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Dinner Guest



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FORMER PRESIDENT AND Texas Gov. George W. Bush made an appearance in Lubbock on Tuesday night as the keynote speaker for a Lubbock Christian University benefit dinner. The dinner was hosted at 7 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center and Ken Jones, president of LCU, said in a release he hopes it will not only benefit the university but benefit the community of Lubbock. The dinner was the second in which LCU hosted a nationally-known speaker after Gen. Colin Powell was keynote speaker in the November 2007 benefit dinner. Photographers and videographers were allowed to stand at a distance when Bush entered the banquet hall but were only allowed access for the first few minutes of the private dinner. Interviews with the former president were not permitted.

Senate panel rejects health insurance option

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a long-anticipated showdown, liberal Democrats twice failed on Tuesday to inject a government-run insurance option into sweeping health care legislation taking shape in the Senate, despite bipartisan agreement that private insurers must change their ways.

The two votes marked a victory for Montana Democrat Max Baucus, the Senate Finance Committee chairman, who is hoping to push his middle-of-the-road measure through the panel by week's end. It also kept alive the possibility that at least one Republican may yet swing behind the overhaul, a key goal of both Baucus and the White House.

The developments occurred as Democrats in the House sought savings to reduce their companion legislation to roughly \$900 billion over a decade, the price tag President Barack Obama has suggested.

One option under consideration would reduce the number of indi-

viduals and families eligible for federal health coverage subsidies to those earning less than 400 percent of poverty, or about \$43,000 for a single person and \$88,000 for a family of four, officials said, commenting only on condition of anonymity. The subsidies are designed to make insurance more affordable, and account for a significant percentage of spending in the bill.

Without disclosing any of the details of a marathon closed-door leadership meeting, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., told reporters, "It's hard work, but we're determined to get it (the bill's cost) down."

If anything, the health care debate was growing more intense. According to one independent organization, television advertising around the issue has

been running at a level of more than \$1.1 million a day for the past week and now stands over \$100 million since the beginning of the year.

Inside the Senate Finance Committee, Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said

his proposal to allow the government to sell insurance in competition with private industry was far from the federal takeover that critics portray. "It's not. It's optional," he said, adding it was designed to offer competition and a lower-priced, reliable choice for consumers shopping for coverage.

"Washington is not the answer," countered Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

The key votes were cast by Baucus and four other Democrats, who sided

with Republicans who were united against the proposed change in the bill. "The public option would help to hold insurance companies' feet to the fire, I don't think there's much doubt about that, but my first job is to get this bill across the finish line," said the chairman.

"No one shows me how to get to 60 votes with a public option," he said, employing the term used to describe a new government role in health care. It would take 60 votes in the 100-member Senate to overcome any filibuster Republicans might attempt.

Supporters of a new role for government repeatedly accused private insurers of placing profits over coverage, and said they would try for a federal option again when the full Senate votes.

"With some work and some compromise, we can get the 60 votes on the floor of the Senate that will make our system better by providing for a strong, fair and viable public option," said Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, who sponsored the second proposal to inject more competition into the insurance market.

"It's hard work, but we're determined to get it (the bill's cost) down."

STENY HOYER
MAJORITY LEADER, D-MD.

Professor adds to climate change talks

By ALLYSON SCHELL
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A Texas Tech professor weighed in on the climate change issues that were in the spotlight during the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit on Friday by helping with a report published by the White House.

Katharine Hayhoe, Tech Professor in the Department of Geosciences, helped form the United States' opinion with her contribution in the Great Plains section in the Global Change Report, published by the U.S. Global Change Research Program, to evaluate climate change.

The summit met Friday in part to discuss ways to help combat climate problems by making way for cleaner energy to be utilized rather than fossil fuels.

"I study how our activity is likely to affect us and see what could happen in the next 20, 100 or 200 years," Hayhoe said. "I see what our world could look like if we can transition to renewable energy."

Hayhoe said the climate crisis should remain scientific and not get mixed up in politics; it doesn't matter to which party a person belongs, everyone should be concerned about the planet.

"It feels good because scientists have been concerned since the 1800s about this, so now that the government sees that it's a problem, it's very encouraging," she said.

If taxes on fossil fuels were to increase, it also would help save energy costs when it comes to the construction of buildings, said Brittany Young, president of the U.S. Green Builders at Tech.

"Buildings contribute a lot to carbon dioxide emissions in the world," said Young, a senior architecture major from Carrollton. "If cleaner resources were at a lower cost, it would really help advancements in sustainable building technology."

The organization is concerned with improving environmental sustainability, she said, and future plans for the organization involve going to visit wind farms to see cleaner energy in action, helping Habitat for Humanity build a green home and increasing mass transit use.

Building the green home would be

made easier if the cleaner supplies were made cheaper than the average carbon-releasing, home-building materials, Young said.

"I think it'd be pretty great (if fossil fuel subsidies were lifted) because it would increase desire to research all these new technologies," she said. "It will help to perfect them so they can be used sooner and faster."

According to the Global Change Report, increases in temperature, evaporation and drought frequency in the Great Plains region would cause water shortage that would hurt agriculture, ranching and natural lands. Cleaner energy would help lessen those effects.

"I teach to a lot of different classes about climate change; whether it be a biology, law or an architecture class, because we are all affected," Hayhoe said. "People have really good questions and concerns about it."

Hayhoe has compiled answers to many climate change questions in a book titled "A Climate for Change" that is set to come out in four weeks.

"The book has no political agenda, it is just the facts," Hayhoe said. "I feel like our planet has a fever and a scientist needs to be like a doctor to find ways to make it better."

Hayhoe has contributed to the Nobel Prize-winning United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and is working with the Union of Concerned Scientists to figure out what climate change means for various regions around the United States.

The G-20 is a group of the 20 biggest economic countries in the world, of which the United States is a member. President Barack Obama was present at the summit to present the idea of phasing out fossil fuel subsidies to make it easier for cleaner energy to combat economically.

The full report can be found at www.globalchange.gov/usimpacts.

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Secret Iranian nuclear site protected from air attacks

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI AND
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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — In an unusually frank disclosure, Iran's nuclear chief said Tuesday the country's new uranium enrichment site was built for maximum protection from aerial attack: carved into a mountain and near a military compound of the powerful Revolutionary Guard.

Iran's revelation that it covertly built a second uranium enrichment plant has raised international concerns that other secret nuclear sites might exist as well.

Iranian nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi's statement came with a hard-line message ahead of crucial talks this week with the U.S. and other world powers — Iran will not give up its ability to produce

nuclear fuel.

The details emerging about the secret site near the holy city of Qom have only heightened suspicions Iran is trying to build a nuclear bomb, despite repeated denials.

Salehi, who is vice president and head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, spoke at a news conference that touched on sensitive military and nuclear issues rarely discussed publicly in Iran. The effort at openness was seen as an attempt to counter international dismay over the nuclear site and a new round of missile tests this week.

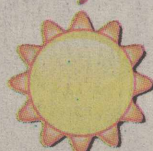
"This site is at the base of a mountain and was selected on purpose in a place that would be protected against aerial attack. That's why the site was chosen adjacent to a military site," Salehi said.

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AMANDA MARSCHALL, A senior sculpture major from Fredericksburg, uses a metal file to smooth the corners of a metal cube Monday outside the Art building.

Swiss choose law over neutrality, arrest Polanski

GENEVA (AP) — First numbered bank accounts and now Roman Polanski. Switzerland is no longer a place for foreign fugitives and tax evaders to live above the law.

Polanski's arrest for extradition to the United States in a 31-year-old statutory rape case was just the latest crack in the Alpine nation's cherished legacy as a safe haven, and it set off widespread anger

across the country.

"Swiss neutrality is about not taking sides," said Julien Grollier, a Geneva resident. "They're doing a favor for the United States that they wouldn't do for another country."

