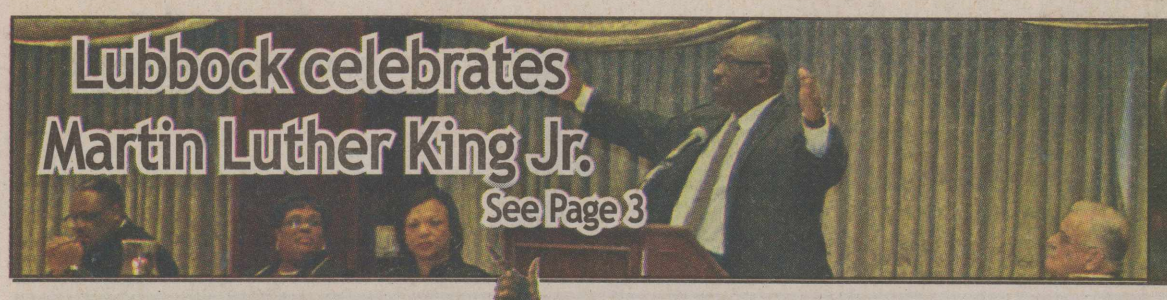


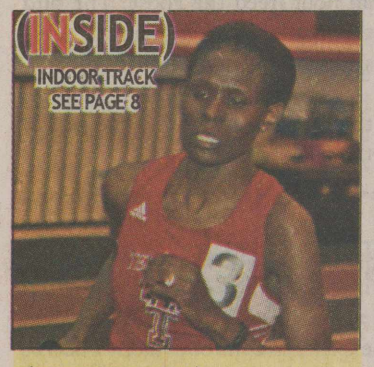


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Galveston seawall being repaired after Ike

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Damage to Galveston's famed 17-foot-high seawall from Hurricane Ike has prompted a multimillion-dollar effort to shore up the structure before next hurricane season.

Ike, which came ashore near Galveston on Sept. 13, pounded the seawall with waves and debris for at least 12 hours, damaging pavement, causing sinkholes along the sidewalk on top of the wall and swallowing up the protective beach in front of it.

Officials are replenishing the beach along a 51 block stretch with more than 400,000 cubic yards of sand from nearby land.

NATION

NTSB investigator says probe will last a year

NEW YORK (AP) — The investigation into the crash-landing of a US Airways jetliner will last a year, and the lessons will go on for decades.

That's the word from Robert Benzon, the National Transportation Safety Board's chief investigator on the accident. He spoke Monday as experts began analyzing damage to the aircraft.

Benzon said the fact that everyone aboard the jet survived has made this investigation the most pleasant he has ever worked on. He says the probe also lacks the finger-pointing that sometimes accompanies accident investigations.

WORLD

Israel to pull out of Gaza by Obama inauguration

JERUSALEM (AP) — Gaza's streets brimmed with energy Monday as people picked up the pieces of their lives, while Israeli officials said they planned to pull all troops from the territory by Barack Obama's inauguration as president of the United States on Tuesday.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon planned to travel to Gaza on Tuesday to inspect the damage and visit United Nations facilities hit in the fighting. The visit will make him the highest-ranking international official to visit the territory since Hamas militants took it over in June 2007.

Ban will not meet officials from Hamas, whose government is not internationally recognized.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Obama among historic inaugurations

By RON FOURNIER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — When Barack Obama mounts the podium to take the oath and deliver his inaugural address, when he looks out upon the National Mall and hundreds of thousands of bright and hopeful faces, he will see so much more: the symbols of a nation forever struggling to live up to its promise.

Start first with that memorial to the first president, the 555-foot Washington Monument. In his first inaugural address, George Washington famously called the United States a great experiment in democracy — a nod to the Founders' belief that this was a work in progress. The preamble to the Constitution sets the nation's sights on "a more perfect union."

Imperfect, indeed. That same Constitution counted slaves as three-fifths a person in considering apportionment for the U.S. House. And many of the Founders, including Washington himself, owned slaves.

"In this sense, our nation is still an experiment," said historian Paul Boller, author of a book on presidential inaugurations. "In other words, we haven't reached a level of perfection but we have grown."

Symbols of that growth litter the District of Columbia landscape. From Obama's perch at the west end of the Capitol, the new president will see steel-and-stone reminders of how the United States has evolved in good times and bad — through wars, recessions and the sort of wrenching social change we endure today.

There, directly in Obama's line of sight, is the World War II Memorial — a monument as much to the so-called Greatest Generation as to the war itself, a testament to how America rebounded from the Great Depression to build a mighty middle class and win the Cold War.

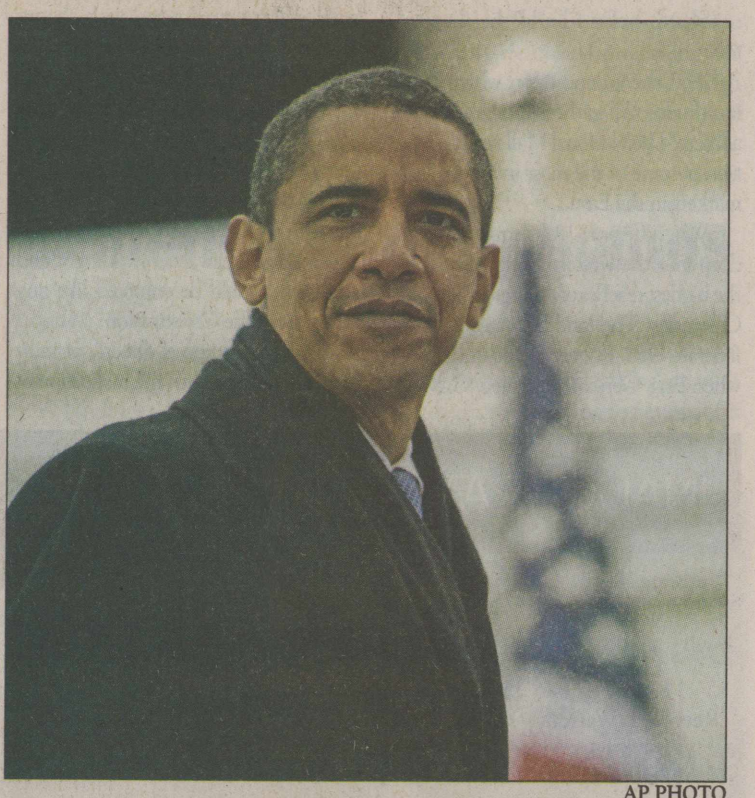
A bit farther west, hidden by a thicket of trees, lies the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Not since FDR has a president entered the Oval Office with so many pressing worries.

In his first inaugural address, Roosevelt sought a veritable blank check from Congress to respond to the Great Depression. "I shall ask the Congress for the one remaining instrument to meet the crisis — broad executive power to wage war against the emergency as great as the power that would be given to me if we were in fact invaded by a foreign foe," Roosevelt said.

With speed that Roosevelt would envy, Congress is on its way to giving Obama such power — a $350 billion infusion of bailout cash is already in hand, and an $825 billion stimulus package is on the fast track.

"Obama's view will be more than just monuments because, to paraphrase (author William) Faulkner, history is not in the past. It's still with us," said historian John Baick of Western New England College in Springfield, Mass. "It will certainly be with us on Inauguration Day when we hear the echoes of the Civil War. When we hear echoes of the New Deal. When we hear echoes of slavery and civil rights."

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AP PHOTO

PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK Obama, pictured, and Vice President-Elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated today in Washington D.C.

Check out the DT's inauguration coverage in tomorrow's paper

Learning to unwind

Students learn meditation to increase focus, reduce stress

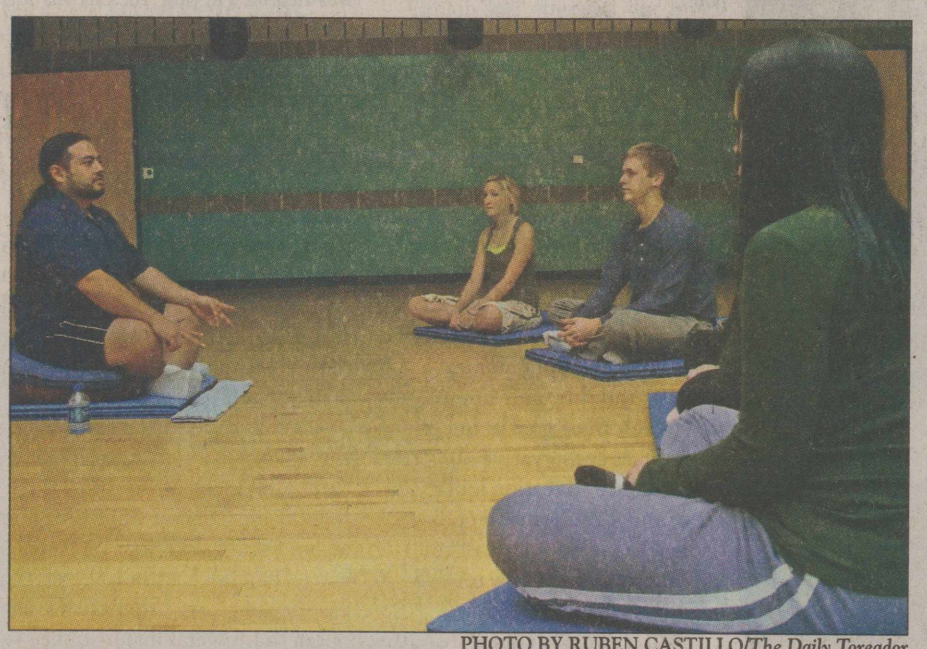


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DEMITRIUS MIRABAL INSTRUCTS his meditation class Thursday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center in room 121. The class is held every Thursday at 9 p.m.

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Demetrius Mirabal has changed his life by spending at least 30 minutes per day for the past five years sitting in silence atop two cushions.

Mirabal shares his meditation techniques with students in a weekly class offered in the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center.

He said the meditation techniques he practices daily can have several positive affects for students, including an increase in focus and academic performance.

"I started seeing results fairly quickly," said Mirabal, "and it has helped me to worry less, be more calm, and not let things stress me out."

Mirabal finds peace through meditation in a culture that has taught people to be constantly stimulated, he said, and that is why meditation is especially useful in a university setting.

"Your mind is constantly babbling," Mirabal sai, "and you don't realize it until you have a second to really relax."

Mirabal encourages students to learn to relax in his meditation class. He said his students need to realize it is important to give the body daily downtime without homework, cell phones or the television.

Senior college students Buck Theilen and Jamie Lutzi admitted they often may neglect the down time Mirabal encourages, and said they never had tried meditation before attending Mirabal's class. However, after a single session both students decided they would be willing to meditate again.

"It really rejuvenated the mind," said Theilen, a business management major from Coppell. "I got to a pretty dreamy state."

Lutzi, a Las Colinas native, initially was drawn to the class because she said she found it hard to fall asleep at night.

After the meditation session, she said she could see how, with practice, meditating could calm the thoughts that keep her awake at night.

"It was very refreshing," said the human development and family studies major, "and it was nice to just relax."

Mirabal said meditation can help students tune out thoughts that oftentimes stand in the way of sleeping and studying, and students can learn to control emotions that cause stress.

To allow students to achieve peace, Mirabal teaches a technique that focuses the mind on a touch to tune out thoughts. His technique involves touching three pressure points on the body, which he said can induce balance and relaxation.

"For me," Mirabal said, "I feel it's a door into greater insights on who I am, and it's about discipline over the mind."

Mirabal said he wants students who are curious about meditation to put away preconceived notions and not be afraid to give it a chance.

"At least experience one class," he said, "so you can see how you feel after meditation."

To find out more information about the meditation technique Mirabal uses, go to www.higherbalance.com.

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College of Engineering receives multi-million dollar endowment

By LAURA LENZ
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Ed Whitacre College of Engineering received a $7.5 million gift from the J. F Maddox Foundation to create the Donovan Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair.

Pamela Eibeck, dean of the college, said at a press conference Friday that receiving the gift was a "great delight."

