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TEXAS TECH CHEERLEADERS stand silhouetted Friday at the Homecoming Pep Rally and Bonfire at Urbanovsky Park.

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Health plan backed by committee

By ERICA WERNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — With support from a lone Republican, a key Senate committee Tuesday approved a middle-of-the-road health care plan that moves President Barack Obama's goal of wider and affordable coverage a giant step closer to becoming law.

Maine Republican Olympia Snowe said she was laying aside misgivings for now and voting to advance the bill, a sweeping \$829-billion, 10-year health care remake that would help most Americans get coverage without creating a new government insurance plan. "When history calls, history calls," said Snowe.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., called his bill "a commonsense, balanced solution." A distance runner, Baucus has endured months of marathon meetings to get this far. It's not the finish line.

Health care legislation is expected to be on the Senate floor the week after next, said a spokesman for Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. But it won't be the Baucus bill. Reid will combine the Finance version with a more liberal proposal from the health committee — with unpredictable results.

Afghan leader defends election

By ROBERT H. REID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL (AP) — President Hamid Karzai acknowledged fraud Tuesday in the still-unresolved August presidential election but defended the vote as a "victory" for the Afghan people.

Results of the Aug. 20 balloting have stalled because of allegations of massive fraud, as a U.N.-backed panel investigates the charges before deciding whether Karzai won or must face his main rival, Abdullah Abdullah, in a runoff.

Allegations that Karzai's followers tried to rig the election have tarnished his image and raised doubts in the United States about the merits of the war even as the Obama administration weighs sending thousands more U.S. troops to fight Taliban insurgents.

In a bid to refurbish his image, Karzai appeared Tuesday on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," endorsing calls for more U.S. troops and accusing his critics of exaggerating the extent of election fraud.

"There were irregularities. There must've also been fraud committed, no doubt. But the election was good and fair and worthy of praise, not of scorn, which the election received from the international media. That makes me very unhappy."

HOME COMING Hits



TEXAS TECH FANS cheer during the Red Raiders' 66-14 win against Kansas State on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. The fans' chests read "FRIO!"

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COLBY PLAIA, LEFT, a senior construction technology engineering major from Beaumont, dances with Angela Jones, a senior public relations major from Houston, during the Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta Kalf Fry on Friday at the Lonestar Event Center. Profits from Kalf Fry will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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BLAKE STEINFORD, A freshman restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Colleyville, grills hamburgers Saturday during RaiderGate.

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MEGAN ROBARE OF Chi Omega and Kyle Crowl of FarmHouse were crowned Homecoming king and queen during halftime at Saturday's football game against Kansas State at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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INBRIEF

STATE

Lawyer: Texas mayor's deposit an 'innocent' error

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The outspoken mayor of a U.S.-Mexico border city deposited a \$26,000 check from the city to a vendor in his personal account last year and attempted to discredit the investigation when it came to light, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Brownsville Mayor Pat Ahumada, who is on trial for a variety of

charges including theft, spent more than \$5,000 over three weeks after putting the check into his account, authorities said.

During that time, prosecutor Luis Saenz told jurors, "nobody knows anything except the defendant," and then when it was revealed "Patricio Ahumada engages in a campaign to discredit the investigation."

NATION

Supreme Court will hear appeal of Enron's Skilling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will take up former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling's appeal of his convictions for his role in the collapse of the energy giant, accepting another high-profile challenge to a favorite tool of prosecutors in white-collar and public corruption cases.

Skilling's appeal stems from his convictions in 2006 on 19 counts of conspiracy, securities fraud, insider trading and lying to auditors involving the 2001 collapse of Enron.

The justices already are entertaining similar claims from former newspaper

magnate Conrad Black and a former Alaska lawmaker ensnared in a public corruption scandal.

At issue in all three cases is prosecutors' use of the federal "honest services" fraud statute, a 28-word law that critics call vague and unfair. Among the federal charges against former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is an "honest services" count, while his predecessor, former Gov. George Ryan was convicted of it.

The law makes it a crime to deprive shareholders or the public of "the intangible right to honest services."

WORLD

Iraqi police: 8 killed in blast north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber killed the leader of a U.S.-backed Sunni paramilitary group and seven others north of Baghdad Tuesday, the third attack in as many days in a heavily populated Sunni area, a police official said.

The bombing hit a market in the town of Buhriz, a former Saddam Hussein stronghold that was also the scene of an attack on Monday that killed the mayor. It raised concerns that escalating violence toward the Sunni minority could destabilize Iraq as it prepares for national elections early next year.

Violence dropped off dramatically in

Iraq after local Sunni tribes — known as Awakening Councils — aligned themselves with U.S. forces. That alliance against al-Qaida was seen as a key turning point in the war.

The attack in Buhriz, 35 miles (60 kilometers) north of Baghdad, targeted the local leader of the Awakening Council, said Police Maj. Ghalib al-Kharki, spokesman for police in Diyala province. The bomber followed the leader, Leith Ahmed, into the market before detonating an explosives belt, al-Kharki said. Ahmed was killed instantly, he said. Seven others were killed and seven were wounded.

Correction

In Friday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the pull quote in the story "Tech begins tougher stretch of sea-

son" should have been attributed to Texas Tech soccer coach Tom Stone. *The DT* regrets the error.

BREAKING GROUND



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH ADMINISTRATORS break ground Friday for the new Rawls College of Business Administration building. The building will be the first on campus to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified.

Online publication names HSC professor new editor-in-chief

By JASON HARTLINE
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Stephen Borron was named medical editor-in-chief of ToxED, an online Gold Standard/Elsevier product that provides emergency medicine clinicians and other health care practitioners poisoning and drug overdose information at the point of care.

"(ToxED) is really aimed less

at toxicologists and more toward emergency physicians," said Borron, an attending physician in Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso. "It's used as a reference in the ER. Unlike a text book that can take up valuable time, an online publication such as this offers an immediate reference."

Borron co-wrote "Haddad and Winchester's Clinical Management of Poisoning and Drug Overdose," along with Dr. Mike Shannon, the previous editor-in-chief of ToxED, and Dr. Mike Burns. The text was used as a starting foundation to create ToxED.

"My feelings are mixed about being named the new editor-in-chief," Borron said. "The main reason I was selected was because the main principal editor that I co-wrote the book with died suddenly in March. I am very happy to be the editor-in-chief, but at the same time I am very saddened by the death of Michael Shannon."

He said Shannon was one of the most respected men in toxicology.

