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Board of Regents approves wind research center

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents approved a certificate during a special teleconference meeting Thursday for the formation of the National Wind Research Center.

The research center will be a non-profit organization focused on research and education through Collaborative Research and Development Agreements with trade organizations, academic institutions and national laboratories.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said Tech students will benefit from this research center and it will work to improve the doctorate program in wind science

and engineering — the only Ph.D. wind science degree program in the nation.

"The center will result in additional research and will work to bring more experts in the field to Tech," Hance said.

David Miller, vice chancellor in the Office of Technology Commercialization, said Tech students have unique opportunities in work force development programs in everything from helping build the organizations to participating in the research being done.

Along with this center, Tech will help



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build the National Institute for Sustainable Energy as a related, yet separate, organization. This institution will be a public-private partnership formed by the Innovate Texas Foundation focusing on generating a profit by building and operating research wind farms. Miller said the institute's research farms will provide a funding mechanism for the research center.

"Currently there are no research wind farms that generate funds in existence," Miller said, "so these farms will be a first of their kind."

Russell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor, said the general budget allows both organizations to be self-sufficient in the future.

The planning for both organizations was brought about by Tech's previous partnership with Pantex, Miller said, which dates back the 1940s and thinking about what Tech could do with the space 17 miles northeast of Amarillo at the Pantex site.

Miller said the National Wind Resource Center will be more closely related with Tech than the National Institute for Sustainable Energy.

"The National Wind Resource Center will be under the university umbrella," Miller said, "while the other won't."

Thomas said five out of the nine National Wind Resources Center directors will be the vice president of research, dean of the College of Agriculture, the

provost, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering.

The remaining four directors will be appointed by the board and will not have as much control as the five directors from Tech, he said. These four will be researchers and faculty from other facilities.

Texas is the national leader in wind generating capacity with 90 percent of Texas wind energy generated in West Texas, according to documents provided by the board. Tech is located in a wind-rich region of West Texas, and officials plan to build up the university's developing reputation as a leader in wind education and research.

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MEGAN FORNEY, A sophomore early childhood education major from Wichita Falls, pins a ribbon to show support for the earthquake relief effort in Haiti to the jacket of Jesse Saldivar, a sophomore personal financial planning major from Port Lavaca, Thursday in the Free Speech Area. The Residence Halls Association, in which Forney and Saldivar are officers, sponsored the event to collect donations for the earthquake-ravaged country.

Students aid in Haitian relief efforts

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

Following an earthquake and many aftershocks, parts of Haiti lie in ruins, trapping Haitians beneath their former homes and buildings. Local businesses and students are working to aid the relief effort.

On campus, the Residence Halls Association is raising awareness for Haiti and telling students how they can help. Members distributed fliers and collected money in the Free Speech Area on Thursday and will continue today from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

They also will pass out ribbons resembling what stars at the Golden Globes wore, said Craig Kuehnert, residence life coordinator for student development. The red, yellow and blue ribbons represent students' support for the disaster relief.

"We decided for the Residence Halls Association to do this because we felt that Texas Tech needed to contribute to this horrible tragedy," said Megan Forney, RHA vice president and sophomore early childhood education major from Wichita Falls.

But for students who are short for cash, Aeropostale — working with Teens for Jeans — is collecting gently worn jeans in their stores. Teens for Jeans donates the jeans to underprivileged teenagers across the United States, but until Feb. 14, half the jeans collected with Aeropostale will be sent to Haiti. When donating the old jeans, the donor also receives one coupon per donated pair of jeans

for 25 percent off a new pair of jeans.

"This started two years ago with our company," said Cheryl Egger, an Aeropostale employee and a junior psychology and English major from Big Lake. "They're really great at trying to give back."

Mayor Tom Martin enlisted the regional chapters of the Salvation Army and American Red Cross along with Breedlove Dehydrated Foods to begin Lubbock Cares, a program that raises funds to support the relief effort in Haiti. Lubbock Cares has teamed up with the local American State Banks and United Supermarkets to find ways that allow Lubbock residents to donate money.

"We had the opportunity from the mayor to let the rest of the world know that Lubbock, Texas, does care," said Don Stephens, CEO of the South Plains chapter of the American Red Cross. "Lubbock stepped up to help the countries to let people know that we do care and to help them get their lives back to normal."

American State Bank opened accounts for the Salvation Army, the South Plains Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross and Breedlove Foods. The accounts are strictly for the public to donate money toward one or all of the three organizations playing a major role in the relief effort in any local branch. To kick off the accounts, the bank donated \$5,000 between the three; by midweek the American Red Cross and Breedlove Foods both had more than \$2,000, and the Salvation Army had \$800 in its account.

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Police: multiple ID possession often linked with illegal alcohol purchases

By RALSTON ROLLO
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Col. Gordon Hoffman believes the falsification and/or misrepresentation of a driver's license closely associates with alcohol offenses by minors and that many alcohol retailers will neglect to compare a person's appearance with the picture on the license.

Hoffman, deputy chief with the Texas Tech Police Department, said the possession of another person's driver's license is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$4,000 and/or a maximum of one year of imprisonment.

According to the Tech Police Department, citations were issued for the possession of multiple valid driver's licenses Saturday and

Monday in Wall Residence Hall and Chitwood Residence Hall.

The licenses, which did not belong to the students carrying them, were discovered through a room search and an officer catching a glimpse of multiple licenses in a student's wallet.

According to chapter 521, section 451 of the Texas Transportation Code, it is considered a class A misdemeanor for people to carry a driver's licenses or other government identification documents that do not belong to them.

"It's not something that anyone should try to get away with," Hoffman said.

"Students most commonly use another person's identification to purchase alcohol."

Although misuse of government

identification on campus has occurred in the past, Hoffman said, no concrete trend exists in the frequency of the crime.

Because alcohol can be sold within Lubbock city limits, he said, it is more widely available for purchase. However, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission works to keep alcoholic purchases by minors under control.

The crime also entails the potential for fraud and identity theft, Hoffman said.

"The license could be used to cash a bogus check," he said.

Hoffman said the misuse of government identification is a significant problem on campus because it could lead to fraud, harm to a person's credit and cause legal problems.

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McNeill heads back home as ECU head coach

By ADAM COLEMAN
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After what probably has been a turbulent last few weeks for Ruffin McNeill, the former Texas Tech defensive coordinator is headed back where it all started.

McNeill was named East Carolina's new head coach Thursday afternoon after not being retained on new Tech coach Tommy Tuberville's staff. McNeill coached at Tech for 10 years.

He was a four-year letterwinner at ECU as a defensive back for the Pirates from 1976 through 1980. He was team captain for two of those seasons while helping the Pirates to a Southern Conference championship in 1976 and Independence Bowl berth in 1978.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said the Tech community will miss McNeill's personality and the way he treated people the most.

"Everybody liked Ruffin," he said. "Ruffin was a people person. He had time for everybody. Always upbeat, always positive. He was just really well-liked and respected in the department for the kind of person that he was. He was never too big to talk to anybody in this department. He's really a down-to-earth guy."

McNeill's best moment as a



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH INTERIM head coach Ruffin McNeill is drenched by players after Texas Tech's 41-31 victory over Michigan State at the Valero Alamo Bowl on Jan. 2 in San Antonio.

coach probably came this season after he was named interim head coach for the Valero Alamo Bowl following Leach's firing a few days prior. McNeill — along with interim offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley — led the Red Raiders to a 41-31 win against Michigan State.

After that game, McNeill said he thought he had done enough to get the head coaching position at Tech. He was considered, but officials named Tuberville as the new coach instead.

Myers pointed out the job McNeill did in giving the Tech defense a name

it never had before.

Previously linebackers coach under former Tech coach Mike Leach, McNeill took over the defensive coordinator position for the final nine games of the 2007 season.

During those nine games, the Tech defense was the best in the Big 12 Conference, statistically. Tech finished first in the Big 12 in pass defense that season, allowing 188.4 yards per game. Tech finished third in total defense in the conference that season as well.

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Man in custody after firing shots at Texas Capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — A man fired several shots into the air Thursday while standing on the Texas Capitol's south steps before throwing down his handgun as state troopers closed in and tackled him, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Nobody was wounded in the shooting, department spokesman Tom Vinger said. Authorities arrested

ed Fausto Cardenas, 24, who faces felony charges of deadly conduct and was being held in the Travis County Jail, the department said.

The shots rang out just after noon, and officers with rifles quickly swarmed the scene. More than a half dozen Department of Public Safety cars quickly appeared, and troopers quickly surrounded the building.

NATION

Obama health plan in doubt as Dems reject fast fix

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though reeling from a political body blow, House Democrats rejected the quickest fix to their health care dilemma Thursday and signaled that any agreement on President Barack Obama's signature issue will come slowly, if at all.

Democrats weighed a handful of difficult options as they continued to absorb Republican Scott Brown's election to the Massachusetts Senate seat long held by Edward M. Kennedy. Several said Obama must forcefully help them

find a way to avoid the humiliation of enacting no bill, and they urged him to do so quickly, to put the painful process behind them.

House leaders said they could not pass a Senate-approved bill, standing by itself, because of objections from liberals and moderates alike. Such a move could have settled the matter, because it would not have required further Senate action. Brown's stunning victory restored the GOP's power to block bills with Senate filibusters.

WORLD

Haiti to resettle 400,000 quake victims to camps

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti says it will resettle 400,000 earthquake survivors from its stricken capital to temporary camps outside town.