"It's an amazing opportunity to fill two giant chairs," Eibeck said.

Administrators were in agreement that a gift of this size isn't common.

"Not many endowed chairs in the nation are the size of one of these," Eibeck said.

The Donovan Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair and the previously established Jack Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair are "treasures of gifts," said Tech President Guy Bailey.

The two chairs could create a "tremendous impact" on the university, he said, and indicate that Tech is in a good position to become the prime energy university in the United States.

Bailey said such large gifts are unusual, and the chair will give opportunities students cannot find anywhere else.

"Academically, it's Harrell to Crabtree," he said.

The two chairs are important in building research faculty, Bailey said, and could bring the best faculty and their research teams.

Eibeck said the Donovan Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair's research will focus on a branch of solar energy called optoelectronics. The Jack Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair's specific field of research has not yet been decided since the previous chair left the university due to illness, but will be focused

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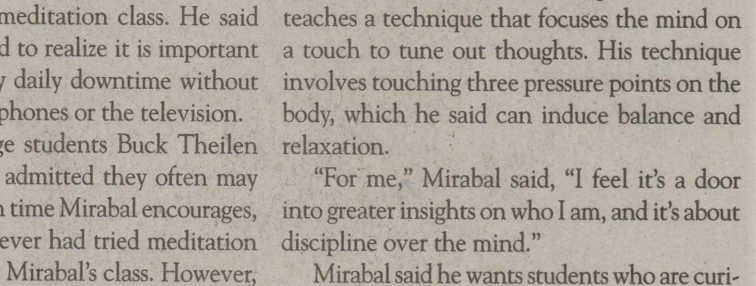


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JIM MADDOX SPEAKS on behalf of the Maddox family Friday at the Merket Alumni Center during the Donovan Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair ceremony celebrating a $7.5 million dollar donation to the College of Engineering.

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Iraqis campaign in show of democracy

BAGHDAD (AP) — Candidates in this month's provincial elections are answering questions from voters and debating issues ranging from Baghdad's housing shortage to the need to attract foreign investment.

This is the new style of campaigning in Iraq, where candidates feel safe enough to stump for votes and focus on grass-roots issues instead of the religious divisions and violence that overshadowed earlier elections held after Saddam Hussein's regime was toppled in 2003.

The shift was evident at a weekend forum that brought together 13 candidates in the Jan. 31 election for provincial councils, including a communist, Shiites, Sunnis and a journalist who formed a party named after an Iraqi television show called "Let's Talk."

As a waiter in traditional Arab clothing poured coffee at the gathering in a Baghdad country club, the moderator and people in the audience asked candidates how they would improve public services.

Obama

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Now, follow Obama's gaze to the north — to the White House. Consider the fact that Washington planner Pierre L'Enfant rented slaves from nearby owners to dig its foundation. White House designer James Hoben used some of his slave carpenters to build his icon to democracy.

Slaves helped build the Capitol, too.

And the ground upon which those multitudes will gather to hear Obama's address? The National Mall was the location of some of the most infamous slave markets in the East.

When Obama looks straight ahead, deep into the western horizon, he'll see the highest reaches of Arlington National Ceremony. The land belonged to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee until 1864, when Brig. Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs seized it for use as a military cemetery. Meigs' intention was to render the house uninhabitable should the Lee family ever attempt to return.

At the opposite end of the Mall from Obama stands the Lincoln Memorial — a "temple," says its inscription, to honor the nation's Great Emancipator. Carved in the chamber's north wall is Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, the war's-end call to heal the nation's wounds "with malice toward none, with charity for all ... ."

But will Obama pause to consider Lincoln's first inaugural address, a politically pragmatic but hardly courageous attempt to hold the union together by dodging the slavery issue? In fact, Lincoln affirmed his obligation to enforce the Fugitive Slave Law, even reading it and insisting it would be enforced like any other part of the Constitution.

"I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it exists," Lincoln said. Eighteen months would pass before he issued the Emancipation Proclamation, the death knell for slavery.

Five score years later, Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and called the Emancipation Proclamation a "great beacon light of hope" for blacks.

"But 100 years later, the Negro still is not free," King said in his 1963 address. "One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination."

A generation later, we remember another line from King's speech that speaks to America's promise. "I have a dream," he said, "that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

INAUGURATION DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Gates to the Inaugural Ceremony open at 9 a.m.

The inaugural festivities are scheduled to start at 11 a.m. on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol. They will include:

11 a.m. — Sen. Dianne Feinstein provides call to order and welcoming remarks, with an invocation by Rev. Rick Warren.

11:30 a.m. — Biden will be sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

1 p.m. — Obama will take the Oath of Office, using President Lincoln's Inaugural Bible, administered by Chief Justice John Roberts. Obama then will give the inaugural address.

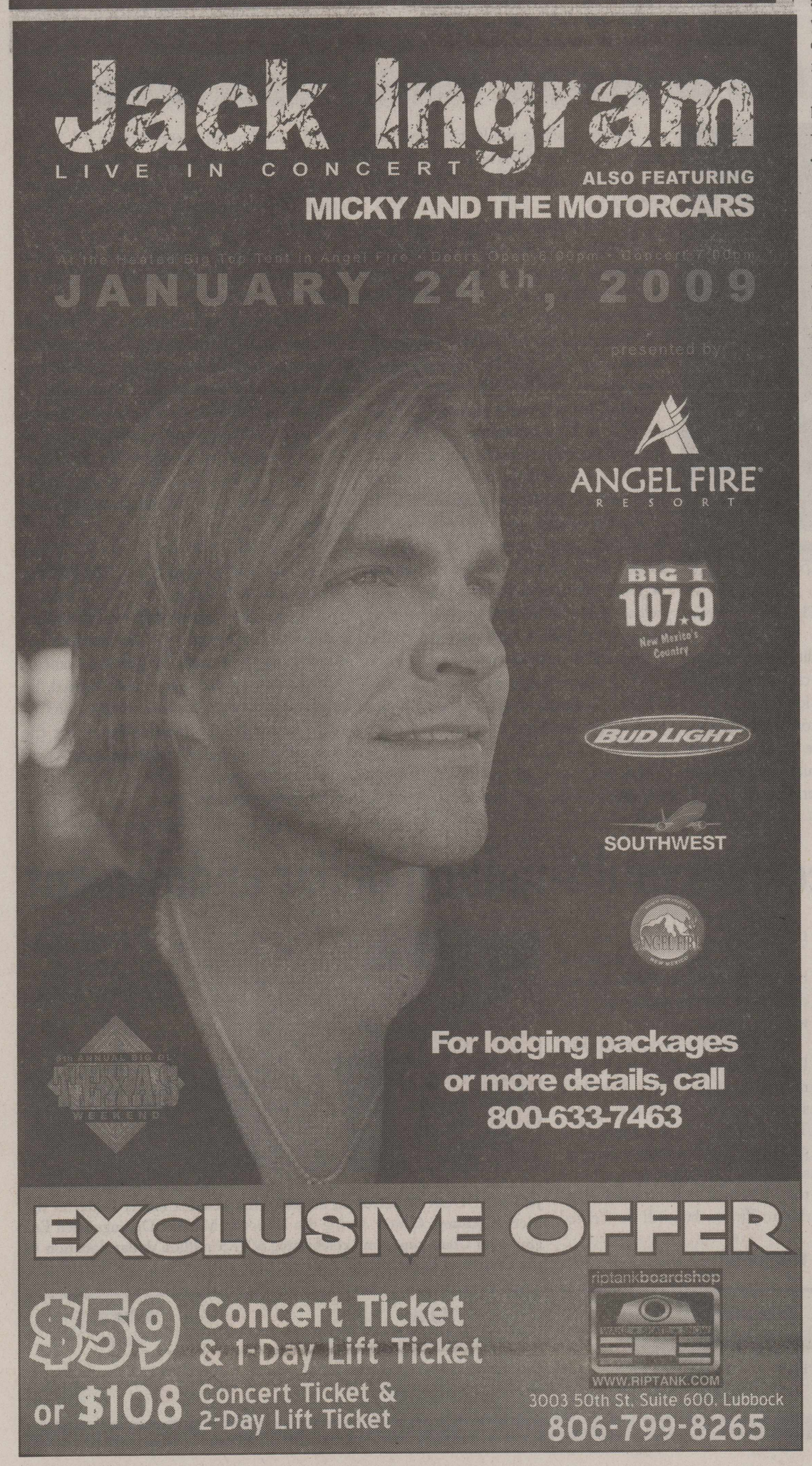
1:30 p.m. — Obama will escort outgoing President George W. Bush to a departure ceremony before attending a luncheon in the Capitol's Statuary Hall.

3:30 p.m. — The 56th Inaugural Parade will then make its way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

8 p.m. — The Presidential Inaugural Committee will host 10 official inaugural balls.

The ceremony may be watched live on all major news network Web sites

SOURCE: The Associated Press



ODDBALL DAILY

Fla. police: Woman crashes, continues to hair cut

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. (AP) — An elderly woman in Palm Beach County drove her car into a man on a scooter and continued on to her hair appointment, police said.

Louise Davidson, 77, was arrested Thursday for leaving the scene of a crash involving injuries, Boynton Beach police said.

Police spokeswoman Stephanie Slater said the woman was turning right when she veered into the path of the oncoming scooter that had the right of way. The man was thrown onto the windshield and then fell to the road, she said.

Police said they later spotted the woman's car after she had her hair appointment.

Authorities said the man suffered scrapes all over his body. The injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

Goose-icle! Frozen fowl rescued by police divers

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — Sheriff's divers have come to the rescue of a trapped goose that sat too long in frigid waters of a Detroit suburb.

Police responded Friday night after being told the goose was trapped in the Clinton River near Shadyside Park.

Divers and a marine officer first tried putting warm water around the goose, which was frozen in the ice.

Macomb County Sheriff's divers chipped away at the ice and within an hour freed the goose. The bird then waddled to a group of geese sitting in open water nearby.

Sgt. Dan Willis says it honked, then "swam away with the rest of the pack."

Indiana boy licks light pole, gets stuck

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — In a scene straight out of the movie "A Christmas Story," a 10-year-old Indiana boy got his tongue stuck to a metal light pole.

Hammond police say the unidentified fourth-grader was able to tell them that a friend dared him to lick the pole Wednesday night. Temperatures in the Chicago suburb were around 10 degrees at the time.

By the time an ambulance arrived, the boy was able to yank his tongue off the frozen pole.

Police say ambulance personnel explained to the boy's mother how to care for his bleeding tongue.

The 1983 movie was set in a fictional city based on Hammond, the hometown of author Jean Shepherd.

Man waiting for tools gets brick of marijuana

DENTON (AP) — A man in Denton, Texas who was expecting a shipment of tools instead received a 30-pound brick of marijuana that police say is worth more than $10,000.

Officer Ryan Grelle says the man opened the box Monday night, realized it contained drugs and contacted police.

The package from the Pharr area was handled by UPS in McAllen on Jan. 6. and apparently was intended for a Dallas address.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reports no such address exists in Dallas, so the package wound up 40 miles to the northwest at the similar address in Denton.

Gun goes off in Utah restroom, shatters toilet

CENTERVILLE, Utah (AP) — The man escaped with a few cuts to his arm, but the toilet made out much worse.

Police say a man's gun fell out of its holster while he pulled up his pants after using the bathroom at a Carl's Jr. restaurant Tuesday. The gun fired when it hit the floor and shattered the commode.

A few shards of porcelain cut the man's arm, and a woman in an adjacent restroom who was frightened by the noise reported she was having chest pain. Both people were checked at the scene and released.

Police say they confiscated the 26-year-old man's firearm while they review the incident. The man had a concealed weapons permit. No charges are being filed.

Line cut leads to scuffle, arrest of 2 Ind. men

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — Two Indiana men have been arrested in a scuffle with an off-duty police officer who complained when one cut ahead of him in a line at a store.

Exactly what happened is in dispute.

Police say 26-year-old Edward Pluhar Jr. went to the front of the line Sunday at a Wal-Mart in Muncie — and wouldn't budge when Officer Chris Kirby complained.