"I was very honored when asked to take over," Borron said. "(Shan-

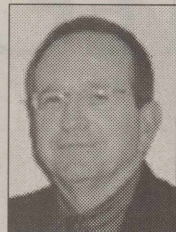
non's) reputation is so high; he left some big shoes to fill. I am also very excited to be working with an editorial group that I get to work with."

ToxED is written by practicing clinical toxicologists and emergency medicine clinicians and is overseen by an editorial board composed of leaders in clinical toxicology.

"We're ready to take ToxED to the next level," said Kathy Vieson, director of clinical references for Gold Standard/Elsevier. "(Borron) has a very interesting background in toxicology; it is very global. We look forward to his experience and leadership to lead ToxED into the future."

Unlike other medical forms of study that are open for interpretation, she said, the same information about toxicology is applicable worldwide.

"You don't have people that sign up to overdose on Liquid-Plumr," Vieson said. "When they do, the way to treat it is the same



BORRON

around the world."

ToxED is working towards a portable format so it can be used on a PDA or phone, Borron said.

"It's a process that's ongoing," he said. "The development of new chapters, drugs of abuse, industrial chemicals and hazardous materials is constant. It has to be updated so it can be of use to emergency physicians and clinicians. I'm very confident that we will better the publication, not so much because of me, but because there is a great team working on this."

An advantage of ToxED is because it is an online publication, it can be updated on the spot, rather than printing out a new book that can take several years to update, Borron said.

"In the last few weeks we have added quite a few chapters," he said. "We look forward to steady improvement and innovation as we go along."

Borron teaches emergency medicine and medical toxicology at the Foster School of Medicine, a Level-1 trauma center and university teaching hospital, and is a clinical professor of emergency medicine.

The Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology also announced Borron will be honored this year with the designation of "Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology."

The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology is a nonprofit professional organization that develops interdisciplinary research, education, prevention and treatment of poisonings by chemicals, drugs and environmental substances in humans and animals.

"This is not all about me," Borron said. "I am very pleased to be named editor-in-chief, but without everyone else to bring this together, it wouldn't exist."

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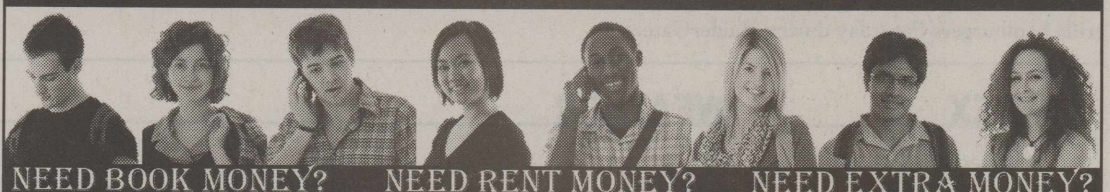


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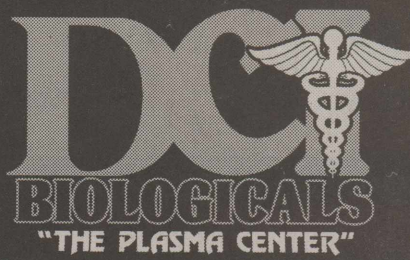
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Showdown step show performs for sold out theater

By **EMILY MOSER**
STAFF WRITER

The performance in Allen Theatre Friday night took place onstage as well as in the crowd.

Texas Tech's Eta Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. hosted its third annual West Texas Showdown Step Show last Friday night in Allen Theatre to a sold out crowd, who were for the most part out of their seats and partaking in the revelry of the event. One of the audience members, Terra Evans, noted the mood of the event.

"It's more of a party atmosphere," Evans said. "There's a show going onstage and in the crowd which makes it more fun."

Evans, a sophomore in exercise and sports sciences from Phoenix, attended last year's showdown. She said she found out about the step show last year from an Alpha Phi Alpha member who is on the track team with her.

Alfred Ford, head chair of the Alpha Phi Alpha committee planning the step show, said step dance brings a lot of different organizations together. Ford, a senior in electric engineering major from

Houston, said step also brings another culture to campus because of its history as a form of African dance.

"We just wanted to make a tradition," he said, "something that was more diverse for Lubbock."

Taylor Rose, a freshman marketing major at Hardin Simmons, said she believes not many people outside of the African-American community are aware of step dance.

"Honestly, I asked someone here and they had no idea what I was talking about," Rose said. "If you're not an African-American, it's really rare you know what a step show is."

Rose said she decided to spend her free weekend with her friends who attend Tech. She has been to several step shows before in the area of her hometown of Lewisville but feels this one is her favorite because she said she never gets to see something like the showdown where she goes to school in Abilene.

The showdown this year not only displayed performances from the four step teams competing in the competition, but also from Go DJ Primitime and an energetic comedian known as Shawty Shawty,

both of whom are from Atlanta.

Shawty Shawty said he would like to bless all the schools with his comedy but felt it was a good thing to help out with the showdown.

"It brings a lot of diversity to the university," he said. "Everyone gets hyped and you get to see people get creative."

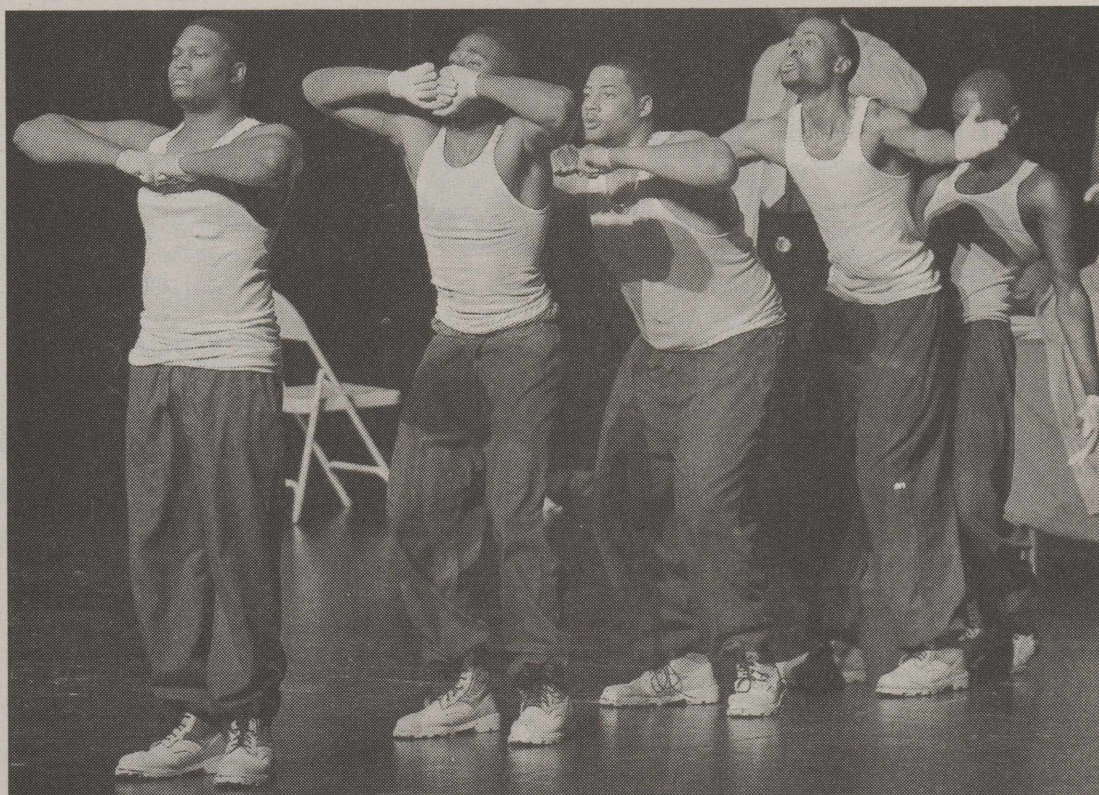
Before the step show Phi Beta Sigma President Keidric Wesley said he expected everyone to put on a show.

