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COWBOY UP

Tech travels to OSU with uncertainty at quarterback… again

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

After Texas Tech's win against Kansas two weeks ago, in which quarterback Taylor Potts replaced Seth Doege in the second half, coach Mike Leach said he doesn't plan on deviating from naming his starter on Saturdays.

"We're kind of into this game-time decision stuff," he deadpanned. "I think it's very suspenseful and fun for everybody and so we're looking forward to it. I'm on the edge of my seat waiting to see myself. It took us all the way until halftime in a way, so we don't want anybody leaving early."

With Tech playing No. 17 Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium, fans are sure to stay in their seats considering they're in for the most suspenseful decision yet.

The depth chart released Thursday has either quarterback Steven Sheffield or Potts starting.

Sheffield injured his foot in a win at Nebraska Oct. 17, dealing a heavy blow to a team that had rallied around the former walk-on.

The Red Raiders (6-3, 3-2 in Big 12 play) went 1-1 in games against Texas A&M and Kansas before a bye that allowed Sheffield to rest up and return to practice this week, when he took reps with the first team offense despite a noticeable limp.

Whoever Leach goes with, Oklahoma State (7-2, 4-1 in Big 12 play) will go about things the same way.

"They want to throw it around and spread you out and rush the football," said OSU coach Mike Gundy. "Everybody in this part of the country is very aware and very familiar with their style of offense."

Leach hasn't won in Stillwater, Okla., since his first trip there in 2001, and the last time he was there his defense gave up 610 total yards — 366 rushing.

One positive for the Red Raiders is they're facing virtually the same Cowboys they whipped 56-20 in Lubbock last season, and this time without star receiver Dez Bryant.

Fortunately for the Cowboys, these aren't the same Red Raiders.

But Gundy doesn't see it that way, especially when looking at Tech's defensive line, which has Brandon Sharpe second nationally with 10.5 sacks.

"Offensively, we're facing a defense that has been tremendous in rushing the passer," he said. "They've got a number of sacks."

They have 30 to be exact, but Ruffin McNeill's defensive line won't have many chances to sack quarterback Zac Robinson if the Cowboys get their potent run game going.

And with 6-foot-5, 300-pound senior left tackle Russell Okung anchoring an offensive line that has given up a nation-leading four sacks all season, Tech faces its toughest battle in the trenches this season.

"They are a big, strong, nasty group," Leach said. "They always have a good offensive line that plays together well."

The top rushing attack in the Big 12, with 196 yards per game, figures to be even more potent with running back Kendall Hunter getting back into gear. Hunter missed five games with an ankle injury before getting just one carry against Texas Oct. 31, but last week he gained 47 yards on nine carries.

"He's the old Kendall to me," McNeill said, "quickness, shifty, can run, tough inside, tough outside runner."

Running back Keith Toston, the second leading Big 12 rusher with 882 yards and nine touchdowns, provided more than just a solid replacement for Hunter.

McNeill said they're similar backs with slight differences, but the duo proves to be a lethal combination.

"(Toston) is probably more of a slash guy with speed and Kendall is a shifty guy with speed," he said. "Both of them can really run the football, inside the tackles and outside."

With 203 yards and four touchdowns on the ground, Robinson gets in on the rushing attack too. The last time Tech faced a quarterback with wheels was A&M's Jerrod Johnson, who torched the Red Raiders for 71 yards and a touchdown.

The Aggies totaled 321 rushing yards with two running backs eclipsing the century mark. But the Red Raider defense bounced back a week later by holding Kansas to its lowest offensive output of the season, forcing three turnovers and sacking quarterback Todd Reesing six times.

"(Robinson is) going to put pressure on our defensive line and linebackers to keep him contained and keep him in the box so that he can't do that," said Tech cornerback Jamar Wall.

Should the Cowboys falter, Leach will surpass Spike Dykes with 83 all-time school victories, but to accomplish that his team will need to ignore a hostile environment.

"They are a good team like they always are," he said. "They're very much the same team we played last year. They have several people back and a good team. We need to do the best we can to play like last year."

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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Baron Batch and the Red Raiders play No. 17 Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

More than 1,300 sign cat-use petition

By JETT THOMPSON
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The People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals announced Wednesday it have gathered more than 1,300 signatures on a petition protesting the use of cats in educational procedures at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Ian Smith, a research associate for PETA, said the majority of the signatures on the petition are from Tech students and the purpose of the petition is to allow the voice of students who oppose the use of cats in training procedures to be heard by HSC administrators.

Smith said the group has led the campaign against the TTUHSC for several months and hopes the petition can be filed by the end of the month.

The controversy surrounding the use of cats in training exercises in the HSC stems from two procedures: intubation and needle decompression, he said. Intubation is the insertion of a breathing apparatus into the windpipe, and needle decompression is a procedure that allows excess pressure from the lungs to be released.

Smith said PETA is against those types of procedures because of the cruelty and trauma it causes to the animals involved. The American Heart Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics changed their policies by endorsing the use of simulators in place of animals for these types of procedures.

The HSC generally obtains its cats in October from the Odessa Animal Control, he said. This year no orders for cats have been processed yet, he said, which could be part of a gradual effort by the HSC to phase out the use of animal control cats.

Controversy on the subject of animal testing at the HSC has been present during the past several months.

A protest on the use of cats for medical training was organized by PETA on the corner of 19th Avenue and University Avenue in May. Oscar-nominated actor Woody Harrelson sent a letter on behalf of PETA to then-HSC President John Baldwin in July asking the university to stop the use of cats in these training exercises.

After a subsequent investigation in August by U.S. Department of Agriculture authorities, the USDA said the HSC is within legal boundaries in its use of cats in training procedures

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> **ROBYN KATZ**
> TECH STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FOUNDER

Robyn Katz, founder of the Tech Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, said her group has been working with PETA to raise awareness on campus and to get student signatures on the petition that will be sent to the HSC.

"In our effort toward tier one, there is no reason for Tech to be behind the times and use animals," said Katz. "Schools like Harvard and Yale have been using human simulators for years."

Mary Croyle, director of communications and marketing at the HSC, said in an e-mail to *The Daily Toreador* she was not aware of the petition.

Spokesperson from the university were not available for comment on the issue of using cats for training in educational procedures, but released a statement about the issue in August.

"General anesthesia is administered to the cats which renders them free of pain and distress during the procedure, and they are closely attended until given humane euthanasia," according to the statement.

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Fed: Banks need customer consent on overdraft fees

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Banks will have to secure their customers' consent before charging large overdraft fees on ATM and debit card transactions, according to a new rule announced Thursday by the Federal Reserve.

The rule responds to complaints from consumer groups, members of Congress and other regulators that the overdraft fees are unfair because many people assume they can't spend more on a debit card than is available in their account. Instead, many banks allow the transactions to go through, then charge fees of up to $25 to $35.

For small purchases, such as a cup of coffee, the penalty can far exceed the actual cost of the transaction.

Under the Fed's new rule, which will take effect July 1, banks will be required to notify new and existing customers of their overdraft services and give customers the option of being covered. If customers don't "opt in," any debit or ATM transactions that overdraw their accounts will be denied, Fed officials said.

Many consumers do want checks and regular electronic bill payments to be covered in the event of an overdraft, Fed officials said. As a result, those transactions aren't covered by the rule.

Banks earn as much as $25 billion to $38 billion annually from overdraft fees, Fed officials said, but that total includes check overdrafts.

Ashley Richardson, 26, said she has been hit with fees of $37.50 by U.S. Bank for purchases of as little as $2 or $3 that overdrew her account. The Los Angeles resident said she's asked to opt-out of the overdraft program without success.

"I'm a very unhappy customer," she said.

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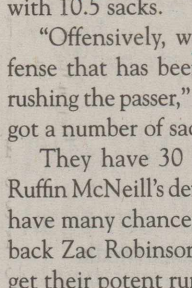
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STATE

Dallas police chief announces retirement

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle says he's retiring as Big D's top cop after more than five years in the position.

The 59-year-old Kunkle announced at a Thursday morning news conference that he will leave office April 30. He told reporters that he decided his departure about a year ago after 38 years in law enforcement, saying he's leaving on his own terms.

City officials say that since Kunkle took office, the city's violent crime rate has fallen by 32 percent, response times have dropped by 27 percent and the department has added 700 officers to the force.

He says he had originally planned to retire in February but held off when asked to do so.

City Manager Mary Suhm says she's sorry to see him go. She says the nationwide search for his replacement has begun with internal candidates expected to apply.

NATION

Fort Hood suspect charged with 13 counts of murder

FORT HOOD (AP) — The Army psychiatrist in the Fort Hood massacre was charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder Thursday as he lay in a hospital bed and President Barack Obama ordered a review to determine if the government fumbled warning signs of the shooter's contacts with a radical Islamic cleric.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan could face the death penalty if convicted.

Army officials said they believe Hasan acted alone when he jumped on a table with two hand guns last week, shouted "Allahu akbar" and opened fire. The dead included at least three other mental health professionals; 29 were injured.

Additional charges were possible, said Chris Grey, spokesman for the Army Criminal Investigation Command. It had not been decided whether to charge Hasan with the death of the unborn child of a pregnant soldier who died, officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the case publicly.

Meanwhile, Obama ordered a review of all intelligence related to Hasan to determine whether it was properly shared and acted upon within the government. John Brennan, assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism, will oversee the review. The first results are due Nov. 30. Obama also ordered the preservation of the intelligence.

WORLD

Pakistanis worry about US nuclear intentions

ISLAMABAD (AP) — In Washington, the ultimate Pakistani nightmare is that the country's nuclear arsenal could fall into the hands of Taliban militants or rogue soldiers.

In Islamabad, though, talk of nuclear weapons taps into a very different fear: Washington.

The United States, they'll tell you in this capital city of well-ordered neighborhoods and retired generals, wants to seize Pakistan's arsenal. And as Pakistan spirals into ever-worse bloodshed, they worry Washington might find an excuse.

