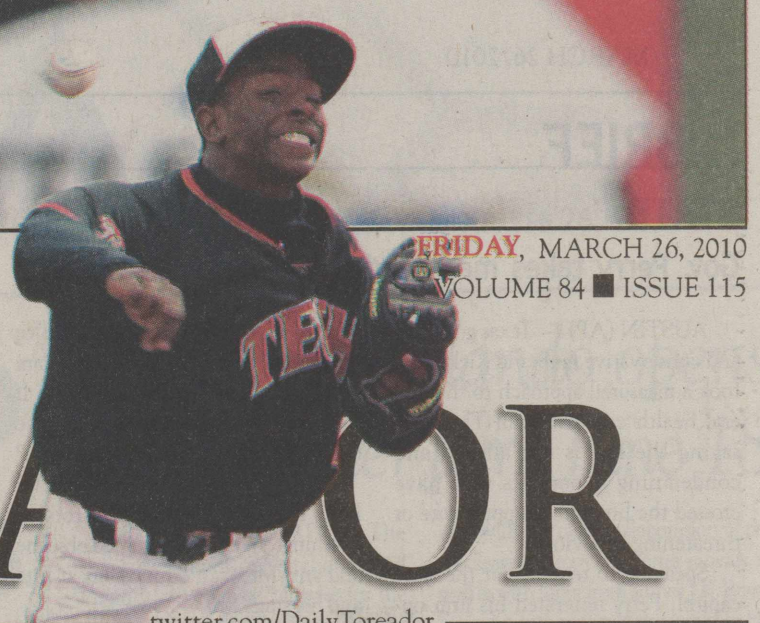




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Frenship ISD hits Leach attorneys with fees

By JON VANDERLAAN
News Editor

Lawyers for Frenship Independent School District have stuck Mike Leach's attorneys with a \$10,000 bill for reimbursement in reviewing about 17,000 pages of documents to fulfill a subpoena.

David Backus, an attorney with Underwood Attorneys and Counselors at Law, who represent Frenship ISD, said the district complied with the subpoena for information about the status of new Tech football head coach Tommy Tuberville's children at the district, sending documents for two of the requests to Leach attorneys, making another set available in the Underwood office and giving the fourth set of documents to the judge for further review.

Because Tuberville's hiring was so highly publicized, Backus said, many employees of the district sent e-mails containing his name.

"There are a lot of sports fans employed at Frenship," he said. "If somebody e-mailed an ESPN article

on coach Tuberville being named the head coach at Texas Tech ... that document was responsive to the subpoena."

Backus said the Leach team already has responded that it believes it shouldn't have to pay.

Ted Liggett, one of the attorneys for Leach, said they filed a brief spelling out their position as to why they do not believe they should pay.

The Leach attorneys do not agree with Frenship lawyers' interpretation of the law, he said, and stand by case law that states they should not have to pay.

Dicky Grigg, one of the Tech attorneys, said the Frenship request will not affect Tech's case, but the records revealed showed no contact between the district and the Tuberville family.

"It think they're entitled to (the money)," he said. "I hope they get it."

Backus said the district does not have a stance on



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whether the only document that remains in the possession of the judge should be made available, but it is concerned for the students of Frenship schools.

"We're confident that the judge will make the right decision whether or not releasing the documents would be relevant to the issues in the case," he said. "We are very concerned about maintaining the confidentiality of student records."

The subpoena asked for documents about Tuberville and/or the Tuberville family; any communications between the school district and the Tuberville family; documents about interest in admission, potential admission and/or admission of members of the Tuberville family into Frenship ISD; and communications between Tech and Frenship ISD about any member of the Tuberville family.

Leach was accused of mistreating wide receiver Adam



TUBERVILLE

James, who was recovering from a concussion, and subsequently was placed on suspension Dec. 28.

Attorneys for Leach filed a temporary restraining order in an attempt for him to be reinstated as head coach for the Alamo Bowl on Jan. 2.

Leach was fired two days later on Dec. 30.

The sequence of events spurred a lawsuit from the former head football coach for defamation and wrongful termination, who has denied mistreating James.

Tech attorneys have said Leach cannot sue the university, because it is a branch of the state, but the judge has not yet ruled on that claim.

Judge William Sowder of the 99th District Court sent both sides to mediation and a restrictive order was placed on the negotiations, keeping the two camps silent about the content of discussions during the mediation.

Leach and James and his father gave depositions in Lubbock March 5 and March 6, causing both sides to rush to the media and claim victory after the two days of high profile testimonies.

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On the Force

Officer trades working with prisoners for students



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH POLICE officer Sonya Campbell is one of four women in Tech Police Department's force of 54. After working in the prison system for more than a decade and being physically attacked, Campbell said she enjoys working on the Tech campus with students.

By HALLIE DAVIS
Staff Writer

Few students look at interacting with law enforcement as something they want to do, but for Texas Tech police officer Sonya Campbell, talking with students is the best part of her job.

"Every memorable experience here is getting to interact with students and giving them information that may change something that they are doing, and maybe help them in a way," Campbell said. "Sometimes you get one that you visit with that has a criminal history or is starting to get that way. You get a chance to change that."

Campbell, who has been with the Tech Police Department since last January, said she got her start in an unusual way. She worked in the prison system for 12

years when she decided to try the police academy.

"I'd been through the worst," she said. "I was ready to get on the other side and see if I could make a difference."

After a six-week program, she was hired by the Tech Police Department, which she said was a perfect fit since she lived in the area and was a state employee. Campbell said she was one of only five women in the academy.

"It was just like going to school," Campbell said, "until it came to defensive tactics and we didn't hit quite as hard, but we took the punches just as good."

Campbell said she is one of four women on the Tech police force of 54. Females on the force are treated equally and have the same experiences as the male officers, said Col. Gordon Hoffman with the Tech Police Department.

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'Go for it,' Obama tells GOP on health repeal

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — President Barack Obama dared Republicans to try to repeal his new health care law, telling them Thursday to "Go for it" and see how well they do with voters in November.

"Be my guest," Obama said in the first of many planned appearances to sell the revamp before fall congressional elections. "If they want to have that fight, we can have it. Because I don't believe the American people are going to put the insurance industry back in the driver's seat."

With emotions raw around the nation over this week's Democrats-

only vote to approve the nearly \$1 trillion redesign of the health care system, Obama took the opposition to task for "plenty of fear-mongering, plenty of overheated rhetoric."

"If you turn on the news, you'll see that those same folks are still shout-

ing about how it's going to be the end of the world because this bill passed," said Obama, returning to the college town where, as a presidential candidate three years ago, he unveiled his plan to provide health care for all.

No Republican lawmakers voted for the 10-year, sweeping package that Obama signed Tuesday and will shape how almost every American will receive and pay for medical treatment. Many in the GOP are predicting it will prove devastating in November for the Democrats who voted for it.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said the GOP won't give up "until this bill is repealed and replaced with common-sense ideas" that won't dismantle the current system and increase the debt.

Some Democratic lawmakers have faced threats and vandalism because of their votes. Obama didn't mention the incidents.

The president stressed the notion of a promise kept. As the crowd broke into a chant of "Yes we can!", Obama corrected them: "Yes we did!"

Challenged by a young man in the audience who shouted several times, "What about the public option," a liberal-backed proposal for the creation of a government-sponsored plan to compete with private insurers, Obama said: "We couldn't get it through Congress."