Pluhar's father, Edward Pluhar Sr., was nearby. He said Tuesday his son had waited in line for 25 minutes when a clerk asked him to exchange an item. When he returned, according to the father, the clerk waved him to the front.

The senior Pluhar denied Kirby's claim that he threatened to shoot him and said Kirby insulted his son.

Future of abstinence-only funding in limbo

NEW YORK (AP) — With the exit of the Bush administration, critics of abstinence-only sex education will be making an aggressive push to cut off federal funding for what they consider an ineffective, sometimes harmful program.

How quickly and completely they reach their goal is uncertain, however, as conservative supporters of abstinence education lobby Congress and President-elect Barack Obama to preserve at least some of the funding, which now totals $176 million a year.

And even if federal funding is halted, some states — such as Georgia — are determined to keep abstinence programs going on their own, ensuring that this front in the culture wars will remain active.

Obama is considered an advocate of comprehensive sex education, which — unlike abstinence-only curriculum — includes advice to young people about using contraceptives if they do engage in sexual activity. However, Obama spokesman Tommy Vietor declined to elaborate on what the new president would propose in his own budget plan.

Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of American, depicted the federal abstinence-only program as "an utter failure that has wasted more than $1.5 billion" over the past decade. Like other critics, she noted that several major studies — including a federally funded review — have found no evidence that the abstinence-only approach works in deterring teen sex.

"Talking with Obama, he totally understands the need for young people to have comprehensive sex education — they need information that protects their health," Richards said. "I hope that will be the position of the administration, but when Congress gets involved, sometimes things get more complicated."

Even after Democrats took control of Congress in the 2006 elections, liberals lacked the votes to end abstinence-only funding, and President George Bush stuck by his strong support for it.

But Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., said the 2008 elections not only put Obama in the White House but also increased the ranks of senators and representatives who share her opposition to funding abstinence education.

"We believe the amount of money that goes into it would be so much better used on things to prevent unwanted pregnancies," she said. "I think we'll have enough votes to deal with it."

Endowment

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on some other branch of energy.

The J. F Maddox Foundation is a nonprofit organization out of Hobbs, N.M. Jim and Don Maddox are the sons of Donovan Maddox and rotate between the vice president and president positions of the foundation every two years.

The size of the donation for the Donovan Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair matched that of the previously endowed Jack Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the Maddox brothers had extensive history at the university. Both Jack Maddox and Donovan Maddox were textile engineering majors, Student Government Association presidents, and were named distinguished engineers as well as distinguished alumni.

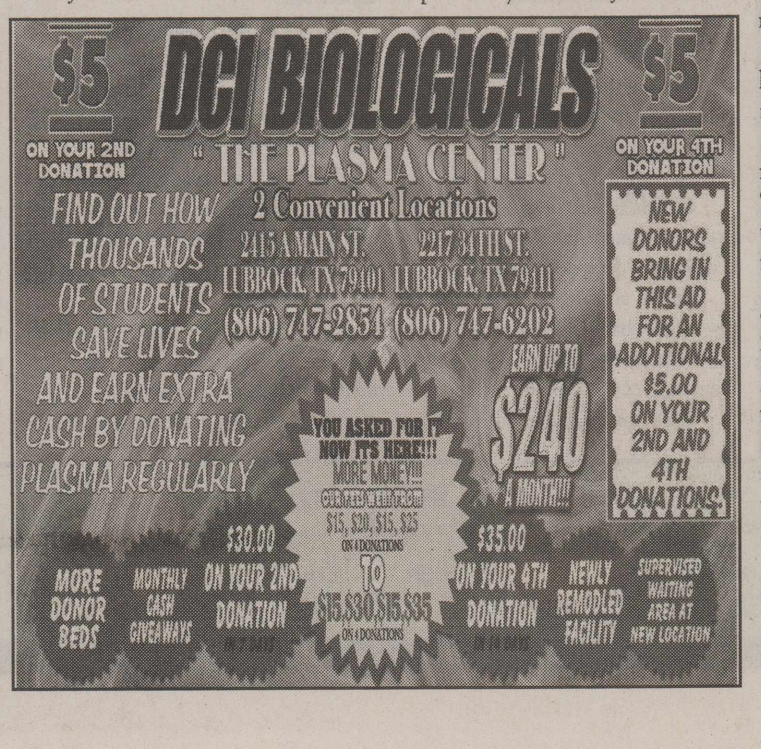
Jim Maddox said being able to honor his father while supporting Tech is a "perfect storm."

"Our father did many things (and) never wanted recognition," he said. "Fifteen years after his death, we get to celebrate his life and accomplishments."

The size of the endowment is the "kind of thing what will make a difference at Texas Tech University," Maddox said, and added he and his family were "extremely proud" to be able to give it. Many Maddox family members and Maddox family friends were in attendance in Friday's press conference.

"The Maddox family tradition is still alive and well at Texas Tech University," Hance said.

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Lubbock native talks cowboy culture in presidential politics

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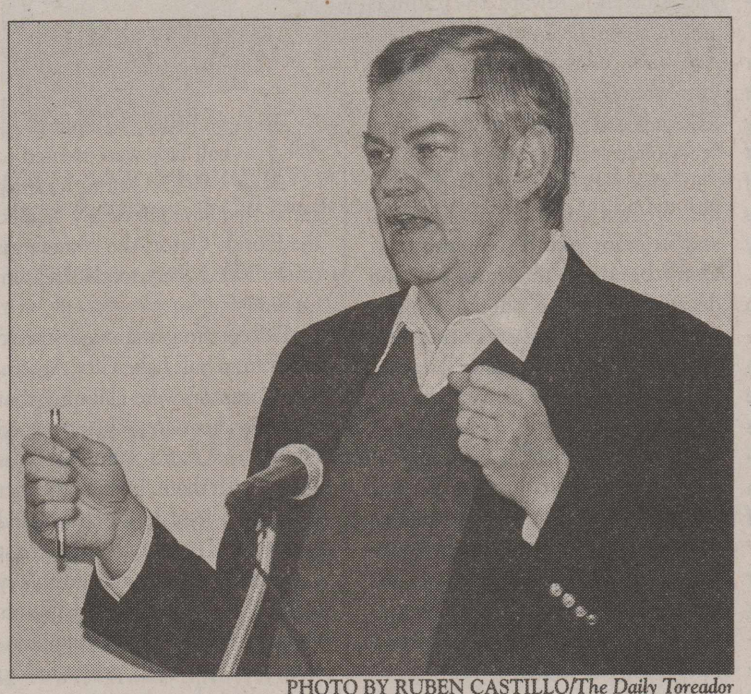


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B. BYRON PRICE speaks about the cowboy culture's influence on different U.S. presidents Thursday in the main gallery of the National Ranching Heritage Center.

The term "cowboy" can refer to a fashion, a stereotype or a lifestyle — aspects that have impacted politics.

B. Bryon Price, a Lubbock native and expert in Western culture, led a discussion Jan. 15 at the National Ranching Heritage Center about cowboy culture in presidential politics.

The discussion, titled "Black Hat, White Hat: The Good, The Bad and The Enduring Image," dealt with the prominent cowboy image in politics and the negative image that has been associated with cowboys.

Price said the image of a tall, heroic figure in boots and a cowboy hat has been continuously present in the United States and its politics.

"The cowboy image remains the most visible, resilient and controversial images associated with the president," he said.

Price said associations of the Wild West can be found in hundreds of ways with presidents. Associations can be found in anything from favorite presidential movies set on the open range to western art in the White House. He said there is always some sort of "western feel" in politics.

"The image is never far from the Oval Office and has been a main stay since at least the early 19th century," Price said.

He said the image generally is used in politics in a positive way because the image often symbolizes action, masculinity and strength.

The cowboy image in politics was introduced by Theodore Roosevelt, the first president to call himself a cowboy, Price said.

The cowboy image usually is depicted as either a virtuous hard-working rancher or as a man riding a horse, which symbolizes action, he said. The admirable qualities of a cowboy found in a president gives people hope and is the reason presidents choose to be associated with cowboys.

The negative connotations of a cowboy can symbolize a criminal who is violent and not at all heroic, Price said. The negative images, including thieves robbing banks and families, were common to the masses as cowboy culture emerged.

However, the negative images did not hurt the cowboy traits associated with presidents, he said. The image interlocked with presidents often remains a positive figure of character and action.

"For the cowboy image to be positive and effective, it must always be accompanied by vigorous leadership." Price said.

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Much change in Biggie Small's neighborhood

NEW YORK (AP) — In rapper Biggie Smalls' old Brooklyn neighborhood, the building that once housed a coin laundry is now a plastic surgeon's office. A block away, a wine bar sells "artisanal" cheeses and meats.

Much has changed where the late superstar spent all but a few years of his life and sometimes sold crack cocaine before spinning vivid tales of his street exploits into millions of record sales.

"It's completely different," said Voletta Wallace, Smalls' mother, who moved into the area in 1969 and left after her son was killed, at age 24, in a 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. "It's a place for the better."

Wallace is a producer of "Notorious," the Smalls movie biography that hit theaters on Friday, and was on the set during filming in the area.

In interviews, she and other longtime residents and business owners reminisced about Smalls and reflected on the neighborhood's changes, which have occasionally sparked tension.

"Much has changed but much remains the same," said City Councilwoman Letitia James, whose district includes the neighborhood.

"Barney," a pop stardom springboard

CARROLLTON (AP) — Barney the dinosaur, a beloved toddler's icon to some and a cultural punching bag to others, has taken on a new role: steppingstone.

"Barney & Friends," filmed in a nondescript office building in suburban Dallas, has lately become a launching pad for child stars shooting along the career path blazed by Miley Cyrus and a generation of Mouseketeers before her.

Alums of the show are starring in movies with Will Smith and The Rock, appearing in Disney Channel programs with the Jonas Brothers and signing solo music deals that could put them in the same rarified air as Cyrus' alter ego, Hannah Montana.

Talent agents praised the show for providing a healthy environment for child actors and said it benefits from a deep pool of Dallas-area talent who have no other regular outlet for acting.

"Dallas has become a market that is very heavily scouted by the L.A. agents because we have turned out a number of good kids that are rising," said Lisa Dawson, owner of the Kim Dawson Agency. "We are on the radar for L.A. And kids in Dallas who are good actors end up on Barney."

The 1990s version of "The Mickey Mouse Club" launched the careers of singers Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, and actors Keri Russell and Ryan Gosling. In similar fashion, "Barney & Friends" for the last few years has been a training ground for several aspiring child actresses from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Barney-ex Demi Lovato, a 16-year-old from Dallas, starred with the Jonas Brothers in a popular children's musical "Camp Rock" and is expected to be the lead in a series that debuts next month. Selena Gomez, a 16-year-old from Grand Prairie, went on to the Disney program "Wizards of Waverly Place. Both girls have signed music contracts.

A third Barney alum, Madison Pettis, a 10-year-old from Arlington, has appeared in "Seven Pounds" with Will Smith and "The Game Plan" with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

Boy George sentenced to 15 months

LONDON (AP) — Singer Boy George was sentenced to 15 months in jail on Friday after being convicted of falsely imprisoning a male escort by handcuffing him to a wall in a London apartment.

British Judge David Radford said the 47-year-old former Culture Club frontman, whose real name is George O'Dowd, was guilty of "gratuitous violence."

O'Dowd's lawyer said his client and the escort had both behaved like "drug-crazed idiots" and that O'Dowd's substance abuse problems were a contributing factor.

In 2006, Boy George — whose pop band's hits included "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me" and "Karma Chameleon" — did community service with New York City's Department of Sanitation after he called police with a false report of a burglary at his lower Manhattan apartment and officers found cocaine there.

