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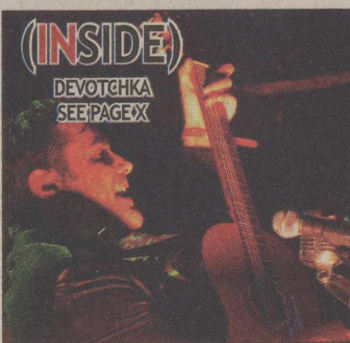
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STATE

Committee assignments first test for new speaker

AUSTIN (AP) — Rookie House Speaker Joe Straus, a popular Republican from San Antonio, faces his first big test this week as he considers who to pick for plum committee assignments — and who he'll have to disappoint.

Straus says he hopes to announce House committee choices this week, and despite his nice-guy persona, it will be impossible to make everyone happy.

"This requires you to basically tell all the House members how you rank them," said Ross Ramsey, editor of the political Web site Texas Weekly. "The people who get the really great committee assignments ... are kind of the leaders in the House."

NATION

More than 200 killed in Mexico since '04

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 200 American citizens have been killed since 2004 in Mexico's escalating wave of violence, amounting to the highest number of unnatural deaths in any foreign country outside military combat zones, according to the U.S. State Department.

The deaths included a 22-year-old Houston man and his 16-year-old friend who were hauled out of a minivan and shot execution style. They also included a 65-year-old nurse from Brownsville found floating in the Rio Grande after visiting a Mexican beauty salon and a retiree stabbed to death while camping on a Baja beach.

WORLD

NATO commander: drug raids imminent

MUNICH (AP) — In an effort to strike at a key income source for Taliban militants, the top NATO commander said Sunday that operations to attack drug lords and labs in Afghanistan will begin within the "next several days."

Gen. John Craddock, who also heads the U.S. European Command, also said that the U.S. and its allies are making progress in their efforts to fill the need for more troops, equipment and intelligence gathering in Afghanistan. He, however, would not disclose any specific commitments he got this weekend as world leaders met at a security conference here.

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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Stimulus: Billions to universities

By JUSTIN POPE
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The stimulus plan emerging in Washington could offer an unprecedented, multibillion-dollar boost in financial help for college students trying to pursue a degree while they ride out the recession.

It could also hand out billions to the states to kick-start idled campus construction projects and help prevent tuition increases at a

time when families can least afford them.

But cuts of \$40 billion for state and local governments in the Senate version were a big disappointment for college leaders. House-Senate negotiations will determine whether education aid to the states is relatively modest or massive — and how much gets directed to high-need institutions for building projects, versus elite universities that would benefit if the final package spends more of the money on scientific research.

Students are big winners. Both the House and Senate bills call for the largest-ever funding increase for Pell Grants, the government's chief college aid program for low-income students.

It will take much of the proposed \$15.6 billion increase in the House version (slightly less in the Senate) just to erase the existing funding shortfall and meet the surging demand as the economy sours and more students enroll.

But the package would also in-

crease next year's maximum award by up to \$500, to \$5,350, starting July 1. That's the biggest increase in history and would cover three-quarters of the cost of the average public four-year college.

Most Pell recipients come from families earning less than \$40,000. And supporters note the new Pell dollars would be spent almost immediately — students can't save them — while also paying off down the road.

"Long-term, if we want a bet-

ter economy, we need more people going to college," Education Arne Duncan told The Associated Press last week.

College leaders meeting in Washington this week for the American Council on Education's annual meeting will be grateful for the student aid boost. But they'll be closely watching how Congress bridges the huge gaps between how much the House and Senate versions propose spending to bail out state budgets and prevent drastic education cuts.

Sigh of Relief

Tech rallies against Baylor to snap four-game skid

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

Texas Tech guards Alan Voskuil and John Roberson were in a festive mood, smiling and joking with each other as they climbed to their press conference seats following the most relieving victory the Red Raiders have experienced in quite some time.

How could you blame them though?

They had just rallied from a second-half 12-point deficit to hang on for an 83-76 win against a sliding Baylor squad Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

With Tech (12-11, 2-6 in Big 12 Conference play) snapping a four-game losing streak, the Bears (15-8, 3-6) lost their fifth straight, nudging them closer to the end of the NCAA Tournament bubble.

"It was tremendous," said Voskuil, who matched Roberson's 18 points. "You gotta start somewhere. The past two or three games, we've been a couple possessions away from winning, and this is a good way to get on a roll. We start with one win, hopefully we can build on this and keep going."

It was not so much that the Red Raiders won the game, but more so how they did it: with a stout defense, a calm offense, and plain hustle.

Tech trailed by 12 points midway through the second half before using a 19-8 run to wrestle the Bears' lead to 63-62 with eight minutes remaining.

Tech called a timeout when it trailed by 12 points, and coach Pat Knight said he wanted to run a zone to stop the



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S ALAN Voskuil had 18 points in the 83-76 win against Baylor Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

bleeding on defense, but his players respectfully disagreed and welcomed the challenge of guarding some of the quickest guards in the Big 12 in Curtis Jerrells, LaceDarius Dunn, Toney

Carter and Henry Dugat.

"The guys didn't wanna go to a zone," Knight said. "They said, 'we'll take our man, let's switch it up a little bit,' and they wanted to stay in man."

They thought they could defend them, and they proved to me that they could."

After both teams exchanged buckets for several minutes, the Red Raiders regained the lead, 75-73, with two minutes remaining after center Robert Lewandowski was wide open in the paint for an easy layup.

Baylor had issues taking care of the ball late in the game, but coach Scott Drew said the Red Raiders deserve the credit for tightening up defensively when it mattered most.

An integral piece to that spark on defense was Tech forward Michael Prince, who finished with eight points and a career-high 10 rebounds. He stole the ball during a late offensive possession for Baylor and split a pair of free throws after an intentional foul to give Tech a 76-73 lead with 1:50 to go.

With a chance to tie the game, Baylor turned the ball over again, and Tech added another score to extend its lead to five with under a minute left.

The Red Raiders made five of six free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Although the win only notched Tech's second in nine games, Roberson said this particularly scrappy win against a desperate Baylor team was more meaningful, considering the Red Raiders' latest string of tough losses.

"I forgot what it felt like to win a close game, to be honest with you," he said with a grin. "But it came down to getting stops, and we got the stops, we didn't foul. We got steals and that's basically what it came down to."

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Official: Sebelius a top candidate to head HHS

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius is near the top of President Barack Obama's list of candidates to head the Health and Human Services Department at least partially on the strength of her long and close working relationship with the president, a senior administration official said.

Other candidates, including former Clinton White House chief of staff John Podesta, remain in the mix. A decision is not imminent, a senior administration official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss private administration deliberations.

Sebelius, 60, signed on early with the Obama campaign, backing his candidacy over that of Hillary Rodham Clinton, Obama's rival for the Democratic nomination and now secretary of state. Sebelius worked tirelessly for Obama's bid and was a top surrogate to women's groups, especially after Republicans picked Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as their vice presidential nominee.

Advocacy groups like the consumer watchdog role Sebelius played as insurance commissioner for eight years before she became governor.

A Kansas Democrat close to Sebelius said she had not spoken about the post in recent days but appeared to remain a strong contender. He spoke on condition of anonymity because

he was not officially authorized to speak for the governor.

White House spokesman Reid Cherlin said Saturday no decision had been made.

Sebelius would be Obama's second choice for the slot. Former Sen. Tom Daschle had to withdraw his name amid an admission he had not paid all his taxes, including on a car and driver, since leaving Congress as a Democratic leader.

The loss of Daschle has many worried about the fate of any quick action on health care reform, one of Obama's top early priorities and a complex legislative effort that seemed to require the heft of someone like Daschle to push it through. As a result, most believed Obama needed

to move quickly to replace Daschle, and yet the White House was so committed to that pick that it had little in the way of a backup list when he dropped out.

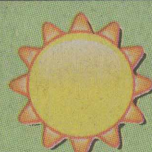
It took Obama almost a month to find a new commerce secretary nominee when his first pick dropped out. He named GOP Sen. Judd Gregg last week, the same day Daschle withdrew, to replace New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who had stepped aside for the post in early January amid a grand jury investigation into a state contract awarded to his political donors.

Her name had been floated for several Cabinet posts right after Obama won in November, but she announced in early December that

she had removed herself from consideration for a Washington job, citing Kansas' budget problems that needed her attention.

The two-term governor remains popular in her state and comes from a strong political family. Her father, John Gilligan, was a Democratic governor of Ohio in the early 1970s, and her late father-in-law, Keith Sebelius, was a Republican congressman from Kansas for 12 years.

