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Iran backs uranium plan outline, seeks changes

By BRIAN MURPHY AND
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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran accepted the general framework of a U.N.-draft nuclear deal Tuesday, but said it would seek "important changes" that could test the willingness of world powers to make concessions in exchange for a pact to rein in Tehran's ability to make atomic warheads.

It was unclear how far Iran would push for those changes. Already, Iran has raised a potential roadblock: It wants a step-by-step approach to send low-enriched uranium stockpile out of the country rather than the big single shipment called for under U.N. provisions.

Western powers say it's critical for Iran to send out at least 70 percent of its uranium store in one load to eliminate — at least temporarily — its options to make a nuclear weapon. A significantly lower amount or gradual shipments by Iran could jeopardize a key part of the proposal, which was reached after talks last week that included the United States.

For the moment, Iran has signaled that it agrees to the plan's basic premise: sending its low-enriched uranium to Russia for further processing. The announcement on

state media marked a major step for Iran, which has been reluctant to give up full control of the nuclear enrichment cycle.

Tehran still may be a long way from finalizing a deal. Western leaders were anticipating additional caveats by the Islamic republic, which is conducting its negotiations in public with a trickle of hints and statements on state-run media.

Iran's state-run Arabic-language channel Al-Alam cited an unidentified official as saying Iran will officially reply on the deal within 48 hours — or Thursday in Tehran. Other reports said it could Friday.

Iran "will agree to the general framework" of the plan "with a request for important changes," the official said.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner expressed exasperation, saying Tehran is trying to have the proposal "thoroughly reworked."

"It cannot take forever. We wait for answers," he said in Luxembourg.

The plan was formalized by the United Nations last week after talks between Iran and the United States, Russia and France. It calls for Iran to ship 70 percent of its enriched uranium abroad for further enrichment. The U.S. and its allies back the deal because it would at least temporarily leave Iran's uranium stockpiles too low to build a nuclear weapon. Iran denies any intention to develop a bomb.

Another Iranian state channel, Press TV, said that Tehran is opposed to sending the entire shipment abroad at once, suggesting it wants to do it in stages.

The head of Iran's Foreign Policy and National Security Commission, Alaeddin Boroujerdi, was quoted by Iran's semi-official ILNA news agency as sketching out a scenario in which Iran would send out portions of its

low-enriched uranium stockpiles only after it receives a batch of reactor-ready rods.

Iran has also given hints that it may want to send less than 70 percent of its stockpiles abroad. On Monday, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Iran might agree to "deliver part of (the low-enriched uranium) fuel which we currently don't need."

A French diplomat said he expects Iran will seek to dramatically reduce the amount of uranium it would ship out of the country. The diplomat in Paris spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, who is also negotiating with the Iranians, said: "The deal was a good deal, and I don't think it requires fundamental changes."

In the enrichment process, uranium purified to a low level — 5 percent or below — is used as fuel for a nuclear reactor, and to a somewhat higher level — around 20 percent — it can power a research reactor. The United States and its allies fear Iran secretly intends to further enrich its low-enriched uranium to more than 90 percent purity, the level needed to build a bomb. Iran contends its program is intended only to generate electricity.

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JAVIER SOLANA
EUROPEAN UNION
FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF

Democrats challenge Reid on health care

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic moderates who control the balance of power on health care legislation balked Tuesday at a government-run insurance option for millions of Americans, underscoring the enormity of the challenge confronting Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid one day after he unveiled the plan as a consensus product.

Republican opposition stiffened, and party leaders announced they would attempt to strangle the bill before formal debate begins.

Despite the obvious obstacles, senior Democrats cast Reid's draft legislation as a turning point in the yearlong campaign to enact President Barack Obama's top domestic priority. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee,

on the Senate floor, Reid's first challenge is to gain 60 votes — the number needed to overcome a filibuster by Republicans — just to bring the bill up, a parliamentary maneuver so routine that a vote is rarely required.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, announced that in this case, members of his party will treat it as though it were "a vote on the merits" of a bill he said would "cut Medicare, raise taxes and increase health insurance premiums." He suggested Democrats could expect campaign commercials next year on the basis of the vote, and recalled that Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., was ridiculed in his 2004 presidential campaign for having once said he voted for a bill before he voted against it.

Tuesday's developments illustrated the difficulties facing the 69-year-old Reid, juggling at least three separate concerns: his role as head of the Democratic caucus, the desire to deliver on Obama's agenda and a 2010 re-election campaign in Nevada, where his approval ratings are low.

"This isn't over until I'm standing with President Obama and he's signing a bill into law that delivers what Nevadans are demanding — real health insurance reform," Reid wrote in an e-mail message to political supporters in his home state Monday night.

The decision to include a government insurance option in his legislation had obvious appeal for liberals who account for a strong majority inside the Senate Democratic caucus, and it is likely to please labor unions and party activists in Nevada.

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HARRY REID
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

JUST IN TIME

Torres coming up big as conference play continues

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech wide receivers coach Dennis Simmons once described Alex Torres as a "cold weather" receiver, meaning he is not a flashy wideout, but he is reliable.

Good thing it's the end of October in Lubbock.

"I love having guys that you can depend on," Simmons said. "In college coaching, really our job is no different than a manager at any fast food restaurant. You're gonna depend on 18-19- and 20-year-old guys for your livelihood, to make your living. When you got guys like him that you can count on, it makes life a lot easier from our standpoint."

In light of the 52-30 loss the Red Raiders took from Texas A&M Saturday, there was Torres, who had a career-high eight catches for 128 yards and a touchdown. The performance is noteworthy for Tech coaches as the Red Raiders drive deeper into Big 12 Conference play with Kansas and All-Big 12 safety Darrell Stuckey next on the schedule.

Indeed, Torres does not have the attractive statline other receivers may have, but Simmons pointed out Torres will thrive at flanker as long as he is reliable.

The only other time he had as many yards as he did Saturday was against Houston when he had 90.

He also had seven catches in two games this season — against Texas and New Mexico. On top of that, the junior was quiet the previous two games, with two catches for 18 yards at Nebraska and another two for 34 yards against New Mexico.

And still, Torres does not have the games Detron Lewis or Tramain Swindall has had — each have two 100-yard performances this season.

But there's a reason Torres was named one of the captains for the match up against the Jayhawks at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"Most consistent receiver we have right now, most consistent receiver we have," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Alex Torres scores a 56-yard touchdown during Texas A&M's 52-30 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

have several guys doing some good things, but if we were to say who is our best receiver, right now it is Alex Torres."

Simmons said what sticks out most about Torres is the fact he is deceptive in some ways. Simmons said Torres is stronger than most think and faster than most people give him credit for and at first look, neither comes to mind.

That might have been evident during his 56-yard touchdown in the first quarter against A&M when Torres turned a routine play into a score.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

State may drop phone numbers from accident reports

AUSTIN (AP) — In a blow to businesses that contact drivers after car wrecks, Texas' law enforcement and transportation agencies have agreed to drop telephone numbers from crash reports.

The Texas Transportation Commission is scheduled to consider the new reporting form at a Thursday meeting in Fort Worth.

The inclusion of phone numbers on the reports has prompted several transportation commissioners to

express concerns about privacy. If adopted by the Commission, the new form would be used starting Jan. 1.

"The need for and uses of the phone number do not outweigh the privacy concerns that the collection, storage, and release of the phone number creates," Texas Department of Transportation staff said in its recommendation to the commission. The commission oversees TxDOT.

NATION

Lawmakers won't yet consider SC gov. impeachment

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina lawmakers will not consider a move to impeach Republican Gov. Mark Sanford anytime soon.