The chief of staff to President Rene Preval tells The Associated Press that the government is concerned about sanitary conditions in the hundreds of tent cities that have sprung up in Port-au-Prince since the Jan. 12 quake. Doctors have warned of outbreaks of disease

among the hundreds of thousands in the overcrowded camps.

Fritz Longchamp said Thursday that buses would start moving people from the capital in a week to 10 days, once the new camps are ready.

The Haitian government has estimated that 200,000 people died in the quake, 250,000 were injured and 2 million of Haiti's 9 million people are homeless.

Correction

In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Treador*, the article "Engineering students miss the mark in regional competition," should have stated that the bridge held

about one-quarter less weight than the competition's requirement of 2,600 pounds, or about 1,950 pounds. *The DT* regrets the error.

SHOOTER



PHOTO BY MATT MOFFETT/*The Daily Treador*

JAMES ATWOOD, A freshman from Aledo with no declared major, plays pool Thursday at the SUB.

Senator escapes impeachment during student senate meeting

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
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The Texas Tech student senate met in a different location Thursday as part of a joint meeting with the Tech Health Sciences Center student senate and the Angelo State University student senate.

The Tech student senate met and passed Senate Bill 45.10, Senate Resolution 45.30 and voted against impeaching Sen. Jordan Dyer for missing six office hours, two senate meetings and a subpoena to the student senate.

Despite pledging at the beginning of the year to crack down on senators not participating, the student senate voted 65 percent against impeachment. Those voting against impeachment stated they would like to give the first-year senator a second chance.

Dyer said during his explanation for why he failed to complete several requirements of his posi-

tion that he lost his iPhone and did not receive e-mails, he arrived late in Lubbock because of a bus problem during a ski trip on a separate occasion and he sometimes forgot to sign in during office hours.

SB 45.10 made several amendments to the SGA Election Code such as increasing the election registration fee to the Election Commission and setting the due date for posters to be approved and stamped by the commission at least three days after the candidate seminar.

"The bill is basically a lot of housekeeping," said Sen. Drew Graham, one of the authors of the bill.

SR 45.30 stated the sentiments of the senate to insert side walks on the median between Commuter



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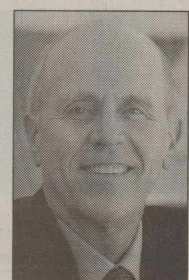
West and the United Spirit Arena.

The next student senate meeting is Feb. 4 in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

Chancellor Kent Hance was a keynote speaker at the joint meeting, which occurred before the student senate meeting, and gave a status report on the Tech system.

"Things are going well," Hance said, "We had the largest enrollment at Tech and at Angelo State we had the second largest enrollment."

Kyle Miller, student regent, spoke at the meeting about House Bill 4149 regarding electronic textbooks. This house bill was passed by the 81st Texas Legislature and requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, with assistance from student regents,



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to study and recommend policies regarding the use and availability of electronic textbooks.

James Limbaugh, interim provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs for ASU spoke at the meeting via satellite link as well as Jeff Harris, president of the ASU Student Government Association. Both spoke of changes happening at Angelo State, such as new construction on the library for a common area.

Michael Shonrock, senior vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Tech, said Tech's new iPhone application is practical for students and non-students alike and is free of charge.

Dr. Rial Rolfe, senior vice president for Academic Affairs at the HSC, said Tech is developing clinical stimulation so students can learn how to work as a health care team. Rolfe also said research expenditures have increased by 60 percent since 2007.

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Biz, unions freed to spend big on elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bitterly divided Supreme Court vastly increased the power of big business and unions to influence government decisions Thursday by freeing them to spend their millions directly to sway elections for president and Congress.

The ruling reversed a century-long trend to limit the political muscle of corporations, organized labor and their massive war chests. It also recast the political landscape just as crucial midterm election campaigns are getting under way.

In its sweeping 5-4 ruling, the court set the stage for a wave of likely repercussions — from new pressures on lawmakers to heed special interest demands to increasingly boisterous campaigns featuring highly charged ads that drown out candidate voices.

The election-season blizzard of ads on Americans TV screens is bound to increase.

While the full consequences of the decision were hard to measure, politicians made clear whom they believed benefited. Democrats, led by President

Barack Obama, condemned the decision while Republicans cheered it.

Still, more labor and corporate money in the political system could dilute the role of both political parties.

And the decision seeded the ground for further challenges to an already weakened system of campaign finance regulations.

The justices weighed two fundamental political forces — the power of the central government and the concentration of corporate wealth — and tilted decidedly in favor of the latter. The opinion by Justice Anthony Kennedy made a vigorous argument based on the Constitution for the right of the public to be exposed to a multitude of ideas and against the ability of government to limit political speech, even in the interest of fighting corruption.

"The censorship we now confront is vast in its reach," Kennedy wrote.

Strongly dissenting, Justice John Paul Stevens said, "The court's ruling threatens to undermine the integrity of elected institutions around the nation."

Chief Justice John Roberts and

Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas joined Kennedy to form the majority in the main part of the case. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor joined Stevens' dissent, parts of which he read aloud in the courtroom.

The court overturned two earlier decisions and threw out parts of a 63-year-old law that said companies and unions can be prohibited from using money from their general treasuries to produce and run their own campaign ads urging the election or defeat of particular candidates by name. The decision, which applies to independent spending that is not coordinated with candidates, threatens similar limits imposed by 24 states.

The justices also struck down part of the landmark McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill that barred union- and corporate-paid issue ads in the closing days of election campaigns.

It leaves in place a prohibition on direct contributions to candidates from corporations and unions and didn't touch the McCain-Feingold ban on unlimited corporate and union

donations to political parties. Nor did it disturb companies' right to solicit voluntary contributions to political action committees that can donate directly to candidates.

Corporations and unions would still have to identify the sources of money for their political activity — a provision of current law that the court upheld in an 8-1 vote.

Obama called the decision a victory for big oil, Wall Street banks, health insurance companies and other powerful interests.

The ruling will lead to a "stampede of special interest money in our politics," Obama said. He pledged to work with Democrats and Republicans in Congress to come up with a "forceful response" to the high court's action.

But Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Senate Republican leader who filed the first lawsuit challenging the McCain-Feingold law, praised the court for "restoring the First Amendment rights" of corporations and unions. "By previously denying this right, the government was picking winners and losers," McConnell said.

Pilot diverts jet because of teenager's in-flight prayer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Jewish teen trying to pray on a New York-to-Kentucky flight caused a scare when he pulled out a set of small black boxes containing holy scrolls, leading the captain to divert the flight to Philadelphia, where the commuter plane was greeted by police, bomb-sniffing dogs and federal agents.

The 17-year-old on US Airways Express Flight 3079 was using tefillin, a set of small boxes containing biblical passages that are attached to leather straps, said Philadelphia police Lt. Frank Vanore.

When used in prayer, one box is strapped to the arm while the other box is placed on the head.

"It's something that the average person is not going to see very often, if

ever," FBI spokesman J.J. Klaver said.

The teen explained the ritual after being questioned by crew members of the flight, which had left LaGuardia Airport around 7:30 a.m. headed for Louisville and was operated by Chautauqua Airlines, authorities said.

Officials with the airline, however, said crew members "did not receive a clear response" when they talked with the teen, according to a statement issued by Republic Airways, which owns Chautauqua.

"Therefore, in the interest of everyone's safety, the crew decided to land in Philadelphia, where a more complete investigation and follow-up with authorities would be possible," the statement said.

The flight left LaGuardia Airport

around 7:30 a.m. The plane landed without incident and was met by police, bomb-sniffing dogs and officials from the FBI and Transportation Security Administration.

Authorities said the plane was searched and passengers were questioned. The teen, who is from White Plains, N.Y., and was traveling with his 16-year-old sister, was very cooperative, Vanore said.

"They were more alarmed than we were," Vanore said.

Klaver said the teen and his sister were never in custody, and were cleared to continue their travels.

The teen's grandmother, who was waiting for him at Louisville International Airport, said the early flight left no time to pray before leaving New York.

"They had a morning flight. My grandson didn't have a chance to pray," Frances Winchell told WLKY-TV.

The teen, who belongs to the congregation Young Israel of White Plains, is "a brilliant student" from "the sweetest family," said Shmuel Greenberg, the synagogue's rabbi.

The morning prayer ritual is supposed to take place within a few hours of sunrise, so it's understandable that the teen was doing it on the plane, Greenberg said.

Binding the boxes of holy scrolls to the arm and head serves as "a reminder for the person that their actions during the day, and what they think about during the day, should be on a level of holiness and should inspire them to do productive, good things," he said.

Pakistani army: No new offensive for 6-12 months

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Pakistani army said Thursday it cannot expand its offensive against militants for at least six months, and the United States backed off public pressure on an ally considered vital in the war next door in Afghanistan.

Remarks from the Army's chief spokesman during a visit by U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates did not rule out the offensive the United States would like to see, against militants who target U.S. forces in Afghanistan from hideouts

in Pakistan.

"We are not talking years," Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas told reporters traveling with Gates. "Six months to a year" would be needed before Pakistan could consolidate the gains it has made against militants in other parts of the country and then consider going further, he said.

"By a lot of hard work we brought public support on board," for campaigns last year in the Swat valley and South Waziristan, he said.

U.S. officials appeared to accept Pakistan's rationale that it has limited military resources and cannot risk getting ahead of the public's acceptance for a campaign that involves killing fellow Muslims.

