Monday they will donate their brains and spinal cord tissue to a Boston University medical school program that studies sports brain injuries.

Even though dozens of former NFL players have agreed to donate their brains after death, center Matt Birk of the Baltimore Ravens, linebacker Lofa Tatupu of the Seattle Seahawks and receiver Sean Morey of the Arizona Cardinals are the first active players to do so.

The goal of the university's Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy — a collaborative venture between BU Medical School and Sports Legacy Institute — is to better understand the long-term effects of repeated concussions.

"When you are active, your contract — what you get paid — is based on the perception of your health, and no player wants to be perceived as being prone to concussions," said Chris Nowinski, the center's co-director. "That's why I am so impressed with these guys. I hope they are the first of many.

More than 150 former athletes, including 40 retired NFL players, already are in the program's brain donation registry.

"One of the most profound actions I can take personally is to donate my brain to help ensure the safety and welfare of active, retired, and future athletes for decades to come," said Morey, who along with Tatupu has been listed on NFL injury reports in past seasons with injuries described

as concussions.

Doctors see sports-related brain trauma as a growing health crisis due to the discovery of the neurodegenerative disease chronic traumatic encephalopathy in a number of athletes who have recently died. The condition is caused by repetitive trauma to the brain.

"This is a bigger threat than we are acknowledging," said Nowinski, who suffered concussions as a college football player and professional

Sufferers may experience memory loss, emotional instability, erratic behavior, depression and impulse control problems, progressing eventually to full-blown dementia.

As part of the program, the players will be interviewed annually for the

rest of their lives so researchers can examine the relationship between clinical symptoms and pathology. Birk, Tatupu and Morey have

all played in the Pro Bowl, making their pledge all the more significant, Nowinski said. He hopes their participation sparks locker rooms conversations with their teammates about the dangers of head injuries, he said. Morey said players need to un-

derstand the "serious implications" of playing through concussions or not reporting them because of the cumulative effect of such injuries.

He said his interest in the issue was sparked in part by an article on former New England Patriot Ted Johnson, who received numerous head injuries during his 10-year





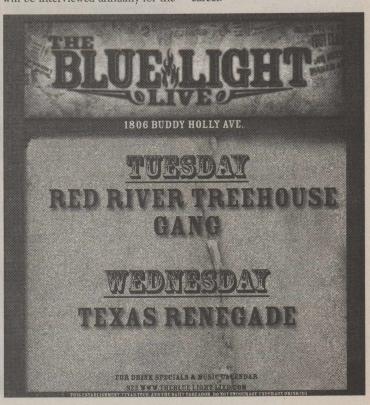
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## Win for Floren fuels junior for rest of fall season



TEXAS TECH GOLFER Nils Floren hopes his first-place finish at the Carpet Capital Collegiate Tournament is the first of many this fall season.

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

A lot of collegiate golfers search all year for a win in a tournament.

But Texas Tech golfer Nils Floren's search was short and

Now that Floren has a win under his belt — he took a share of first place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate Tournament Friday through Sunday in Rocky Face, Ga., to begin the fall season — the junior has all the confidence he needs to keep ish at the UTSA improving before the spring sea-

"It was the best confidence boost I ever had," Floren said. "I kind of struggled a little bit the first couple rounds but I did well against some tough teams and I want to win more, I want to win again."

Tech men's golf All-American Oscar Floren — was 6-under for the tournament and shared the title with Tennessee's Darren Renwick. Floren also began

the final day of the tournament, Sunday, in seventh place and five shots off of the lead.

Sunday was the day Floren came ready to play, posting four birdies on the first nine holes.

On the back nine, Floren remained steady with one birdie and one

The win marked the first for Floren, topping last season's second-place fin-Intercollegiate in February. His round of 68 Sunday matched the round low for the day with the champion team

Tennessee. Floren — brother of former Raiders did not follow in the same footsteps.