House Speaker Bobby Harrell on Tuesday turned aside an impeachment resolution brought by another Republican. He says lawmakers can only deal with a limited number of items in their abbreviated session this week. They came back to

Columbia specifically to deal with unemployment benefits.

Harrell said state Rep. Greg Delleney can file the resolution next month in advance of the regular legislative session starting in January.

Delleney, a Republican from Chester, says Sanford should lose his job for skipping the state for five days in June to rendezvous with his Argentine lover.

WORLD

October new deadliest month for US in Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) — U.S. forces say eight American troops have been killed in multiple bomb attacks in southern Afghanistan. The deaths make October the deadliest month of the war for American troops since it began in 2001.

The U.S. military says the eight deaths Tuesday occurred in "multiple, complex" bomb attacks in

the south. One Afghan civilian was also killed, and several other troops were wounded and taken to a nearby medical facility.

The latest deaths bring to 55 the total number of American troops killed in October in Afghanistan. Fighting previously spiked around the presidential vote in August, when 51 U.S. soldiers died.

Correction

In Tuesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, in the article "Petroleum engineering students to have rare access to software," the name of

the research associate for high performance computing should have been spelled Ravi Vadapalli. *The DT* regrets the error.

8 Afghan immigrants drown in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A small boat loaded with Afghan families smashed onto the rocks and sank off an island in the Aegean Sea on Tuesday, causing three immigrant women and five children to drown.

The deadly accident highlighted the plight of thousands of migrants who risk their lives every year to reach the European Union.

Athens accused neighboring Turkey, from where the vessel set off, of doing little to stop thousands of illegal immigrants from arriving in Greece. Human rights groups, however, urged Greece to improve its treatment of migrants and its handling of asylum applications.

The coast guard said high waves swept the flimsy boat with 18 on board onto a rocky shore on Lesbos. Seven men, a woman and a child — all Afghans — swam ashore and were hospitalized for observation.

One of the 10 survivors, only identified as a Turkish man, was arrested on smuggling charges.

Under Greece's tough immigration laws, traffickers involved in fatal accidents face life terms and a minimum 500,000 (\$750,000) fine.

Later Tuesday, the coast guard rescued another 45 illegal immigrants found abandoned on an uninhabited islet off the island of Anafi in the southeastern Aegean.

Clinical excellence event honors HSC

By JASON HARTLINE
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing received a recognition award Tuesday at the South Plains College Center for Clinical Excellence open house event.

The Center for Clinical Excellence is a state-of-the-art nursing simulation facility made possible through a \$1.63 million grant through the U.S. Department of Labor's Community-Based Job Training Grants Initiative.

The Perry School of Nursing, along with SPC, is one of 22 partners that form a partnership to train, gradu-

ate and place health care professionals in a 15-county area of West Texas.

"It is an honor to be able to come together in the South Plains," said Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "This nursing simulation will be able to give nursing students the tools they need to become successful."

The center houses four simulation suites with equipment donated by University Medical Center, Covenant Health System and the Lub-



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bock Heart Hospital.

The suites are home to one newborn and three adult patient simulators, which mimic human responses to illness and the treatment received. The facility also provides the nurses' station, medication room and a central supply room. Through two debriefing rooms, observers can monitor what is occurring in the suites in real time.

"The Center for Clinical Excellence will boost rural health care,"



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said Senator John Cornyn, R-Texas. "I am confident for what the future holds by offering our Texas nursing students this opportunity."

The SPC Center for Clinical Excellence is designed to improve student retention and skill mastery in Vocational Nursing and Associate Degree nursing programs.

"Our nation is focusing on health care," said Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock. "We took the true West Texas route by joining together to provide the first clinical simulation that will provide quality health care and help combat the shortage of qualified nurses."

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Industrial engineering college celebrates 75th year

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The Department of Industrial Engineering at Texas Tech is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year since becoming a department at the university.

The department was introduced in 1934 as the first industrial engineering department established in Texas and the 17th in the nation. Enrollment in the department began with 14 students and four faculty members including O.A. St. Clair, William Street, C.C. Perryman and Margaret Atkinson. The first two graduates of the program were Austin Fleming and Carl Bechtold in 1938.

Tom Degreve, a graduate of the program and member of the Industrial Advising Board, said the department has always been a close-knit community.

"The thing that has always set this department apart is that it has always maintained a student focus and a family feel," Degreve said. "You come out of the program with not only an education, but also a sense of respect as an engineer and a citizen based on interactions

with the staff."

The curriculum content has changed during the past 75 years, he said, but the general topics have remained the same. Shop classes have turned into design classes because of the changing technology in the field. There has been less emphasis on drawing, but engineering science topics have changed minimally. The doctorate program began in 1965 with four students.

Milton Smith, who also served as a department chair from 2001 to 2006, earned the department's fourth doctorate degree. Smith said graduates of the program have become faculty in various universities around

the world, several became deans of engineering colleges and at least one became the president of a small university.

"Our Ph.D. program, along with our graduate program, is highly respected," Smith said.

"Our graduates are well received wherever they go — be it the military, in academia. Anywhere in the industry, they are regarded as being well educated."

The department was first housed in the Engineering building, but since 1959 it has been located

in the former Textile Engineering building, now known as the Industrial Engineering building. In 1984 the inside of the building was renovated to give

it a new feel. One of the oldest operating freight elevators in Lubbock was replaced as part of those renovations.

An Industrial Advising Board helps to keep the curriculum up to date for the department.

"The primary purpose of the group is to give real-world perspective of requirements of graduates coming out of college," Degreve said. "We want them to be prepared for what the industry is looking for."

This spring, the department is going to host a celebration for the anniversary and Smith is planning the event, which may be scheduled for distinguished engineers week.

"We're going to have some series of speakers," he said. "Mostly people who have gone through the program."

In the history of the department, 1,543 students have earned bachelor's degrees in industrial engineering, 919 have earned Master's of Science degrees, and 193 have earned doctorates in industrial engineering. The Ph.D. program is the largest in the College of Engineering.

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MEMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ADVISING BOARD

Obama putting \$3.4B toward a 'smart' power grid

ARCADIA, Fla. (AP) — President Barack Obama made a pitch for renewable energy Tuesday, announcing \$3.4 billion in government support for 100 projects aimed at modernizing the nation's power grid.

Touring a field of solar energy panels in west-central Florida, the president urged greater use of several technologies to make America's power transmission system more efficient and better suited to the digital age. The projects include installing "smart" electric meters in homes, automating utility substations, and installing thousands of new digital transformers and grid sensors.

"There's something big happening in America in terms of creating a clean-energy economy," Obama said, although he added there is much more to be done.

He likened the effort to the ambitious development of the national highway system 50 years ago. He said modernization would lead to a "smarter, stronger and more secure electric grid."

Under muggy skies, Obama toured the DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center, which is designed to generate enough energy for about 3,000 residential customers of the utility FPL. It is the nation's largest photovoltaic electricity facility.

Obama said a modern grid could give consumers better control over their electricity usage and costs, and spur development of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

The \$3.4 billion in grants from the government's January economic stimulus program will be matched by \$4.7 billion in private investments. The smallest grant will be \$400,000 and the largest \$200 million.

"We have a very antiquated (electric grid) system in our country," Carol Browner, assistant to the president for energy and climate change, told reporters. "The current system is outdated, it's dilapidated."

Matt Rogers, the Energy Department official involved in the program, said the 100 projects were selected from 400 proposed. The money will be distributed over the next two months and the work is expected to be done over the next one to three years, he said.

Even as Obama pitched more efficient and renewable energy use, his trip to Arcadia made it clear that old habits and dependencies die hard. He arrived in a motorcade of gas-guzzling SUVs. While waiting for the motorcade to get started, several vans kept their engines running to provide air conditioning for occupants escaping a hot Florida sun.