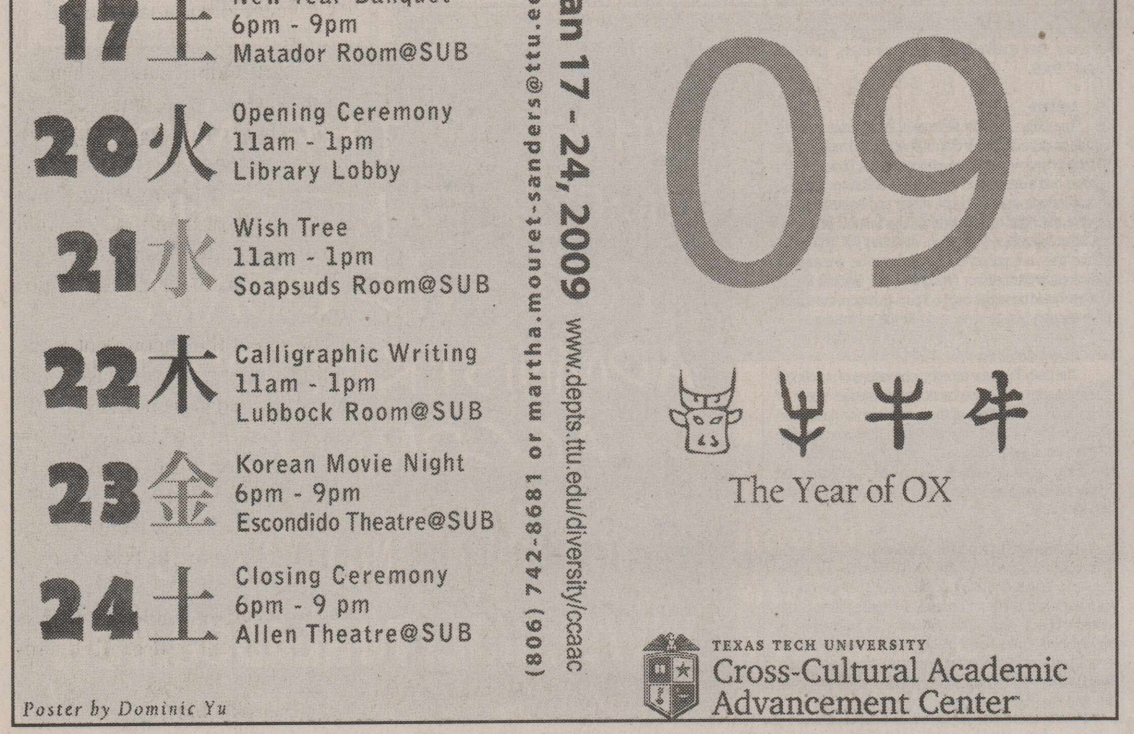
Friday's sentencing occurred at Snaresbrook Crown Court in East London, where O'Dowd had been warned by the judge to expect a jail sentence.

The singer had been convicted in December of handcuffing Norwegian escort Audun Carlsen to a wall hook at his East London apartment. During the trial, prosecutors said Carlsen was held by O'Dowd for under an hour.

The singer denied the charge, saying he had restrained Carlsen with handcuffs while trying to figure out if a computer had been tampered with. Carlsen, 29, said O'Dowd swung at him with a metal chain as he ran from the apartment after a naked photo shoot.







OPINIONS

Suggestions for our new leader



Stephen Torrence

Today we will swear in Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States, in an inauguration ceremony likely to rival any in the history of this country. It is a momentous day, a spirited day, and most importantly, a pensive day.

It was back in the spring of 2007 that Obama officially began his campaign for the White House, and from the very beginning I knew that no matter what roller coaster ride might ensue, he would ultimately become our next president.

This didn't stop me from campaigning for, donating to, and passionately supporting Congressman Ron Paul throughout 2007 and early 2008. There was no candidate that spoke more to my own values and beliefs than he. But I am not an average American. Average America chose Barack Obama.

It would be naïve to believe that our new president reads *The Daily Toreador* or cares about the opinion of a single columnist who didn't even vote for him. Nevertheless, initiatives such as Change.gov show that Obama does care about our stories and opinions in a collective sense.

Therefore I feel that addressing you directly, Mr. President, follows in this spirit, and I would like to put forward my own thoughts and suggestions as if you might one day read these words. If nothing else, it gets me in the right mindset.

Keep up the illusion of a perpetual campaign. You built your successful run partly by gathering a huge following and connecting with them through texts, Twitter and other non-traditional methods.

You made each individual voter feel as if they were a part of your success, and you must keep that feeling going. One of Bush's critical mistakes was distancing himself from the very voters who got him elected, and he subsequently became not "our" president but simply "the" president.

Don't stop encouraging your constituency to act in favor of the reforming policies for which they supported you. Your job as the Chief Executive is to enact the laws of Congress, and the job of Congress is to enact the laws their constituency supports.

Therefore, encourage those who elected you to appeal to their congressmen and senators to bring forth these reforms. You must emphasize that change begins with us, builds momentum through our representatives, and finally comes of age with the strokes of your pen at the foot of a new bill.

At the same time, use the power and influence of your office to effect change from the top. As you promised, meet with the leaders of the world and show them that there's a new boss in the States, and that he's not the same as the old boss.

Distance yourself from the influence of corporations. They gave you money during your campaign, but you must not reward the failures among them. Denounce the ineffectual practices and praise innovation, entrepreneurialism and versatility. The time for "golden parachutes" and "economic stimulus" is over.

Don't talk down to us as Bush did. We're a smart bunch of people, and we want you to recognize that. Don't be afraid to throw in some detailed history, economic theory, or logical reasoning every now and then. We'll follow it, and we'll respect you all the more for trusting that we understand.

I'll be watching you intently in these crucial first months of your term, Mr. President. I had no qualms about criticizing the policies of your predecessors, and I will have no qualms about criticizing you. The nation is in your hands. Make us proud to call you our leader.

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Americans should come together in hope



Mackenzie Maxwell

Today is a day that will certainly make a mark on history.

It is true that today Barack Obama will be sworn in as the first African-American president of the United States. However, that is just a fraction of what makes this day important to history. Today is the day Americans — Democrats, Republicans, and independents — need to unite in the hope that our country can be a better place. We must hope together today.

Before we can hope together, we must understand what that means. It is more than a campaign slogan. It is more than the word on the lips of Obama's supporters. It is so much more than just a word. Merriam-Webster defines "hope" as "to cherish a desire with anticipation." Think about that for a moment. To hope for better days we must not only desire a better country, we must anticipate it.

It is no secret that this great nation is experiencing some hard times. Our economy is in shambles. It seems like every day a young man or woman dies in one of the two wars our nation is involved in. It is becoming harder and harder for people to afford college and health care. Job losses are record high. All of these things leave us with one big question: What do we do now?

The way I see it, there is only one thing the American people can do now: stand with our neighbors and hope for better days. We must cherish our desires for a better economy, the safety of our troops, more jobs, and affordable education and health care. All of these desires are American. All of these desires must be cherished, and their fulfillment must be anticipated.

Any other time our nation has faced great peril, people have stood together to make a difference. Throughout the history of the United States, we have united in the spirit of hope to make things better.

This idea can be traced back as far as the nation's birth. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and all of the other founding fathers did not have the same political views. They did not always see eye to eye. Nevertheless, they put aside their differences and on many occasions they compromised. They were able to do so because they all believed in one thing: America should be a free nation.

The fact of the matter is Obama cannot do this without the support of the American people. Congress cannot make good decisions about our future without the support of the people who elected them. This is not the time for partisan politics — the election is over. There is too much at risk to be petty now.

We must all act as the Founding Fathers did. We must put aside differences and compromise. We must come together under one common belief: America is too great a country to suffer like this.

We cannot put this off. Today is the day that we can all believe in America's ability. Today is the day that we can start over and fix our problems. Today can make history as a nation of unity. Today is the day America should rise up as a nation united by hope. Today, I am hopeful that this country will soon see better days. Are you hopeful?

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Inauguration excess better spent elsewhere

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The economy is in chaos, bailouts are afoot and hopeful senators are vying for seats left and right.

But through all of our country's various issues, we still can never quite resist a good party.

In 2008, the country was seized with the desire for change — a desire that led to the landslide election of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States.

But in 2009, change doesn't seem like a top priority. In fact, we seem much more concerned about the biggest, best and, unsurprisingly, most expensive way to ring in our next leader.

President Bush's inauguration in 2005 cost about $40 million for security, events and more and reportedly attracted about 300,000 people.

For Obama's inauguration celebration, Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty has estimated that it will cost the city some $47 million while Maryland and Virginia have estimated their outlay at $12 million and $16 million respectively, according to the Association for Financial Professionals.

On Jan. 20, between 1 and 2 million people are expected to pour into Washington, a city of 400,000, for the inauguration, some paying tens of thousands of dollars a night for a hotel room and to attend lavish inaugural balls.

> *"Though this is an exciting and unprecedented time in America's history, we need to focus less on the festivities and more on fixing what's broken in our country."*

Indeed, excess has always been a part of America's DNA. America: the land of plenty, so on and so forth.

But over the years it's become a defining characteristic of our nation — one that resonates globally. So far, it doesn't seem like we care too much.

Though flippantly spending this much money on one evening during an economic crisis seems ludicrous enough, we've managed to be even more selfish: by kicking around Washington's homeless.

According to Michael O'Neill of the National Coalition for the Homeless, up to 1,200 people live in the security zone, including Pennsylvania Avenue, the grand boulevard that the inaugural parade will march down.

"I don't fault the people who are putting this together for trying to make it a safe event because if there are a couple of million people crammed into the middle of Washington, it could be a target for something," former homeless man Dave Pirtle said. "But you can do it and work with the community. We are showing our priorities as a nation: throwing a multi-million dollar party while trying to shovel our poor and our homeless under the carpet."

We couldn't agree more.

Though this is an exciting and unprecedented time in America's history, we need to focus less on the festivities and more on fixing what's broken in our country. Jobs are disappearing, scholarships are growing increasingly scarce and for many, so is hope.

But if we keep focused on bettering our country, maybe our government will get the memo.

Obama wrong, BCS doesn't need playoffs

By ROBERT KESSLER
The Observer (Notre Dame)

Last week college football fans were treated to a BCS Championship game that unequivocally named the Florida Gators the champions off the 2008 college football season. Or did it?

Before the game even started teams from Salt Lake City, Austin, and Compton were claiming that they were deserving of being named champions, and many writers agreed with them. Despite the fact that I fell asleep during the second quarter of a game that was almost as boring as Benjamin Button [key word: almost] I believe the Gators deserve the National Championship that has been presented to them, and that the other teams should just stop their whining.

But not everybody agrees with me. Most notably, our President-elect has been outspoken in his requests for a college football playoff to determine the national champion. This is most interesting because we have no evidence that Barack Obama is a college football fan. He talks about being a White Sox fan, he appeared on a Bears Monday Night Football game in 2006, and he talks often about his love of basketball, but how could a person who went to Occidental, Columbia, and Harvard possibly know what the biggest college football fans actually want?

Does his plea for a playoff come from his belief that a playoff would be the best thing for the sport? Or is it simply to appeal to the media hounds that love to talk about a playoff. OR is this logic just coming from his Hollywood connections who are all disappointed about a certain team going to the Rose Bowl again? The fact of the matter is that there are several downsides to a college football playoff that the non-college fan could not possibly understand.

> *"If a playoff was instituted, all the non-playoff bowl games would become a sideshow much like the NFL's Pro Bowl or the UEFA Cup."*

The most common argument against a playoff is that it devalues the regular season. This year, games that were incredibly exciting because of their BCS implications included Texas — Texas Tech, Alabama — Florida, USC — Oregon State, and Penn State — Iowa. If there was a playoff, these games would have only been important for seeds, but the BCS eliminated the losers of all of these games making the stakes higher than most every regular season NFL game.

More interestingly, however, is the fact that a playoff system would also devalue the other bowl games that currently exist. Already we have seen bowls such as the Cotton Bowl and the bowl formerly known as the Citrus Bowl become less important because they landed on the outside of the BCS.

If a playoff was instituted, all the non-playoff bowl games would become a sideshow much like the NFL's Pro Bowl or the UEFA Cup. While somebody who is not a fan of college football (or more importantly, a specific team) might see no purpose to these other bowl games, us college football fans know that they are the heart and soul of our sport.

