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Raiderville returns for game vs. Texas



STUDENTS ERECTED TENTS between the Mechanical Engineering building and the Exercise Sciences Center to form Raiderville on Sunday night. Those who camp out in Raiderville will be first in line for the football game against Texas.

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Campers set up about 120 tents as of Monday

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

A hurricane-like rainstorm during Kurtis Vanderpool's freshman year didn't stop him from camping out in Raiderville with about 50 other people in order to be at the front of the line for the Texas A&M game.

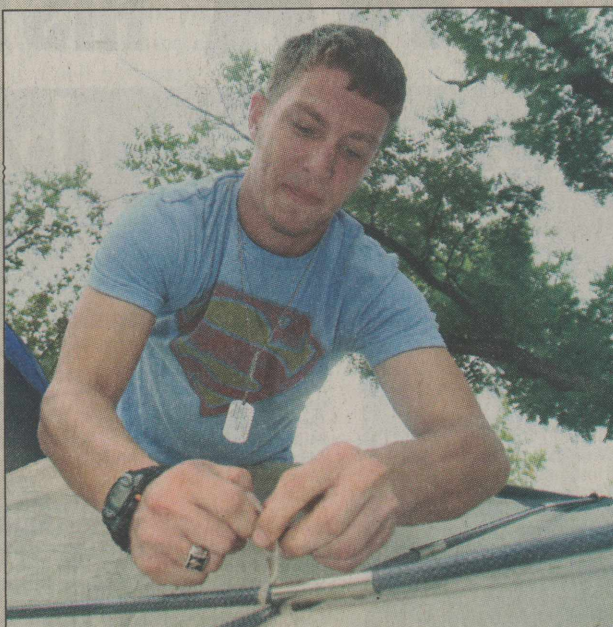
He said the group of people didn't spend a single moment in their tents to hide from the storm, but instead bonded together to make Raiderville what it is today.

"A hurricane came through, rain

and wind, and we thought we'd be stupid and tough and all stood outside in it, hanging out with each other, talking in a circle," Vanderpool said. "We didn't hide in our tents for one minute."

Now, Vanderpool, a senior general studies major from Wolforth and co-mayor of Raiderville, said the experiences with people, not the front-of-the-line benefits, are what really matter in the tent town by the Southwest Conference Circle.

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CORY LILLEY, A freshman civil engineering major from Houston, sets up a tent rain fly in Raiderville between the Mechanical Engineering building and the exercise sciences center on Monday.

Institute promotes higher education through diversity

Center encourages faculty to increase equity, diversity

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Institute for Inclusive Excellence encourages tenured track faculty from all departments across campus to join in a collaborative effort to gain a better understanding of how diversity and equity among Tech faculty can enhance student learning.

Juan Muñoz, the vice president of the division of institutional diversity, equity and community engagement, said diversity among Tech's faculty creates more academic value for students.

"Increasingly, the vernacular of inclusive excellence permeates higher education," he said. "We've been inviting staff from every possible major and department on campus."

Applications to the institute are

available to all tenured track faculty.

"The application process is available to ladder-ranked faculty from different disciplines with different ranks," Muñoz said. "This includes assistant, associate and full professors."

The institute provides faculty members with numerous tools and resources to promote inclusive excellence.

"Members attend two to three modules a year that have different themes associated with them, including equal opportunity, human resources, recruitment and retention and a focus on student issues," he said.

The module this year will look at tying diversity into curriculum, including topics such as global diversities and human geography, Muñoz said.

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PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

Texas Tech Running Back Eric Stephens was named the Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after his performance against UNM Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M. STORY, Page 7

Twitter revolutionizes exchange of information

Tech professor researches benefits of teaching with social network website

By CAROLINE COURTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Twitter is a social network. Right? Not entirely. Last Wednesday, Dr. Shannon Rinaldo, assistant professor of marketing at Texas Tech, gave a presentation on the benefits of using

this social media in the classroom. "Social media is no longer simply social," Rinaldo said. "It is a tool used for exchanging information."

Initially using Twitter in her classroom as an experiment three semesters ago, Rinaldo said, she was surprisingly satisfied with the results and began

researching the outcomes of using such a method of teaching.

"I found that Twitter gets students incorporated into class discussion," Rinaldo said, "because they're not intimidated like they would be to speak up in front of 90 of their classmates."

Rinaldo utilizes Twitter by posting links to supplemental readings. She ensures her students receive the electronic link by tweeting each

comment with a hashtag at the end. This hashtag makes the link available to all her students.

This revolutionary method of learning offers a benefit to everyone in the class. However, Rinaldo said not everyone chooses to use it.

"Twitter does present some problems," she said. "There is just no way to monitor classes with 90 students."

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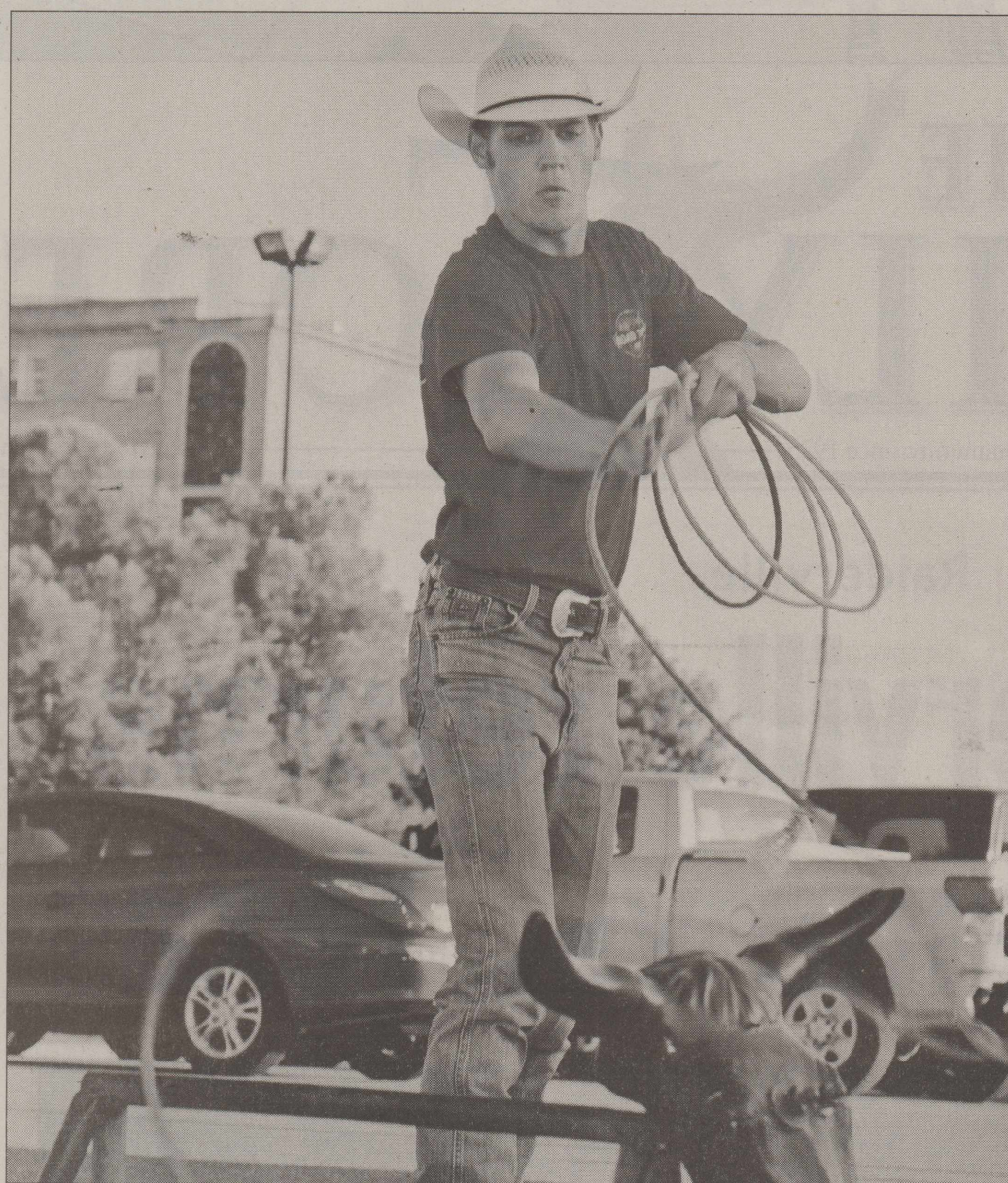


PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador
COLE LANGLEY, A freshman animal production major from Tyler, practices roping in the Murdough parking lot Monday.

Diverse

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Joaquin Borrego, an assistant professor in the department of psychology, said the institute also provides faculty resources to better understand the student population.

"They have brought in national speakers from different corporations and universities," he said, "and provide us a multitude of resources that can be used in all different departments of the university."

The institute helps carry out Tech's mission of having a diverse environment around campus, Borrego said.