Phi Beta Sigma's step team had five people stepping. Wesley, a senior psychology major from Houston, said the more people involved with stepping in the team the more difficult it is. He said step is always unique because it involves people to think outside of the box.

The step team from Phi Beta Sigma was the only team from Tech to participate in the showdown. Wesley said he would like to see more involvement from other organizations on campus because not only has he learned something from participating in step, he feels everyone would too.

"I would like to see more step teams," Wesley said. "It's a craft and time consuming, but it'd be nice to see more."

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MEMBERS OF TEXAS Tech's Phi Beta Sigma fraternity competed in this year's West Texas Showdown sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha hoping to win the grand cash prize of \$1,000 Friday at the Allen Theatre.

29th Annual Kalf Fry draws crowd as temperature decreases

By **CAYLOR BALLINGER**
STAFF WRITER

Chilling weather and the aroma of calf fries provide a familiar ambiance as many returning guests enjoyed an outdoor concert benefitting a good cause.

The 29th Annual Kalf Fry, hosted by fraternities Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta, started at 7 p.m. Friday at the Lonestar Event Center.

Grant Hollman, a Kappa Alpha member and junior history major from Christoval, said the goal for the event was to draw a big crowd through the music.

"We try to pick people that we haven't had," Hollman said. "We also want to draw a big crowd to raise a lot of money."

Hollman said both fraternities fundraise year-round for the same philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and work together to raise as much as possible.

Kelby Combest, a Phi Delta Theta member and freshman engineering major from Lubbock, said Kalf Fry is a tradition that is anticipated year after year.

"Several parents say they only come out for this event," Combest said. "This is one of the biggest events and traditions in our history."

The event kicked-off with calf-fry eating and mingling while bands No Justice and Brandon Rhyder opened for the Eli Young Band.

Calf fries and fried calf testicles

were served on plate for anyone who wanted them at the entrance, as it has been the tradition for 29 years.

Ryan Patterson, a Kappa Alpha member and freshman civil engineering major from Plano, said it was his first time to try the calf fries.

"The calf fries are delicious," Patterson said. "But I'm still most excited to see the bands play."

Matt Sipes, a Kappa Alpha member and freshman mass communications major from Fort Worth, said the event has several benefits but also requires a lot of effort.

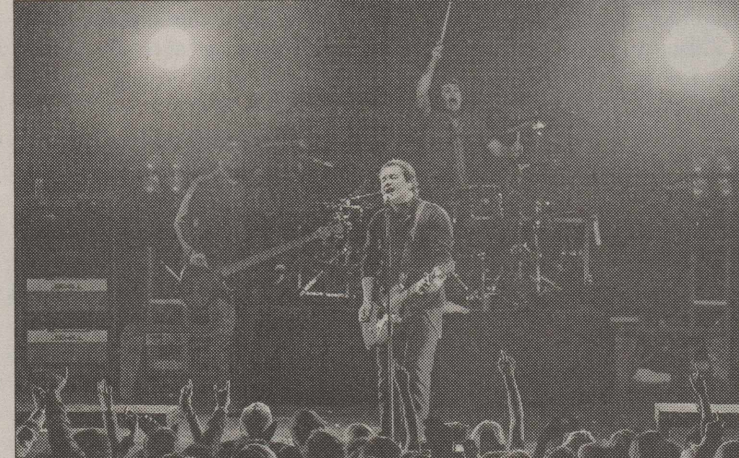
"There is a lot of hard work that goes into this," Sipes said. "The payoff for our philanthropy is worth it, and it's a good time for everyone."

Addison Kenney, a Phi Delta Theta member and freshman mechanical engineering major from Midland, said seeing the bands and Eli Young is what he was most looking forward to at the philanthropic concert.

"We got to meet some of the Eli Young guys," Kenney said. "They are really nice guys and they are a lot of fun."

With temperatures dropping to the upper 40s, bands played on in outdoor amphitheater and people kept coming to see them. Toward the end of the night, Eli Young ended the musical series and masses of people sang the lyrics to one of their more famous songs "When it Rains," and the weather was irrelevant.

Wynn Krause, a Phi Delta Theta member and freshman general busi-



ELI YOUNG BAND performs during the Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta Kalf Fry on Friday at the Lonestar Event Center.

ness major from Austin, said the fraternities have been planning the event since the beginning of the year.

"I hope everyone has a good time and it continues to be a success," Krause said.

Stephen Dean, a senior industrial engineering major from Fort Worth, said the small Texas country bands were his favorite part of the event.

"The small bands have a great sound and an underground feel," Dean said. "Live music is always better, and this did not fall sort of expectations."

Dean said though the concert was crowded and it was cold, he had a great time.

"You can't hear music like this on a CD," he said. "It was great."

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OPINIONS

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Take time before judging President's peace prize a farce

"You lie!" These two words have created a whirlwind of controversy over the past month. Many have been up in arms over the blatant disrespect shown by South Carolina Sen. Joe Wilson.

If you're not familiar with this story, I'm not sure where you've been. In September, while discussing misconceptions held about proposed reforms, President Barack Obama stated, "The (health care reforms) I'm proposing would not apply to those who are here illegally."

Wilson then hurled the now infamous words, "You lie!"

It's worth mentioning that Wilson apologized for his "spontaneous" remark.

Although the president accepted his apology, there are others who refuse to be as forgiving. True, it was highly disrespectful and certainly uncharacteristic of a congressman, but could there be another way of looking at this?