"We have to do this in a way that is comfortable for them, and at a pace that they can accommodate and is tolerable for them," Gates said ahead of meetings with Pakistani civilian and military leaders. "Frankly, I'm comfortable doing that. I think having them set that pace as to what they think the political situation will bear is almost certainly the right thing to do."

Alcohol

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Owners of driver's licenses or other forms of government identification would be wise to know of the location of those documents at all times, he said.

Identity theft and fraud, Hoffman said, are among the fastest growing crimes in the nation and should be

watched carefully by citizens and police alike.

Carolyn Beck, director of communications for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, said the misuse of government identification often is related to attempts by minors to purchase alcohol.


"It's common for college, or even high school, kids to use other peoples' identification to purchase alcohol,"

she said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety redesigned Texas driver's licenses in April 2009 to include a multitude of new safety features, according to the Texas DPS Web site.

Hoffman said as technologies continue to improve, falsification and tampering will become increasingly difficult.

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Reckless Kelly to make Lubbock stop on trip home

Q&A WITH WILLY BRAUN, LEAD VOCALS, GUITAR

Making its way home from a quick five-stop tour from Colorado to Austin, Reckless Kelly will visit Lubbock's Wild West on Saturday night. The speedy trip allows them to promote their new album, "Somewhere in Time," which hits stores Feb. 9. The doors open at 8 p.m., and the show begins at 10 p.m. Tickets will cost \$12 for anyone 21 or older and \$15 for people 18 to 20 years old. Their only request from Wild West? Beer, liquor and socks.

Willy Braun, lead vocals and guitarist, spoke with *The Daily Reporter* about the upcoming concert, tour and charity work.

• What can you tell us about the new album?

All the songs are written by a guy named Pinto Bennett, he's a songwriter from Boise, Idaho. I've known him for a long time, and we talked about doing a record of his songs for quite a while and finally got it done.

He's a great songwriter and we've known him for a long time, and he's got a lot of great stuff that we wanted to record so that we could do a whole album.

• How is this different than the other seven records?

The main difference is that all the songs from this one are the songs that Pinto Benet did. The main difference is that it's a little more honky-tonk stuff, but it's not too far of a stretch of what we regularly do, just more on the honky-tonk side.

• Do you think the fans will like it?

We've played it for some of our friends and people have liked it so far, and we didn't get too far from what we normally did and I don't think we'll scare people off too much. I think the songs are really strong and it's not too far from what we normally do so I think they're going to embrace it.

• What can you tell us about the tour you're on right now?

We just came from Denver, and we'll be in Lubbock and Amarillo tomorrow and the next day and then we go back to Austin to play a benefit for the Haiti earthquake. Then we pick up in February and start touring around Texas a little bit, and in March, we're going out on the East Coast with Cross Canadian Ragweed.

• Are you excited to go out with CCR?

Yeah, it'll be fun. These guys are really good friends of ours and we've known them for a really long time and it's been a while since we've gone on tour so it should be really fun.

• What's the benefit for Haiti in Austin that you're playing?

It's something that some friends of ours threw together in Austin last week. It's just a bunch of Austin bands getting together to play a few songs and to send the money over. It just came up this week and I haven't heard too much about it.

• Why did Reckless Kelly want to do the benefit concert for Haiti?

Well, just to help those people out. It just happened about a week ago and we just want to do what we can and we're always happy to help out a good cause.

• What other charity concerts does RK do?

We actually have one coming up at Dell Diamond that we did last year, it's our annual Reckless Kelly Celebrity Softball Jam. We play softball with a bunch of our buddies from other bands, and we do a big concert afterwards and everybody jams. People get to come down on the field and watch the concert and it's a lot of fun. Then we give all the proceeds to Little League and a thing called Miracle League, a T-ball association for special needs kids. That is April 25 at Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

• How has the tour been going so far?

It's been good, it's been a short run this time around. It's cold up here (in Colorado), and we're ready to be back in Austin.

It's about five days, so real short. We're not really on tour right now; it's more of just a road trip than a tour. The big tour will start in February.

• Why come through Lubbock?

It's on the way home from Colorado. We play there all the time. It's always fun in Lubbock.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CASSANDRA WEYANDT

ON THEIR WAY back from Colorado, Reckless Kelly members (from left) Jay Nazz, David Abeyta, Cody Braun, Willy Braun and Chris Schelske will perform at 10 p.m. Saturday at Wild West before they head home to Austin for a Haiti relief benefit concert.

• Do you have any good stories from visiting Lubbock before?

Cody wrote his name on the backstage door there one time and we had to buy them a new door, the manager wasn't too happy.

• Are there going to be any surprises in the show?

We're going to do some of the new songs off the new album as kind of a sneak peak and other than that it should just be a regular old get the feeling show. It'll be a mix of everything.

• What kind of venues have you been playing in?

We've played in a mix of all

kind of venues. Lately we've been playing a lot of medium-sized rooms, about the same size of Wild West.

I like playing the festivals quite a bit because you're outside and usually in a cool place like a big park or something, and you usually run into your friends there. A lot of bands that we know play a lot of the same festivals so it's a lot of fun.

• Do you have any interesting stories from the road?

You can go to our Web site and go to recklesskelly.com and check out a page called RK TV, they'll be able to look at Jeff streaking Robert O'Keefe's stage at the film

awards in San Francisco a couple of years ago. That was pretty fun. They can get the whole story there at RK TV.

• What do you do to prepare before a concert?

Drinking a beer is about the only pre-show ritual we have, listen to loud music on the bus to get pumped up.

• What kind of things do you all ask for when you come play a show?

We ask for a bottle of Crown Royal, cases of Budweiser, a 12-pack of crew socks and that's about it. That's all we really require.

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NBC: Conan O'Brien reaches \$45M exit deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Conan O'Brien bid NBC good riddance Thursday in a \$45 million deal for his exit from "The Tonight Show," but his immediate future in television remains a question mark.

The contentious two-week battle that would allow NBC to unseat O'Brien and move Jay Leno back to the program he hosted for 17 years, comes less than eight months after O'Brien took the "Tonight" throne from Leno.

Under the deal, O'Brien will get more than \$33 million, NBC said. The rest will go to his 200-strong staff in severance.

What happens next for O'Brien?

"We don't know," his manager, Gavin Polone, said Thursday. "While we have had expressions of interest, we have not had any substantive conversations with anybody."

Ideally, said Polone, O'Brien "wants to get back on the air, doing the show he's doing now, as soon as possible."

There has been much speculation on where that might be. ABC (which airs "Nightline" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live!") has said it wasn't interested, while Fox, which lacks a

network late-night show, expressed appreciation for his show — but nothing more. Comedy Central has also been mentioned as a future home.

Meanwhile, O'Brien might conceivably conduct off-camera business with his old bosses.

"We do have a continuing development relationship with Conan's (production) company," said Marc Graboff, chairman of NBC Entertainment and Universal Media Studios. "So we still keep the door open."

Leno, whose weeknight prime-time hour ends Feb. 11 after just

five lackluster months, will return to "Tonight" on March 1, originating from the same Burbank stage where he has hosted his prime-time show. The staff of "The Jay Leno Show" is expected to be kept mostly intact for "Tonight."

Leno's viewer appeal will also prove intact when he resumes his rivalry with CBS host David Letterman, predicts Jeff Gaspin, chairman of NBC Universal Television Entertainment.

"We believe Leno will be very competitive right away," he said, "and that over time Leno will be the late-night leader again."

Tech alumnus brings life to theater, cabaret performance

By JULIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER



GRYDER

Dance's scholarship fund, Gryder said he wants every student, regardless of major, to take something bigger from his performance.

Texas Tech alumnus Scott Gryder will return to the Maedgen Laboratory Theatre on Friday and Saturday to perform what he considers to be his life's work.

"I perform it because it's my true story," said Gryder, a tenor and a 2005 graduate with a bachelor's degree in theater arts. "I use actual audition selections, from classic musical theater pieces and contemporary Broadway tunes and songs that I've always loved. It's a joy to share the story of the challenges a performer can face, but it's also about my passion for the music."

Gryder, now a resident of Chicago, works as the house manager for the Victory Gardens Biograph Theater in Chicago, where he wrote "Not at my Audition: my Half-Latin Life so Far." Accompanied by Nick Sula, a pianist, musical director and arranger, Gryder said he had the urge to try his hand at cabaret after being inspired by music with "piano-bar personality."

Although the event is being hosted to benefit the Department of Theatre and

"I want the student to realize that this journey is an applicable parallel to any walk of life," he said. "In business, there are the interviews, much like auditions. In science, there are attempts at experiments, kind of like putting on a show. The challenges we face help to shape us into who we're supposed to be, and you'll never know who that is if you don't go out and try to find out who that is."

The performance will be 8 p.m. today and Saturday at the Maedgen Laboratory Theatre. Student tickets will cost \$10, adult tickets cost \$20, and an optional "Meet Scott" reception costs \$50, which includes a ticket. For more information on Gryder, his future performances and his previous work, visit www.thescottgryder.com.

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Global warming opens up Arctic for undersea cable

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Global warming has melted so much Arctic ice that a telecommunication group is moving forward with a project that was unthinkable just a few years ago: laying underwater fiber optic cable between Tokyo and London by way of the Northwest Passage.

The proposed system would nearly cut in half the time it takes to send messages from the United Kingdom to Asia, said Walt Ebell, CEO of Kodiak-Kenai Cable Co. The route is the shortest underwater path between Tokyo and London.

The quicker transmission time is important in the financial world where milliseconds can count in executing profitable trades and transactions. "Speed is the crux," Ebell said. "You're cutting the delay

from 140 milliseconds to 88 milliseconds."