"Inclusive excellence is a professional value that I have," he said. "For faculty and students, it enhances the learning environment."

The institute helps faculty to think about diversity and equity in the classroom and in their teaching, Munoz said.

"It's not just the content," he said. "It's about organizing the class to create an environment where students interact and think about ideas."

Linda Donahue, an associate professor in the department of theater and dance, said promoting inclusive excellence helps the Tech community feel comfortable with the campus environment.

"Inclusive excellence means creating a welcoming atmosphere on campus for everyone, including staff, faculty, students and community members," she said.

The institute is trying to make students and faculty recognize the institution is better by promoting diversity and striving for excellence, Donahue said.

"We spend a lot of time and effort getting the best," she said, "and we want to keep them here."

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Former PM Tony Blair gets Liberty Medal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair received the Liberty Medal on Monday for his global human rights work and commitment to international conflict resolution.

The Philadelphia-based National Constitution Center gives the medal annually to individuals or organizations whose actions strive to bring liberty to people worldwide.

Blair was honored for his work with the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, which promotes religious tolerance; for his initiative to improve governance in Africa; and for advancing peace in Northern Ireland and the Middle East, among other efforts.

After accepting the award from former President Bill Clinton, Blair said that liberty is the result of "ordinary human beings doing extraordinary things in the midst of Earth-changing events."

"Liberty is not acquired by accident," Blair said. "It's won by endeavor."

The tribute comes amid publicity for Blair's best-selling memoir, "A Journey," which was released Sept. 1. The

autobiography re-energized British and Irish anti-war protesters, who continue to blast Blair for supporting the U.S. invasion of Iraq. A hostile crowd threw shoes and eggs at him at a book-signing in Dublin this month, and he canceled a similar event in London for fear of disruption.

Blair, who led Britain from 1997 to 2007, received a much warmer reception at the Constitution Center, where a friendly crowd of about 1,250 watched the outdoor ceremony within sight of Independence Hall.

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Study tests subjects' retention of ads while texting and driving

By BROOKE BELLOMY
STAFF WRITER

Professors Gavin Fox and Shannon Rinaldo, both from Texas Tech's Rawls College of Business, with Kirk St. Amant of East Carolina University, completed a two-week study last spring that had participants send and receive text messages while operating a driving-simulation video game.

The study did not aim to test the accuracy or inaccuracy of the participants' driving ability as one might have assumed. Instead, the study measured the retention and effectiveness of the text messages participants received while they were driving.

Fox and Rinaldo recruited 300 Tech students to test text messaging marketing campaigns while in a distracted state, driving an Xbox video game, and a non-distracted state, not driving.

Fox said text messaging and word-of-mouth marketing have typically been studied in an undistracted state only, but that scenario isn't true to real life.

"We're living in a distracted world," he said.

Two styles of messages were sent to participants. One messaging style used alliterative language such as "fantastic features" or "superior service". The other messaging style used expletive, boisterous language with symbols and randomly capitalized letters. The participants were also asked to resend the messages.

"(The study) found that when the brain is distracted," said Fox, "alliterative messages are memorized and retained with more accuracy than boisterous language



PHOTO COURTESY OF GAVIN FOX
THE STUDY MEASURED the retention and effectiveness of the text message participants received while driving an Xbox video game.

messages."

When not distracted, Fox said, alliterative messages are rendered ineffective, and the participants reacted more positively to the boisterous language messages.

This is because the cognitive load tasks will split the brain's focus. Part of the brain is focused on driving and the other part of the brain is focused on the task of reading, retaining and responding to the text message, Fox said.

"When the brain is distracted, it can't jump up and down and read the boisterous language," Fox said. "The brain gets frustrated."

At the end of the study, participants received prizes and incentives for participating in the study. Rinaldo said scantrons turned out to be a big hit among

the participants.

Fox, Rinaldo and St. Amant split the study into two parts and sent them to the Journal of Consumer Research. One is already set to be published and the other is under review, the preliminary stage before publication.

Although the danger of texting while operating a vehicle was not the primary goal of the study, Fox said, the study still found startling results, consistent with the research already out.

"(The study) reported really bad error rates when students received or responded to text messages," said Fox. "Students made an average of 13 more errors when texting and driving than when their complete focus was just on driving."

Rinaldo said she now uses the study as an example in the classes she is teaching.

"Students are very interested in learning about the study, the research and the findings," said Rinaldo. "They want to know what we're doing, and want to participate in future studies."

The equipment, funded by a Rawls College of Business grant, will be reused in future studies by the college. Although specifics have not yet been worked out, Fox said he is working on two studies for the spring. One will study consumer brand loyalty and reactions to competitive advertising, and another that will study customer reactions to the language used by sales people in various situations.

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Adaptable gene creates dangerous, resistant superbugs

BOSTON (AP)—An infectious-disease nightmare is unfolding: Bacteria that have been made resistant to nearly all antibiotics by an alarming new gene have sickened people in three states and are popping up all over the world, health officials reported Monday.

The U.S. cases and two others in Canada all involve people who had recently received medical care in India, where the problem is widespread. A British medical journal revealed the risk last month in an article describing dozens of cases in Britain in people who had gone to India for medical procedures.

How many deaths the gene may have caused is unknown; there is no central tracking of such cases. So far, the gene has mostly been found in bacteria that cause gut or urinary infections. Scientists have long feared

this — a very adaptable gene that hitchhikes onto many types of common germs and confers broad drug resistance, creating dangerous "superbugs."

"It's a great concern," because drug resistance has been rising and few new antibiotics are in development, said Dr. M. Lindsay Grayson, director of infectious diseases at the University of Melbourne in Australia. "It's just a matter of time" until the gene spreads more widely person-to-person, he said.

Grayson heads an American Society for Microbiology conference

in Boston, which was buzzing with reports of the gene, called NDM-1 and named for New Delhi.

The U.S. cases occurred this year in people from California, Massachusetts and Illinois, said Brandi Limbago, a lab chief at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Three types of bacteria were involved, and three different mechanisms let the gene become part of them.

"We want physicians to look for it," especially in patients who have traveled recently to India or Pakistan, she said.

What can people do?

Don't add to the drug resistance problem, experts say. Don't pressure your doctors for antibiotics if they say they aren't needed, use the ones you are given properly, and try to avoid infections by washing your hands.

The gene is carried by bacteria that can spread hand-to-mouth, which makes good hygiene very important.

It's also why health officials are so concerned about where the threat is coming from, said Dr. Patrice Nordmann, a microbiology professor at South-Paris Medical School. India is an overpopulated country that overuses antibiotics and has widespread diarrheal disease and many people without clean water.

"The ingredients are there" for widespread transmission, he said. "It's going to spread by plane all over the world."

It's going to spread by plane all over the world.

PATRICE NORDMANN
PROFESSOR OF MICROBIOLOGY AT THE SOUTH-PARIS MEDICAL SCHOOL

Aging gas pipes at risk of explosion nationwide

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP) — An ominous theme has emerged from the wreckage of a deadly pipeline explosion in California: There are thousands of pipes just like it nationwide.

Utilities have been under pressure for years to better inspect and replace aging gas pipes — many of them laid years before the suburbs expanded over them and now are at risk of leaking or erupting.

But the effort has fallen short. Critics say the regulatory system is ripe for problems because the government largely leaves it up to the companies to do inspections, and utilities are reluctant to spend the money necessary to properly fix and replace decrepit pipelines.

"If this was the FAA and air travel we were talking about, I wouldn't get on a plane," said Rick Kessler, a former congressional staffer specializing in pipeline safety issues who now works for the Pipeline Safety Trust, an advocacy group based in Bellingham, Wash.

Investigators are still trying to figure out how the pipeline in San Bruno ruptured and ignited a gigantic fireball that torched one home after another in the neighborhood, killing at least four people. Pacific Gas and Electric Co., the pipeline's owner, said Monday it has set aside up to \$100 million to help residents recover.

Experts say the California disaster epitomizes the risks that communities face with old gas lines. The pipe was more than 50 years old — right around the life expectancy for steel pipes. It was part of a transmission line that in one section had an "unacceptably high" risk of failure. And it was in a densely populated area.

The blast was the latest warning sign in a series of deadly infrastructure failures in recent years, including a bridge collapse in Minneapolis and a steam pipe explosion that tore open a Manhattan street in 2007. The steam pipe that ruptured was more than 80 years old.

The section of pipeline that ruptured was built in 1956, back when the neighborhood contained only a handful of homes. It is a scenario that National Transportation Safety Board vice chairman Christopher Hart has seen play out throughout the nation, as suburbs have expanded.

"That's an issue we're going to have to look on a bigger scale —

situations in which pipes of some age were put in before the dense population arrived and now the dense population is right over the pipe," he said.

Thousands of pipelines nationwide fit the same bill, and they frequently experience mishaps. Federal officials have recorded 2,840 significant gas pipeline accidents since 1990, more than a third causing deaths and significant injuries.

