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AMBASSADOR TIBOR NAGY, the vice provost for the Office of International Affairs, is holds a chief's cane in the Hall of Nations at the International Cultural Center. The cane was presented to him when he was named an honorary chief by the Bamileke people of Cameroon during his time as a diplomat.

A Dream Fulfilled

VICE PROVOST SERVES AS AMBASSADOR AFTER FLEEING HOME COUNTRY AS CHILD



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIBOR NAGY

AMBASSADOR TIBOR NAGY talks with Pope Abune Paulos, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, at a special mass organized by the Patriarch to commemorate victims of Sept. 11.

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

After escaping a war-torn country, taking refuge in the United States, earning his bachelor's degree at Texas Tech and spending 25 years in Africa as a U.S. diplomat, Ambassador Tibor Nagy's life has been nothing short of an Indiana Jones sequel.

Thirty-seven years after Nagy graduated from Tech, he returned as the vice provost for the Office of International Affairs and teaches a class about Africa once a semester.

At 7-years-old, many children spend their evenings enjoying a bowl of macaroni in the shape of the Flintstones and watching the Disney Channel. At age 7, Nagy escaped from Hungary with his father in the middle of the night amidst machine gun fire and the echoing barks of search dogs.

During the Hungarian Revolution in October 1956 Nagy's father's life was in jeopardy.

"My dad was a high-ranking army officer," Nagy said. "And when the Soviets came back with thousands of tanks in early November, my dad knew his time was up, that if he stuck around he would be executed."

After being told the two were going to go for a picnic, Nagy and his father boarded a train to a town on the Austrian border.

"Thinking back, I realize he told me we were going on a picnic in case we were intercepted by the secret police," Nagy said, smiling. "If they questioned me, I would in all truth tell them we were going on a picnic."

The two arrived in a village near the border and stayed until night. Under the blanket of darkness, Nagy and his father, along with about a dozen other refugees, fled the country.

"We crossed fields, hills and frozen lakes," he said. "We were wet and cold. At one point, we saw searchlights in the distance and heard dogs and machine gun fire. We all got down in the bitterly cold snow and stayed that way for about 10 minutes."

The party eventually made it to Vienna, where Nagy said he remembers feeling scared of new surroundings, new people and a new language he could not understand.

The first Americans Nagy and his father met were members of the embassy in Vienna, who he said treated them with honest kindness.

"I said to myself, 'If I ever make it to America, my dream is to become an American diplomat,'" Nagy said. "And as we all know, some dreams do come true."

Fast forward to November 2009, 53 years after Nagy's snowy getaway, when he continues to share the experiences he had in Africa to students one semester each year. When he is not teaching, Nagy runs international programs at Tech.

His decision to return to Tech came from his love of the university that gave him the tools to succeed as a diplomat and his passion for teaching.

"When I first entered into diplomacy, most people came from Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other schools of that nature," he said. "What I came to face with was, 'Who are you kidding — coming from Texas Tech?' However, I was the first in my class to be promoted, become ambassador and deputy ambassador. So, at that point, Texas Tech University was not to be trifled with."

Nagy said Tech prepared him academically and socially to face the real world after college.

"So I have to say — I tell parents and prospective students this — unequivocally, TTU will prepare their students for whatever field their kids want to get into," Nagy said.

He said he teaches a course about contemporary Africa that replicates the course the Department of State teaches its diplomats before they go off on their first assignments, "so my students could go off to Africa and make sense of things."

The American perception of Africa is one created by movies and TV shows, he said.

"Americans know nothing about Africa in general," Nagy said. "When they think about Africa, it's usually in a very negative context, and I love presenting the continent as it is — with the problems but also with its promises."

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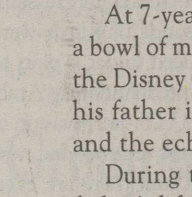
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STATE

Study finds Texas teacher merit pay did little

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas spent $300 million on merit pay for teachers in the past three years in an effort that led to few gains by students.

The National Center on Performance Incentives reviewed the now-defunct Texas Educator Excellence Grant.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that researchers determined there was "no systematic evidence that TEEG had an impact on student achievement gains."

Researchers examined reading scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills for more than 140,000 students.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, Allison Castle, says he supports incentivizing the best teachers through merit pay. She says Perry worked with the Legislature to consolidate programs into one with an increase funding.