Initially I couldn't find an explanation for this obvious act of disrespect, but after thinking about it, I managed to find a possible escape route for Wilson.

Though I would never be so disrespectful, I can't say I've never felt the urge to call someone out in much the same way.

Can you imagine the frustration that goes along with remaining silent while the entity you represent speaks untruths, knowing that for many silence implies conformity?

I do not support government funded health care for illegal aliens. In my opinion, this would only increase the number of undocumented individuals, and any reform or other governmental provision that results in the increase of this flow into the United States should be averted.

Many individuals have gotten caught

Shay Irby



up in the benefits of federally subsidized health options due to the increased number of uninsured Americans. Sure, there are many benefits, but we can't be so blinded by the good that we neglect to consider the shortcomings.

After all, this could be an unprecedented happening, which many believe could change the course of our country's history.

I must admit, I wasn't researching the issue much before Wilson's outburst, but I now realize the importance of giving attention to the decisions being made by the few who represent us all.

Wilson's defense was he was overcome by anger because he believes Democrats deliberately removed a measure from the proposal that called for verification of citizenship. Pointing to this as evidence that illegal aliens would be able to obtain federally funded health benefits, Wilson felt compelled to speak out.

I don't know if his claim is true, but suppose it is and you are a United States representative who takes seriously the confidence instilled in you by U.S. constituents to best serve their interests.

With the sense of urgency felt by some to pass the health care bill and the potential effects it could have on our society, would you sit quietly knowing that the truth was not being told?

I'm not sure if there are plans that would allow illegal aliens to obtain public

health care within the country, but I have the right to know.

Did Wilson make his comment out of genuine concern for the American people? Who knows?

The point is this: Don't be so quick to judge. There are perspectives in life other than our own. There may very well have been some method to the senator's madness.

Obama said himself that he preferred a diverse cabinet for the explicit purpose of preventing the manifestation of one-sided policies that will apply to a country of varied cultures.

If it were your last chance to call attention to a matter that could affect your community as greatly as health care for an entire country, including illegal aliens, would you not be willing to take drastic measures to ensure that the best interests of the people are truly served?

What if those in support of the reforms are lying?

Is it more disrespectful to be lied to by our leaders or to call out our leaders when they are being less than honest? If we aren't to hold them accountable, who is?

Was Wilson disrespectful? My opinion is yes and no.

If the Democrat's plan applies only to United States citizens, then yes. Not only was his outburst disrespectful, but Wilson's reasoning is unfounded.

On the other hand, if we find ourselves facing even greater economic woes over the next few years as a result of health care being extended to illegal aliens, I'm sure we'll all wish we'd have supported the senator.

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President Barack Obama is the recent recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, as I'm sure many are aware. In other news, the pope also won the lottery, Michael Moore is the new GOP head and the Boston Red Sox reportedly offered Alex Rodriguez a multi-million dollar deal.

OK, so the last few are satirical mimicry of the former, but one must admit it is a rather unfortunate misappropriation of praise, especially considering the other candidates who were far more worthy than our president to attain that prize. When you compare not only those who have won in the past, but also those over whom our president was selected, it is much more a European farce than laudable achievement.

He is not the first president to win this award. In 1906, Theodore Roosevelt was granted the prize in recognition of his having mediated the end of the Russo-Japanese war. In 2002, Jimmy Carter won the award for diplomatic efforts and his decades of influence on "international conflicts and social development." In 2007, it was former Vice President Al Gore who was praised for disseminating knowledge to American people about the importance of global warming (or was it climate change, or global cooling ... maybe all three).

It is not an alien idea for a United States president to win the prize. What is foreign to the award is that someone should win it without a significant mention on his resume.

Jean Henry Dunant won in

Derek Coulson



1901 for his founding of the Red Cross. George Marshall won in 1953 in recognition of his plan that rebuilt Europe after World War II. Martin Luther King, Jr. won in 1964, celebrating his willingness to speak anywhere as a proponent of human liberties, and having traveled millions of miles to do so. Mother Teresa won in 1979, recognizing her humanitarian efforts. Elie Weisel, an acclaimed writer and Holocaust survivor won in 1986.

Each of these people made significant contributions to humanity through their actions, is it too much to expect this year's winner to have done the same? Perhaps the remaining options were sparse in humane contributions? I will let you decide; here are several:

Denis Mukwege, a doctor from Congo who has spent the past 12 years aiding rape victims in his country. He has, during that time period, treated 21,000 abused women. In a nation where 70 percent of women in each village are raped every year, certainly that is a considerable cause.

Sima Simar was the first woman to graduate with a degree in medicine from the university in Kabul. While such an occupation had previously been impossible, Simar has reached the status of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, and also as United Nations representative of human rights in Sudan. She started working in 1984, after her husband had been kidnapped by the then Communist regime. Three years later Simar had endeavored successfully with 10 clinics, four hospitals and schools to hold 17,000.

Ghazi Bin Muhammed is an Islamic scholar who has worked continually for peace between Islam and other faiths. He has consistently attempted to bring Islamist philosophers together to consider the similarities between the East and West. "Without peace and justice between these two religious communities," he said, "there can be no meaningful peace in the world."

Wei Jingsheng, or as he is also known, "the father of Chinese democracy." While first a member of the Red Army and conscientious communist, Jingsheng amended his path and chose to take part in the "Democracy Wall" movement in 1978, and it earned him 17 years in jail.

From prison he wrote letters on toilet paper for his supporters and spread the Democratic movement in China through published writings. He was released and came to the United States, where he published further works detailing his nation's struggle for democracy. Jingsheng, back in China, has been imprisoned for "exposing government abuses," at the expense of his movement.

There are many such people, each of whom dedicated their lives to a worthy cause, worked substantially to achieve it, and have shown the results of their labor with tangible consequence.

The Nobel committee decided, however, to spite each of those people and instead recognize a rookie president. It's like handing a redshirt freshman football player the Heisman before the season is even over. While they superficially seek to amend perceived wrongs and chasms between the United States and Europe, the five-person Nobel squad has instead re-engaged that rift.

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Fall break time inconvenient

This past week seemed like the perfect combination for students: Homecoming and a fall break. We get to enjoy the spirit and pride that comes with Homecoming week and then kick back and relax for a four-day weekend. But was this combination really so perfect?

As I was going to work early Saturday morning, I couldn't help but notice the emptiness of the Z4 parking lot. Earlier that week, it had occurred to me that having a fall break on the same weekend as Homecoming might affect student attendance at the pep rallies and the game.

