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Fifth annual SPICE Cup hosts chess players from around world



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GEORG MEIER, A freshman finance major from Trier, Germany, competes in the fifth annual SPICE Cup on Saturday in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building. His opponent was Grand Master Le Quang Liem from Vietnam.

Tech represented in tourney

By GREG LINDEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The fifth annual Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence Cup, a chess tournament, is taking place on Texas Tech's campus from Oct. 15-25.

The SPICE Cup looks to promote chess and its educational, social and competitive benefits throughout the United States.

In this year's tournament, the 'A' group is the highest rated international invitational in United States history and also includes three groups of grandmaster tournaments.

There are players from all over the world at the tournament, including the top international nine- and 10-year-olds, said Susan Polgar, a former Olympic champion, world champion and the director of the SPICE Cup.

"Six of the 26 in the top three are Texas Tech students," Polgar said. "This tournament started in 2003 and became a tradition afterwards."

The grand prize is \$6,000 and second place will take home \$3,000. "Cooperation with the Susan Polgar Foundation, a non-profit organization, and Texas Tech arrange to bring visibility and information about chess," Polgar said. "The games of the top three groups are being shown live, with an expected 30 million views worldwide."

The tournament saw some of the top players from France, Germany, Cuba and Vietnam competing at a high level.

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Tech students join animal shelter's Strut for Mutts

By DESTINY BEZRUTCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Among Saturday's various awareness events, Strut for Mutts gave participants the opportunity to support a local animal shelter.

The Haven Animal Care Shelter hosted a 1.5-mile walk that started at 10 a.m. Donations and registration fees for the event benefited the shelter's animals through veterinary care and special food for sick animals.

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SOONER

Tech stuns Oklahoma 41-38



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH FANS and players cheer in the stands after Tech's 41-38 victory against Oklahoma on Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

Red Raiders enter AP poll at No. 19 after historic win

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

It was going to be impossible. The outcome was a foregone conclusion.

Oklahoma simply does not lose at home — at least not this decade.

The previous 39 teams that visited Oklahoma Memorial Stadium were

defeated and subjected to the vicious vitriol of the storied Sooners and a cluster of 80,000 rabid crimson-clad rabble-rousers.

But, with less than two minutes to play, a last-ditch onside kick was recovered by Texas Tech running back Aaron Crawford to stave off the late comeback attempt by Oklahoma and

secure Tech's 41-38 victory.

"Tonight, the ball bounced our way. We jumped out and took advantage of some situations and we were able to hold on because we were desperately holding on right there at the end," head coach Tommy Tuberville said.

After leading 24-7 at halftime, Tech withstood a slew of Sooner scores in the second half to become the first team to win in Norman since Sept. 3, 2005, when TCU knocked off Oklahoma.

It was an improbable win for the

Red Raiders, who were 29-point underdogs coming off two contended conference losses to Texas A&M and Kansas State. Those outside factors did not deter Tech players from maintaining the belief that they could topple No. 3 Oklahoma.

"Everybody didn't think we could," quarterback Seth Doege said. "(Only) the people associated with Texas Tech football had any faith in us winning this game."

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Tech wide receiver Alex Torres hauls in career-high three touchdowns

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

The memory is vivid for Alex Torres. The junior remembers the 45-7 thumping put on Tech by Oklahoma in 2010.

"I talked about it all week with the guys and (about) how embarrassing that was," Torres said. "That feeling, that sense of failure when we came out here and just didn't even perform the

way we knew we could."

The wide receiver's resolve, resiliency and leadership qualities were evident in the Red Raiders' reversal of the result, downing the Sooners 41-38. Last year, the El Paso native struggled, catching two passes for 17 yards at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

"We knew what kind of challenge we were up against, but we knew exactly what we needed

to do," Torres said. "Our biggest focus was just playing hard and letting everything fall into place for itself."

The pieces fell into place early for Torres, who caught a tunnel screen from Seth Doege on the opening drive to strike first on a 44-yard touchdown.

Torres, cognizant that the play might be successful against the aggressive Sooners defense, caught the ball on the right side

and scurried all the way across the field to the left side of the end zone.

"We ran it in practice a few times," Torres said. "We were (representing) it, so I knew there was a chance it would get called. Our coaches did a good job of seeing what blitzing downs there were and when we could really expose them to a play like that."

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Community Calendar

TODAY

In Memory Of... Remembering with Art

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art So, what is it?
Enjoy the artwork of 40 students as they honor loved ones for the annual Day of the Dead exhibit.

Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books II

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art So, what is it?
Enjoy an exhibit featuring 106 small artist books from a group of international artists, which will remain on display through Nov. 20.

Lecture Well Series

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center So, what is it?
Enjoy this series about how to make a lecture more exciting for students led by Gerry W. Beyer with the Texas Tech School of Law.

TUESDAY

Val's Custom Leather Bracelets

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, West Basement So, what is it?
Join Tech Activities Board and come out to make your own personalized leather bracelets.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it?
Enjoy "The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Release in the Gulf of Mexico," led by Ronald J. Kendall in which he discusses his research and findings from the oil spill.

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This tournament gave players chances to refine their skills as they played the best international players, Polgar said.

Ananya Roy, former vice president of the Knight Raiders and a junior political science major from Atlanta, Ga., said she practiced before the event by doing puzzles and playing online.

"My dad and brother used to play and I picked it up," Roy said.

"I played in clubs, and my coach saw potential. Ever since then, I began playing competitively."

The tournament is in the rank order style where players are paired with people who are at a similar level. When they lose, they become paired with another person who lost. There is no elimination in the traditional sense and the winner will be the chess player with the highest rank at the end of the tournament.

To become a grandmaster, players need to acquire three or more "norms," which are chess

achievements based on performance, tournament ratings and winning a certain number of games against a grandmaster, said Josh Osbourn, a senior English major from Kentucky.

"I practiced with puzzles and I review the opening moves," Osbourn said. "There are theories for opening moves that can give you an edge. They may not win you the game, but they give you a chance to put yourself in a better position by knowing how to start the game."

Osbourn's father showed him

how to play when he was five years old, but he did not start playing competitively until high school. He has since gone on to national tournaments and now the SPICE Cup.

"I played one game today so far," Osbourn said. "I feel that I did well. I play two more games tomorrow since I took a bye yesterday."

The 'A' group will continue to play until 6 p.m. Tuesday when the closing ceremony for the group will officially end the two-week event.

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Aussie coast fears rogue shark may have killed 3

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The sudden death of an American diver in the jaws of a great white shark off Australia's southwest coast has raised the specter of a rogue man-eater preying on a renowned aquatic playground and killing three men in two months.

Scientists say three sharks more likely are responsible, and the three cases are sheerly unfortunate encounters with nature.

Australia's southwest corner has been better known for whale and dolphin-watching cruises, white sandy beaches, world-class surf breaks and the peppery shiraz of its Margaret River premium wineries than for fatal shark attacks.

"This is a unique set of circumstances, and I'm desperately ... praying this is not the beginning of a new trend ... and we're going to have these on a regular basis," Western Australia state Fisheries Minister Norman Moore said on Sunday, referring to the three recent deadly attacks.

The latest was Saturday when American George Thomas Wainwright, 32, was attacked while diving solo off a boat near Rottnest Island, a few miles from the city of Perth in Western Australia state.

As a child, family members said Wainwright was always on the water pursuing his loves: boating, fishing and diving.

In Panama City, Florida, he was

among the youngest residents to get his captain's license and later ran a charter boat business, his younger sister Wanda Brannon, 30, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

"His love and passion was being on the water," she said.

Wainwright also helped with the oil spill cleanup and even appeared in a BP video, after an oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico last year, she said.

He moved to Australia six months ago taking a job as a project manager with a marine company. Brannon said her brother loved Australia's beautiful landscapes and relished his new adventures there. He had recently emailed family members about returning to Florida for a Christmas visit.

"He was just an amazing individual with a love and a passion for the outdoors and for his family," Brannon said through tears.

The Western Australia state government set tuna-baited hooks off the island Sunday, the first time authorities have used an emergency legal exemption from the state protection of great whites as an endangered species in the interests of protecting the public.

Western Australia Premier Colin Barnett also said his government would consider shark culls, responding to locals' complaints that shark numbers are increasing off bustling beaches in one of Australia's fastest growing population areas.

Bangkok governor to city: Prepare for floods, now

BANGKOK (AP) — The governor of Bangkok issued a dramatic late-night warning Sunday to residents of the Thai capital to prepare for floodwaters to roll deeper into the city from suburban areas already choking under the deluge.

In live televised remarks, Governor Sukhumbhand Paribatra said a massive amount of water has moved faster than anticipated and was expected to flood the Don Muang area just north of the city proper — where Bangkok's old airport is located and now being used as headquarters for the anti-flood effort as well as a shelter for evacuees.

He said it would threaten five other districts as well as it barrels toward the city's more developed areas. On the warning list was the Chatuchak district, popular with tourists and locals both for its Weekend Market of handicrafts and myriad other wares.

"Now all indications point to only one conclusion: a critical problem will happen," Sukhumbhand said. He said residents of the six districts should move their belongings to higher ground, and the sick and elderly should be evacuated to shelters set up by the city. There

was no indication that the capital's inner city residential and business districts were yet at risk.

Sukhumbhand's warning stood in stark contrast to general reassurances given earlier in the day by the Flood Relief Operations Center of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's government. It announced that the situation was under control and could be expected to improve.

However, less than an hour after Sukhumbhand's warning, the center's chief, Justice Minister Pracha Promnok, came on the air to read a brief statement saying it would support the city's relief efforts.

Sukhumbhand has consistently issued more pessimistic assessments than the center, and has been in conflict with their plans for flood relief, saying his primary duty is to protect Bangkok's residents. The dispute has a political tinge since he is a prominent member of the opposition Democrat Party, ousted from power by Yingluck just a few months ago.

The anti-flood agency had said earlier Sunday that the threat that floodwaters will inundate Thailand's capital could ease by early November as record-high levels in

the river carrying torrents of water downstream from the country's north begin to decline.

But with the authorities battling the waters north, east and west of the city proper, it was clear that Bangkok's immediate prospects remained uncertain. The relatively rosy longer term projection from the Flood Relief Operations Center came just a day after reports that Bangkok's main Chao Phraya river was overflowing its banks and at its highest levels in seven years.

Off a highway heading north of the city, Associated Press reporters found people scrambling Sunday for safety in flooded streets. The Thai military used boats to help rescue stranded residents near Don Muang airport. Mothers walked in hip-high water with children strapped to their backs, while other people waded through the murky water

holding belongings in plastic bags atop their heads.

In Nonthaburi province, just north of Bangkok, a 7-foot (2-meter) crocodile was captured while resting on dry land outside a restaurant, presumably after pulling itself out of the surrounding floodwaters.

Thai television showed the beast, which had reportedly escaped from a farm, with its snout taped shut and its scaly body covering most of a boat that was carrying it away.