Legislators provided nearly $200 million annually for another merit pay plan that began last year, District Awards for Teacher Excellence, or DATE.

NATION

Democrats say elections won't stop health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Far from chastened by off-year election setbacks, congressional Democrats vowed no let-up in the drive to pass controversial health care Wednesday, arguing that the way to regain voter trust was to complete what they started in more prosperous political times.

Any suggestion that "we ought to run like scalded dogs from trying to fix health care for this country is wrong. I believe the judgment might be more punishing if we throw in the towel because it's difficult," said North Dakota Rep. Earl Pomeroy, a political moderate and supporter of the legislation.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi hopes to have legislation on the House floor for a vote on Saturday. There is no timetable in the Senate, where the overhaul's ultimate fate is in considerably more doubt, but supporters gave no indication that the election results had complicated the challenge facing Majority Leader Harry Reid.

While Democrats surrendered governorships in high-profile races in Virginia and New Jersey on Tuesday, they also held a House seat in California and gained one in New York that had been in Republican hands for generations.

Depending on how quickly the newly elected lawmakers are sworn in, it was possible the most immediate impact of the elections would be to increase support for the legislation. "From our standpoint we picked up votes last night," said Pelosi, D-Calif.

WORLD

State media:Quake injures 700 in southern Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An earthquake struck a key port city in southern Iran early Wednesday, injuring at least 700 people and cutting power and telephone lines, the state news agency reported.

IRNA said 100 of the injured had been hospitalized while the rest were minor cases.

The 4.9-magnitude quake struck Bandar Abbas at 2:56 a.m. local time, sending residents streaming into the streets. Bandar Abbas is home to a large oil refinery that primarily serves the domestic market.

The broadcast said there were no reports of deaths in the quake, which hit 850 miles (1,367 kilometers) south of the capital.

Iran is located on seismic fault lines and is prone to earthquakes. It experiences at least one slight earthquake everyday on average.

Some 26,000 people were killed by a 6.6-magnitude quake that flattened the historic southeastern city of Bam in the same region in 2003.

Corrections

The Daily Toreador's reporters and editors strive for accuracy in the news-gathering process. However, mistakes are inevitable.

It is *The DT*'s policy to correct mistakes in this spot as soon as possible.

If you feel there is an error in a story, please call Editor-in-Chief Kevin Cullen at 806-742-3395 or e-mail kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dummy artillery shell reported stolen from vehicle on campus

Oct. 28

8:35 a.m., an officer responded to a fire alarm in the Texas Tech School of Law building activated by a high pressure steam valve expelling hot steam. The Lubbock Fire Department responded.

9:30 a.m., an officer investigated theft of a $100 bill that was reported stolen from a student's unsecured wallet in the John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

2:39 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the Z2-B parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle. No injuries were reported.

4:10 p.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in which a staff member suffered from a diabetic seizure. The staff member was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room for further treatment.

5:18 p.m., an officer investigated theft of an unsecured cell phone in Holden Hall.

9:14 p.m., an officer issued a citation to a student in Weymouth Residence Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oct. 29

5:11 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the Z3-F parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle. No injuries were reported.

7:50 p.m., an officer investigated theft of an unattended wallet and its contents from the lobby of Hulen Residence Hall.

Oct. 30

2:04 a.m., an officer investigated the burglary of an unsecured motor vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. A backpack and its contents were taken.

2:54 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the North Quaker storage facility. The vehicle was returned to its owner and the non-student taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

7:45 a.m., an officer documented damage to a Tech vehicle at an off-campus location.

8:26 a.m., an officer documented information about a possible forgery with medical prescriptions at off-campus locations.

11:19 a.m., an officer documented damage to a vehicle in the 900 block of Boston Avenue. The vehicle's passenger-side mirror and driver-side fog light were broken.

1:36 p.m., an officer documented damage to the Tech Police Department garage area. The interior wall of the interior garage was backed into by a university vehicle.

3:20 p.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in the basement hallway of the Human Sciences building. A student was complaining of body numbness and was taken to the UMC emergency room.

6:19 p.m., an officer investigated an attempted burglary of vehicles in the Z5-B parking lot. The driver's-side door lock on a vehicle was punched inward.

11:08 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a red and silver men's bicycle at the University Library east bicycle racks.

Oct. 31

1:02 a.m., an officer issued a citation to a non-student for possession of alcohol by a minor and released him pending the filing of charges for public intoxication on the first floor of Weymouth Residence Hall.