"This legislation is not perfect, as you just heard," the president said. "But what this is, is a historic step

to enshrine the principle that everybody gets health care coverage in this country, every single person."

Afterward, Obama visited Prairie Lights Books—killing two birds with one stone. He had highlighted the store in his speech as a small business that has offered

coverage to full-time employees for 20 years, but is struggling to continue to do so after its premiums rose last year by 35 percent. Obama also has frequently complained of his inability as president to do regular things—like browse a bookstore.

The White House suggests it has the upper hand on the issue politically, arguing the GOP risks a voter backlash because a repeal would take away many benefits. Among them are tax credits for small businesses to provide health care to their workers and \$250 rebates for seniors to help pay for their prescription medications.

Obama spoke as Democrats in Washington raced to complete the overhaul with a separate package of fixes to the main bill.

“Be my guest. If they want to have that fight, we can have it.”

BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENT
UNITED STATES

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Gov. Perry takes measured approach on health care

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas governor and conservative firebrand Rick Perry took a measured approach to the federal health care overhaul Thursday, saying the law is not all bad and condemning opponents who have crossed the line into inappropriate or threatening behavior.

Speaking to reporters at the state capitol, Perry reiterated his firm opposition to the law signed by President Barack Obama earlier this week. Fixes to the legislation still are working through Congress.

But Perry also said he was troubled that members of Congress who supported the Democratic initiative had been subjected to threats of violence and obscenity-laced tirades.

"Once you cross the line of pas-

sionate to threatening, then you've got problems," Perry said. "I don't care which side of the debate you're on. If these remarks are as caustic as they've been reported, they're inappropriate."

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, an El Paso Democrat, said protesters in Washington repeatedly hurled obscene and anti-Mexican ethnic slurs at him and his staff.

"We are dodging insults," Reyes said. "One of my staffers was accosted on the street and called a 'stupid ... Mexican.' She got away from them, but of course she was frightened."

A spokesman for U.S. Rep. Gene Green, a Houston Democrat, said the office is receiving profanity-laden phone calls that include shouts of, "You're communists!"

NATION

Initial jobless claims drop more than expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week as layoffs ease and hiring slowly recovers.

The decline brought the four-week average of claims, which smooths volatility, to its lowest level since September 2008, when the financial crisis intensified. The report is an encouraging sign that the economy is getting closer to generating job gains, economists said.

"We're on the cusp of a hiring recovery," said Zach Pandl, an economist at Nomura Securities.

The Labor Department said Thursday that first-time claims for jobless benefits dropped by 14,000 to a seasonally adjusted 442,000. That's below analysts' estimates of 450,000, according to Thomson Reuters.

Most of the drop resulted from a change in the calculations the

department makes to seasonally adjust the data, a Labor Department analyst said.

The department updates its seasonal adjustment methods every year, and revises its data for the previous five years. Seasonal adjustment attempts to filter out expected changes in employment such as the layoff of temporary retail employees after the winter holidays. The goal of seasonally adjusted figures is to provide a more accurate picture of underlying economic trends.

Excluding seasonal adjustment, initial claims fell by more than 30,000 last week to 405,557.

The report contributed to a rise in the stock market. The Dow Jones industrial average rose more than 119 points before paring some of those gains later in the day. Broader indexes also rose.

WORLD

Iraq's tight race prompts warnings of violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel hardened its insistence Monday that it would do anything it felt necessary to stop Iran from getting a nuclear bomb, just the ultimatum the United States hoped not to hear as it tried to nudge Iran to the bargaining table.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates reassured Israel that the new Obama administration was not naive about Iran's intentions, and that Washington would press for new, tougher sanctions against the Iranians if they balk. He didn't say what those might include.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak used a brief news conference with Gates to insist three times that Israel would not rule out any response — an implied warning that it would consider a pre-emptive strike to thwart Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

"We clearly believe that no option should be removed from the table," Barak said. "This is our policy. We mean

it. We recommend to others to take the same position, but we cannot dictate it to anyone."

The question of how to deal with Iran's rapid nuclear advancement has become a notable public difference between the new administrations in Jerusalem and Washington, despite overall close relations. Israel considers itself the prime target of any eventual Iranian bomb.

Iran says it is merely trying to develop nuclear reactors for domestic power generation. Israeli leaders fear the U.S. prizes its outreach to Iran over its historic ties to Israel and appears resigned to the idea that Iran will soon be able to build a nuclear weapon.

Obama says he has accepted no such thing. Still, the United States argues that an Israeli attack against Iran would upset the fragile security balance in the Middle East, perhaps triggering a new nuclear arms race and leaving everyone, including Israel and Iran, worse off.

EARLY EASTER



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PROFESSOR MARSHALL WATSON'S wife, passes a basket of easter eggs to Ryan Madden, a senior petroleum engineering major from Liberal, Kan., after surprising her husband's class Thursday in the Petroleum Engineering building.

Wis. priest accused of molesting 200 deaf boys

ST. FRANCIS, Wis. (AP) — Arthur Budzinski says the first time the priest molested him, he was 12 years old, alone and away from home at a school for the deaf. He says he asked the Rev. Lawrence Murphy to hear his confession, and instead the priest took him into a closet under the stairs and sexually assaulted him.

Budzinski, now 61, was one of about 200 deaf boys at the St. John's School for the Deaf just outside Milwaukee who say they were molested by the priest decades ago in a case now creating a scandal for the Vatican and threatening to ensnare Pope Benedict XVI.

Some of the allegations be-

came public years ago. But they got renewed attention this week after documents obtained by

The New York Times showed that Murphy was spared a defrocking in the mid-1990s because he was protected by the Vatican office led by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now the pope.

The Vatican on Thursday strongly defended its decision not to defrock Murphy and de-

nounced what it called a campaign to smear the pope and his aides.

In recent weeks, Benedict has also come under fire over his handling of an abuse case against a priest in Germany three decades ago when he was a cardinal in charge of the Munich Archdiocese.

In the Milwaukee-area case, Murphy was accused of molesting boys in the confessional, in dormitories, in closets and dur-

ing field trips while working at the school for the deaf from the 1950s through 1974. Murphy died in 1998 at age 72.

Budzinski, now a bicycle and furniture assembler at a department store, said Murphy preyed on him during the 1960s. The priest was fluent in sign language and often told the boys they were handsome, Budzinski said Thursday during an interview in which his daughter interpreted his sign language.

He said he avoided Murphy as much as he could afterward, but when he went to Murphy's office the following year to make another confession the priest led him to an adjoining room and sexually assaulted him again.

"It seems like my father would be walking into a trap every time."

GIGI BUDZINSKI
BUDZINSKI'S 26-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER

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Coburn stalls benefits bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once again, a stubborn Senate Republican is blocking speedy passage of a stopgap bill to extend jobless benefits, saying its \$9 billion cost should not be added to the national debt.

This time it's Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who's insisting that the measure be "paid for" so as not to add to the nation's \$12.7 trillion debt.

"What we are doing is stealing future opportunity from our children," Coburn said Thursday.

The clash comes less than a month after Republicans abandoned a similar battle that led to an interruption in unemployment benefits eligibility for some people and a two-day furlough for about 2,000 Transportation Department employees.

A stopgap law enacted early this month extends though April 5 unemployment insurance for people who have been out of a job for more than six months, provides health insurance subsidies for the jobless and protects doctors from a sharp cut in Medicare payments.