Sebelius was in Washington last week to give a pair of speeches, one on clean energy jobs and the other at the National Education Association. She also met at the Ritz Carlton hotel with Obama aide Valerie Jarrett, one of the president's top advisers and confidantes.



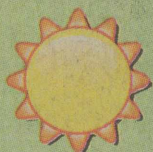
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KOHM awaits identification, location changes

By SARAH REIMAN
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Now that Texas Tech's two radio stations, KOHM 89.1 FM and KTXB 88.1 FM, have merged, the new call letters and location of the studio have yet to be determined.

After KTXB was shut down in December, the FCC license for the station was turned over to KOHM.

Derrick Ginter, general manager of KOHM radio and former KTXB employee, said the only definite deadline the station has is a 90-day period, ending in March, to restore the station to broadcast.

If the station does not meet the deadline, the FCC license for the station expires.

The main difference between the two stations is KOHM has received little funding from the university and relies on listener support, he said, and the station has been stable enough to have a "good track record" with organizations giving grants.

Ginter said students also must be aware that the station will not operate in the same format as before. The song selection will be different because KOHM does not have the same music library as KTXB.

He said the station is planning to create new call letters and start fresh.

Several new formats are being considered, Ginter said. Among these is jazz, Triple A (consisting of mostly Texan artists), and world music (consisting of popular music from around the world).

"The station has to have mass appeal," he said.

KOHM is run off an automated service, Ginter said, which also will be responsible for running the new station due to special issues, including a lack of a studio to operate from. The station is working on relocating in the near future.

The station is located in the Bank of America building in University Plaza on the corner of Uni-

versity Avenue and 19th Street. All businesses that have offices in the skyscraper building soon will relocate to an approved location, Ginter said.

Mike Faires, associate vice president of operations at Tech, is assisting the station in finding a new residence.

"We are all orphans in the building," he said.

An architecture and engineering firm was hired to find the best options for the new location of all the offices, he said. The idea of Chancellor Kent Hance and his staff moving into the building has been discussed.

Among the options in the fate of the station's location include moving to an available space at the Reese Center or building a new facility.

Ginter said he was told the staff at KTXB consisted of about 70 disc jockeys. He said he does not have the space to employ more DJs but hopes to be able to expand someday.

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Report shows increases in stalking

By CHRYSAL GRANT
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The importance of staying aware of one's surroundings may have increased during the past 10 years as reports of stalking increased.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice's 2009 report "Stalking Victimization in the United States," 3.4 million Americans reported being in a situation involving a stalker, which is 1.4 million more than the previous report 10 years earlier.

"Stalking is not normally from some random person coming out of a dark alley," said Thompson Downs, owner and instructor of Texas Karate Institute. "It usually comes from a family member or ex-boyfriend, girlfriend."

The Bureau of Justice Statistics defines stalking as a course of conduct directed at a specific person on at least two separate occasions that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

According to the report, about 130,000 victims were fired because of problems arising from stalking. About one-in-eight victims took time off from work in fear of safety or to seek a restraining order from the court.

"The best way to avoid stalking issues is to stay aware of your surroundings," Downs said.

According to the report, 25 percent of teens were being cyber stalked through e-mail or instant messaging.

"With all of the new technology developing today, it's becoming more common for stalkers to attack through electronic devices," said Cpl. Jack Floyd of the Texas Tech Police Department. "Victims of stalking typically occur in the 18 to 24 age range. This also the age range of most internet users social networking."

Tech's campus security has helped prevent many cases of stalking. Floyd, an officer with the crime prevention



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

STUDENTS TAKE A self defense class Jan. 27 at the Texas Karate Institute and earn one hour of personal fitness and wellness credit. The class has learned defenses against front and rear chokeholds as well as kicking, punching and blocking.

division of Tech police, said more than one incident must occur before students can report a stalking crime.

"Campus dorms are secured with locks and watched by CA/RAs, along with on duty officers at all times," he said.

Although rates of stalking are low on campus, he said, it does not mean students should be unaware of their surroundings.

"A crime can happen anywhere at anytime," Floyd said.

According to the bureau, 75 percent of Americans were stalked by someone they knew, and 11 percent of Americans were stalked for five or more years. One-in-seven said the stalking caused them to move out of their home.

While campus dorms that are secured with locks could be bothersome, they can help protect students, said Clare Adams, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Comfort.

"Sometimes I feel like it's a hassle to dig through my purse, especially when my hands are full," Adams said, "but I would not want a random guy coming into my room, so I'm glad we

have them." According to the report, more than one-third of victims reported being spied on, and 21 percent had been attacked with forms of assault — from a slap to rape. About 46 percent feared what would happen to them next, 29 percent feared the stalker would return, and 9 percent feared the stalking issue would end in death.

"I normally have one student a semester who admits being stalked," Downs said, "and it usually ends in physical violence, with a roommate, friend or ex. Most of my students say they used some form of technique taught in class."

Downs said he offers class at the Texas Karate Institute, as well as eight classes taught through Tech's Personal Fitness and Wellness courses. Classes include karate and self-defense techniques.

"Crime will always go on," Downs said. "The best thing to do is stay aware of the things that go on around you. If you're ever in a situation, make loud noises."

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Obama weighing 23-month Iraq withdrawal option

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is considering at least two troop withdrawal options as it weighs a new Iraq strategy — one that would preserve President Barack Obama's campaign pledge to get all combat brigades out within 16 months and a second that would stretch it to 23 months, two officials said Friday.

A third, in-between option of 19 months is also being weighed, according to the officials, neither of

whom would discuss the sensitive topic without being granted anonymity. One of the officials said the main focus appears to be on the 16-month and 23-month options; 23 months would run to the end of 2010.

Under either timeline, the U.S. would hope to leave behind a number of brigades that would be redesigned and reconfigured as multipurpose units to provide training and advising for Iraqi security forces, one official said. These brigades would be con-

sidered noncombat outfits and their presence would have to be agreed in advance by the Iraqi government, which under a deal signed late last year insisted that all U.S. forces — not just combat brigades — be out of Iraq by the end of 2011.

Obama has said his Iraq policy will include leaving a residual U.S. military force of unspecified composition and size in Iraq and in the region to conduct counter-terrorism missions against al-Qaida in Iraq and to protect American diplomatic and civilian personnel. He has said they will not build permanent bases in Iraq but will continue training and supporting Iraqi security forces "as long as Iraqi leaders move toward political reconciliation and away from sectarianism."

The concept of the stay-behind training and advising brigades has been well developed, the official said, although the details such as their size and makeup are in an early stage of being sorted out.

At the White House's request, top military officials recently offered an assessment of the risks associated with the 16-, 19- and 23-month withdrawal timetables, without saying which is preferred. Obama's top two defense advisers, Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen, have not yet provided a formal recommendation to the president on a timetable, an official said.

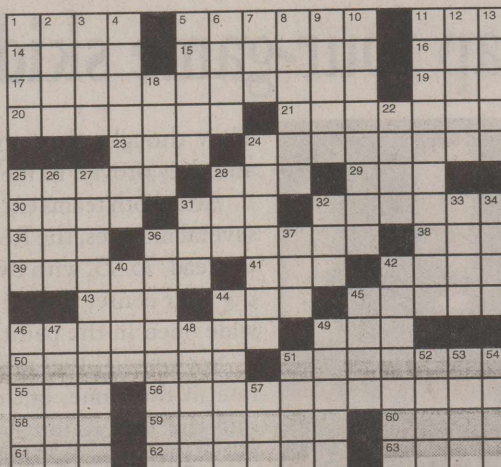
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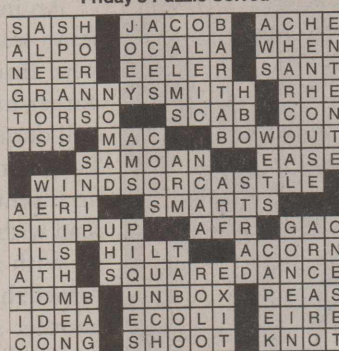
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By Ed Voile
Gillette, WY

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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Lawmakers worry over plan for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — After campaigning on the promise to end one war, President Barack Obama is preparing to escalate another.

Obama's dual stance on the two wars is not lost on congressional Democrats, many of whom also ran on anti-war platforms. In coming weeks, they expect to have to consider tens of billions of dollars needed for combat, including a major buildup of troops in Afghanistan.

While increasing the military's focus in Afghanistan was anticipated — it was a cornerstone of Obama's campaign — many Democrats acknowledged in recent interviews that they are skittish about sending more troops, even in small numbers.

The concern, they say, is that the military could become further entrenched in an unwinnable war

on their watch.