I ended up going home for the long weekend instead of staying in Lubbock for the game, but I still watched it on TV. One thing that jumped out at me was how few people were at the game. It seemed there were fewer people attending than usual. Was this because of fall break, the cold weather or some other reason?

A bulletin under the Faculty Senate section of the Texas Tech Web site discussed the idea of a fall break several years ago. The main argument against a fall break was that "some academic schedules do not fit easily into a fall break calendar."

We all know academics come first in the school setting. That's how it's always been, from kindergarten all the way up through high school. The Tech faculty and administration had to find a



time during the semester where a break wouldn't conflict with academics. Perhaps Homecoming was the only time when a fall break could be taken.

Of course, there is also the argument for tradition. Tech has some of the strongest and most famous traditions of any university I know. Whether it's the Goin' Band, the "Guns Up" sign, the Masked Rider, the Saddle Tramps or Homecoming, Tech has a strong sense of pride and tradition.

Homecoming always has been a strong tradition at Tech. Students missing the game because they wanted to spend more time with their families seems like a no-win situation. Either students miss the Homecoming game or they sacrifice that extra day with their family and friends.

It's difficult to be faced with that kind of situation. That's why I'm questioning if Homecoming was the best time to schedule a fall break. But going back to the academic situation, Homecoming may have been the only available time for a fall break.

However inconvenient the timing of fall break may have been to some people, I still believe students appreciate having a few days off from class.

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Tech showing more balance with Nebraska ahead

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

After a disappointing loss to Houston a couple weeks ago, Texas Tech cornerback Jamar Wall talked about the streaky play that unfortunately began to sum up the Red Raiders.

Getting all three sides of the ball to play consistent was a work in progress.

And in the Red Raiders' 66-14 victory against Kansas State Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, the work paid off. Players and coaches weren't only on the same page, but they were on the same line and in the same sentence.

It was as fluid as Leach's team had looked all season.

"We needed this week to be that week that everything came together," said quarterback Steven Sheffield, who spelled starter Taylor Potts and had 370 yards and five touchdown passes by halftime against the Wildcats — both school records. "We hadn't played a full game on all three sides of the ball — just played a smooth game. Since day one, that hasn't happened this season."

Using two quarterbacks to try and shake Tech's defense, the Wildcats didn't score an offensive touchdown until about midway through the fourth quarter.

After he gained 41 yards in the first quarter, mostly on a 24-yard run, the Red Raiders held running back Daniel Thomas to eight yards on six carries the rest of the way. With no run game, coach Bill Snyder's squad punted the ball seven straight times before turning it over on downs and losing a fumble.

Meanwhile, Sheffield was in complete control of the offense, sending lasers downfield

as receivers and running backs picked up valuable yards after a catch or hit.

The result was eight touchdowns on the first 10 possessions, an average of one first down per play and a 59-7 score early in the fourth quarter.

As far as offensive and defensive performances go, it was a push — a satisfying one at that. But special teams deserved credit too, keeping dangerous return man Brandon Banks from making any big plays.

"It's something we have been working for and something we were finally getting to experience," said right tackle Marlon Winn of the balance. "We experienced it for one game, and I think everybody liked the way it felt."

Except Kansas State, whose defense allowed Sheffield to virtually seize the starting quarterback role in his first career start with seven touchdown passes. The junior built off last week's relief outing in which he sparked a stagnant offense to a win against New Mexico.

In two weeks, Sheffield — better known as "Sticks" because of his 190-pound frame — has shown how efficient the offense can be with him under center. He has collected 780 yards passing, 11 touchdowns, only two interceptions and a Big 12 Conference Player of the Week honor so far

he had to choose, Sheffield would be the starter against Nebraska.

— not bad for a former walk-on who wasn't on scholarship until this season.

"I think he's steadily done some good things," Leach said of Sheffield, "and I think that his own personal excitement to be out there I think really rubs off on everybody in a very good fashion."

But Leach said naming the starter for next week's game against Nebraska remains a game-time decision. He was mum on the injury status of Potts, who left last week's New Mexico

game with an apparent injury, but reiterated that this week's practice performances will be taken into account in regards to next week's starter.

Line-backer Bront Bird, without much hesitation, said if

"I don't think Sheffield has done anything to lose the job he has been given right now."

BRONT BIRD
TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER

he had to choose, Sheffield would be the starter against Nebraska.

"Right now, I think you just have to go with the hot hand," Bird said. "I don't think Sheffield has done anything to lose the job he has been given right now."

Winn shared the same outlook as Bird.

"The energy that he brings," Winn said. "He'll come in and light up a whole room, not a very gloomy guy. He doesn't down himself about a play. If he has a bad play, he comes back in and makes the next play."

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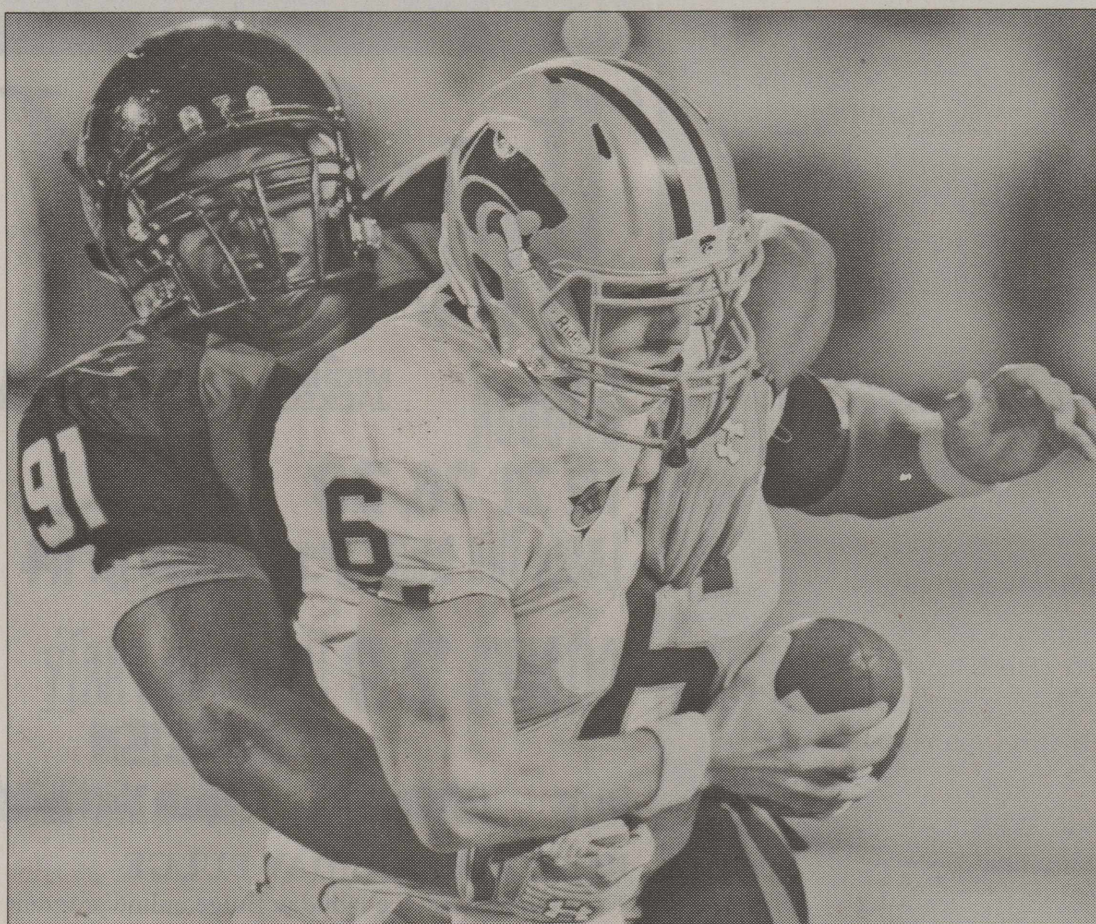