Another Swiss citizen put his anguish at Polanski's arrest more bluntly.

"I'm ashamed to be Swiss," said Ernest Scherrsz, the Grand Pal-

ace Hotel owner in Gstaad, where the 76-year-old Polanski owned his chalet.

Polanski's attorneys on Tuesday asked that the director be released from custody, the first step in a legal battle to avoid extradition to the U.S. to face sentencing for having unlawful sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

INBRIEF

STATE

Weather experts predict rainier Texas winter

FORT WORTH (AP) — The same El Niño that's led to a calmer hurricane season is expected to bring a wetter, colder winter to Texas and the southern United States.

That's according to weather officials, who say El Niño weather patterns could help ease the Texas drought that's caused more than \$3.6 billion in crop and livestock

losses since late 2008.

But National Weather Service forecasters also warn of increased chances of flooding and more snow than usual in Texas this winter.

They say the more weather information people have, the more resilient they'll be.

El Niño is the periodic warming of the central Pacific Ocean.

NATION

NYC terror suspect pleads not guilty, kept in jail

NEW YORK (AP) — As a suspected al-Qaida operative pleaded not guilty Tuesday to plotting a bomb attack in New York, the city's police commissioner pronounced the threat neutralized and said there is nothing to fear from the defendant's three alleged accomplices.

The terror scheme "has been broken up," said Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly. "I see no danger emanating ... from the people involved in this investigation."

He would not elaborate, and

police and federal investigators have repeatedly refused to discuss the whereabouts of the three people who are alleged to have helped Afghan immigrant Najibullah Zazi buy beauty supplies for use in brewing up explosives.

But former federal prosecutor Harry Sandick said the investigators' silence might mean the accomplices have left the country or are already secretly cooperating.

"One would think they're in custody or likely to be in custody soon," Sandick said.

WORLD

US, Cuba held unannounced talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Three State Department officials say a senior American diplomat has held unannounced, high-level talks in Havana with the Cuban government.

The officials tell The Associated Press that the talks were the first of their kind in years between representatives of the two countries.

They say State Department official Bisa Williams met with

Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Dagoberto Rodriguez during a six-day trip to Cuba this month.

State Department spokesman Ian Kelly confirmed Tuesday that Williams remained in Cuba after previously announced talks on restoring mail service between the U.S. and Cuba. The other officials gave details of the trip but spoke only on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss it.

Correction

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the story "Enrollment surpasses 30,000" should have said the Texas Tech President's Office hosted recruiting events in Houston and Austin and the Student Government As-

sociation volunteered its help. The story also should have said the Admissions Office started the "telecounseling" program for recruitment and several SGA members have helped. *The DT* regrets the error.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Arranged marriage proves to be successful

By **SHERREL JONES**
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Many love stories begin with a courtship process, after time, an engagement and finally a wedding — but this was not the love story of Bharat and Jainita Patel.

The couple, married 24 years, did not spend time dating and getting to know each other before settling into matrimony. They had an interview and got married after knowing each other for about 14 days.

"Arranged marriages are very solid," said Bharat, pharmacy manager at Target in Lubbock, "because they are based on certain principles in life. It's more than just love, it surpasses that."

In India, a man is supposed to be married before the age of 30. Bharat was 27 and just finished earning his degree in the United States when his father said it was time to get married.

"I really thought about it for two or three days," Bharat said, "and he was right. Why delay, you know? I went to India to get married."

The process of an arranged marriage begins with a middle man who collects data, information about individuals and background information on families. If the data matches with a potential woman's family, then a meeting is arranged between the matched pair.

"I go in wondering if this is the person," Bharat said. "All the parts that go through my mind, she is very nice looking, she is not as tall as I had envisioned, but that's OK because I looked at the bigger picture."

During an interview, there are no restrictions as to what can be asked to a potential husband or wife, he said. Based on responses, one must assume that the person is sincere.

Jainita and her family were introduced to Bharat because they were a compatible match.

"The middle man told us that he was a guy who had a green card and was living in the United States," Jainita said. "I mean I liked him, but at that time he was like a heavy guy. Everything else was nice, and his family was nice. He was a

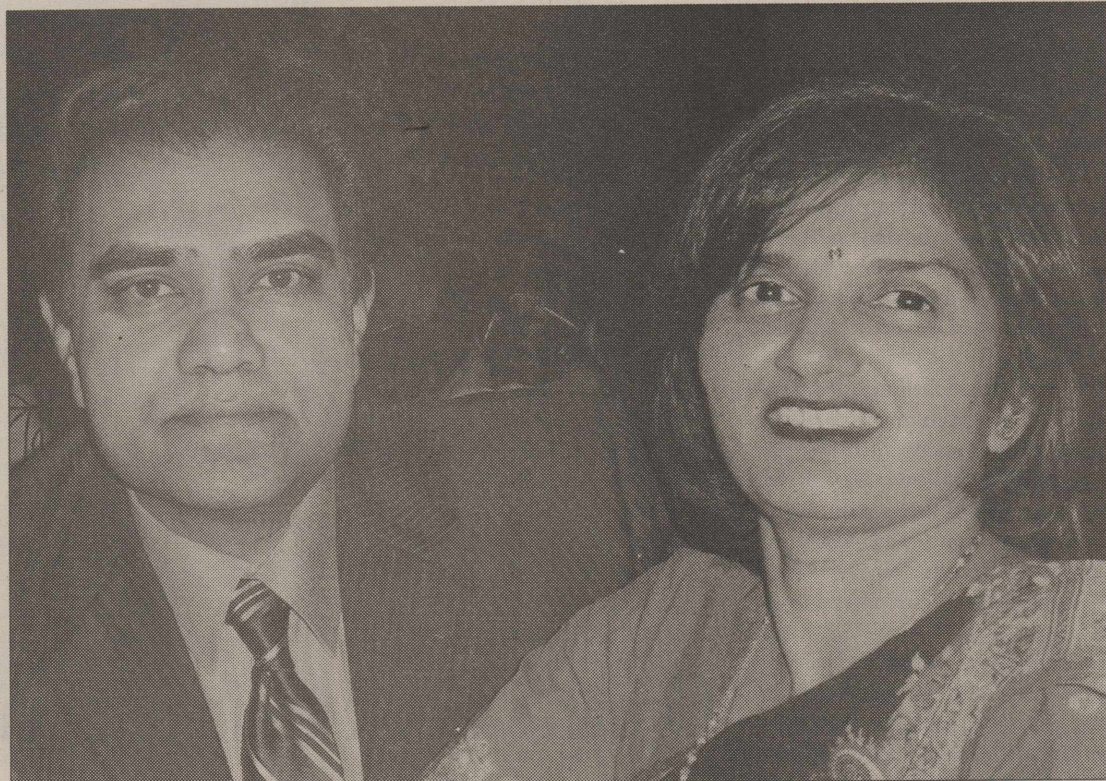


PHOTO COURTESY OF BHARAT PATEL

BHARAT, LEFT, AND Jainita Patel married 24 years ago after knowing each other for two weeks.

pharmacy graduate with a green card, which was important to me."

Bharat was not what she expected physically, but his other qualities were more important to her than physical characteristics.

A common argument of arranged marriage is the marriage can only be as good as the individual who arranged it, Bharat said, but the compatibility-matching system is solid. So, it comes as no surprise India has the lowest divorce rate in the world at 1.1 percent, according to the divorcerate.org.

This type of marriage is fading with time, said the Patel couple. The system has not changed, but people's perceptions about it are changing.

"Traditional roles are changing because now the husband is doing roles in the family consider to be a wife or mother's role, and mothers are now working," he said.

Arranged marriage is a slow process, the couple said. It takes years to get to know each other and fall in love, just as it does for any other couple, but the differ-

ence between an arranged marriage and a traditional marriage is the expectations from dating to marriage, Bharat said.