An Associated Press photographer saw two crocodiles that had been

killed in Nonthaburi, and unconfirmed recent reports have claimed up to 100 crocodiles may have escaped from farms in the region.

Yingluck said Saturday the waters may take up to six weeks to recede to manageable proportions around Bangkok. In the city and its environs, residents have settled into a routine of waiting

and worrying.

Many are hoarding supplies, and supermarket shelves have emptied faster than they can be restocked. Bottled water, batteries and canned food were among the first items to go.

At a supermarket in central Bangkok's business district — which is not under immediate threat — sandbags lined both entrances Sunday, forcing shoppers to step over to go inside. Many of the shelves were bare, with the handful of shoppers inside grabbing the few snacks that were left. Cat food and toilet paper were gone.

While larger stores in Bangkok have kept their prices fixed, smaller merchants were raising theirs in the flooded zones north of the city. A Rangsit resident, Taweetit Hong-sang, complained that the price of a papaya, 10 baht (33 cents) a week ago, had shot up to 30 baht (\$1).

The desperate battle to route the water away from the city has led to several conflicts in which people have used force to try to protect their own neighborhoods by removing flood barriers.

Sukhumbhand said earlier Sunday that one crew of city workers was unable to carry out reinforcement of one barrier because of "a group of people opposing the mis-

sion and harassing" them. He said it was necessary to withdraw them "since they are not trained to deal with unruly and armed outsiders."

In evident response, Yingluck said she had delegated high-ranking police officers to protect workers carrying out anti-flood duties.

The flooding that began in August in northern Thailand has killed 356 people in the country and delivered an economic body blow to industry and agriculture, with estimates that the \$6 billion in damage could double if Bangkok is badly hit.

The flooding is the worst to hit the country since 1942 and is proving a major test for Yingluck's nascent government, which took power in July after heated elections and has come under fire for not acting quickly or decisively enough to prevent major towns north of the capital from being ravaged by floodwaters.

A Sunday night report on state television in Myanmar, Thailand's western neighbor, said heavy rains and flash floods killed 106 as several villages were inundated in the country's northwest last week.

Cambodia, Thailand's eastern neighbor, has also suffered from flooding, with more than 240 people killed.

“Many are hoarding supplies, and supermarket shelves have emptied faster than they can be restocked.”

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GOP candidates would cut federal judges' power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of the Republican presidential candidates want to wipe away lifetime tenure for federal judges, cut the budgets of courts that displease them or allow Congress to override Supreme Court rulings on constitutional issues.

Any one of those proposals would significantly undercut the independence and authority of federal judges. Many of the ideas have been advanced before in campaigns to court conservative voters.

This time, though, six of the eight GOP candidates are backing some or all of those limits on judges, even though judges appointed by Republican presidents hold a majority on the Supreme Court and throughout the federal system.

A group that works for judicial independence says the proposals would make judges "accountable to politicians, not the Constitution."

Bert Brandenburg, executive director of the Justice at Stake Campaign, said, "Debates like these could threaten to lead to a new cycle of attempts to politicize the courts."

Only the former governors in the race, Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Jon Huntsman of Utah, have not attacked federal judges in their campaigns.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has been the most outspoken critic of the courts. He would summon judges before Congress to explain their decisions and con-

sider impeaching judges over their rulings.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, in his book "Fed Up," has called for an end to lifetime tenure for federal judges and referred to the high court as "nine oligarchs in robes."

Minnesota Rep. Michelle Bachmann, in criticizing Iowa judges who ruled same-sex marriage legal in the state, described judges as "black-robed masters." Bachmann said Congress should prevent the courts from getting involved in the fight over same-sex marriage, among other high-profile social issues.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul has advocated cutting the jurisdiction of federal courts and has introduced a bill to that effect in the House. A judge's violation of Paul's proposed "We the People Act" would be "an impeachable offense."

Paul told Iowans in March that the country ought to come up with a way for voters to remove federal judges from office, much like several states that have retention elections for state judges.

At a Tea Party forum in South Carolina in September, Republican candidate Herman Cain joined Bachmann and Gingrich in endorsing legislation that would overturn the high court's rulings declaring that women have a constitutional right to abortion. The proposal challenges the widely held view that Congress can't overrule the court's constitutional holdings.

RODEO WRESTLING

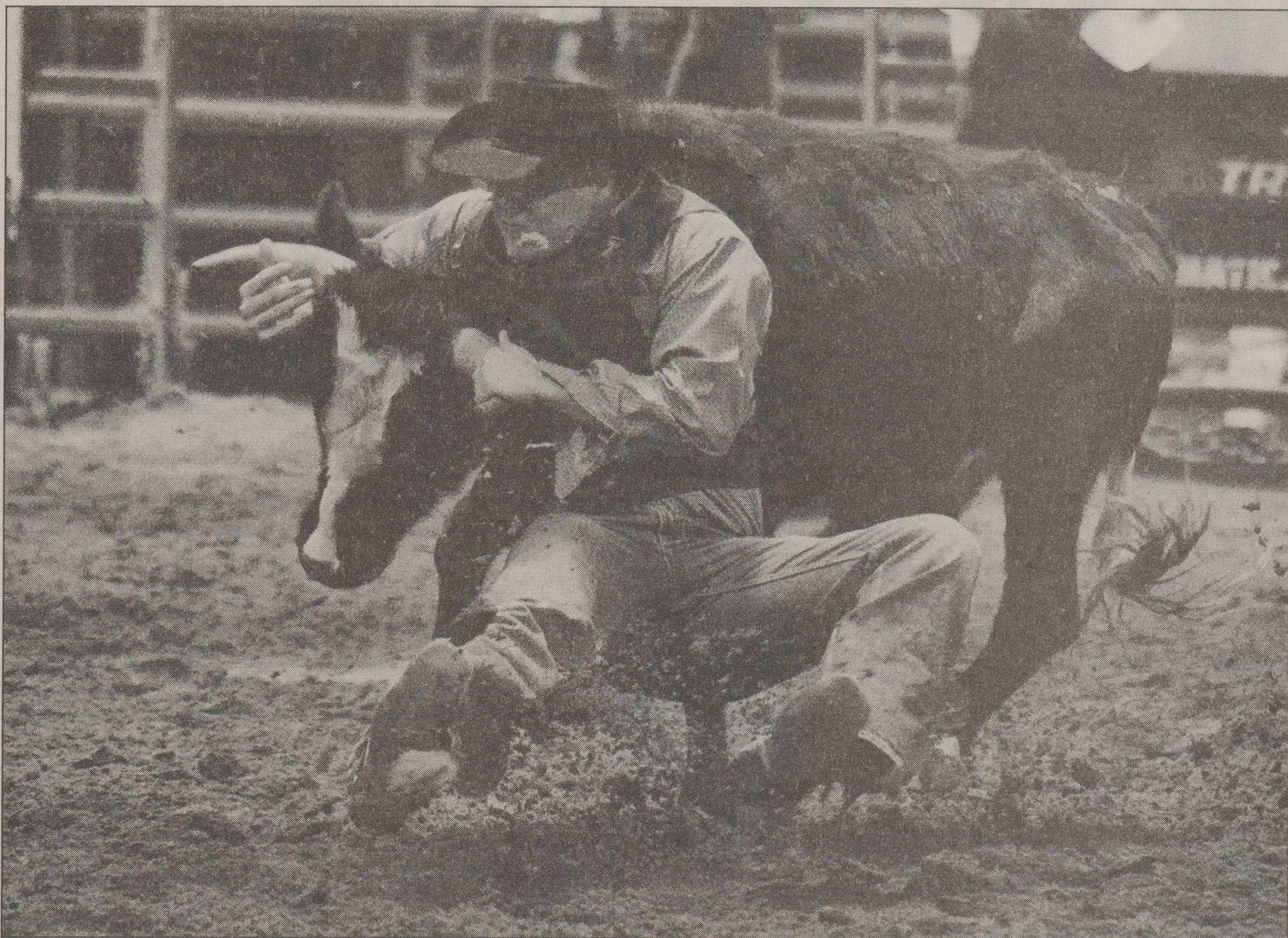


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C.J. KERR, A member of the Texas Tech Rodeo team, wrestles a steer during the Steer Wrestling event Saturday at the Texas Tech Rodeo hosted at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center.

1 killed, 7 hurt as gunman shoots on Texas street

FORT WORTH (AP) — One person is dead and seven others are hospitalized with wounds after a pre-dawn shooting on a Fort Worth street.

A police statement says two of those

wounded were in surgery Sunday. Officer Sharron Neal says she had no condition updates on them, but the five others had non-life-threatening wounds.

According to the police statement,

a small crowd was gathered outside a house on Fort Worth's south side when an unidentified gunman approached about 4 a.m. Sunday and opened fire.

Neal said officers were still trying

to piece together a motive. No identity was immediately available on the person killed. A message left with the Tarrant County medical examiner's office wasn't returned Sunday.

Torch cams to give public views from Lady Liberty

NEW YORK (AP) — Give me your tired, your poor — your Internet-connected masses yearning to see.

Lady Liberty is getting high-tech gifts for her 125th birthday: webcams on her torch that will let viewers gaze out at New York Harbor and read the tablet in her hands or see visitors on the grounds of the island below in real time.

The five torch cams are to be switched on Friday during a ceremony to commemorate the dedication of the Statue of Liberty on Oct. 28, 1886. The ceremony caps a week of events centered around the historic date, including the debut of a major museum exhibition about poet Emma Lazarus, who helped bring the monument renown as the "Mother of Exiles."

The statue's webcams will offer views from the torch that have been unavailable to the public since 1916, said Stephen A. Briganti, the president of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation Inc.

"The statue is the most famous symbol in the world," he said. "Most of the people in the world have seen it, but they have not seen it like this. It will be a visit that so many people, including New Yorkers, have never taken before."

Through the webcams, Internet users around the world will have four views, including a high-quality, 180-degree stitched panorama of the harbor with stunning views of Ellis and Governors islands. They will be able to watch as ships go by Liberty Island and observe as the Freedom Tower at the World Trade Center goes up floor-by-floor in lower Manhattan. They can get a fish-eye look at the torch itself as it glows in the night.

The five cameras, which will be on 24 hours, seven days a week, were donated to the National Park Service by Earthcam Inc., a New Jersey-based company that manages webcams around the world.

The cameras put viewers on the balcony of the torch and high above the crown, said Brian Cury, the founder of Earthcam.

"This is not your dad's picture of the Statue of Liberty," he said. "This is not a view from a tourist helicopter. This is unique."

Friday's ceremony also will be marked by a water flotilla, actress Sigourney Weaver reading Lazarus' poem and a naturalization ceremony for 125 candidates for citizenship representing over 40 countries.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, with ferry service available between Manhattan and Liberty Island. The interior of the statue — from the pedestal down to the museum base — will close after the 125th celebration for up to a year so that stairwells, elevators and mechanical systems can be upgraded. The park itself will remain open to visitors.