2:43 a.m., an officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

1:24 p.m., an officer detained a non-student following the report of him panhandling near the C-3 parking lot. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning and was released.

2:11 p.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency near Gate 3 of the Jones AT&T Stadium. A non-student was taken to the UMC emergency room for further treatment.

3:15 p.m., an officer arrested a student on the south concourse of the Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

5:40 p.m., an officer arrested a student on the club level at the Jones AT&T Stadium for disorderly conduct. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

10:54 p.m., an officer issued a citation to a student on the north side of the Wiggins Dining Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana.

Nov. 1

1:58 a.m., an officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

2:03 a.m., an officer documented information about a non-student in the 1600 block of Akron Avenue who was suffering from four stab wounds in the lower back that he received at an off-campus location. The non-student was taken to Covenant emergency room for further treatment.

4:16 a.m., an officer investigated the burglary of two backpacks reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot.

8:59 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student on the ninth-floor study lounge in Coleman Residence Hall for an outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Department warrant. The non-student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

6:30 p.m., an officer investigated the burglary of a dummy artillery shell taken from an unsecured vehicle in the 2500 block of Broadway Avenue.

10:44 p.m., an officer documented information about a possible sexual assault of a student at an off-campus location. The Lubbock Police Department responded to investigate the report.

Nov. 2

8:30 a.m., an officer investigated theft of numerous food items reported stolen from inside an employee's refrigerator in the Health Sciences Center.

10:30 a.m., an officer documented information about a disturbance in the R-14 parking lot during the Tech football game Oct. 31.

3:11 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a men's Mongoose bicycle at the Weymouth Residence Hall bicycle racks.

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Senate acts to extend aid for jobless, homebuyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recognizing that a weak economy still needs a government boost, the Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to provide the jobless with up to 20 weeks in additional unemployment benefits and expand a first-time homebuyer tax credit to include a far larger pool of people entering the dormant housing market.

The $24 billion bill, passed 98-0, also provides tax relief for struggling businesses. It comes to the rescue of more than 1 million out-of-work people who will run out of benefits by the end of the year. Everyone will receive 14 weeks of additional benefits, while those in states with unemployment rates of 8.5 percent and above get six weeks on top of that.

With enactment, the jobless in the hardest-hit states could receive up to 99 weeks of benefits, which average about $300 a week. That would well exceed the previous record of 65 weeks during the 1970s.

> *"... for most Americans, it will still be some time before things start getting better."*
>
> **MAX BAUCUS**
> CHAIRMAN
> SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The $8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers, enacted as part of the stimulus package last February and set to expire this month, would be extended and expanded to include a $6,500 credit for people who have lived in their current residences at least five years.

Congress has no choice but to act when there are 15 million jobless chasing 3 million jobs and 7,000 people run out of benefits every day, said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont. Economists talk about the end of the recession, he said, but "for most Americans, it will still be some time before things start getting better."

The legislation now goes to the House, which is expected to quickly send it to President Barack Obama for his signature.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said Wednesday that the bill was "vital to Americans who have lost their jobs as a result of the deepest recession in over three-quarters of a century" and he planned to bring it to the floor for a vote as early as Thursday.

The House acted in late September to extend unemployment benefits, but only to the jobless in the 27 states where the unemployment rate is above 8.5 percent.

The bill bogged down in the Senate, first when senators from states with lower jobless rates demanded that the extension apply to all people exhausting their benefits, then with negotiations over adding the homebuyer and business tax credits. Then, Republicans held up floor action when Democrats blocked them from offering amendments on matters unrelated to the base bill.

Election head warns Iraq vote may be delayed

BAGHDAD (AP) — The official charged with carrying out Iraq's crucial January polls warned Wednesday that they will be delayed if parliament doesn't approve a key electoral bill.

Any delay in the Jan. 16 elections could plunge Iraq into a crisis, undermining the government and leading to instability just as American troops are preparing to withdraw, a process that's scheduled to ramp up after the vote.

Election Commission Chairman Faraj al-Haidari said Parliament must approve a new electoral law when it convenes on Thursday, otherwise the Jan. 16 polls will be delayed.

Iraqi lawmakers have been arguing for weeks over the election law, which is needed to implement the vote. The key stumbling block has been who should be allowed to vote in Kirkuk, a disputed oil-rich city north of Baghdad that is claimed by both Kurds and Arabs.