"In India, there is no dating before marriage," Jainita said. "We don't have boyfriends or girlfriends before we get married."

Bukky Oyewuwo, a junior political science major from Houston, said she has been raised to not date before marriage because of her Islamic faith. She said she thinks it is a good way to do a marriage.

In a Western idea of marriage, a couple's expectation from dating to marriage can change, Bharat said. In some cases, a boyfriend or girlfriend may expect more of a person once they become a husband or wife.

"There are no expectations from the other person in arranged marriages," Bharat said. "Yes, we are destined to get married. That's how we look at arranged marriages and we have to make it work."

Oyewuwo said she agrees expectations can change from dating to marriage.

Oyewuwo said in an arranged mar-

riage a couple knows what they are getting into and what to expect from one another.

"A person in an arranged marriage knows they are about to be a wife or a husband," Oyewuwo said, "and they know what their role and responsibilities will be."

Oyewuwo is not planning to have an arranged marriage herself, but she knows people who have been involved in that type of matrimony. She said she does not like the term "arranged" because true arranged marriages, in which a person is forced to marry another, are rarely performed.

"It's more like a person is helped by someone else to find a match with similar qualities. It's more family inclusive than other types of marriages. People should change their idea about what arranged marriage is. There are few arranged marriages in which a person doesn't have a say in their partner."

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Stress disease kills Australia's koalas

CUDLEE CREEK, Australia (AP) — The koala, Australia's star symbol, is dying of stress.

Koalas live in the rolling hills and flat plains where eucalyptus trees grow, because they need the leaves for both food and water. But as people move in, koalas are finding themselves with fewer trees, researchers say. The stress is bringing out a latent disease that infects 50 to 90 percent of the animals.

"Koalas are in diabolical trouble," says researcher Frank Carrick, who heads the Koala Study Program at the University of Queensland. "Numbers show that even in their stronghold, koala numbers are declining alarmingly."

The problem came to national attention in August, when the well-known Sam the Koala died during surgery to treat the disease, called chlamydia. Sam captured the world's attention during major wildfires in February, when she was photographed drinking from the water bottle of a firefighter in a smoldering forest.

Sam was in such obvious pain from chlamydia that veterinarian John Butler decided to operate. But her organs were too scarred to complete the surgery, and Sam was euthanized.

Chlamydiosis is a virus that breaks out in koalas in times of stress — like cold sores in humans — and leads to infections in the eyes and urinary, reproductive and respiratory tracts. It can cause

blindness, infertility and death.

Deborah Tabart, chief executive of the Australian Koala Foundation, urged the government to follow up on Sam's case by classifying koalas as a threatened species and implementing policies to preserve their habitat. Her organization named September "Save the Koala" month, with the theme "No Tree, No Me."

The United States already considers the koala a threatened species. And the Australian Koala Foundation estimates there are fewer than 100,000 koalas left in Australia, down from the millions at the time European settlement started in the late 1700s.

Carrick and other scientists think the numbers are slightly higher, but in any case, regional counts by scientists and state governments show a huge drop. There's clear evidence that some local populations have gone extinct because of chlamydial disease, Carrick said.

The majority of koalas hug a stretch of eastern coastline in the states of Queensland and New South Wales. They are most abundant on the so-called Koala Coast, a 155 square-mile (375 square-kilometer) swath of semi-rural coast in southeastern Queensland.

A 2008 survey of the Koala Coast by the Queensland government shows the population dropped 64 percent, from more than 6,200 in 1999 to about 2,800. While car accidents and dog attacks killed many koalas, the report blamed about 60 percent of the deaths on disease.

TLC's 'Jon & Kate' soon to be 'Kate Plus Eight'

NEW YORK (AP) — "Jon & Kate Plus 8" will soon be simply "Kate Plus Eight."

That's the word from the TLC network, who announced Tuesday that its hit reality show is adapting to changes in the Gosselin household, which has been disrupted by the split up of Kate and Jon.

The renamed "Kate Plus Eight," which begins Nov. 2, will continue to chronicle the lives of the Gosselin kids (5-year-old sextuplets and 8-year-old twins) but will also focus on Kate's role as a single mother.

"It's not a huge shift, but it's reflective of where the show was already going," said Eileen O'Neill, TLC's president and general manager.

"Jon's going to be involved in the show," she said, adding that he will be seen less often than before. TLC retains an exclusive arrangement with him, as well as the rest of the family, O'Neill said.

The couple made their separation official on a "Jon & Kate" episode that aired in June and was seen by 10.6 million viewers.

The rupture came after weeks of tabloid reports of marital strains and

infidelities, which both spouses denied. On the show, the parental co-stars barely spoke to each other.

Since then, media coverage of the squabbling exes has continued full-bore, and both Jon and Kate have made separate he-said-she-said talk-show rounds. They are in divorce proceedings.

It's quite a change since the series clicked with viewers two years ago for its heartwarming look at the challenges of raising eight young children.

Going forward, O'Neill said, "We hope for the sake of the family that things are more manageable. I don't think any-

one asked for that amount of attention."

She spoke hopefully of a bright future for the series and dismissed a report circulating Tuesday that Kate Gosselin had posted a tweet that this season might be the last: Kate doesn't have a Twitter account, O'Neill said.

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OPINIONS

Alcohol sales are property rights victory

I decided to visit the Market Street on 98th and Quaker last Wednesday evening, since it was perhaps the first retailer in Lubbock to begin selling packaged alcohol as a result of the May 9 election.

Many shoppers I spoke with were there simply to purchase alcohol on the first day it was legally available within the city limits and had no intention of consuming their purchases that evening.

Consumers were grabbing six-packs of beer from the shelves as fast as workers could replace them. At the checkout line, the cashier, a Tech student named David, boasted that since he was the first person to ring up alcohol at the store, he must also be the first person to sell alcohol in the city limits in 76 years. Although it was understandable the mood at the store was upbeat, it is essential to pinpoint the cause of the jubilation.

The satisfaction experienced by the majority due to the failure of challenges to the election results has contributed to the mistaken view the alcohol sales simply represent a victory for the democratic process. In fact, there was a more fundamental issue at stake — one's right to acquire and dispose of property as one sees fit.

The Founding Fathers believed humans are fully capable of achieving life and prosperity, needing only freedom from physical interference by others, particularly those in government. Liberty is premised on the notion citizens are capable of exercising it to their benefit. As a consequence, the founders instituted a government that's primary function is to protect individual rights, including property rights.

George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and

Jason Hoskin



Alexander Hamilton believed property rights are intimately linked to human liberty, according to historian Paul Johnson. John Adams wrote, "property rights must be secured or liberty cannot exist."

The right to be secure in one's property is implied in the fourth, fifth, ninth and 10th amendments of the Constitution. The founders had good reason to emphasize the protection of property rights. The goals of life and happiness for humans cannot be achieved without material implements. For those who doubt this, try renouncing the possession or acquisition of all forms of property for even a short period of time. Without the recognition and protection of rights protecting property, one has no recourse against others who would forcibly confiscate one's home or possessions.

Property rights include the ability to determine how one's possessions are to be disposed of, including whether, where and to whom it will be bought or sold, so long as it is not used as an instrument to initiate violence against others. It would be meaningless to claim individuals may have possessions but have no right to use them. Otherwise, in what sense would they own them?

Unprincipled opponents of alcohol sales often claim they are justified in maintaining prohibition since alcohol is not a necessity for and indeed harmful to human life. But property rights make no distinction between luxuries and neces-

sities. Many Americans rightfully resent having this distinction made for them by their government simply because alcohol consumption offends the religious sensibilities of a few.