Pakistan kills 42 militants in anti-Taliban push along Afghan border

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan pressed an offensive deeper into Taliban territory along the Afghan border Tuesday, claiming to have killed 42 militants in the latest stage of an assault seen as crucial in defeating extremism in the nuclear-armed country.

The assault into South Waziristan's unforgiving mountains has triggered a bloody backlash from militants, who are determined to

bring the war out of the remote, northwestern region and into the country's cities in hopes of eroding public and political support.

In the capital Islamabad, gunmen attacked a high-ranking Pakistani army officer in the second targeted shooting against top military brass in less than a week. The army officer, and his mother who was traveling with him, escaped unhurt.

The fight in South Waziristan is

seen as a major test of Pakistan's will and ability to tackle the northwestern strongholds of al-Qaida-allied extremists. The army already has been beaten back from the region three times since 2004.

Pakistan has been criticized in the past for not cracking down on Islamist militant groups it once nurtured as proxies to fight in India and Afghanistan. It remains unclear whether the army has committed

enough troops to the current campaign to hold the territory it is seizing.

An army statement said troops were progressing well on three fronts in South Waziristan, but were meeting resistance.

It said that over the last 24 hours, 42 militants and one soldier had been killed. Since the assault began, the army claims to have killed 231 insurgents and lost 29 soldiers.

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Local Artist Spotlight: Micaela Esch

Luckily for me, last weekend wasn't a total disappointment. Although Saturday was a day to be quickly forgotten, Friday night I got the chance to check out some local artists performing at Sugar Brown's Coffee House.

Although the local music scene in the LBK isn't nearly on the same page as Denton or Austin, I have consistently been pleasantly surprised time and time again at the local talent available and playing around Lubbock. The best part is that despite what I believed when I first arrived in Lubbock, not all of the local talent is country, thank goodness.

From local rock groups to my favorite local jazz/fusion/pop group, the Andrew Why Trio, to acoustic acts, Lubbock has a lot to offer.

The key is just finding the relatively unadvertised shows and taking the chance of driving out to the establishments in hope of not having to listen to people who have no business being on stage.

Fortunately, that was not my case as the show Friday night featured some truly talents singer/songwriter acoustic acts, including Tech sophomore and Denver-native Micaela Esch. Esch's show included original tunes, such as the break-up inspired "Stranger," and

Noel Bryant



many crowd-pleasing covers, like Taylor Swift's "You Belong With Me" and Colbie Caillat's "Fallin' for You."

Her voice reminds one of a younger Jenny Simmons from the band Addison Road. And I was lucky enough to sit down for 10 good minutes with Esch in this week's Local Artist Spotlight.

• What brought you to Tech from Denver?

— Well, I wanted to go somewhere where I didn't know anybody. I wanted to challenge myself and meet all new people. Also, Texas Tech gave me a nice academic scholarship. There is certainly a difference. Lubbock has that small-town feel, compared to Denver especially. But it is nice here.

• What inspired you to become a singer/songwriter?

— Music has always been a passion of mine, and it's what I've always loved to do. But I was involved in soccer in school and it took up much of my time. After some unfortunate injuries, I had to quit soccer, and

it was then that I really picked up guitar and singing. As far as writing songs goes, my songs are based on experiences. The people are real people, the feelings were real feelings.

• Who are your influences?

— Definitely Colbie Caillat and Taylor Swift. They are amazing artists. I would absolutely love to open up a show for Taylor Swift. I have so much respect for her because she is musically talented in playing and singing, but she also writes all her own stuff. Not many artists can do that these days. I really enjoy listening to people like John Mayer or The Fray as well.

• What do think about the local music scene here in Lubbock?

— There are so many venues here, there really are. The shows just need much better publicity. Really, it's all about the pub, getting the word out. There is lots of local music, but people don't know about it or know where or when.

• Where do you want your musical talents to take you?

— Well, I would absolutely love to sing and play my guitar as a career sometime in the future, but for right now I'm trying to take it one step at a time. I am trying my best to just really enjoy where I am in life right now and where I am in my music right now. Things in the now are great.



PHOTO BY NOEL BRYANT/The Daily Toreador

SINGER-SONGWRITER MICAELA Esch, a sophomore from Denver, performs Friday at Sugar Brown's Coffee House.

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Tigers dying out despite campaigns

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — The world's tiger population is declining fast despite efforts to save them, and new strategies are urgently needed to keep the species from dying out, international wildlife experts said Tuesday.

"We are assembled here to save tigers that are at the verge of extinction," Nepal's secretary of forest and soil conservation, Yuvaraj Bhusal, told a conference of tiger experts from 20 countries, including the 13 where wild tigers are still found.

An estimated 3,500 to 4,000 tigers now roam the world's forests, down from the more than 100,000 estimated at the beginning of the 20th century. All the remaining tigers are in Asia.

Participants at the conference, which also includes the World

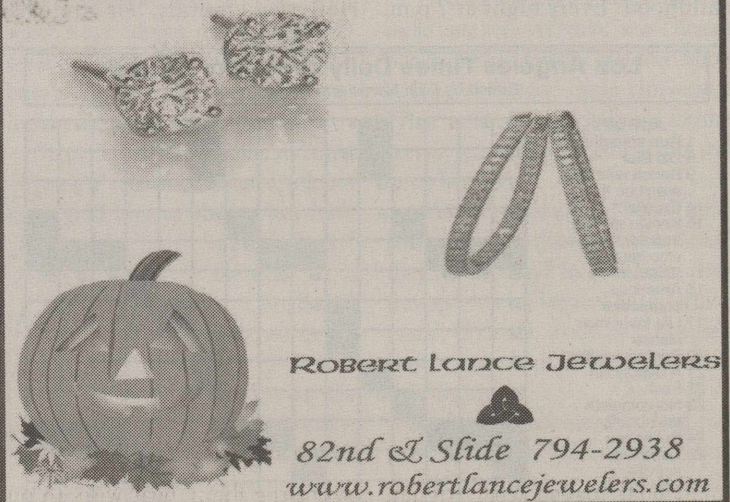
Bank, the World Wildlife Fund and other groups, plan to discuss strategies for tiger conservation, as well as challenges such as poaching, the trade of tiger parts and conflicts between tigers and local populations.

In a recent case, a Sumatran tiger died after being caught in a pig snare last week in Indonesia, the country's news agency, Antara, reported Monday. The report said the tiger died as it was being prepared for surgery Monday. Only about 250 Sumatran tigers remain in the wild.

"Despite our efforts in the last three decades, tigers still face threats of survival. The primary threat is from poaching and habitat loss," Nepal's prime minister Madhav Kumar Nepal told the conference.

He said extreme poverty has also challenged efforts.

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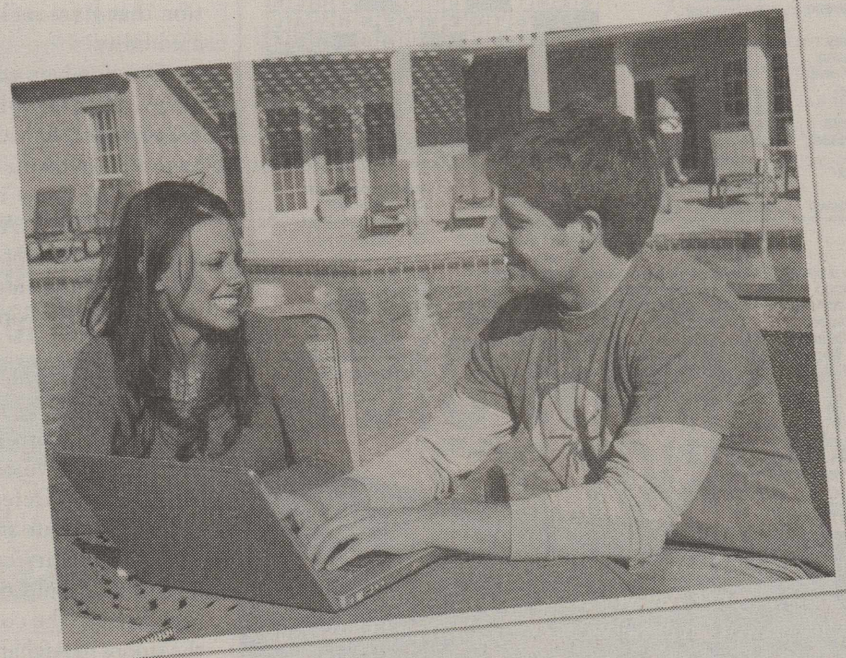
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Loss of community means loss of children

More and more it seems when I turn on the television, I'm instantly bombarded with media reports of how horrible our world is becoming.