On Tuesday, a suicide bomber attacked a crowded northwestern market, killing 24 people. In the most audacious assault, militants stormed the Pakistani army headquarters last month, raising fears around the world of a security apparatus that has trouble protecting its own generals — let alone a nuclear arsenal estimated at 70-90 warheads.

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Cotton projections up despite drought

By KELSEY HECKEL
Staff Writer

After cotton growers in West Texas experienced a dry summer in 2009, making it impossible to grow cotton on about 750,000 acres of land, cotton projections numbers are still up from last year's projections by more than 800,000 bales.

Of the 750,000 acres lost, two-thirds were lost to drought and the other one-third was lost because of a combination of disease in the crop and hail, said Shawn Wade, director of communications for Plains Cotton Growers.

"We had a lot of drought during planting season," he said. "Hail was also a big contributor to the loss of land and crops."

Statistics from the beginning of November show that the West Texas area is expected to produce 3.69 million of the 4.9 million bales projected for Texas, Wade said.

Drought during cotton planting season, January to August, has been a big factor in the success or failure of Lubbock planters over the last few years.

> *"The great thing about cotton farming is there are never two identical seasons."*
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> **SHAWN WADE**
> PLAINS COTTON GROWERS

"The worst drought was in early 2006," said Matt Ziebell, a National Weather Services forecaster. "There has not been a severe drought for the last several years though, only moderate to abnormally dry levels."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Web site, the number of bales decreased more than 1.6 million from 2005 to 2006.

Wade said projection numbers, while not completely accurate, offer an estimate on how much cotton farmers can look forward to harvesting. The numbers are gathered through statistics, random samples and surveys and are updated every month from February to August and then a final report is given at the end of the year.

The amount of cotton harvested varies each year because of circumstances such as wind, crops dying, dry weather and a number of other issues, he said, making the exact number hard to predict.

"The great thing about cotton farming is there are never two identical seasons," Wade said. "It makes seasons interesting."

During the last 10 years, the largest amount of bales harvested in West Texas was 5.68 million in 2005 while the lowest was 2.32 million bales in 2000.

Texas is estimated to contribute the most to U.S. cotton production with about 4.9 million of the 12.13 million bales grown and harvested in the state, Wade said. The second most is predicted to come from Georgia, with about 1.8 million bales.

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Iran nuke plant 7 years old

VIENNA (AP) — Iran's recently revealed uranium enrichment hall is a highly fortified underground space that appears too small to house a civilian nuclear program, but large enough to serve for military activities, diplomats told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Iran began building the facility near the holy city of Qom seven years ago, and after bouts of fitful construction could finish the project in a year, the diplomats said.

Both the construction timeline and the size of the facility — inspected last month by the International Atomic Energy Agency — are significant in helping shed light on Tehran's true nuclear intentions.

Iran says it wants to enrich only to make atomic fuel for energy production, but the West fears it could retool its program to churn out fissile warhead material.

One of the diplomats — a senior official from a European nation — said Thursday that the enrichment hall is too small to house the tens of thousands of centrifuges needed for peaceful industrial nuclear enrichment, but is the right size to contain the few thousand advanced machines that could generate the amount of weapons-grade uranium needed to make nuclear warheads.

The pauses in construction may reflect Tehran's determination to keep its activities secret as far back as 2002, when Iran's clandestine nuclear program was revealed.

Citing satellite imagery, the diplomats said Iran started building the plant in 2002, paused for two years in 2004 — the same year it suspended enrichment on an international demand — and resumed construction in 2006, when enrichment was also restarted.

Since then, Iran has defied three sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions aimed at forcing it to again freeze uranium enrichment.

All of the diplomats have access to information compiled by the IAEA, and demanded anonymity in exchange for discussing confidential matters with the AP.

Iran informed the IAEA only in September that it was building the facility near Qom, leading the U.S., British and French leaders to denounce Tehran for keeping its existence secret. IAEA inspectors visited the plant last month.

Feds move to seize 4 mosques, tower possibly linked to Iran

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal prosecutors took steps Thursday to seize four U.S. mosques and a Fifth Avenue skyscraper owned by a nonprofit Muslim organization long suspected of being secretly controlled by the Iranian government.

In what could prove to be one of the biggest counterterrorism seizures in U.S. history, prosecutors filed a civil complaint in federal court against the Alavi Foundation, seeking the forfeiture of more than $500 million in assets.

The assets include bank accounts; Islamic centers consisting of schools and mosques in New York City, Maryland, California and Houston; more than 100 acres in Virginia; and a 36-story glass office tower in New York.

Confiscating the properties would be a sharp blow against Iran, which has been accused by the U.S. government of bankrolling terrorism and trying to build a nuclear bomb.

A telephone call and e-mail to Iran's U.N. Mission seeking comment were not immediately answered. Nor was a call to the Alavi Foundation.

It is extremely rare for U.S. law enforcement authorities to seize a house of worship, a step fraught with questions about the First Amendment right to freedom of religion.

The action against the Shiite Muslim mosques is sure to inflame relations between the U.S. government and American Muslims, many of whom are fearful of a backlash after last week's Fort Hood shooting rampage, blamed on a Muslim American major.

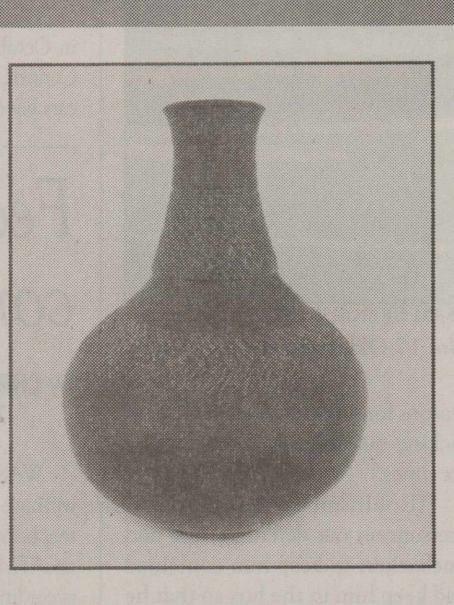
The mosques and the skyscraper will remain open while the forfeiture case works its way through court in what could be a long process. What will happen to them if the government ultimately prevails is unclear. But the government typically sells properties it has seized through forfeiture, and the proceeds are sometimes distributed to crime victims.

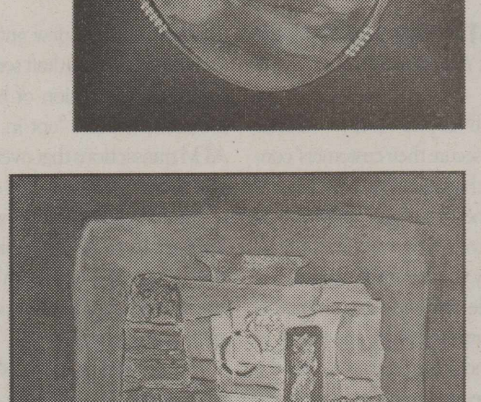
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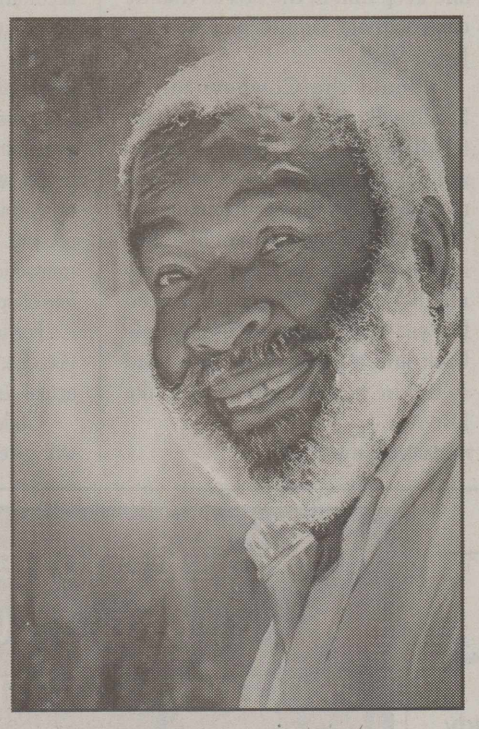
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Artist's work shown (clockwise, from top left): Nancy Melton, Wendell Warman-Adams, Carol Peterson, Beth Pennington

■ **1. Downtown Underground – 1406 Texas Ave.**
Pauline Mills – Glass, Paintings
Cat Boucher – Photography
Pat Brown – Jewelry, Pottery, Sculpture
Edward Britton Spence – Photography
Kathy Whiteside – Mixed Media

■ **2. Carol C. Howell – 3224 22nd Street**
Carol C. Howell – Oil
Marguerite Fallon – Mixed Media
Breck Gorman – Painting
Liz Parke – Photography
Nola Richards – Glass, Mixed Media
Ron Simons – Jewelry

■ **3. Carol Fluekiger – 2705 21st Street**
Carol Flueckiger – Painting
Benna Ellis – Glass
James Jester – Wood
Angelyn Nicholson – Jewelry, Mixed Media
Carol Peterson – Watercolor

■ **4. James Watkins – 3017 28th Street**
James Watkins – Ceramics
Beth Bartley – Gourds
Vickie Bunting – Glass
John Franklin – Wood
Rania K. – Pastels, Jewelry
Steve Snell & Brenda Watts – Leather

■ **5. Toni Arnett – 9605 Toledo**
Toni Arnett – Oil
Janet Bryant Bybel – Oil
Tom Hicks – Ceramics
Shelley Hall Nelson – Watercolor
Susan Pollard – Mixed Media

■ **6. Wendell Warman-Adams – 8210 Clinton Avenue**
Wendell Warman-Adams – Ceramics
David Echols – Ceramics
Kathy Hinson – Oil
Pat Maines – Miniatures, Print, Assemblage
Dyan Newton – Watercolor, Mixed Media
Lyn Stoll – Jewelry

■ **7. Linda Jackson – 5419 16th Place**
Linda Jackson – Jewelry
JoAnna Johnson – Photography
Laura Lewis – Painting
Liz Inskip-Paulk – Photography
Beth Pennington – Photography, Painting
LeAnn Weih – Ceramics

■ **8. Ann McDonald – 4615 8th Street**
Ann McDonald – Photography
Greg Goodnight – Wood
Nancy Melton – Jewelry
Judy Connell Robertson – Glass, Jewelry
Barbara Wilson – Watercolor, Jewelry, Mixed Media

■ **9. Ginger Bundock – 4512 14th Street**
Ginger Bundock – Jewelry
Angela Heath – Glass
Mary Ann McKay – Watercolor, Acrylic, Print, Wood
Susan Nall – Watercolor
Lue Herrington-Wang – Mixed Media, Paper

■ **10. Sara Peso White – 4411 18th Street**
Sara Peso White – Jewelry, Paintings
Kay Atcheson – Oil
Betty Blevins – Watercolor
Pat Reed – Watercolor, Jewelry
Carrie Torres – Ceramics
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Fall Forties Night swings dancers into Jazz Age

By EMILY MOSER
STAFF WRITER

A time portal will open Friday night allowing people to experience an era where swing dancing and jazz music reigned supreme.