But another short-term extension of the jobless benefits is needed while House and Senate Democrats work through negotiations on a long-term measure that would provide them through the end of the year. Those talks have slowed, prompting Democrats to move to extend benefits for an additional month.

Obama administration to unveil plan to shrink some home loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration will announce Friday a plan to reduce the amount some troubled borrowers owe on their home loans, after months of criticism that it hasn't done enough to prevent foreclosures.

The plan will let people who owe more on their mortgages than their properties are worth get new loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration, people briefed on the plan said. It would be funded by \$14 billion from the administration's existing \$75 billion foreclosure-prevention program.

The people briefed on the plan declined to be identified because the program had not yet been announced.

The plan also will require the more than 100 mortgage companies participating in the administration's program to consider slashing the amount borrowers owe. They will get incentive

payments if they do so. The plan also is expected to include at least three months of temporary aid for borrowers who have lost their jobs.

The changes "will better assist responsible homeowners who have been affected by the economic crisis through no fault of their own," an administration official said.

To date, the administration's \$75 billion foreclosure-prevention program, has been a disappointment. Critics have complained the program does little to encourage banks to cut borrowers' principal balances on their primary loans. Nearly one in every three homeowners with a mortgage are "under water" — they owe more than their property is worth — according to Moody's Economy.com.

Earlier in the day, Herbert Allison, an assistant Treasury secretary, cautioned that any new plan is "not going to mean that all underwater mortgages are suddenly in the program."

Obama administration officials have been studying such issues for months. An expansion of its foreclosure-prevention program has long been expected because only 170,000 homeowners have completed the process out of 1.1 million who began it over the past year.

And lawmakers have been frustrated by the lack of results.

"It has failed," said Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., at hearing of the House oversight committee on Thursday. "It has failed miserably and unfortunately we are incapable of saying: OK, this was an experiment, it didn't work, let's try something else."

The program is designed to lower borrowers' monthly payments by reducing mortgage rates to as low as 2 percent for five years and extending loan terms up to 40 years. To complete the program, homeowners need to go through a three month trial period and provide proof of their income, plus a letter documenting their financial hardship.

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Spring Opera Spoof hopes to change opera misconceptions

By **BROOKE BELLOMY**
STAFF WRITER

Opera is often thought of as foreign and tragic, but Texas Tech's Music Department hopes to change these misconceptions with its Spring Opera Spoof.

Spring Opera Spoof is a parody of "Orpheus and the Underworld," by Jacques Offenbach. It is a Greek myth about a husband, Orpheus, venturing into the underworld, or hell, to rescue his wife, Eurydice.

The original opera was written in French but has been translated into English. The 21-person cast tweaked the script to turn it into a spoof.

In the spoofed version, Orpheus is not quite as willing to rescue his wife from the depths of hell.

The cast has been working on the music for the opera since April and has been rehearsing since January.

Meagan Rose Hearrell, a vocal performance graduate student from Abilene, plays Eurydice. She said she would describe the spoof as Mel Brooks-esque.

"The audience will laugh until they cry," she said.

Drew Henry, a junior music education major from Midland, said the audience will recognize several of the characters in the opera because they are based on people significant to Lubbock and Tech including a popular former coach for Tech.

Henry's character, Jupiter, is the Roman equivalent to Zeus, the Greek god of gods.

"It's a fun role to play," he said. "In the opera, Jupiter has a West Texas drawl that I've worked re-

ally hard not to have even though I grew up in West Texas."

Director Gerald Dolter, professor of music and area vocal chair, said nothing was off limits for the cast to spoof. He said the opera pokes fun at politics and Lubbock weather.

Dolter said he encourages audience members to attend the opera with open minds.

"Many people have the misconception that all opera is tragic and highbrow," he said. "This opera is funny and will be enjoyable to everyone."

Jonathan Fruge, a vocal music graduate student, plays the title character Orpheus and said he agrees everyone will be able to enjoy the opera.

"The opera is in common English language," he said. "It is very understandable and has a simple plot."

Fruge said he had to learn basic violin techniques for this play because his character appears on stage with an instrument Fruge had never played.

Hearrell, Henry and Fruge said they hope the audience leaves with a new understanding of opera.

"I hope the audience leaves knowing that opera can be fun, amusing and not boring," Hearrell said. "Mostly we hope they laugh and really enjoy themselves."

Spring Opera Spoof will be performed 7 p.m. today and Saturday in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased in the ticket booth in the basement of the SUB.

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PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Toreador
MEAGAN HEARRELL, A performance graduate student from Abilene, and Jonathan Fruge, a performance graduate student from Lubbock, practice in their final dress rehearsal for the upcoming opera spoof: "Orpheus and the Underworld."

Universal Orlando opens Harry Potter park June 18

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry will open to Muggles for the first time on June 18. The Three Broomsticks Inn, Honeydukes sweets and all the other quirky shops in Hogsmeade village will open then too.

That's when the non-wizarding public will be allowed to step into The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, the much-anticipated new attraction inside Universal Orlando's Islands of Adventure park that brings to life the weird and wonderful realm of the famous boy wizard.

And all those Potterphiles who've been waiting for the day they could peer into the Gryffindor House common room, soar on Harry's broomstick or quaff a butter beer in the Hog's Head pub will not be disappointed.

The theme park attraction was cre-

ated with the close collaboration of the set designers from the Potter movies, as well as with input from author J.K. Rowling, who first conjured the world in her imagination. The scope and attention to detail are stunning, from the bizarre bric-a-brac displayed in headmaster Albus Dumbledore's office inside the castle, to the boxes of magic wands stacked in the window at Ollivander's wand shop. (Located in Diagon Alley in the books, the shop was moved to Hogsmeade at Universal with Rowling's OK.)

"This is so authentic to what I experienced on the films that I find it hard to tell them apart," Alan Gilmore, who helped design sets for three of the Harry Potter movies before joining the attraction's creative team, said Wednesday on a media tour of the park. "I'm a stickler for detail, and I really haven't let go of these guys until it was perfect."

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David Kraus, the director of University Career Services, said the perception that law enforcement is traditionally a male-dominated field needs revising.

"Twenty-five years ago, there were fewer women doctors than there are now, but of course the numbers are changing," he said. "The glass door is breaking, so to speak."

Kraus said students should look at all of the options and opportunities available to make an informed decision when choosing a career, and said he hoped women would consider police work equal to any other career choices.

"Women bring different perspectives and diversity to any workforce," he said. "I think it makes us stronger."

Hoffman said Tech police tried to employ males and females equally, but there just aren't many females interested.

"Women meet the same requirements men do, and that's what we care about," he said. "The only thing against them is upper-body strength, but that's not even the case for all women."

Learning defensive tactics was especially important to Campbell. Being attacked while working in prison was one of Campbell's deciding factors to switch careers into the police force, she said.

It's not something you want to go

through, it changed me," she said. "In (the prison system) you're pretty much defenseless unless you can fight."

Campbell said preventing students from turning to crime is her main goal now.

"Going from the prison system to this, it's nice when you see that look on their face when you say something that might strike home, that they might go, 'You know what, I won't do that next time,'" Campbell said. "It's good to know that you've maybe changed somebody's life so they finish college and become a productive citizen instead of going down that road and ending up in the prison system."

Apart from prevention, Campbell deals with day-to-day police duties as well. She said one of the department's main jobs is to deal with parking lots because of reports of vehicle burglaries. She said she goes on calls and watches for anything out of the ordinary.