Unfortunately, one of the most common disturbances is child abduction.

When I think back to my childhood, I recall the joys of tree climbing, foot races and skinned knees. My biggest fears were the monsters that lived in my closet and making it home before the street lights came on.

If you take a moment to reflect on your own childhood, I'm sure you too will find yourself smiling at the recollection of a sleepless night spent after watching Freddy terrorize young teens. You may even fondly remember the independence you felt the first time you were allowed to walk home from school without adult supervision. These are only a few of the fears and joys that meant everything as a child but now seem so trivial.

Is anyone else wondering what happened to the carefree nature that once characterized a childhood? Every night at 7 p.m.

Shay Irby



I tune into "Nancy Grace," and nearly every night another child has gone missing.

It also seems for every social ill we encounter, experts have found some societal cause to explain it away. Aggressive video games and rap music have been cited as main contributors to gang violence, despite the fact gangs have been around since the establishment of our country. The rise in childhood obesity has been blamed on the fast food industry and larger portion sizes.

Yet when I began thinking about child abduction, I struggled to find anything that could explain its prevalence.

Some believe there has been an increase in child abductions because people seek a quick and easy route to fame. It's disturbing to imagine a parent would put his or her child in danger to fulfill a Hollywood fantasy, but after the

Balloon Boy incident, this may not be as far-fetched an idea as originally thought.

However, this still doesn't account for the cases in which foul play is confirmed. So what do we say about those?

There are individuals who blame parents for being irresponsible and negligent. Considering the fact kidnappings appear to be occurring more frequently, many simply don't understand why parents are not paying closer attention to their children. I agree, there are those parents who could do a far better job of monitoring their kids. But in all fairness, parents cannot be with

their children at all times. Another interpretation has maintained the provocative dress

of children, young girls in particular, has led to the decline in child disappearances. Again I agree. Many children are being placed in adult-like situations far earlier than they have in the past, which may be contributing to a lot of the problems we're encountering in the 21st century unheard of decades ago.

Eleven-year-old girls are wearing lipstick and miniskirts, and young boys are making references to sexual acts I was unaware of until I was at least a high school student.

"There's an old saying that goes, 'It takes a village to raise a child,' but what we fail to acknowledge is it also takes a village to protect a child."

Still, there are others who do not necessarily believe the number of child abductions has increased at all. Instead, these people feel that because of cable news network channels, satellite radio stations, and several other media outlets, we are now simply more aware of these happenings than we once were.

I had entertained that idea for a while because it's definitely plausible. However, I wonder if there might not be a factor that would provide both an explanation and a solution to the question of why our children are disappearing one after the other.

In so many places, the sense of community has been lost. Where we were once a "we" society, we've become a "me" society. There's an old saying that goes, "It takes a village to raise a child," but what we fail to acknowledge is it also takes a village to protect a child.

At first I couldn't believe that 7-year-old Somer Thompson

could turn a corner and disappear without a trace. Then I realized it would be simple in this day and age because we've lost our village. Many of us make no efforts whatsoever to know our neighbors, yet we're shocked to learn sex offenders and child abductors live just down the street.

We cannot control the actions of others, but we certainly have power over our own. Community involvement won't eliminate this terrifying ordeal, but it will certainly help.

If you're handing out candy this Halloween, take a moment to enjoy the kids. If you live in a neighborhood with children, please pay attention to them and those they interact with on a consistent basis. You never know, you may just save a life one day.

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President's promises left unfulfilled

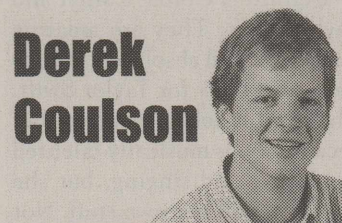
Allow me to take a card from President Barack Obama's playbook and recant a former message. No, not that former President George W. Bush is the source of all things going wrong, including the Chicago Bears and Cubs being awful sports teams, European antagonism and the swine flu. The message I wish to repeat is Obama's presidency so far has been a failed one.

First let us consider that apparently this H1N1 situation is a national emergency. Yet the administration has failed to present any evidence to back this announcement. Their buddies in the media can do nothing but repeat the mantra of terror being spread through the swine flu, but where is the information that gives such statements credibility?

The numbers actually state many more people die from the seasonal flu each year than have the swine flu this year, as reported by many news outlets including CNN. And we're in a supposed state of emergency? The only thing emerging is our president's irresponsibility and irrationality.

Speaking of which, when will our dear president make a decision about troops in Afghanistan? A host of voices, including Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Four-star General Stanley McChrystal agree the president should decide soon. McChrystal, the commander of the troops in Afghanistan — the supposed arena in which Obama wishes to attain victory the most — insists 40,000 more soldiers be added to the fight for that

Derek Coulson



victory to be possible.

Yet while stating he wishes not to waffle and waste time, Obama is postponing this decision and waffling and wasting time while American soldiers needed for the fight are withheld and those in it are experiencing a decline in morale.

Meanwhile, what is holding our Washington leader's attention? It's not global warming because he has denied going to a summit on that issue in order to push two things: public-option health care and his irresponsible war with Fox News.

To cut a foolish argument short, this public-option health care business is simply illogical. What are the biggest two proponents for it? To create competition

and counter those evil insurance companies and to provide for the portion of society that cannot provide for itself.

To answer the first, there are about 1,600 private insurance companies that allow for competition in the free market in this nation. It is ironic the same numerically challenged, IRS-evading group that pushed foolishly for the stimulus package is denying 1,600 separate companies is enough for one country.

To the idea these companies are comprised of evil, capitalizing elitists my response is, in a sense, "Yes." Their main goal is to make money, but I think responsible citizens will find it far less likely to feel antipathy to them.

And as to this war he has enacted against Fox that has manifested itself with the pseudo-intellect of Robert Gibbs calling them out, how foolish can he be? Is this the hope and change you voted for the United States? Is this the post-modern, post-racial, post-partisan president the major-

ity voted for? Or is this the far left, divisive and antagonistic president many on Fox actually called him out to be.

More it seems would agree with the latter as his popularity has taken as sharp a drop as a president's ever has, going from 79 percent in January to 52 percent currently according to the Gallup poll.

Ten months into this administration, what are we left with if not increased political, social and economic tensions? I beg anyone to answer how these things fulfill the promises of hope, change and utopia that seemed certain only one year ago. If the futility is so absolute and definite so soon, will anything change for the better? Or is this how we can expect the proceeding years to happen?