The Swing Dancers of Lubbock will be hosting Fall Forties Night Friday at which every one is invited to swing dance back in time. The group is being organized and coordinated by two Texas Tech students. Alison Church, one of the group's leaders and a senior photojournalism major from Arlington, said Swing Dancers of Lubbock has been active on and off throughout the years. Church said this year they decided to expanded the group to the community.

"We've got a lot of community members who wanted to swing dance," she said. "When we threw the Spring Swing Fling event, we had a lot of people come up to us. We knew there had to be an interest if there was an interest at Tech."

Church said this swing dance is going to have a different feel than the Spring Swing Fling. At the last dance the group hosted, the attendees came dressed in a variety of traditional swing dance outfits. She said the group is encouraging everyone to dress up for Fall Forties Night as well.

"It's like a late Halloween in a way," she said with a laugh.

Church got her start with swing dancing two years ago when she decided to take a swing dance class at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. She said her involvement in swing dancing has grown into a passion.

"It's a way for me to forget the stresses of my day," Church said. "The music is also great. It's exciting and relaxing."

The group will began another series of lessons Monday. She said a Lindy Hop transitions class will help dancers move into other styles of swing easier. Besides teaching a main class, the group leaders teach private swing dancing lessons.

"We encourage if you really want help to talk to us after class because we're available," Church said.

> *"Swing dance is the one thing a week I do just for me."*
>
> **MEGAN SCHNEIDER**
> Tech Alumna

Megan Schneider, a Tech alumna from Lubbock, is involved with the Swing Dancers of Lubbock and takes private lessons from the group's leaders. Schneider, a tennis coach as well as a middle school teacher, said she has been swing dancing for two years and plans continue until she can't move anymore.

"Swing dancing is the one thing a week I do just for me," she said.

Justin Mann, a leader of the group and senior computer science major from Sugar Land, said he believes anyone can swing dance, but it takes a lot of practice. Mann said he began swing dancing three years ago with his roommates through a swing dancing class at the recreational center at Tech.

After a semester, his roommate stopped attending the swing dancing classes, a but Mann said he continued without him because he considers swing dancing a "blasty blast."

He said he met new people, including Church, from the swing dancing class and began traveling with them to dance exchanges and workshops in different cities such as Tampa, Fla., San Diego, Albuquerque, N.M., Dallas, Houston and Austin.

"We started traveling and learning different things from different people," he said.

Mann said this year Church and himself were the only ones left from the group they began swing dancing with experienced enough to teach a large group of newcomers to the dance. The swing dancing class at the center instructs students on how to do the Jitterbug, so he and Church thought they might provide another dance for the community to learn.

"We know that Lubbock has been taught the Jitterbug for the past three to four years," Mann said, "so we thought teaching Lindy Hop would increase the skill level so people could try the other kinds of dances like the Charleston, Balboa or East Coast."

The group decided to host another swing dance he said because the Spring Swing Fling was such a success and the group had the means to put another one on by themselves without the assistance of the Tech Jazz Department which helped last time. He felt it was cool to get the school involved but said he understands it takes time for the Jazz Department to prepare for performances.

John Hazelwood, a member of the swing dancing group and a senior music education major from Springfield, Va., said he helped coordinate the music for the upcoming dance. Hazelwood said the music for the dance will be provided by a six-piece band headed by Bruce Keeling, the jazz music director at South Plains College and a friend of his family. He said he had looked for musicians within the School of Music at Tech, but they were all busy so he got in contact with Keeling.

Hazelwood started swing dancing a little more than a year ago. He began getting into jazz music so he said an interest in swing dancing came naturally. He said he has enjoyed every minute he has been involved with the swing dance group.

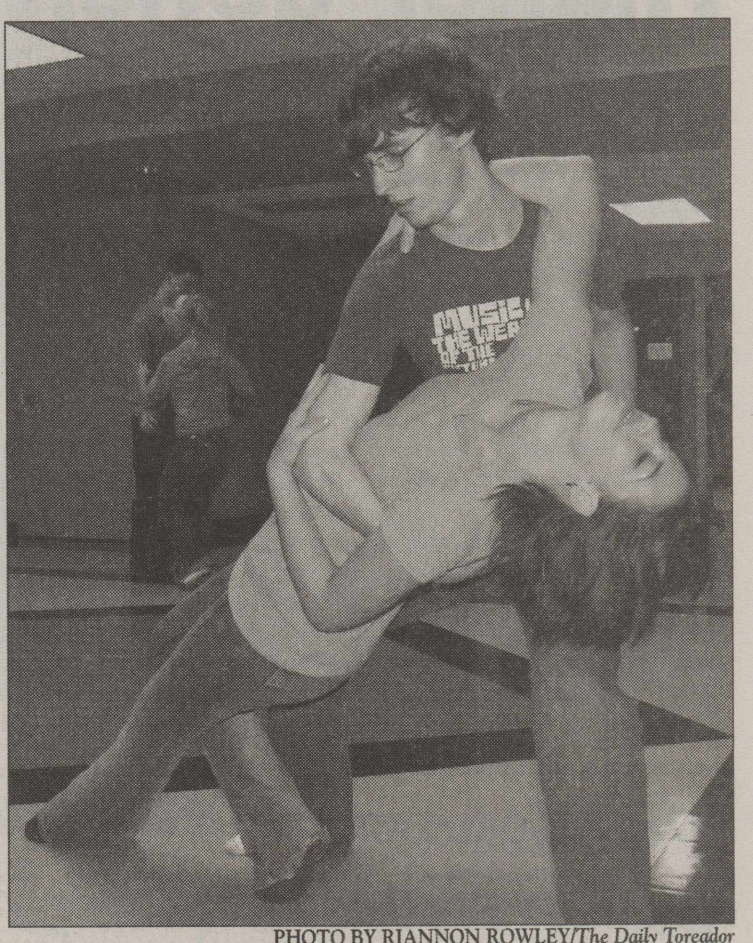


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ALISON CHURCH, A senior photo communications major from Arlington, and Justin Mann, a senior computer science major from Sugarland, teach a swing dancing class Monday at the Westminister Presbyterian Church in preparation for Fall Forties Night on Friday.

He said he sees a lot of people are hesitant to start swing dancing, but once they do they consistently come back. He encourages everyone — newcomers and veterans of swing dancing alike — to come out for the dance Friday.

"I think it's going to be an awesome experience," he said, "and anyone who hasn't experienced swing dancing should come and check it out."

Admission for Fall Forties Night is $15 and will take place 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday at the Westminister Presbyterian Church on Indiana and 34th Street.

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Jazz vocalist performs at presidental lecture series

Jazz vocalist with her trio Rachael Price will perform 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Allen Theatre as a part of the 2009 Presidential Lecture and Performance Series.

Performing in front of a college-age audience is nothing new to Price, and she said she appreciates the series because it broadens students' horizons by exposing them to various artists.

"I am always excited to be a part of a series at a college because I love being able to reach a younger audience," Price said. "Naturally, I felt honored to come to Texas Tech and be a part of the series."

Performing for a younger crowd is different than performing for an older crowd, she said, because the attendees tend to be more interactive by nodding and occasionally singing along with the music. It is also rewarding to speak to a college audience that has not been exposed to live jazz and being able to share the music with them.

Price's fascination and interest in jazz music came at an early age, she said.



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"When you're 6, you don't really know why you like something, you just know you like it," Price said. "I suppose along the way, I realized not a lot of people my age were listening to it, so I liked it ever more. And as I get older, I realize these songs never tire — they're begging to be sung for years to come. I love finding them and re-interpreting them."

The series brings enrichment to Tech's community's academic and cultural experience by bringing scholars and artists together to share their talents, according to the Web site.

"I think it is invaluable that Texas Tech uses their resources to dedicate a series to broadening the students minds through lectures and performances," Price said. "Classes are great, but it's always important to hear from professionals doing the work to gain insight and inspiration."

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Crawford being extorted

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A German man was charged Thursday with trying to extort $100,000 from former supermodel Cindy Crawford and her entrepreneur husband Rande Gerber over a photo of their daughter bound to a chair and gagged, authorities said.

Edis Kayalar, 26, has not yet been arrested. He was recently deported to Germany and believed to be in Stuttgart, authorities said.

He was charged with one count of extortion. If convicted, he could face up to two years in prison. It was not clear if he has an attorney in the U.S.

The photo was purportedly taken by the couple's former nanny earlier this year and shows the girl, then 7, bound to a chair wearing shorts and a T-shirt.