> Tech, as a team, finished eighth out of the 12 teams at the tournament, but were only four shots out of fifth place and 12

shots behind the Volunteers.

pleased with his team's first per- he also started in 11th place. formance of the fall season and

the Red tournaments that

**GREG SANDS** TECH GOLF COACH

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better individual

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win in my career.

While Floren shined, the Red to get a lot of confidence from

Red Raiders was senior Chris Tampa, Fla. Ward, who tied for 11th with a >>> zane.turner@ttu.edu

tournament score of 1-under 71. Despite the eighth-place fin- On Sunday, Ward could not gain ish, Tech coach Greg Sands is any ground on his competitors, as

Ward said playing some of the said he is excited to see what Flo-best teams of the country — 10 of ren's re- the 12 teams in this tournament cent per- competed in the NCAA Championships last season — was a

> welcomed challenge for Tech. Ward, who competed in the U.S. Amateur Championship "It was and advanced to the match-play one of the round of 32, said that previous better in- experience prepared him for the dividual Capital Collegiate Tournament.

> "We still have a lot to build m e n t s on as a team, but just having us that I've play well right off the break is a h a d a great start," he said. "The USGA player win sets up these courses for the U.S. in my ca- Amateur to be as hard as possible reer," he but fair. So, playing at that type said. "He of course then playing somewhere is going else seems easier.'

Floren and the Red Raiders that and know that he can play have a chance to rest and enjoy with the best players in the the success. They get back into action in the Gary Koch Inter-Also performing well for the collegiate Tournament Oct. 3 in

### NJ teens sue over 'God Bless America' ejection

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Three teenagers who say they were tossed from a New Jersey ballpark over their refusal to stand during the song "God Bless America" are suing the minor league Newark Bears.

The boys argue that their constitutional rights were violated when they were asked to leave Newark's Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium on June 29 by Bears' president and co-owner Thomas Cetnar.

Cetnar acknowledged the boys were asked to leave but declined to say why. He also has denied making some statements attributed to him in the lawsuit.

The boys — Millburn High seniors Bryce Gadye and Nilkumar Patel, both 17, and junior Shaan Mohammad Khan, 16 — sued in federal court on Friday seeking unspecified damages.

According to the lawsuit, the boys were seated behind home plate when the song began playing. Once it ended, they say Cetnar approached them yelling. 'Nobody sits during the singing

of 'God Bless America' in my stadium," the lawsuit quotes Cetnar as saying. "Now the get the (expletive)

Cetnar denied saying that: "Nev-

er, never did that ever happen."

Cetnar said he hasn't seen the lawsuit, but called the boys' account "a huge fabrication."

The boys are being represented by Bryce Gadye's father, Ross, who said the boys weren't protesting the song and no one asked them

"The boys weren't trying to make any political statements, they just didn't get up," he said. "No one gave them an ultimatum. The song was sung, it was finished, then they were thrown out."

"God Bless America," written by Irving Berlin in 1918, was played at big league ballparks throughout the country when baseball resumed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and has remained a fixture at New York Yankees games.

In July, the Yankees and New York City settled a lawsuit with a fan who said he was ejected from Yankee Stadium by police after he left his seat to use the bathroom during the playing of "God Bless America." the settlement, but agreed to give the fan \$10,001 and pay \$12,000 in legal fees. The Yankees changed their policy, and fans at the team's new stadium are allowed to move

freely during the song.

Gadye declined to let his son be interviewed, saying he was concerned about his safety over reaction to the lawsuit, which was first reported in The Star-Ledger of

"They've been getting all kinds of mixed reaction," he said. "Both gung-ho and 'We want to kill

"I think what makes it so horrible is that they were publicly humiliated for exercising a right that was guaranteed to them by the United States Constitution," Gadye said.

The sides differ on talks they had after the incident.

Ross Gadye said he met with general manager Mark Skeels and James Wankmiller, a co-owner, following the incident. He said they apologized and offered and free tickets, but Gadye said the boys wanted an apology from Cetnar, who was not at the meeting, and sued when there was no resolution.