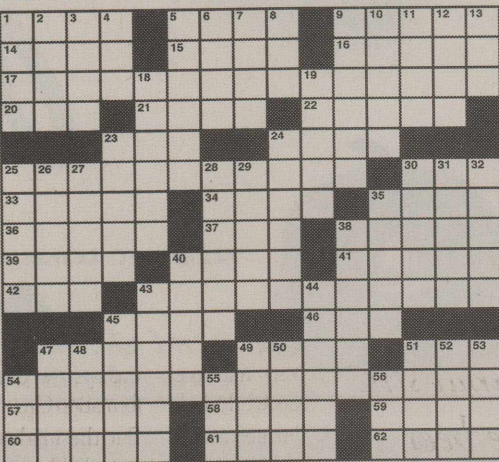
I would assert there will be no improvement and we must ride out this unfortunate storm. Hopefully without too much digression.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Run smoothly
 - Uzi filler
 - Bench warmers aren't on it
 - Excellent
 - Known as "the Impaler," prince who inspired "Dracula"
 - American competitor
 - Life insurance clause
 - Printers' widths
 - A deadly sin
 - Posh
 - Neurologist's test, briefly
 - Publicizes
 - Hoedown activity
 - Poor, as an excuse
 - Second most populous Oklahoma city
 - Alan of "The West Wing"
 - Marquis de
 - Youngest of the musical Jacksons
 - Golfer's concern
 - Mass of grass
 - Vocalized
 - Defendant's answer
 - Accountant's review
 - Barely squeeze (out)
 - Apple variety
 - Peeling places
 - EMOC, for one
 - Washington neighbor
 - Yoked beasts
 - Psychic's asset, for short
 - Inadvertent remark
 - Common news hr.
 - "I'd advise against it"
 - Brand with a paw print in its logo
 - Bears, in Latin
 - Pump or loafer
 - 62-17-, 25-, 43- and 54-Across begin with a kind of one



By Barry C. Silk

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

1 Lose brightness
2 Weaver's machine
3 "We're treating"
4 Surfing area with no water, with "the"
5 Get even for
6 LXII x XVII
7 Quite a few
8 Unusual
9 Regard highly
10 Portable shelters
11 Part of QE2: Abbr.
12 ABA member
13 Perhaps will
18 Ogle
19 "Fear of Flying" author Jong
23 Painter's stand
24 Like llamas
25 Missouri city nickname
26 Fundamental particle
27 Radi neighbors
28 City in which the State Fair of Texas is held annually
29 Out of this world
30 Rlyach resident
31 Fess up

32 Pool measurement
35 Batter's dry spell
38 Vegas attraction
40 Evidence
43 End a vacation, say
44 Mimioux of "The Time Machine"
45 Mothers of Invention musician
47 Robert of "The Sopranos"
48 Cacophonies
49 "Whoops!"
50 Strange: Prof.
51 Alaska's first governor
52 Japanese wrestling
53 Nuisance
54 Early Beatie Sutcliffe
55 NFL six-pointers
56 Ending with beat

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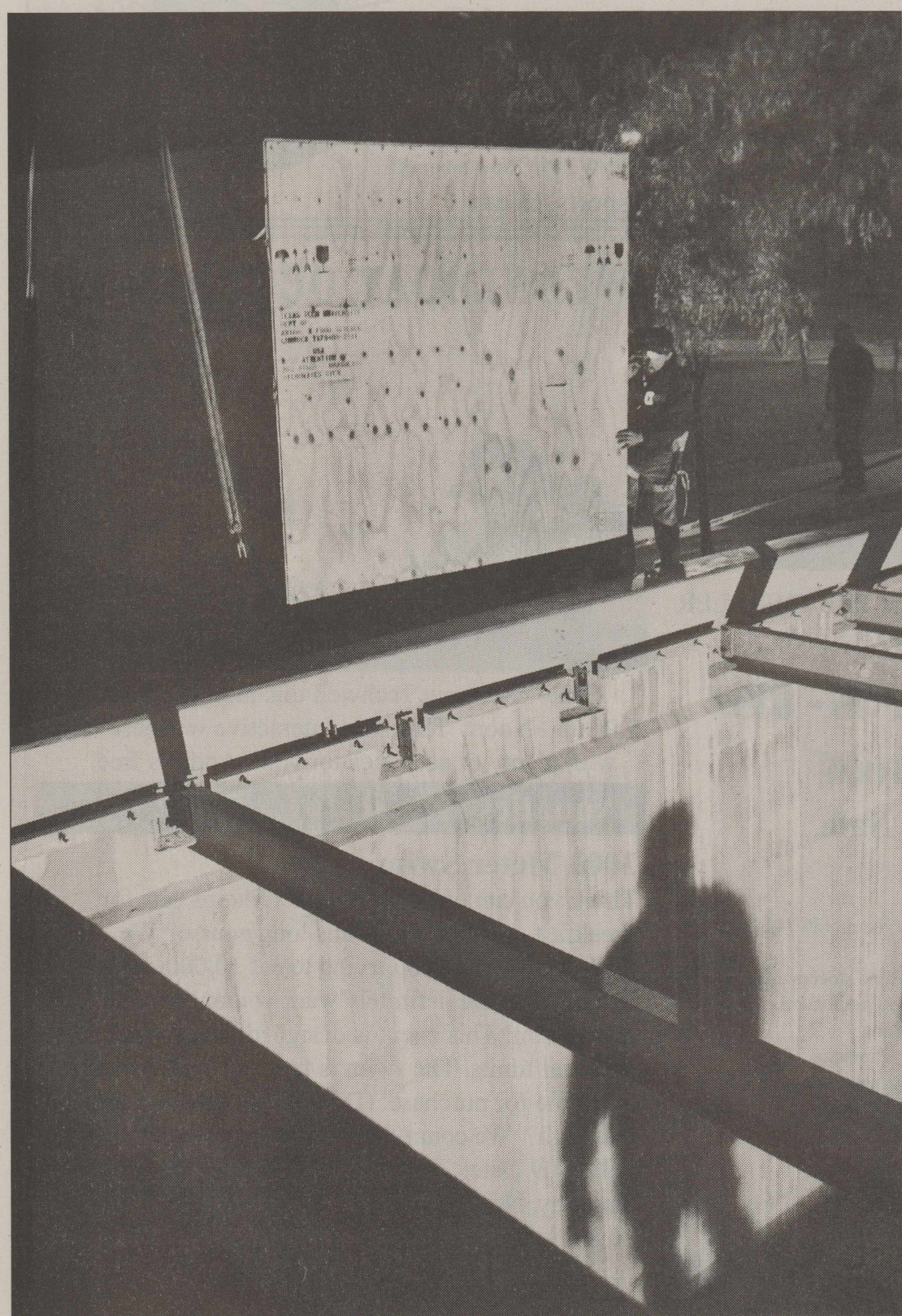


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WORKERS WITH TRUMBLE Crane and Rigging lower a new microwave generator into the Experimental Sciences building basement for the food microbiology laboratory late Tuesday.

Fisker to build hybrid cars at idled Del. GM plant

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Luxury automaker Fisker Automotive is buying a shuttered General Motors assembly plant in Delaware to produce plug-in hybrid electric cars, officials said Tuesday.

The California-based company has signed a letter of intent with Motors Liquidation Co. (MLC), formerly known as General Motors Corp., to purchase the Wilmington plant for \$18 million after a four-month evaluation period.

Fisker, which recently won approval for \$528.7 million in government loans to develop plug-ins, expects to spend another \$175 million to refurbish the facility before production of next-generation hybrids begins in 2012.

Fisker expects Project NINA will create or support 2,000 factory jobs and more than 3,000 vendor and supplier jobs by 2014, with full production capacity of between 75,000 and 100,000 vehicles per year. More than half the cars will be exported, the largest percentage of any domestic manufacturer.

"This is a major step toward establishing America as a leader of advanced vehicle technology," said CEO Henrik Fisker, who described the production of electric hybrids as part of "the most dramatic change in the car industry ever."