"Before I support any more troops to Afghanistan, I want to see a strategy that includes an exit plan," said Rep. Jim McGovern, a Massachusetts liberal who at one point wanted to cut off money for the Iraq war.

Added Wisconsin Democrat Sen. Russ Feingold, another fierce war opponent: "The idea of putting the troops in without having more clarity at least gives me pause."

The Obama administration is in the midst of a sweeping strategy review. The results of that assessment might not be released for several weeks. In the meantime, the administration is expected to approve an immediate request from the top military commander in Afghanistan for three more brigades, roughly 14,000 troops.

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Vagina Monologues entertain, educate

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

It was called a peach, a tamale, a monkey box and a coochi snorcher. It was compared to a shell, a flower, flood gates and a doorbell to a house.

Twenty-five performers gathered Saturday night at Allen Theater in the Student Union Building with one thing on their minds: vaginas.

During their third annual performance of the "Vagina Monologues," the Texas Tech's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance shed light on experiences between women and their vaginas from childhood to adulthood.

FMLA historian and junior geology major Laura Moore said she hoped audience members would walk away from the monologues with more knowledge of a female's life experiences and more sympathy for victims of sexual abuse.

"We're not actresses, we're real women," said the Austin native, "and we're here to entertain and enlighten."

The monologues were compiled by more than 200 interviews conducted by playwright Eve Ensler concerning female experiences.

The performance included a range of topics, from visiting the gynecologist and wearing tampons to embarrassing date scenarios and sexual assault.

Although the event drew in a mostly female audience, some men attended the performance, including Tech alumnus Don Simmons who came to the monologues with his girlfriend, Sarah Sooter, a Lubbock community member who had seen the performance several times and read the book the monologues are based on.

"I freaking love it," Sooter said,

"and it's absolutely not male bashing. I laugh and I cry. It's all about women and fun and violence. It's everything."

Although Simmons seemed apprehensive about attending the show, Sooter said the event was not limited to a female audience and could be informative to any sex.

Besides performing monologues taken from the interviews, the show also included vagina statistics and facts from the United States and across the globe.

One performer said the clitoris is the only organ designed solely for pleasure and has 8,000 nerve endings, which is twice the number of nerve endings on the head of a penis.

While some aspects of the performance were meant to be entertaining, more serious facts were shared by other performers. One of these performers said genital mutilation, mostly practiced in Africa, has been inflicted on 80 million to 100 million girls and young women.

Senior psychology major Amanda Evans performed the monologue, "My Angry Vagina," which described the discomfort of wearing tampons and thongs and disliking gynecological exams.

The Las Cruces, N.M., native said she felt the performance went well for opening night and hopes the people who attended will spread the word about the upcoming performances.

"The show is both entertaining and it's a learning experience," she said, "and I hope people know that one person can do something about sexual assault."

Each person who purchased a ticket for the monologues helped victims of sexual abuse.

Moore said ticket sales go to the organization's local benefi-

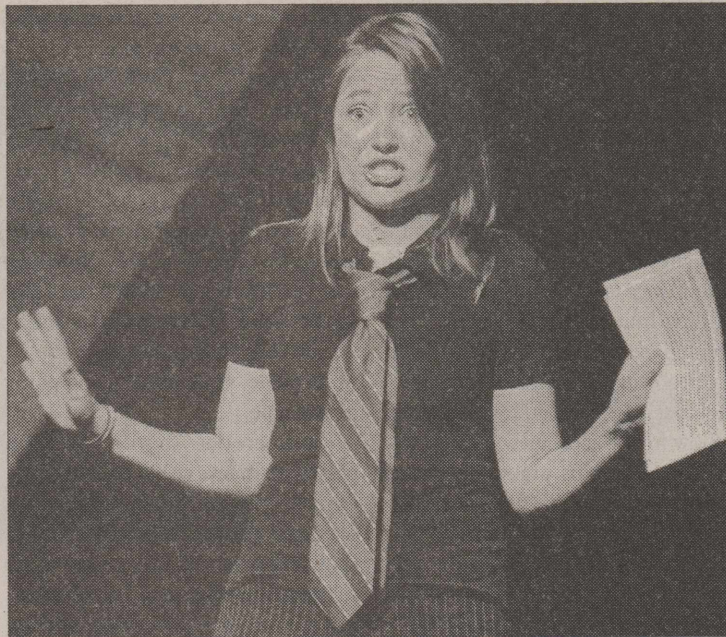


PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador
AMANDA EVANS, A senior psychology major from Las Cruces, N.M., performs a monologue about "her angry vagina" during the Vagina Monologue play Saturday in the Allen Theater in the Student Union Building.

ADDITIONAL FACTS

One in six women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime

College-age women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted.

Every two minutes, someone is sexually assaulted in the United States.

Approximately 73 percent of rape victims know their assailants.

About 60 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.

SOURCE: TEXAS TECH'S FEMINIST MAJORITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

ciaries: Victim's Voice, Women's Protective Services and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.

Also, Moore said, 10 percent of ticket sales were sent to the Republic of Congo to build safe houses for victims of sexual abuse.

The money is important to local beneficiaries, she said, because Lubbock has a high number of rape among college students and young girls in the community.

In order to reach more victims in the community, Moore said the group hopes to continue to grow and generate more attention from the Lubbock area.

She said the Tech Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance often is misinterpreted as being more extreme than they really are.

"We don't burn our bras or hate boys," she said. "We're interested in doing good."

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Jolie visits Myanmar refugees

BANGKOK (AP) — Hollywood star Angelina Jolie has called on Thailand to respect the human rights of Myanmar's Rohingya boat people, after Thai authorities pushed hundreds of them out to sea, a U.N. spokeswoman said Friday.

Jolie — who is deeply involved in the plight of refugees in her capacity as a United Nations goodwill ambassador — toured one of several camps in Thailand sheltering refugees from Myanmar's military regime with her partner Brad Pitt on Wednesday.

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokeswoman Kitt McKinsey told AP Television News it was a coincidence that Jolie visited the border camp just as the plight of the Rohingyas was catching the world's attention.

Some Rohingyas — who are denied citizenship in their native land — tried to land in Thailand recently after treacherous sea journeys only to be towed back to sea and cast adrift by the Thai navy. Indian officials rescued some but believe

hundreds perished.

McKinsey said Jolie "was extremely touched by the plight of the Rohingya people," and that she had expressed hope "that the human rights of the Rohingya people will be respected just as the human rights of everyone in the world should be respected."

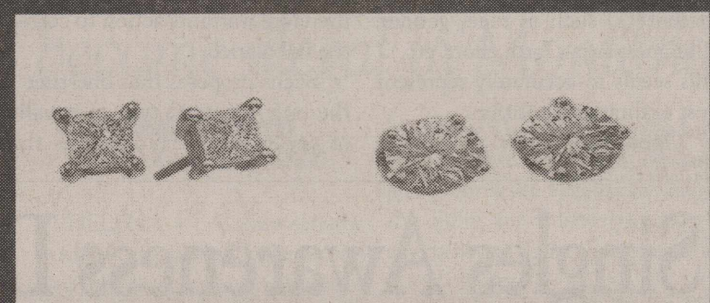
The Rohingya boat people represent just a part of Myanmar's refugee exodus.

Hundreds of thousands of other ethnic minorities have fled by land across Myanmar's eastern border to Thailand for decades, mostly civilians caught up in fighting between the military and ethnic insurgents.

Many flee to Thai refugee camps where they remain for years with little chance of resettlement in third countries.

On Wednesday, Jolie slapped a bright blue U.N. baseball cap on her head and toured the bamboo huts of the Ban Mai Nai Soi camp, home to 18,111 mainly ethnic Karenni refugees, just two miles (three kilometers) from the Myanmar border, near the northern Thai town of Mae Hong Son.

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OPINIONS

Equality of opportunity impossible

I have heard among the rhetoric of recent years a strong emphasis on the concept of "equality of opportunity." This might apply to education, employment, health care or a number of other fields, but the egalitarian sentiment is the same in all cases: give people equal chances to succeed.

This issue has come to light especially as the nation ponders such subjects as socialized medicine, equal access to health insurance, and our growing economic disparity. We seem to have developed an expectation that the Obama administration will step in to level the playing field in these respects.

Recently, Benjamin Sachs of the National Institute of Health's Department of Bioethics came to give a talk on this issue to the Texas Tech Department of Philosophy. He made some excellent points on equality of opportunity, which I will present here followed by some of my own thoughts.