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TOP: TEXAS TECH defensive end Ra'Jon Henley sacks K-State quarterback Grant Gregory during Tech's 66-14 rout of the Wildcats Saturday at the Jones AT&T Stadium.

BOTTOM: TECH RUNNING back Harrison Jeffers eludes defensive back Torell Miller during the Red Raiders' lopsided 66-14 victory against the Wildcats Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Spencer hopes 2010 baseball schedule attracts more fans to Dan Law Field

MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

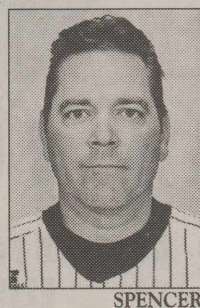
Last year, the Texas Tech baseball team qualified for the Big 12 Conference tournament for the first time since 2006. This year, Tech coach Dan Spencer wants to be better prepared for the chance at a NCAA tournament berth.

With the 2010 baseball schedule announced Friday afternoon, Spencer said it is the right fit for his emerging program.

"If you want to get good, I don't think it's enough just to play in a good conference," he said. "I think you've got to play good people and if you're playing a bunch of people that are maybe not very good, then you don't have to play at your highest level to win and you don't have the right mindset. That's not what we want for our guys."

Tech has made up for a big road schedule last year, including a 10-day trip to California and five Big 12 series on the road with a 2010 schedule including 30 home games.

Tech will play its first 10 games at Dan Law Field starting its schedule the weekend of Feb. 19 while host-



SPENCER

ing the Red Raider Classic. Tech will play a round-robin tournament against Alabama A&M and Michigan.

The next weekend,

Tech will host the first Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic and play a round-robin tournament with Washington State from the Pac-10 Conference and Bethune-Cookman from Daytona Beach, Fla. — both opponents who made the 2009 NCAA Tournament regional round.

"We want to have big crowds," Spencer said. "We want people to say, 'I saw Michigan play. I saw Michigan play in Lubbock, and I saw Washington State play in Lubbock.'"

Following the Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic, Tech will travel the Houston Astros' Minute Maid Park to take on NCAA tournament qualifiers TCU and Rice as well as the University of Houston in conjunction with the Astros College Classic.

Following Tech's return from Houston, the Red Raiders host a mid-week series with NCAA Tournament qualifier Gonzaga March 9 and 10 at Dan Law Field between the Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic and the Astros College Classic.

Following Gonzaga, Tech arguably will play its toughest nonconference road series against TCU in Fort Worth the week after facing the Horned Frogs in Houston.

Tech opens conference play against Texas A&M in College Station on March 19. Tech will host five Big 12 opponents at home including Texas, Kansas State, Oklahoma, Missouri and Baylor while playing four series on the road. Big 12 members Colorado and Iowa State do not participate in baseball.

"This is good for the community," Spencer said. "If we're the Texas Tech baseball team and only play 15 (games) at home, shoot, we're not on TV when we're on the road. They're going to get a chance to see us play in games at home this year and I think those are huge."

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Lidge perfect, Phillies rally in 9th to reach NLCS

DENVER (AP) — All of a sudden, the crumpling closer was wearing purple pinstripes instead of Phillies red and white.

Brad Lidge retired Troy Tulowitzki for the final out for the second straight night, sending Philadelphia to the NL championship series with a 5-4 win over the Colorado Rockies.

Lidge's second save Monday — the other came just past midnight in Game 3 — was sweet redemption for the Phillies closer who went from perfect a year ago to perfectly awful in 2009.

He converted all 48 save chances last year, capped when he struck out Tampa Bay's Eric Hinske in Game 5 to clinch the Phillies' World Series title. But he lost his perfect touch this season — he led the majors with 11 blown saves, went 0-8 with a 7.21 ERA and briefly lost his job in September.

Now, he's perfect in the postseason

once again. "I've said it before, people go through ups and downs. As long as he's throwing well for us right now, that's all that matters," Ryan Howard said.

Howard hit a two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning off Huston Street and scored on Jayson Werth's single as Philadelphia rallied past the resilient Rockies in Game 4 on Monday to reach the NL championship series.

"Was it a good pitch to Howard? No, it wasn't my best pitch," Street said. "It wasn't painted on the knees at the black. But it was down and it was out. He's a good hitter. Sometimes you get beat."

Tulowitzki, who flied out to end Game 3, struck out this time and the Phillies celebrated on the infield at chilly Coors Field before retreating to the clubhouse for another champagne

shower. "We know we have a long ways to go," Jimmy Rollins said. "So this is the last party."

Next, the World Series champions play Thursday night against Los Angeles at Dodger Stadium in an NLCS rematch from last season.

The Rockies thought they had sent the series back to Philly for a decisive Game 5 when they rallied for three runs with two outs in the bottom of the eighth, capped by Yorvit Torrealba's two-run double.

"We thought we were going to pull this out and hop on a plane," Todd Helton said. "It didn't work."

Because Street, who saved 35 games in 37 chances during the season, blew it in the ninth again, one night after taking the loss in Game 3 when Howard hit a sacrifice fly to give the Phillies a 6-5 win.