"In reality, there is a major pipeline incident every other day in this country," said Carl Weimer, Pipeline Safety Trust's executive director. "Luckily, most of them don't happen in populated areas, but you still see too many failures to think something like this wasn't going to happen sooner or later."

Congress passed a law in 2002 that required utilities for the first time to inspect pipelines that run through heavily-populated areas.

In the first five years, more than 3,000 problems were identified — a figure Weimer said underscores the precarious pipeline system.

Even when inspections are done and problems found, Kessler said, there is no requirement for companies to say if or what kind of repairs were made. And Weimer added industry lobbyists have since pushed to relax that provision of the law so inspections could occur once a decade or once every 15 years.

Other critics complain that the pipeline plans are drafted in secret with little opportunity for the public to provide speak out about the process.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is the federal regulatory arm that enforces rules for the safe operation of the nation's pipeline system. Most state public utility agencies have adopted the federal rules and carry

out inspections and enforcement.

But the system often relies on the pipeline operators like Pacific Gas & Electric to survey their own gas lines and to decide which pipelines are high-risk.

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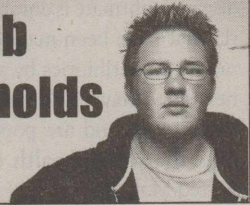
KTXT-FM meant much to Tech, Lubbock

I remember coming home from school Dec. 10, 2008, turning my radio on to the preset 88.1 FM, and being confronted with static.

At first I thought it was just the antennae on the rather crappy radio, so I went into the other room, turned on the radio in there, and tuned in to the same frequency with the same result. I figured that maybe the Texas Tech radio station might have simply been having equipment problems. Never could I have imagined that they would be having much bigger and more complicated issues to deal with.

The shutdown of 88.1FM KTXT-FM is arguably one of the

Jakob Reynolds



most outrageous moves by Tech administration in recent years. It sparked a huge protest, not only from the student body, but from the Lubbock community as well.

Being a Lubbock native, I was sorely disappointed as I had wanted to be involved with the station since at least the fifth grade. It was also my favorite radio station in Lubbock, being the only alterna-

tive station and one of the very few stations in the area that didn't play repeat programming of whatever was on the "top 40" songs list.

Student Media Administration cited financial problems as the main reason for shutting down the station.

However, no warnings of these issues were given to the staff, and previous requests for fundraisers and pledge drives were denied. That aside, I'm not going to speculate on the motives the administration had for pulling the plug. The reasoning behind taking KTXT-FM off the air, be it sound or otherwise, is old news.

Instead, I'm going to comment on the benefits the college radio station had.

KTXT-FM offered students an outlet for artistic expression. Many local bands, organizations and interest groups could directly reach a massive audience through KTXT-FM.

It also served as an educational outlet, providing students with experience in interviewing, public speak-

ing, event planning, marketing and a plethora of other skills required in many modern careers.

There have been several movements among the student body to convince the administration to bring KTXT-FM back on the air. I, myself, signed a petition while walking past the KTXT-FM mini-monument between the SUB and the library last week. I am one of the thousands of members of the "Save KTXT-FM" Facebook group. Many *Toreador*-readers will recall *The DT* running an article last week on the newest resurgence in the movement to resurrect the station.

Obviously, the shutdown of the campus radio station didn't go unnoticed or without a fuss.

I think, and many students and Lubbock residents will agree with me, that KTXT-FM was a vital asset to Texas Tech and the Lubbock community not only as a resource and outlet for students, but also as an important part of the tradition and culture of Lubbock and Tech. Therefore, every one of the 35,000 watts of KTXT-FM should be returned to the airwaves of West Texas.

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Spirituality plus science, good for society?

Earlier this week, I stumbled upon an opinions piece on USAToday.com titled, "Spirituality can bridge science-religion divide." Boiled down, it seems to be trying to say that science and religion can get along just fine, provided religion leaves the picture.

Seriously, that's how the author comes across. He seems to want people of faith to keep their faith, if they so choose, but ditch fundamentalist religion.

He might not be entirely wrong, but I don't think he's entirely right, either.

It's treading on old ground, but it's still worth noting that religion itself is not at war with science, nor should it ever be. As a Christian that's fairly fundamentalist (to the point that I believe much if not all of the Bible contains a great deal of historical accuracy), I've never had problems with ideas such as evolution or the big bang.

Now, that's not to say I'm entirely accept evolution yet, but it doesn't affect my faith in the least

Britton Peele



if it's 100 percent true or not. Scientists aren't out to disprove God—or if they are, they're severely misguided. Science's goal is to figure out how the universe works and then to apply that knowledge to make our planet a better place to live.

Nothing about that goes against the teaching of the Bible, nor, to my knowledge, many other spiritual texts. That said, religion today—Christianity definitely included—is extremely flawed. Churches all over the world have done very bad things in the name of God, Allah, etc. I can see why some people would be all for ditching organized religion altogether and going the "spiritual" route.

But in my humble opinion, we should try to fix the problems before ditching the practice entirely. With the resources available to organized religion, a lot of good could be done for the world. We could cure AIDS, shelter the homeless and feed the hungry. Science could gain much more from a partnership with religion than it could from people who are merely spiritual—a term I'm sure a lot of agnostic people would apply to themselves. Now, I'm definitely not saying there's anything wrong with going the spirituality route in your personal life. That's perfectly fine, and the day may come when I leave Christianity and follow Christ on my own terms, as it were. All I'm saying is that we should maybe give religion a better chance.

understands religion, anyway. That man is a pretty smart scientist, but he's one of the worst philosophers I've ever read.

I know this imaginary war between science and religion isn't going to end any time soon, and that's a major bummer. However, I don't think that means we have to immediately toss one side or the other into the trash.

Not all religious people will boo Bill Nye the Science Guy for saying that the moon only reflects light. I would bet a great deal of money that those sorts of religious people make up a very, very small portion of the population.

Likewise, not all science-minded people are like Dawkins, anxious to destroy religion and all it stands for. Those numbers, too, are probably pretty low in the grand scheme of things. Why can't we all just play nice with each other?

Regardless, the time hasn't yet come to toss religion out the window. I worry that such an action would create far more problems than it would solve.

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Spying without warrant violates spirit of US law

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Last week, an appeals court in California decided that law enforcement agencies are now legally allowed to place GPS trackers on people's vehicles without their consent. While I am certainly not an expert on constitutional law, there is something slightly disturbing about this verdict.

The case concerned Juan Pineda-Moreno of Oregon, who was being monitored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), as he was suspected of being part of a larger marijuana-growing operation. In an attempt to gain more information about his whereabouts and build a stronger case, DEA agents snuck onto Pineda-Moreno's property and stuck a tracking device on the underside of his car. Over a four-month period, the DEA used the tracking device to keep track of

Pineda-Moreno's movements. All of this work was done without the possession of any warrants. Eventually, with the use of evidence gathered from the GPS tracking devices, Pineda-Moreno was arrested on drug-related charges and indicted.

Pineda-Moreno appealed the decision, but a federal court ruled that the DEA did not violate any laws. Court documents showed that covert DEA agents had entered Pineda-Moreno's driveway and placed the GPS device on his car. Since there were no "No Trespassing" or "No Entry" signs on Pineda-Moreno's property, the DEA had not, according to the court, violated his Fourth Amendment rights. But while this might be deemed legal, it is simply not in the spirit of the law.

The case certainly proved that Pineda-Moreno was in violation of drug-related laws, but there is no way that the DEA knew this for sure before they started monitoring him. The reason search warrants exist is so that law enforcement agencies have to prove to a judge that there is probable cause for suspecting an individual.

Soon, the cops or some other agency from the alphabet soup that exists in Washington, D.C. could place a GPS—or in some cases even a camera—in your car

because they wrongly suspect you for some crime. They could then maintain this surveillance and monitor you for months—and there would be no way for you to know.

What is ridiculous about this whole affair is the idea that the lack of warning signs somehow reduced the expectancy of privacy. While it is clear that the DEA faces a tough task and is entitled to use every loophole in the law to its advantage, the fact that it is violating what I believe is the basic right to avoid unreasonable search should not be condoned.

Tomorrow, law enforcement could simply place trackers on everyone's car, and that would certainly make it easier to solve crimes. But in a country that prides itself on freedom, such a cheap act is reprehensible to say the least.

In the larger picture, the DEA's actions reflect more than ever the increasing encroachment of government into our private lives, under the guise of public safety. As one dissenting judge in the case put it, "1984 may have come a bit later than predicted, but it's here at last." He was right to say this because this judgment not only violates our human rights, but also places more power in the hands of the rich.

In analyzing the court's decisions, one of the major reasons Juan Pineda-Moreno's property was accessible to DEA agents was because he did not have a fence. Now, imagine a well-off suburban neighborhood where all of the houses have gates and fences. In this scenario, no one would be able to enter private property and attach tracking devices to personal-use vehicles.