The statue, designed by sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, was given by the French government to the U.S. as a token of friendship between the two countries and dedicated by President Grover Cleveland.

And while today it is known as a symbol of liberty for millions of refugees and exiles, initially the famous sonnet by Lazarus in the voice of the statue asking for "your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to

breathe free" did not appear on the statue. It was not until 1903 that "The New Colossus" was placed on the pedestal.

Lazarus is the subject of a new exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in lower Manhattan, which has views of Lady Liberty. It's to open Wednesday to coincide with the anniversary of the statue's dedication.

Curator Melissa Martens said Lazarus was born into the fourth generation of a Jewish family in New York prominent since colonial times. "They were some of the early people to articulate the Jewish experience in dialogue with the challenges of freedom and religious liberty," she said.

Featuring over 83 original objects from 27 institutions and individuals, "Poet of Exiles" is the first full-fledged artifact exhibit at a major museum to robustly explore the life of Lazarus, from her work as an advocate for

immigrants fleeing the Russian pogroms of the early 1880s to her pioneering support for a Jewish homeland.

Lazarus died in 1887 at age 38 from Hodgkin's disease, never having known her poem would be united with the Statue of Liberty.

Moderates stall rise of Swiss nationalists

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Swiss voters backed moderate forces in a general election Sunday in which nationalists failed in their effort to break through the 30 percent barrier with a campaign heavy on anti-immigrant sentiment.

The nationalist Swiss People's Party, or SVP, was projected to take 25.9 percent of the vote for the lower house, a drop of 3 percent on four years ago, according to public television station SF.

"We didn't achieve our election goal," People's Party president Toni Brunner conceded as results trickled in.

The party's rise was stalled by the Conservative Democratic Party whose members split from the SVP in 2007, and the centrist Green Liberal Party, which successfully rode a wave of anti-nuclear sentiment following the disaster at Japan's Fukushima plant in March.

Both are expected to receive about 5.3 percent of the vote for the 200-seat National Council. Voters are also deciding on 45 of 46 seats for the upper house, or Council of States.

The panoply of political parties in Switzerland makes for intense haggling after every election, as each group demands fair representation in the country's cross-party government.

The result is a unique "magic formula," designed to condense complex electoral results into a seven-member Cabinet capable of governing by consensus in spite of sometimes widely differing views.

Despite its worse-than-expected result, the People's Party retains the biggest share of the vote and immediately laid claim to two Cabinet seats.

The party has built up a strong base of voters with campaigns warning of immigrants spoiling an Alpine nation that's been an oasis of relative stability within stormy Europe.

In its campaign, the People's Party accused foreigners of driving up Switzerland's crime rate, and called for those convicted of crimes to be deported. It also wants to reintroduce quotas on immigration from the 27 countries of the European Union, of which Switzerland isn't a member, illustrating the point with striking posters of black boots stomping on the Swiss flag with the message "Stop Mass Immigration."

The number of foreigners living in Switzerland rose almost 3 percent to 1.7 million over the past year — mostly Italians, Germans, Portuguese and Serbs. Switzerland, along with Luxembourg and Liechtenstein, has one of the highest proportions of foreign inhabitants in Europe.

They account for one of every five of the country's nearly 7.9 million permanent residents, and mostly live in the large cities of Zurich, Geneva, Basel, Lausanne and Bern.

Many foreigners who work in Switzerland come for jobs for which they're considered highly qualified, but that hasn't stopped the Swiss from worrying that the influx of outsiders in their midst is spurring a rise in crime, house prices and joblessness.

For some voters, however, the People's Party's relentless focus on foreigners went too far.

Pushing a stroller in the capital Bern with his twin 1-year-old sons — half Swiss, half Sri Lankan — architect Timo Odoni pointed to one of the nationalists' posters.

"I just can't stand how they do their posters because it reminds me of 60 years before, in Germany, a little bit. And we have to do something about it," Odoni said.

"I certainly will vote the green and left parties," he said. "We have no problem with immigration, really. We have other problems, but not this problem."

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Cain's '9-9-9' plan puts style over substance

Texas Gov. Rick Perry is certainly not the most elegant speaker. The governor, who frequents the headlines nowadays because of his presidential campaign, has a tendency to speak as his brain is still formulating sentences.

The most notable of these sentences was in an exchange with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in a GOP debate in Florida, where Perry attempted to portray Romney as a flip-flopper. Rather than say it out front, Perry used an entire paragraph of words created from that morning's alphabet soup.

Perry isn't unique. Michele Bachmann, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich also are easy to separate as being candidates who prioritize style over substance. Ron Paul and Romney have lots of issues with their substance, but at least they've got some.

Herman Cain, on the other hand, was able to keep his lack of substance up for quite a while. The 9-9-9 tax plan, however, cracked his facade wide open.

Early in the campaign, Cain was a distant second-tier candidate. Polling well behind Romney and even Bachmann, the Cain campaign came up with a

Tony Cardone



catchy strategy to entice voters in Iowa and Florida into keeping him in the race.

It worked. It caught fire with the voters for its simplistic and seemingly reasonable approach. It also fits with the GOP line of how the government shouldn't be able to collect more than the almighty's 10 percent.

When broken down, however, the plan doesn't make sense.

I take that back. It does make sense. If you are in the upper echelons of American wealth, it makes plenty of sense.

If you're not, then it is more likely to hurt you.

Under Cain's 9-9-9 plan, everyone, regardless of his or her income, would pay a 9 percent income tax and a 9 percent sales tax on goods. The third '9' signifies the 9 percent corporate tax rate. While it seems fair, the poor and middle class families — who are barely able to get by — get squeezed.

A family earning \$25,000 a year, according to the government, is about \$3,000 above the poverty line. They're certainly not wealthy and are already struggling to make ends meet. If you add a flat tax of 9 percent on income, they get put nearly at the poverty line of \$22,000.

Subtracting an additional 9 percent for sales tax puts them below the poverty line by about \$2,250. This is assumed because those at the poverty line will spend all of their money on goods. After all is said and done, these people are going to have to go without something the government deems essential: heat, water and medicine.

A family earning \$250,000, meanwhile, pays about \$22,500 in income taxes, which is far more than the poorer family. But when they pay the sales tax,

it's not an additional \$22,500 unless they consume \$250,000 worth of goods. Undoubtedly, they'll probably pay more than the poorer family. But once their taxes are deducted, they have far more money than they need to live comfortably.

Is it really fair to make a poor family go without food or heat while a richer family has adequate living comforts?

Some will say yes. These people supposedly employ others, causing a "rippling effect" throughout the economy that increases the availability of jobs. This might be true,

but would these people no longer do the same if their taxes were at 15 percent? How about at 20 percent? It's certainly possible, but, in most cases, they probably couldn't afford to do so if a 6 percent tax increase was enacted.

It doesn't punish those who make more money. People don't refuse a pay raise because of higher taxes.

Even Cain knows this. On Friday, Cain announced — in the shadow of Detroit's crumbling infrastructure — that there would be a break for poor people, making it a 9-0-9 plan.

Of course, this defeats the purpose of a flat tax, doesn't it? A person could use the new loophole of having no capital gains tax to adjust his or her wealth down to the poverty line. Once one loophole is created, there will be more. This is why our current tax structure is so messy: certain special interests convince Congress that a cut or loophole will be beneficial to job creation.

Cain even announced a second loophole in this same Detroit speech, guised under the name of "Opportunity Zones." This one would allow employers to slash corporate tax rates in struggling cities through hiring. In layman's terms, it would cut corporate taxes for companies who relocate workers from stable cities like New York City to struggling ones like Detroit.

Under this sort of plan, com-

panies like GE will end up firing employees in New York and hiring ones in Detroit at substantially lower salaries and tax rates, rather than actually create needed jobs.

On top of all this, the plan isn't revenue neutral. According to multiple simulations, including one done by Bloomberg News, Cain's plan would actually decrease federal tax revenue by nearly \$200 billion. This is assuming there aren't any breaks to offset the sales tax on poor people so they may buy clothes.

The current tax code isn't great. It benefits those who can pay to have a lobbyist represent their interests in Washington.

But Cain's plan is entirely style and has absolutely no substance. It doesn't cut the deficit. It doesn't help those who need help. It doesn't incentivize companies to create brand new jobs.

The 9-9-9 tax policy, much like the Republican Party's entire platform, works only as a slogan. It doesn't work in reality.

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Climate change debate needs reframe

By MIRIAM GERONIMUS
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In a recent New York Times article, environmental journalist Elisabeth Rosenthal asked, “Where did global warming go?” It is the question of a confused and frustrated person who was hopeful about climate change mitigation in 2008 but has lately become more pessimistic. In many ways, her feelings echo mine.

Both politicians and the public seem less concerned with climate change than they were three years ago, and governmental action seems unlikely in the near future. While this can partially be attributed to the powerful fossil-fuel lobby and the economic recession, I think a large part of the problem stems from the way we talk about climate change. Climate scientist and Princeton professor Robert Socolow addressed this in an essay published last month.

Socolow's main claim to fame in the climate world is a 2004 paper that argued that, contrary to popular

belief at the time, it was possible to stabilize greenhouse gas emissions for the next 50 years using technologies we already had. Though no technology was sufficient on its own, we could achieve this goal if we combined seven technologies. (Disclaimer: My thesis advisor, Stephen Pacala, coauthored this paper.)

Many climate scientists and activists greeted this paper with excitement. Here was a precise, doable plan for the next 50 years. Surely the government and the public would take heed.

In his recent essay, Socolow mused on why his paper failed to galvanize action. Mainly he sees this as a failure of communication, and I think there is truth to what he says. The current rhetoric is both divisive and alienating. Many skeptics refer to climate advocates (both scientists and activists) as global warming alarmists. Activists, on the other hand, dismiss skeptics as climate deniers and idiots. Certainly, this is not a productive way to have a conversation.

The thing is, both camps are correct. There is uncertainty in the science and as a result, climate models predict a variety of possible future scenarios. These scenarios include both extremes — situations where carbon emissions do not have much environmental impact (for a while, that is) and situations where the world spirals out of control with a five-meter sea level rise by 2100, massive drought and flooding, human conflict over resources and ultimately massive human mortality.

More likely is a middle scenario, with significant harmful effects that are not of such apocalyptic magnitudes. The problem is, it is hard to predict exactly where the threshold levels are. We know that increased carbon dioxide levels will have certain effects, we just don't know when exactly those effects will materialize.

Scientists and activists seem reticent to mention uncertainty or that the more stable scenario is possible (though I will add unlikely). They fear that doing so will lead to inaction. But, rather than spurring action, the “alarmist” approach has opened the door for skeptics to poke holes in the story and to accuse climate scientists of lying or distorting the data.