The daughter told her parents, who were unaware of the photo, that the nanny took the picture as part of a "cops and robbers" game, according to an affidavit filed in the case and first obtained by The Associated Press.

The nanny, whose name wasn't released, has not been charged. She was fired a week before Kayalar called the couple.

Kayalar stole the photo from the nanny and repeatedly sought to get money from Crawford and Gerber, starting in July, according to the document.

Kayalar initially said he wanted to return the photo because he was a good person and didn't want to see it land in the tabloids, the affidavit said.

Gerber later met with him at a bar, where Kayalar showed him a copy of the photo and said he also took a handwritten note from the nanny's apartment that read, "The baby sitter went crazy and tied everyone up and they need your help! Please."

The nanny said she had taken the photo as a prank and was going to post it and the note on the front door of the family's house, according to the affidavit. The nanny never went through with the joke.

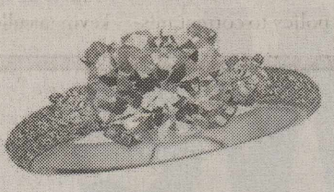
Gerber eventually got the photo from Kayalar and paid him $1,000 in cash "for his trouble," the affidavit said.

But Kayalar is accused of demanding more money while saying he had another copy of the photo.

"He believed he could have received $500,000 from the tabloids for the photograph and that he deserved more money from them," the document said.

Kayalar was taken into federal custody for an immigration violation three months ago and deported.

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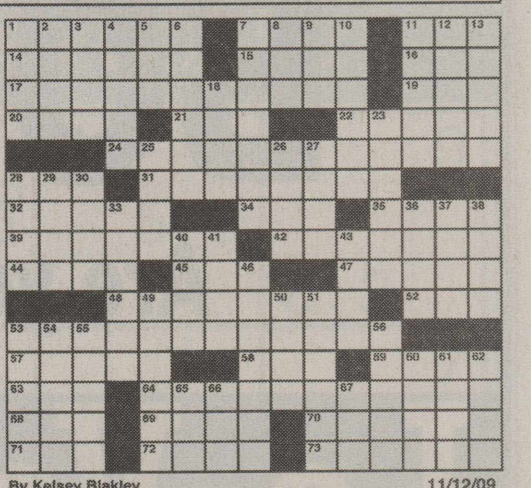


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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By Kelsey Blakley — 11/12/09

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1 FBI sting that began during Carter's presidency
7 In this way
11 Tapped-out message
14 Sheep herder
15 Old World Style sauce maker
16 Hawaiian Punch rival
17 All-big-gun battleship
19 It might be pale or brown
20 Blackguards
21 Powerful health care lobbying gp.
22 Budget noodle dish
24 Deeply ingrained habit
28 TV sched. notation
31 Most piquant
32 Extremely cold
34 Birthplace of "Wayne's World," briefly
35 Cheese in a ball
39 Shanghais
42 Gap subsidiary
44 "The Time Machine" leisure class
45 Org. with the blog Greenversations
47 Further off the beaten path
48 Convenience store
52 Hard-rock filler
53 Cuba or Puerto Rico, e.g.
57 Parisian's "Presto!"
58 Family nickname
59 "____ the hint!"
63 Lat neighbors
64 Human fingerprint, and what's hidden in five puzzle answers
68 ___ Percé: Pacific Northwest tribe
69 Irish Rose's beau
70 Prepare to slip off
71 Museum filler
72 Barbecue site
73 Singer Sheena

DOWN
1 Type of elec. adapter
2 Afghanistan's Tora ___ region
3 Huskies' burden
4 School group
5 Help
6 Serious threat
7 Unauthorized absentees
8 Broom rider
9 Exclamation with a shudder
10 Buddha's teachings
11 SeaWorld celebrity
12 Carrier of crude
13 Dramatic segment
18 Songwriter Tori
23 Show up
25 University founder Cornell
26 Pebbles' pet
27 "Little" Dickens girl
28 Pay-as-you-go rd.
29 Cook, in a way
30 Gucci of fashion
33 Mink or sable
36 Pop, to baby
37 Parade rtes., maybe
38 Vidal's Breckinridge
40 Remain undecided
41 Pirouette
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46 Gathered up
49 When Rome wasn't built?
50 Play to ____: draw
51 Off-color
53 Trump with a cameo in "The First Wives Club"
54 Not even tipsy
55 "Faust Symphony" composer
56 Physicist Bohr
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61 Nestlé cereal beverage
62 High schooler
65 Jazz org.?
66 Balloon filler
67 Italian "a"

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Palin: McCain aides kept me 'bottled up'

NEW YORK (AP) — The rumors are true, according to Sarah Palin: The McCain-Palin campaign was not a happy family.

In Palin's new memoir, "Going Rogue," she confirms reports of tension between her aides and those of the 2008 Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain. The vice presidential candidate confirms that she had wanted to speak on election night, but was denied the chance and says she was kept "bottled up" from reporters during the campaign.

Palin also writes harshly of CBS anchor Katie Couric, whom she describes as "badgering" and biased. Palin's series of interviews with Couric were widely regarded as disastrous, leaving the impression of an ill-informed candidate who was unsuited for the job.

The 413-page book with 16 pages of color photos but no index comes out Tuesday, Nov. 17. The Associated Press purchased a copy Thursday.

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OPINIONS

Higher deficit leaves taxpayers wondering



Colleen Gartner

Tiptoeing right past us, just like a kid on Christmas Eve, is an epidemic. No, it's not swine flu; it is the ever-growing deficit.

The deficit for 2009 alone stands at a total of more than $1.4 trillion, more than any generation has seen before. The Congressional Budget Office notes the deficit is 9.9 percent of the gross domestic product, but it also states that tax revenues are the lowest, in terms of the economy, than they have been in the previous 50 years.

Even the national debt is at more than $12 trillion, a staggering number that has had its own clock in New York City since 1989. Of course, in 1989, the National Debt was only $3 trillion and just last year two extra digits were added to the clock. This clock is a sign of the times; a reflection of placing it all on credit.

Although I'm not for higher taxes, I see the need for revenue. We did not necessarily overspend, but we have overextended ourselves. Most of our money goes to transfer payments, the war and interest payments.

So, what got us to this point?

Honestly, I feel like I'm asking a teenager how he or she managed to run off with the parent's credit card with no thought of the enormous financial implications, most of them involving infamous credit card interest rates.

During the 1920s, also known as the Roaring '20s, there were consecutive federal budget surpluses. The next 20 years from there brought World War II, in which massive (and creative) government spending brought the United States out of the depression and into a more productive state of mind.

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However, the 1970s and 1980s did not see a single surplus. A significant surplus did manage to come back around in the early 2000s, but it quickly returned to a deficit when the bills for the Iraq war started coming due. Fighting a war halfway around the globe is not cheap; costs are expected to come with it. However, the problem is much larger than that. We cannot blame this on any one purchase or any one person.

Regardless of war, however, the national debt has increased at an interestingly consistent rate. In a recent Bloomberg interview, former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said he was less worried about the weak dollar than he was about the long-term costs placed upon the next generation.

Additionally, by increasing taxes, the Congressional Budget Office predicts the budget can be balanced as early as 2016 if GDP remains constant. Of course, that begs a very important question: If our taxes must go up, by how much are they going to be raised?

Finally, where does this public health care option come into play? Doesn't this just put a skewer in any progress made by President Barack Obama's spending cuts? Even though those cuts were not as much as they could have been, they still trimmed more fat than doing nothing would have. Still, health care is not cheap, and it will run far more than spending cuts will ever erase.

It will most likely run the United States around the same amount or more money as Social Security or Medicare in order to carry such a health care plan. That's a scary thought. It's like taking on another mortgage payment on a house that is not even yours.

College students are stuck in the middle of this, too; our lifetime earnings will be affected by these additional costs through more taxes. This does not make me a happy camper at all. I am left to wonder if the ones in control of the credit card understand bills come due and someone actually has to pay for those bills within a reasonable period of time.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to voice my immense displeasure with the 2010 Texas Tech football schedule, which was released Wednesday before being taken down. As an alumnus, donor and season-ticket holder, I find this schedule to be an insult to the fans of Tech football.

Upon announcing the relocation of the Tech-Baylor game to the Cotton Bowl, Tech Athletic Director Gerald Meyers stated a high profile non-conference game would be scheduled to make up for the lost conference home game. Looking at the current schedule for 2010, there is no such game.

The originally scheduled game with TCU would have brought national exposure and probably a very large crowd. The final two games of the 2010 season could also negatively impact Tech's rankings in the BCS at the end of the year. Closing out against Weber State is not going to impress the voters, and I seriously doubt playing Houston on Thanksgiving weekend will result in the ticket sales the athletic department would like to generate.

After seeing this year's student turnout for the Kansas State game I cannot imagine why you would set a home game on the same week as fall break. Hopefully some arrangement can be made with the university to move fall break weekend.

In the last two weeks of the season while other schools in the Big 12 are playing each other and still in the race for positions in the conference championship game, receiving significant amounts of exposure throughout the media, Tech will be playing an FCS team and a team from a non-automatic BCS qualifying league. Hardly the thing to keep your name in the headlines.

Tech football represents a significant investment of time and resources for my family and me. As the 2010 schedule stands, I will give a lot of consideration as to whether renewing my season tickets is worth the investment.

Fans of Tech football have sat through season after season of poor to mediocre non-conference games for the opportunity to watch four exciting Big 12 games every year. With the 2010 season not only have you given away a home conference game, but also removed what looked like a very good matchup in the TCU game.

Hopefully this situation can be remedied in future seasons. As it stands, renewal of my season tickets will no longer be the automatic decision it has been in the past and will most likely be on a year-by-year basis depending on the quality of teams the athletic department elects to bring to Jones AT&T Stadium.