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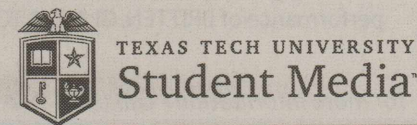
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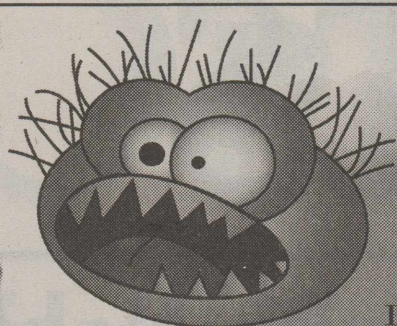
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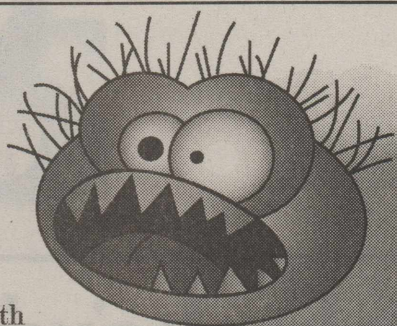
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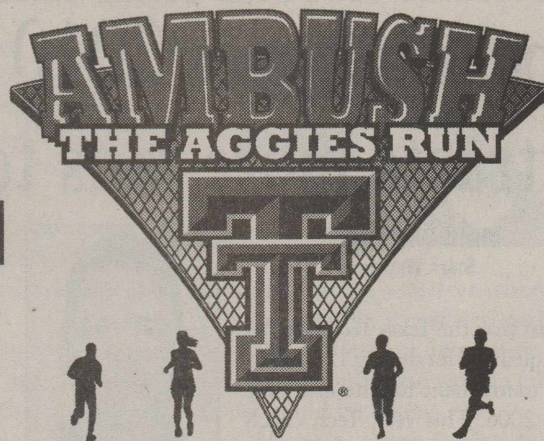
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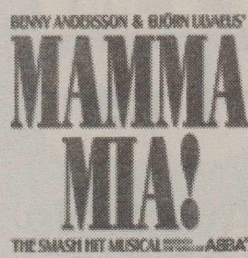
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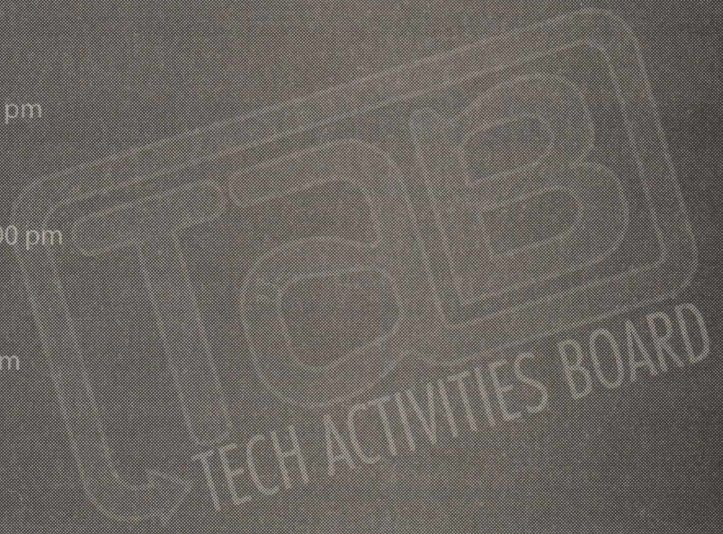
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Tech soccer staying positive after dropping 2 Big 12 road matches

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech soccer coach Tom Stone probably should be disappointed with the Red Raiders dropping two matches this weekend after starting conference play undefeated.

However, spirits are still high as Tech prepares for its final home in Big 12 Conference play Friday against Oklahoma State and brace the rest of the schedule on the road.

"Given the disappointment from Friday night, I was pretty pleased with our attitude, effort and mentality," Stone said. "We're disappointed by the result, but I think we improved a lot. Only three teams have won road games in the Big 12 this year."

After leading 1-0 at halftime, Tech dropped a 3-2 match against Kansas Friday for the Jayhawks first Big 12 Conference win of the season and then lost a 2-1 game against Missouri. Both games were the first Big 12 road games for Tech this season.

Despite the two losses, Tech only dropped from second in the conference standings to fourth and is still undefeated in conference play at home. Tech now is five points from first place.

But while the Red Raiders have an opportunity to knock off Oklahoma State at home Friday, going back on the road presents another challenge.

After Oklahoma State, Tech will have to face Texas A&M, Texas and Colorado — all in the top five of the conference standings — on the road.

Stone said every team is going through rough patches in its respective Big 12 schedules, but Tech is the only team to beat Iowa State, Oklahoma and Baylor while none of the four teams the Red Raiders have yet to face could defeat all three of those teams. He also said Tech struggled against teams he thought



TEXAS TECH SOCCER coach Tom Stone, right, and the Red Raiders have one final Big 12 Conference match at home this season. Tech is coming off a 3-2 loss to Kansas and a 2-1 loss to Missouri this weekend.

it was better than — specifically Kansas and Missouri.

Stone and the players don't consider their last home game of the season Friday a must-win scenario, but taking a win and the three points that come along with it could help the Red Raiders stay competitive as the season winds down.

"I think we go into every game with the mentality it's a must-win," midfielder Maegan Wilber said. "But this game for sure, given our past weekend, we need to get these three points. I'm hopeful that we will."

Tech holds a two-point lead against Baylor, Nebraska and Texas, but may

lose some ground this weekend with no game scheduled for Sunday. A loss against Oklahoma State could allow any of those three teams to replace Tech at fourth place by Friday night.

Fortunately for the Red Raiders, Nebraska and Texas will face each other head-to-head this weekend and both teams will play one home game and one road game, respectively. Baylor will play two home games in Waco against Missouri and Kansas.

Additionally, if Oklahoma wins both of its games this weekend and Tech fails to secure at least one point via a tie against Oklahoma State, the Sooners

could jump in front of the Red Raiders.

But instead of focusing on the competition breathing down their necks, the Red Raiders would rather focus on their last home game — the senior class' last game in Lubbock. Seven seniors will be playing their last home game as Red Raiders.

"It'd be nice to win (against Oklahoma State)," freshman defender Tiffini Smith said. "It's going to be an emotional game, but we're just looking forward to it and hoping for a big win. We just want to make it special for (the seniors), I think that's what motivates us most."

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Roddick retires at Masters

SHANGHAI (AP) — Andy Roddick was forced to retire with left knee pain while leading Stanislas Wawrinka 4-3 Tuesday in the second round of the Shanghai Masters.

Roddick, who limped into the post-match news conference, quit after wasting a break point.