A different approach, as proposed by Socolow, would be to present climate change as a risk, rather than as a doomsday prophecy lurking around the corner. In doing so, scientists and activists would acknowledge that the scenario painted by skeptics is plausible (in the short term — at some point, our emissions will catch up with us), thus at least somewhat neutralizing that argument.

Climate scientists and activists would seem reasonable and trustworthy rather than extremist. And if we told Americans that there is a small chance that greenhouse gas emissions might have little effect over the

next 100 years, an equally small chance that these emissions could be catastrophic, and a big chance that these emissions would cause very severe (but not catastrophic) problems, I think most would rather play it safe. We could get past this stalemate of “he said, she said.”

But the issues addressed by Socolow are not the only problems with climate change communication. Part of the problem stems from how we talk about the environment more generally.

Climate change and environmentalist rhetoric often pits humans against or outside of the environment. We must “save” the planet. Though dramatic expressions may rouse some, I believe that this strategy is actually alienating to many. No one wants to save the planet — or even cute polar bears — if it is at the expense of oneself or one's family. No one wants to save the planet by destroying the economy. Skeptics often warn that our focus on climate change distracts attention and resources from alleviating world poverty.

But the truth is, we are part of the system and our rhetoric and policy should both reflect that. Alarmist scenarios are so alarming because of how they affect people and societies, not merely because of how they impact animals or plants. If greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, the problems of the developing world such as drought, hunger, poverty and conflict will only get worse.

As one of my EEB professors explains, the world is not made up of ecosystems, it is made up of social-ecological systems in which we affect the environment and the environment affects us. It is not us or the environment. It is us and the environment. By saving the planet, we are saving ourselves.

Don't let rejection make you negative

I did not become a columnist for the sake of blabbing about whatever was on my mind. I became one because when I first opened *The Daily Toreador*, all the articles bored me.

Nothing was interesting and there were no horoscopes. So, I thought that if I were to write for the paper, I would write about something more interesting. However, my downfall has been in trying to find interesting things that can relate on some level to students.

For the most part, whenever I am writing an article, I always feel so lost. What interests students these days?

I suppose my main reason for not being able to write something that connects with students is because I feel mentally withdrawn from being a student lately. What I want to write has no interest for current students or even the college as a whole. However, I still love to write, even if what I write doesn't interest a majority.

Another inspiration for writing for this paper was that I wanted to write about a topic and be able to connect with at least one person regarding my opinions. But, eventually, everything becomes so polished and edited that what I'm actually trying to say is completely reversed.

I understand the editing process. I understand things get pushed around, replaced or even deleted for the sake of readability. I've written for numerous organizations and have actually had the privilege of being published a few times.

My only problem is the whole aspect of being rejected by a publishing company or having an article rejected based on its material. It's not the work you put in, but the concept of your objective.

Not only in the writing world does rejection take its ultimate toll on a person, but it also happens in life in general. There is no worse feeling than coming home after an interview and feeling you nailed it with flying colors only to receive the email or phone call informing you another candidate was chosen.

This can not only bring down your self-esteem, but also be a massive blow to your ego. These can cause mental arguments within you as you try to figure out, “What's wrong with me?”

Again, the notion of rejection is a part of daily life much like breathing. For some people, it's easy to accept, but for most, it's a difficult turn. Overcoming that feeling of rejection after a lot of hard work can seem far from possible. You pretty

Mandy Martinez



much become scarred from the experience of rejection and refuse to reapply or attempt to try again.

There was a recent article I wrote involving praise for my favorite musician, Jeff Buckley. However, the piece was scrapped because it did not fit the mold of an acceptable op-ed. The criticism about the piece was greatly accepted, and I tried numerous times to re-write and reform it so that it would work, but it just became impossible.

It wasn't until earlier this week that I realized the purpose of the scrapped Buckley article, and that is to bring forth this great quote by the musician. It's a quote I feel would be of great substance to a lot of you and hopefully be useful whenever you face any sort of rejection, be it either from a person, a company, a letter from a publishing house or even a graduate school.

I have great hope this quote will help you as much as it has helped me, wherever you are in your life.

Jeff Buckley wrote: “Be seriously involved with growing, with your own development and never fear. Be the kind of person who is naturally powerful, positive, ingenious, and open, to the highest degree, but with no interest in coercion or pressure or power over other people. That kind of power is hollow. It contains nothing and brings you nothing in the long run. Be the best. No negativity, no weakness, no acquiescence to fear or disaster, no errors of ignorance, no evasion from reality.”

I feel this quote will help you whenever you begin to lose hope for something, or when you feel something is so far out of your control that you're just bound to scrap the idea.

For myself, it has helped me numerous times whenever I am writing something or have a dream of some sort that seems far from realistic. Just remember: No matter how horrible rejection can make you feel, overall you must continue to be the best, and with no negativity.

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A DOG DRINKS some water after a mile and a half walk at the Strut for Mutts event at Higginbotham Park on Saturday morning. PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

Mutts

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Participants could bring their own dogs to walk on the path around Higginbotham Park or they could walk one of Haven's adoptable dogs.

Haven brought about 25 dogs Saturday, Alexis Atwood, a volunteer, said.

Adoptable dogs wore yellow handkerchiefs while other colors signified that dogs were rescued from a shelter, were Haven graduates or were not adopted.

Haven hoped to raise awareness through the event about over-breeding and Lubbock's animal overpopulation problem.

The event attracted about 75 dogs of all sizes and breeds.

Owners were given a bag of dog treats for their companions and a Haven T-shirt.

Haven is a "no-kill" shelter, which means it does not euthanize animals.

According to Dr. Brenda Wilbanks, a founder of the shelter, Haven currently houses about 60 dogs and cats each.

The shelter provides spaying and neutering services and the required vaccinations to all of its animals.

The non-profit organization then al-

lows the animals to be adopted for a flat rate of \$75, after the prospective owner's application is approved.

"We've got a huge overpopulation problem in Lubbock," Atwood said. "Don't have puppies just to have puppies. Go get them from a shelter instead."

Apart from overpopulation awareness, Wilbanks wanted to attract volunteers as well.

"We just need volunteers all the time and we have a lot of Texas Tech groups and individuals that come out and volunteer for us," Wilbanks said.

Atwood, a Ransom Canyon resident, has been with Haven for four years as an employee and volunteer.

"I'm a dog lover," Atwood said of why she volunteers.

Sarah Pettit, a freshman zoology major from Dal-

las, shared Atwood's sentiment. Pettit registered early to be able to walk Rusty, one of Haven's adoptable dogs.

Living in the dorms, Pettit was unable to bring her own pets to Tech, but she still wanted to help the cause.

"I was walking through one of the hallways and saw a sign," Pettit said. "I figured, 'Why not?'"

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Texas man beats death, achieves life-long dream

PLANO (AP) — On a cruise to Alaska in July 2007, LL "Lonnie" Morris suffered a near-death experience. Since age 13, he had weathered a condition known as ulcerative colitis. Stranded on a ship, his insides gave out. Lifeless and limp, he flew home from Anchorage, his future bleak.

He languished in the hospital until April 2008, returning home for a few days at Thanksgiving. Twice his doctor told him that he should say goodbye to his minister and wife because, in the doctor's words, "I don't think you're coming back."

So, what happened here on a recent Sunday night is, as Morris and his family say, nothing less than a miracle. The man who twice hovered at the doorstep of death realized a lifelong dream of conducting a symphony orchestra.

"If you have a dream and you want it badly enough," an emotional Morris told the crowd at Christ United Methodist Church, "you'll work at it long enough and hard enough until you can do it."

His long arms guiding their movements as though he were Jaap van Zweden, the lanky Morris powered the Plano Symphony Orchestra through Procession of the Nobles by Rimsky-Korsakov, Symphony No. 3 in C Minor (The Organ Symphony) by Saint-Saëns, and Marche Slave by Tchaikovsky.

He closed the program with selec-

tions from his beloved Disney movies and drew a rousing standing ovation from an audience that shed plenty of tears.

For Morris to attend the performance, much less lead it, defied all odds. Surgeons long ago removed most of his colon; he wears a bulky colostomy bag under his shirt. He relearned how to walk, which took almost three months. An operation in late 2007 to remove blood clots from his right leg almost killed him and left him with a nasty scar. At one point, he had only 120 pounds on his 5-foot-11 frame.

Without Suzanne, his wife of 39 years, he wouldn't be here, he says. And without co-workers he regards as truly beloved, he could not have maintained his 26-year practice as a certified public accountant.

Since he was a kid growing up in Shreveport, La., Morris has reveled in classical music. He dreamed, not of being a quarterback or a member of the Beatles, but of standing before a real symphony orchestra and being its conductor, like his hero, Leonard Bernstein.

So, during the four long years between his cruise-ship nadir and now, Morris made a promise to himself. He would do something big for his 60th birthday.

Feeling he was "100 percent cured," he launched a campaign three years ago

to make his dream a reality. He spoke with three area conductors, all of whom were skeptical. Two brushed him off completely, despite Morris being a gifted amateur pianist who followed four years as a high school drum major by playing for two years in the University of Texas marching band.

He's also a seven-year member of the Plano Symphony board and friends with conductor Hector Guzman. Friendship aside, Guzman was dubious of Morris making his dream a reality.

"He's telling me like it is," Morris said, "So I look him in the eye and say, 'Hector, you have to understand: I have dreamed of doing this since high school. I never got the opportunity. I just want to live the experience.'"

Guzman, who is traveling in Korea, was unable to attend. Debbie Watson, the executive director of the Plano Symphony, calls Morris' opportunity "extremely unusual. It's a very unique opportunity for an individual to achieve their dream." Even so, she fully understands why her conductor and others were skeptical.

"It's not a common thing for a symphony orchestra in general," Watson says, "for two reasons: One, there's the skepticism of turning your musicians over to someone they're not familiar with, and two, it's not an inexpensive project."

'Paranormal Activity 3' scares up huge \$54M debut in theaters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Paranormal Activity 3" didn't just go bump in the night. It made a ton of noise at the box office with a record-setting, \$54 million opening.

The third film in Paramount Pictures' low-budget fright franchise, which was No. 1 at the box office, had the biggest debut ever for a horror movie, according to Sunday studio estimates. It broke the previous record part two set a year ago with \$40.7 million. It's also the biggest opening ever for an October release, topping the \$50.35 million Paramount's "Jackass 3D" made last year.

"Paranormal Activity 3" is actually a prequel, with the discovery of disturbing home-movie footage from 1988. Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, who made the creepy documentary "Catfish," took over directing duties this time.

Don Harris, Paramount's president of distribution, said the studio hoped part three would simply perform better than part two. The first "Paranormal Activity," with its reported \$15,000 budget, became a phenomenon in 2009 through midnight screenings and word of mouth.

Harris believes this installment did so well because it's actu-

ally the best movie of the three. He noted that it appealed to an older crowd, with 47 percent over the age of 25 compared to 40 percent for "Paranormal Activity 2." Strong reviews also helped, he said, including a rave from Time magazine. And fundamentally, horror movies simply play better in a packed theater.