So, if you're rich enough to afford a fence around your property and put up signs forbidding individuals from trespassing on it, you would be free from unethical surveillance. The fact that law enforcement agents are able to take advantage of such a situation, encroach upon your rights, and perform what I believe is an illegal operation is extremely disappointing. Often, agencies have validated their actions by pointing to pressing issues such as national security, but in this case violations of the rights of an American citizen were completely unwarranted.

I hope that the federal courts carefully consider Pineda-Moreno's appeal and reverse this abhorrent verdict. While our safety is important, it should never be achieved at the cost of our freedom.

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Improve your overall health, leave salt on sidelines

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Probably the most important thing to monitor in one's life is their health.

Making healthy decisions in life doesn't just refer to what you choose to eat on a day-to-day basis: That would be far too easy.

It also includes making time in your day to work out and increase your heart rate a few times a week to try to help prevent heart problems in the future.

No one says that you have to go all out when you work out. In fact, people who think that are actually less motivated to get out of their homes and take action.

Those who don't over do it when working out are more likely to make a habit of it.

Everyone endures the feeling of stress. It's only human. So why shouldn't we all schedule time to de-stress?

Allow yourself to indulge in some "me time" every now and then to keep a level head about things. Do things and go to places that make you happy. Everyone deserves to feel happy on a regular basis.

Stress is inevitable and has a negative effect on your health. Start making time for yourself to de-stress today.

Sodium plays a huge part in our diets, but too much of it is most definitely a bad thing.

The best thing you can do right now is toss that salt shaker sitting on your kitchen counter into the trash can.

There is natural salt in almost all foods. Adding more of it to every meal is just adding more health risks to your life.

The U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services states that the daily nutrient sodium goal is 2,300 mg. A lower goal that was tested and found to have even better results, especially for lowering blood pressure, is 1,500 mg.

Of course, any amount in the thousands seems like a lot of something. But when it comes to sodium, a couple thousand milligrams of the abundant element adds up quickly in the average person's daily diet.

When observing the online nutritional information on some popular food items at various fast food restaurants in the area available at dietfacts.com, it was found that the Big Mac at McDonald's has 1,010 mg of sodium, a beef soft taco from Taco Bell has 570 mg of sodium, and a cookies and cream milkshake from Chick-fil-A contains 650 mg.

It's shocking how much sodium is lurking in fast food.

For those items purchased at the grocery store, most canned and frozen foods are high in sodium for preservation purposes.

However, there are low sodium labels on some canned foods these days as well as frozen food options made with less sodium produced by Healthy Choice, Lean Cuisine and the list goes on.

Most people disregard their sodium intake as something that is unnecessary to focus on in their lives.

However, it is so necessary that it is becoming a major health issue across America.

Consuming high levels of sodium in our diet can lead to numerous health problems like heart disease and high blood pressure.

Change is never easy, but in this case change and the sacrifices that accompany it result in leading a healthier life.

Iris scanners in Mexico create dangerous precedent for worldwide society

By MICHAEL KAHN
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Imagine a world where all your credit cards, local, state, and national IDs; library cards; and customer advantage cards are obsolete. Fraud is impossible; crimes are solved within minutes.

Utopia, one might think. Utopia, as long as privacy and anonymity lose their value. Utopia, except for those who dissent from the established order. Utopia, as long as the powers that be remain benevolent. Freedom is slavery,

and ignorance is strength.

Welcome to the future of Leon, the sixth-largest city in Mexico. In collaboration with Global Rainmakers Inc., a U.S. biometrics firm, Leon is implementing a city-wide system of iris scanners. These devices will be able to track individuals throughout the city—in public transit, in retail stores, in corporate offices. Advocates claim the scanners will help law enforcement and make life easier for citizens. And yet this argument, as it so often does, fails to correctly balance the advantages of

security with the costs to privacy.

The entire iris scanning system is, at least for now, opt-in for everybody except criminals. In theory, individuals could choose to keep their antiquated identification cards. But even though authorities may not be forcing people to register their iris patterns, CDO of Global Rainmakers Jeff Carter's theory of an opt-in system involves little choice. As quoted in *FastCompany*, Carter believes that "when you get masses of people opting in, opting out does not help. Opting out actually puts

more of a flag on you than just being part of the system. We believe everyone will opt in."

It seems likely that the iris scanner system will be implemented in Leon without much opposition. And, if the experiment in Mexico goes well for the government, American cities may be next. But pervasive tracking is a danger to freedom and to privacy. It gives authorities the power to crush dissent before it can gain strength. The system may disrupt fraud, but it will also disrupt liberty.

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FROM LEFT, CAILIN Flaherty, a sophomore music education major from Austin, Hannah Lilly, a sophomore nutritional sciences major from Lubbock, and Lindsay Abbott a sophomore music education major from Sugarland, practice clarinet in the music building Monday.

Tech Improv group recruits new student comedians

By SARAH SCROGGINS
STAFF WRITER

The laughs were plentiful as the last 11 hopeful students gathered into a circle to begin their improvisational warm-up before their last chance to prove why they should become a part of the Texas Tech Alternative Fuels Improv Troupe.

Gabby Rivera, a freshman theater major from El Paso, said she was feeling slightly nervous yet confident before walking into the audition room for the callbacks. Because of her involvement with the theater department, Rivera said she knew a couple of people who had previously been a part of the improvisational troupe, and they passed on the word about the auditions and what the troupe is all about.

Since the auditions are completely unrehearsed and call for on-the-spot comedy, it was tough for Rivera to prepare. She said attending the workshop that took place the night before the first audition process helped her know what to expect for the auditions. Although she is a part of the theater and entertainment world, she said she has yet to do any comedy, but finds this genre of theater very rewarding.

"There's no better feeling

than being appreciated for something you just thought of," she said. "You do the first thing that comes to mind and everybody loves it."

During the audition process, the remaining members and president of the troupe, Holly Lambert, a human development and family studies graduate student from Amarillo, said they were looking for people who can be team players. Lambert said that although it is important to be able to think on your toes, it's not what improvisation is about. While judging candidates, the veteran improvisers look for ability to mesh well with the other people on stage, as well as people who are willing to work hard and improve themselves as comedians.

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ALTERNATIVE FUELS
AUDITIONER

"We want someone we can work with," she said. "We want someone that can work with us and raise the stakes in the scenes."

Lambert said the troupe's style of show is called comedy sports style, which she compared to the television show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" She said this style consists of using mainly current events, what the performers come up with on the spot, and audience suggestions, which can have a wide range of topics depending on if they are performing in a bar, coffee shop or on campus.

The troupe has no idea what the host of the show has prepared ahead of time, which makes it difficult to prepare or rehearse for each show, she said. "We practice every week the best we can," Lambert said. "We play improv games and just try to

get better at them, but it's never the same in a show."

The troupe has performed all over the city of Lubbock, including Bash's, residence halls, and the Allen Theater in the Student Union Building. They even have been the opening act for some of the comedians, such as Steve Burns and Dan Cummins, hosted by the Tech Activities Board. Lambert said that she found it very exhilarating performing before a well-known comedian. Though they have to warm-up the audience and feel them out, she said, once they start laughing, it catches on and becomes contagious.

Despite what some people may think about the troupe name, Alternative Fuels, Natalia Ellis, the vice president of the troupe, set the record straight. She said the name has many different stories behind how it came to be, but the legend she likes to tell people is about the original troupe driving through the middle of nowhere, and they pass a sign that says alternative fuels.

"It wasn't really pointing to anything or doing anything, it was just there in the open," Ellis said. "I guess they were just like, 'that's a good name for our improv troupe.'"

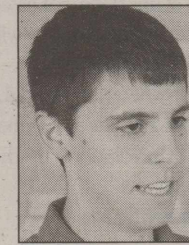
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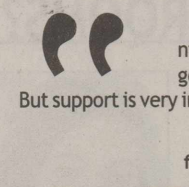
"What is that? I don't even know what that is. I can't believe people camp until Saturday, that's ridiculous!"

Hannah Mayfield -
junior education major from Marble Falls



"I like that students are behind it, it shows a lot of dedication on their part with no water and no electricity. It's probably all the fans that paint up their bodies."

- Caleb Pudlo
- senior finance major from Houston



"I wouldn't camp out this early. It's nice to support the team, but I wouldn't go Monday; maybe Thursday or Friday. But support is very important; people are crazy about it."

Kesley Landers -
freshman biology major from Amarillo



"As a freshman, it doesn't seem too appealing because I'm trying to stay in class, but I think it's really cool because I've never heard of anything like it."

- Zachary Martinez
- freshman civil engineering major from Grand Prairie

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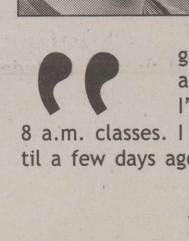
"Everybody talked about it, and I saw pictures of it, and I really wanted to come because it seems that's what you do as a freshman."