Al-Haidari said he warned the legislators that if they don't approve the election law by the end of Thursday, the vote will not happen on January 16.

"We informed the parliament that if the election law is not legislated within 48 hours, it would be difficult and impossible to carry out the elections," al-Haidari told The Associated Press.

Kirkuk has been a source of controversy for decades. Under former dictator Saddam Hussein, tens of thousands of Kurds were forcibly displaced under a plan to make Kirkuk predominantly Arab. After the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, many Kurds returned but now other groups claim there are even more Kurds than before Saddam evicted them.

Today's sudoku

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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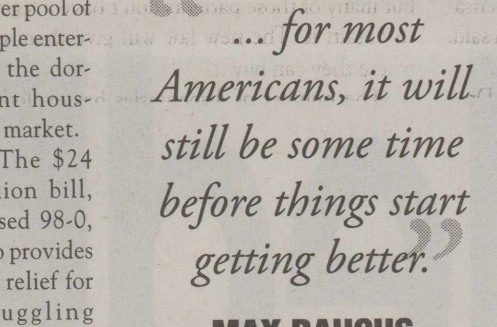
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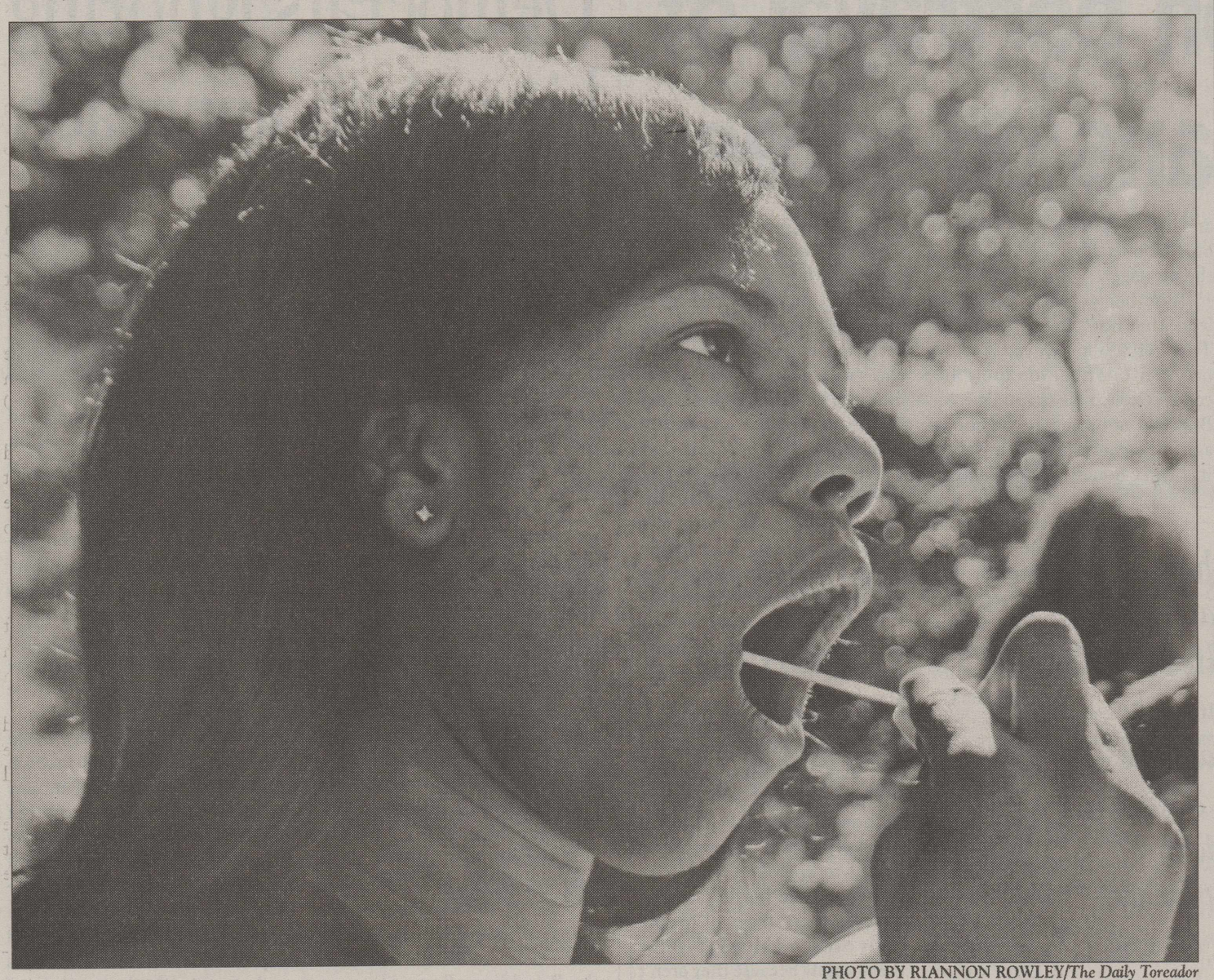