Sachs began by presenting a general sentiment, namely he said, "We should aim to distribute opportunities for (some outcome) equally (on some time interval) among people equally possessed of (some scope-setting attribute(s) such as race, gender, willingness to put forth effort, etc.)." This seems to accurately represent most egalitarians' position.

"Opportunities for ____" are

Stephen Torrence



what Sachs calls currency, and the "some time interval" he calls timing. Sachs then distinguishes three different possibilities for equality of opportunity timing: perpetual, intermittent and one-time.

According to Sachs, perpetual is impossible for a simple reason. Imagine a completely level playing field, one where everyone has equality of opportunity and equal currency. As soon as one person "reinvests" his or her currency (say, gets a Masters), he or she opens up new opportunities for him or herself, thus upsetting the equality and making it non-perpetual.

Intermittent is a tricky situation too because it requires constant, intrusive intervention on the part of a governing body in order to maintain equality of opportunity everywhere and at all times. Every decision of the type above changes the opportunity distribution and therefore warrants action to correct the imbalance.

Sachs proposes that one-time is the only practical type of equality of opportunity. He suggests that

at some point in people's lives — most preferably when they reach adulthood — they could be given a level playing field, after which their decisions would reshape their opportunities freely.

Of course this is a gross oversimplification of Sachs' argument, and I might point out here that those in attendance spent an hour afterward grilling him constructively even on the full version. Putting philosophical problems aside for the moment, I feel that many insightful implications follow from Sachs' view.

I believe this argument shows our inability to recognize the timing aspect has significantly hindered our political deliberations regarding affirmative action, universal healthcare, universal education, and so forth.

We essentially have been spinning our wheels with a doomed intermittent approach while shooting for a perpetual one. We see an imbalance in black versus white civil rights and correct it. We see an imbalance in women's versus men's voting rights and correct it. We see an imbalance in educational success and pass No Child Left Behind. On and on...

None of these attempted corrections fully succeeds in creating equality of opportunity. In fact, they inadvertently end up creating additional imbalances as a result due to the choices made by individuals, which in turn affect their group on a

whole. Meanwhile societal imbalance and social immobility remain.

I disagree with Sachs that even one-time equality of opportunity can be practically achieved. It seems problematic to define sufficient maturity as the starting point. Maturity cannot be consistently identified, and government legislation would have to define something clear (like a given age as the criterion for drinking, driving, smoking and such). I see no possible, practical starting point of this type.

So where does this leave us? Few people nowadays would will that government should simply not attempt to correct inequalities of opportunity at all. We need such balancing moves to stem societal unrest. Yet our financial resources are too thin to keep renewing and maintaining balance completely and indefinitely.

We must realize that lofty goals like perpetual, equal access to education, health care, employment and such are simply unattainable, especially by the efforts of government. There will always be factors beyond governmental control that upset the balance. We can only expect so much help, and then we must do the best we can with the opportunities that we have.

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Gitmo closing should be done in 3 months

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On Feb. 5, 2008, President Obama signed executive orders to close Guantanamo. The stated goal is to have Guantanamo closed expeditiously as possible, with a maximum deadline of one year.

One year? For an issue that is of such grave importance to both human rights and the world's perception of the United States, why can't we find a way to get it done more quickly?

The Center for Constitutional Rights released a report detailing how it could be done in 3 months. That's one-fourth the time. Obama said in his speech that countries are judged by what they create, not what they destroy. I say nay. If Obama can destroy Guantanamo in less time than Bush took to create it, I think that would be a glorious accomplishment. On the campaign trail, Obama pledged to undo the mistakes of the past eight years, but who knew it would take so long?

On the Center for Constitutional Rights Web site, they state that "the reality is that the restoration of the rule of law to that offshore prison — and this country — should be significantly less complicated than the

dismantling of the law has been."

It is not enough for Obama to simply change the face of this country — he needs to change it immediately. Now is the time to reverse the mistakes of the past. If the CIA was able to create a whole network of secret prisons to complement Guantanamo shortly after 9/11, then it must know how to take them apart. They probably still have the instructions.

Perhaps Obama's one-year deadline is purposeful. Guantanamo is a highly partisan issue. In his first few days of office, Obama has avoided divisive issues, save for an order resuming aid to help organizations that provide abortions. So it is possible that Obama does not want to worry Republicans, especially before he tries to pass his economic plan through Congress, with an immediate closure of Guantanamo.

But Obama cannot afford to be a politician on this issue. As long as Guantanamo remains open, it remains a testament to American hypocrisy. Guantanamo in the country that pioneered freedom and the rights of the accused goes to sodomize that country's reputation behind closed doors.

So to all of the naysayers who say that it would be too difficult to close Guantanamo, and all of the CIA 'black prisons,' in three months, I say, "Yes we can." That was your mantra and ours, Obama. Now let's stick to it.

'Singles Awareness Day': A safe chance to stare someone down

**By JULIA BOND
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This time of year, we should all be aware of SAD. I am not only referring to seasonal affective disorder, but also to the rapidly approaching Singles Awareness Day, which "coincidentally" falls on February 14.

We are now a week into February, the month when single people become acutely aware, and in some cases defensive, of the fact that we've been cuddling up to our body pillows for the past couple of days, weeks, months, or years. Usually we love our body pillows, but sending your body pillow chocolate for Valentine's Day is generally counterproductive because you wind up eating them all yourself and then feeling lonely and sick.

I've always had a problem with Valentine's Day. For me, it's always seemed like a big pink Post-it note on every relationship that says, "Hey! Don't forget to care about this person!" Valentine's Day is fraught with stress about which of the clichéd Valentine's gifts you should get your significant other. Should you hand-make a card? Or can you buy one of the witty ones at Rite Aid?

(I once received a Valentine's Day card that read, "What's the most important thing to consider for Valentine's Day?" Inside, it said, "Location Location Location," and had a picture of a bed. Maybe that's why I hate Valentine's Day.)

Valentine's Day is stressful for both singles and couples. The rhetoric of Valentine's Day promotes the Hollywood image that love unfolds in a comedic yet perfect way, where at first people are befuddled and confused, but then they fall into a perfect relationship where things are easy, and love and lust never fade or change.

There's also a two-week black hole surrounding Valentine's Day during which you're not allowed to talk about any problems, get into any fights and certainly

never break up with someone. Because it's "almost Valentine's Day," and how can you bring up something that's bothering you on this, the day where you're supposed to be perfect for one another?

Valentine's Day can be tough all around, but, as I am single, I feel I am really only in a position to offer advice to those who, like me, will spend this Singles Awareness Day trying to find something to do that doesn't involve candy hearts, pink things or creepily realistic pictures of Cupids. Never fear, fellow singles! There is plenty of stuff to do this SAD that can make it seem more like Singles Appreciation Day than Singles Awareness Day. Here is but a small selection of those activities I do to make February 14 an exciting day:

First, stare at people. You can get away with this when you're single in a way that you can't when you're taken. Think someone's attractive? Just stare at them until they notice, and even then, don't necessarily stop.

When you're with someone, staring is a threat. Someone who cares about you will always want to know what you're looking at, whether it's because they want to share in all of the mundane aspects of your life or because they're afraid it's someone more attractive than they are. When you're single, stare away! Even if you're just staring at a wall, you can do so uninterrupted. Hopefully someone attractive will wander in front of your gaze.

Second, take advantage of all the candy that people put out in honor of Valentine's Day. If no one's really keeping tabs on you on Valentine's Day, who's going to know that you're being a pig?

Finally, although this may be going against the cynicism of my earlier points, think of Valentine's Day as an opportunity. I've already made my argument in favor of asking people out on dates, so I won't repeat it, but Valentine's Day is a

great excuse to put yourself out there. People sometimes need a reason to take a risk, and Valentine's Day is a great one: suffocating in love paraphernalia and being on the mother of all sugar highs.

Perhaps Singles Awareness Day comes around for a reason other than to torment us; perhaps it is supposed to remind us that if we're not loving being single despite all of the aforementioned perks, there are things we can try to do about it. And, if those things don't pan out the way you want them to, you can always fall back on the day-after-Valentine's Day candy sales. If you get shot down putting yourself out there, there's no better landing than in a mountain of cheap chocolate.

We're not dating, we're 'together'

**By BOBBY BINGLE
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If you have never heard this phrase spoken before, you either don't go to college, you're deaf, you're partially deaf, or you don't go to college. Because in this world full of kegs, one night stands, and bros, there is a phenomenon known as being "together" with someone.

It's not dating, but it's more than just a random hook up. So what does it mean exactly? I will attempt to shed some light on this enigmatic yet prevalent concept as well as its benefits and drawbacks.