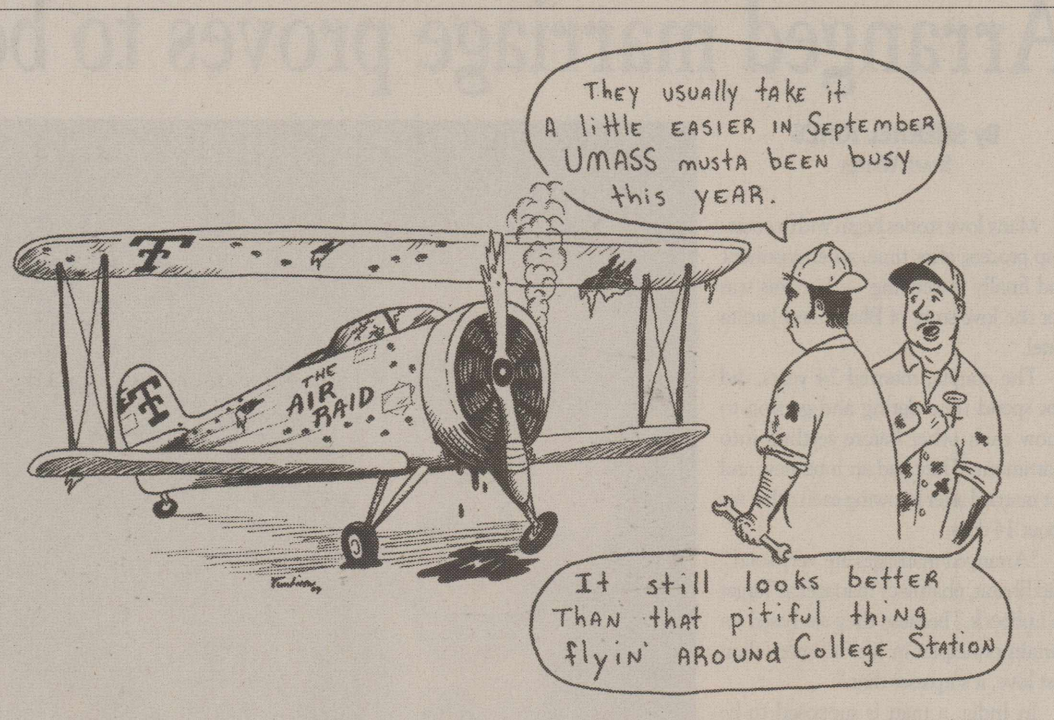
It is true alcohol poses a potential threat to others, in the form of alcohol-related violence or driving under the influence. The potential threat alcohol opponents fear — the increase in alcohol related crimes — is already properly prohibited by law.

Even if it were the case legalization would lead to increases in alcohol-related crimes (in fact, exactly the opposite is true), prohibitionists are faced with the impossible task of showing why their assault on the rights of individuals to purchase and consume alcohol would not also apply to the sale and disposal of all forms of property.

Nearly all property (guns and automobiles come to mind) has the potential to harm others if misused. This fact should not lead us to allow busybodies and government bureaucrats from prohibiting their purchase.

Thus we are now in a position to explain the jubilant atmosphere at the grocery store. The customers were asserting their absolute right to peacefully trade in goods without interference from others. This is why the citizens of Lubbock chose as they did at the ballot box last May, and why it was the right choice. So this weekend, make a trip to your neighborhood market to purchase your favorite beverage. Then return home safely and raise a toast to property rights.

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Oprah's Book Club not place for classics

By TAYLOR HORAK
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS (NYU)

In English classes, students are required to read certain books, short stories and other essays for educational purposes. If you're nerdy like me, you enjoy these pieces of classic literature. Most students, however, find these texts outdated, dry and infuriating to deal with.

In one way, they're right: Some dead white guy that no one can now relate to wrote the majority of all required reading decades, even cen-

uries, ago. The language is difficult to comprehend, therefore so is the plot, so are the characters and so is the author's overall point.

So why don't our teachers assign modern prose? For me, the answer is very clear: The art of literature is on a downward slope, and literature produced after the Beat generation is as good as toilet paper. The reasons the classics are still taught are because they have substance, they are original, and they stand the test of time. The work of those authors can be examined, reread and still never fully grasped.

Today, literature consists of numerous beach books and Oprah's Book Club. Whether it is the media, the public or just the times, writers are no longer encouraged to hone their skills and produce a masterpiece; instead they draw and quarter the art of writing, churning out multiple pieces at a rapid pace. It's all about quantity, not quality. The literary world has taken a Shakespearean approach to extremes: Find a gimmick that sells, and milk it for all it is worth.

When you look at best-seller lists, don't bother reading titles or authors. Just pick a book, whether No. 1 or No. 70, and the story will be the same. No offense to John Grisham fans, but why buy multiple books? Just buy the first, the original, and save yourself money. The worth of the written word has deteriorated to the point that this column could be considered the pinnacle of 21st-century writing. I nominate myself champion of

literature for my generation, and I can honestly say that not many could fight me on that claim.

In an era when everything written is trash, who would want to be at the forefront? Seth Grahame-Smith, perhaps. He's shown just how far literature has fallen by not even coming up with an original idea. He, along with the other pretentious people of Quirk Classics, has stooped to taking actual classic literature and throwing in a few zombies, thereby bastardizing Jane Austen's work "into something you would actually want to read." Those words are taken verbatim from the back of the book.

Personally, I think Quirk should show some respect to actual talent and remove Austen's credit. The original author deserves no blame for this abomination of literature.

At one point in our history, literature was a means to advance oneself — to educate, to entertain and to encourage a higher level of thought. If a reader would like something that requires a few neurons to comprehend, please avoid the bestsellers and go for the classics.

However, if you find yourself succumbing to the barbaric desire to read something that would be better as a movie, by all means, go ahead and pick up a copy of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies." People smoke every day, so why not read modern literature? You read this article, why stop now? Continue the mind-numbing process that has undoubtedly begun; just remember to have a drool cup handy.

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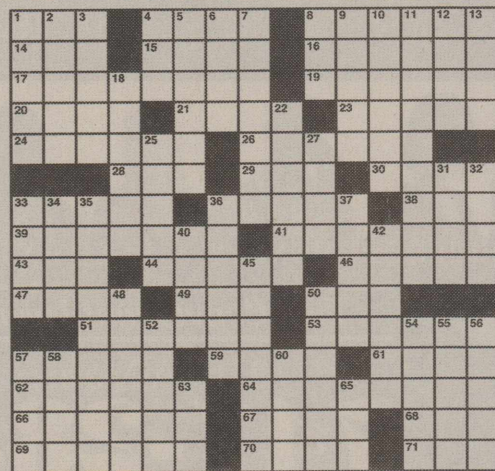
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Used a spade
- 4 "Look what I did!"
- 8 Accident
- 14 Fertility lab eggs
- 15 Baghdad's country
- 16 Francia neighbor
- 17 "Evil Asian doctor in Sax"
- 19 Rohmer novels
- 20 Contaminates
- 21 Blow, as one's lines
- 21 "There oughta be"
- 23 South American mountain chain
- 24 Second largest planet
- 26 Scalawag
- 28 Seek damages
- 29 Category
- 30 Polish Nobel
- 31 Walesa
- 33 Workout aftereffects
- 36 "We'll always have"
- 36 "Rick, to Lisa, in 'Casablanca'"
- 38 "Get off the stage!"
- 39 Satisfied laugh
- 41 Transfers to a central computer
- 43 Whisperer's target
- 44 Smooths, as wood
- 46 Wetlands bird
- 47 Compact
- 49 Sheet on the road, perhaps
- 50 Cartoonist's frame
- 51 Like steamy prose
- 53 Ogden native
- 57 Alexander of "Seinfeld"
- 59 Truth stretcher
- 61 Daffy
- 62 Thunderstruck
- 64 Each answer to a starred clue is a type of this
- 66 Wall Street worker
- 67 Yemen coastal city
- 68 "— Tiki"
- 69 Tijuana snooze
- 70 Lean to one side, at sea
- 71 Lay down the lawn