Demi Ramos -
freshman neuroscience major from El Paso



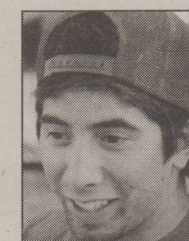
"I gotta have a front-row seat and support the team. I came around 3:30 p.m. today. Last night there was around 50 tents, and today we just counted (at 6:30 p.m.) and we have 120 tents."

- Ryan Berry
- junior geology major from Friendswood



"We are the second round; our guys came at 6 a.m. We got here around 4 p.m., but I don't think I'll spend the night because I have 8 a.m. classes. I didn't even know about this until a few days ago and I just thought, 'Why not?'"

Annie Guardado -
freshman biology major from Garland



"I got here at 9 a.m. after my first class to show support for the team. I think it raises morale on campus for students and players who walk by and see us."

- Esteban Quintana
- junior chemistry and education major from Lubbock

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Vatican library reopens after 3-year restoration

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican's Apostolic Library is reopening to scholars following a three-year, 9-million (\$11.5-million) renovation to install climate-controlled rooms for its precious manuscripts and state-of-the-art security measures to prevent theft and loss.

The library, started by Pope Nicholas V in the 1450s, houses one of the world's best collections of illuminated manuscripts. It includes the oldest known complete Bible, dating from about 325 and believed to have been one of the 50 bibles commissioned by Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Roman leader.

It reopens its frescoed halls to scholars Sept. 20. Library officials took pains to note that the renovation work was completed on time—a rarity in Italy but also an acknowledgment of the inconvenience the three-year closure caused many scholars who had to suspend their research while its collections of tens of thousands of volumes were in storage.

Cardinal Raffaele Farina, the Vatican's chief librarian, thanked those researchers "who understood the reason for the closure."

"Given the amount of what had to be done—the noise and the intrusiveness of the technical and construction work necessary—we decided the library inevitably had to close," Farina told reporters Monday inside the frescoed Sistine Hall.

Some 4,000 to 5,000 scholars are given permission to conduct research in the library every year; access is generally restricted to academics conducting post-graduate level research. None of the

items in the library can be checked out, and rules for working inside are strict: No pens, food or even mineral water are allowed in the manuscript reading room.

Researchers will now find improved communications and elevator access to the Vatican's vast collections, as well as a new tower inside the Vatican's Belvedere Courtyard to ferry manuscripts from their bomb-proof bunker to climate-controlled consultation rooms. Inside the bunker itself, fire-proof and dust-proof floors and walls were installed to further protect the manuscripts.

The library's 70,000 books have been outfitted with computer chips to prevent loss and theft, closed-circuit cameras have been installed and new automated entry and exit gates keep tabs on who is coming in and going out.

The security measures stem in part from an incident in which an Ohio State University art history professor, Anthony Melnikas, smuggled pages torn from a 14th-century Vatican manuscript that once belonged to Petrarch. He was sentenced in 1996 to 14 months in prison after admitting he took the pages during a research visit in 1987.

The library was started by Pope Nicholas V with an initial 350 Latin manuscripts. By the time Nicholas died in 1455, the collection had swelled to about 1,500 codices and was the largest in Europe.

Today, the Vatican Library has about 150,000 volumes of manuscripts as well as the "Codex B"—the oldest known complete Bible.

Monday marks beginning of the end for Oprah show fans

CHICAGO (AP)—Brace yourselves, Oprah fans, this is the beginning of the end.

The 25th and final season of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" starts airing Monday.

And Winfrey has already hinted she's going out in style.

In recently released video of the season's first episode, the TV talk show host and actor John Travolta dance hand-in-hand through her stage doors to "Love Train"

by the O'Jays.

Winfrey has been tightlipped about who would join her on the season premiere. Other celebrity guests and a musical performance have been mentioned.

For cable viewers, there's more Winfrey to come. She's set to launch her Oprah Winfrey Network, or OWN, on cable Jan. 1.

The end of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" will be featured on that network with "Behind the Scenes: Oprah's 25th Season."

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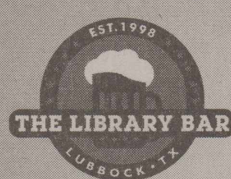
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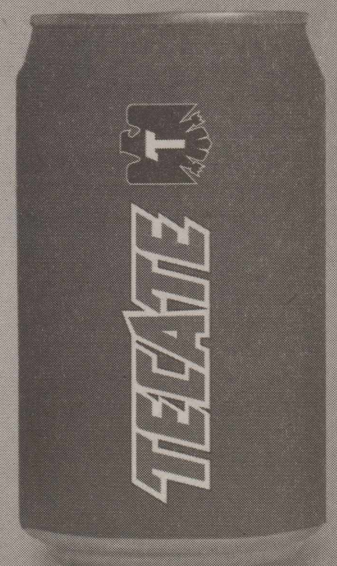
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Twitter

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Because of this problem, Rinaldo only gives credit for creating a Twitter account and following her. She said she can't ensure students will read the material, but the students that choose to do so benefit beyond belief.

"Twitter allowed me to trade articles and thoughts with my professor in a much more informal way," one of Rinaldo's students commented. "I was indifferent at first, but now I want to see it in other classes."

Rinaldo said she heard multiple comments from students praising the new electronic means of communication between professor and student. This led her to question if a social networking site could possibly transform education in the future.

"I analyzed the content of tweets from my first semester experimenting with Twitter," Rinaldo said. "I discovered there was an increase in students' perception of the benefits of Twitter, and the people who used it had higher involvement and higher grades."

When Rinaldo shared her findings, she discovered many professors at Tech

already used a social networking site in some capacity, and multiple professors used those sites as a teaching aid.

"I have 400 students in my class, and when I reviewed the page there were only two off-topic comments," said a professor of jazz history. "I find that pretty incredible. Obviously students were getting something out of it."

Amy Hanson, professor of English at Tech, said she did not use Twitter or any other social networking site. However, she was not opposed to using it in the future if she saw definite benefits for students.

"If Dr. Rinaldo's research can prove to me it will help my students then I will look into it," Hanson said. "Twitter clearly has an effect on communication. I want to see if it will have an effect on education."

Rinaldo said Twitter and technology in general are changing more than the social scene. They are changing our entire educational system. Rinaldo cannot predict the future of this trend, but based on research, she believes technology will continue to shape education.

"I don't know where it will lead," Rinaldo said, "but the sheer number of users shows it is revolutionizing the exchange of information."

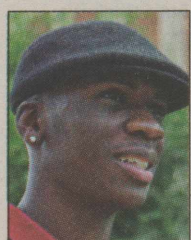
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SOCIAL MEDIA IN CLASSROOMS?

"If (professors used) Facebook, it would be cool with a group made for the class because most people check Facebook better than other online pages."



Katheryne Dye - Junior human development and family studies major from Breckenridge



"When I get posts on Facebook, I can see them on my phone, so it would be a lot more accessible and easier to check assignments, and you would feel like you know your professor better."

Baba Akinoleu - Junior computer science major from Desoto

More than half of students use Facebook, so (utilizing it) wouldn't be a bad thing, but in Romania, at the school library, access is blocked to sites like Facebook and Twitter."



Carmen Gogu - Freshman biochemistry and psychology major from Bucharest, Romania



"I think it would be kind of weird to see professors on Facebook, but at the same time, if they utilize it efficiently like corporations do, it would work because everyone checks their Facebook."

DonJuan Perez-Alvarado - Sophomore economics major from Houston

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MITCH LYNCH, LEFT, a junior exercise sports sciences major from Houston, and Al Terrell, a freshman industrial engineering major from Tomball, move a chair into their campsite Monday at Raiderville.

Campers

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"It's just a good week to get away from everything and feel like you're actually on a camping trip with good people and just hanging out talking about Tech, talking about football. It's great," Vanderpool said. "I come out here for the people and the atmosphere, not for the bracelet to get in the game early."

The tradition of camping out for big games has been growing ever since he first started staying at Raiderville. He said more people come out just to get priority seating in the game but eventually fall in love with the atmosphere there.

"It's changed a lot because it used just be, 'Hey let's go camp out and have fun,' and now it's people that actually want to be in the game and actually want to get good seats," Vanderpool said. "It's a lot more devoted fans, but we still have so much fun together."

This year, he said, he wakes up at 4 a.m. to scan everyone's Tech IDs to make sure they're accounted for and get access to the game before everyone else. Tech support has come in the way

of portable toilets, hand washing stations, trashcans and a flagpole for the Raiderville flag provided by grounds maintenance.

The scanning system will put the students who have spent the most amount of time in Raiderville in front of those who have spent only a couple of nights. Bracelets are given to students numerically to indicate their place in line, Vanderpool said.

"(Texas Tech) has probably been too gracious to us," Vanderpool said. "The fact that they took the initiative because they care about campus life and the students who are really passionate about this has been a blessing."