■ **Nathan Rigler is a Texas Tech alumnus from Plainview.**

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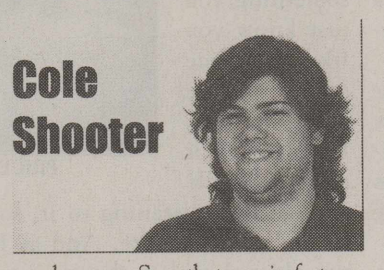
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Return to your gaming roots



Cole Shooter

I've been a video game geek for as long as I can remember. It all began with a Christmas in the very early 1990s, when my sister got me a Sega Genesis video game console and the game "Taz-Mania."

Many thousands of dollars later, I find myself more interested in games that came out when I was a very young child, rather than many things that are coming out today.

Don't get me wrong; I enjoy quite a few newer games being released. The "Call of Duty" series is very nice, "Assassin's Creed" is impressive if not a bit repetitive, and "Forza Motorsport 3" is a lovely way to spend an evening, even if you're just seeing how long it takes to destroy a Fiat 500 Abarth.

But many newer games don't interest me, at least at their initial launch. Some of it is price, because I'm extremely cheap. Price isn't the only hindrance, though. When I want to relax by playing a game after a long day of school, in addition to the death and destruction that fills the daily news, I like something a little more bare bones.

More often than not, I'll pick up "Super Mario Bros. 3," "Tetris," or one of the original "Sonic the Hedgehog" games rather than "Gears of War" because of their enjoyable simplicity.

A while back, I began getting into collecting vintage game systems. I've still got the trusty Sega that was in fact my own gaming genesis in addition to many others, including the recent addition of Game-and-Watches that are slightly older than I.

One thing stands out about every older system I own, aside from the wonderful simplicity of the games, is that they all work. Many modern gamers have felt the sting of the Xbox 360's red ring of death or various other failures assorted with one of the most popular new systems on the market.

I've never had an issue with the 24-year-old NES or the Genesis, save for some precarious cartridge placement. Come to think of it, I've never had issues with any game system but my Xbox 360, of which I'm on my third.

Games are cheaper for the older systems as well, as long as you're willing to sift through all the various used copies of "Madden" and "NCAA" at Ralph's Records.

Another plus for the older gaming systems is they're more likely to draw in those who aren't gamers. My girlfriend of many years had a Nintendo Gamecube and was a fan of somewhat cutesy games like "Luigi's Mansion" despite the fact "Super Mario Sunshine" was better. When it came to any other games, she generally wasn't interested.

After a point, we decided to break out the older games, and she became more intrigued by different ones rather than just the same few that she'd had for years. Now the Nintendo Wii's Virtual Console serves as entertainment quite often, and as inexpensive as the games are, it's a whole lot cheaper than a night out at the bar.

Extremely-detailed graphics are a wonderful thing as are themes written by bigger-name composers such as Danny Elfman and the like, but they don't make a good game. In fact, some developers seem to focus too much on making their graphics breathtaking rather than making a game that will draw players in with an enveloping story line and give them many hours of worthwhile playing time.

"Assassin's Creed" and the "Fable" series come to mind first, when discussing this particular topic. In "Assassin's Creed," the game's graphics are marvelous and I haven't seen anyone yet who hasn't cringed a little while jumping off of a tall building in the game, while watching it on a large high-definition television. Sadly though, the game is extremely repetitive, and gets boring fairly quickly.

In both "Fables," the music and graphics are fantastic, but playing time is short. Compare this to "Morrowind" and "Oblivion," both of which give plenty of enthralling gameplay, but the characters' faces and movements are somewhat bland. It's a compromise I'm usually happy to make when purchasing a game, because I'd rather have more hours of good involvement, rather than an extremely underdeveloped but attractive story line.

Enjoyment can be had from any game console, whether it's from 1979 or 2009. Every now and then, put down the Playstation 3 or Xbox 360 controller and go back to your roots. You'll be surprised at how much enjoyment you get out of "Mega Man" or the old "Final Fantasy" games the second time around.

Even if you're only into the sports games, break out "Tecmo Bowl." Bo Jackson's still good after all these years.

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★ indicates "Game to Watch"

Muslim director shares experiences in lecture

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
Staff Writer

As a gay man in a society where homosexuality is considered a sin, Parvez Sharma speaks for the rights of gay and lesbian Muslims.

Sharma, a writer and director from India, visited Tech for a screening and discussion of his documentary, "Jihad for Love."

"We invited him to campus because we believe that this will be a very eye-opening, cultural experience for students and the community," said Aspen Teague, TAB nightlife coordinator and junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Keller. "I hope students gain a new perspective on a culture, as well as on homosexuality."

Robert Basom, a sophomore public relations major from Katy, said Sharma's film exposes the challenges and somewhat haunting stories gay Muslims face from their religion and society and examines the coexistence of Islam and homosexuality.

"This film is about looking at Islam in a very different way, post September 11, so you don't have Osama Bin Laden talking about Islam, but you have gay and lesbian Muslims talking about Islam," Sharma said. "Especially now with the Fort Hood incident, Muslims are getting a very bad reputation, all because of one individual. A film like this is very timely, critical and necessary to bring into debate what is going on around us."

Filming took more than six years to complete due to the production's multiple locations in 12 countries. Sharma's movie features people he found while making this documentary. He follows the first gay Imam, a religious leader in a Muslim community, who came out about his sexuality in this film, an Egyptian man who spent a year and a half in prison because he is gay, and four men who were forced to leave their homes in Iran.



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PRESIDENT OF GAY Straight Alliance, Rustin Furlow, left, a sophomore sociology major from Lubbock, shakes hands with Parvez Sharma, an Indian-born, gay Muslim, on Thursday at Allen Theater. Parvez Sharma discussed his recent film, A Jihad for Love, which showcased gay Muslims while trying to coexist with Islamic heritage.

"I filmed some very remarkable gay and lesbians from around the world," Sharma said. "The biggest challenge was convincing people to talk, in any circumstance, a religious person, including Christians have exactly the same problems with gays and lesbians that Muslims have in the mosques. It was a dilemma because no one wants to share that with the camera."

Sharma said people of all religions have been able to relate to this film. Some of the strongest reactions he has seen have come from the Bible Belt and men and women who could strongly identify with the film.

"Something you have to realize is that religion is at the forefront of any debates we are having about being gay in this country," Sharma said. "The whole gay marriage debate in America right now is about the church and about religion. In a time like this, to see other people who are also religious and going through similar struggles, there is a defiant identification."

Gays and lesbians constantly struggle for equality in the United States, but even without the same rights as heterosexual Americans, people who are gay have an easier life than those in the Middle East and India. As a student who used to live in Qatar, Cory Christie a sophomore geophysics major from Houston, said homosexuals in the Middle East are forced to hide their homosexuality from world.

"They can't talk about it to anyone there," Christie said. "It's so sad, but if you talk about your sexuality, then you can risk your life or your family. In our society, you don't have equal rights but you do have the right to be gay."

Sharma said he believes religion influences how a society functions and what it accepts as the norm.

"I am confident that some of our biggest battles will be about religion and religious extremism," Sharma said. "As people step out into the world, you will realize that religion will become the biggest shaping force in the 21st century."

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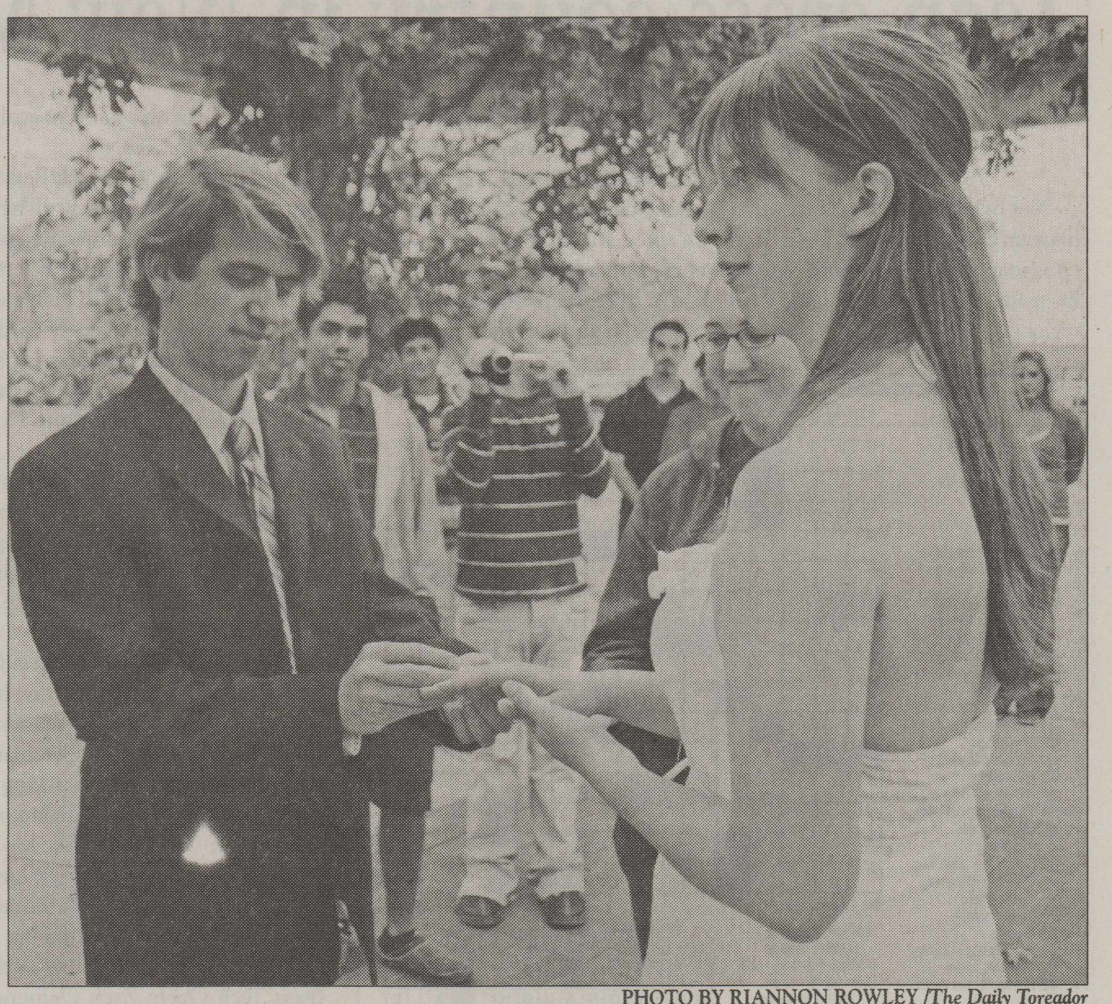


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HALLIE DAVIS, A freshman advertising major from San Antonio, and Josh Krewall, a sophomore English major from Fort Worth, participate in a mock wedding for their performance, analysis and interpretation class Thursday at the free speech pavilion.