By Chuck Deodene

9/30/09

DOWN

- 1 Tips in a gentlemanly manner
- 2 Soft palate
- 3 Full range
- 4 Main element in pewter
- 5 Mysterious
- 6 Work's creator
- 7 Sea-life displays
- 8 Queens ballplayer
- 9 Violinist Stern
- 10 "cord"
- 11 "Scooter feature"
- 12 Pot starter
- 13 Student's permission slip
- 18 Maligning sort
- 22 "Tusked mammal"
- 25 Deteriorates, as iron
- 27 Hop along happily
- 31 Programmer's output
- 32 Emcee
- 33 Served perfectly
- 34 Indian spiced tea
- 35 "Trotter's" shout
- 54 Pawnee
- 55 Cold sufferer's outburst
- 56 Incessantly
- 57 Setup punches
- 58 Prefix with culture
- 60 Bavaria-based automaker
- 63 Musical syllable
- 65 "The Closer" TV station

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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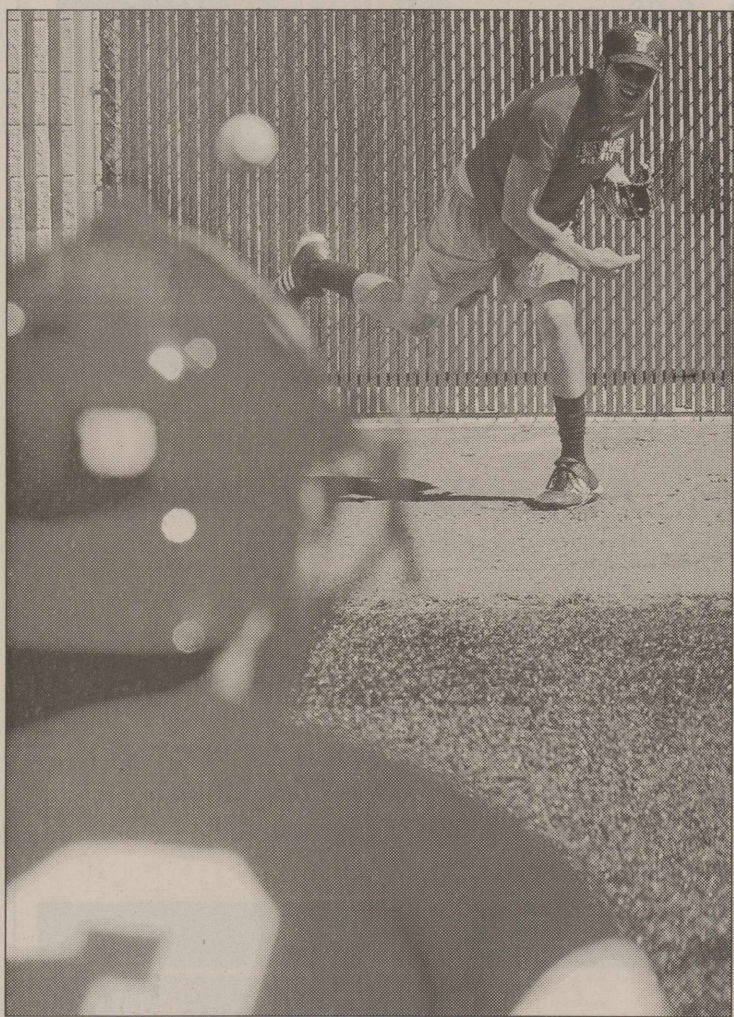


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TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER Kellen Monreal practices Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

Tech's Escobar battles back from injuries, showing improvements

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

After a year riddled with injuries and adjustments to the college game, Texas Tech men's tennis player Gonzalo Escobar is out to prove his talent.

Escobar, a sophomore from Guayaquil, Ecuador, played in the No. 3 slot in singles and the No. 3 doubles team for the Red Raiders last season.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said Escobar has overcome many obstacles and has shown he has the toughness to lead and be a major factor for the Red Raiders.

"It's all the hard work that he's put in, and he has one year more experience," Siegel said. "So, it just shows you that he is already proven that he is certainly one of the best players in our region — and really potentially our country."

Siegel also said Escobar is a natural leader who is the fun-

niest guy on the team; something that allows him to get along with other players.

Escobar also has proved his worth on the court.

Last spring, with a reoccurring back injury, he posted a 5-4 record last fall and went 2-2 in Big 12 Conference play, despite missing the Nebraska and Baylor matches because of a strained back.

Now healthy and with a good summer of competitive tennis under his belt, Escobar showed what he can bring to the table at the Baylor Intercollegiate Tournament in Waco this weekend.

Escobar, teamed with newcomer Andre Stabile, reached the doubles finals before being defeated by Baylor's Maros Horny and Jordan Rux, 8-3.

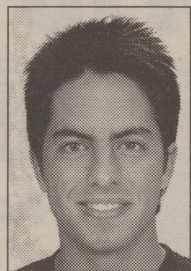
Escobar said because he is now injury free, he has been able to focus on conditioning and credited his success in the Baylor Intercollegiate to his stamina and endurance.

In singles play, Escobar reached the final eight players, where he was defeated by the No. 1 player in the nation, Oklahoma State's Oleksandr Nedevyosov in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1.

Escobar said the experience he gained last year and what he learned about himself from his injuries has made him the player he is now.

"At the beginning I was struggling with injuries and trying to get my game adapted to fast court because I was used to playing a lot on clay," he said. "Right now, I'm feeling much more confident, and I feel like the difference between last year and now is my mental part. I'm much tougher on important points."

Escobar said he has been



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playing tennis since he was six-years-old, and it has always been a part of his life. He also said his goal is to get a degree and fulfill his life-long dream of becoming a professional tennis player.

David Gonzalez, teammate and life-long friend of Escobar's who played in the No. 5 and 6 slots for Tech last spring, said Escobar loves the team and makes sure everything he does is something that will benefit it.

"Usually the first year is better than the second year because you have that time to grow and get better," said Gonzalez, who teamed with Escobar for a 16-5 record and a 10-match winning streak to end the season. "He really likes the team, and he always tries to make the team better to make us focus and enjoy tennis."

The Red Raiders get back into action at the ITA All-American Tennis Championships on Monday in Tulsa, Okla.

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Rangers shut down Hamilton

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Texas Rangers shut down outfielder Josh Hamilton for the remainder of the season Tuesday to rest the pinched nerve in his back.

The Rangers began the day six games behind Boston in the AL wild-card standings with six games to play. Texas' loss to the Angels on Monday night clinched Los Angeles' fifth AL West title in six seasons.

Hamilton has missed 21 of the Rangers' past 23 games with a back problem related to injuries from a crash into an outfield fence. Manager Ron Washington said the Rangers are looking toward Hamilton's future by deciding not to ask their slugger to limp through the pain for a few final games.

"His back trouble isn't getting any

better," Washington said. "Even if he did happen to go out on the field and play these last few games, we think it's better to let Josh get healthy and come back to spring training ready to go."

Hamilton was an All-Star last season while leading the AL in RBIs, and the former No. 1 pick's improbable recovery from drug addiction and alcohol abuse became a national inspiration. But this season has been an ordeal at times — including the Rangers' previous trip to Anaheim in August, when online publication of party photos forced Hamilton to publicly acknowledge a slip in his sobriety last January.

Hamilton hit .268 with 10 homers and 54 RBIs this season while missing long stretches with injuries.

No. 12 Houston faces 3 straight road games

HOUSTON (AP) — After taking care of Texas Tech in front of a record home crowd, No. 12 Houston faces a new challenge.