"We are on the east side of town, and sometimes we do have people who wander on campus who really don't have business here," Campbell said. "We look out for that for y'all's safety, for our safety, for employee's safety. We try a lot more to teach (students) than to punish them."

In the end, female or male, the police force's goals stay the same.

"Our main concern is the safety of the campus; no fires, no drunk drivers and no destruction or damage," Campbell said. "If we go home at the end of the day and there hasn't been anything happen, it's been a good day."

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Tech grad gets students going green

By **ALEXANDRA PEDRINI**
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The International Center for Arid and Semi-arid Land Studies and the International Cultural Center hosted the second annual Grass Roots Efforts to Ecologize Neighborhoods Awards Thursday night honoring Pamela Bibb, a local Murfee Elementary and Haynes Elementary school art teacher and Texas Tech graduate, for her environment-friendly work with students.

ICASLS and the ICC created this award for local kindergarten through 12th grade teachers who create environment-friendly programs to use in their classrooms to get the community involved with bettering the environment.

"We decided that we should go to the children in the schools who will get involved with a project who will tell their parents who will of course support their child and their project," said ICASLS director Aderbal Corrêa.

Bibb's idea had students working with household items that normally would have been thrown out to make into a piece of art. Students' families would get very involved, she said. Some students' parents and other relatives set large quantities of items to school for the students' class to use.

At the beginning of the year, Bibb approached groups of parents involved with recycling in the schools that helped collect and save the materials for this project, and the former principal of Murfee Elementary got her a storage building in which to keep the materials. "The support has been great," Bibb said.

Before beginning this six-week project, the third-grade students watched a video about American Indians that corresponded with what they read in their textbooks to learn about another culture, Bibb said. Third graders created their own Native American Kachinas while the fourth- and fifth-grade

classes created life-size recycled self-portraits.

"In this day and age, there's so much talk and push about (going green)," Bibb said. "It's good to bring it into importance in their school lives as well."

Corrêa said entries for the award do not need to be unique, just something to make students aware of what they can do to help the environment. "The way that you work in environmental conservation and protection is anything," Corrêa said. "If you want to use discarded objects for art, that's significant."

ICASLS offers cash prizes to the first-, second- and third-place winners of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively. Corrêa said ICASLS hopes the winners use the money to continue making their project work and become more sustainable. Bibb said she doesn't have plans for the money yet, but with her daughter's wedding coming up, she hopes to use it evenly since the budget for the art projects in the schools she works in is so low.

"I'll probably spread it out," Bibb said.

Before Bibb was given her award, Tech atmospheric sciences professor Katharine Hayhoe gave a presentation about climate change and why it matters in West Texas. Hayhoe spoke because she is the only Tech professor who "holds a piece of the Nobel prize" from working on the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Corrêa said. ICASLS wanted her to speak to the audience about the concerns people have on this topic, he said.

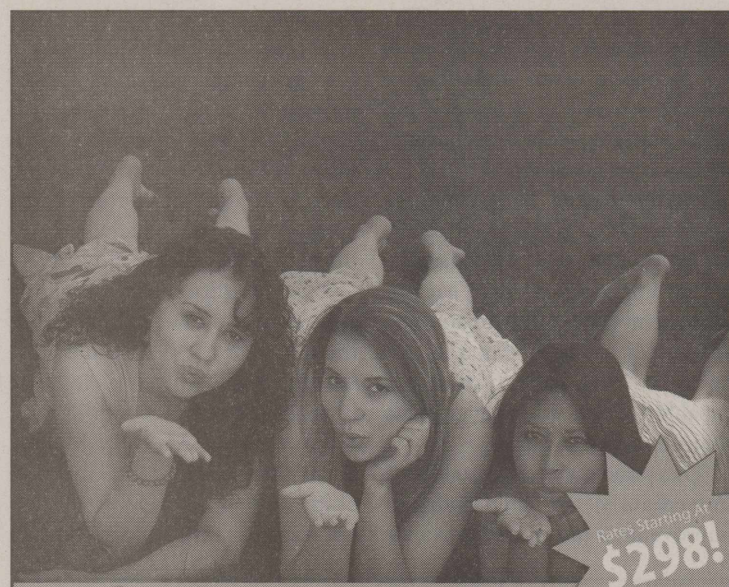
Hayhoe said she believes this is award will have an impact on students because "the things we learn when we're young tend to stick with us for the rest of our lives."

"Going green really means returning to our values of conserving what we have and improving the quality of our lives," Hayhoe said. "Going green is a lot about opportunities in the future."

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KATHERINE HAYHOE, A professor of atmospheric science, gives a presentation on global warming and ways to "go green" Thursday at the International Culture Center.



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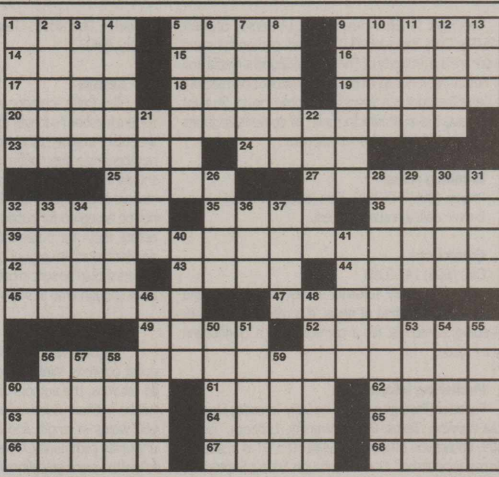
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By Jeff Chen

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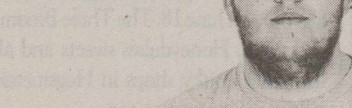
'Obamacare' historic, great for our nation

Sunday night, House members voted, debated, yelled and twisted arms to pass a piece of legislation that no one thought was possible. President Barack Obama faced many opponents in his fight for health care reform.

He faced a completely unified Republican Party. Not a single Republican voted for anything that helped this bill move along (with the exception of Sen. Olympia Snowe, who quickly flipped back). Many compromises were made (mainly by Liberals to Conservatives) and backroom deals done. But the end product is something that the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office reports will save the country \$138 billion during the next decade.

Obama and Liberals gave up early on the public option. This is something people must know. The public option is what many

Paul Williamson



Conservatives cried would cause a government run health care system. What was passed is not a public option. So Conservatives screaming "socialism" are just wrong.

Obama and Liberals also gave a major concession to conservatives in regards to abortions. With this compromise, no tax-payer dollars will go to elective abortions. If you buy insurance via the exchange, you can still have your private insurer pay for it so long as your plan is not funded via government subsidies.

People talk a lot about a loss of freedom by the individual mandate

this bill includes by forcing people to have insurance or face a fine. This is not a loss of freedom. My first question is: Where were all these cries during the Bush administration? Now the same people are speaking out against this?

It has become abundantly clear that when one does not have health insurance, one becomes a drain on the system later on in life because they do not have anyone to pay for them when they need emergency care. So, this mandate will provide a check to be able to pay their part into the system either through the fine or through their new insurance coverage.

It is much like the concept of car insurance. In a world without mandated car insurance, if you hit someone and can't pay, that other person is put at a disadvantage because of your wrong doing. If you have no health insurance, you

put the taxpayers at a disadvantage when you get injured or sick because tax payers foot the bill for your ER visit.