Vice President Joe Biden was among those on hand to announce the resurrection of the GM plant, which produced the Saturn Sky and Pontiac Solstice

roadsters, as well as an Opel version that was exported to Europe, before closing this summer.

"I refuse to believe that we will not once again lead the entire world in the manufacturing of automobiles," Biden told a crowd of more than 1,000, including scores of union workers. "This factory in Delaware, and the industry, are going to get back up off the mat."

The vehicles to be built in Delaware under Fisker's Project NINA will cost about \$40,000 after federal tax credits. They will be able to run mainly on electricity for short trips and a combination of electricity and gasoline for longer ones.

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JOE BIDEN
U.S. VICE PRESIDENT

Students unite in fight against cancer

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

Relay For Life and Texas Tech will band together this week to fight for an end to cancer.

The Relay For Life kickoff event will take place 7 p.m. Thursday in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, allowing time for anyone who hasn't already signed up to join the cause. During the kickoff event, Kristen Lewis, a Tech student and recipient of the American Cancer Society's Childhood Cancer Survivor Scholarship, will share her story about her fight with cancer.

"Kristen is a brave girl with an amazing story of her battle with cancer," Tucker said. "She is going to talk about how this disease can effect us. We all know someone who has been affected with cancer, and we need to join up as Red Raiders as one university to win this fight against cancer. She will share her heartfelt testimony and how cancer has effected her life and yet has never given up and provided hope for us all."

Relay For Life asks people in communities to camp out in and join in a continuous walk for 24 hours, bringing awareness to the dangers of cancer. It began in 1985 because of one colorectal surgeon from Tacoma, Wash., who walked and ran around a track for

24 hours, raising money and awareness about cancer and the American Cancer Society.

"Relay For Life is an event through the American Cancer Society," said Chaps Tucker, kickoff planner and former co-chair and a senior communication studies major from El Paso. "It is an event to celebrate those who have won their battle with cancer, remember those who lost and fight back against the disease."

Although it started with one man, the event has since had more than 3.5 million people join each year.

"Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event that raises money for cancer research and patient services, honors cancer survivors, remembers those lost to cancer and offers campuses and communities a way to fight back against cancer," said Kathy Oaks, community manager for development for the American Cancer Society and a Tech alumna.

The event itself is not just people walking around a track, hoping to inform others about what cancer patient experiences, it has events planned bringing even more consciousness to how people really are affected by cancer and the treatment.

"Relay symbolizes the journey a cancer patient takes from treatment to diagnosis," Oaks said. "Relay starts at dusk, symbolizing the cancer diagnosis. As the night gets colder and darker, it reflects a

cancer patient going through treatment — sick, tired and not wanting to go on. During the darkest hours, a Luminaria ceremony is held to remember those lives lost to cancer. The sun rising represents the end of cancer treatment and a new life and new hope for the cancer survivor."

Students, faculty and community members can all get involved in either fundraising or the actual walk.

"We want to show that young people can and will make a difference in the fight against cancer, not only locally, but across the nation and the world," Oaks said. "Our goal is to raise \$93,000, which will be used for cancer research and patient services."

Students are encouraged to gather between eight and 15 people for form a fundraising team. Teams pay a \$100 registration fee, attend meetings, register online and attend events prior to the actual relay April 10 and April 11, 2010. Teams are not required to fundraise a set amount of money or to attend the whole event if they chose.

"Teams are not required to stay the entire night, but if they don't, they miss out on all the fun," Oaks said. "Students can also serve on the planning committee, volunteer to help set up the day of the event, or join relay's sponsoring organization, Colleges Against Cancer, to help further the American Cancer Society's mission on campus."

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Big brewers battle it out in calorie-cutting

MILWAUKEE (AP) — How low can beer makers go? Having conquered the beer-belly set, some of the nation's biggest brewers are trying to win over the six-pack-ab crowd with ultra-low-calorie suds.

The question is: Are drinkers willing to sacrifice flavor and a bit of the buzz? And: How long before beer gets turned back into water?

Most regular American beers, such as Budweiser, have about 150 calories and 5 percent alcohol, while most light beers contain around 100 calories and 4 percent alcohol.

The new brews, Miller-Coors' Miller Genuine Draft 64 and Anheuser-Busch InBev's Select 55, are well below that. Their calorie counts are in their names, and they both contain less than 3 percent alcohol. Guzzling a whole MGD 64 or Select 55 is like taking a few swigs

of a Bud.

Mindy Rotellini, a 25-year-old graphic designer from St. Louis who watches her calories, reaches for MGD 64 from time to time, even though the brew is "kind of watery" and it's tough to feel the alcohol.

"I just have to drink more, and then it's going to equal the amount of calories in a regular beer, so why not just drink a regular beer?" she says.

Chris Bethel switched to Select 55 because it is low-cal. He says he likes the light taste and doesn't mind the reduced alcohol. "I'm not a college kid trying to get wasted," says the 36-year-old network engineer in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

Both drinkers speak to an unavoidable tradeoff: To cut calories, beer companies reduce the amount of malted barley and other grains that are fermented during the brewing process. That, in turn, reduces the amount of alcohol in

the brew. The result is a beer more like its main ingredient, water.

"You start producing something that could taste very, very thin," says Thomas Shellhammer, professor of fermentation science at Oregon State University. "That would be the challenge for the brewer, to produce something that still tastes like beer."

(As for nonalcoholic beers, some have more flavor than others, but overall they tend to have more calories than the super-low-cal brews. The top-selling brand, O'Doul's, made by Anheuser-Busch, has about 70 calories and is thin-tasting.)

Light beers account for about half of the \$99 billion-a-year beer market in the U.S., according to the Beverage Information Group, a market research firm. But the market for super-low-calorie is probably small, says Eric Schmidt, manager of information services.

MillerCoors says MGD 64 (slogan: "As light as it gets") has sold twice as much in its first year as Miller Genuine Draft Light, which it replaced a year ago. It would not release specific figures.

After a few weeks of testing Select 55 in 15 markets, Anheuser-Busch decided to expand into a dozen more starting this month. The company isn't sure yet whether demand for the beer is big enough for it to go national.

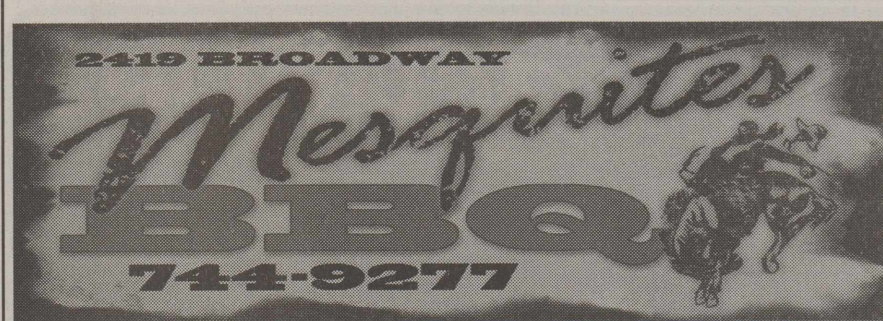
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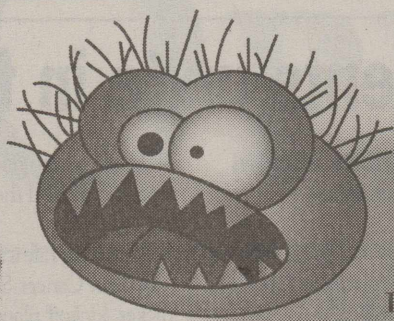
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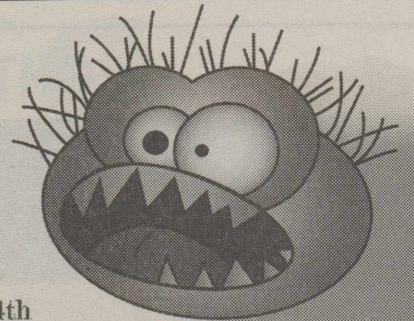