Before we delve into the world of togetherness, it helps to define what exactly dating is in a practical college sense. I would say that dating is when

two people are in an exclusive, romantically driven relationship.

What occurs in that relationship depends on each couple. But some commonalities may include: having dinner together off campus, seeing each other at least once every day, becoming another roommate to your significant other's roommates because you're always around, getting in drunken fights, telling everyone you're sick of each other, breaking up, still talking to each other after the break up, drunkenly hooking up again, and beginning to date each other again after only three days of being broken up.

But again, it differs from relationship to relationship.

Now that I have given my completely biased definition of dating, we can begin to look at being "together." There are many different phrases used to describe being "together." Sometimes people will say that two people are "seeing" each other or that they're "hooking up" with each other. Along with different terminology, there are different levels of being "together," but there are still some basics at each level. It is more than a one night stand, it is less than dating, and in the vast majority of cases, there is no exclusivity.

The first and lowest level of being "together" is when two people drunkenly hook up with each other once and then continue the drunken hook up late at night on weekends. There is no contact during the week. Normally, contact is made around 2 a.m. in the form of a text. You know, the "hey, what are you up to?" text. Within those words is contained the assumption that the two will meet up at one or the other's place, and there will be a physical manifestation of their undying indifference for each other.

The next level of "togetherness" is when two people not only hook up on the weekend, but they party with each other as well. There is still minimal contact during the week, but the two like each other enough to spend time at parties together. So instead of meeting after 2 a.m., they spend most of the night

together and may even pre-game with one another.

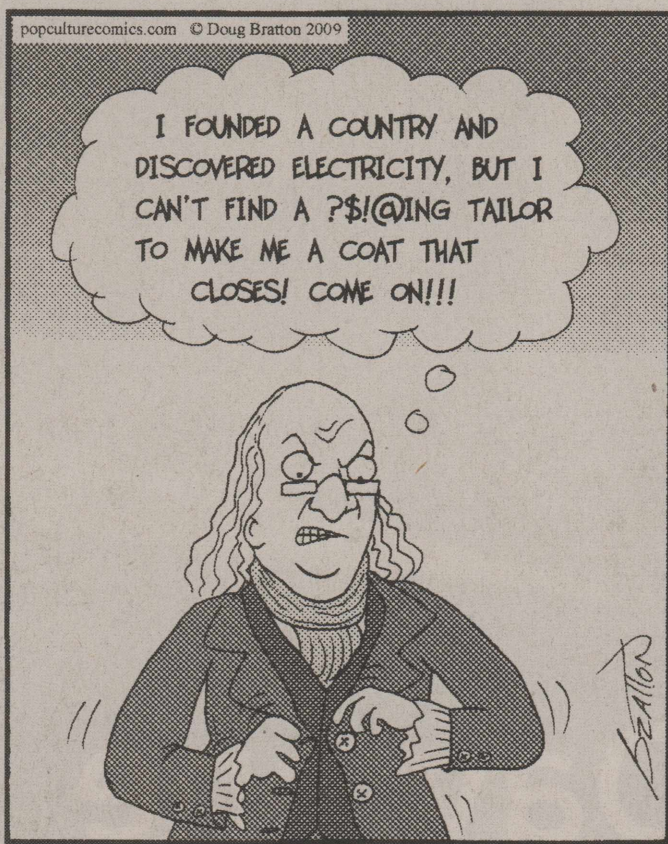
From this last level of "togetherness" stems a higher level of being "together." At this level, two people not only hook up on weekends, but occasionally they hang out during the week. And as they start hanging out more and more, they may start actually developing feelings for each other. Then they fall into the danger zone. How much longer can they keep it at that level before the non-exclusivity and non-title start bothering one or both of them? And at that point, the decision arises about whether to stay in limbo or date.

So how am I an authority on the issue? I'm not. But I do speak from personal experience on the matter of being "together." My last serious girlfriend was during my sophomore year of high school. Since then, I've just been "together" with girls. (Except for the occasional brief dry spell; and the occasional extended dry spell; and that one several month-long drought where I resorted to driving by Newton North High School, asking girls if they needed a "ride" home.)

In my experience, the benefit of being "together" is that there is a lack of pressure. There's no pressure to hang out during the week. There's no pressure to go to nice dinners. There's no pressure not to go to parties or to leave parties to meet up. And there's no pressure to open up. It's comfortable.

If you asked me a year ago about the issue I would say that you'd be crazy to date when you could simply be "together." But now, maybe because I'm older and pretend to myself that I'm more mature, I'm not sure "together" is the answer. No matter how much fun being "together" can be, there's something lacking. And I know, because the best thing I ever had with a girl crashed and burned because neither of us bucked up and decided to date.

So in the end, I'm not saying being "together" is better or worse than dating. But for me, I'm not looking to just be comfortable anymore.



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Annual FIT Tech program kicks off with mile walk, 5K run

By **GARRETT SALZMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students, faculty and staff participated in a mile walk and 5k run Saturday to kick-off the fifth annual FIT Tech challenge.

Debra Reed, director of FIT Tech, said the program is an eight-week challenge for six-member teams to practice healthy exercise and eating habits.

Each team member records the minutes of exercise they complete each day, and a team captain submits the workout logs every week.

"In keeping with Texas Tech's motto, we strive for honor when reporting the minutes," said Reed, a nutrition professor at Tech, said. "We expect students to be honest with their reporting."

Saturday's activities were the first events for teams to participate in and begin earning minutes for the contest, Reed said. Groups that reach their weekly goals are entered into a drawing for prizes every week. Prizes are rewarded at the end of the program for meeting goals, best team name and best team spirit.

Although the prizes are designed to provide added incentives for participants to meet their goals, Reed said the most important prize is becoming healthier.

Reed said she proposed FIT Tech

as a program to help members of the Tech community avoid becoming a part of the national trends concerning of unhealthy lifestyles and obesity.

"Sixty-five percent of adults are overweight in Texas," Reed said. "Across the nation, 77 percent of adults are not getting enough fruits and vegetables. I don't think we need

much more justification for the need for our program. It's all right there."

Betty Blanton, associate director of recreational sports at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, said she wanted students, faculty and staff to have a healthy lifestyle and assisting FIT Tech is a great way to support her goal.

"Research shows that if you record your daily physical activity, you see improved results," Blanton said. "That's part of what makes FIT Tech so effective."

Students of all levels of fitness

could benefit from participation in FIT Tech, Blanton said. Groups are divided into three levels based on their goals for weekly physical activity.

"FIT Tech is for everyone, the person on the couch just starting and those who are already very active," she said. "The whole object of the

program is to shift our attitude and philosophy to realize that increasing activity and eating healthier improves our lives."

Jessica Kirk, the student coordinator for FIT Tech,

said the program was structured to encourage participants to become more physically active by providing guidance and placing an emphasis on overall health.

"We want people to focus on being healthy, not just losing weight," the nutrition major said. "The ideal purpose for this program is for someone to be and live healthy, rather than just



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Treador
PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIT Tech program kick off the eight-week challenge with a walk/run mile Saturday outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

UPCOMING FIT TECH EVENTS:

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Heart Healthy Food Demo at noon in Human Sciences Room 286. Cost \$8.

Band best known for 'Little Miss Sunshine' music performs show at Jake's Back Room

When they're not scoring Academy Award-nominated movies, Devotchka likes to take its melting pot of mariachi music, folk rock and gypsy punk on the road.

The four-piece band from Denver, best known for providing the music to "Little Miss Sunshine," packed Jake's Back Room Saturday night.

Local heroes and longtime friends of the headlining band, Thrift Store Cowboys, played an impressive set before Devotchka took the stage, sporting all black attire in front of more than 400 people.

Band leader Nick Urata swayed back and forth, giving equal time to a microphone provided by the venue and an old-time microphone (probably stolen from the set of "O Brother Where Art Thou"). Urata belted and whistled his way through an energetic set featuring old favorites and new hits.

If crowd members took a restroom break or went to the bar, they were certain to miss something.

Devotchka utilized a plethora of instruments, including an upright bass, maracas, a tambourine, a trumpet, an accordion, a violin, a bouzouki and everyone's favorite whining contraption, a theramin.

Choreographed floor and stage lights illuminated the quartet and set the mood for each number the band pounded out to the deafened crowd.

As if the light show wasn't impressive enough, band member Jeanie Schroder added a little flavor, by blowing into a tube covered in blue Christmas lights.



Crowd participation was encouraged, and the delirious crowd obliged with rhythmic hand claps at the appropriate times. At other times, the crowd swayed, shimmied and freaked out to the band's unique blend of bass-driven, toe-tapping indie rock.