"Ultimately, it gets back to why there's still a theatrical business, why people still go to the movies," Harris said. "We want to laugh in a group, we want to be scared in a group, people like to cry in a group in the dark where nobody can see them crying. It's all the reason movie theaters exist and this genre has always been front and center."

Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com, said he was expecting "Paranormal Activity 3" to come in around \$35 million for the weekend, simply because most newcomers have been underperforming this fall.

"This brand is as solid as the 'Twilight' brand or the 'Jackass' brand. There are certain brands that just transcend any kind of box-office rhyme or reason. They just resonate," Dergarabedian said. "These are shot in someone's house, they look like they're shot

with a home video recorder, and people just relate to it."

Last week's No. 1 release, the futuristic boxing robot adventure "Real Steel," fell to second place. It made \$11.3 million for a domestic total of \$67.2 million. Worldwide, the Disney movie has grossed \$153.3 million.

Among the other new releases this week, Summit Entertainment's 3-D version of "The Three Musketeers" came in fourth place with \$8.8 million. And Universal's "Johnny English Reborn," a sequel to the 2003 spy parody starring Rowan Atkinson, opened at No. 8 with \$3.8 million. But it's already a huge hit internationally, having made \$104.5 million so far.

In limited release, the critically acclaimed psychological thriller "Martha Marcy May Marlene" made \$137,541 on four screens in New York and Los Angeles. That's a hefty \$34,385 per screen average, according to Fox Searchlight.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Jackson doctor's defense challenges key expert in trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The lead attorney for the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death challenged a key prosecution expert Friday about his contention that the physician was responsible for the death of the singer.

Attorney Ed Chernoff cross-examined Dr. Steven Shafer, who previously testified that the only plausible explanation for the death was that Jackson had been hooked up to an IV drip of the anesthetic propofol then left alone by Dr. Conrad Murray.

"That's a bold claim, isn't it," Chernoff asked.

"It's an honest statement," Shafer replied.

Chernoff also questioned the Columbia University researcher and professor about his IV demonstration for jurors on Thursday.

The defense attorney suggested Shafer had drawn conclusions that weren't necessarily supported by the evidence. Chernoff said the type of IV line that Shafer used in the demonstration was never found at Jackson's house.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. He could face up to four years behind bars and the loss of his medical license if convicted.

Shafer was expected to be the last witness called by the prosecution. After Shafer's testimony ends, defense attorneys will begin presenting their case.

In a development outside the presence of jurors, Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor set a Nov. 16 hearing to determine whether he should find defense expert Dr. Paul White in contempt for talking to a reporter on Thursday in violation of a gag order.

Entertainment reported Thursday on its website that White called either Shafer or Deputy District Attorney David Walgren a "scumbag."

White said in court that he didn't recall making the statement.

He told Pastor that he had talked to Walgren after the prosecutor pulled a tab from the side of a bottle of propofol that was recovered at Jackson's mansion.

He said he told Walgren it was "in-

appropriate to tamper with evidence found at the scene."

White and Shafer have known each other for nearly 30 years.

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Tech falls to Kansas, extends conference losing streak to eight

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team lost its eighth straight Big 12 Conference match in Lawrence, Kan., against the Jayhawks on Saturday night.

The loss put the Red Raiders at 14-9 for the season after they got off to a 13-1 start, which included a 13-game winning streak.

Errors were the cause of Tech's loss to the Jayhawks, who were previously winless in Big 12 play, Tech freshman Sam Podraza said.

"After a fast start, we started committing error after error," she said. "We had a hard time getting back into the swing of things. After the errors, we never got back into the rhythm that we normally play with."

The freshman said she is seeing more playing time because of dedication in practice.

"I've been working hard at doing my job and getting more blocks," Podraza said. "It has been nice to know that my hard work is paying off and coach is giving me more playing time."

The team will continue to

practice hard without changing anything, she said.

"We just have to keep working hard and trust that what we are doing will eventually pay off," Podraza said. "We had mental errors against Kansas, and we can change that."

Podraza finished the match with 14 kills, which was third behind Miara Cave's eight and Amanda Dowdy's 12 kills.

Kansas deserves credit for playing well against the Red Raiders, Tech senior Karlyn Meyers said.

"They played really well, and they kind of forced us into some situations that we didn't want to be in," she said. "We didn't overcome to the best of our abilities. It's safe to say that no one played their best match. One thing rolled into another and we just never got out of that funk."

Meyers finished the match with 26 assists while adding three blocks and three digs.

The quick start was promising for the Red Raiders, she said.

"Getting off to a really good start like that was really encouraging," Meyers said. "Even though we didn't win, there were

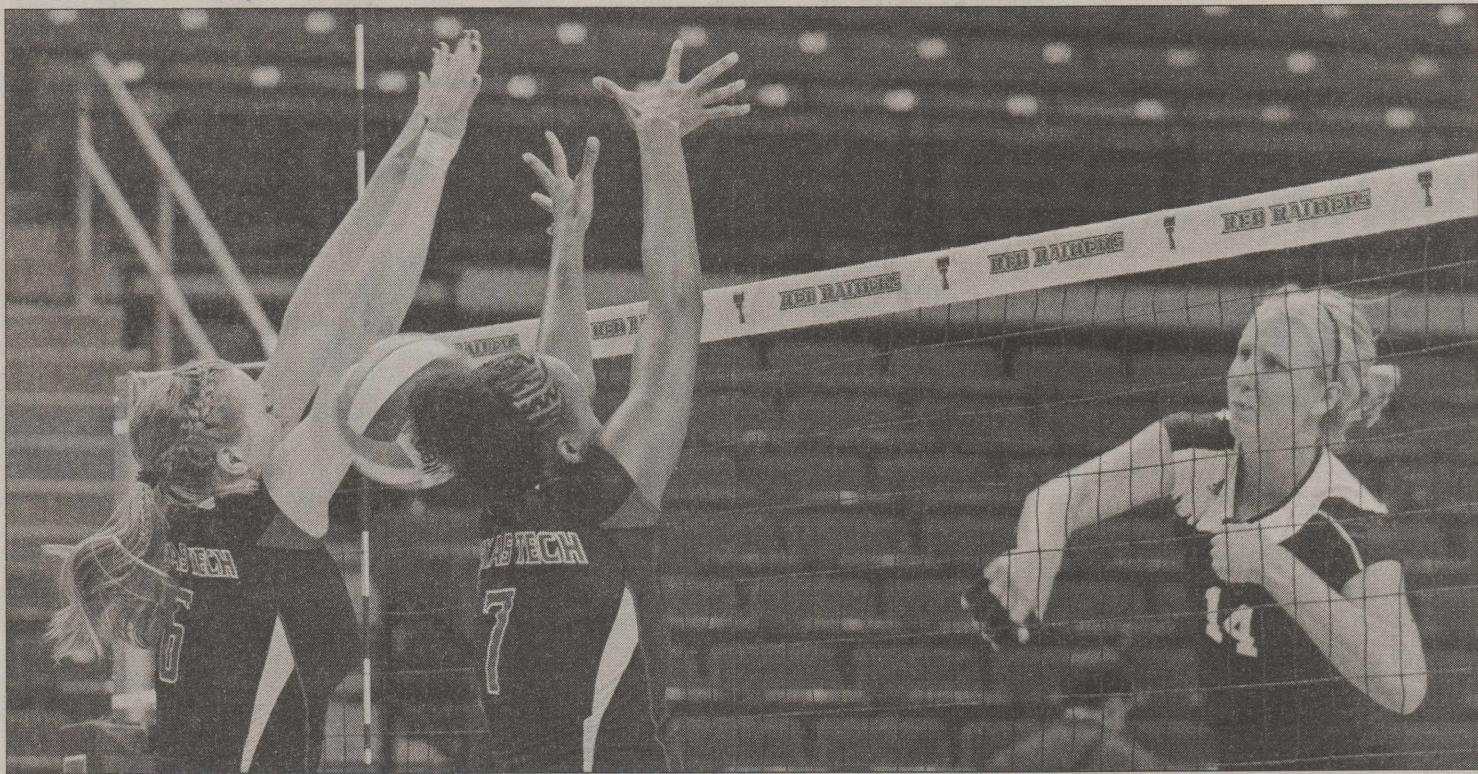


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TEXAS A&M MIDDLE blocker Lindsey Miller hits the ball between Texas Tech outside hitter Breeann David and middle blocker Dravon Rangel during Tech's 3-2 loss against the Aggies on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

still good things we could take from the match. Sam Podraza came in and got a lot of good hits in and played a really solid game."

The team won the first set against Kansas, a feat that has not been accomplished since the match against Oklahoma. The senior said she and Dowdy

will keep working hard and enjoy the rest of their final season at Tech.

"We're just trying to enjoy every moment we have left,"

Meyers said.

"We've worked hard every day for the last four years, so that's not going to change."

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Foster totals 234 yards as Texans rout Titans 41-7

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Texans are back in the lead in the AFC South thanks to a big game by Arian Foster.

Foster ran for 115 yards and two touchdowns and added 119 more receiving with a 78-yard TD as the Texans routed the Titans 41-7 Sunday to take back the divisional lead from Tennessee.

The Texans (4-3) snapped a two-game skid even with Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson missing his third straight game and fullback James Casey his second due to injuries. Matt Schaub threw for 296 yards and two TDs, and the Texans won in Nashville for the second time in three years.

Tennessee (3-3) has lost two straight, wasting the half-game lead in the division picked up when

the Texans lost during the Titans bye last week. Fans booed Chris Johnson as he was stopped early and often, and finished the game with 18 yards on 10 carries.

This one was over early, and the crowd began leaving at the start of the fourth quarter.

Houston outgained the Titans 518-148 and had the ball for more than 37 minutes. Ben Tate ran for 104 yards, marking the first time the Texans have had two backs top 100 yards in the same game in their short history.

The Texans picked off two passes with Brice McCain returning the second 38 yards for a TD, and had two sacks.

Houston started slowly, punting on the first two drives. Then the Texans scored on six of the next

seven possessions in blowing out their rival.

Neil Rackers started it with the first of two field goals. Danieal Manning's interception pinned Houston at its own 13, but Schaub finished off an 87-yard drive with a 10-yard TD pass to Joel Dreessen midway through the second quarter.

Houston needed four plays on the next drive when Schaub rolled to his right, stopped and threw back across the field to Foster who caught the ball and easily outraced the Titans to finish off a 78-yard TD for a 17-0 lead. Schaub had been banged up in the past two games. Against Tennessee, he had plenty of time to throw and was rarely touched.

Foster capped an 92-yard drive by leaping over the top for a 1-yard TD, giving the Texans a 27-0 lead

late in the third quarter that was so big they couldn't let it slip away as they did in the past two losses. He added a 5-yard run early in the fourth.