This year's other bowls gave Ole Miss the chance to prove that its win over Florida was no fluke. They gave TCU the opportunity to prove that they are a top 10 team. They gave Utah the mere opportunity to enter into the National Championship conversation, and they gave Vanderbilt fans something many haven't seen in their lifetime (a bowl victory). Most importantly, however, this year's lesser bowls gave us Notre Dame fans something to cheer about after two of our most painful seasons.

Five weeks ago I wrote in this paper about how disappointing the past four years of Notre Dame Football had been. Things had gotten so bad that even most Notre Dame Fans did not think that our team could beat lowly Hawaii.

This game gave us something to look forward to for the future, as well as something to be happy about in the present. If it wasn't for the lesser bowls, I would have never been able to proudly wear my Kyle Rudolph/Ethan Johnson [sorry Zibby] jersey to midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

Bowl games give half the country something awesome to cheer about and make lasting memories for the fans of the schools that come out victorious. Barack Obama says that a playoff system would be best for the sport because he is seemingly not a fan of the sport and has probably never even attended a bowl game. He wasn't the Ole Miss Senior that cheered victoriously as the Cotton Bowl trophy was hoisted feet away from him.

He wasn't the Utah Senior who celebrated New Year's Eve on Bourbon Street, undoubtedly being taunted and outnumbered by Alabama fans, only to experience the sheer ecstasy of the Ute's victory. He wasn't the Notre Dame Senior that wore a football jersey to midnight mass on Christmas Eve in celebration of the bowl victory he's been waiting far too long to see.

I have been telling anybody who will listen about the football jersey I wore to midnight mass, and I will probably continue to tell people the story for a long time. In fact, I will probably tell my great — nephews the story years from now when I am telling them memories of my Notre Dame years. The bowl system made a memory for me over this year even though I never considered travelling out to Hawaii.

Barack Obama has none of these memories because he never attended a school with a Div. I football program, and because of this he should stop thinking he knows what is best for a sport he can't possibly understand. As he brings change to this country starting next week, I just hope that he focuses on more important issues that he more fully understands and does not waste his time trying to change my bowl system.

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McNeill speaks at MLK banquet

Ruffin McNeill, the Texas Tech football team's defensive coordinator, called Martin Luther King Jr. the "head coach" of the civil rights movement.

McNeil spoke at the black-tie banquet of the Martin Luther King Jr. 38th Annual City-Wide Celebration Saturday evening at the University Medical Center McInturff Center.

Using the theme of "Change: past, present, and future," McNeil talked about his past, present and future and how each was affected by King.

McNeill said King's success can be attributed to his courage, vision, perseverance and a great support team.

He said he could attribute much of his own success to his wife, who has been his teacher, support system and friend.

The characteristics of King are those people should aspire to have, he said.



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DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR RUFFIN McNeill gives the keynote speech Saturday at the McInturff Center at the Lubbock MLK Banquet.

"For the future," McNeill said, "we need to make sure we grab up the children and teach them great courage, to have a vision, to have perseverance, and to surround themselves with good company."

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Study: More sleep could decrease colds

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Insufficient sleep may not cause a cold, but researchers have discovered it increases the likelihood of catching one.

A team of Pittsburgh researches reported in their study, "Sleep Habits and Susceptibility to the Common Cold," that less than seven hours of sleep increases the probability of developing a cold.

"We expected sleep loss to be associated with an increased likelihood of developing a cold," said researcher Denise Janicki-Deverts via e-mail. "We were surprised by our finding that such small decrements in sleep efficiency."

According to the study, which was published January in the Archives of Internal Medicine, 153 healthy volunteers told researches for two weeks the number of hours they slept a night and if they felt rested.

The participants were then quarantined and had cold-causing rhinoviruses sprayed into their noses. For five days, researches monitored whether they exhibited any cold symptoms like coughing, sneezing and stuffy noses.

Janicki-Deverts, who received her doctorate in biological and health psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, said the research team was surprised to find a decrease in sleep efficiency as small as 2 percent could have such a strong effect on the susceptibility to a cold.

Results proved participants with less than seven hours of sleep were almost three times more likely to develop a cold than those with eight hours or more of sleep.

Janicki-Deverts said, with eight hours of sleep per night, only 10 minutes spent awake will increase susceptibility to a cold.

The study found that poor sleep efficiency and shorter sleep durations are the primary variables associated with increased probability of catching a cold. Other factors such as race, age, sex and season of exposure did not appear to have the same effect.

Kelly Bennett, medical director of Student Health Services at Texas Tech, said insufficient sleep can cause students academic problems as well as increased risk of sickness.

"Studies show an average adult should receive seven to eight and a half hours of sleep a night," Bennett said.

When students stay up all night studying, she said, they are damaging their grades and ability to function the next day. She said less sleep during a prolonged period of time would also have a negative impact on students' cognitive abilities, increasing the probability of making mistakes.

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Sundance doc: People should know 'it's Cazale'

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — The most star-studded entry at the Sundance Film Festival is a short documentary about an actor whose intense face is known to just about any serious cinema fan but whose name often escapes them.

"I Knew It Was You" features interviews with Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Robert De Niro, Gene Hackman, Richard Dreyfuss, Francis Ford Coppola and others, all paying tribute to the guy whose long, sad face leaves people saying: "I know him. Isn't that Fredo from 'The Godfather'?"

John Cazale made only five films, among them the first two "Godfather" flicks, before dying of cancer at age 42 in 1978. But all five were nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards, including "Dog Day Afternoon," "The Conversation" and "The Deer Hunter."

"Five best-picture nominations. A perfect record," said Richard Shepard, who directed "I Knew It Was You," a 40-minute documentary that premiered in Sundance's short-films program and eventually will air on HBO. "It's insane, isn't it?"

The acclaimed theater actor became one of Hollywood's premier character actors with his five films, starting with Coppola's "The Godfather," in which he played hapless Fredo, the weak link in the Corleone crime family.

The immortal line from Pacino's Michael Corleone to older brother Fredo in "The Godfather Part II" — "I know it was you. You broke my heart" — gave the documentary its title.

Cazale broke hearts on screen with portrayals of volatile, vulnerable, vacillating men, including Pacino's tragic bank-robbing partner in "Dog Day Afternoon."

"He's fearless, because he's not worried about looking good. A lot of actors are so conscientious about being the GUY. They're afraid to look weak, always trying to have the bravado, have the coolness," said filmmaker Brett Ratner ("X-Men: The Last Stand," the "Rush Hour" flicks), one of the documentary's producers. "He was OK being vulnerable. I don't know, he just touched me, his humanity. I fell in love with it. In 'Dog Day Afternoon,' it broke my heart. ... I cry, weep at the end."

Shepard, director of the hit man tale "The Matador," said Cazale is his favorite actor, and the documentary got its start out of his frustration at being able to find so little information about him on the Internet and in film books.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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Obama's half brother performs in China to raise money for orphans

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — The news release didn't say who Mark Ndesandjo was. Nor did the posters and e-mails promoting the concert Friday in this southern Chinese boomtown where he played piano to raise money for orphans.

But the 200 or so people who showed up for the fundraiser at a posh hotel resort knew the man in a Chinese-style brown silk shirt was the half brother of President-elect Barack Obama. They had a rare encounter with Ndesandjo, who has been dodging the media since his family ties were made public last summer.

For the past seven years, Ndesandjo has been living in Shenzhen, a freewheeling city just across the border from Hong Kong. The announcement for his piano concert identified him as a strategic marketing consultant. He also helped start a chain of eateries in China called Cabin BBQ.

Ndesandjo has a thin mustache, shaved head and a gold stud in his left earlobe. He slightly resembles his half brother, and shares the same trim, athletic physique. He speaks Mandarin, is a vegetarian and practices Chinese calligraphy.

And he said Friday that he has just finished a novel called "Nairobi to Shenzhen," but as yet has no publisher.

Ndesandjo apparently wants a low-key life separate from Obama. No one mentioned his family when he was introduced at the charity concert and cocktail party sponsored by the American Chamber of Commerce in South China.

During brief remarks on stage, Ndesandjo mentioned that he would visit the U.S. in a couple days, apparently to attend Tuesday's presidential inauguration. He said if he didn't make the trip in time, he would embarrass his family.

And he told the crowd that chamber president, Harley Seyedin, was fond of the president-elect. Ndesandjo added, "I like my president, too!" That was the closest he came to mentioning Barack Obama.

Ndesandjo's reluctance to play up his famous relative is extremely unusual in China, where people commonly name drop and use their connections to advance their interests. In China, relationships, or "guanxi," with powerful people are golden and rarely wasted in winning new business or opening other doors.

As his Chinese wife watched, Ndesandjo began his performance with a Chinese tune called "Liuyang River" followed by what he said was "Chopin's First Nocturne." His third and final piece was a jazz tune by Fats Waller called "Viper's Drag."

He played with passion, at times hunched over the keyboard or rocking back with his eyes closed and lips slightly parted in expressions of ectasy and agony.

His Chinese friend and restaurant business partner, Sui Zhenjun, said he has known Ndesandjo since he arrived in China in 2002.

"But it wasn't until July when media reports started surfacing about him being related to Obama that I found out they were related," he told The Associated Press. "He called and told me."

Ndesandjo declined to answer questions from the AP at Friday's concert. He wouldn't confirm basic details about his past or discuss his relationship with Obama.

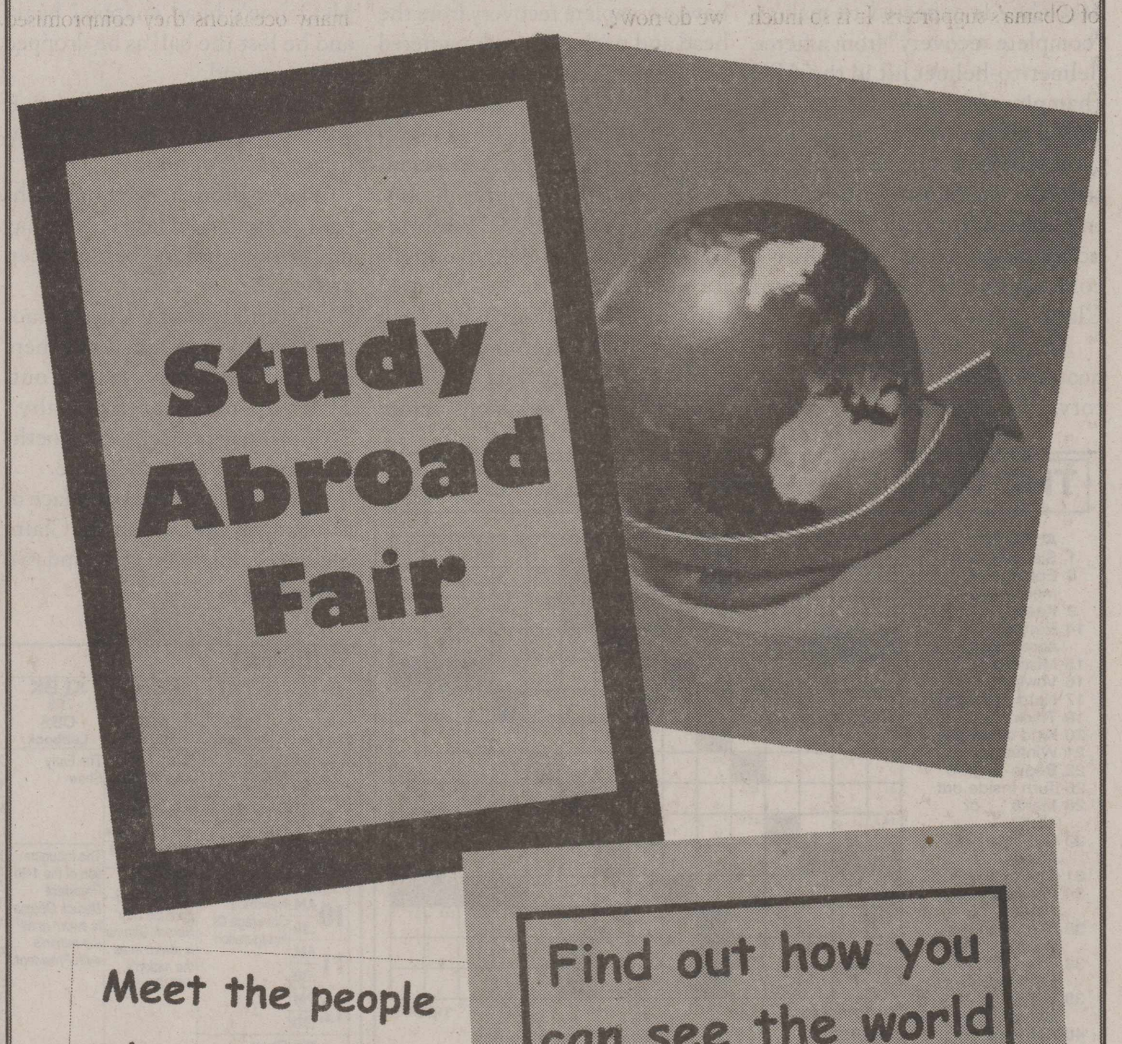
He uses the surname of his mother, Ruth, the third wife of his father, who died in 1982. He was born in Kenya and moved to the United States when he was a child.