The band served plenty of helpings from their latest album "A Mad and Faithful Telling," including songs "Basso Profundo," "Along the Way" and "Transliterator."

However, they also managed to slip in Devotchka classics in their 16-song set, such as "The Enemy Guns," "Queen of the Surface Streets" and the title track to the acclaimed 2004 disc "How It Ends," which was greeted with squeals of excitement from the audience.

The set revealed surprises as well, including the group's version of the Velvet Underground's "Venus In Furs."

Devotchka returned with a two-song encore after relentless pleading from the crowd and thunderous "DEVOTCHKA!" chants.

After the fan favorites "You Love Me" and "C'est Ce La," Urata gave the guns-up salute to the riled-up fray before thanking Lubbock for its continued support. He wished



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Treador
NICK URATA THE lead singer for Devotchka, performs Saturday night at Jake's Back Room.

the crowd a lovely evening, but for many in the Back Room on Saturday, that had already been provided by Devotchka.

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Texting while driving could become illegal in Montana

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HELENA — A state senator would like to make talking or texting on a cell phone while driving a punishable offense in Montana.

Senate Bill 278, sponsored by Sen. Christine Kaufmann, D-Helena, would allow law enforcement officers to pull drivers over if they are doing anything on a phone that takes their hands off the wheel or eyes off the road. Drivers in violation could be fined up to \$100.

The bill allows the use of hands-free cell phones for any driver over the age of 18.

"I think it's important and imperative that we say this is not proper behavior when you're behind the wheel of the car," Kaufmann said at the bill's hearing Thursday evening.

Kaufmann said drivers are distracted by their phones when they drive, especially when they text, and thus are more likely to get into a crash.

Supporters for the bill said it would improve driving safety across

Montana. They also said this bill is different from similar bills because it allows for some exceptions, namely the ability for a driver to report an emergency on their cell phone without fear of penalty.

Representatives from Verizon Wireless and various sheriff's departments supported the bill. Amendments were offered to include weather-watchers in the exemptions, along with truckers who use push-to-talk technology to communicate.

Amendments were also offered by the Department of Corrections to exempt their officers because they need to communicate on the road when transporting offenders.

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Track ends home indoor meets, Kipyego in Boston

By ADAM WADSWORTH
STAFF WRITER

Sally Kipyego may be more than 2,000 miles away, but the Texas Tech track team didn't slow down.

While the majority of the team was in Lubbock for the meet Saturday, Kipyego and Gilbert Limo were in Boston at the Reebok Boston Indoor Games.

Kipyego, the only college athlete running in the 3,000-meter, set a new collegiate record with a time of 8 minutes, 48.77 seconds. She placed second to professional runner Kara Goucher by only two seconds. Unfortunately, because of NCAA rules, the event will not qualify her for nationals.

Limo ran a 4:05.51 in the mile, which was good enough for eighth place and a personal record.

The rest of the Red Raiders finished the third Texas Tech Invitational — the team's final indoor home meet — Saturday in the Athletic Training Center with 12 first-place finishes.

With many of the star athletes either out of town or not competing, Tech relied on its younger talent to take care of business this weekend.

The highlight of the meet was pole-vaulter Amanda Alley setting a new personal record on her way to winning the event. Alley has spent the past year recovering from a knee injury and finally got back into competition at New Mexico's Lobo Invitational Jan. 31, where

she set an NCAA provisional mark. Alley said last week that her goal going into this meet was to break her personal record, and she believed she could do it because of her progress in practice.

It turns out she was right. Her vault of 13 feet, 3.75 inches was enough to take first place and surpass her previous mark.

"I can't even explain how I feel," Alley said. "I feel really thankful because I've worked really hard to get back, and I prayed really hard today."

Tech took two of the top three spots in the event with freshman Sage Lasater tied for second with a 12'07.50".

Also, three-time high school state champion and newly-signed Tech recruit Shade Weygandt competed as an unattached athlete and placed fourth overall.

The Tech throwers were back in competition this week after not making the trip to New Mexico last week.

Ozie Okolie took another first place in the women's weight throw with her toss of 59'11.25". Okolie now has won all three events she has competed in this season.

Tech shot-putter Harrison Benjamin easily took another first place in the men's competition, with his 57'0.25" throw beating second place by four and a half feet. Like Okolie, Benjamin also is undefeated in competition this season.

All-American thrower Patience Knight also won her third shot-put event



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH'S SALLY Kipyego set a collegiate record with a time of 8 minutes, 48.77 seconds at the Reebok Boston Indoor Games in Boston.

Saturday.

Her 54'4.75" throw was more than enough to give her another first-place finish, but the always humble Knight said she still had some technical issues to workout before nationals.

"Actually we have a whole lot of work left to do," Knight said. "I did OK today but we still need to keep progressing so

that I can do well at nationals."

Sophomore Tori Smith set a new school record in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 7.85, good for first place.

Next weekend Tech will split its team between College Station for the Texas A&M Invitational and Fayetteville, Ark., for the Tyson Invitational.

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Tech softball notches two wins in first tournament

By ZANE TURNER
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It was a positive start in a tough tournament for the Texas Tech softball team.

The Red Raiders started the season in the Arizona State Kajikawa Classic Friday with two wins, but ended Saturday with two losses.

Not only did Tech earn its first win of the season Friday, it also was Suiter's first as a head coach.

Tech (2-2) disposed of the 2008 Conference USA champion Central Florida (1-3) in a 12-4 offensive show and with Ashly Jacobs pitching a complete game for the win. The offensive explosion was led by freshman catcher Holly Gentsch, who recorded her first home run of the season.

Tech later in the day took its second victory over Wagner (1-3), 4-2.

The Red Raiders were in a hole early, down 2-0 going into the third inning. However, that was when their bats woke up with a four-run inning, giving Tech a lead it would not relinquish.

Sophomore pitcher Tye Coats kept the Seahawks bats in check giving up the two runs in a complete game victory.

Tech then took Oregon (2-2) to extra-innings, but could not come out on top. With the game tied at one in extra innings in the top of the eighth, Tech scored twice to make it 3-1. However, Oregon did one better, taking a 4-3 extra-inning victory.

In the second game of the day, Tech fell to No. 9 Stanford (3-1), 6-1.

Tech's final game of the Arizona State Kajikawa Classic against Western Michigan Sunday was canceled because of rain the night before. No plans have been made to make up the game yet.

"In our first four games we have learned a lot about ourselves," Suiter said. "On the first day we came out very hungry and executed really well. Today we played hard, and we had a disappointing loss early in the day, but we came back strong and faced a really talented Top-10 team. Tournaments like this are a chance to measure up and learn what we need to work on."

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Board of Regents approves sports marketing deal

By ADAM COLEMAN
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Texas Tech's Board of Regents approved a new partnership between Learfield Communications and the Tech Athletics Department Friday that allows the Missouri-based company to increase exposure for Tech athletics through marketing and sponsorship.

Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said the contract approved is a seven-year agreement that will generate \$31.7 million for the athletics department during that period of time. Not only does that significantly increase revenue, Myers said, but it increases exposure for the program.

"They have extensive experience with athletic departments," he said. "The added exposure, the added revenue is going to be significant, and we're looking forward to working with Learfield. They'll assign a staff. They'll be a part of our athletic department. They'll be located right here on our campus. We think it'll be a good



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partnership with Learfield and Texas Tech."

According to its Web site, Learfield administers the multimedia rights of 44 schools in various parts of

the country, including seven Big 12 Conference schools. Tech would be the eighth Big 12 school to partner with the company.

Learfield also provides services to the Black Coaches and Administrators and the Louisville Arena Authority.

Other schools partnered with the company include Penn State, North Carolina, Miami and Stanford.

Bobby Gleason, deputy athletic director, and Craig Wells, senior associate athletics director, also were on hand to present the Board with the specifics of the contract.

Myers, Gleason and Wells have been

working on the contract since December, as Myers said it was important to get other recommendations from other Big 12 schools regarding Learfield's services. Colorado, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Kansas State, Iowa State and Missouri all have contracts with Learfield.

In the meeting, Gleason said he talked with representatives from Oklahoma to get another recommendation from a Big 12 school.

"Sometimes there's value in being one of the last guys to the party," said Mark Griffin, a member of the Board of Regents. "The reason is, they work through a lot of early mistakes that could've gone on when these things were early on in their formation. Now, being a little more mature in their operation, they know what's effective, they can share that with us and also we can maybe learn from some of those schools' missteps and improve our situation. I think we've got a solid contract."

Myers said one way the company will

help with advertising is contributions that will go toward upgrading Jones AT&T Stadium.