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JASMINE PIPKINS, A sophomore civil engineering major from Houston, swabs the inside of her cheek to check for eligibility for a bone marrow donation during the Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity's community service project on Wednesday outside of the Student Union Building.

Sketch Club draws artistic community

By RACHEL PARKER
Contributing Writer

WEST TEXAS COMIC-CON

WHEN: 10a.m. to 6p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Lubbock Science Spectrum, 2579 S. Loop 289
COST: adults $4.00, children $2.00, free for anyone in costume

In October 2006, William Terrell founded Sketch Club: a place for emerging artists of all ages to gather, learn and develop their talents in a nurturing environment.

This year, another part of Terrell's long-term plan will unfold when Lubbock hosts West Texas Comic-Con on Saturday.

"This one is different because it's a fan convention," said Terrell, a Texas Tech alumnus from Lubbock, "where we're bringing in guests for people to meet and get autographs, buy their books, buy artwork from them — which has never really been done here."

Terrell said bringing conventions to Lubbock ultimately will benefit local artists who want to get their work to the public and need an outlet. He said building a community of working artists is a main goal of Sketch Club.

"I started asking myself, 'What do we need to make (conventions) happen?'" Terrell said, "and I realized we needed artists working every day making comics that it was just part of their lives having fun with it."

Terrell said his own artistic endeavors began when he had difficulties finding an artist to illustrate his writing. He said he believes anyone can learn to draw.

"It's like learning how to write you know? Learning how to use letters and stuff like that — you're just learning a language," Terrell said. "You learn how to draw an eye so that everybody knows that it looks like somebody's eye. You learn how to draw a mouth so it looks like a normal mouth."

Sarah Vaughn, a sophomore studio arts major from Lubbock, recently finished a 100-page comic book. She said the comic, which took about a year to complete, was encouraged by her friends at Sketch Club.

"They really got me to push myself and finish it," Vaughn said. "I wouldn't have had the motivation by myself."

Ariel Walden, a senior electronic media and communications major from Lubbock, said she enjoys spending time with other people who share her love of art and learning from artists who are more experienced.

"The cool thing about Sketch Club is you don't have to be at a certain level artistically," Walden said. "We have people who just started drawing and people who have been drawing pretty much all of their lives and we learn from each other."

The West Texas Comic-Con will provide an opportunity for local and out-of-town comic artists and enthusiasts alike to gather and celebrate their common interest.

"This is our first one," Terrell said, "and we're planning to keep doing it and it's going to get bigger and bigger."

Vaughn, who has participated in conventions in the past, said she finds spending hours on a product and being able to share it with others rewarding.

"I'm mostly excited about going and supporting my friends," Vaughn said, "and seeing the other people who are excited about local art."

Walden said she is excited about the convention because she will be selling her own self-published comic. She said the process of self-publishing was a valuable learning experience.

"I've been working on that story a very long time," Walden said. "I've had it since junior high, and it's gone through various reincarnations. (The characters) are like my babies. I'm very excited that I get to sell it at the show and just kind of show it off to people."

Sketch Club meets 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays at the Freebirds World Burrito on South Loop 289. Artists of all ages and experience levels are welcome, Terrell said.

"It's OK to make mistakes with your art," Terrell said. "You don't have to be perfect; you just have to have fun with it."

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Maine becomes 5th state to allow pot dispensaries

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Voters approved a referendum making Maine the fifth state to allow retail pot dispensaries, but medical marijuana advocates say it won't become like California, where hundreds of marijuana shops have popped up and come under critical scrutiny.

California, Colorado, New Mexico and Rhode Island allow for places where medical marijuana patients can legally buy pot. Maine voters gave their approval Tuesday, 59 percent to 41 percent.

Referendum opponents pointed at Los Angeles as proof that cannabis outlets are a bad idea. There, the district attorney has vowed to crack down on places that are selling the drug to people who don't qualify.