Footage from a Chinese TV news show posted on Youtube shows him practicing calligraphy at home and teaching children how to play the piano, praising them in Mandarin and English.

On Friday, he said he had visited a Shenzhen orphanage shortly after arriving in China and saw rows and rows of sleeping babies while a harried staff of two nurses tried to care for them.

"One child with big black eyes seized my finger and would not let it go," he told the crowd.





SPORTS

Frustration setting in for Knight, Red Raiders

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By ALEX YBARRA
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Now that his team has lost three straight games, including its first two Big 12 Conference games, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight intends to drill the fundamentals of basketball back into his players' heads.

The lack of competitiveness in the second half against No. 11 Texas, who coasted to a 71-49 victory Saturday in the United Spirit Arena, has elevated Knight's frustration to an all-time high, he said.

"We've gotta work on every aspect of this game. We can't shoot, we can't pass, we can't hit layups from an offensive standpoint," he said. "Defensively, we can't guard anybody, we're not in a huddle position, we can't block out and rebound."

After the Red Raiders (10-7, 0-2 in Big 12 play) looked like an improved version of last season's team, winning seven of their first eight games, they have regressed at the worst time — just as conference gets going. To Tech's credit, injuries to guard Nick Okorie and forwards Trevor Cook and Michael Prince have affected the team's rotation.

Cook, who had 24 points against No. 4 Pittsburgh earlier this year, saw nine minutes of action against Texas on Saturday but looked dusty, missing all four of his shots while struggling to find open looks. An injury to Cook's back caused him to miss games against Stephen F. Austin, TCU and Baylor.

Okorie suffered an ankle injury in early December that sidelined him for losses at Lamar and UTEP and wins against New Mexico and Centenary. Prince missed two more games than Okorie — Stanford and Stephen F. Austin — because of a foot injury.

However, the injuries are not the No. 1 cause of Tech's mid-season crisis.

The inability to execute for 40 minutes, offensively and defensively, has been the only consistent part of Tech's game recently.

Prior to the Texas game, a pair of close losses to TCU and No. 23 Baylor were promising, but nothing consistent materialized. So far this year, the Red Raiders have more promising losses than promising wins. A 13-point loss to Pittsburgh in the Legends Classic earlier this season proved Tech can hang with any team in the nation.

Opportunities to knock off ranked teams have come and gone for the Red Raiders with losses to Stanford, Baylor and Texas.

If he could, Knight said he would make personnel changes, but halfway through the season, major roster moves are not likely to happen, he said.

"How you make those changes is recruiting. I gotta wait until next week for that," he said. "If this was the NBA, yeah we'd make trades tonight, but I can't. I'm stuck with what we have. You gotta work with it. But the way you address personnel is by recruiting, but you gotta wait on those guys.

"So we have to work with what we've got. I can't wish that I had so and so. I know what I have, and I gotta figure out what we gotta do with it."

Knight said he wishes he had a clear-cut leader, something the team has missed since Ronald Ross' departure in 2005. Coming into the season, Knight expected guard Alan Voskuil to lead by example, which does not fill the void of a vocal leader.

But Tech needs more than a lead-by-example player, and forward Mike Singletary has come close.

Singletary shows intensity on the court at times, but only when Tech is in control. His game-winning shot against Wichita State Dec. 3 could have been his coronation as the leader, but tough losses since then have raised leadership questions once again.

"All the vocal leadership is coming from the coaching staff, and that's part of the problem," Knight said. "We actually haven't had a real good vocal leader since Ronald Ross, and that's a huge problem because you gotta have that leader in the locker room.

"We're kind of frontrunners right now. When things are going good, we're out there talking, moving. Then all of a sudden someone jumps on you, after 10 or 12 points we kind of fold. Somehow we just gotta overcome that."

Tech will get a chance to show improvement when it plays conference-doormat Colorado at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena. The Buffaloes (8-8, 0-2) have lost five of six games and rank either 11th or 12th in 14 different statistical categories in the Big 12.

Last season, Tech routed Colorado in Boulder, Co., 87-69 for the Red Raiders' only conference road win of the season and its fourth win in the last five meetings against the Buffaloes. So today's game presents as good a time as any for Tech to correct some problems before going on the road to play Missouri and Texas A&M.

"We just take it one game at a time. Now our goal is we gotta try to beat Colorado," Knight said. "After that game will be Missouri. We're too young and don't have the firepower right now to set long term goals. This has gotta be a weekly deal."

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TEXAS FORWARD MATT Hill blocks Texas Tech's Mike Singletary's shot during the Longhorns' 71-49 victory over the Red Raiders Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

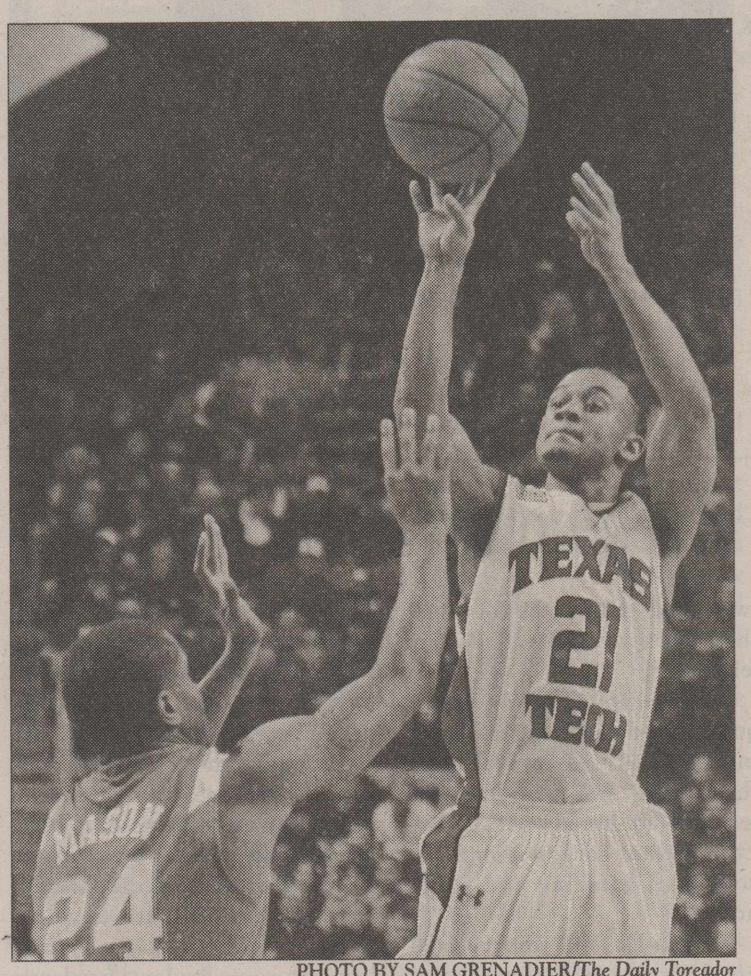


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TEXAS TECH'S JOHN Roberson had nine points in the Red Raiders' 71-49 loss to Texas.

Ravens' McGahee home, complete recovery expected

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Ravens running back Willis McGahee is expected to make a "complete recovery" from a fierce helmet-to-helmet hit in the AFC championship game that saw him carted off the field.

McGahee returned to his Baltimore home Monday after spending the night in a Pittsburgh hospital recovering from Sunday's collision with Steelers safety Ryan Clark.

The play occurred in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's 23-14 victory, and McGahee was carted from the field on a stretcher.

"It is expected that Willis will have a complete recovery from the head and neck injuries he suffered last night," Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne said Monday.

Although McGahee had significant neck pain, he had movement in his arms and legs after the hit. He was taken to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital and held overnight for observation. He was released early Monday morning and back home by early afternoon.

McGahee had just caught a pass and taken two steps before being met by Clark, who drove his helmet into McGahee's facemask. McGahee's head snapped back, and he lost the ball as he dropped to the ground.

Clark also collapsed, though it was immediately apparent that his injury wasn't serious.

Players from both teams gathered around McGahee, who lay motionless before being taken away.

"I started getting a little emotional when I saw him down there and the cart was coming out. That's the nature of this rivalry," Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said after the game.

Starting at tailback in place of the banged up Le'Ron McClain, McGahee ran for 60 yards and two touchdowns.

Wake Forest moves to No. 1 in AP poll

(AP) — Dino Gaudio knew his Wake Forest team would probably move to No. 1 after becoming Division I's only unbeaten team.

"I told the team when we got off the bus on Saturday, 'If you guys are happy being No. 1 on Jan. 19, then you're not the team I think you are,'" Gaudio said Monday. "All we care worry about is getting better. There is tremendous room for improvement with these lads."

Not as far as national ranking goes.

The Demon Deacons (16-0) beat Clemson 78-68 on Saturday, then top-ranked Pittsburgh lost 69-63 at Louisville hours later to set up their jump from No. 2.

Wake Forest received all but four first-place votes from the 72-member national media panel. The Demon Deacons are No. 1 for the first time since a two-week run in November 2004, when they had Chris Paul at point guard.

"It was a very tough week with three games in seven days to start league play. It was incredibly challenging," Gaudio said, referring to wins over North Carolina, Boston College and Clemson, the last two on the road. "Our defense carried us through the three games. The kids are buying into it and if we continue to do that, we'll be in games to the end with a chance to win."

Duke (16-1), which beat Georgia Tech and Georgia Tech last week, received the other four first-place votes and moved up one place to second. Connecticut (16-1), which beat St. John's and Seton Hall last week, moved from fourth to third, followed by Pittsburgh.

The Panthers (16-1) had moved to No. 1 for the first time two weeks ago, but they fell to fourth following the loss to Louisville.

North Carolina stayed fifth and was followed by Oklahoma, Michigan State, Syracuse, Louisville and Clemson.

Four teams moved into the rankings this week. Three of them — Memphis, Gonzaga and Florida — were in the Top 25 at some point this season and Illinois is ranked for the first time since the final poll of 2005-06.

Marquette moved up three places to 11th and was followed by Georgetown, UCLA, Texas, Xavier, Butler, Arizona State, Purdue, Notre Dame and Villanova. The last five ranked teams were Minnesota, Memphis, Gonzaga, Florida and Illinois.

Louisville's wins over Pittsburgh and Notre Dame had the Cardinals with the week's highest jump, 20th to No. 9. Notre Dame, which also lost to Syracuse last week, had the biggest drop, from 12th to 19th.

Wake Forest had five starters returning and a heralded three-man recruiting class and was ranked 21st in the preseason poll. With sophomore point guard Jeff Teague moving to the top of the Atlantic Coast Conference scoring list, the Demon Deacons moved steadily up the rankings.

Top 2 in polls to square off

(AP) — Connecticut and North Carolina are at the top of the poll again, and it will stay that way for at least another week even after the Huskies and Tar Heels meet in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown.