Wankmiller, who declined to The city did not admit liability in talk about whether the boys were asked to leave the ballpark and why, said they offered to meet with Gadye's son and the other boys and never heard back from them. He said it boiled down to money.

### Eager Titans ready to bounce back vs. Houston

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans had a rare couple of days off to stew over their season-opening overtime loss.

It made for a long weekend. Not the nice weather in Nashville or the time off to make a quick trip out of town helped ease the blow of the Titans' 13-10 loss to Pittsburgh in OT on Thursday. No, the bad taste lingered until the team hit the field Monday for a light workout and officially started focusing on the Houston Texans.

"It was a tough weekend," receiver Justin Gage said.

Gage called it a good learning experience for the entire team after a lengthy list of mistakes in the opener. It also offered a nice chance

But as far as just getting that bad taste out of your mouth, you have to sit back and linger and watch all the other games played and pretty much wait a couple days before you get back on the field.

that we've learned from as a team and now we can move forward," Gage said.

Coach Jeff Fisher approached the weekend as a mini-bye for a team that had played four road

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games out of six counting the Fisher said. "Our attention is to play preseason already. Tennessee hosts Houston (0-1) on Sunday in a rare home game for a team playing four out of its first six on the road.

Injured players like tight end Bo Scaife, who had an MRI on his

and rookie tight end All of our focus is Jared Cook, who missed the opener as on winning the he recovers from a sore game. It's not on foot, had to losing the game. stick around for treatment. But Fisher put the team **JEFF FISHER** through a

TENNESSEE TITANS COACH

short session Monday. "It looks

The team that started 10-0 in "It's definitely something I feel 2008 and led the AFC South wireto-wire now has a new challenge: Not starting 0-2, something the Titans haven't done since an 0-5 start to the 2006 season.

"All our focus is on winning the game. It's not on losing the game,"

better than we played last week. If we can do that, we'll have a good chance to win."

Fisher did admit to a sense of urgency because Sunday's opponent is a division rival. He said he knows left knee and will be day to day, the Texans also will be frustrated

after a 24-7 loss to the New York

"They're really no different than we are. Everyone wants to get off to a fast start," Fisher Tennessee

leads the alltime series with the team that replaced it in Houston 11-3

like everybody's doing well," Fisher and have lost only once on the Titans' home field.

But the Texans pulled out a 13-12 win last Dec. 14 that delayed the Titans from clinching home-field advantage through the playoffs by a week. Tennessee hasn't lost two straight to Houston since the 2004 season when the Texans swept a team that finished 5-11.

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## Potts named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week

**By ADAM COLEMAN** SPORTS EDITOR

In a conference filled with welllittle bit of recognition.

After completing 36-of-57 passes for 456 yards and seven touchdowns Potts said after the game Saturday. in a 55-10 win against Rice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, Potts was there and kind of wouldn't believe Leong had three touchdown catches sive Player of the Week on Monday.

shy of tying the school and conference never hurt. Kept some confidence to catch from the junior. record for most touchdowns passes stay in there and throw the ball." in a game, which was eight thrown by B.J. Symons against Texas A&M opportunity to comment on Potts' in 2003.

shortly after Tech's weekly press congame to the next. ference Monday, so Tech coach Mike

comment on the selection.

However, after the game Saturday, but he's picked it up pretty fast." Potts said he felt more comfortable in quarterback Taylor Potts is getting a how he felt against North Dakota when he threw three interceptions.

"I was just a little nerve racked,"

Although Leach did not have the unnoticed in Austin either. The announcement was made shown some improvement from one when Tech takes on No. 2 Texas in Charbonnet did not have a problem performance against Rice on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Leach did not comment on it. Potts the group," Leach said. "Steadily ahead of him.

known signal callers, Texas Tech the pocket against Rice compared to 5,7,8,11,27,34 and 30 yards, respectively, against Rice Saturday. Five of those came in the second half, when the Red Raiders scored 41 points.