The undefeated Cougars begin a stretch of three straight road games, beginning with a Conference USA matchup at UTEP this Saturday.

If that sounds bad, consider last season's schedule: The Cougars played four consecutive games away from Houston in 2008 after a home game against Air Force was moved to Dallas with Hurricane Ike approaching the Texas coast.

"It's hard, especially after coming off a crowd like that," receiver Tyron Carrier said. "But last year during the hurricane we weren't

at home for a while, so I guess we're kind of used to that. That kind of prepared us for this tough time on the road."

Houston faces Mississippi State and Tulane in the coming weeks before the next home game against SMU on Oct. 24.

Coach Kevin Sumlin isn't worried about the schedule and insists the opponent and game location don't matter as long as his team improves each week. He and his staff have pushed the notion of "creating your own energy" to offset a hostile road environment.

"That's making big plays, that's people cheering on the sidelines for you even when you don't make good plays, just keeping you in the

game," said defensive tackle David Hunter, who forced two fumbles against Tech. "That just really helps everything out."

Their first road test is against a UTEP team with one win that is coming off a 64-7 defeat at No. 2 Texas. Despite the Miners' recent struggles, Sumlin knows better than to take any team coached by Mike Price lightly.

"Last year they were 0-3 and then the first league game was Central Florida and they beat them 58-13," Sumlin said. "So who knows what's going to happen. They're tough at home. It's their homecoming. It's the first league game."

The Cougars also haven't forgotten what happened last year when

they had to rally from a 12-point fourth quarter deficit against UTEP to get a 42-37 win at home.

"That's enough to get our attention this week for this game," Sumlin said.

Quarterback Case Keenum isn't sure how tough this road stretch will be, but is looking forward to traveling to El Paso.

"We know that UTEP is a challenging place to play," he said. "It will be a lot of fun. I really like their stadium, it's one of my favorite stadiums I've ever played at."

Keenum's early season play has him right in the middle of the Heisman Trophy discussion, along with Florida's Tim Tebow and Colt McCoy of Texas.

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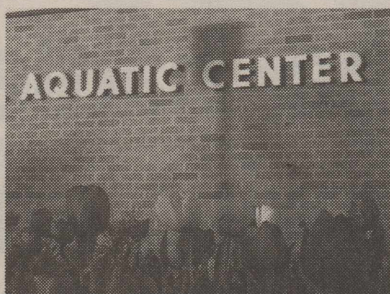
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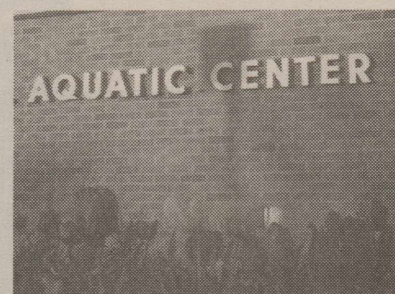


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A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

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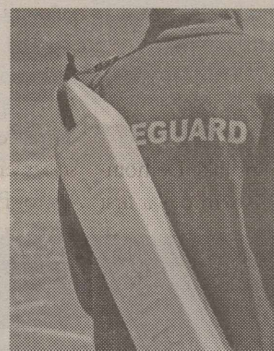
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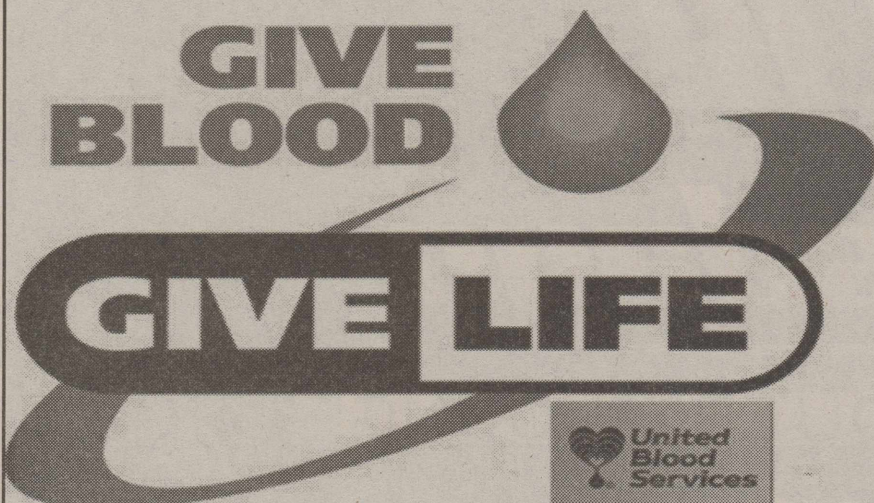
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8:00 pm
Student Organization (S.O.) Sing (United Spirit Arena)

Tuesday October 6

All Week
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Banner Display (Student Union Building)

8:00 pm
Candidate Showcase (United Spirit Arena)

Thursday October 8

5:30 pm
Techsan Memorial (Memorial Circle)

Friday, October 9

11:45 am
Rowdy Raider Rally (North Plaza - Student Union)

Friday October 9 (continued)

5:30 pm
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S.O. Registration Meeting
Tuesday, October 6
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Tech volleyball hoping to end losing streak against No. 14 Iowa State

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

With the bye week over and all medical issues set aside, the Texas Tech volleyball team has another problem to face: ending a 41-match losing streak to Big 12 Conference teams.

That could be a tall order considering who is visiting the Red Raiders Wednesday.

Tech (2-9, 0-2 in Big 12 play) hosts No. 14 Iowa State (10-3, 2-2) 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders will be playing their first match since Sept. 19 against Texas A&M. Tech's game against Kansas State on Sept. 23 was postponed because of a spread of flu-like symptoms among the team leaving only four healthy players that day, forcing a rescheduling of the match.

Tech returned to practice Monday, which was shortened because of health concerns regarding the players.

Despite the recent illnesses, Tech outside hitter Amanda Dowdy said health will not be a problem for the team.

"Everybody is feeling ready and we've been preparing ourselves in practice," so we should be good to go," she said.

The extra time could not have come at better time as Iowa State comes into town, a team that Tech head coach Trish Knight said is one of the better teams in the Big 12.

Iowa State is ranked No. 14 in the nation, but has been ranked as high as No. 10 this season.

"They're good, they're one of the top guns," Knight said. "They used to be at the very bottom and then Christy Johnson took over the head coach position and has done a great job."

ISU is not at the bottom of anything these days.

Before Johnson arrived there in 2006, the Cyclones had nine consecutive losing seasons and during that stretch, they had 167 losses to Big 12 opponents.

Johnson has led the Cyclones to a winning season every season since her arrival. ISU made a run to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament in 2007 and a run to the Elite 8 last year, falling two wins short of reaching the national title game.

Success in recent years has created a winning environment at Iowa State. Junior defensive specialist and libero Jackie Vincent said the same thing will happen to the Tech program in the near future.