"That's part of the overall agreement," he said. "They will contribute something like \$2 million for a new video scoreboard, Jumbotron at the stadium."

There is an option for an additional three-year term, but Griffin said before that is picked up, the Board wants to see how the relationship will work during the original seven-year agreement.

Griffin said this gives Tech Athletics a piece of revenue that it never had before and the agreement has the possibility to bring more advertising dollars to the program.

"I think this is the culmination of some really in-depth analysis, really good work," he said. "We're excited about the relationship and what this contract brings to not only provide revenue for the athletic department, but also to expose those sponsor and advertising people to who we are at Texas Tech. So it's a win-win."

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Contract talks between Tech, Leach at standstill

LUBBOCK (AP) — Contentious negotiations on a new contract for Texas Tech coach Mike Leach have stalled largely on questions of what happens if he tries to leave the Red Raiders.

Leach and his agents have taken issue with termination and buyout clauses and a provision that would trigger the coach's firing and a \$1.5 million penalty if he interviewed for another job without permission, according to documents released by the school Friday.

"It's pretty much out of my hands. I'm just focused on coaching football," Leach told The Associated Press late Friday.

In his current deal, which has two years remaining, Leach has no restrictions on interviewing elsewhere.

Athletic director Gerald Myers wrote to one of Leach's agents that approval for interviews "would not be withheld unreasonably, but we want you as his agent to stop shopping Coach Leach everywhere and him not saying anything to deny that he's looking for another job."

The letter was among 92 pages of correspondence between school officials and Leach's agents released to several media outlets through an open-records request. The letters and e-mails were obtained by The Associated Press.

Leach has raised the profile of Texas Tech since taking over in 2000 and this season led the Red Raiders to their first 10-0 start and highest ranking (No. 2) before a blowout loss to Oklahoma knocked them out of the BCS picture. Texas Tech lost to Mississippi in the Cotton Bowl to finish 11-2.

Before the Cotton Bowl, Leach went to Seattle when the Washington Huskies were looking for a coach and refused comment when he returned to Lubbock. Washington hired Steve Sarkisian.

"I've made it clear that I would not withhold permission" to interview, Myers told the AP on Friday. "I just want him to let me know."

At his national signing day news

conference Wednesday, Leach indicated contract negotiations were at a standstill.

"Money's never been the issue with the contract, not for quite some time," Leach said at the time. "The biggest thing with the contract is after about a year of negotiations, four items were presented that weren't part of the original agreement and aren't acceptable."

Leach declined to elaborate, but those four items were revealed Friday. Besides the termination, buyout and permission clauses, the agents objected to a provision that they said essentially gave the school the rights to Leach's name and likeness. Myers disagreed with that view in a follow-up letter.

The agents' objections led them to reject Texas Tech's "best and final offer" last month, although the sides essentially agreed on financial terms that would pay Leach about \$2.5 million annually through 2013. Myers has given Leach a Feb. 17 deadline to accept the offer.

Negotiations were at their most contentious in mid-January, when the president of Texas Tech's Board of Regents blasted one of Leach's agents for e-mailing details of the talks directly to board members without notifying Myers, chancellor Kent Hance or president Guy Bailey.

"If your message was calculated to divide the Board or undermine the Chancellor, President and Athletic Director, you have greatly misjudged us and the mutual respect we have for one another," board president Scott Dueser wrote to Matt Baldwin.

In a follow-up letter, Myers accused Baldwin of insubordination because he contacted board members directly. Baldwin's last letter to Myers, dated Jan. 28, had a sharp retort.

"Just to be clear, in order to insubordinate, you first need to be subordinate," Baldwin wrote. "IMG is retained by Coach, not by Texas Tech; and thus IMG cannot be insubordinate to Texas Tech."

Editor's note: The Daily Treador filed an open records request on Friday and did not receive any information regarding contract negotiations by press time.

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Colorado State's Walker torments TCU

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Colorado State guard Marcus Walker carries a chip on his shoulder when he goes against TCU.

When he was being recruited out of junior college, Walker planned to visit TCU. "Then, right before the day I was going to take my recruiting trip they called me and said they had already signed a guard," Walker said.

"Since then, I have always had in my heart that I would go my hardest on them," said Walker, who has averaged slightly more than 20 points in four games against TCU.

Walker took out his frustration again, scoring 20 points as Colorado State snapped a three-game losing streak with a 71-65 victory over TCU Saturday night.

"There's more to it than that," Walker said. "It was a must for me to step up. I had to give my all with

hustling and diving."

Jesse Carr added 16 points for CSU.

Walker scored 16 of his points in the second half for Colorado State (8-15, 3-6 Mountain West). Harvey Perry had five of his 11 points in the final two minutes.

Kevin Lankford led TCU (13-10, 4-5) with 19 points. Edvinas Ruzgas and Ronnie Moss had 11 each for the Horned Frogs, who lost for the fourth straight time.

"Offensively, we did enough good things to win," TCU coach Jim Christian said. "We shot 52 percent from the field, but it was critical plays down the stretch we didn't make and it was our one-on-one defense that they took advantage of."

And the combination of Colorado State's backcourt, Carr and Walker. "Jesse carried us early," Colorado

State coach Tim Miles said. "Marcus took over the way Marcus can late."

Carr's 13 points kept the Rams in the game in the first half while Walker struggled through a 2-for-6 shooting half.

Jason Ebie hit a 3-pointer to give TCU its biggest lead of the first half, 24-20, but Carr tied it at 24 with a driving layup. Ebie gave the Horned Frogs a 27-25 edge with a second 3-pointer, but Carr deadlocked the game with an off-balance shot with 27 seconds remaining.

TCU appeared poised to blow the game open when Lankford put the Horned Frogs ahead 42-33 with five straight points. But after a layup by Kevin Butler made it 44-37, Walker scored seven straight points to tie it at 51-51 with 7:31 remaining.

Basketball

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In Tech's consecutive losses to Missouri, Texas A&M, Nebraska and Oklahoma State, the Red Raiders showed glimpses of a team that has strengthened its weaknesses, but nothing was consistent enough to earn a win.

But Knight saw the effort and energy in practice, and his players listened to him when he told them to stay positive, even though Tech already needs to squint to see the postseason from the bottom of the Big 12 standings.

"I just kept telling them if you keep doing it, eventually it's gonna pay off and it did (Saturday night)," he said. "I mean they got us down by 12, a lot of teams going through what they've done, losing close ones the last three or four that we had, would

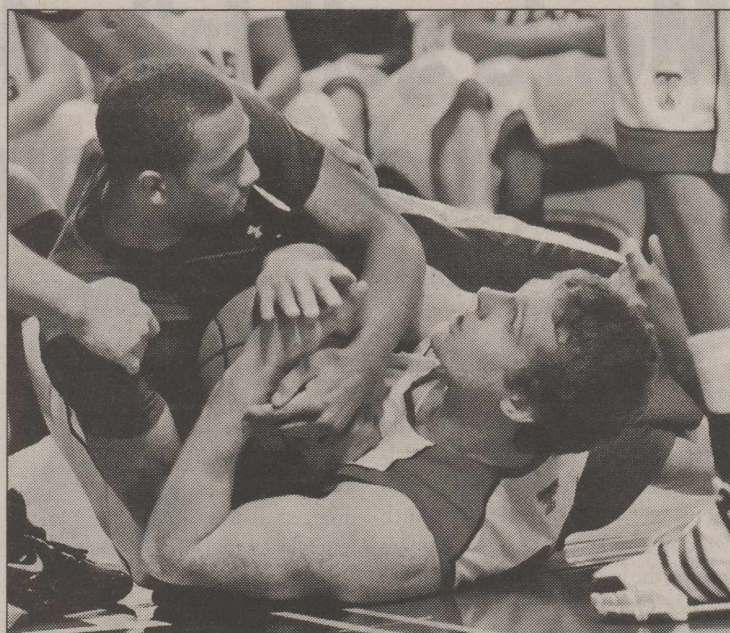


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TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL PRINCE fights for the ball with Baylor's Curtis Jerrells in the Red Raiders' 83-76 win against the Bears Saturday in the United Spirit Arena

have packed it in. I give these kids credit, they didn't pack it in at all."

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Spurs beat Celtics with late 3 from Mason, Ginobili steal

BOSTON (AP) — Roger Mason pulled up and leaned into a 3-pointer with 20.4 seconds left, and Tim Duncan scored 23 points with 13 rebounds Sunday to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 105-99 victory over the Boston Celtics.

It was the second loss in three games for the defending champions, who lost to the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday in an NBA finals rematch to snap a 12-game win streak.