The project, while still facing many significant obstacles, also serves as an example of how warming has altered the Arctic landscape in profound ways.

The loss of summer sea ice prompted the U.S. to list polar bears as a threatened species in May 2008. Walrus in two of the last three years gathered by the thousands on Alaska's northwest shore rather than ride pack ice to unproductive waters beyond the outer continental shelf.

Summer sea ice melted to its lowest recorded level ever in late 2007, and most climate modelers predict a continued downward spiral. The result is a path through the Northwest Passage, the Arctic

route connecting the Atlantic and Pacific that has fascinated explorers for centuries.

"That opens up the construction window to actually do something like this without the need of heavy icebreakers," Ebell said. "On the other side, you've got the market part of it and the increasing demand we're seeing for lower and lower latencies, or transmission times."

But the project, called ArcticLink, is not without hurdles — namely the estimated construction price of \$1.2 billion, said Alan Mauldin, research director at TeleGeography Research, a Washington, D.C.-based telecommunications market research company.

"That's not a cheap project," he said by phone from the Slovak Republic.

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A farewell to 'Dollhouse'

Last spring, Joss Whedon's first television series since "Firefly" hit the airwaves with a thud. Next Friday, "Dollhouse" goes out with a bang.

Perhaps by design, the series began on a Friday the 13th in February. The pilot (with variations forced upon Whedon by FOX) was underwhelming, though it established the premise of the show clearly enough.

Echo (the main character, played by Eliza Dushku) is a "doll," a human whose brain has been modified to accept different engineered personalities in order to perform "engagements" for a large and secretive corporation.

She is part of an entire house of such dolls performing services for the super-rich of the world — everything ranging from romantic affairs to military operations. They are programmed by the Dollhouse to become whatever the task requires, and when the engagement is complete they are returned to a blank "doll" state until the next engagement.

Obviously this premise allowed for Whedon to explore a wide set of scenarios, but the first several episodes of the series fell into (as my good friend and Texas Tech alumus Kevin Saunders put it) a very "monster-of-the-week" structure, similar to the first half-season or so of Whedon's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

Unfortunately this repetitiveness turned away a lot of viewers, and ratings started to drop off. Toward

Stephen Torrence



the second half of the first season however, "Dollhouse" started going much deeper and exploring other, more interesting plot elements. We saw Echo and many of the secondary characters develop and grow, learned more back-story and got some very Whedon-esque plot twists.

The show also started to probe some interesting philosophical issues. Though the technology that allowed dolls to be "imprinted" with a different personality or combination of personalities was essentially magic, it nevertheless raised some big questions about our notion of identity.

For instance, many times throughout the series a doll would perform immoral or even criminal acts while "active" (imprinted with a personality). Who is culpable in these cases? The personality? The body? The doll? The original persona associated with the body? These questions cannot be easily answered.

I'll try not to reveal too much about the later plot of the series, but suffice it to say the technology evolves and begins to threaten the very structure of society. Imagine if it were possible to move your personality, your memories, indeed your entire "self" into another body. Imagine if you could erase or modify others' minds without their consent. Scary, right?

As the series comes to a conclusion, we are now starting to get hints of where Whedon might have intended to take these possibilities had "Dollhouse"

not been cancelled by FOX. Through two "Epitaph" episodes, Whedon explores the world 10 years in the future, when things have gotten pretty bleak for the human race.

With only a single episode left, it still remains to be seen how Whedon will wrap things up. Unlike with "Firefly," this time he had some warning that the show would be ending, so we may presume that he will try to conclude it somewhat. However, Whedon is anything but predictable.

As I look back over the entire series, I can say with certainty that about a third of the episodes were absolute gold. Whedon has a way of telling stories unlike any other writer

out there. He manages to play with emotion, philosophy, technology and a dozen other heady elements all on epic, "meta" scale that both rewards and confounds even the most patient viewer.

That said, "Dollhouse" was not the best example of Whedon's talent. Too often it dragged or went off-course. The sub-par episodes lost viewers who were on the fence and eventually determined the fate of the show as a whole, and the outstanding episodes were not frequent enough to compensate.

Whedon said that by the time "Dollhouse" ends we will know what his next project will be. As of this writing nothing definitive has emerged, but there are rumors of him starting something on FX. Many fans are hoping for a sequel to his 2008 Internet smash hit short film, "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog." Others are praying for a "Firefly" revival.

Personally, I'm hoping for something totally new. Whedon has a knack for creating compelling worlds with rich mythologies and characters, and I would like to see him do so once again. In an entertainment medium overflowing with sequels and remakes, it's a blessing to have such a man around.

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WHAT YOU SAID

Last Friday, *The Daily Toreador* ran a story titled "Pirate ship may set sail with Leach gone," in which we examined the pirate associations our university and football team developed under former head coach Mike Leach.

Will the pirate theme live on? Will the skull and crossbones still fly without the eccentric former coach? Readers on *DailyToreador.com* didn't miss the opportunity to share their views on the matter:

Brace yourself fellow Techsans, we are about to suffer a Pirate's Curse. Our Captains have broken the pirate's code and Tech will suffer accordingly. We will not win again until all of the guilty participants have been purged from the university.

Trust me, I suffered under the "Curse of the Bambino" for 50 years.
— Posted by 'New England Alum'

The wins that Tuberville will bring will help, but the tenure of coach Leach will never die. That is a fact. Yes, fans are fickle, but the traditions and the zaniness he brought to Tech will live forever.

— Posted by 'Pamela'

The association of Raiders and pirates was never activated at Tech over the 40 years I followed Tech football until we got a coach with a lively imagination, a real personality and an unconventional approach to coaching college football to bring that idea to the fanbase. Whether Leach meant to or not, he brought a great PR and marketing idea to Red Raider football by bringing his fascination with pirates to light, and it clicked, to say the least.

If we're closing the book on the pirate era, we need to duly acknowledge that this was an unusually energetic, stable and successful era for the football program. With no disrespect to the good work Spike Dykes did, he retired at a time when the Jones was routinely under capacity and the Jones was hardly the daunting place to play a road game that it became under Leach.

I think that the pirate symbolism is too entwined with Leach to the administrators to consider endorsing just yet. That and the fact that many are continuing to display it as a protest against the administration for their handling of the Leach issue.

— Posted by 'Anonymous'

As a mass communications graduate, I can say with confidence that this is a major nationwide PR fiasco for Tech. Leach unofficially made Tech hip. Now here we are in danger of reverting back to a "good ol' boy" boring image. How will this affect enrollment and recruiting remains to be seen. If Tubs keeps winning, people will forget Leach. Memory is fickle. However, since the wounds are fresh now, people still remember all the great things Leach accomplished for Tech. Until the next gambler comes along.

— Posted by 'Anonymous'

I'm ready for the future of Texas Tech football and excited to see what Tuberville will bring to the team. However, this article really made me want to cry. It's just, I always adored Leach but I don't think I truly appreciated him and the traditions he brought to Tech, when I was at Tech. Now that he's gone and it looks like the pirate era will fade and I won't see the pirates, eye patches, etc., on TV any longer, it hurts a little. It makes me want to cry just a little bit because it's an end of an era and that always brings some sadness.

It's going to be weird seeing new coaches on the sidelines and one day seeing Leach with a different team.

— Posted by "Christina"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a second-year graduate student in the biotechnology program at the Health Sciences Center; I have a bachelor's in physics and a bachelor's in philosophy from Texas Tech. Almost every day I use recombinant DNA technology to mutate human proteins expressed in a bacterial system. I am intimately familiar with genetic engineering and the technology involved.

I'm writing about the column "Infant gender selection technology presents many questions" that was printed in Wednesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*. I just wanted to point out the foundation of it is entirely misleading.

In the article, Shay Irby asks the question, "How many of you would alter the DNA of your child to choose their sex if the opportu-

nity presented itself?" This seems to directly imply scientists are now altering human genetics to select a child's gender; unfortunately, this is far from accurate.

To continue Irby claims, "...in this new day and age, choosing how many children of each gender one wants is a definite possibility." Gender selection technology has been around, in some form, for almost 40 years, long before the current genetic tool kit existed; in addition, gender selection does not take advantage of any of the recent advances in gene therapy or genetic engineering.

The most common way to perform gender selection is to take a sample of the father's sperm and separate those with X chromosomes from those with Y chromosomes. Then, it is a relatively simple matter of In Vitro Fertilization (which is

very common) with the sperm containing the desired sex chromosome. If selection is not performed prior to fertilization, the fertilized eggs are screened, and only implanted if they possess the desired sex.

This is, admittedly, more controversial, but still has nothing to do with altering DNA as is suggested.

Beyond the technical mistakes, it seems the column amounts to little more than a religious rant. Irby asks, "Is it OK for mankind to continue interfering with nature's course to such a great extent?" I guess it isn't clear to me how gender selection equates to significant interference — the eggs are fertilized with sperm, both derived from humans without any alterations.

Fertilization In Vitro is essentially identical to that In Vivo; that is, the egg and sperm are placed in

relative proximity and they fuse themselves together. Then, the fertilized egg is implanted into a uterine wall in a real woman for gestation.

I can't seem to find a reference in the Bible to gender selection or what constitutes a reasonable degree of interference. For instance, to change the gender of an alligator all one has to do is increase/decrease the ambient temperature beyond a certain threshold during a particular stage in their embryonic development; no In Vitro manipulations are needed. If gender selection constitutes unreasonable interference by humans, what scientific advances don't?