The Titans have yet to figure out how to get Johnson going after he missed the preseason before signing his \$53 million extension. Going no-huddle with Javon Ringer in for Johnson helped the Titans avoid the shutout, and Hasselbeck capped the drive with a 5-yard TD pass to Jared Cook on a 5-yard TD on fourth-and-goal with 5:34 left in the third.

It wasn't nearly enough, and rookie Jake Locker replaced Hasselbeck with 9:32 left after his second interception. The eighth pick overall got his first

Keenum sets total yards record, No. 21 Houston wins 63-28

HOUSTON (AP) — Case Keenum hoisted the game ball at midfield, turned to his teammates gathered behind him and smiled to the applauding fans.

A few minutes later, he was already looking ahead to the next game — and a milestone.

Keenum became the Football Bowl Subdivision's career leader in total

yards and tying his career high with six touchdown passes in No. 21 Houston's 63-28 win over Marshall.

The senior quarterback needed 130 yards to eclipse the record (16,910 yards) set by Hawaii's Tim Chang from 2000-04. He moved past Chang on a 30-yard pass to Justin Johnson with 3:56

left in the first quarter.

"It's awesome, it's incredible," Keenum said. "It's very special, to be in a place like this, in front of a home crowd, and to be able to do that. Nobody else has been able to do that. It means a lot to me."

Keenum completed 24 of 28 passes — including 15 in a row during one stretch — and also crept closer to the major college football career records for passing yards and touchdown throws. He needs 802 passing yards to move ahead of Chang's record (17,072) and five TD passes to eclipse the mark (134) set by Texas Tech's Graham Harrell from 2005-08.

He was relieved to get the first record out of the way on Saturday, and thinks he'll feel the same about the others as Houston's season moves along.

"I've always used the mentality

that, when I take a shower, it's all just going down the drain," he said. "Just like the water is going down the drain there, that's this past game. I'm just washing it off."

Keenum says he's more focused on helping the Cougars keep their unblemished record. Houston (7-0, 3-0 Conference USA) has matched its best start since the 1990 squad won its first eight games, and this season is looking a lot like that one.

The Cougars finished 10-1 and led the nation in total offense (586.8 yards per game) that year, with David Klingler guiding the fast-paced run-and-shoot. Keenum is now leading the country's top offense (604 yards per game) and the Cougars are producing numbers just as eye-popping as those from 21 years ago.

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- Common movie theater name meaning "jewel"
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- Regarding
- Accustom (to)
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- Armstrong who took a "giant leap for mankind"
- 1966 Tommy James and the Shondells hit
- Release
- Comes up, as the sun
- Not working
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- 1958 Connie Francis hit
- Printer's widths
- Is wearing
- First application line to fill in
- Sheep sound
- "My turn to bat"
- Unitus
- List of choices
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- Rant's wrap
- Gave a hoot
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- Puts on
- 1982 Disney sci-fi film
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A&M defense steps up in 33-17 win at Iowa State

AMES, Iowa (AP) — No team in the country had given up more yards through the air than Texas A&M entering Saturday's road game at Iowa State.

That's why the Aggies were so relieved to see the first pass the Cyclones threw fall into the hands of Trent Hunter.

Hunter's interception set up the first of Randy Bullock's four field goals and set the tone for an improved defensive effort from Texas A&M (5-2, 3-1), which beat Iowa State (3-4, 0-4) 33-17.

The Cyclones scoring output was the fewest points allowed by the Aggies since they held Idaho to just one touchdown on Sept. 17.

"I think we played well. Our keys were our (defensive) line played well," linebacker Sean Porter said. "I think they really stepped up and played well. Our secondary played well. I think we had a good all-around on defense."

That they did. Texas A&M held the Cyclones to just 305 yards of offense and three trips inside the Aggies 20-yard line and forced them to punt nine times.

Perhaps the biggest boost Texas A&M's defense got out of Saturday night's win, though, was how it responded to some unexpected adversity in the second half.

Christine Michael's 9-yard TD run put the Aggies ahead 30-7 early in the second half, seemingly putting the game out of reach for the Cyclones.

But Iowa State and its new quarterback, freshman Jared Barnett, promptly went 74 yards in eight plays to pull within 30-14. The Cyclones then caught a break when a punt bounced off A&M's Desmond Gardiner and gave them the ball on the Aggies 26-yard line.

Had Iowa State scored another touchdown, it would have been a new game.

But the Aggies' defense stepped up, holding Barnett to a 1-yard run and a pair of incompletions to Darius Reynolds, the Cyclones

best receiver.

Iowa State kicked a field goal, but it wouldn't score again.

Though the Aggies were thrown a bit off guard when the Cyclones pulled starter Steele Jantz in favor of Barnett, who was seeing the most significant action of his young career, they adjusted well.

Barnett completed 16 of 36 passes for 180 yards. That was less than half the 361.3 yards passing Texas A&M had allowed entering play — a somewhat misleading number considering A&M had played pass-happy opponents such as SMU, Oklahoma State, Arkansas, Texas Tech and Baylor.

Barnett also ran for 66 yards, but the Aggies held the Iowa State to less than four yards a carry on 33 attempts and to just 6 of 18 on third downs.

"He wanted to run around a lot so we had to end up spying him kind of like Robert Griffin last week," said Porter, who helped contain the Baylor star in last week's 55-28 victory. Barnett "is a pretty good quarterback for a freshman. They were out there doing some good things. We got to him as much as we needed to win."

It was far from a perfect effort from the Aggies, who dropped a lot of passes that could have and should have been caught and settled for four field goals, including a pair on drives that stalled out inside Iowa State's 10-yard line.

But thanks in large part to its defense, Texas A&M won a road game in a league where those can be precious and few.

The Aggies next host Missouri — a team that's arguably much tougher than its 3-4 record suggests — ahead of a grueling road swing through Oklahoma and unbeaten Kansas State.

"Defense played great," said quarterback Ryan Tannehill, who was 24 of 43 passing for 263 yards despite a number of drops. "They were in a couple of tough spots. Came up big on third downs, had a lot of pass breakups

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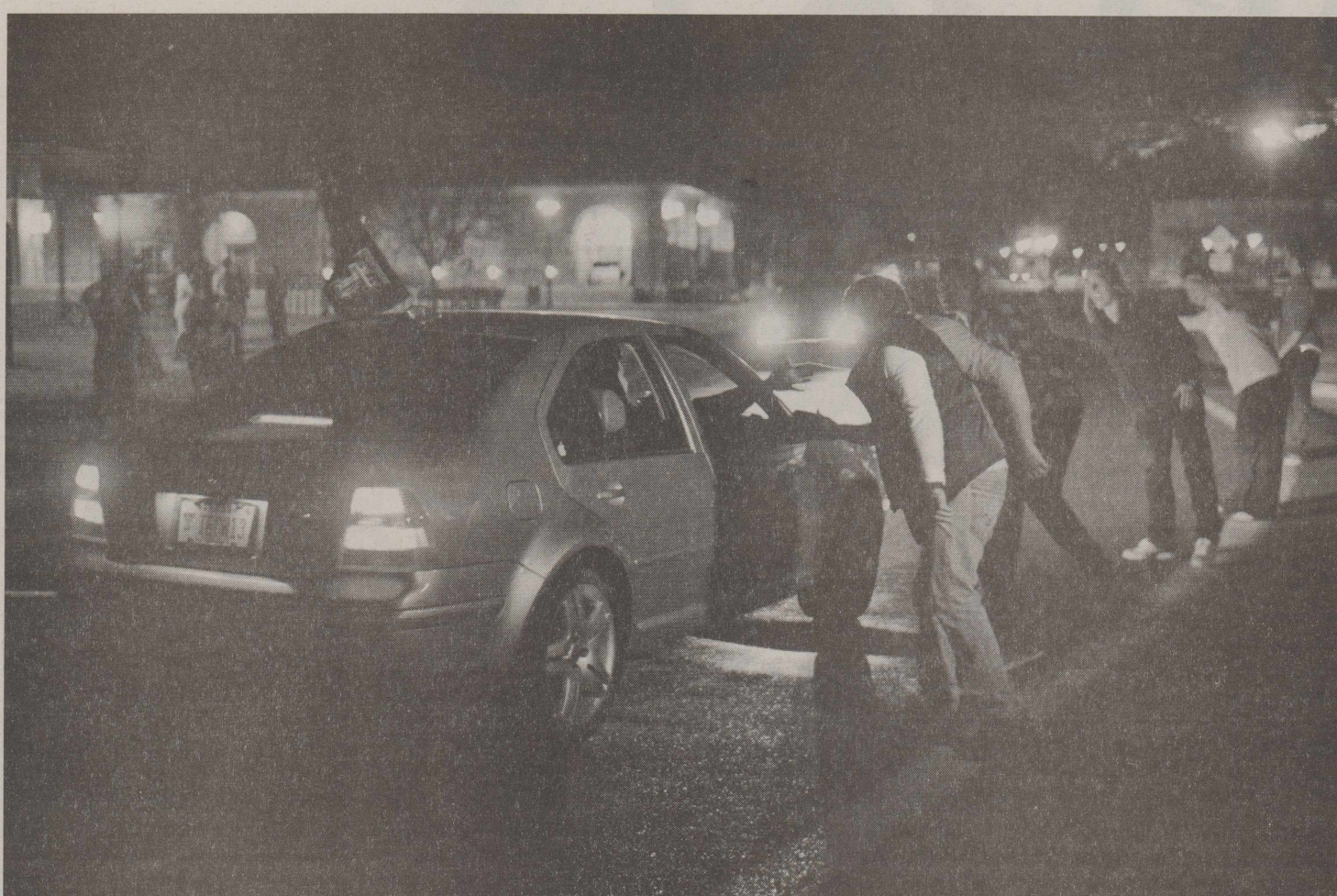


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TEXAS TECH FANS stand just north of the Bell Tower and high-five passing cars just after 1 a.m. Sunday morning in celebration of Tech's 41-38 victory against Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

Torres

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In the second quarter, Tech turned to the same play and found the same result. The junior sped his way 30 yards to give the Red Raiders their first two-possession lead of the game at 21-7.

Torres finished the game with 94 yards and a career-high 3 touchdowns. The clutch performance was not a huge surprise considering he was second on the team with 806 receiving yards in 2009 before suffering through an injury-riddled 2010 campaign.

"The kid works as hard or harder than anybody we have," offensive coordinator Neal Brown said. "He's a really consistent player. He's not so much a spoken leader like Seth (Doege) is, but he leads by example. He's older, and all those kids in the locker room follow him."

The third touchdown for Torres came after he shielded off an Oklahoma defender score on an 11-yard toss.

"When the ball is in the air, if somebody's going to catch it, he usually comes down with it," Tuberville said. "He's got as good of hands (as anybody). It's just unfortunate that last year for him — his sophomore year — he just stayed hurt."

There's a unique bond on and off the field between the wide receiver and his quarterback. The connection between the two has produced 39 catches for Torres through seven games this season.