Brazil sees big drop in deforestation

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon dropped nearly 46 percent from August 2008 to July 2009 — the biggest annual decline in two decades, the government said Thursday.

Analysis of satellite imagery by the National Institute for Space Research shows an estimated 7,008 square kilometers (2,705 square miles) of forest were cleared during the 12-month period, the lowest rate since the government started monitoring deforestation in 1988.

"The new deforestation data represents an extraordinary and significant reduction for Brazil," President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said in a statement.

The numbers have been falling since 2004, when they reached a peak of 27,000 square kilometers (10,425 square miles) cleared in one year, according to the space research institute.

The government credited its aggressive monitoring and enforcement measures for the drop, as well as its promotion of sustainable activities in the Amazon region, an area in northern Brazil the size of the U.S. west of the Mississippi River.

But Paulo Gustavo, environmental policy director of Conservation International, said a major factor is the drop in world prices for beef, soy and other products that drive people to clear land for agriculture in the rainforest.

"The police control has improved a little, there has been success in controlling deforestation," Gustavo said. "But the main factor is the drop in commodity prices, which are the main factor in speeding up or slowing deforestation."

Satellite images from the space research institute have allowed government inspectors to increase enforcement, the government said.

Scuttled WWII Japanese subs found off Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — Two captured Japanese submarines scuttled by the U.S. Navy just after World War II have been discovered in the Pacific Ocean south of Pearl Harbor.

The subs were found in February in 3,000 feet of water by the pilots of two Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory submersibles, according to an announcement made Thursday by the lab and the National Geographic Channel, which partly funded and documented the mission.

One of the subs was 400 feet long and carried planes as well as enough fuel to travel around the world, said Hans Van Tilburg, maritime heritage coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Sanctuaries in the Pacific Islands.

The second sub had a streamlined body, conning tower and retractable guns, making it look more like a Cold War-era submarine, he said.

National Geographic Channel is set to broadcast the special "Hunt for the Samurai Subs" on Nov. 17.

The two were among five Japanese submarines brought to Pearl Harbor after the war for inspection. They were sunk by the U.S. Navy in 1946 when Russian scientists began demanding access to the technology under terms of the treaty that ended the war.

The submersibles, piloted by Terry Kerby, the lab's operations director, and Max Cremer, came upon the subs while conducting test and trial dives.

Advocacy groups claim victory after CNN's Dobbs leaves

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN moved swiftly to replace Lou Dobbs in its nightly lineup with John King, who said Thursday that all views would be welcome on his politically-oriented talk show when it debuts early next year.

Dobbs' abrupt exit prompted a victory lap by advocacy groups that had sought his ouster for outspokenness, particularly on illegal immigration. But CNN President Jon Klein said their pressure had nothing to do with the decision.

Klein said veteran political reporter King was the perfect choice for the passionate, nonpartisan reporting that CNN wants for its image. King will be leaving the Sunday political talk show he has been presiding over, creating another opening.

King will compete directly with another political hour, Chris Matthews' "Hardball" on MSNBC (Shepard Smith's general interest newscast on Fox News Channel is the cable news ratings leader at 7 p.m. ET). The CNN personality said he hoped to establish a show offering more meaty fare than his competitors.

"Anybody who has a major stake in a major topic will be invited to be on the show," said King, whose Washington-based program has no name yet.

Dobbs was a CNN original who was one of the TV business' leading financial journalists before taking on many other topics post-9/11, and increasingly offering his own opinion. Latino groups charged that Dobbs' emphasis on illegal immigration promoted an atmosphere of intolerance.

"We had hundreds of thousands of people who said 'enough is enough,'" said Alex Nogales, president and CEO of the National Hispanic Media Coalition. "That he is gone from CNN is a great blessing and a great victory for our community."

CNN supported Dobbs, particularly as the opinionated fare boosted his ratings. But his show increasingly became inconsistent with CNN's effort to present itself as the down-the-middle alternative to Fox and MSNBC, and Klein pressured Dobbs to do a straight newscast. Complicating things was Dobbs' new role as a radio commentator, and the personas were often confused.

Great Dane becomes world's tallest dog

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A dog named Titan lived up to his name Thursday when he earned the title world's tallest dog.

It was one of more than 30 records announced or set on Nov. 12 — the official Guinness World Record Day — but the only animal to be honored.

The 4-year-old white Great Dane from San Diego is blind, deaf, epileptic and undergoes acupuncture and chiropractic adjustments every three weeks, owner Diana Taylor said.

"Titan is magical," she added. "He's low-key, calm and has a wonderful demeanor about him. He gets along with all dogs, even the tiny ones."

The massive canine is often mistaken by young children for a horse or cow.

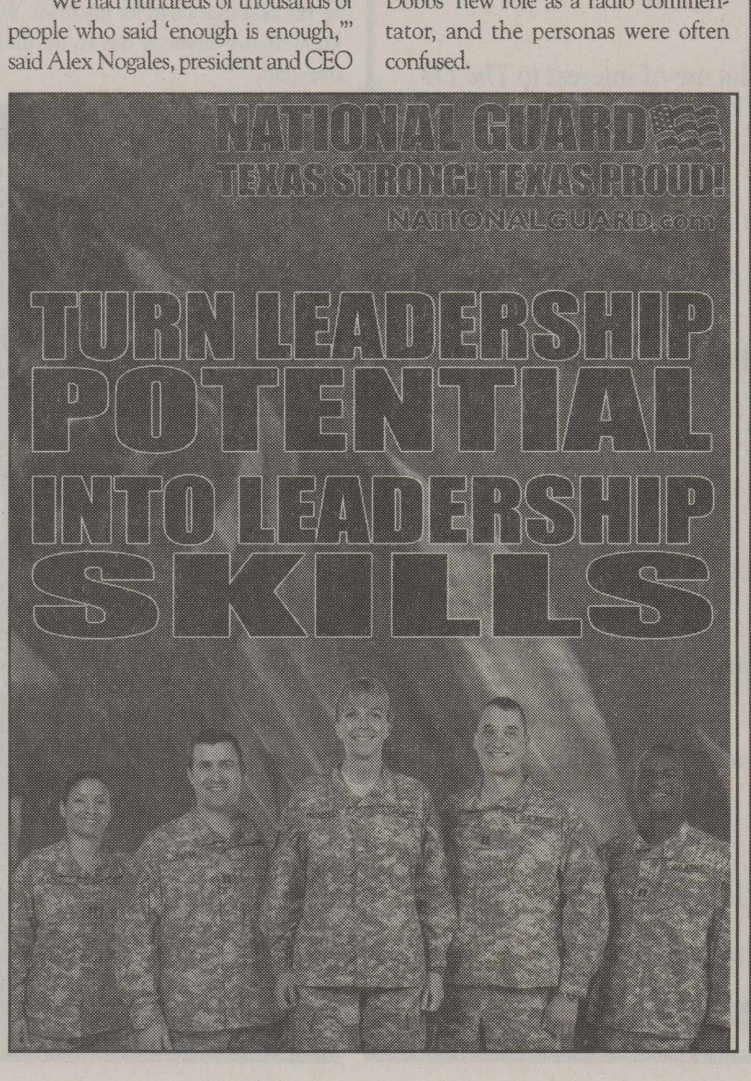
Titan's official height, as measured by a veterinarian, is a hair over 3½ feet tall from floor to shoulder. You could add eight inches if official measurements included the head, Guinness spokesman Stuart Claxton said.

Titan weighs 190 pounds and doesn't stand on his hind legs because it isn't good for him. If he did, Taylor figures he would stand 80 or 82 inches tall.

Titan takes the title held by Gibson, a 7-year-old harlequin Great Dane from Grass Valley, who died earlier this year after battling bone cancer. He was actually slightly shorter than the new title holder.

Taylor was living in Atlanta when she adopted Titan as a puppy from the Middle Tennessee Great Dane Rescue. When he could see out of one eye, she taught him sign language. As he went blind, they learned to communicate by touch.

The dog joins the record books along with the world's largest gingerbread man in Norway, the biggest group hug in the U.K.; most nationalities in a sauna in Finland; and the world's longest paper clip chain in Mexico.



Today's sudoku

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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Tech cross country in New Mexico for Mountain Regionals

By ZANE TURNER
Staff Writer

Not overlooking the competition his team has this weekend, Texas Tech cross country coach Jon Murray knows his team has goals much higher than regionals.

"Our number one goal is to qualify for the NCAA Championships and this is just the next step," said Murray, whose women's team would earn an automatic NCAA Championship berth with a first of second-place finish. "I think that's our mind set with all of us, men and women, just to kind of keep the focus on what your goal is and where you're going."

But if the Tech men or Lady Raiders want a spot at nationals, they still have to get through the Mountain Region.

The Red Raiders and the defending Mountain Regional Champion No. 8 Lady Raiders compete in the Mountain Regional Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M., for a chance to run at the NCAA Championships Nov. 23 in Terre Haute, Ind.