■ **Austin Meyer is a graduate student from Austin.**

Los Angeles City Council moves to close medical marijuana dispensaries

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles City Council on Tuesday tentatively approved an ordinance to close most of the city's medical marijuana dispensaries, winding down months of debate on how to limit the rapid spread of such clinics.

The ordinance, if passed next week by a simple majority of the 15-member council, would cap the number of dispensaries at 70 and require them to be at least 1,000 feet from "sensitive uses" — schools, parks and other public gathering spots.

The local law would put an end to the proliferation of pot dispensa-

ries. As many as 1,000 have cropped up over the past few years. The ordinance would also likely force remaining clinics that comply to move to industrial areas because of the distance requirement.

Four dispensaries were open in 2005 when a local medical marijuana law was discussed by city officials — who acknowledge the ordinance won't solve all the problems.

"I think it's a beginning point," Councilman Ed Reyes said after Tuesday's meeting. "We have to get control of this issue and shape a policy to make medical marijuana more accessible to those who need it."

While other California cities such as San Francisco, Oakland and West Hollywood have been able to regulate medical marijuana, Los Angeles city officials have discussed an ordinance for years, trying to adopt language that jibes with state law.

The number of clinics exploded this year — more than 600 over the past 10 months alone — despite a 2007 city moratorium prohibiting new medical marijuana dispensaries. The shop owners took advantage of a loophole known as a hardship exemption that allowed them to open while awaiting city approval.

However, more than 180 clinics qualified to remain open because they came before the ban was enacted. About 137 of those dispensaries still exist and would

be allowed to remain open if they meet other requirements in the new ordinance.

Medical marijuana advocates argue the council's inability to provide clear regulations has led to the growth of pot shops in Los Angeles. Residents also have grown frustrated with the bottleneck as they've seen dispensaries creep closer to their homes.

Kristin Yoder, who runs California Alternative Caregivers in Venice, said the dispensary boom has hurt her clinic business. Her rent has gone from \$2,500 per month to \$7,600, and her patients have gone elsewhere.

"Other dispensaries advertise, solicit people on the streets," Yoder said. "It looks bad on us and it's

because there haven't been any regulations.

Even if the ordinance is signed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, dispensary owners are unsure they will be able to operate without being arrested. They have said they sell marijuana to their customers as a way to cover their expenses.

The ordinance states that "no collective shall operate for profit." However, "cash and in-kind contributions" as well as "reasonable compensation" would be accepted.

Some law enforcement officials believe any cash trading hands is illegal under state law.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said his office will target pot clinics that profit and sell to people who don't qualify for

medical marijuana. Cooley said he believes state law authorizes the possession, use and cultivation of marijuana for medicinal purposes but not the sale of the drug.

City Attorney Carmen Trutanich had also sought to ban sales at dispensaries, but the council ignored his advice.

Under the ordinance, dispensaries would have to close until they comply with the new local law. City officials would seek an injunction against those who don't. The ordinance wouldn't take effect until city officials determine the registration fees collectives would have to pay.

Fourteen states, including California, permit medical marijuana. Pot, however, remains illegal under federal law.



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Students, staff adjust to winter weather changes

By JULIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Between the wind and the rain, on top of the chilly morning and evening air, Texas Tech students and staff acclimate to the weather as best as they can.

Travis McPherson, a bus driver on the Red Raider route, said he and his co-workers must be extremely careful when they drive in adverse conditions, especially considering the increase in attendance at Tech.

"When we take turns, it gets really easy to skid, and the students' footing isn't so good and they can very easily slide under the bus," McPherson said. "Of course with rain, everything gets a little bit more difficult. Even in normal weather, on campus we really have to watch out for bicyclers and skateboarders, so in windy weather or icy and wet weather it can get really bad for us."

Students such as Rochelle Reiner, a junior journalism major from Minneapolis, enjoyed the warm afternoon Thursday. Sitting on the Memorial Circle grass, Reiner said the weather in comparison to her home is a pleasant welcome to the new semester.

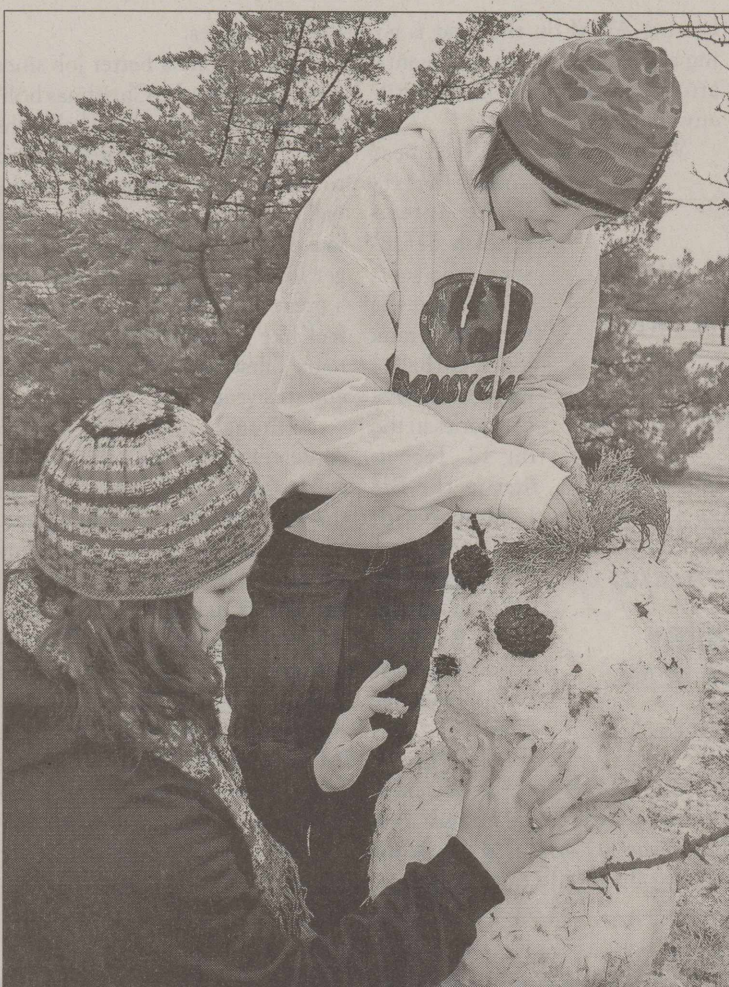
"I think it's absolutely gorgeous; it's sunny and breeze, and that's just wonderful," she said. "When I went home to Minnesota we had a blizzard, so this is perfect. It's been windy the past couple of days, but it's nice to be able to lay out here."

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate prediction center, many factors can be attributed to unstable weather in a given season. El Nino conditions may be to blame because the National Weather Service reported persisting warm weather conditions will continue at least until April.

Austin Dover, a senior math major from Midland, said Lubbock has the most varied winters he's seen, but he wouldn't change them.

"Lubbock weather changes partly in fault of its location. This section of the country has some of the most diverse winter weather. It's always crazy," Dover said, rolling his sleeves up to soak in the emerging sun. "I always check the forecast to see what the weather's like. I do enjoy the weather since it changes a lot, though. It keeps it interesting."

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SARA KUECKER, LEFT, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Cuero, and Kandace McNeese, a freshman with no declared major from Quanah, create a snowman likeness of Texas Tech linebacker Brandon Carter, complete with mohawk, during a period of snow last semester in Urbanovsky Park.

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Barton sued over \$7000-a-month rent

NEW YORK (AP) — Mischa Barton's landlord says the actress is refusing to pay rent on her \$7,000-a-month apartment in New York City.

Landlord M.R.A. Realty Inc. says in a lawsuit that Barton rebuffed efforts to collect the last three months' worth of rent on her flat in the trendy Tribeca neighborhood.

Barton's representatives had no immediate response. The landlord wants Barton to pay

the rent and legal fees.

The 23-year-old Barton also lives in Los Angeles. The lawsuit filed Thursday says her one-year lease on the Manhattan apartment began in September.

At the time, she was in "The Beautiful Life," a CW series about the New York modeling world. The show was canceled in September.

Barton rose to fame playing Marissa Cooper on Fox's teen drama "The O.C."

Rihanna to perform in Haiti telethon

OSLO (AP) — Rihanna says she will perform a new song called "Stranded" with rapper Jay-Z and U2's The Edge and Bono at Friday's "Hope for Haiti" telethon in London.

During the taping of a Norwegian talk show in Oslo on Thursday, the R&B superstar said she feels drawn to the cause because of Haiti's proximity to her home country of Barbados.

"In the Caribbean, we think of ourselves as one big family, one country," Rihanna told the host of the show, Fredrik Skavlan. "We're all together. We all represent each other."

She said she felt "great sadness" when thinking about the humanitarian disaster that struck Haiti following a Jan. 12 earthquake.

"It's like it happened to Barbados," she said.

"Hope For Haiti Now: A Global Benefit for Earthquake Relief" will be an international event. Haitian native Wyclef Jean will anchor the show from New York, while George Clooney will do so from Los Angeles. Coldplay is also to perform from London.

The funds raised from the benefit will be donated to several relief organizations, including UNICEF, Oxfam America and Partners in Health.

Cher's Hawaii home sold at auction

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — A luxury real estate auction company reports that Cher's Hawaii home overlooking the Pacific Ocean has been sold to an Arizona buyer for \$8.7 million.

Concierge Auctions said Thursday that the home was one of five Big Island residences auctioned Monday for a total of \$19.4 million.

The firm had estimated Cher's three-quarter-acre property was worth between \$8 mil-

lion and \$12 million.