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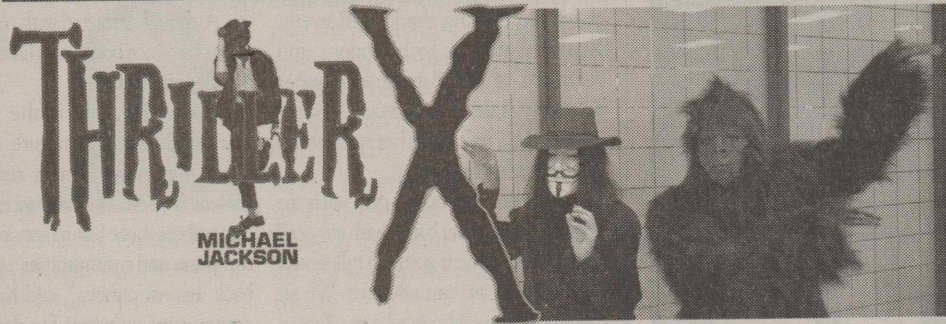
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Tech faces Nebraska for second time this season

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

A volleyball game against No. 8 Nebraska is always an important game for an opposing team.

Just ask Iowa State, who defeated the Cornhuskers last Wednesday in Lincoln Neb., marking the first time ISU has beaten Nebraska in school history.

Now it's the Texas Tech volleyball team's turn to end a losing streak against the Cornhuskers.

Tech (2-17, 0-10 in Big 12 Conference play) returns home after traveling to Ames, Iowa to face No. 8 Nebraska (15-5, 8-3) at 6:30 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

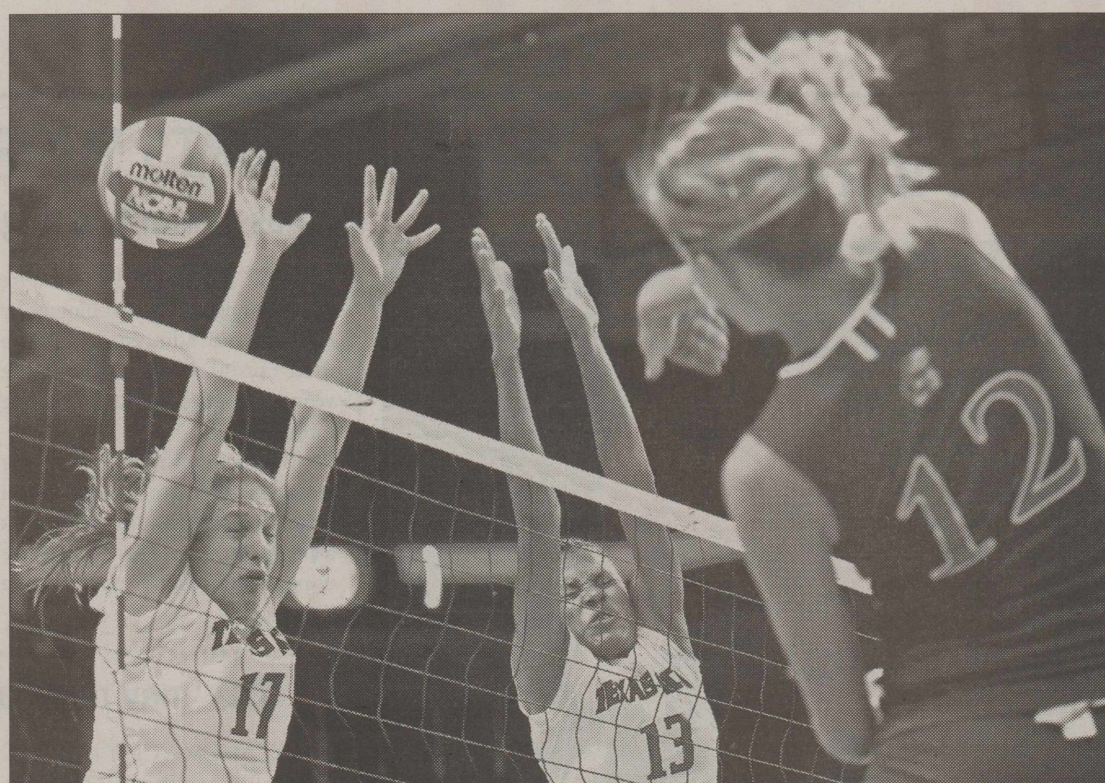
"We're very excited because Nebraska is an amazing team," said Tech defensive specialist Aleah Hayes. "They are all talented, nice, complementary players and they work together. It will be very nice to have the home crowd advantage and we're expecting a great atmosphere. We will definitely be pumped up for this match."

Tech will try to end its 49-match losing streak against Big 12 opponents, only this time, the Red Raiders will have the comfort of facing the Cornhuskers in front of familiar faces. They were swept Sept. 16 in Lincoln.

Despite being a perennial Big 12 power, Nebraska has struggled this year compared to previous seasons.

The Cornhuskers are in third place at the top of the Big 12 standings and still are a nationally-ranked team, but Nebraska already has lost five matches this year, equaling their total amount of losses from the last two seasons combined.

But Tech middle blocker Amanda Dowdy said the increase in losses doesn't automatically make the Cornhuskers a pushover.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S CAROLINE Witte, left, and Barbara Conceicao try to block a hit in the Red Raiders' loss to Kansas on Oct. 21 in the United Spirit Arena.

"They aren't the No. 1 team they're used to being," she said. "They're still a great team in spite of that, and I'm sure they will overlook us just as everybody else does."

The Red Raiders tend to play to the level of their opposition.

Tech began its run of good performances against top teams with Nebraska in the conference opener. The Red Raiders nearly took the second set, but lost 25-21.

What happened in that second set is something Tech coach Trish Knight said her team hopes to improve on this time around.

"I'm not exactly sure what we are going to do differently this time,"

she said. "We played a really good set against those guys last time so this time we may just make some minor adjustments to play and compete with their really solid lineup."

Opposing teams believe Nebraska's starting lineup is as talented as they come in a conference loaded with them.

The lineup includes a pair of All-Americans in outside hitter Tara Mueller and setter Sydney Anderson, but it was the duo of outside hitters Brook Delano and Hannah Werth who gave Tech fits in the last meeting. Delano and Werth combined for 22 of Nebraska's 36 kills that day and they lead an offense that ranks second in the conference in

kills per set as a unit with 14.68.

The defense, led by libero Kayla Banwarth, looks for a repeat performance of the Sept. 16 meeting, where it held the Red Raiders to a total of 22 kills — nine of them belonging to Dowdy.

The Nebraska defense now ranks third in opponent hitting percentage through Big 12 play to this point.

With that said, Tech players and coaches are well aware of the obstacle that stands before them once again.

"We're excited to be playing Nebraska at home and we're much stronger now," she said. "The crowd's energy will have us energized for tonight."

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Torres

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During that play, Torres used his speed to break away from A&M defenders, leading to his lone touchdown of the night.

Simmons also pointed out Torres' blocking ability during run plays and said he just simply does the little things right as a receiver.

Simmons and other Tech coaches had high hopes for Torres in the spring, when it seemed he came out of nowhere to earn a starting spot. With Lewis, Swindall and Britton continuing to make plays, Simmons said Torres only will make it more difficult for defensive coordinators in weeks to come.

If Torres can continue making strides, that could make it a little more difficult for Stuckey and the Jayhawk secondary to matchup with Tech's receivers. Stuckey is the standout name in that unit with 30 tackles on the season — third in the conference.