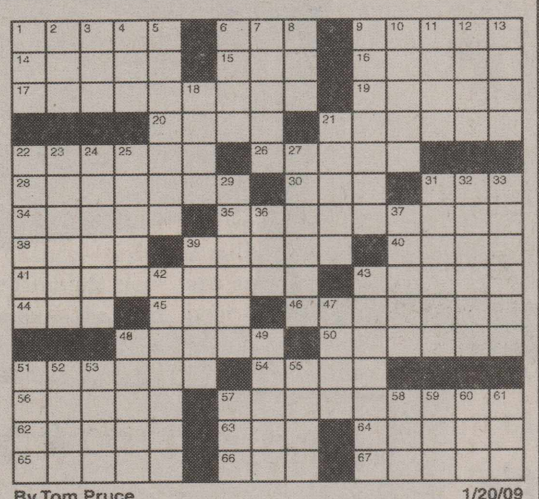
Connecticut was the unanimous top choice in The Associated Press poll for the eighth straight week Monday, while North Carolina received all the second-place votes for a second straight week. Oklahoma, Duke, and Baylor round out the first five.

The Huskies (17-0) play the Tar Heels (17-0) on Monday night in Chapel Hill in the 42nd matchup between the top two teams in the AP women's poll. No. 1 leads 22-19 in the games, but the top-ranked team has lost four of the past five meetings.

UConn, which received all 45 first-place votes from the national media panel, last played in a 1-2 game in 2003, when then-No. 2 Connecticut beat a No. 1 Duke. The Tar Heels have played in a 1-2 game in three of the past four seasons. The previous two times came against ACC rival Duke in 2006 and 2007.

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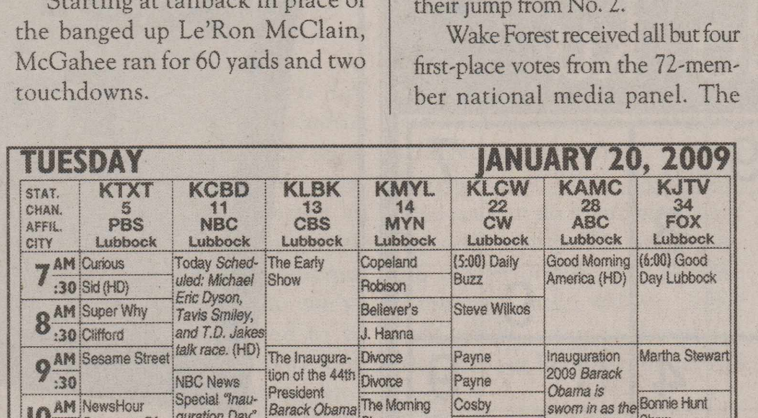
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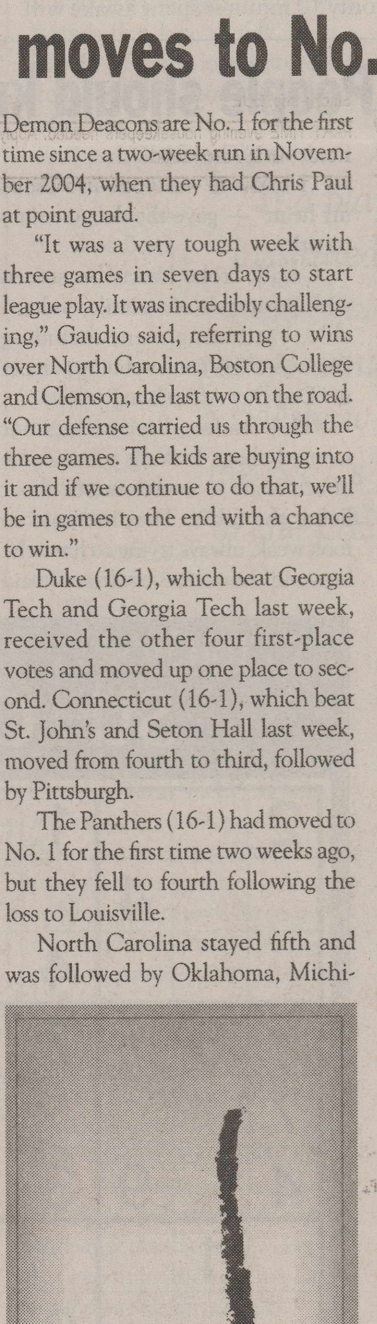
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Armstrong ready to return to cycling in Tour Down Under

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Three years after retiring as a seven-time Tour de France champion, Lance Armstrong is ready to race.

The 37-year-old cancer survivor said he is "hungry and motivated" to launch an audacious comeback at the Tour Down Under on Tuesday.

Armstrong settled nerves agitated by the long layoff when he raced in a criterium warmup to the tour Sunday, finishing 64th among 133 riders. For the next six days he will test the wisdom of his comeback on the hills and in the heat of rural South Australia.

His expectations for his first professional tour since the 2005 Tour de France are "modest" — he insists he doesn't expect to win — but says his "competitive juices" will be flowing and high personal standards will shun failure.

"Failure would be a broken collarbone," he said. "If I were the first guy dropped on Tuesday that would be a failure. That would not be good.

"But I don't have any clear ambitions or standards in my mind. To me it's successful just being here and getting into racing earlier than I would have. I have a job to do and my job is to train hard and try to be the best bike rider I can be and take this (anticancer) message around the world — and it kicks off here."

Tuesday's first stage curls 80 miles from Norwood to Mawson Lakes, and includes climbs to a peak of over 1,300 feet, a relatively gentle welcome back to road racing for the Austin cycling great.

It may be Saturday's fifth stage, taking in the Willunga Hill, which proves whether he has the legs as well as the heart and passion to make his return more than a footnote to a great career.

"I still go in with modest expectations mixed with nerves, mixed with excitement," Armstrong said. "I'm not a slacker but with no major goals other than make it through and get back into the rhythm of racing.

"Those juices are flowing through me even in a local race in Austin (Texas). You're looking around, you're not sure if it's excitement or nervousness — we call them butterflies. That's healthy and if I didn't have that then I probably shouldn't be here."

Johan Bruyneel, Armstrong's close friend and the head of the Astana team, to whom he first confided his comeback decision in August, has worked hard to manage expectations for his lead rider. But Bruyneel also knows him too well to rule out a miracle.

"It is not our ambition or intention to win this race," Bruyneel said. "But if Lance feels good at a certain stage, he'll want to test himself. I think he's good enough to be in the front group. He's a competitor and if he wasn't serious about doing this he wouldn't be here.

"I think he can be in the top classification, but winning is something else."

Armstrong's mere presence has already cast a spell over many of his rivals, turning hardened competitors into star-struck boosters of the American rider.

Stuart O'Grady, one of Australia's strongest chances in the race, has no doubt Armstrong will make his presence felt.

"When someone of Lance's stature comes back to the peleton he's not going to just ride around," he said. "With someone of his record, confidence and ego, I can't see the rest of us dropping him on the Willunga Hill."

Cardinals edge Eagles for NFC title

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Down and out for decades, the Arizona Cardinals have turned a bad joke into a Super Bowl-bound team.

Yes, the Cardinals, founding members of the NFL, but historically among the most dysfunctional of franchises, are heading for the championship game in Tampa.

Capitalizing on Larry Fitzgerald's three first-half touchdown receptions, then coolly marching downfield to Kurt Warner's 8-yard scoring pass to rookie Tim Hightower with 2:53 left, they beat the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25 Sunday for the NFC championship.

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals and Super Bowl in the same sentence," a jubilant Warner said. "The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?"

Arizona (12-7) will face AFC champion Pittsburgh in two weeks in Tampa for the NFL title. The Steelers beat Baltimore 23-14 later in the day.

"To make it to the Super Bowl and to have a chance, an opportunity to win it, you relish those moments in your career," said safety Adrian Wilson, the longest-tenured Cardinal. "This being my eighth year, and to be in this organization at this time with these players and these coaches, it's a great moment."

A stunning moment that nearly didn't happen. Donovan McNabb was superb in leading Philadelphia's second-half rally from 18 points down to a 25-24 lead, but after Hightower's score, he misfired from midfield four times in the final moments.

If the Cardinals, the first No. 4 seed to host a conference championship game, were supposed to be thunderstruck by their surroundings, they instead responded like playoff veterans.

Sure, they blew that 24-6 halftime lead. But then the 37-year-old Warner, a Super Bowl MVP from almost a decade ago with the St. Louis Rams, engineered a precise, 72-yard drive to win it with his fourth TD pass of the day.

Tomlin steps up and Steelers march on

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The guy Mike Tomlin was hired to replace didn't just win lasting respect, a lot of games and a Super Bowl. He had a face practically sculpted for this steely town and a fierce personality to match.

But no one sees what's inside a coach until he gets pushed. Tomlin rarely yells, doesn't scowl nearly as much and his jaw doesn't jut out like a ship's prow the way predecessor Bill Cowher's did, practically inviting opponents to take a swipe at it. But there's little doubt left that testing either one would produce the same result.

"That's the way we've done it all year," Tomlin said moments after Pittsburgh's rock-ribbed defense stuffed Baltimore 23-14 in Sunday's AFC Championship game, booking his passage to Tampa and the Super Bowl in just his second season in charge. That would be two years earlier than Cowher and four ahead of legendary Chuck Noll.

"This has been a humble group, a grounded group, a selfless group," Tomlin said, his words vaporizing like steam in the frigid night air. "We didn't start this journey to get to Tampa, but now we've got some business back there."

A moment later, he looked toward the top of the still-packed, towel-waving grandstand.

"I love you guys," Tomlin shouted.

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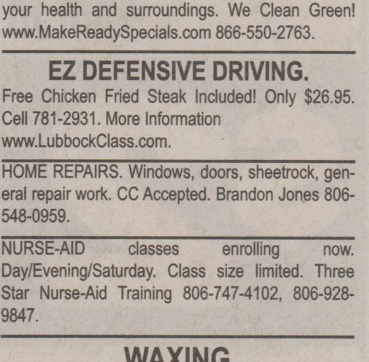
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Tech track sets records in season opener, avoids injuries

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One down, six to go.

The Texas Tech track team opened its season Friday and Saturday at the Texas Tech Invitational in the Athletic Training Center, and Tech coach Wes Kittley said he is most thankful the season did not start with an injury.

Not only was this the first meet of the season, but it was a chance to see how well Tech stacked up against some of the best teams in the country.

"I'm real pleased so far," Kittley said. "We've got no one hurt, and we've competed really well."

With ranked teams including a No. 14 Baylor men's team and a No. 21 TCU women's team, the Red Raiders had a fair amount of competition to deal with.

At the meet, Tech set a few ATC records and a school record in the 55-meter hurdles.

Omoghan Osaghae, the 55-meter hurdler, broke former All-American Shawon Harris' previous record with a time of 7.17 seconds.

"With what everybody is telling me I guess it was one of the top times right now in the nation," Osaghae said. "I'm not sure if that's true, I mean it really doesn't matter to me."

Osaghae said he was more concerned with running well because the hurdles are one of the meet's first events, and it falls to the hurdlers to set the tempo for the whole day.

Eight-time national champion Sally Kipyego and the women's distance medley relay team had its own record to set.

When the team finished the run, it shattered the previous ATC record by more than 23 seconds. The team ran a total of 4000 meters in 11 minutes, 20.75 seconds.

Kipyego, who anchors the team's mile-long leg, said she was just excited for the chance to compete at home and against high-quality opponents.

However, two records were not enough for the Red Raiders this weekend.

Ozie Okolie also set an ATC record and an NCAA provisional mark Friday in the women's weight throw with a mark of 62 feet, 4 inches.

The men's 4x400 meter relay, the final event of the competition, turned out to be one of the closest of the weekend.

The first heat pitted Tech against Abilene Christian and the four-time outdoor defending national champions from Baylor. Baylor held the lead from the beginning, but Tech and ACU fought back and closed the gap in the last leg. Baylor finished first with a time of 3:11.06. ACU and Tech came in with times of 3:11.57 and 3:11.86, respectively.