Located in the Hualalai Resort, the 8,800-square-foot Balinese style residence features a gated center courtyard leading to the main residence. It includes a master wing, great room, kitchen, dining room, outdoor living area, and infinity pool with spa overlooking the resort's golf course.

A Web site set up for the sale says the residence designed by Cher has six bedrooms.

LA film producers to be sentenced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles filmmaking couple face lengthy prison terms when they're sentenced Thursday for bribing Thai officials to run a film festival.

Gerald and Patricia Green were convicted in September of conspiracy and money laundering in federal court. Prosecutors say 78-year-old Gerald Green could face more than 30 years in prison, while his 55-year-old wife could receive 19 to 24 years.

Authorities say the pair paid the former governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand,

Juthamas Siriwan, about \$1.8 million to help secure the Bangkok International Film Festival and tourism-related deals.

Gerald Green's credits include "Salvador" and "Rescue Dawn," while his wife produced "Diamonds," a comedy starring Kirk Douglas. The 93-year-old actor wrote a letter supporting the Greens.

Juthamas and her daughter, Jittisopa Siriwan, were charged with conspiracy to launder money and eight other counts in an indictment unsealed Tuesday. If convicted, they each face up to 20 years in prison.



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MEGAN FORNEY, A sophomore early childhood education major from Wichita Falls, accepts a donation for the earthquake relief effort in Haiti from Chris Agnew, a freshman marketing major from Houston, Thursday in the Free Speech Pavilion. The Residence Halls Association, in which Forney is an officer, sponsored the event to collect donations for the earthquake-ravaged country.

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"We love to step out and help in any way we can," said Amber McCloud, with American State Bank business development. "And to make it easy for them to come to their local branch and make a donation, to help them see that we're good citizens of Lubbock and good to the people around the world as well."

Breedlove Dehydrated Foods collects unwanted and unneeded foods to dehydrate and ship around the world. The dehydration allows for up to 1 million

servings to be stored in one carrier. With the disaster leaving thousands dead and many relief workers in need of assistance, Breedlove shipped its first container of food Tuesday. The food sent is for the organizations helping the people of Haiti, said David Hankins, director of communications with Breedlove. The people helping also need assistance and food to survive.

"We're trying to make sure they have enough food to do their jobs," Hankins said. "But that's not to say that if they called on us to do some on support that we wouldn't. If it means to help load a truck or a cargo ship, they'll do it. These

things are yet to be seen and we are focusing on providing."

The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross help with any natural disaster, but as a faster way of raising money, both organizations have options for people to text and donate \$10 to their relief funds.

"It's the quickest way and most efficient way to get money," Stephens said. "People are so high tech these days that this is much easier to get money directly and is also the most cost effective way."

United Supermarkets joined the fight as well, allowing for shoppers in all United Supermarkets, Amigos and

Market Street locations to add \$1 or \$2 to their bill for support of the disaster relief. Once a store raises \$25,000, United Supermarkets will match the number and donate to the Lubbock Cares foundation. This program will continue through Jan. 31.

"A lot of our guests request that we do something like this and we have a history of this type of thing," said Eddie Owens, director of communications for United Supermarkets. "We've done this for tsunami reliefs for five years, and we're having a resurrection of that effort for not only us but for the city of Lubbock."

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Bear about to give birth live on Web

WASHINGTON (AP) — A black bear named Lily is may be about to give birth in the wild live on the Internet.

Biologist Lynn Rogers says the birth in Lily's den outside Ely, Minn. is a video, first. Rogers and his North American Bear Center put a camera in Lily's den that streams her activity live.

Rogers says Lily appears to have started labor around 2 p.m. Central Time Thursday.

Since then, Lily has pawed at her face, left her den, and then returned and has tried going back to sleep. She brought in balsam fir to set up bedding and her mammary glands appear swollen.

Rogers has been studying bears for 43 years and never seen a birth. He predicts the 3-year-old Lily will give birth Friday.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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Lady Raiders renew rivalry against No. 9 Aggies

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

For Texas A&M head coach Gary Blair, coaching against Texas Tech means more than just another Big 12 Conference game — it means having to coach against his old school.

"You keep up with Texas Tech in everything because that's your alma mater," said Blair, who graduated from Tech with a bachelor's degree in 1972 and a master's degree in 1974. "I've kept up with the (Mike) Leach thing, I kept up with the Bobby Knight thing, I kept up with the Marsha Sharp thing.

"You still love your school, but now when you have to go against your school, you've got to treat them like they're Texas or Baylor."

So Blair has an idea of what his team may see from Tech (13-4, 1-1 in Big 12 play) Saturday. He said he expects to witness something many experienced teams tend to do: bounce back from a tough loss.

"We've got our hands full," he said. "If I'm them, I'm probably still hacked off about the Texas game because they played awfully well and realistically should've won the game."

While the Lady Raiders may be motivated to get back on the winning path after that tough loss, the No. 9 Aggies (14-2, 2-1) still may be the team to beat in the Big 12.

Tech's chance for an upset is set for 3 p.m. Saturday at Reed Arena in College Station — a place where the Aggies are undefeated this season.

Tech players and coaches know

beating A&M on the road is going to be a tough task, but mental errors can be costly in a hostile environment.

With that in mind, Tech head coach Kristy Curry anticipates a defensive contest, considering the two teams rank in the top half of most defensive categories in the Big 12. Tech is first in the Big 12 in steals with 11.35 per game. The Aggies are just behind the Lady Raiders in second, with 10.81 steals per game.

The Lady Raiders have improved their defense from a year ago and continue to do so, something Curry said should raise concerns

for the Aggies. "We've done a better job since returning after the Christmas holidays of taking care of the ball," she said. "I think they probably need to worry about taking care of the ball, too. You've got two teams that make a lot of hustle plays and really get in the passing lanes and have a great team defensive concept. I feel like we're a much improved team ourselves on the defensive end this year."

Although it is still early in conference play, the Lady Raiders are looking at a rough stretch in the schedule after Saturday's game. Six of Tech's next seven opponents are ranked in the Associated Press Top 25, including rematches with A&M and No. 20 Texas accompanied by trips to No. 12 Oklahoma State and No. 10 Baylor.

Despite the many challenges the Lady Raiders have yet to face, Tech guard Monique Smalls said the team expects to come out on top.

"Everything is a must win for us," she said. "We want to win



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S KIERRA Mallard shoots the ball over Colorado's Courtney Dunn during the Lady Raiders' win against the Buffaloes. Tech face No. 9 Texas A&M at 3 p.m. Saturday in College Station.

every game and we're not thinking about losing. For the team, every game they play, no matter if it's Colorado, Missouri, or whoever, is a must win." jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu

Iverson to start in All-Star game; Duncan, Nash, too

NEW YORK — Allen Iverson was voted to start in the All-Star game Thursday, while Steve Nash and Tim Duncan made late moves to claim starting spots for the Western Conference.

Nash passed the inactive Tracy McGrady as the second guard, while Duncan disappointed Dallas fans hoping to see Dirk Nowitzki start by rallying past the Mavericks forward.

LeBron James was the leading vote-getter for the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium, becoming the first player to earn at least 2.5 million votes three times. He will make his sixth All-Star appearance, all as a starter.

"The fans still love and see what I do every night and they appreciate it, and I appreciate them for electing me as an All-Star starter," James said before the Cavaliers hosted the Los Angeles Lakers. "It's still special."

Joining James and Iverson as East starters were Miami guard Dwyane Wade, Orlando center Dwight Howard and Boston forward Kevin Garnett.

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant was picked in the West along with Phoenix center Amare Stoudemire and Denver forward Carmelo Anthony.

Starters were decided by fan balloting at NBA arenas and electronically. The reserves will be chosen by votes by the head coaches in each

conference and will be announced next Thursday.

The fans still love Iverson, even though he's played only 19 games during the worst season of his career. He appeared on the West ballot since he began the season in Memphis, but he and the Grizzlies parted ways following only three games.

Iverson's votes counted in the East since he rejoined the Philadelphia 76ers, his longtime team. He is averaging only 14.8 points with the 76ers, but will get a shot at earning a third All-Star game MVP award if he chooses to play.

Bothered by a sore knee, Iverson previously said he would consider his health before deciding whether to play in the All-Star game for the 10th time. He's been an All-Star for 11 straight seasons, but missed the 2007 game because of injury.

"I just want to thank everybody for their support this season and it's an honor that the fans have voted me into the All-Star game as a starter," Iverson said in a statement. "The fans are who make us and make the NBA so popular. This year is even more special because I'll be representing a city and fans that I love and a team that has been such a big part of my life throughout my career."

Tennis seasons begin with high expectations

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

It's no question Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel and women's tennis coach Todd Petty have high aspirations for the 2010 spring season.

But what happens this weekend could go a long way in keeping those hopes high.

While the women are at home against UT-Arlington, Tulane and New Mexico, the men start the season on the road against UNLV and San Diego State in Las Vegas.

The UTA match for the women is at 5 p.m. today, the Tulane match is at 11 a.m. Saturday and the New Mexico match is at 10 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

The most interesting match up could be Tulane, which posted a 12-12 overall record, 3-5 Conference-USA record last season.

But like the Lady Raiders, the Green Wave will be putting youth on the court. It doesn't mean an automatic win in Petty's eyes, however.

"Very, very good set of freshman that they will be playing this year," Petty said. "They are very dangerous."

Sophomores Mariam Kurdadze and Lindsey Dvorak posted a 10-6 doubles record last season, too. Kurdadze was 18-5 in singles play.