"(Torres) is a special player, and any time I know that I have a one-on-one with him, I can give him a route and I know that he's going to win and that he's going to come down with the ball," Doege said. "He's a special player and a special friend."

Like Torres, Doege has also dealt

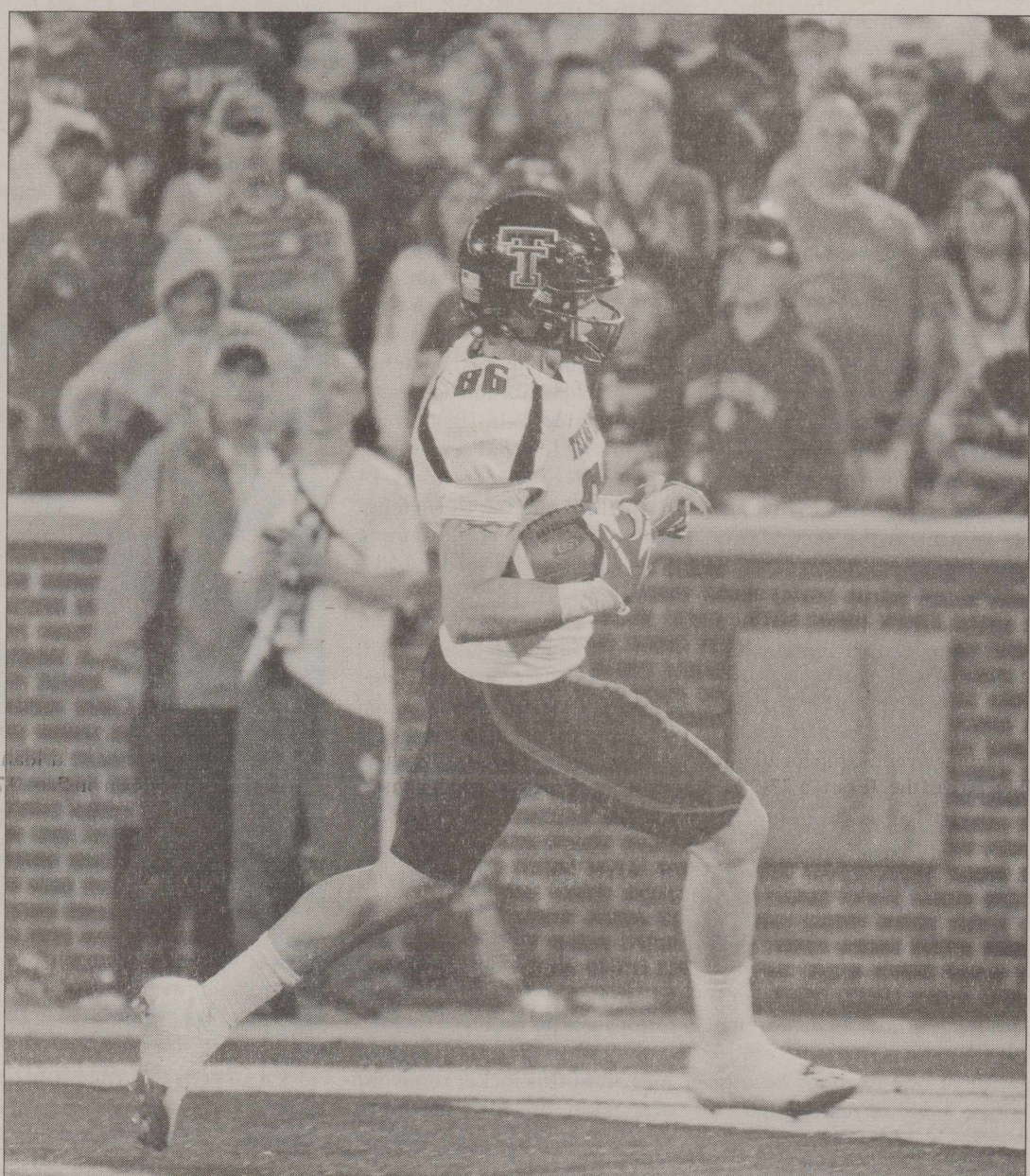


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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Alex Torres runs the ball down field for the first touchdown of the game during Tech's 41-38 victory against Oklahoma on Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

with debilitating injuries in the past. The quarterback tore both of his ACLs in high school before arriving at Tech.

"(I've learned) about him and his background and everything he's gone through in getting to where we are," Torres said. "I was actually talking about it with a few other players. The

kind of heart and determination that he's got (and) the level of confidence — it spreads throughout the team."

It took the mental toughness of both of them to overcome the writhing aftereffects of last year's game in Norman and transform whatever lingering doubts remained into a

team-wide mantra.

"I feel like that's the kind of brotherhood and stuff we've got in the locker room," Torres said. "That sense of family where it's important to us not to let the guy beside us down."

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Tech baseball starts Red & Black series

The Red Raider baseball team began its annual Texas Tech baseball Red and Black Series on Sunday.

The event will span from Sunday until Friday and will conclude the Red Raiders' fall season.

Despite heavy construction, the series will still take place at what is now Rip Griffin Park instead of Dan Law Field. Even with the new renovations still being made to the seating, fans are still allowed to attend the games for free.

Like the name states, the games will feature the Red team taking on the Black team. The teams consist of players from the upcoming seasons team and is crucial in

determining playing time for each player in the upcoming season.

The Red team features 21 players and some starters from last year such as Jamodrick McGruder, Barrett Barnes, Stephen Hagen and Ben Flora.

While the Black team boasts 20 players and has quite a few starters from last year's squad as well, such as David Paiz, Trey Masek, Andre Wheeler and Reid Redman.

After the 4 p.m. start Sunday, the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday games will begin at 3:30 p.m. and then game five of the series Friday will start at 5 p.m. and will conclude the series. The two teams will have an off day Wednesday.

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Nowitzki to work out in Germany if lockout drags

ARLINGTON (AP) — Once the World Series is over, Dirk Nowitzki will start planning a trip back to Germany unless there's progress toward starting the NBA season.

The NBA finals MVP said Saturday that he wants to resume training with his personal coach if it seems unlikely he will be playing for the Dallas Mavericks any time soon.

"It's time to really get back in the routine," Nowitzki said after throwing out the first pitch for Game 3 of the World Series. "Got to keep the options open, maybe see what's going on overseas."

Nowitzki has become a baseball fan over his 13 years in the United States. Because the Texas Rangers are his local team, he roots for them, and even has a blue jersey customized with his name and number. He threw out the first pitch at a game this summer after leading the Mavs to their first title and attended Game 6 of the AL championship series. He wasn't able to make it to a World Series game when the Rangers made it last year, so he was eager to attend — and take part — on Saturday night.

"I'm really proud of obviously representing the (Dallas-Fort Worth) Metroplex," he said.

Nowitzki has said he would wait until early 2012 before considering playing for a European team. With only training camp and the first two weeks of the season scrubbed so far, he is keeping that timetable.

"If the lockout still stays strong, I've definitely got to look into something there January and February," he said.

Nowitzki is still wearing a splint on the middle finger of his left hand, a remnant of the torn tendon sustained during Game 2 of the finals against the Miami Heat. The injury was supposed to have healed by now, but it turns out that he aggravated it while

playing for Germany in the European championships.

"I took a ball on it in the Euros this summer, so it was kind of like sagging again," Nowitzki said. "I've got to keep it straight for, whatever, four, six weeks. But it doesn't bother me at all. It doesn't hurt or anything."

He said surgery won't be necessary.

Germany was knocked out of the Euros before the quarterfinals, eliminating its chances of making the 2012 Olympics. Nowitzki said he hasn't even touched a basketball since then.

"I've just been keeping in shape, you know, working out, doing lots of cardio and lifting a little bit and running," he said. "If the season will start any time soon, I think I'll be ready."

Nowitzki hasn't attended any of the labor meetings, but he said he would consider it. He said it was very disappointing that the latest round of negotiations didn't produce a settlement.

"We're all hoping, I guess, with the mediator, that something was going to happen, and just talks broke off, so it's very unfortunate," he said. "Hopefully we can get something going here any time soon. But it doesn't look good."

Nowitzki said there are several parallels between the Rangers' quest for their first championship and the Mavs' winning their first, such as a late rally to win Game 2 and tie the series at 1-1 before heading home. The Mavs won it all on their second try and this is the Rangers' second trip.

"Hopefully, they'll learn from last year like we did in '06 and just be able to close it out," he said. "That would be awesome for the Metroplex to do it in the same year, get a championship and have another parade."

Would he sing "We Are The Champions" in their parade like he did during his team's celebration?

"For sure," he said, smiling. "If they want me in it, I'm there."

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Red Raiders stun the college football world

So, do you remember last week's column where I said Texas Tech might have to rely on a little luck to get into a bowl game? Scratch that.

The Red Raiders proved me and most of the country wrong Saturday night as they took down a Sooner team that is practically unbeatable at home. Tech snapped a 39-game at-home winning streak dating back to Sept. 3, 2005.

Coming into this game, nobody expected Tech to even compete with the No. 3 team in the nation. Shoot, Vegas even had the Red Raiders as 29-point underdogs. As the rain fell at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, it seemed an even gloomier atmosphere for Tech, but it was Oklahoma that was going to have its parade rained on.

The Red Raiders came out guns-a-blazin' and trotted into the locker room with a score that probably made most people look twice at their TVs, it was 24-7.

I admit that the cynical Tech fan inside of me sat up in the press box and pondered the ways in which the Red Raiders would find a way to blow the game. The Oklahoma reporters didn't seem too concerned either. Though there was a tinge of nervousness in them, I'm pretty sure they were confident their team would come back.

Even as Tech kept the momentum going as it forced another three-and-out by the Sooners, which was then followed by a an 11-yard touchdown pass from Seth Doege to Alex Torres, I was still waiting for a big turnover or swing in momentum to send the Sooners charging past Tech.

Then, that's basically what happened. Instead of taking the field goal with a 17-point lead halfway through the third quarter, head coach Tommy Tuberville decided to go for it on fourth-and-one on Oklahoma's 6-yard line. The Sooner defensive line proceeded to gobble up Crawford in the backfield and you could feel the life coming back into Sooner fans.

But, could it be? Instead of letting Oklahoma come back down and score like I've seen Tech do so many times after failing to convert on a big play, Tre' Porter tipped the ball up in the air and fell to the ground. Then, the ball fell right into his hands. So many times it seems like the ball has bounced in the wrong way for the Red Raiders. Everything seemed to be going right Saturday night, though.

However, every Tech fears that questionable play being called on fourth down. And it was. Instead of punting the ball away with clock running out on the third quarter with Tech boasting a 14-point lead, Tuberville decided to go for the jugular.

He dialed up a fake punt run, which went for three yards. Tech needed four yards for the first down.