This, ironically, is what private insurers should be gleaming and drooling over because now all the people who do not have insurance will have to buy it. That's a ton of people to be adding to the market.

Look, the debate of health care reform versus no health care reform comes down to one issue: morality.

The number of uninsured Americans is more than 30 million. According to a report by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a philanthropy organization, that number could have

grown close to 60 million without health care reform.

According to a Harvard study, nearly 45,000 deaths are linked to lack of health insurance. These are deaths that are absolutely on the hands of our current system. Without reform, these numbers would surely rise because the number of uninsured was going to grow.

Action had to be taken. There is no denying this. Our government could not just sit there and do nothing while tens of thousands of its citizens died.

Health Medical

The caps on premiums will make insurance much more affordable for families living without adequate income. Forcing companies to cover more and charge less will make it to where preventable care becomes possible. Stopping the process of denying coverage based on preexisting conditions will ensure that everyone will have access to coverage.

Our congress had a moral obligation to act. If you oppose it then you need to ask yourself this question, how many more people had to die before our nation woke up and smelled the coffee? You say this is the wrong health reform, but if it did not get done this year, it would never be done.

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Everybody has breaking point for civility, even politicians

I'm generally a believer in civility. I'll follow along with it right up until the moment I become very annoyed, then it all goes out the window.

Surprisingly enough, I'm not particularly vocal during discussions in class, however. There are plenty of opportunities for me to voice my opinion in one of the media outlets I'm involved with, so I like to sit back and listen to the arguments in class. This helps me to better understand the other side and sometimes gain a deeper understanding of how not to present and argue my points. Many people choose to do this, and I think it's a good learning tool to shut one's mouth and listen now and then.

There's only so much a person can take, though.

Lubbock Congressman Randy Neugebauer is, by and large, a fairly laid-back individual. Even though the 19th Congressional District has sent him back to Washington for a number of years now, he doesn't have the same attitude common among politicians in general.

Cole Shooter



Some choose to act as if the proletariat is expected to curtsy and kiss their rings, or they throw on the most fake of smiles and accents and try to convince those in the area they're really a normal person, despite being pleased that they're not. Neugebauer simply isn't that kind of guy.

He, like many Republicans against the Democrats' health care bill, had simply had enough.

Neugebauer chose to make his opinion known to the U.S. House of Representatives Sunday night, as the Democrats were getting ready to take the U.S. health care sector from bad to worse.

After Michigan Rep. Bart Stupak threw down his pro-life boxing gloves on the house floor, Neugebauer yelled, "It's a baby killer," in

reference to the "Affordable Health Care for America Act" that will turn out to be anything but affordable.

Somehow, it became widely believed Neugebauer had called Stupak a "baby killer," which he claims wasn't his intention, and I believe him on this matter. I'm also quite pleased about the outpouring of support Neugebauer has received from the 19th Congressional district about his outburst.

Perhaps it wasn't the proper venue in which to present the exclamation, but I can't say that I've got any problem with the congressman making it. Neugebauer hasn't made excuses for his actions, and has

apologized for the misunderstanding to the one whom the outburst was once thought to have been directed at, even though Stupak really didn't deserve it.

I didn't really have any problem with Joe Wilson shouting, "You lie," to President Barack Obama either, but that's likely no surprise. Perhaps I've watched a bit too much of the British Parliament's Question Time, but I think the politely seething goings-on of the American political system are a bit unhealthy.

We get very few opportunities to see the intellectual workings of our executive and legislative branch members due to this, and I think

it's a shame. Rather than hearing decent heated debate and righteous political passion on a bipartisan scale, which could help to educate the voting public, most things are restricted to prepared speeches and thinly veiled comments about "distinguished colleagues."

Unless, of course, you're Rahm Emanuel, in which case a gym shower is the place for more spirited discussion. I'd like to see how Obama would fare in an actual debate because I highly doubt he would be terribly brilliant without his beloved teleprompter.

I also don't care that Vice President Joe Biden dropped the biggest expletive-bomb that one can utter while a microphone is around. I didn't care when former President George W. Bush used a naughty word, nor when former Vice President Dick Cheney did. Goodness knows former President Lyndon B. Johnson was quite adept at his creative expletives.

It's as if many of these people who grouchy cluck about these people's language would have

us believe they haven't actually uttered the words themselves at some point. The easiest way to find out if a member of the communication constabulary is lying about their language chastity is to see if they've got a driver's license.

An officeholder's choice to be a bit less traditional in their location has no effect on their ability to conduct their jobs well, their true moral code or their demeanor as a person in general. Biden's quip has no bearing on anything relevant to his position, and Neugebauer's outburst on the house floor made me think a little bit more of him, because he had the courage to say what the other Republicans were thinking.

I find the language that some are sticking into legislation much more offensive than anything they'd utter a bit too loudly near a microphone or yell in just a few words on the house floor.

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Pentagon eases enforcement of military ban on gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon made it harder to boot gays out of the military Thursday, acting on its own while Congress considers President Barack Obama's goal of lifting the ban on gays serving openly.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates approved new rules to ease enforcement of the 1993 congressional ban, saying the changes reflect "common sense and common decency."

The new guidelines, meant to keep the "don't ask, don't tell" law from being used to launch witch hunts or settle grudges, represent the first significant step by the administration to address what Obama calls an injustice. The changes would tighten the rules for evidence when someone reports that a soldier is gay and put higher-ranking officers in charge of dismissal proceedings.

An estimated 13,000 people have been discharged under the law. Although most of the dismissals have been the result of gay service members outing themselves, advocates for repeal of the law say it has been used to drum out capable soldiers who never made their sexuality an issue.

Gates said the changes, effective immediately, are "an important improvement in the way the law is

put into practice," short of repealing it. The changes give "a greater measure of common sense and common decency for handling what are complex and difficult issues for all involved," he told a Pentagon news conference.

Gay rights groups have long advocated for these changes, contending that the rules unfairly kept gay troops from seeking medical help or reporting domestic abuse for fear of being exposed and expelled.

Mike Almy, a former Air Force major who was fired in 2006 for being gay, says he believes he would have kept his job had these new guidelines been in effect at the time.

Almy was dismissed after a routine computer search turned up personal e-mails he wrote while deployed in Iraq. After the e-mails were given to his commander, he was handed discharge papers marked "homosexual admission" as the reason for leaving the service.

"It's going to stop the most vile aspects of the law," Almy said of the rules. But "it's not a substitute for full repeal, which has to come from Congress."

Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, support a repeal of the law but want to move slowly to ensure

the changes won't hurt the military's effectiveness. Gates ordered a review, due Dec. 1, on how the military would implement a repeal, should Congress change the law.

"Doing it hastily is very risky," Gates said Thursday.

The changes he announced take effect immediately and apply to current as well as future cases. Pentagon officials said they were unsure how many people the new rules might affect.

Among the new guidelines is a requirement that the firing of gay enlisted personnel be done by an officer at a rank at least equivalent to a one-star general.

The guidelines also say that information supplied by third parties should be given under oath and that testimony from a person who might be seeking revenge shouldn't be allowed. No longer admissible in dismissal cases is information given in confidence to lawyers, clergy, psychotherapists or medical professionals.

As for outright repeal of the ban, it is unclear whether there is enough support in Congress. Conservative Democrats have joined Republicans in warning against lifting the ban at a time of two wars, and even the go-slow effort has strong critics in and outside the military.