Torres said he is not taking the

Jayhawks lightly, especially with the Red Raiders looking to bounce back after Saturday's loss.

"Just like any other Big 12 defense, they're always going to come out ready to play and they are a strong physical team," he said. "They have some fast guys as well out in the secondary. It's just going to come down to a level of focus that we really had during some of the games like Kansas State and Nebraska, that we were really able to focus down and make some really good drives in key situations."

Along with a first look at Torres, Simmons said the wideout is thought of as quiet or calm. But as he has emerged, Torres has become a favorite in the locker room.

"He's a jokerster and he's earned the respect of the guys in the meeting room," Simmons said. "To say he's a quiet guy would kind of be a discredit to him. He's not one of those guys that you're gonna be like, 'Dude, this guy never shuts up,' but he is one of those guys that'll speak when he feels like there's something that needs to be said."

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Jerry Jones sees customers everywhere

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Like Wal-Mart, Jerry Jones knows how to make a buck in a down market.

"I've always known that sports is a respite during hard times. We've always known that it's a place to go," the Dallas Cowboys owner said Tuesday. "That's one of the reasons you're seeing the ratings that you're seeing."

Jones, addressing an audience of travel professionals at a forum in downtown Little Rock, said his target market is far larger than Cowboys ticket buyers.

Noting that only 7 percent of NFL fans have seen a live game, Jones said that his team's \$1.2 billion stadium in Arlington "is an experience that is known throughout the United States or possibly other parts of the world."

Jones, who grew up in North Little

Rock about a half-mile from where the U.S. Travel Association's Marketing Outlook Forum took place, said tradition is an important factor in marketing the Cowboys.

"It's not (quarterback Tony) Romo today, it's what he represents," Jones said. "We've got great tradition all over this country. And we've got people that participate. We've got generations that can be tapped into."

"Look for the tradition, don't underestimate it," he said.

Jones recalled how he sold shoes and insurance at the same time while a student athlete at the University of Arkansas in the 1960s. He said he once was working at a Ben Franklin store in Berryville and wound up making a sale to Sam Walton, founder of Bentonville-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

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Pitts' performance keeping Tech in postseason chase

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech soccer goalkeeper Colleen Pitts said she wanted to make a statement in her start against Texas A&M Sunday.

But the junior may have saved Tech's postseason hopes in the process.

With a career game against the Aggies, in which she made nine saves on an astounding 35 shots in a 0-0 draw, the Red Raiders are glad their goalie is making plays at the right time.

"I was really excited about the situation, doing something different and making a statement at A&M nonetheless," Pitts said. "I couldn't believe there were 35 shots to begin with and I only got nine saves — it felt like a lot more. Defensive-wise, my back four were just great. They actually saved some of those 35 shots as well."

Pitts also helped the Red Raiders to a 2-2 draw against Texas Friday night for a total of two points toward the Big 12 Conference standings during the weekend.

For the first time this season, she started both Big 12 matches of a weekend.

Usually goalkeeper Erin Wikeli would start in the Friday games and Pitts would close out the weekend on Sundays. Tech coach Tom Stone said Wikeli is nursing a minor back injury, giving Pitts the chance to start both games.

Pitts and the Red Raiders battled both the Aggies and the crowd in College Station.

Pitts said the A&M faithful at the match behaved like fans at Kyle Field — the home of the Texas A&M football team.

At times, the 2,866 fans in

attendance yelled so loud Pitts could not communicate with other Red Raider players on the field, not to mention an infinite amount of reminders the Tech football team lost to A&M the night before raining down on the Tech bench.

On the field, A&M put on an aerial assault with 16 corner kicks crossing the Tech side of the field — nerve-racking for any keeper.

"All of it went right (defensively)," forward Dawn Ward said. "Obviously, we didn't score so I guess the offense could use some work just finishing in the final third, but that's what practice is for this week."

Against Texas, Pitts played a strong 70 minutes with Tech leading 2-0.

However, the final 17 minutes of the 90-minute regulation were not pretty as Texas scored two late goals — the game-tying goal came with just three minutes left in regulation.

Despite the setback, Pitts made three saves through two 10-minute overtime periods to preserve the draw and a point in the standings.

On Friday, Tech will face third-place Colorado in a game that could decide Tech's postseason fate. A win or a draw with Colorado automatically sends the Red Raiders to the Big 12 tournament in San Antonio.

With just one conference game remaining for all teams, Tech is in seventh place in the Big 12 Standings with 12 points.

Baylor controls the eighth and final qualifying spot for the tournament with 11 points, while long-shot Kansas needs a win against first-place Missouri and help from other teams.



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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR goalkeeper Colleen Pitts had nine saves on 35 shots against the Aggies in a 0-0 draw and is a key reason that Tech remains in contention for a conference tournament berth.

Iowa State and Oklahoma were eliminated from postseason play during the weekend.

Because of the unique circumstances of the Colorado game and the strong performances of both goalkeepers, Stone will have to ponder who to send out onto the field Friday night.

Pitts has a goals against average of 1.18 through 760 minutes of play, while Wikelius aver-

ages 1.96 goals against in 965 minutes.

However, the decision might be a little easier if Wikelius is not healthy by Friday.

"Colleen certainly played great at Texas A&M," Stone said. "We're still monitoring Erin's situation, but I would expect Colleen to get the start based on those factors."

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SPORTS SHORTS

Agassi admits using crystal meth in book

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi's upcoming autobiography contains an admission that he used crystal meth in 1997, the year he dropped to No. 141 in the rankings.

In an excerpt posted on People magazine's Web site Tuesday, Agassi writes: "I can't speak to addiction, but a lot of people would say that if you're using anything as an escape, you have a problem."

Excerpts from the book are being printed this week by People and Sports Illustrated. A writer from SI first revealed the crystal meth reference on a Twitter posting Tuesday.

Knopf spokesman Paul Bogaards told The Associated Press that the tweet was accurate.

Agassi won eight Grand Slam singles titles before retiring in 2006.

His book's publishing date is Nov. 9.

OSU 'may need a break' to beat UT

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — T. Boone Pickens thinks Oklahoma State can beat No. 3 Texas but said Tuesday the Cowboys "may need a break or two" to do so.

No. 13 Oklahoma State (6-1, 3-0 Big 12) will host Texas (7-0, 4-0) on Saturday night at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater in a game that figures to go a long way in determining who might win the conference's South Division title.

Pickens, a billionaire energy mag-

nate who lives in the Dallas area, is the Cowboys' most prominent booster. He noted how they've had to deal this season with absences of key players because of injury or ineligibility.

Oklahoma State has been without injured all-conference tailback Kendall Hunter for five games and All-America receiver Dez Bryant has been out for four games after the university declared him ineligible for lying to the NCAA about his relationship with former NFL star Deion Sanders.

World Series ticket prices falling in NY

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A rainy forecast is causing online ticket prices to drop for the opening game of the World Series in New York.

The New York Yankees are scheduled to host the Philadelphia Phillies in Wednesday night's opener.

There seems to be more demand — and higher prices — for the weekend games in Philadelphia.

Wednesday night prices for resale tickets have dropped from about \$330 to \$270 for the cheapest seats, according to ticket broker Don Vaccaro, chief executive of TicketNetwork. He expects prices to drop to about \$200 by game time,

given the uncertain forecast.

Separately, Yankees fans seem more inclined to sell their tickets than Phils fans this year, perhaps to recoup the high price of season tickets at the Yankees' new \$1.5 billion stadium.

"They're two huge markets close together. There should be a big rivalry there," Vaccaro said. "The Philadelphia ticket is holding up, the New York ticket is not."

Ethan Blum, 27, a New York City resident from suburban Philadelphia, hopes to match a deal his family found last year that put six of them in seats behind the visitors' dugout at Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park for about \$3,500.

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