Brice Bean, a freshman wildlife and fisheries management major from Houston, said this was his first year camping out, and he looks forward to doing it again.

"It's cool. It shows your spirit and everything, it shows you love your team, your school and everything, and a way to represent," Bean said. "It's pretty fun, gives you an excuse to go crazy and everything. Like this week, I'm shaving my head to put a mohawk in, and I'm dying it and then shaving a Double T on the side of my head; I'm going crazy."

The only way Raiderville could improve would be to have local bands play live or a barbecue near the camp-

site, he said. The experience from the week-long camp is something that will stick with him.

"You're never going to forget camping out for Texas Tech vs. Texas game," he said, "and sitting around for a whole week, sweating or freezing at night, whatever it is, you ain't going to forget about it."

The camping trip could be shortened due to an 8 a.m. Friday deadline Tech has set for students to move so sponsors can set up their equipment, Tyler Patton, external vice president of SGA, said.

"Athletics and the university is asking that students are ready to go by 8 a.m. Friday morning because that's when they're going to start moving in all the equipment when all the sponsors arrive," he said.

The immense amount of students anticipated at the game has led to the university setting up its sponsors earlier than in the past, Patton said. Tech has still given a generous amount of help to Raiderville residents.

"I don't think there'd be a lot of universities that would try to work to accommodate the students the way Texas Tech has, and that's what I love about it," he said. "The university has been so proactive in making students comfortable. This really is one of those neat college experiences."

Mike Gunn, assistant director for

Student Union and Activities, said this year's organization is nearly the same as the last year but Tech is more prepared for it. Scanning Tech ID cards more often has become a priority.

"We ask them to scan twice a day but we're going to try to scan as much as we can to get a truer count of who's out there in order for the people that spend the most time out there to make sure they're at the head of the line," Gunn said.

Monitoring Raiderville activities is also easier because of the partnership with Tech Athletics, student affairs and the mayors of Raiderville, Vanderpool said.

"Partying hasn't been an issue; people really do like hanging out with other people more than they do getting trashed when they're here," he said.

Tech maintains its no alcohol on campus policy, enforcing the Raiderville area with threats of suspension, Vanderpool said.

"We don't really go and check tents and make sure no one has alcohol," he said. "We tell them, if you have alcohol, we don't care, but keep it in your tent and don't be stupid. We've had a couple of problems with a tent here or there and we just tell them, 'Listen, you can get suspended,' and we don't want to get this ruined for everyone."

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Tech taking same approach Saturday against No. 6 Texas

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

It's officially Texas week. Raiderville has been set back up, and Texas Tech football players and fans alike will probably see Michael Crabtree's game-winning grab against the Longhorns in 2008 on TV over and over again.

The atmosphere outside the football locker room should be more a more exciting one for No. 6 Texas, one of Tech's biggest rivals, this Saturday, as opposed to SMU or New Mexico, but for quarterback Taylor Potts, it is business as usual.

"The main reason it's so important is because it's our next game," Potts said during Monday's media conference. "It's the next game on our schedule. We definitely want to be 3-0 and want to win this next one. Right now it's the most important game we have. Our next game (after Texas) will be the most important. New Mexico was the most important last week."

But at least for fans, the Texas game is arguably the most attractive game on Tech's schedule.

ABC and ESPN worked with Tech and Texas to have the game pushed to the third week of the season so it could be televised for a national TV audience in primetime.

The game is sold out, and tickets were being sold on eBay for hundreds of dollars as of Monday.

Adding to the excitement is the fact Saturday's game marks the first time since 2008 that the Tech-Texas football series is played in Jones AT&T Stadium. In 2008, No. 7 Tech upended the then No. 1-ranked Longhorns, 39-33.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH INSIDE receiver Austin Zouzalik returns a kick off for a touchdown during Texas Tech's 52-17 victory over New Mexico at University Stadium in Albuquerque, N.M.

It was Texas' only loss and cost the Longhorns a shot at the BCS National Championship Game, giving Tech the No. 2 position in the BCS standings for a few weeks.

The game also made a big impact on the Red Raider program from a recruiting standpoint.

"I was (at the game) for a recruiting trip," cornerback Will Ford said of the 2008 Texas game. "I was on the sideline whenever Crabtree made the winning catch, and that was very exciting to see. It was a good experience and one of the reasons I came here. I wanted to play for a good team and now I'm playing for them."

Texas got a measure of revenge in the third week of the 2009 season, beating the Red Raiders 34-24 in Austin on its way to a BCS National

Championship Game appearance.

The 2010 game will be an important one in the Tech-Texas rivalry as well.

Like last season, the two schools open Big 12 Conference play against each other and a single loss could potentially cost either team a shot at the Big 12 South Division title and consequently, the Big 12 Championship.

Aside from being new head coach Tommy Tuberville's first Big 12 game, it also will be his toughest test to date.

"I am excited about it," Tuberville said during the media conference. "Fortunately for us, we get to play it at home. I had the chance to watch this game a couple of years ago, on TV, when Tech won this game. It

was probably the game of the decade, to me, in college football. It was an outstanding game played on both sides. It was very thrilling, a lot of excitement; hopefully we will have a lot of the same things in this game coming up."

And regardless of how the Tech players plan to approach the Texas game, they know it will help them learn about themselves.

"It will kind of be a state of the union deal for us," receiver Austin Zouzalik said. "We will be able to see where we are at; the first two teams might not have been the caliber of the conference teams we will have. So, Texas will give us a glimpse of where we are at versus people we will be playing the rest of the year."

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Stephens earns Big 12 special teams award

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech running back Eric Stephens may have failed to convert his 93-yard kickoff return against New Mexico Saturday into a touchdown, but his efforts that night did not go unnoticed.

The sophomore from Mansfield was honored Monday as the Big 12 Conference Player of the Week for special teams, two days after he paced Tech to a 52-17 win in Albuquerque, N.M., with 175 kick return yards.

"You want your special teams to make big plays," Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said after Saturday's game. "I mean, we blocked two punts, (had) very good kickoff return. I thought the field position was just unbelievable for the offense."

Stephens is joined by Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones and Kansas linebacker Justin Springer as recipients of Big 12 honors. Landry took the offensive award and Springer claimed the defensive accolade.

Stephens is the first Red Raider to receive this honor since place-kicker Matt Williams did it in 2008.

Stephens' play-making ability allowed him to pile up the yardage, placing himself in the Tech record books.

Saturday's outing moved Stephens into sole possession of third place in career return yardage at Tech. Through just 15 games, Stephens' 1,120 kickoff return yards place him just 189 yards behind college football hall of fame member Donny Anderson for first in Tech history.

Additionally, Stephens tallied a total of 264 all-purpose yards — 43 yards receiving and 46 yards rushing to go along with his kick return yards.

Stephens led a special teams unit that ultimately gave Tech the upperhand on the road against the Lobos, something Tuberville may want to see when his Red Raiders host No. 6 Texas at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"We take pride in special teams," Tuberville said after Saturday's contest. "We took time to work on it this week, probably as much time as we did with offense and defense. We know we got to be good in special teams. That gave us some confidence (Saturday)."

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TEXAS TECH'S ERIC Stephens runs the ball during Tech's 52-17 win Saturday.

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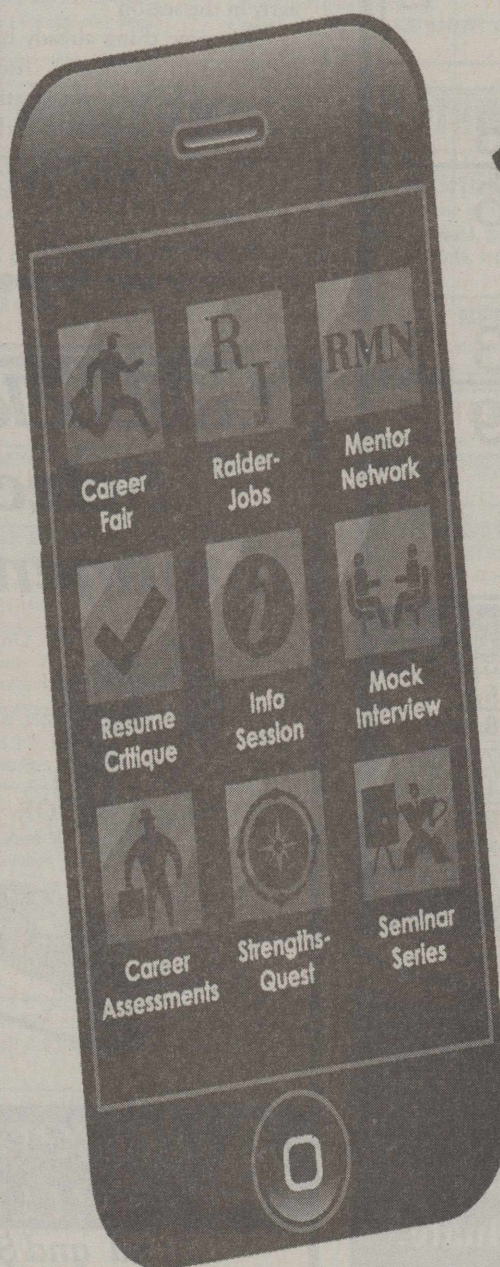
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College GameDay shouldn't skip Tech

Jon Arnold



College football fans in this area used to sleep in on Saturday mornings, but in 1994, ESPN started traveling to a marquee game each week for their GameDay broadcasts. Now, die-hard fans across the country wake up early to catch the famous pre-game show before the first slate of games.