UTA finished last season 18-7 overall and 11-0 in the Southland Conference.

UTA's standout players include sophomores Maria Martinez-Romer, Katrina Micochova, and junior Monika Hadvigerova.

Martinez-Romer dominated singles competition as she went 22-2 last season. Micochova and Hadvigerova combined for a 13-3 mark in doubles play.

Roy Cañada is entering his first sea-

son as the head coach of the Lobos after 14 seasons of being an assistant under former coach Kathy Kolankiewicz.

Junior Ashley Bonner was just 9-17 last season, but was 8-1 in matches when she won her first set.

"The beginning of the season is the time to do it," Petty said. "Girls are fresh, their legs are fresh."

The No. 39 Red Raiders may have the tougher slate to start the year against the Rebels and Aztecs.

The two are familiar opponents, though. The Aztecs beat Tech 4-3 and the Red Raiders beat UNLV 6-1 last year.

UNLV coach Owen Hambrook had his Rebels finish No. 73 in the rankings last season.

The record may not show, but UNLV was dominant in singles play. They had five players recording 15-plus wins each last season and three of those players had 20-plus wins.

Among those players were seniors Luca Barlocchi and Elliot Wronski. The two also posted a 19-10 record.

Raony Carvalho said he is confident about Tech's chances this weekend.

"We played against UNLV last semester, I don't know about San Diego State," Carvalho said. "I think we have great chance to beat both teams."

San Diego State possesses some standouts as well, with junior Tim Shulz van Endert leading its lineup. He could be Carvalho's opponent, with a 21-11 singles record last season.

Junior Giovanni Vagilioti and senior Achim Ceban went 9-5 in doubles play in 2009.

"We are playing against UNLV at their courts, they're ranked," Siegel said. "San Diego State the next day, and they beat us last year. So it's very tough."

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TEXAS TECH'S NATALIE Leitch will be one of the Lady Raiders to lead the team into the 2010 season's first slate of matches. The Lady Raiders face Texas-Arlington at 5 p.m. today, Tulane at 11 a.m. Saturday and New Mexico at 10 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center. This will be Tech coach Todd Petty's first full season at the position.



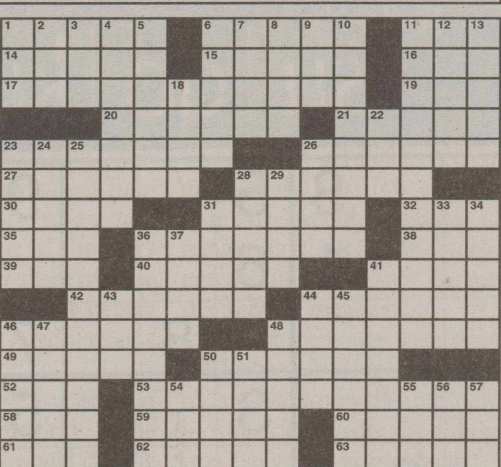
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TEXAS TECH COACH Tim Siegel is entering his 18th season at the helm. In 2010, he has a crop of talented players to work with, such as Raony Carvalho and Gonzalo Escobar. The Red Raiders open the season up against UNLV today and San Diego State Saturday in Las Vegas. Tech is ranked No. 39 heading into this season.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Golf relative?
 - Camp sight
 - A favorite is a good one
 - Liquid fat
 - "The Audacity of Hope" author
 - Language of Southeast Asia
 - Scrabble cheat?
 - Cause of star wars?
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 - White Rabbit's cry
 - "Like, wow!"
 - Antiquated alpine apparatus
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 - Solution for a bad hair day
 - Rooster's mate
 - Moisturizer target
 - Printemps follower
 - Traffic reg.
 - Miss Muffet, before the spider showed up
 - E-mail heading word
 - Sly & white
 - Viselike device
 - Future doctor's project
 - Caribbean music genre
 - Oater prop
 - Low areas
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By Fred Jackson III 1/22/10

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- Old West badge
- Low sock
- Take for one's own use
- French friar
- Catches
- East Ender's flat
- Pendant pair
- Perform a sheepish hip-hop number?
- Boston College athlete
- Whistle sounds
- American Beauty, e.g.
- Agua, across the Pyrenees
- Collectible print, briefly
- Fossilized resin?
- Boring boss?
- Wash, title
- More delicate times use
- Andy Roddick, at times
- Data measure
- Tiny quantities
- A conductor might pick it up
- Subject to contradiction
- Tattered duds
- Achieve a piloting milestone
- Suffix with Mao
- Math class, briefly
- Service providers?
- Its gradual loss leads to baldness
- Depend (on)
- Shrewd
- Convenes
- Org. with the Chicago Sky and Seattle Storm
- Paris article
- Utter
- Pal
- "May I help you?"

Holgorsen hopes to handle OSU play-calling

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy called it the most enjoyable part of his job. New offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen says it's the only reason he left Texas Tech after eight seasons with the Red Raiders.

So, who will call plays for the Cowboys' offense next season?

"The head coach has got the final say on absolutely everything when it comes to the entire program. With that said — he's got the final say on everything — if anybody knows where I've been for the last 10 years, I left Texas Tech for one reason: that's to be calling the plays," Holgorsen said Thursday on a conference call.

"After I've had success doing it the last two years, I doubt I'd be real fired up about giving that up."

Holgorsen's offense at Houston led the nation last season in scoring, passing and total offense. The year before, the Cougars ranked second in total offense behind only Tulsa.

Oklahoma State's offense dropped off to 70th last season after back-to-back years in the top 10. Gundy has called the offensive plays the past two seasons after former offensive coordinator Larry Fedora left to become the head coach at Southern Mississippi.

Prior to the 2008 season, Gundy — who had previously been the team's offensive coordinator —

described play-calling as the "funnest" part of his job. He also said he thought the topic was "somewhat irrelevant" he felt several members of his coaching staff were capable of calling plays.

Gunter Brewer was the Cowboys' offensive coordinator last season, and Gundy hasn't addressed what his role will be next season.

Holgorsen, who was hired last Friday, said he doesn't know the potential of OSU's offense yet because he hasn't had a chance to evaluate the Cowboys' players. He planned to arrive in Stillwater on Friday to begin that process.

Rangers, Greene finalize contract

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Khalil Greene is ready to take on the role as a utility infielder for the Texas Rangers after completing a \$750,000, one-year contract Thursday.

Texas was looking for a utility infielder who could play shortstop after the departure of free agent Omar Vizquel, who signed with the Chicago White Sox.

Greene has played 678 games at shortstop in his career, including five seasons as the starter for San Diego before being traded last winter to St. Louis, where he also played 16 games at third base.

"This is a situation that will be good for me in a lot of ways," Greene said on a conference call. "It's an exciting team to play for and it looks like a neat place to work in my favor. I'm ready to help the team out in whatever capacity they need me to do."

To make room of their 40-man roster, the Rangers designated outfielder Greg Golson for assignment. They have 10 days to trade him, put on him unconditional release waivers or send him outright to the minors.

Greene was acquired by St. Louis from San Diego last winter with expectations that he would be the Cardinals' starting shortstop. But he struggled and twice last summer went on the disabled list with social anxiety disorder. He lost his starting job at shortstop, then the Cardinals used him some at third base before leaving him off their postseason roster.

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Tech could jump in Big 12 mix with win Saturday

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Forward Mike Singletary was smiling in the postgame conference just moments after Texas Tech basketball earned its first conference win against Iowa State Wednesday — a game the team declared a “must win.”

With a team-leading 23 points against the Cyclones, Singletary redeemed himself after being held scoreless at Kansas last week.

But when the topic of their Saturday game against Oklahoma at 7 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena was brought up, his attitude became much more serious.

“It’s good to come back home and play better than you have,” he said. “The real thing is, as long as we win. That’s my motto. It’s good to just have a good game going into one we need to get this weekend.”

Like the ISU game, Singletary said the team is calling the Oklahoma game a must win because a win could significantly lift the Red Raiders in the Big 12 Conference standings.

At 1-3 in conference play, Tech is in a tie for 10th in the standings with Colorado, and Nebraska is in 12th,

having played one less game at 0-3.

A win Saturday could lift the Red Raiders several spots as 1-2 Iowa State must travel to play No. 3 Kansas and 0-3 Nebraska will play at Missouri — where the Tigers have remained undefeated for more than a full season.

The good news for the Red Raiders — who are 0-4 against the Sooners in the past two seasons — is that the Sooners are down from their run to the Elite Eight last year.

The 2009-2010 Blake Griffin-less Sooners (11-7, 2-2) went through nonconference play with several unexpected losses including UTEP in a quasi-home game in Oklahoma City, Okla., 79-64. Tech beat UTEP about two weeks later 86-78 at the United Spirit Arena.

The bad news is that the Sooners have seemed to turn the corner on their season

after getting thumped at Baylor to begin Big 12 play. Since the 91-60 drubbing in Waco, the Sooners won home games against Oklahoma State and Missouri — teams Tech already has to.

The Sooners also came up just short of knocking off Texas A&M

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in College Station in a league where teams are a combined 120-6 at home on the year.

“We certainly had a very challenging nonconference schedule,” Sooner coach Jeff Capel said during the Big 12 coaches’ teleconference Monday. “We didn’t handle it great. We’ve been knocked back quite a bit, but these guys have continued to fight and we’ve started to see some leadership amongst our group.”

Tech might have turned the corner as well.