"I just felt I pushed off, and then Michael (Novotny, ATP trainer) came on court and did some tests and advised that it probably wasn't worth the risk," Roddick said.

Roddick is vying for one of the final three spots at the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London next month. But the sixth-ranked Roddick says he's more concerned about taking care of his health than qualifying for the eight-man event.

"At this point, my concern is more along the lines of figuring out what we're dealing with," said Rod-

dick, who has finished the last seven seasons ranked in the top 10.

The 22nd-ranked Wawrinka will play 13th-seeded Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic in the third round.

"I hope he's going to be fine for the rest of the season," Wawrinka said of Roddick. "For sure, it's not the way you want it to go. But I'll take it and play the next match."

Lleyton Hewitt defeated John Isner of the United States 6-2, 6-4. Hewitt saved both break points he faced.

Hewitt said he's pleased with his progress since hip surgery in August 2008.

"This year was always going to be tough purely because I didn't exactly know how the hip was going to bounce back," Hewitt said. "I've got better as the year has gone on. My hip's got a lot stronger and better, and that makes life a lot easier on the court."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Made a disapproving sound
- Witticism
- Highlander
- Cop; bargain in court
- Healing plant
- Oregon Treaty president
- Trembling
- Having all one's marbles
- Word processing reversal
- Big Southwestern trombones?
- Ending for ranch
- Neither Rep. nor Dem.
- Thing
- Melanie, in Madrid
- Wide shoe size
- Geese flight pattern
- Actress Greer who received five consecutive Oscar nominations
- At the ready
- Refined trombones?
- Made on a loom
- Imitation
- Med or law lead-in
- Command ctrs.
- Musical beat
- Well's "The Island of Dr. ..."
- Fill with wonder
- Jr.'s son
- Continuously-playing trombones?
- Clenched weapon
- Mechanical memorization
- Remark to the audience
- To ... perfectly
- Sporty sunroof
- Baseball card brand
- Wall St.'s "Big Board"

DOWN

- 1 Samples a bit of
- Ball
- Loud auto hornker of yore
- "mouse"
- Weekly septet
- Argonauts' leader
- Large antelope
- Turne
- Dainty laugh
- Sudden gushing
- Conspires (with)
- Octogenarians, e.g.
- Boxing ref's decision
- Whopper creators
- Lord's Prayer words following "Thy will be done"
- Thus far
- Eye unsuitably
- Drizzly day chapeau
- 30 some pass catchers
- Women

By Charles Barasch 10/14/09

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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| OLIO | SEAL | TACET |
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| OVER | RAN | SPRAIN |
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| STAIN LEE | | |
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- Above, in poems
- Slow-moving, as a river
- Penetrable quality of skin
- Makes a cliché of say
- Exposed
- Typist's stat.
- Crystalline mineral
- More petite
- Like eggs in an Easter hunt
- Skinflints
- Big name in perfumery
- Dramatist Chekhov
- Tearful
- Letter after theta
- Drift, as an aroma
- Shipwreck site
- Air mover

Armstrong attends Tour route unveiling

PARIS (AP) — Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong and 2009 winner Alberto Contador will be on hand Wednesday when organizers unveil the 2010 route for cycling's biggest race.

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Tech drops another match to Mizzou, moves on to Colorado

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
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The Texas Tech volleyball team has been its own worst enemy throughout Big 12 Conference action this season.

The Red Raiders seemed to be on the verge of changing that until last Saturday.

The mental breakdowns continued against Missouri, something that has been common throughout the season for Tech. The Red Raiders dropped the match 3-0 Saturday in Columbia, Mo. — making it 45 consecutive losses to Big 12 opponents dating back to the 2007 season.

The Red Raiders did not look like the same team that competed with No. 17 Baylor last Wednesday. In fact, Tech played like a completely different team, Tech head coach Trish Knight said. She said her players did not play with nearly the same amount of energy against the Tigers.

"We just didn't show up to

play, it's that simple," Knight said. "It's ridiculous to play so well against No. 17 in the country in Baylor like we did, then come out against Mizzou and do absolutely nothing right at all. They didn't care, it's a lack of maturity and they don't understand that every night they play in the Big 12 they have to show up."

Tech (2-13, 0-6 in Big 12 play) started the match with the same lineup it had against Baylor.

The Red Raiders came out with a defensive-heavy lineup that meant meaningful playing time for Aleah Hayes, Jackie Vincent, Jenn Goehry and Tory Vaughan — all who play defensive position.

Although the match still ended with a 3-0 sweep, Knight said the production was nowhere near the same. Junior middle blocker Barbara Conceicao led the Red Raiders with seven kills, a statistic sophomore Amanda Dowdy usually leads in. However, Dowdy led the team in digs with nine.

Team chemistry is key to performing well against conference opponents, Conceicao said.

"We need to learn to stay together," she said. "We'll just work on the way we play and see where it goes."

Mizzou (12-6, 4-3) took advantage of its home-court advantage and made quick work of Tech with a balanced performance.

Junior outside hitter Paola Ampudia produced 12 of the Tigers' 43 kills. Junior outside hitter Julianna Klein was right behind her with 10 kills. The Tiger defense was led by junior libero Caitlyn Vann, who tallied 11 digs.

Mizzou put up the numbers deserving of a win, but Knight said it was Tech's inability to stay mentally composed that put the Red Raiders in a hole.

However, Tech's next opponent might be good news for the Red Raiders. They take on Colorado at 8 p.m. today in Boulder, Colo. The Buffaloes were the last Big 12 team last team the Red Raiders defeated.

The Buffs (5-11, 0-7) are one of three teams without a win in Big 12 play so far this season. The other two are Tech and Kansas State.

Colorado and Tech are at the bottom of most offensive categories in Big 12 play. While



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AMANDA DOWDY SPIKES the ball against Baylor's Katie Sanders, Anna Breyfogle and Elizabeth Graham. Texas Tech lost 3-0 to Missouri Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

Tech is last in the Big 12 in hitting percentage at .090 percent, Colorado is 10th with .101 percent. Colorado and Tech also are 10th and 11th, respectively, in opponent hitting percentage, assists, kills and service aces.

Dowdy said the team's lack of discipline is something that will have to be changed in order to get over the hump today against

Colorado.

"We just didn't show up to play," she said. "We beat ourselves and it's really disappointing because it is not an excuse at all. The only thing we can do is get anything positive out of this and move forward."


Although a young team will always have learning curves to overcome, Knight said at some

point, her team has to put in the work to overcome its mistakes.

"We lost because of communication errors and things we've been trying to get them to fix all year long and they haven't fixed them," she said. "It's one of those things where until they decide that they want to play better, they won't."


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