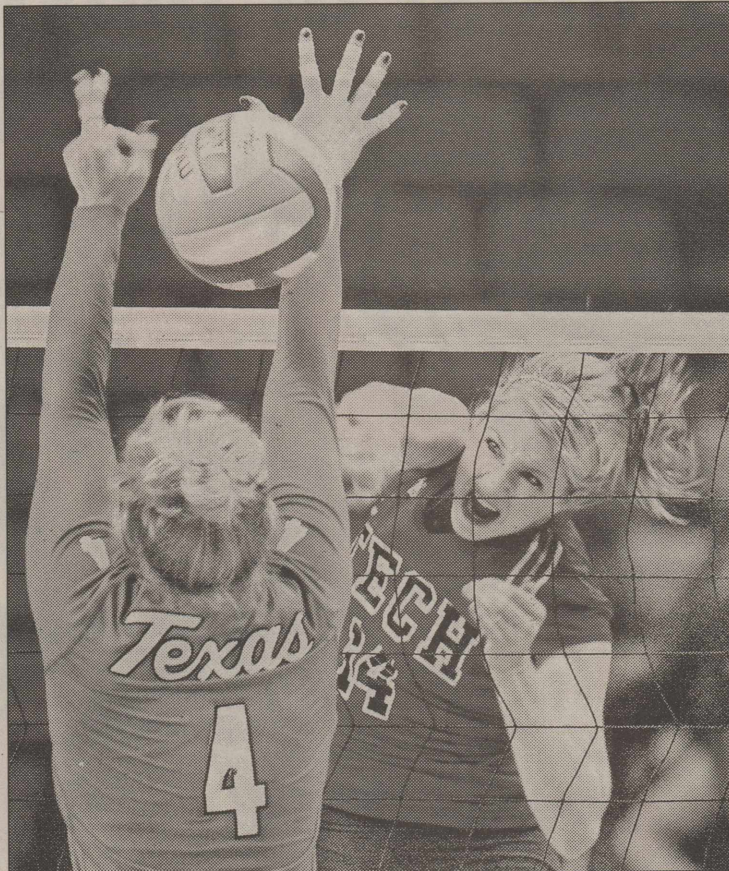
"I know we're going to win a lot of Big 12 matches this year," she said. "I'm ready for it because I really want to come out strong this year and next year, but this year is the start of it."

Iowa State to this point ranks second in the Big 12 in average kills per set as a team, a statistic which could concern opposing teams.

Junior outside hitter Victoria Henson is second in the Big 12 in kills per set, averaging 4.08.

In spite of the Cyclones' high scoring offense, its their defense that's drawing the attention of Tech players.

"They're a good defensive team,



TEXAS TECH'S HAYLEY Ball spikes the ball past Texas' Michelle Kocher during a game last season.

they get every team out," Dowdy said. "As long as we take care of our side of the net and do everything we can offensively and defensively we'll be OK."

All teams go through learning curves, which is nothing new to Tech, as Knight said her team continues its gradual growth.

Both of Tech's wins have been followed up by losses, which is something Knight said the team is going to have to brush off and improve.

For a team struggling to notch a win in what is a strong Big 12 Conference, a match at home is valuable for any team and players hope the home-court advantage will them focus on the task at hand this time around.

"We definitely feel like we have more confidence at home," Vincent said. "Our fans are so behind us which helps us a lot. We have supporters behind us and it makes us feel more comfortable."

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Leach, off-field issues become trending topics

The start of the season for this year's Texas Tech football team couldn't be any more different than last year's historic start and the problems start with Mike Leach.

Following last year's 11-win season, Leach's public contract disputes took center stage and gained all of the national media attention.

Four games into the season, the Red Raiders already have matched last year's loss total and this season has its fair share of off-field drama — with Leach in the middle of it all once again.

The off-field drama led to the suspension of a team captain and the ban of Twitter usage by Tech players.

Leach has been called one of the elite coaches in the country, especially by the local media, but the recent dramatic events with the Tech football program don't resemble events that occur under an elite head coach.

I have never heard players publicly question Urban Meyer, Nick Saban, Pete Carroll or Les Miles after losses, and if they did, those conflicts stayed in the locker room.

It is very strange that a well-respected, emotional leader like Brandon Carter — who was selected as a team captain before the season — would suddenly be suspended indefinitely.

Even stranger is the report that starting linebacker Marlon Williams, the most vocal supporter of Leach during his contract disputes last spring, voiced his frustration on his Twitter feed Sunday following the loss to Houston.

Williams asked on his Twitter account Sunday why he was in a team meeting while the head coach had not yet shown up.

At Monday's press conference Leach spoke out against the networking site calling it "stupid," and saying he didn't want to sit with a bunch of "narcissists" that enjoy typing about themselves all the time.

It is beyond hypocritical that the same guy who can be seen on TV giving dating advice and soaking up all the attention that the pirate persona brings him — most recently by gracing the cover of *Texas Monthly* with a pirate patch on his eye, is calling college students egotistical for using one of the most popular networking tools in the country.

I didn't hear Leach calling Williams a narcissist when he was holding up signs and leading chants in front

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of the athletic office during Leach's contract dispute.

And when did Carter, a beloved team captain, become someone that couldn't even be around the team that selected him as a captain?

Have the players changed, or has Leach himself changed?

The 29-28 loss at Houston on Saturday should come as a surprise to nobody, especially Leach's decision to go for a touchdown on fourth down from the 1-yard line rather than kick a field goal that would have put the Red Raiders up eight points.

Leach has been making questionable decisions on fourth down since he arrived in Lubbock 10 years ago; the events on Saturday night were just a reflection of Leach's unorthodox coaching style.

In Tech's 2003 loss at North Carolina State, the Red Raiders were 2-for-7 on fourth down conversions, and in Tech's 2006 loss at TCU, Leach went for it on fourth down three times, converting zero of those attempts.

Failing on fourth down in road games and losing games to less-talented teams is nothing new for Leach, but it has always been overshadowed by his ability to pull of an exciting upset at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Nothing has changed about Leach's coaching style, but since the Tech program began getting national recognition it seems like the drama within the program has increased significantly.

In sports it is easy for fans to become prisoners of the moment.

During Leach's contract disputes in the spring, a lot of people on campus and around Lubbock, gave false impressions that the Tech program would plummet if the beloved pirate ever left Lubbock. But so far this year, the beloved pirate has lost control.

Maybe Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers, a supporter of Tech athletics for decades, knew something that the rest of the Tech faithful didn't.

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Cowboys show they can stop run, pass in same game

IRVING (AP) — They were solid against the pass, weak against the run in the opener. Then the roles were reversed in the second game.

So Game 3 was a biggie for the Dallas Cowboys defense. Would they manage to stop both — or neither?

To the delight of Wade Phillips, their head coach and defensive coordinator, it was a very definitive both, especially in the second half

of a 21-7 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

The Cowboys kept Jake Delhomme and the Panthers without a first down their first four drives of the second half, keeping things quiet while the offense turned a 7-0 deficit into a 13-7 lead. With Carolina still one big play from taking the lead, cornerback Terence Newman put the game out of reach by intercepting a pass and

returning it 27 yards for a touchdown with 5:07 to go. The Panthers' next series ended with rookie linebacker Victor Butler sacking Delhomme and causing a fumble.

Just like that, a unit ridiculed for not having any sacks or turnovers the first two games was drawing praise for coming through when their club needed it most. And Phillips came away reminding everyone the slow

start was merely the time needed for his unit to snap into place.

"You know, we do have five new starters on defense," Phillips said Tuesday. "I really do think they're starting to be comfortable with where everybody is. We have the coverages, we have the fronts, we have all those things, but I think everyone is getting a better feel for what we're doing and where we are."

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Freshmen make most of playing time

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SPORTS EDITOR

In most cases, true freshmen are not asked to do a lot.

That's the case for defensive backs D.J. Johnson and Will Ford.

But the two true freshmen have made themselves relevant in the Texas Tech secondary so far this season, making the most of their playing time.

Johnson came up big in Tech's 34-24 loss to Texas on Sept. 19, with an interception in the fourth quarter off Texas' Colt McCoy. One week later, Ford turned heads by nabbing an interception early in the fourth quarter off Houston's Case Keenum.

"They played great with open ears and open eyes all practice, ready to go," Tech cornerback Jamar Wall said. "They have great confidence and that's one thing you need is confidence like no one can outplay you and that's what they've been doing. D.J. got in there against Texas and got an interception. Will got in again last Saturday and got him one. They are playing great and you could not ask for anymore from true freshmen except to keep going and to get better every week."