The ISU win gives the Red Raiders some of its confidence back for a game they need to win to stay competitive before a tough stretch of games at No. 1 Texas and at Texas A&M next week.

“You don’t like to say (it’s a must win), but we talked about it this week,” Tech coach Pat Knight said. “To me it is a must win, we haven’t won two consecutive games (in the Big 12) in a long time. We haven’t beaten Oklahoma in a couple of years. Plus if we can win Saturday, that’s 14 wins and we’ve already tied the win mark we had last year.”

“Our whole thing this year is we want to show improvement every year.”

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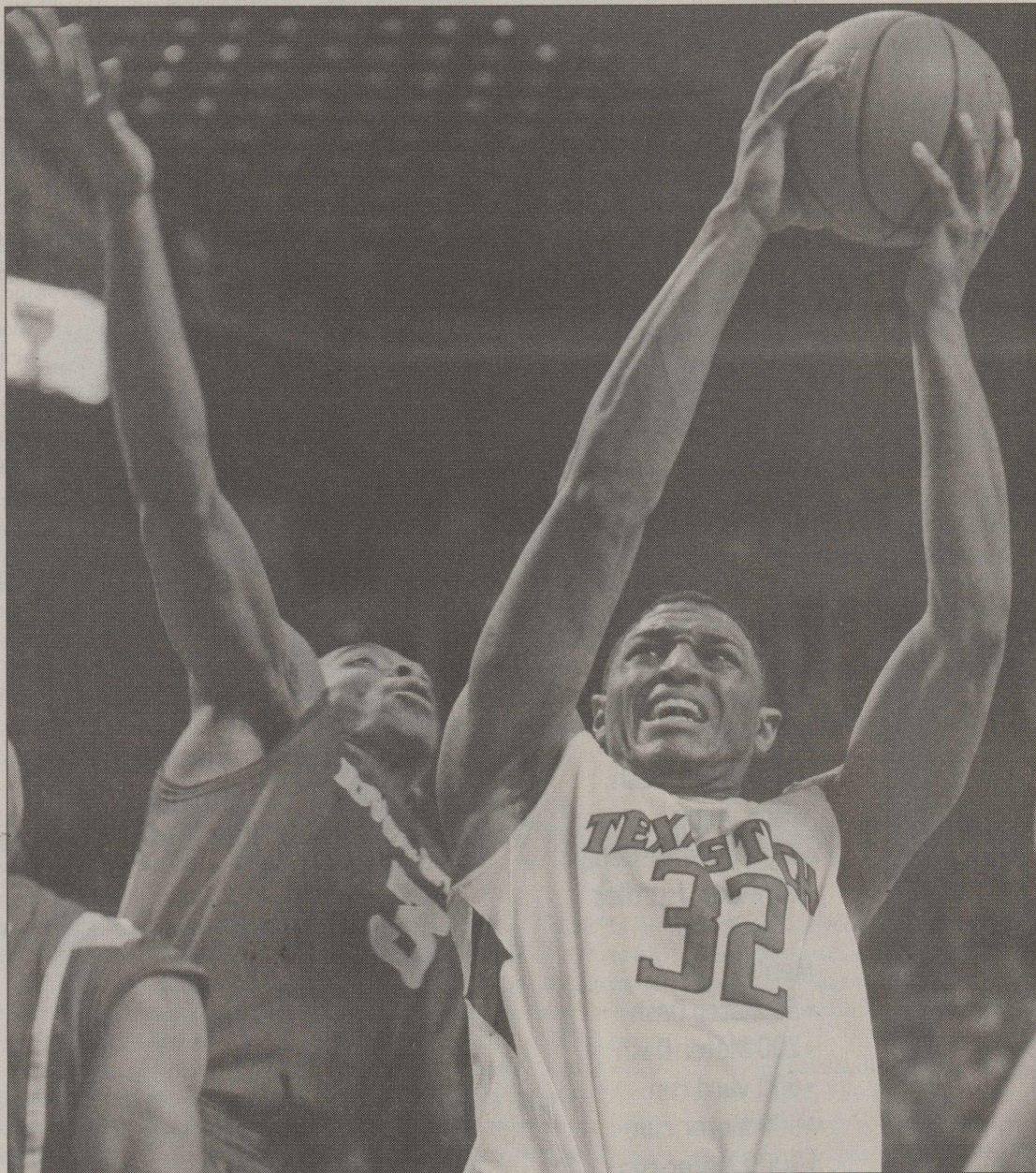


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TEXAS TECH'S MIKE Singletary shoots over Iowa State's Marquis Gilstrap during Texas Tech's 78-71 win Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Cowboys' Phillips gets 2-year deal

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Wade Phillips has a new two-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys, a deal that indicates owner Jerry Jones is encouraged but not satisfied.

“This contract represents that,” Jones said Thursday after signing Phillips through the 2011 season. “Two years in the NFL is an eternity, but it has to be urgent and it has to be addressed as if there is no tomorrow... It addresses the urgency of where we want to go from here.”

The Cowboys have won two NFC East titles in three years under Phillips, and two weeks ago got their first playoff victory since 1996, which was the season after their last Super Bowl.

While Phillips is 34-17 in Dallas (playoffs included), there had been speculation about his status since Jones had failed to pick up the 2010 option that was part of the deal

Phillips got when he replaced Bill Parcells after the 2006 season. Jones repeatedly indicated he wanted Phillips back, but didn’t make it official until now.

“We want to build on the foundation we have put in place over the last three years,” Jones said. “I want to take advantage of the continuity.”

Instead of picking up the 2010 option, though, Jones gave Phillips a new contract. One that doesn’t include an option past the next two seasons.

“As long as the team knows I’m going to be here this year with this team, that’s all I need as a coach,” Phillips said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s one year or 10 years. With this team right now, I feel very comfortable. I think we can go further and we will go further.”

In Phillips’ first season, Dallas was 13-3 and the No. 1 seed in the NFC

before losing its opening playoff game. The Cowboys were 9-7 and missed the playoffs a year ago before an 11-5 record this season earned them the NFC East title. They beat Philadelphia in the NFC wild-card round before a 34-3 loss at Minnesota last weekend.

Jones refused to give any specifics about the financial terms of the deal, but said it was “serious money” while making clear there would be a hefty bonus for reaching a Super Bowl.

“Is he being overpaid? Not one penny,” Jones said. “Is he being underpaid? Probably, for what I think he is. The bottom line is we have something that works and certainly is structured so that we have great incentive to do what he wants to lead us into doing any way, and that is ultimately get to that Super Bowl.”

Safina advances, Jankovic out of Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Dinara Safina advanced to the fourth round of the Australian Open on Friday, winning her first match on the major’s matinee court since her lopsided loss to Serena Williams in last year’s final.

Jelena Jankovic just keeps running into trouble at the Grand Slams.

Second-seeded Safina beat Britain’s Elena Baltacha 6-1, 6-2 in her return to Rod Laver Arena and eighth-seeded Jankovic was upset by No. 31 Alona Bondarenko, falling 6-2, 6-3 for her first loss in 10 meetings with the Ukraine player.

Both Safina and Jankovic have held the No. 1 ranking, but neither has won a Grand Slam singles title. Only Safina, who has been a runner-up three times, can make that breakthrough here.

“I’m happy to be back here in Rod Laver, I didn’t have too many good memories from last year so I turned it around and tried to forget the bad memories,” said Safina, the younger sister of 2005 Australian Open champion Marat Safin.

“I had some unbelievable matches here in Rod Laver: dramas, fighting, running,” she recalled of the happier times in her run to the 2009 final.

Jankovic made 40 unforced errors against 13 winners. She hasn’t gone beyond the fourth round at any of the majors since she lost the 2008 U.S. Open final — her only championship match at a major. She lost the No. 1 ranking after her fourth-round exit here last year.

Two other former No. 1-ranked players, both from Belgium and both on the comeback from retirement, were in action later Friday. Justine Henin played Alisa Kleybonova immediately after Jankovic on Hisense Arena and U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters had a night match.

McNeill

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He was then made coordinator permanently for the 2008 season, when improvements immediately became noticeable.

During the Red Raiders’ 11-2 run in 2008, names such as defensive end Brandon Williams, safeties Daniel Charbonnet and Darcel McBath anchored the stingy defense to accompany the high-scoring offense.

This season McNeill had players such as linebacker Marlon Williams, cornerback Jamar Wall and defensive ends Brandon Sharpe and Daniel Howard to keep Tech’s defense competing at a high level. Sharpe broke the school record for most sacks in a season with

15 this season.

McNeill is taking over a program that has won back-to-back Conference-USA titles. The Pirates’ previous coach, Skip Holtz, bolted for the vacant South Florida job Jan. 14.

ECU Athletic Director Terry Holland said in a statement he was sold on what McNeill can do for his program.

“Coach McNeill’s interview revealed his strong commitment to doing things the right way and his love of coaching young men to grow in every part of their lives,” Holland said in the statement. “His excitement for what ECU football can become in the future was contagious and his deep and abiding appreciation for what East Carolina University has meant to him and his family was truly moving.”

“There is no doubt about his ability

to lead ECU Football to new heights and his determination to guarantee that happens under his watch. He intends to bring new and exciting offensive schemes to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, combined with an aggressive defense that will be designed to get the ball back in the offense’s hands.”

It’s not just what McNeill did on the field, but Myers said the coach was involved in giving back to the community by raising money for the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.

Tech players were not shy in showing their appreciation for McNeill either — he was seen as a father figure to some of the defensive players. The coach, usually seen giving his players chest bumps during games, was popular among fans as well.

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