In a defiant letter in the military newspaper "Stars and Stripes," a three-star Army general recently called efforts to repeal the ban ill advised and urged troops and their families to speak up.

"Now is the time to write your elected officials and chain of command and express your views," Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, who commands Army troops in the Pacific theater, wrote this month.

In a rare public admonishment of another senior-ranking officer, Mullen said Thursday that it was inappropriate for an officer — particularly of Mixon's rank and stature — to publicly challenge the president's priorities.

"The answer is not advocacy. It is, in fact, to vote with your feet," Mullen said at the Pentagon.

Mixon's office declined to comment, and it was not immediately clear whether he would be reprimanded. Army spokesman Col. Tom Collins said Mixon's letter did not represent the views of Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey.

The Pentagon didn't officially begin tallying discharges until a few years after the law was implemented, and official figures show roughly 11,000 discharged since 1997 with the peak in 2001 before the military became strained by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

'Pole tax' goes before Texas court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The fate of the so-called "pole tax" in Texas strip clubs is now in the hands of the state Supreme Court.

The court heard arguments Thursday in San Antonio about whether a \$5 entrance fee at strip clubs, mandated by state lawmakers in 2007, is unconstitutional.

The state has so far collected more than

\$13.6 million from the fee. But many clubs have ignored the fee, which is intended to fund programs for sexual assault victims.

Justices questioned both sides at length about whether free expression is at stake under the law. Lower courts have sided with strip clubs, ruling that the fee does improperly single out nude dancing for regulation.

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LA Angels' Kazmir scratches from start in 9-6 win

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero doubled after receiving a standing ovation from Angels fans, but the Texas Rangers lost to Los Angeles 9-6 Thursday. Angels left-hander Scott Kazmir was scratched from what would have been his third spring start. Manager

Mike Scioscia said Kazmir had fatigued left deltoid muscle. Scioscia said Kazmir would have been able to pitch in a late-season game in the pennant race, but saw no need to rush him. Kazmir said he could have pitched and that he had time to get ready.

Myers hurts groin in Astros' 8-7 loss to Phillies

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Brett Myers' spring training homecoming came to an abrupt end when the Houston Astros' right-hander left with a mild left groin strain in Thursday's 8-7 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies. Greg Dobbs hit a two-out single to left to score John Mayberry, Jr. in the ninth inning to lift the Phillies to the win. The 29-year-old Myers, who spent eight seasons with the Phillies, was replaced by Chris Sampson after facing one batter in the sixth inning. Myers

was hurt while covering first base when Philadelphia first baseman Ross Gload grounded out to open the sixth. Myers, who will be reevaluated Friday, doesn't expect to miss his next start. "I felt something, and I learned from previous muscle stuff to not push it again," said Myers, who allowed three runs on seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. "I gave it one throw and felt it a little bit and thought, 'It's not worth it.' If I did keep going, I could have (been out) a month instead of like three days."

Former NFL linebacker Elijah Alexander dead at 39

DALLAS (AP) — Former NFL linebacker Elijah Alexander has died after a nearly five-year battle with cancer. He was 39. Medical City Hospital spokeswoman Bianca Jackson said Alexander died Wednesday night at the Dallas facility. She declined to comment on cause of death. Alexander was diagnosed with mul-

tiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow, in 2005, four years after his career ended in Oakland. The former Kansas State player spent nine seasons with four teams. After one year with Tampa Bay in 1992, Alexander spent three seasons each in Denver and Indianapolis. He made 29 starts in 30 games for Oakland during the final two years of his career in 2000-01.

Latest round of steroids tests yields 2 positives

AUSTIN (AP) — The latest round of steroid tests on Texas public high school athletes caught two using performance-enhancing drugs and a third with high testosterone levels. That's out of more than 3,100 tested from September through

December 2009. The University Interscholastic League released the figures on Thursday. Seven other tests in that bunch are considered positive because the athletes either refused to provide a urine sample or had unexcused absences when they were selected.

Tech softball faces new challenge as Big 12 Conference play opens against Iowa State

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN
STAFF WRITER

The last two seasons, Texas Tech softball has limped into Big 12 Conference play with losing records and low expectations for the postseason. This year is different. "Our only goal all year is to make the postseason, and when I say postseason I mean a regional bid," said first-year Texas Tech coach Shanon Hays. "And our girls know that every game is important when you're looking at it that way."

The Red Raiders (28-4) are easily off to their best start ever heading into Big 12 play. Tech hosts Iowa State (20-12) in both team's Big 12 opener 2 p.m. Saturday at Rocky Johnson field. The Red Raiders and Cyclones also will meet at noon Sunday. This week, Tech earned votes in both major softball polls — the 2010 USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association and the 2010 ESPN.com/USA Softball polls. It is the first such occurrence for the team this season. Iowa State is also unranked, but Hays said he will not take the series against the Cyclones lightly. Hays said competing in the Big 12 is going to be tough for his team, and they cannot afford to look past any

conference opponents because of the competition in the league. "It's the upper echelon in college softball," he said of the Big 12. "I think along with the Pac-10 and SEC, I think those are the three strongest leagues in the country, and the pre-conference games have proven that. So you know, it's going to be a challenge but it's going to be a fun challenge for our girls."

Tech had an unexpected week off after competing in Florida last weekend. The double-header against Arkansas Pine-Bluff scheduled for Wednesday was canceled Tuesday afternoon because of the threat of poor weather. The extra day off gave some ailing Red Raiders a chance to rest up, including senior Leah Legler. The shortstop hurt her throwing hand in a game against Long Island on March 19. On Tuesday, she said she hoped

to play against Iowa State, but may be limited to being the designated player and not playing the field. Legler said as long as the team can keep up solid pitching, hitting and defense, they will be tough for any Big 12 team to beat. "We're not going to be able to make some of the mistakes that we've been making and we have just got to stay focused all seven innings," she said. "But I think we can do it. We'll have a good week of practice this week. Really we've just got to stay focused and not let some



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH'S Karli Merlich makes a pitch during one of the Red Raiders' games this season at Rocky Johnson Field.

These games are going to be a lot more difficult but you have to approach the game with the mindset of, 'you can lose.'

EMILY BLEDSOE
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TEXAS TECH

of the errors we've been making affect us." Leading the Red Raiders in batting average going into Big 12 play is sophomore Emily Bledsoe. She is hitting .413, which puts her in the top five of that Big 12 for players with at least 50 at bats. Bledsoe said there are more nerves surrounding conference play, but it's

important to use those nerves to her advantage. "These games are going to be a lot more difficult but you have to approach the game with the mindset of, 'you can lose,'" she said. "You have to approach each game with all you've got and you've just got to lay it out there each game."