While the Lady Raiders, who have won every meet as a team this season, look for consecutive regional championships, the Red Raiders are hoping to give their strongest performance of the season in Albuquerque.

Battling injuries and sickness for most of the season, the men's team has had its highs with a fifth-place finish at the Cowboy Jamboree on Oct. 3 and its lows with a 10th place showing at the Big 12 Conference Championships on Oct. 31 in Colombia, Mo.

For the Red Raiders, Gilbert Limo has set the pace all season for the men with a 24th-place finish at the Big 12 Championships and a victory in the Texas Tech Open. Zach Quinones, Silas Kemboi and Cory Higgins also are a reliable trio for Tech.

With the Red Raiders' top seven runners all healthy and performing well in practice, Tech runner Nathan Milles said the men are ready to put together its best showing of the season.

"We're finally getting our legs back because we were kind of struggling mid-season," he said. "We thought we were going to peak at conference and I think we were mistaken. I think now that we have our legs under us and we're kind of finishing out the season, I think we're going to have a big regionals."

This season the Lady Raiders have had the opposite experience the men have had, claiming their second straight Big 12 title and their top five runners earning All-Big 12 honors.

With memories of All-American and NCAA Champion Sally Kipyego beginning to fade, names like Lillian Badaru and Purity Biwott have carried the Lady Raiders to victory this season.

Badaru earned her second consecutive All-Big 12 honor. She took fourth place at the conference meet. Following her all season, Biwott has finished in the top five of every race this season in her first year at Tech. Also boosting the women's squad are the Karunde twins, Caroline and Winrose, and Gladys Kipsang, all of whom have finished in the top 10 of every race this season.

Both teams will have their hands full and the Lady Raiders will see No. 6 Colorado — who is ranked higher than the Lady Raiders despite the women beating the Buffs at the Big 12 Championships.

With a chance to repeat an NCAA Championship appearance, Badaru said practice has been normal and the team will have a target on its back as other teams hope to take the crown.

"It's going to be more competitive and now teams know our weakness and our strengths," she said. "So, they are really going to fight. Since we won the Big 12 teams are really thinking they are more prepared and ready this time."

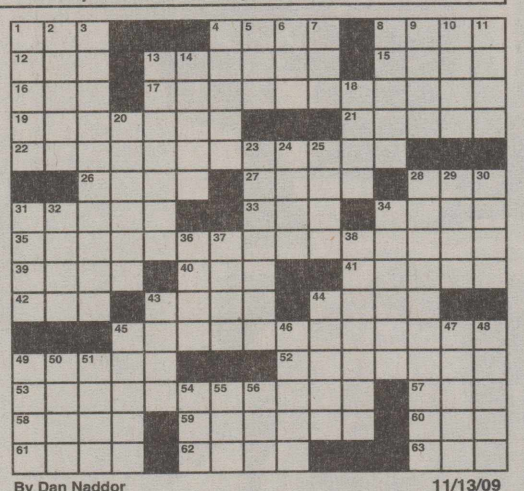
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TEXAS TECH'S LILLIAN Badaru leads the Lady Raiders into the Mountain Regional Championships on Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



By Dan Naddor 11/13/09

ACROSS
1 Apply lightly
4 Alice doesn't work there anymore
8 Spring
12 Oft-named time
13 Some trick-or-treaters
15 Annual spring race, for short
16 "Smoking or __?"
17 Park official who tickets speeding bears?
19 More than upset
21 Dickinson output
22 Smallest allowable bet?
26 Pinnacle
27 It'll grow on you
28 Tennis court ploy
31 Like some stockings
33 Drop the ball, e.g.
34 Course-plotting "Star Trek" crewman
35 Steals a plumbing supply?
39 Cubist Juan
40 Provide support for
41 Columnist Noonan
42 Tax form ID
43 Parsley relative
44 Field of study
45 San Fernando creator of fake van Goghs?
49 Zeal
52 They help get the lead out
53 Burrowing critter cited for excellence?
57 "Mazel __!"
58 Big picture
59 Pictures on a screen
60 Nile snake
61 "Forget it!"
62 Low islands
63 Some appliances

DOWN
1 Casual fabric
2 Commercial suffix suggesting pasta
3 Stereotypical pratfall cause
4 Web surfing tool
5 Pablo's "that"
6 USPS delivery
7 Turkmenistan, once: Abbr.
8 Eyelid application
9 Certain Caltech grad: Abbr.
10 Citrus drinks
11 Combustible heap
13 They're scheduled to be awarded at the Staples Center on 1/31/2010
14 International Court of Justice site, with "The"
18 Declare as fact
20 Wealth
23 Sweet-talk
24 Seniors' D.C. lobby
25 Miss
28 Identifier seen on a carousel
29 Jackie's designer
30 Hide, dog-style
31 PDA entries
32 "I'm all __"
34 Derisive looks
36 Suspect's concern
37 Sledding spot
38 Hullabaloos
43 Scurry
44 "Parties must ever exist in __ country": Edmund Burke
45 Spokesperson
46 Hoods with safe jobs?
47 Irregularly notched
48 Much of a bride-to-be's mail, for short
49 "Right on!"
50 Seized wheels
51 Crashing bore
54 Pen name
55 Doc bloc
56 Word with care or dream

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Volleyball team turns to young players for OU match

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

Texas Tech coach Trish Knight knew it was going to be difficult for her volleyball team to turn things around after reaching a new low point.

However, after taking the opening set in Austin against No. 2 Texas Wednesday — the Longhorns had not dropped a set at home all season prior to that — Knight knows that her team is beginning to turn the corner.

"Sometimes before you get better you kind of have to hit rock bottom," Knight said. "I think we did that and so we came back out of it with some of the changes that we made."

Tech (2-22, 0-15 in Big 12 Conference play) will look to continue improving against Oklahoma (17-8, 10-6) at 11:45 a.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

The improved play can be attributed to a youth movement on the court.

Freshmen Candice Neill and Tory Vaughan are seeing more action on defense while freshman outside hitter Miara Cave has picked up some of the slack on offense.

The contributions have taken pressure off middle blocker Amanda Dowdy, who usually has to be the team's best player on offense and defense.

"The kids that are playing defense are doing a great job," Knight said. "Miara has been lighting it up, she's been incredible and she is going to be the real deal. Karlyn (Meyers) does a good job running the offense and she's doing the right things so she's getting better and we're getting there."

Cave has stepped up since returning from an illness to produce 36 kills in four matches and now is a reliable source for kills.

Although recent performances have increased her confidence, Cave said the team has to take care of business, not just one person.

"All I can say is that it's a renewed confidence," she said. "I'm just trying to be the best that I can for my team. We know that everybody has to do their own part."



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TEXAS TECH MIDDLE blocker Alexxa Roberts and Kansas setter Nicole Tate fight at the net during Texas Tech's 3-0 loss against Kansas on Oct. 21 in the United Spirit Arena.

The experience gained by the younger players seems to be paying off.

The last two matches put Tech up against teams with plenty if experience and winning backgrounds. With that said, the Red Raiders did not seem to care.

Tech took a set from Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan., and shocked No. 2 Texas in Austin with that set win.

Vaughan said players are enjoying themselves and playing with confidence, despite the 54-match losing streak to Big 12 teams.

"Most of the time during the past couple of matches it's been three freshman and two sophomores," she said. "A lot of UT's girls were seniors but we played with a lot of confidence. We had fun with it and it worked for us."

Oklahoma provides a good look of what Tech hopes to become in the near future.

Only two seniors suit up for the Sooners, while the rest of the squad is compiled of three freshmen, five sophomores and three juniors. OU has found a way to win consistently and sits in fifth place in the Big 12 standings.

Even though OU is coming off a 3-0 loss to Missouri Wednesday, Knight believes her team has to perform well because the Sooners will be looking to regroup.

"It's amazing to me that when we play good teams, we always seem to show up," she said. "I'm just hoping that they end up doing the same for this one. Oklahoma will be ready to play us so hopefully we'll play well and get some things done."

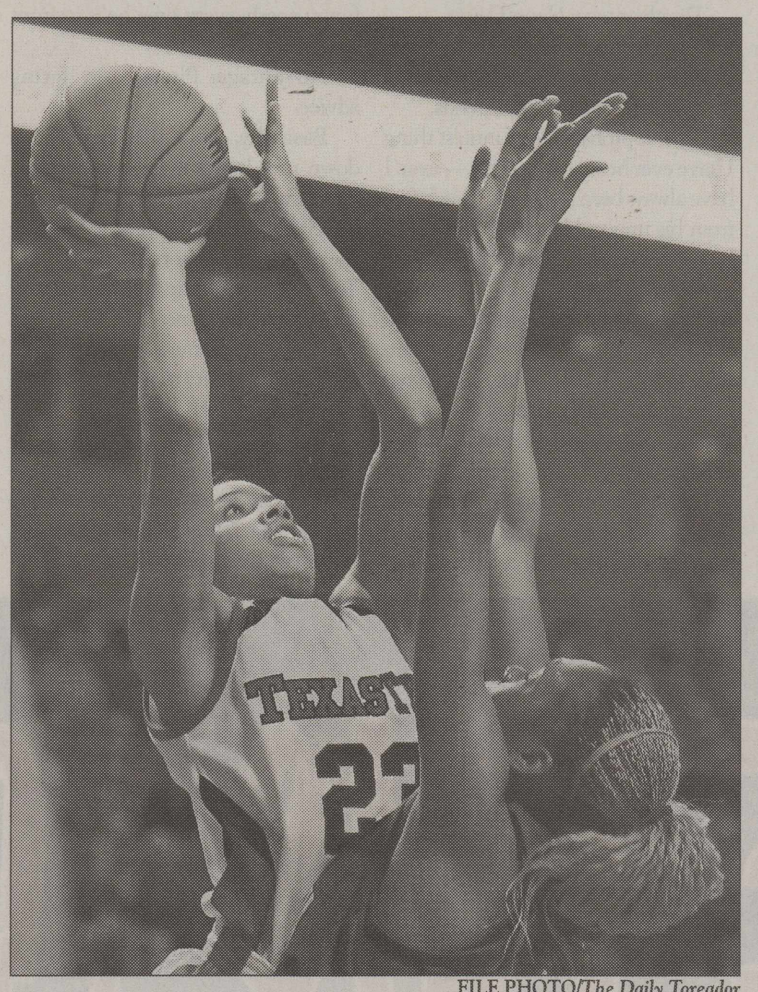
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Lady Raiders host Sam Houston State after exhibition loss to LCU

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER



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TEXAS TECH AND GUARD Monique Smalls begin the season against Sam Houston State at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

It's not Lubbock Christian, but Texas Tech women's basketball coach Kristy Curry believes Sam Houston State is just as tough as the NAIA team that handed the Lady Raiders a loss in an exhibition game Monday.