The first-year starter also distrib-"Last week I think I dropped back uted the ball efficiently Saturday. Lyle

The performance Saturday is not

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy selection, he said Potts already has who will face Potts for the first time able Monday, defensive back Taylor of the Week honors in the Big 12 Conference after his seven-touchdown "He does a good job of leading back should have more successful days should be excited about the show is the same as it was going into the past be excited about the chance to play

"Potts is a great guy," McCoy said

press conference, so he also could not standpoint. The only thing he's mak-during Texas' weekly teleconference. ing up lost ground at all is experience, "I've known him. He's a big strong quarterback. I think he's like 6-foot-5 Potts threw touchdown passes of and has a really good arm. I think he's perfect for that system. I think he can stand back there and pick you apart if you let him. I expect them to come in and have a good game."

The match up between Tech and Texas will be the first Big 12 game of the young 2009 season. It is followed named the Big 12 Conference Offen- anybody else, thought I had to get the from Potts. Austin Zouzalik, Eddie by the game in 2008 in Lubbock, ball right now and throw and get out Britton, Tramain Swindall and Eric where a touchdown pass from Graham The seven touchdowns were one of there. Took a few hits (Saturday). It Stephens all had one touchdown Harrell to Michael Crabtree with one second left on the clock propelled Tech to a 39-33 win against then-No. 1 Texas.

> Austin Saturday — said the quarter- speaking for him, as he said Potts down Saturday.

FILE PHOTO/The De Even though Potts was not avail- TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Taylor Potts earned Offensive Player

two games," Charbonnet said. "He is with those guys on offense"

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### Bears' Urlacher out for season

LAKE FOREST, III. (AP) - Finally healthy after two years of neck and back problems, Brian Urlacher gave everyone a blast from the past during the regular season opener when he lowered his shoulder and plowed over Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

His 10th season was off to a good start. And then, it was over.

The Chicago Bears' star linebacker underwent surgery Monday to repair a dislocated right wrist and will not be back this season - a major blow for a team with high expectations.

Team spokesman Jim Christman confirmed the bad news for the Bears. There was no immediate word from Urlacher other than a text message to the Chicago Tribune that said simply: "season is over."

The injury occurred in the first quarter of Sunday night's 21-15 loss at Green Bay, though it was not clear when. Urlacher briefly shook his wrist after tackling Packers running back Ryan Grant late in the period, though he might have already been hurt.

He played in the second quarter, but left on the Packers' first drive of the second half.

"Talk about a guy that's a great leader," said Hunter Hillenmeyer, who replaced Urlacher at middle linebacker. "First, he plays an entire half of football with a dislocated wrist. I don't think there's many people who can do something like that."

While the arrival of Pro Bowl quarterback Jay Cutler sent expectations in Chicago soaring, the Bears were also counting on a healthy Urlacher to help them get back to the playoffs after missing postseason the past two years.

### Okla. State seeks aggressive defense

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — What happened to that much-improved Oklahoma State defense?

Just a week ago, first-year defensive coordinator Bill Young was being lauded as the hero of opening day for putting together a stingy unit that shut down Georgia in one of the program's most significant wins.

Now, his words of caution about the work still to be done are ringing

After a 45-35 upset loss to Houston of Conference USA, there are questions everywhere about whether No. 16 Oklahoma State (1-1) can hold its own against the wide-open offenses of the Big 12.

"When you do good, people are always behind you. And when you do bad, people will always be like, 'Man, it was just for one day," safety Lucien Antoine said Monday. "But I don't think that. I think we're a good team, we're a great team.

"Sometimes even the great teams, they mess up. They lose games. All we've got to do is just keep working. I know we've got the talent. ... We've just got to go out there and prove to people that we are the team everybody used to talk about."

The Cowboys plummeted 11 spots in the AP poll after reaching the Top 5 for the first time in 24 years. The defense allowed 512 yards of total offense to Houston, too much when coupled with an offense that committed three turnovers - including one that got taken back for a touchdown.