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Tech baseball has big opportunity in Texas series

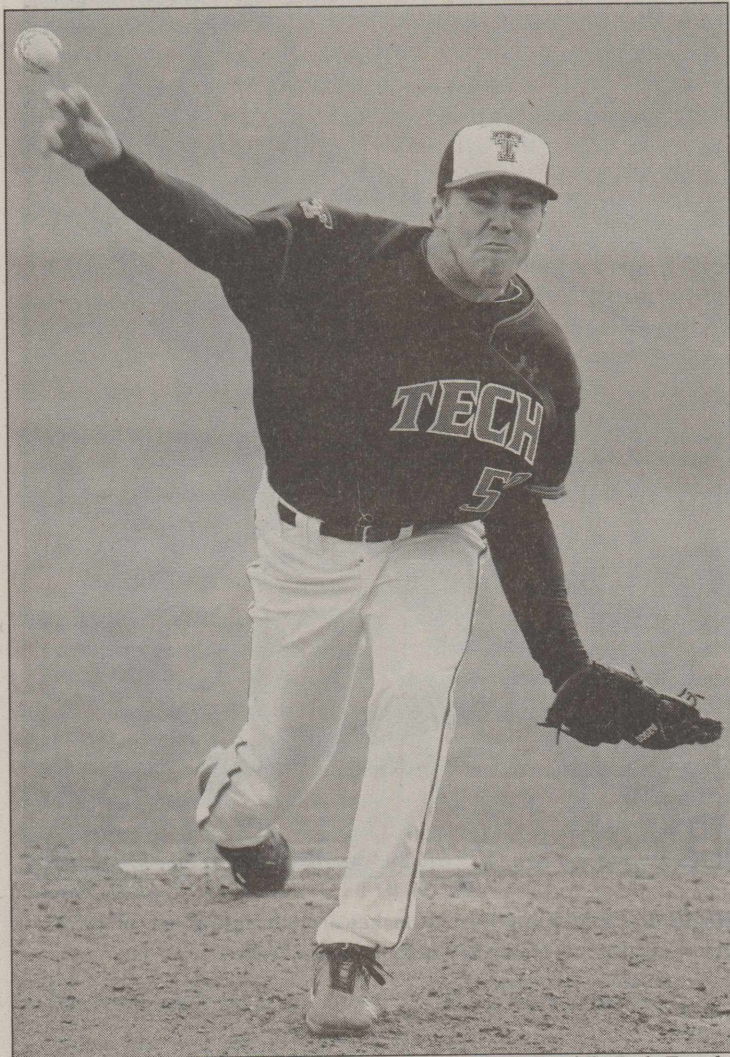


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BRENNEN STEWART PITCHES against Texas A&M Corpus Christi on Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The hype a series against Texas carries doesn't bother Texas Tech shortstop Joey Kenworthy.

Although fans and spectators are a little eager to circle the date Texas comes to town on the schedule, Kenworthy believes it's best to approach it like every other game.

"They're college baseball players just like we are," he said. "I see them just as others dudes on the baseball field. I don't really get involved with the hype of 'Oh the Longhorns this, Longhorns that.' I really just don't let that affect me. I just see them as — I'm just as good as that dude on the mound, so let's go ahead and roll."

It's that confidence the Red Raiders might need to carry this weekend in one of the biggest series of the year.

Putting aside whatever hype comes with this matchup, the Red Raiders (11-12, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play) have a chance to make a statement in conference play in a three-game series against No. 10 Texas.

The series begins at 6:30 p.m. today and is followed by games at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday at Dan Law Field. Saturday's start time originally was set for 5 p.m., but with winds expected to be strong early in the day, the time was pushed back.

All eyes were on Texas (16-5, 2-1) at the beginning of the season — the Longhorns were picked as the preseason No. 1 team in the nation in all four major college baseball polls. Additionally, Texas was in the College World Series last season.

But now, the Longhorns' highest ranking is at No. 8 in the Baseball

America and USA Today/ESPN Top 25 coaches' baseball poll. What probably gave Texas a lot of early-season merit was its rotation. It's a rotation Dan Spencer said has no drop-off — every arm is talented.

Texas is expected to throw Taylor Jungmann (2-0, 1.98 ERA) out on the mound Friday.

Cole Green (4-0, 3.00 ERA) and Brandon Workman (3-1, 2.94 ERA) follow Jungmann on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. The three are instrumental to a staff that has a 2.34 combined ERA.

But the Red Raiders have been

coming on as of late in the lineup, seeing production from players such as Jamodrick McGruder in the leadoff spot and Taylor Ashby at the bottom.

And Texas' pitching impresses McGruder, but he believes his teammates will keep the bats going this weekend.

Texas may not produce a ton of offense, but Doran said the Longhorns get key hits when they need them.

"They're clutch is what they are," he said. "I think they've won like four or five game-winning hits. That's the thing. You know you have to keep them down and you have to finish the game. Like coach says, 'The men pitch in the seventh, eighth and ninth.' We're going to have to try and hold them down in the seventh, eighth and ninth. Those are going to be huge innings for us."

The opportunity this series poses may be too good to pass up. Players believe taking two of three from the Longhorns will have Tech in good position in the Big 12 as conference play rolls on.

Although a series such as this one may have emotions running high, Spencer said he expects his players to be prepared no matter what.

"I think you have to keep emotions in check, but our guys do a pretty good job — and I know there's games where they rise and the ebb and the flow ...," he said. "Our guys do a pretty good job of getting ready to play, whoever we're playing. Whether it's a noon Wednesday game and there's not as many people in the house or it's Rice at the Minute Maid Classic and there's 10,000."

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JOEY KENWORTHY
SHORTSTOP
TEXAS TECH

It seems like Neely and Doran don't have much to worry about when it comes to Texas' lineup. The Longhorns are the worst offense in the Big 12, statistically. Their .263 average as a team ranks last in the conference.

Blue Devils hope to avoid underachieving

HOUSTON (AP) — Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski cringes at the notion that his teams have failed to live up to the program's high standards in recent years.

The Blue Devils (31-5), the top seed in the South Regional, will try to reach the round of eight for the first time since 2004 when they face No. 4 seed Purdue (29-5) on Friday night.

Duke leads all teams with a .750 winning percentage in the tournament (a 90-30 record), but the road has ended in the regional semifinals in three of the last five seasons, with losses to lower-seeded teams. The Blue Devils didn't even survive the opening weekend in 2007 and '08.

Krzyzewski counters critics by point-

ing to the 11 trips to the round of 16 in 13 seasons and the 111 victories over the past four seasons. Sure, Duke hasn't been to the Final Four since 2004, but Krzyzewski would rather face the challenge of getting the program back than leading one to its first.

"Since and never," Krzyzewski said. "Try to look at those words and see which category you would rather be in. We like being in the 'since' category."

Purdue's pedigree leans toward the 'never,' with no Final Four appearances since the field expanded to 64 teams in 1985. The Boilermakers are back in the regional semifinals for the second straight year, but haven't advanced to the round of eight since 2000.

Tech begins outdoor season with Texas Tech Open

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track and field team may be looking forward to what the outdoor season bring after a taste of success at the 2010 Indoor NCAA Championships.

The team's focus on the outdoor season begins with today's Texas Tech Open at the Terry and Linda Fuller Track Complex. The meet will start with field events at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. for running events.

Tech head coach Wes Kittley said his team shouldn't have too much trouble making a transition.

"It's a little different but the competition part of it is the same," he said. "I think that part of indoors really helps you start the outdoor season, so that's what I like about the indoors. It gets you in a competing mode but the difference is we're on a big track now, you've got weather conditions that are different."

"That momentum I believe carries over from indoors, and like I said, we're looking forward to getting started."

But a couple of his athletes may have a little extra momentum going into today's events.

Sophomore Jamele Mason got an early start on the outdoor season after running for Puerto Rico last week at the Fifth Carolina Spring Break Classic, posting a time of 51.32 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles — good for first place. He followed that up with a second-place finish in the

110-meter hurdles, running a 14.61.

Mason said his performance was a good way of measuring his standing, but he only expects to improve every meet.