To be picked as the location of GameDay is something of a badge of honor. The game on your campus that week is the best of the best, or at least ESPN saw something in your game making it worthy for a national telecast. Type the show's name into Google and you'll see all sorts of news articles speculating on where the show will head next. (The WAC commissioner is convinced they'll be at the Boise State-Oregon

16 in the AP poll, and Clemson, like Tech, is unranked. Unlike the Tech-UT game, there isn't any long-standing rivalry between the two teams, at least not recently. They haven't played each other since 1971.

Of course, in 2008, when GameDay was in Lubbock, there was a game for the ages, which Tuberville, among others, called one of the games of the decade. Last year's game wasn't quite as close but still saw a spirited and entertaining game.

Maybe it was this recent visit to Lubbock that hurt the Red Raiders' chances of landing the program. Auburn has hosted GameDay five times previously, but the most recent was in 2006.

The other factor that can't be ignored is location. Lubbock is not the easiest place from which to televise a major show. Add in the fact that last week the show and its crew were down the road from Auburn in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for Alabama's game with Penn State.

Does it really matter where a TV show goes? To an extent, it doesn't. This weekend will still be an exciting one on Tech's campus. The game isn't affected in any way by the presence of Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit (plus new addition Erin Andrews).

However, ESPN has made their GameDay selection matter. There was rampant speculation that GameDay would return to Lubbock, and everyone you talked to was hoping the show would be back on the engineering key. It means something to be on GameDay.

Maybe next year we'll see Corso throwing on a Raider Red hat when Tuberville's team takes on Oklahoma, but for some reason, this year's contest just didn't seem to be enough.

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Men's golf earns sixth place finish at Carpet Capital Collegiate Classic

By **THORN COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's golf team — coming off a top eight finish in the NCAA Championships in June — began its Fall 2010 slate this past weekend in the Carpet Capital Collegiate Classic at The Farm Golf Club in Rocky Face, Ga.

Despite a slow start in the opening rounds of the tournament, the Red Raiders surged in the final day of play to finish the tournament in a tie for sixth place with a team score of 12-over-par.

Tech coach Greg Sands was pleased to see his players recover from a rough first day to eventually ending up in the middle of the pack.

“Our first goal is to be in contention,” Coach Sands said. “We kind of took ourselves out in the beginning, but we responded well after a rough first day.”

Even though his team started out slow, Sands said his players kept their cool because they take everything one shot at a time.

Going into Sunday, the Red Raiders found themselves in ninth place needing a big day from veterans in order to finish in the top half of the tourney.

That's exactly what they got. Leading the Red Raiders was senior Matt Smith who finished the day with a three-under par, shooting for a score of 69. Smith's tournament score of two-under par landed him in a tie for ninth place on the individual scoreboard.

“(Smith) had a great back-

nine on Sunday,” Sands said. “He really showed some good things out there.”

Smith may have been the driving force for Tech, but others finished well in the tournament, helping the Red Raiders earn their finish amongst the top half of the field.

Senior Nils Floren shot three consecutive even-par rounds and finished the tournament tied for 12th, while senior Will Griffin shot three-over par and a 75 to finish the tournament in 27th place.

Sands believes Floren, who was a nationally ranked golfer last season and was named a PING First Team All-American, wasn't in top form throughout the weekend.

“Nils could have been better, but he was consistently good,” Sands said.

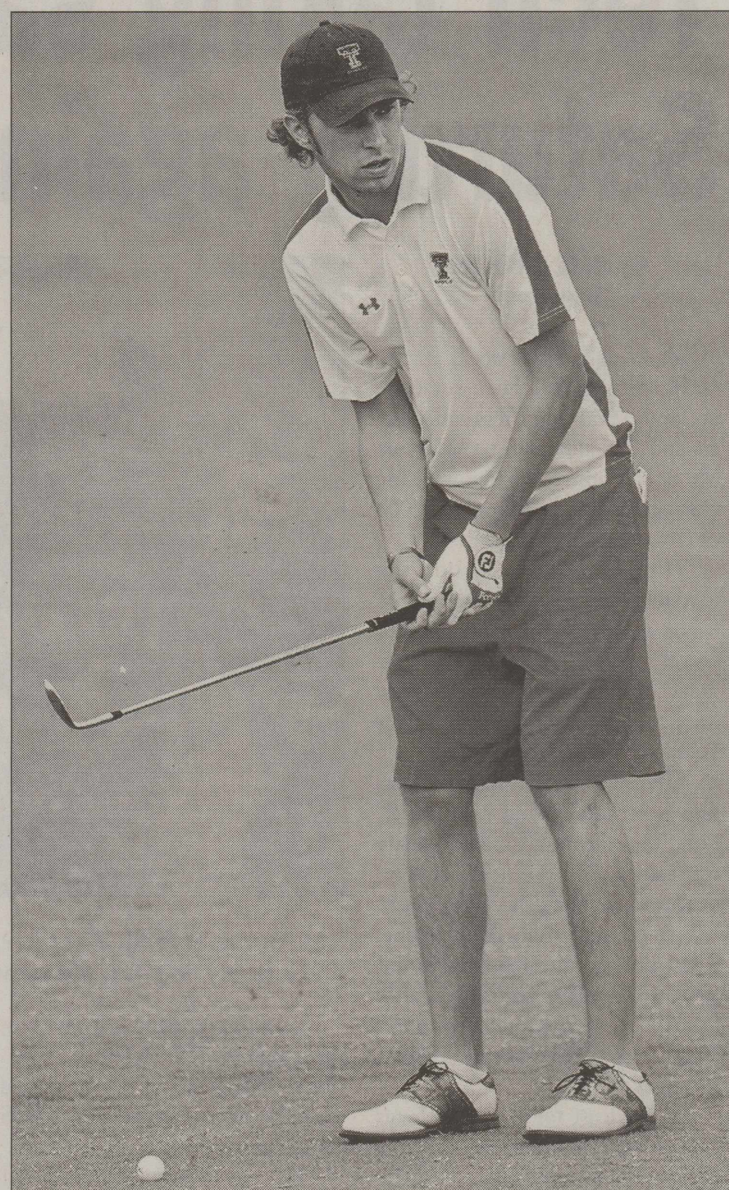
Additionally, redshirt freshman Chandler Rusk played in his first tournament for the Red Raiders, contributing to the cause.

“Chandler had a great outing for his first tournament,” Sands said.

Alabama won the tournament, shooting a team score of three-under par with Wake Forest hot on their heels with a team score of two-under par. Auburn, Clemson, Georgia and Georgia Tech round out the remainder of the top half.

Lee Bedford of Wake Forest took the top spot for individual honors, shooting a tournament low 10-under par.

Tech will continue play when it participates in the Ping/Golf-week Preview at Karsten Creek Golf Course in Stillwater, Okla. Sept. 26-28.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH SENIOR Nils Floren lines up a shot during play last season. The Texas Tech men's golf team finished sixth in the Carpet Capital Collegiate Classic this past weekend.

The weekend was a first of many for the Red Raiders, but Coach Sands believes it wasn't a bad outing for the team that still has a few kinks to work out.

“We need to start faster; we

cannot take ourselves out of contention at the beginning,” Sands said of his team's start to the weekend. “All in all, it wasn't a bad start to the season.”

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Conference games start this week in Big 12

(AP) — College football teams traditionally have used September nonconference games to establish their identities, work out kinks and set themselves up for the big games in October and November.

That's changing. Mid-September conference matchups like Texas-Texas Tech and Kansas State-Iowa State this weekend probably will be the norm once the Big 12 goes to a round-robin schedule next year. Each team will play nine conference games instead of eight after Nebraska leaves for the Big Ten and Colorado for the Pac-10.

In the Southeastern Conference, where the first league games were played last week, television partners for years have slotted appealing conference matchups early in the season.

The same thing already has happened in the Big 12. Texas and Texas Tech are playing the third week of September for the

second year in a row, and the game will be on ABC.

First-year Tech coach Tommy Tuberville, who became accustomed to early conference games when he was in the SEC at Auburn, said he had to be mindful of the Texas game as far back as spring practice.

Decisions on personnel are accelerated because there is limited time to experiment, he said.