Oklahoma Memorial Stadium was rocking, and it looked like this was the turning point where Tech was going to

Brett Winegarner



give away the game as usual. This thought was even further developed when, only five seconds into the fourth quarter, the Sooners scored to get within a touchdown and the extra point.

There was no way this young Red Raiders team would hold on to the lead now, right? This isn't the way Boomer Sooner was going to have their at-home winning streak snapped, right?

Tech continued to stay level-headed. After Oklahoma made it a one-possession game, the Red Raiders put up 10 unanswered points to go up by 17 again.

Then, a brutal play on Tech cornerback Sawyer Vest resulted in a 55-yard touchdown completion for Oklahoma to cut the lead to 10.

After a three-and-out for Tech, the Sooners drove but sputtered out. However, they had a little chip shot to make it now only a seven-point lead.

So, of course, this is probably when Tech was going to give up the field goal for another three-and-out to be followed by an Oklahoma touchdown to go to overtime.

Then, it happened. The field goal goes up and it is good. No. Wait. It bounces off of the uprights. Holy cow. Tech is going to win this thing.

And, after a Sooner field goal late in the game to cut the lead back to seven, a recovered onside kick put the Sooners' hopes of coming back to bed — along with most of the people watching as it was already almost 1 a.m. CST.

The little corner of Tech fans erupted, as well as most of Lubbock from what I heard, as the clock hit zeros and the Red Raiders had officially done the unthinkable.

But what's going to happen now? Is Tech going to let Iowa State come into Lubbock and beat up on them like last year? Is this the Tech team we are going to see for the rest of the year that could end up at 10-2 or 9-3? Honestly, who knows? After talking about how I thought it would be hard for Tech to make a bowl game, I think I will keep quiet for a while.

I don't want get my hopes up either, though. So, I will just sit back and enjoy this win and see how things play out. This could be a signature win for Tuberville and crew, and definitely one that will stay in the heads of Red Raider fans for a while.

I normally tweet quite a few post-game stats from *The Daily Toreador* account after the game, but I thought only one was necessary Saturday. The final score from Norman, Okla.: Texas Tech 41, Oklahoma 38.

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Upset

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The junior put his previous three-interception performance against the Wildcats behind him, throwing for 441 yards and four touchdowns against the Sooner defense that had been stingy until Saturday.

"If there's one guy that can get it done, it's No. 7 for us," Tuberville said. "I've been around some good quarterbacks. He can put the ball on the money. He made big plays, made big third down throws, made good decisions (and) didn't throw any interceptions."

The proficiency of the Wolfforth native showed throughout the game. Doege completed 63 percent of his passes and commanded a Red Raiders offense that converted 33 percent of its third downs.

"We've got a winner playing quarterback," offensive coordinator Neal Brown said. "He's the leader of the football team, and he's accurate with the ball. He's going to give us a chance every week."

Along with the offense, the Tech defense was undaunted by a 90-minute lightning delay that pushed the start of the game to 8:45 p.m.

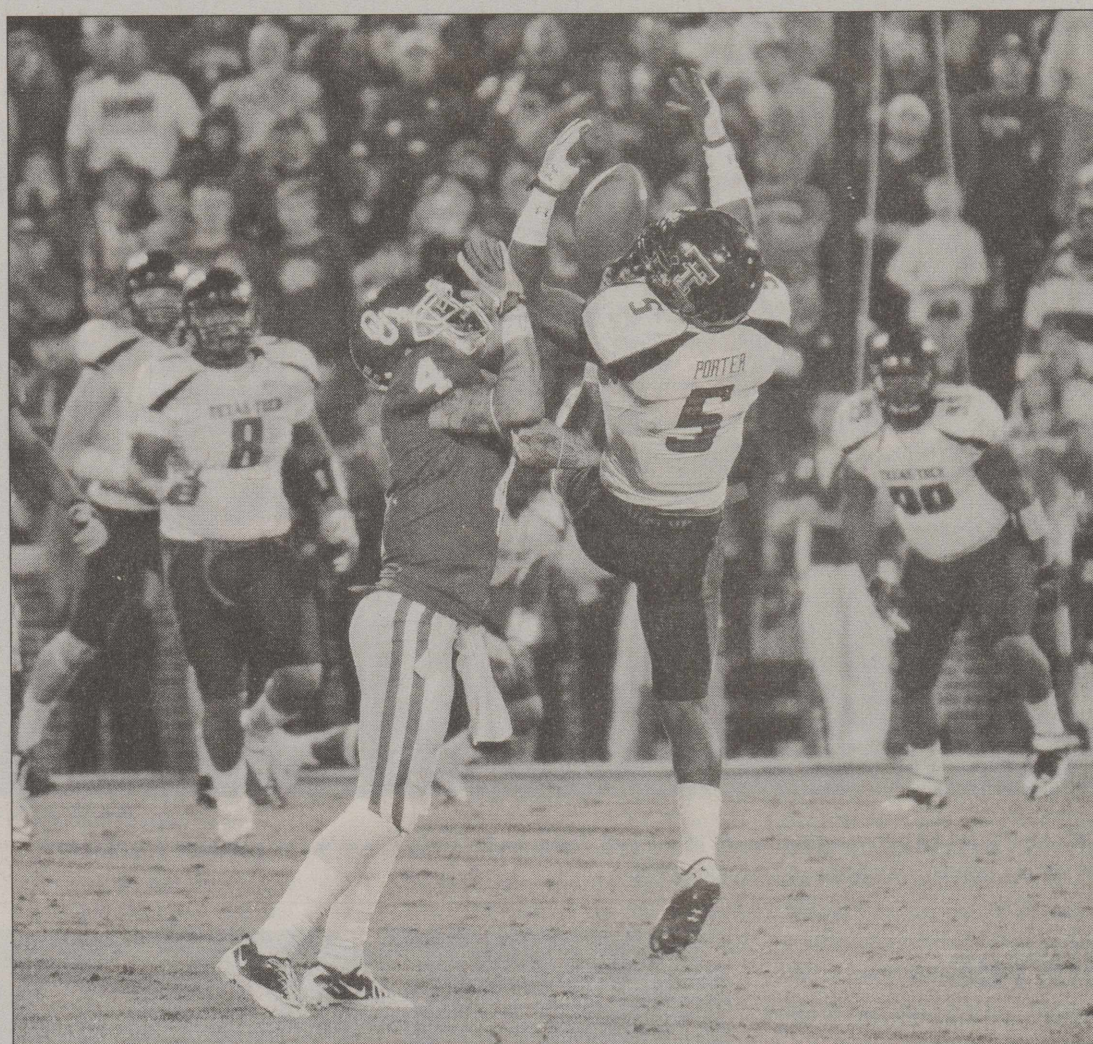
The Red Raiders forced two Oklahoma turnovers — a D.J. Johnson strip and a Tre' Porter interception. Not only that, the Tech defense also caused the Sooner offense to sputter in the second and third quarters with a string of six consecutive three-and-outs.

Because of the talent and speed the Oklahoma spread moved at, the Red Raiders opted to utilize the blitz sparingly and it produced prime results.

"You've got to get lined up," defensive coordinator Chad Glasgow said. "We didn't want to get into situations where we gave them something because we weren't. We were having some success playing some base defense with it and it didn't create a lot of one-on-ones because those guys are really good."

Tech also limited the amount of big gains by the Sooners by making sure of tackles and having a host of defenders around the ball.

"We talk all the time to our kids about hunting together — 11 guys that are going the



PHOTOS BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/*The Daily Toreador*
TEXAS TECH CORNERBACK Tre' Porter intercepts a ball intended for Oklahoma wide receiver Kenny Stills during Tech's 41-38 victory against the Sooners on Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

same direction and doing the same sorts of things," Glasgow said. "We saw some of that tonight."

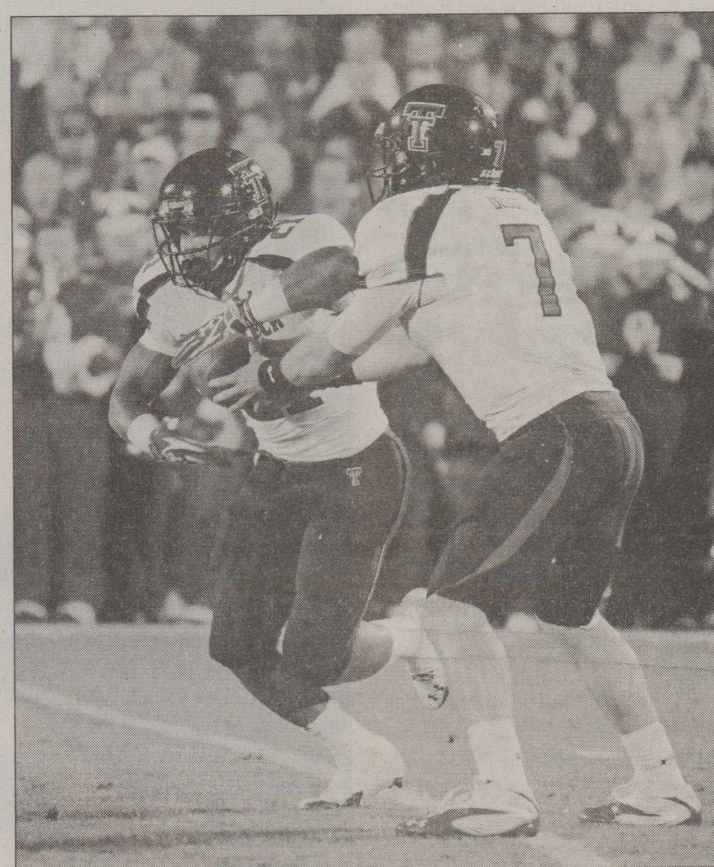
Although the Tech defense gave up 31 points and 331 yards in the second half, they forced crucial field goal attempts. With the Red Raiders up 31-14 in the third quarter, the defense made a goal line stand to force a 22-yard field goal by Mike Hunnicutt.

Then, in the fourth quarter nursing a 41-31 lead, Tech forced another attempt from Hunnicutt from 28 yards that clanked off the right upright.

It was through reassuring each other that the defense maintained its composure and blurred out the outside voices after the two previous losses.

"Throughout the game, we kept talking to each other, telling each other it doesn't matter what goes on anywhere else," Johnson, who had five tackles, said. "All that matters is what goes on in this locker room and what goes on with us. Once we all kept believing that, it showed up on the field."

Because of their unwavering self-confidence and ability to overcome the adverse environment to beat Oklahoma — which was previously No. 1 in the USA Today Poll — the at-



TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege hands the ball off to running back DeAndre Washington during Tech's 41-38 upset against the then-No. 3 Sooners on Saturday in Norman, Okla.

attention given to the Red Raiders might shift in a different and more positive direction.

And that is something Tech relishes.

"We're going to be proud

of that because when you go on the road and beat a No. 1 team, that's really special and it's almost impossible to do," Tuberville said.

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