"They're really athletic," said Curry, who is 48-47 in her previous three seasons as head coach. "They really want to get up and down fast. They're going to change their defenses and they're going to provide some problems if we don't move our feet defensively. They have a great high basketball IQ, and it will be a great opportunity for us to back out and play one that counts."

The Lady Raiders look to bounce back from a surprising 71-65 loss at the hands of Lubbock Christian in an exhibition contest Monday at the United Spirit Arena with their first game of the regular season against Sam Houston State at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

While that loss may still sting a little bit for Tech, the Lady Raiders have not lost a season opener under Curry.

With a renewed focus after the LCU loss, Tech will have to come prepared on defense for a Sam Houston State team that has averaged nearly 85 points in their first two exhibition contests of the season.

The Lady Raiders also have prepared for the zone defense and hope to have an improved shooting performance from the 38 percent they shot from the floor against the Lady Chaps.

"We're going into this game undefeated," Tech guard Lindie Kimbro said. "We're excited and we're gonna be ready to go. We learned a lot from the LCU game and so this time when we come out, it's going to be a little different and we're going to end on a different note."

> *"We've watched film and we've learned from our mistakes that we had in the LCU game."*
>
> **KAYLAN TALLEY**
> CENTER

Sam Houston State returns a squad that brings back its five top scorers and four starters from a team that went 9-20 a season ago. Starting point guard Brittany Brooks and forward Whitney Smith are a strong combination for the Lady Bearkats. Brooks is the top returning scorer for the Lady Bearkats, averaging 10.7 points a game while Smith averaged 10.3 points and 7 rebounds per game last season.

The Lady Raiders hope their five returning players can be the catalyst for a team that went 16-15 a year ago.

With only three seniors on this year's squad, Tech hopes Ashlee Roberson, Jordan Murphree and Tilmila Martin can lead the way for a team that features five true freshmen.

In the LCU game, Roberson provided senior leadership needed with 17 points, the eight rebounds and eight steals. Murphree is Tech's top returning scorer with 11.3 points a game last season and added 19 for the Lady Raiders against LCU.

Last season, Tech went 10-5 in non-conference matchups. Tech also jumped off to a fast start in the 2009 season, winning its first four games of the season.

"We have a lot of confidence that's building up," said center Kaylan Talley. "We've watched film, and we've learned from our mistakes that we had in the LCU game. I think we'll be able to capitalize on them and take them into the Sam Houston game."

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Tech basketball excited to start at home

By MIKE GRAHAM
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NICK OKORIE AND the Red Raiders have games against South Dakota, Texas A&M-Corpus Christie and Oregon State in the Duel in the Desert tournament hosted by Texas Tech.

For Texas Tech basketball coach Pat Knight, tonight's game against South Dakota at 6 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena has been a long time coming.

The Red Raiders' first steps onto the court might bring back some memories of their excitement as children running to presents on Christmas morning. It's been almost eight months since playing their final game of a disappointing 2008-2009 campaign.

"Right now it's kind of like Christmas Eve for us," Knight said before practice Tuesday. "We've been waiting for this for months to redeem ourselves and get this program rolling in the direction we want it to go."

Tech has a lot to prove to fans this season after their losing season last year.

The Red Raiders posted a 13-18 record and went 3-13 in Big 12 Conference play, finishing near the bottom in the conference standings.

However, Knight and the players said they believe a strong offseason that emphasized the defensive side of the court and returning players in great physical condition can turn things around. Tech added depth with three junior college transfers in addition to two freshmen recruits, who may or may not be redshirted.

"We didn't have enough talent last year," Knight said. "I've said that over and over, we were probably about four deep. You have to be about nine to 10 deep in this level. We're more athletic and we just have players to play now. I just think this is a better team by far."

Tech starts with South Dakota tonight and will play Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Oregon State at 6 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, respectively, in conjunction with Basketball Travelers Inc.'s Duel in the Desert Tournament — a round robin tournament being hosted by Tech.

South Dakota is beginning its second year as a Division I basketball tournament while TAMU-CC is coming off an 18-15 season. Arguably Tech's biggest challenge is Oregon State from the Pac-10 Conference. The Beavers made a postseason tournament in the College Basketball Invitational, advancing three rounds deep before falling to Texas-El Paso in El Paso.

Knight said the early season tournament is going to be a great coaching tool.

First, he said the players will have to learn how to play through fatigue — something the Red Raiders have to do if they want to play deep into the Big 12 tournament and beyond.

Secondly, Knight said the team will get a head start in learning from its mistakes with three games worth of game film to coach through at the end of the weekend.

Despite the fatigue the Tech players know they will have to fight in Sunday's Oregon State game, the Red Raiders are excited to bring in a major opponent at home during their first week of the season.

"I got family coming in," forward Robert Lewandowski said. "It's going to be really nice to have that comfort zone to really kind of set your ground and get started. Oregon State is going to be good this year, and it'll be nice to play good competition and have that home advantage."

Beginning to redeem themselves from last season is the most exciting prospect of the weekend, but players can't deny that getting after real competition in front of a crowd is an added bonus.

"We had those two (private) scrimmages, but for this to be a real game — to actually count on your record — it's pretty exciting," guard John Roberson said. "I can't wait."

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GUEST COLUMN

Three important factors to Tech-OSU game



Adam Kemp

When you ask a coach for keys to a victory, it is almost an automatic response: Run the ball, good special teams and don't turn the ball over.

This bores me.

When I think of Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech, boring is the last thing that comes to mind.

If there are keys to this crazy crapshoot of a game, then I think it comes down to three very important factors.

How remote your town is, how much you miss your star wide receiver and the crazy coach factor.

Let's start with Stillwater vs. Lubbock.

I don't know if I have ever been more bored than while I was driving to Lubbock. I wasn't expecting greatness, but I was at least expecting some remote points of interest along the way. I can't remember seeing anything except hayfields and small towns that make you slow down to 25 mph.

Once I arrived in Lubbock, I was surprised by how big the city was. The downtown district seemed to be coming along nicely and there were plenty of Starbucks to supply the whole town, but the abundance of tattoo shops kind of detracted from the rest. How do you need that many places to tattoo "get your guns up" or "Wreck 'em Tech" across your back?

Stillwater, Okla., isn't in a booming metropolis by any means, but it is about 50 minutes away from Oklahoma City and about an hour from Tulsa, Okla.

Once in Stillwater, the heart of campus is quite lovely with all of its construction and constant road closings. But the Strip and Stonewall are fun, and if you can find a better place to eat than Coney Island, I may start playing Farmville because the world just ended.

Advantage: Stillwater.

Last year, Michael Crabtree and Dez Bryant were the two best receivers in the nation. Crabtree was more consistently awesome, but Bryant put up more highlight reel moments.

This season Crabtree whined, Bryant lied.

Crabtree complained the millions of dollars he was receiving from the 49ers was not enough and sat out for the first few games of the season. Then I guess Crabtree must have "seen something in his head" because he accepted San Francisco's offer and has been playing quite well since.

Bryant was looking like he was on pace to have an equal season to the one he had in 2008, but apparently lying to a NCAA investigator is the worst possible offense you can commit and he was promptly suspended for a year.

The Tech quarterback rotation has combined for 3,604 yards passing and 29 touchdowns while Zac Robinson has thrown for 1,832 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Disadvantage: Neon Deion.

After losing to Texas A&M, Mike Leach blamed his players lack of focus on the teams fat little girlfriends.

That is probably the funniest thing I have ever heard a coach say — ever. I have always been a big Mike Leach fan, from his impossible to stop offense to his pirate obsession. I think he is a great personality I would love to interact with on a day-to-day basis. But, I also think to be part genius you have to be a little insane and the fact is, Leach goes off on more wild tangents than Gary Busey, a once-upon-a-time Oklahoma State student.

Mike Gundy's outburst after the Cowboys win over Tech in 2007 was a little nutty, the OSU coach rambled about attacking players and "mothers of children" to the Oklahoma media after he benched the most heralded recruit in OSU history. For the most part, Gundy doesn't say much to the media, where Leach says something funny nearly every time he is in front of a camera.

Advantage: Pirates and dating advice.

Basically, what this game boils down to is how the Cowboy defense can slow down Tech's spread attack. If OSU continues to run the ball like they have this season, they will keep Tech's offense off the field and control the pace of the game.

OSU wins because of its improved defense and ability to run the ball and control the clock.

OSU 42, Tech 35.

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Tyson could see jail time

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, who was arrested in a scuffle with a photographer, could be sent to jail if he's found to have violated probation from a 2007 drug case, officials said Thursday.

The 43-year-old former heavyweight champion and a photographer, Tony Echeverria, made citizens' arrests of each other following a confrontation at about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Los Angeles International Airport.

Each man claimed the other struck him, police said.

Airport police were called, and the men were taken away for booking on suspicion of misdemeanor battery. They were fingerprinted and photographed, then released without bail, Sgt. Jim Holcomb said.

The city attorney will decide whether to file criminal charges.