Their presence comes at a good time when Tech lost safety Franklin Mitchem to an undisclosed injury before the Texas game and when the Red Raiders are trying to fit in a lot of new faces in the secondary.

Johnson — from St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin — and Ford — from Cooper High School in Abilene — are a part of a secondary that dons several new players. Safety Cody Davis is a redshirt freshman, and cornerback LaRon Moore and Mitchem are first-year starters. Wall has the most experience starting in the secondary with

three years.

But while the two have their first interceptions heading into the fourth game of their career, their roles have been low-key to this point in the season. The two have not had much chance to speak to the media either, with players not being allowed to do so during the season.

Johnson has played in three games so far this season, and Ford has played in all four and the two have 12 tackles between them. Both arrived on campus for fall camp instead of spring.

More importantly, Johnson and Ford help the Tech secondary use different defensive packages, but their emergence has been no surprise to Tech coaches.

Tech cornerbacks coach Brian Mitchell said Johnson is playing about one quarter a game. He said the Tech coaching staff tries to get him involved in third-down situations with the nickel packages. He also said the coaching staff will try to get him a few more reps as the season continues.

"He's a kid that we recruited for a specific reason," he said. "He's athletic enough. He was already in the college setting, going to a private school living in the dorms. He just had to come in and learn and he applied himself and he works hard."

If true freshmen have the ability and right mindset, Mitchell said, it is not uncommon to see them on the field.

Tech coach Mike Leach said what impresses him the most about both Johnson and Ford is the fact that the freshmen are headed in the right direction. He also said he expects both of them to see more time on the field in some variation, including special teams.

That could be beneficial to



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH SAFETY Will Ford grabs an interception in the Red Raiders' 29-28 loss to Houston Saturday at Robertson Stadium. Ford, a true freshman, has emerged this season to help the Tech secondary in different packages. Tech coaches hope to give Ford more time on the field as the season continues.

the Red Raiders, with no official update on Mitchem's injury and whether he will play in Tech game against New Mexico at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"I think Will is an incredibly confident guy and, as a result, plays well," Leach said. "I think, with young players especially, confidence is the biggest thing and Will possesses it naturally. Johnson

really had some flashes in fall camp and then he would cool off a little bit, but I thought he really played well and is on the threshold of doing some good things."

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Barack Obama criticized for Olympics push

NEW YORK (AP) — President Obama's decision to travel to Copenhagen to boost Chicago's chances of winning the 2016 Olympics has drawn criticism from some Republicans, who call it a boondoggle for Obama's hometown allies and evidence the president has blurred his priorities.

Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele denounced the visit on a conference call with reporters Tuesday. Calling it "noble for the president to pitch his home city, Chi-town," before the International Olympic Committee Friday, Steele said it nonetheless was a distraction from more pressing issues such as health care, job creation and other urgent demands on Obama's time.

However, Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and 2008 Republican presidential contender, said Obama was right to make an appearance.

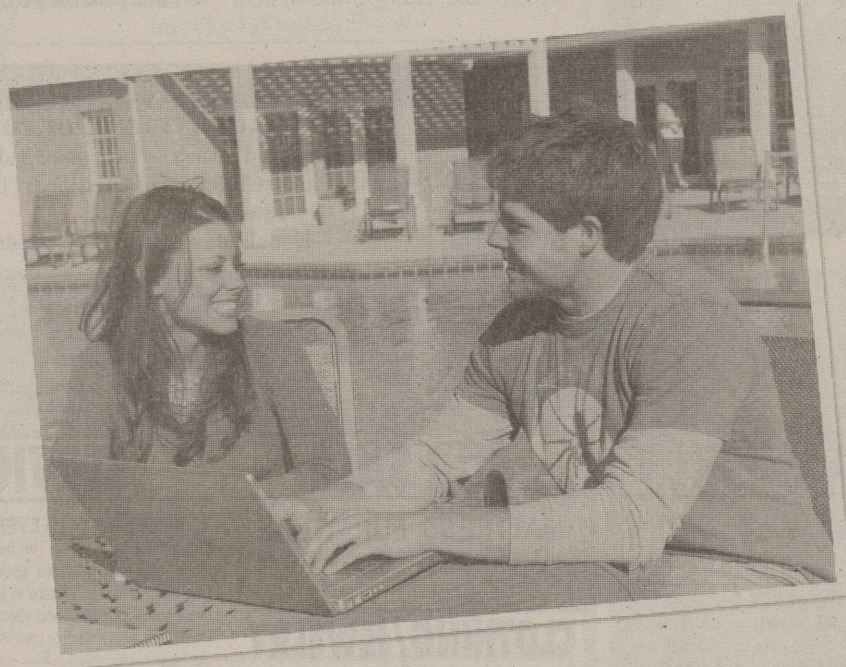
"In the current environment, the presence of a head of state is important to get the Games," Romney, who headed the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, said, noting that former British Prime Minister Tony Blair had set a new standard by personally lobbying for his country's successful 2012 Olympic bid.

Steele said it raised questions about Obama's priorities.

"Where is the focus?" Steele asked. "At a time of war, at a time of recession ... I think this trip is nice but not necessary for the president. The goal should be creating job opportunities not seven years from now, but job opportunities today."

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs laughed when told of Steele's criticism of Obama's trip.

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Baylor's Griffin ready to see game from press box

WACO (AP) — Injured Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin is preparing to see the game from a different perspective and knows he will have to lead in a different way.

The standout sophomore isn't expected to play again this season after he sustained "an isolated tear" in the ACL of his right knee Saturday night.

"I was a big guy on leading by example, talk when I needed to. Now all I can do is talk," Griffin said Tuesday in his first public comments since an MRI

determined the extent of his injury. "Not being able to play and stand on the sideline and watch the game and become a student of film and everything will make me a better player. I might be in the (press) box, which is fine. They don't want to take a chance of me not looking and getting hit. We definitely don't need that."

The Bears (2-1) host Kent State in their final nonconference game Saturday night.

Griffin played the rest of the first

half after getting hurt on the opening series in a 68-13 victory over Northwestern State last Saturday. He passed for 226 yards and three touchdowns, and the Bears scored three other TDs to lead 41-10 before Griffin watched the second half from the sideline.

"I can do that again if I can get my knee back somewhat stable," he said. "It will never be stable without ACL (surgery). ... Right now, it's probably 80-20 (percent) that I'll have surgery."

Would-be pro player relates tale of steroid woes to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jareem Gunter, a college baseball player with dreams of playing professionally, thought he had found a "diamond in the rough," a safe and legal dietary supplement that would make him healthier.

Instead, he told Congress on Tuesday, "It gave me liver failure." Gunter said the experience with Superdrol four years ago, when he was a student at Lincoln University in Missouri, left him hospitalized for weeks. He said that although he's OK now, his doctor told him the condition

could come back at any time.

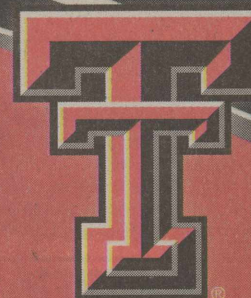
Travis Tygart, CEO of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, told the same hearing of the Senate Judiciary crime and drugs subcommittee that Superdrol is a brand name for an anabolic steroid and that Gunter's experience illustrates the problem with steroids making their way into dietary supplements.

"He woke up in a hospital bed with the doctor explaining to him that he had suffered acute liver failure, a textbook effect of taking steroids orally," Tygart said

in prepared testimony.

Tygart said more regulation of the multibillion-dollar dietary supplement industry is needed, and the subcommittee chairman, Pennsylvania Democrat Arlen Specter, said that was worth exploring.

"The question arises whether there needs to be a change in federal law," Specter said, specifically raising the possibility of dietary supplements getting clearance from the government before they are sold. "The whole area is really pretty much off the radar screen," he told reporters later.



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