Kevin Garnett scored 26 points with 12 rebounds, Paul Pierce had 19 and eight and Rajon Rondo had 16 assists for the Celtics.

Matt Bonner scored a season-high 23 points and Manu Ginobili had 19 as a reserve for the Spurs, who won for the ninth time in 11 games. They lost to Denver on Tuesday, when Duncan, Michael Finley and Tony Parker all sat out; for Finley,

it snapped a streak of 284 consecutive games.

Duncan converted a three-point play to give the Spurs a 90-87 lead before Ray Allen's basket cut it to one point and Garnett hit a pair of jumpers to give Boston a 93-90 lead with 1:36 to play. But Bonner hit a jumper from the foul line and Garnett missed, then Mason hit his 3 to make it 95-93.

The Celtics were inbounding the ball when Ginobili stole the pass and drew a clear-path foul, giving him two shots and the Spurs the ball. San Antonio extended its lead to 101-93 before Eddie House and Kevin Garnett hit 3-pointers to help cut the deficit to three points.

The Spurs scored the last five points of the first half to open a 60-52 lead, but the Celtics opened the second with 12 straight points to retake the lead.

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Men's golf falls 4 places on last day of tournament

By ADAM WADSWORTH
STAFF WRITER

It doesn't always end the way it starts.

After the first day of Hawaii's Hilo Intercollegiate Tournament in Wai-koloa, Hawaii, the No. 16 Texas Tech men's golf team was tied for fourth with No. 20 TCU and was 10 strokes behind the leader, No. 11 Washington. Senior Garrett Merrell and junior Chris Ward both shot two-under par with opening round 70's.

At the end of the second round Thursday, the Red Raiders still were tied for fourth, with No. 5 Stanford replacing TCU in the tie. Merrell — the nation's No. 19 player — shot another 70, was tied for second place overall and only trailed Washington's Richard Lee by two strokes.

However, things took a turn for the worse in round three.

The team shot three strokes higher on Friday than it had the previous two days. The added points dropped Tech four places to finish eighth overall.

Merrell shot an uncharacteristic four-over par 76, dropping him 10 spots to a 12th place tie individually. Nils Floren finished in a tie for 24th with his five-over 221. Chris Ward shot the lowest score of the day with a 68, bringing his three-round total to 222, good for 30th. Will Griffin shot a 73 Friday and ended up tied for 30th overall.

"I'm not disappointed with the effort at all, I think we didn't show much

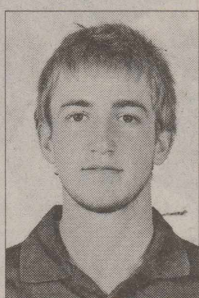
patience," Tech coach Greg Sands said. "We just kept trying to force things to happen."

No. 2 USC passed second-round leader Washington to finish the tournament 13-under and in first place. Washington, TCU, Stanford and No. 85 Oregon rounded out the top five.

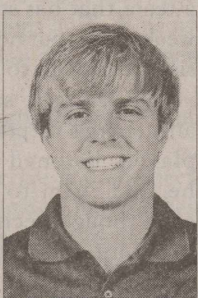
The Red Raiders have about a week to practice before they are back on the course at the UTSA Invitational on Feb. 16 and 17 in San Antonio.

The Lady Raiders started their season yesterday at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in Puerto Rico, which runs through Tuesday.

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Harvick steals win in Budweiser Shootout

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Thrilling finish, dramatic wrecks and a record number of lead changes.

It was just what NASCAR wanted, and needed.

Kevin Harvick boldly passed Jamie McMurray on the last lap of the exhibition Budweiser Shootout to give a sparse Saturday night crowd at Daytona International Speedway reason to want more.

"There's nobody who can leave today and say they didn't see an exciting race," third-place finisher Tony Stewart said.

NASCAR has taken a beating in the three months since last season's finale, as the economic crisis forced teams to slash budgets, lay off employees and even cease operations. Unemployed crew members are scouring the garage for work, sponsorships are hard to come by and everyone in

NASCAR knows 2009 may be its toughest season ever.

"With the economy the way it is and the amount of layoffs — it's almost depressing right now to turn the news on," second-place finisher McMurray said. "I get up at 6 a.m., I turn the news on and the headline is how many people are getting laid off from major corporations. I think it will be a tough year for us to sell tickets."

Harvick and McMurray did their part to promote next week's season-opening Daytona 500.

"For the fans, the price of admission was well worth it," winning car owner Richard Childress said.

When the crash-plagued Shootout finally became a shootout, Harvick used a huge push from Denny Hamlin to grab a come-from-nowhere victory that mimicked his Daytona 500 win two years ago.

"That was some wild racing,"

Harvick said from Victory Lane. "What a race. That was wild as heck there at the end."

Wild indeed.

"That was a lot of built-up race-car drivers really looking to hang something out on the edge," Harvick said of the record eight cautions and 23 lead changes.

It was Harvick's first victory in 71 races, dating to the non-points All-Star race in May 2007. The only other event he won that year was the season-opening 500, when he nipped Mark Martin in a photo finish.

Harvick started 23rd in the Shootout, spent most of the race in the back dodging wrecks, then slowly worked his way toward the front. McMurray seemed headed for the win until a late wreck between Greg Biffle and David Stremme set up a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish.

Yao, Alston lead Rockets past Minnesota 107-90

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets keep saying they need to play better defense. That's what it took to turn around their game with Minnesota on Saturday night.

Yao Ming scored 30 points, Rafer Alston added 22 and the Rockets rallied from a 15-point deficit in the first half to beat the Timberwolves 107-90.

Tracy McGrady added 15 points

and Ron Artest 14 for the Rockets, who also overcame Al Jefferson's 36 points to beat Minnesota for the sixth straight time.

Jefferson matched a career high with 22 rebounds, but couldn't keep the Timberwolves from losing for the fifth time in six games.

The Rockets took control late in the third quarter as the Timberwolves went cold from the field.

Minnesota led 69-66 before Alston

sank two 3-pointers in the last 90 seconds of the third quarter to launch a 17-2 Houston run. Shane Battier added another 3 and Yao scored inside in the first minute of the fourth to put the Rockets up 83-71.

The Wolves missed 10 of 11 shots over the decisive 7½-minute span. It was an encouraging stretch for the Rockets, who've struggled to put teams away all season, mostly due to stretches of lackluster defense.

BIG 12 MEN'S STANDINGS

Team	Big 12	Overall
Oklahoma	9-0	23-1
• 77-72 win over Colorado		
Kansas	8-0	19-4
• 78-67 win over Oklahoma State		
Missouri	7-2	20-4
• 82-68 win over Iowa State		
Kansas State	5-4	16-7
• 65-60 win over A&M		
Nebraska	5-4	15-7
• 58-55 win over Texas		
Texas	4-4	15-7
• 58-55 loss to Nebraska		
Oklahoma State	3-5	14-8
• 78-67 loss to Kansas		
Texas A&M	3-6	17-7
• 65-60 loss to K-State		
Baylor	3-6	15-8
• 83-76 loss to Tech		
Texas Tech	2-6	12-11
• 83-76 win over Baylor		
Iowa State	1-7	12-11
• 82-68 loss to Mizzou		
Colorado	1-7	9-13
• 77-72 loss to OU		

Duquesne upset No. 9 Xavier 72-68

PITTSBURGH (AP) — On a night full of surprises, perhaps the biggest wasn't that Duquesne shot 81 percent in the first half against No. 9 Xavier.

Or that the Musketeers, winners of their previous 11, led only once. Or that Duquesne hadn't beaten a team ranked as high as Xavier in 35 years.

No, it was that Duquesne, which hasn't been to the NCAA tournament since 1977 and has had only one winning season since 1994, expected to win. And then went out and won exactly like it planned.

Aaron Jackson made five free throws in the final minute while scoring 21 points, and Duquesne held on despite going the final 7:44 without a basket to stun Xavier 72-68 on Saturday night and hand the Musketeers their first Atlantic 10 loss.

Bill Clark scored 18 points and hit a series of big shots as Duquesne (15-7, 6-3 in Atlantic 10) opened a 15-point lead at 45-30 by shooting 17-of-21 in the first half.

B.J. Raymond scored 18 points but Xavier (20-3, 8-1) led only once, at 2-0, in losing for the first time in seven road games. It was the second time in three seasons the Musketeers were stunned at Duquesne, but they were not ranked when they lost 93-91 in 2006-07.

Freshman Melquan Bolding added 12 points in one of Duquesne's biggest victories since it was a national power in the late 1960s. Duquesne hadn't beaten a team ranked in the top nine since defeating then-No. 9 Providence

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