“We made a lot of movement early in two-a-days and even late two-a-days trying to get people in the right position,” Tuberville said, “just trying to make sure we play the best game we can this week, knowing we're starting conference.”

The Red Raiders (2-0), after wins against SMU and New Mexico, will get a chance to measure themselves against the sixth-ranked Longhorns.

“When I was at Auburn, we most of the time played LSU around the third game, which was either a good start or a slow start depending on how you played the game,” he said. “The first two games (this season) went fairly well for us but we didn't play up to our potential. Hopefully, this week we find out more about our team.”

The Longhorns prepped for the Red Raiders with wins over Rice and

Wyoming. Texas coach Mack Brown said he senses the intensity picking up among his players.

“We've played two teams that we feel are good teams, but we have a real serious contender this weekend in Texas Tech out there,” Brown said. “It means a lot to the conference.”

The Longhorns' last trip to Lubbock was memorable. Michael Crabtree's touchdown catch with 1 second left to beat undefeated Texas was the signature play of 2008.

“I watched that game myself,” Tuberville said. “It was one of the best college football games I've seen in a long time, just for the excitement. Hopefully we can have the same type of game with the excitement for TV and for our fans being here.”

“For me, my first game in the Big 12, what a better way to start.”

Kansas State (2-0) and Iowa State (1-1) are playing at Arrowhead Stadium, completing a deal to meet back-to-back years in Kansas City, Mo. The game originally was scheduled for Oct. 9 but was moved at Kansas State's request so the Wildcats could play Nebraska on ESPN on Oct. 7.

Cyclones coach Paul Rhoads said he would like to play a neutral-

site game every year once the Big 12 goes to a round-robin schedule that would give a team four home games and five road games every other year.

“You would lose a home game, but you also would lose a road game, and that equals itself out,” he said.

K-State and Iowa State each get \$1.8 million from the Kansas City Chiefs for playing the two games at Arrowhead. The Wildcats won 24-23 last year, blocking an extra point after Iowa State had scored with 32 seconds left.

Rhoads said it's exciting for his team to play in an NFL venue and that Cyclones fans enjoy the trip to Kansas City.

Snyder is lukewarm, if that, on playing at Arrowhead. Normally, this year's game would have been played in Manhattan, Kan.

Snyder lamented the lost economic benefits of a home game.

“Aside from that, I don't think there's any upside or downside in playing a game like this in Arrowhead Stadium,” he said. “We certainly appreciate the Chiefs organization for promoting and trying to put that together. My preference would be to accommodate our local community the best we can.”

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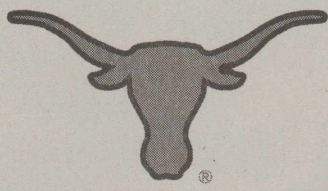
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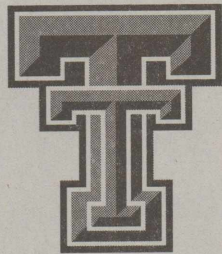
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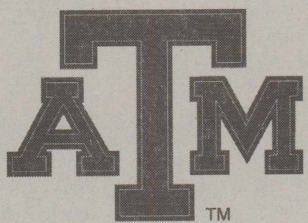
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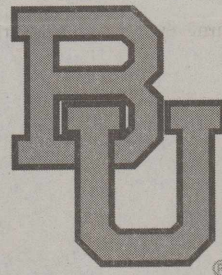
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You know how Texas Tech is doing, and you'll hear plenty about Texas this week. Here's how the rest of the Big 12 is doing.

Overall, the conference is 21-3, but as usual there haven't been too many titans on the schedule for the majority of teams.

Tech has an Associated Press Top 10 team coming to town this weekend, but Baylor also has a matchup against a Top 10 opponent. They head up 1-35 to take on the No. 4 TCU Horned Frogs. So far, the Bears have easily dispatched their opponents, but Sam Houston State and Buffalo aren't exactly the same caliber of team as the Frogs.

Robert Griffin is back after last year's injury, and set a career high in passing yards against the Bulls last week. On defense, Baylor has kept both their opponents out of the end zone. Expect that to change this weekend.

Tech and Texas aren't the only teams opening conference play Saturday; K-State and Iowa State will go at it in Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium. K-State knocked off UCLA in its first game, but after the Bruins' sub-par performance in week two, the Wildcats are still an unknown. Meanwhile, Iowa State got thumped by in-state but out-of-conference rival Iowa Saturday after an opening night win against Northern Illinois.

The game features two of the conference's best runners. K-State's Daniel Thomas and the Cyclones' Alexander Robinson finished one-two in rushing last year. It doesn't look like things will be too much different this year, since Robinson is third in the country, averaging 185.5 rushing yards a game along with getting plenty of carries.

Iowa State also is Tech's next opponent, and since the game is in the morning, Tech fans can scope out the next foe.

Another Tech opponent, Missouri, escaped with a win against Illinois in the first week, and then took care of business against McNeese State. Quarterback Blaine Gabbert looks like a veteran quarterback should, and the Tigers

have plenty of time to figure out life without Derrick Washington, with three more weeks left until they ease into conference play against Colorado.

Speaking of the Buffalos, who are headed out of the Big 12 into the Pac-10 (soon to be Pac-12), things look like they might not go so well when they make the switch. Dan Hawkins' team lost to future conference mate Cal 52-7.

That was what most fans expected Kansas' scoreline to look like last week after the Jayhawks lost to the North Dakota State Bison, who roam the plains of the FCS, in the first week. Instead, KU jumped up and surprised a ranked Georgia Tech team. The enigmatic Jayhawks will play Friday against Southern Mississippi.

The two Oklahoma teams are off to flying starts. Oklahoma drubbed a highly-touted Florida State squad, and Oklahoma State is undefeated, though their win over Troy in week two was much closer than their blowout of Washington State. The Sooners have the Air Force this week, flying high after a win over BYU. The Cowboys stay at home for Tulsa. In fact, the Cowboys leave Stillwater only once before their Oct. 16 trip to Lubbock.

Texas A&M hasn't had any trouble in beating Stephen F. Austin and Louisiana Tech. So far, Jerrod Johnson has lived up to the preseason hype with 671 yards and six touchdowns to start the year. You can actually watch both Aggie games in their entirety on A&M's website. I'll wait.

Nebraska is still heavily dependent on their defense, but seem to have settled on a quarterback in Taylor Martinez. The Huskers dispatched Western Kentucky in their first game, and outscored Idaho 28-3 in the second quarter en route to a 38-17 win. This week they travel to Washington, for what is probably the toughest non-conference road game in the conference this year aside from Baylor's game against TCU.

Conference play is starting this weekend, so we're sure to continue learning about all the conference teams. Stay tuned.

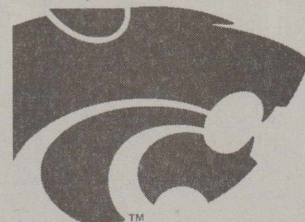
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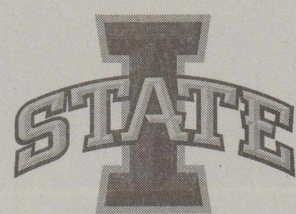
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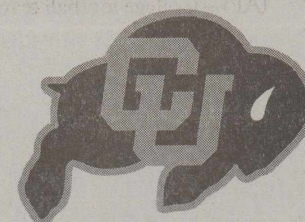
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Potential playoff preview provides hope for Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington tried real hard to play down the significance of a three-game sweep of the New York Yankees.

"They're one of the best teams in the game, and we played for three days better than they did," Washington said. "It's just obvious on certain days that we can play with anybody. That's all it meant."

Except if his AL West-leading team can do that again next month, Texas could win a playoff series for the first time. Even if the Rangers again have to face New York, the team that knocked them out of the postseason all three times they made it in the late 1990s.

"You want to go into the postseason on a good note and feeling good about where everything is," said Cliff Lee, who limited the team with the top record in the majors to two hits in eight-plus innings in Sunday's 4-1 finale. "If we play like we did this series, we're going to continue to do that."

With three weeks left in the

regular season, the Rangers (80-63) went into Monday's off-day with an 8½-game division lead over Oakland. They have a five-game winning streak since losing five in a row.

"They can hit, pitch and play defense. We knew they were good coming in," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

The potential postseason preview made for a wild weekend. The Rangers rallied to win a pair of marathon games in their last at-bat before their left-handed ace acquisition finally looked like his old self again.

"At this point in the season, where we are, if we would've swept anybody it would be big," said Julio Borbon, whose two-out bunt single Sunday drove in the tiebreaking run. "We're in a playoff mentality."

Texas won the opener 6-5 on Nelson Cruz's homer leading off the 13th, after he tied it with a homer in the eighth. Yankees closer Mariano Rivera hit a batter with the bases loaded in the ninth early Sunday morning to give Texas a 7-6 win in a game that took more than four hours to play, not counting the hour-long rain delay.

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