Tech finished the meet with a total of nine first place finishes including Patience Knight in the shot put and Gil Roberts in the 400-meter dash, both of whom set NCAA provisional marks in addition to their wins.



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PATIENCE KNIGHT WAS one of nine first-place finishes for the Red Raiders in the Texas Tech Invitational.

Kittley wasn't the only coach whose primary concern was the health of his players going into the first competition.

Baylor coach Todd Harbour and TCU coach Darryl Anderson both said they were happy to have the first meet out of the way with no significant injuries.

"It feels like a monkey off my back," Anderson said. "We got started, we didn't get anybody hurt, we had some good things happen."

Harbour said he was happy with the way the meet ran overall and was excited about the provisional marks his team set.

With the first part of the meet over, the Red Raiders look ahead to next weekend, a continuation of the Texas Tech Invitational.

Kittley said both of the teams will use next week as another chance to warm up and work out any kinks before a trip to College Station for the Texas A&M Invitational and the Big 12 Conference Championships.

"We've got the same meet next week, just on a Saturday," Kittley said. "We'll just keep trying to press the accelerator each week as we get in better shape."

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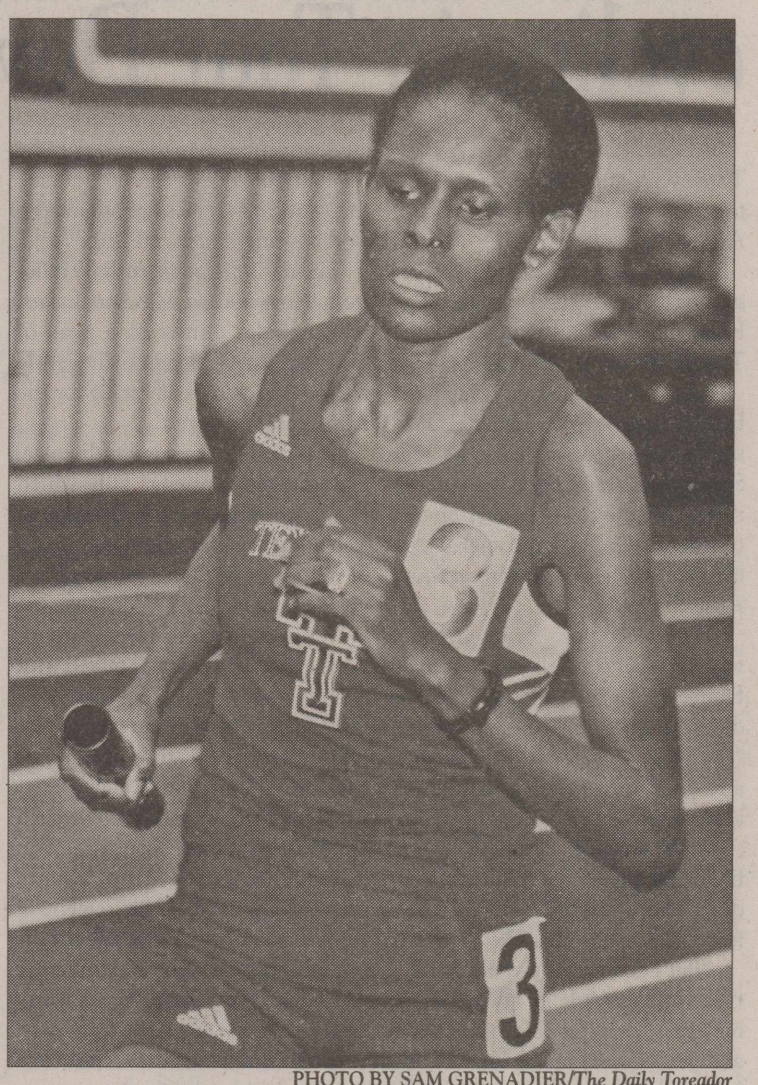


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EIGHT-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION Sally Kipyego runs the anchor leg of the women's distance medley, Friday at the Texas Tech Invitational. The distance medley "A" squad finished with a time of 11 minutes, 20.75 seconds, smashing the previous record by over 23 seconds.

Monster truck examined after boy's death

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Investigators were examining pieces of the drive train from an oversized truck Sunday to learn why parts tore off the truck and struck and killed a 6-year-old boy and injured another spectator at a monster truck show.

Witnesses described the boy, Sebastian Hizey, being struck in the head by a Frisbee-sized chunk of metal that tore off a truck doing doughnuts during the Monster Jam show Friday night in the Tacoma Dome.

Police gathered loose parts of the drive train and the drive train loop, a special monster truck device that is supposed to hold the drive train on the vehicle, Bill Easterling, senior operations director for Feld Motor Sports of Aurora, Ill., told The Associated Press on Sunday.

He said he could give no further details or description of the loose parts, including where they were found. "I've never seen the loop or the drive shaft parts come off like this," said Easterling, whose company is the promoter of the show.

Tacoma police Officer Mark W. Fulghum said no further information on the parts or other aspects of the investigation would be available before Monday at the earliest.

The second spectator struck by debris was taken to a hospital, but authorities haven't disclosed his name or condition.

Monster truck shows have been a staple at the Tacoma Dome for more than 20 years, featuring vehicles weighing 9,000 pounds or more and equipped with 5-foot tires. Drivers pop wheelies and engage in competition.

Feld has "a stellar safety record" with no prior significant accidents in Tacoma, said Mike Combs, city director of public assembly facilities.

Johnson wins Sony Open for 2nd victory in 6 starts

HONOLULU (AP) — Zach Johnson had a lei around his neck and a glass of champagne in his hand Sunday night as he toasted the members of Waialae after a two-shot victory in the Sony Open.

"The worst part of Hawaii is leaving," he said to laughter and applause.

The best part of winning is he gets to come back.

Johnson closed with a 5-under 65 on Sunday to outlast David Toms in a well-played duel along the back nine, finishing with a two-putt birdie for a two-shot victory over Toms and Adam Scott.

"I get to go back to Maui again," he said, referring to the season-opener at Kapalua for PGA Tour winners. "And Oahu. Starting your year in these two destinations is pretty awesome."

His fifth career victory — and second in his last six starts — can be traced to last week and his tie for sixth. He went 64-67 on the weekend at Kapalua, and made it 30-under par for his last six rounds with his thorough victory at Waialae.

Johnson began the final round with a one-shot lead and never lost it.

"I was hoping to get a victory today, but Zach played awfully well," said Toms, who made three big putts down the stretch to keep himself in the game. "He's a good player and tough to beat."

Tadd Fujikawa, the 18-year-old from Honolulu trying to become the youngest winner in the PGA Tour history, started the final round two shots out of the lead, but never got any closer as he struggled to a 73 and tied for 32nd.

"I just couldn't get anything going," said Fujikawa, who resumes his senior year in high school on Monday.

Johnson finished at 15-under 265, the final birdie eliminating any drama.

Toms, who made a 4-foot birdie putt on the 15th, and par putts from 5 feet and 12 feet on the next two holes, was one shot behind playing the par-5 18th when he tried to cut too much off the corner of the dogleg and wound up in the bunker. There was some question who was away, and it turned out to be Johnson, who hit 5-wood to the back of the green, 35 feet above the hole.

Toms tried to hit a hybrid, but it either caught the lip or came out heavy; either way, it traveled only about 70 yards and left him in such a tough lie in the rough that he couldn't get close for a good look at birdie.

Toms closed with a 66 and tied for second with Scott, who shot 64. Scott left a 10-foot birdie putt short on the 17th, and he knew his birdie on the 18th to finish at 13-under 267 would not be enough.

"It was nice to get on the back nine and have a chance, and get the competitive nerves going again," Scott said. "I really enjoyed that, and I enjoyed the challenge. I wish I could have made the putt on 17 to have a bit of a chance on the last, but all in all, I'm pretty happy with how my game is shaping up."

Charles Howell III also had a chance, with three straight birdies around the turn and back-to-back birdies late in his round, a chip-in on the 16th and an 18-foot birdie on the 17th. But he missed the 18th green well to the left, chipped to 15 feet and three-putted for bogey to finish alone in fourth.

Fujikawa was feted at every turn, but his hopes faded quickly.

Fans lined the length of the 486-yard opening hole, and a hand-made sign hanging from a palm tree behind the green said, "Go Tadd. Bring it Home." It was signed by the grounds crew at Waialae, who stood and cheered.

But after opening with three pars, he began a steady descent down the leaderboard — along with one embarrassing moment.

Standing on the par-3 seventh tee, Fujikawa realized he only had 13 clubs. His caddie left a 6-iron back in the bunker on sixth fairway, and had to run back to retrieve it. Shakil Ahmed got an ovation when he returned to the tee, Fujikawa laughed, but then the kid put his shot into a bunker for another bogey.

Federer starts pursuit of 14th Grand Slam at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Roger Federer took the first step toward his record-tying 14th Grand Slam title with a 6-1, 7-6 (4), 7-5 victory Monday over Andreas Seppi at the Australian Open.

Federer, seeking to match Pete Sampras' mark, was at his best on the big points on the opening day when most favorites avoided upsets. However, it wasn't easy for even the top players.

"He is a very tough customer, he played really well," Federer said of the 35th-ranked Seppi. "I think I played well, too. I had to."

Serbia's Ana Ivanovic, the women's runner-up last year, had 10 mistakes in the first five games but managed to advance with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over 107th-ranked Julia Goerges, who was even more erratic.

Top-seeded Jelena Jankovic, short on practice after illness hampered preparations for her pursuit of a first Grand Slam title, had 27 winners to four for No. 104 Yvonne Meusburger in winning 6-1, 6-3.

The other Serbian star, defending men's champion Novak Djokovic, started strong then had to rally from service breaks in the last two sets — he was down 4-0 in the third — to oust Andrea Stoppini 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.

Seventh-seeded Andy Roddick opened with a straight sets win over Bjorn Rehnquist, with fellow American Mary Fish also winning against Samuel Gorth. Six other Americans made first-round exits: Robby Ginepri, John Isner, Robert Kendrick, Bobby Reynolds, Taylor Dent and Sam Querry.

Top-ranked Rafael Nadal has his first match Tuesday, when both Serena and Venus Williams also will be in action.

Second-ranked Federer is a huge fan favorite here, and Rod Laver Arena was still packed when he went on court at 10 p.m. under perfect conditions. Camera flashes went off every time he hit a shot.

"Whose house? Roger's house!" one fan roared.

Federer, who has won three titles here, was clearly focused on proving that fan right.

The Swiss star fended off all 10 of Seppi's break points. He had one stretch in the first set that had the fans gasping and left Seppi with a look that said: "What can I do?"

Federer ran off the last five games of the set, dropping only six points, and the ones that Seppi did win usually took at least two good shots. Twice on one point, Seppi sent up lobs that landed on the line. Federer backtracked to get the first back with a quick flick of the wrist, then got to the second, spun around and whipped a wicked forehand winner.

Things got tighter the rest of the way.

Seppi had a set point as Federer served at 5-6, 30-40 but missed the sideline with a backhand that the replay system showed was maybe a millimeter out. Federer went on to hold, then ran away from a 3-3 tie in the tiebreaker.

Another tiebreaker appeared to be looming in the final set.

Seppi fended off three match points while serving at 5-6. Federer set up another with a backhand volley winner, and Seppi sent a forehand long to end the match in 2 hours, 21 minutes.

Ivanovic lost the 2008 Australian final to Maria Sharapova, who is out with an injured shoulder, then won the French Open to take the top ranking midway through the year.

She had her share of glitches while facing Goerges for the first time, with the midday sun playing havoc with every serve toss at one end of the court. It didn't help that the German player was going for winners.

"I don't expect myself to step on the court and play perfect tennis from very first moment," said Ivanovic, who was ousted in the third round at Wimbledon and in the second at the U.S. Open. "You just want to give yourself the best possible chance and give time to work yourself into the tournament."

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