"It was definitely a great eye-opener to where I'm at and how strong I am this season," he said. "I'm definitely not going to hold on to that because I plan on getting better each week, but it was definitely good mentally to know where I'm at coming into this weekend at the Texas Tech (Open)."

Mason is running in the same two events today.

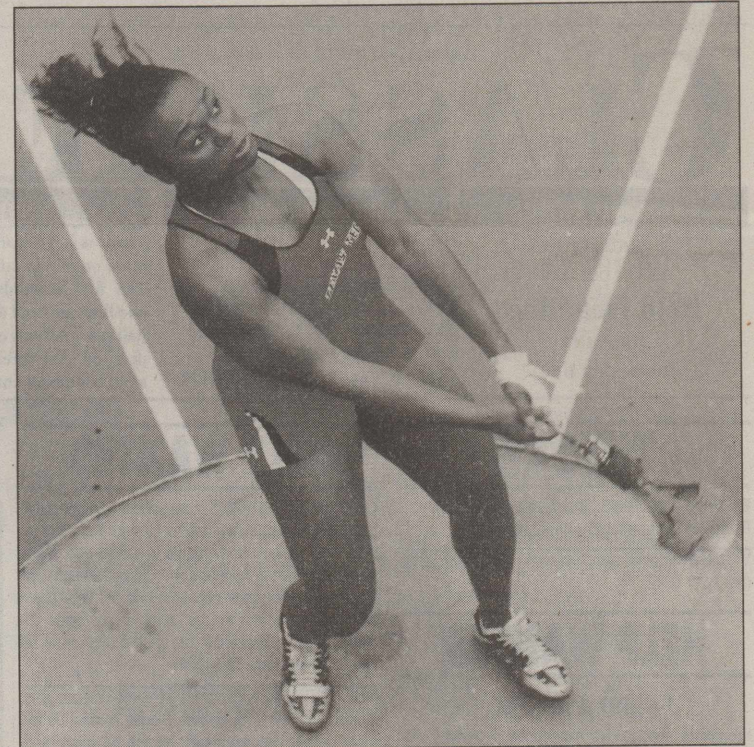
Other notable performances include Ozie Okolie's win in hammer throw and Julian Wruck's win in discus at the Horned Frog Invitational. Okolie and Wruck both rank third in the nation in their respective events.

But for the most part, today will be the debut for a majority of the team in an outdoor setting.

Kittley said he isn't as concerned with times and wins as he is with his athletes getting some repetition and experience.

"We really are wanting to use this week to run kids in one or two events, to get a great workout in, but then also create a little bit of that adrenaline rush that you get out of a competition," he said. "It's not as important as Texas Relays, but it's just another good meet to get some work in."

Some of today's participants include senior Tori Smith, who holds the women's school and facility record in the 100-meter hurdles. National qualifiers Lillian Badaru



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TEXAS TECH'S OZIE Okolie and the track and field team start the 2010 outdoor season with the Texas Tech Open this weekend.

in the 5,000-meter, Gladys Kipsang in the 1500-meter and Gilbert Limo in the 3K Steeple all return for another show at the NCAA Outdoor Championships later this season.

This meet is a few days before Texas Relays in Austin, one of the more high-profile meets of the year that features some of the top teams in Texas.

But Mason said despite the impor-

ance of the Texas Relays, he is focused on using today as a launching pad towards achieving his season goal.

"As far as myself, I take it one step at a time," he said. "You use each meet as a stepping stone for the next one and you have a goal towards the end of the season — you use each week to try to get better and get that goal."

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Busy, crucial weekend ahead for Lady Raiders as Big 12 play continues

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

It's tough enough to play two matches in the same weekend, but it's even tougher when one is on the road and the other at home.

That is the challenge facing No. 67 Texas Tech (5-6, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play) as it faces No. 35 Texas (6-3, 2-0) and No. 44 Texas A&M (7-4, 2-0) today and Sunday, respectively.

Freshman Sandra Dynka said this weekend requires a different type of preparation. The Texas match is in Austin and the Texas A&M match is at McLeod Tennis Center.

"It takes a little bit more mental preparation to travel for sure, just because you get tired traveling, you're not playing in the conditions you're used to," she said. "Obviously I think we have to be a little more focused and expect the unexpected."

The Lady Raiders are coming off their first Big 12 victory against Oklahoma State last weekend, and on Tuesday the team broke into the most recent ITA rankings.

Tech faces Texas at 1 p.m. today in Austin in its fourth Big 12 match of the season, and it is the Longhorns' third.

Three of the Longhorns' losses came earlier this season against three ranked opponents including Tennessee, TCU and Stanford. But coming into the match against Tech, Texas is riding a five-match winning streak, including its last two wins against Big 12 opponents.

Texas so far has notched conference wins against Kansas and Kansas State — the Longhorns swept both matches in Austin.

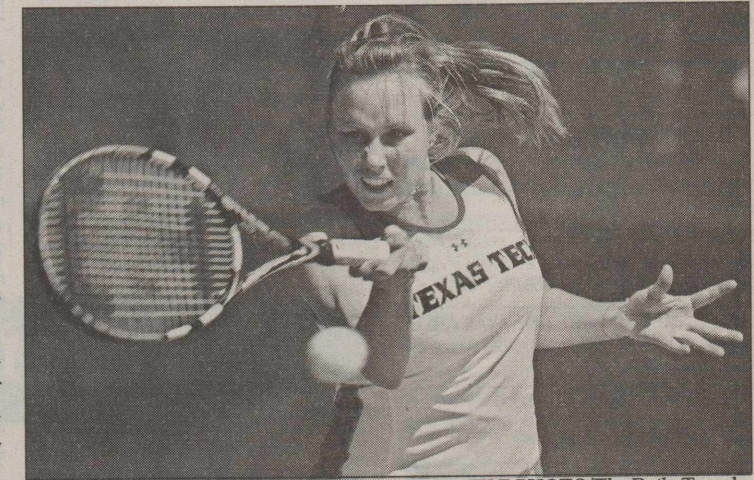
After the match today Tech will travel back to Lubbock to prepare for Texas A&M on Sunday. The Lady Raiders will face the Aggies at 1 p.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

Texas A&M has notched some big victories this season including wins against San Diego, LSU and TCU, all of which were on the road.

Once the Aggies returned to College Station, unranked Texas A&M edged then-No. 14 Arkansas 4-3 for the upset. Like the Longhorns, the Aggies have won back-to-back Big 12 matches, also coming against Kansas and Kansas State.

A&M also brings in junior Morgan Frank, who earned a Big 12 Tennis Players of the Week award Tuesday.

Facing two ranked conference opponents in the same weekend may be a



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S STEFANIE Peana will lead the women's tennis team this weekend as the Lady Raiders take on Texas and Texas A&M.

tall task, especially with both teams on a winning streak. But junior Kelsy Garland said the path to victory does not all start on the court.

"I think physically, we do this every day, so I think we are physically fit for the match," she said. "But mentally it comes down to who's mentally tougher to battle between each point. Who's going to come out nonstop and stay mentally tough throughout the whole match whether adversity is there or not."

After getting their first Big 12 victory

of the season, Tech coach Todd Petty said the Lady Raiders are carrying confidence into the matches this weekend.

"More than anything I think the momentum of saying we've done it once, we know we can do it," he said. "But we have to put that same effort out there, is the key."

The Tech men's tennis matches against UTSA and New Mexico this weekend in Lubbock were canceled because of high winds expected in the area.

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