But Ethan Nadelmann of the New York-based Drug Policy Alliance said there's no chance Maine would become like Los Angeles, which he called the "wild west West" of medical marijuana, because of stricter provisions.

Maine law requires that dispensaries be licensed by the state, while California law does not, he said. Maine law also narrowly defines medical conditions for which patients can be prescribed pot, while California allows doctors to recommend it for virtually any ailment.

"You aren't going to see hundreds of dispensaries popping up all over Maine," Nadelmann said. "You're going to see a more regulated system."

Nonetheless, the director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency said the language of the Maine referendum lacks proper oversight and control. The potential exists for a dispensary to become "nothing more than a storefront for the criminal activity of drug dealing, which is the experience in California," said Roy McKinney.

"If there isn't sufficient oversight, inspection, audits, etc., the potential is there for criminal activity to flourish," he said.

Fourteen states have laws allowing some use of marijuana for medical purposes. Maine's medical marijuana law, first approved in 1999, allows the use of pot for debilitating conditions such as cancer, AIDS and multiple sclerosis.

The original law allows patients to possess up to 2 1/2 ounces of pot and up to six marijuana plants, but many of those patients don't have a legal way to obtain it. The new law will give them places where they can buy it.

The number of dispensaries has exploded in California and Colorado. Los Angeles alone has up to 800 of them by some estimates, and Colorado has about 100. New Mexico has one and Rhode Island doesn't have any.

While many cannabis clubs have sprouted in Los Angeles, most California towns and cities have rules that regulate them on the local level and reflect the local values and attitudes, said Allen St. Pierre of the National Organizatoin for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Unemployed husbands help at home but trend may not last

MIAMI (AP) — Lily Pabian and her husband Jeff learned to tag-team household tasks when he lost his job and she went from stay-at-home mom to part-time consultant.

But the give-and-take turned into a juggling act when Jeff found work again three months later.

Lily, a 37-year-old mother of three from Mapleton, Ga., kept working, but also kept most of the parenting responsibilities and housework. And experts say her experience will probably be typical as more women are finding themselves becoming primary breadwinners temporarily.

"I feel like there are days where I am drowning," Lily Pabian said. "We do fight about my overload, my work load, and he's willing to say 'What can I do to help?' My thing is 'Why do I have to think for you?'"

> *"I feel like there are days where I am drowning."*
> **LILY PABIAN**
> MOTHER AND WIFE
> MAPLETON, GA.

An estimated 2 million wives are now the sole breadwinners in families across America as more men than women have been laid off in this recession, according to the Center for American Progress.

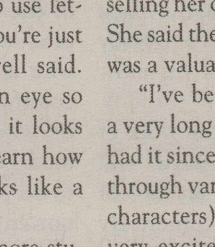
Experts say that unemployed husbands are probably taking on more of the housework and childcare duties — for now. But they don't expect that temporary change at home to create household habits that will stick around after men find work again.

"When men make more money they can buy out of housework in a way women cannot," said Constance Gager, a sociologist in the Department of Family and Child Studies at Montclair State University.

Gager has studied the division of labor in families and said that while men have taken on more housework and child-rearing over the years, women still do two-thirds of it, including day-to-day tasks like diaper-changing, bathing, preparing meals and shuttling the children to activities. Men, meanwhile, tend to play with children or participate in athletic games.

"It is very much the case that women tend to do urgent tasks that are repetitive," she said.

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Group urges CW stations not to air 'Gossip Girl'

NEW YORK (AP) — On-air promos for a sexual threesome on an upcoming episode of "Gossip Girl" have spurred the Parents Television Council to ask affiliates of the CW network to pre-empt the show.

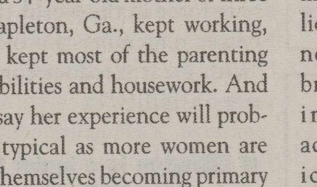
Airing the teen tryst, which is being teased in an ad as a "3SOME," is "reckless and irresponsible," said PTC president Tim Winter in a statement Wednesday. The threesome involves three main characters in the show but they are not identified in the promos.

The PTC has urged CW affiliate stations not to air the episode, scheduled for Nov. 9.

In a letter to the affiliates, Winter asked: "Will you now be complicit in establishing a precedent and expectation that teenagers should engage in behaviors heretofore associated primarily with adult films?"

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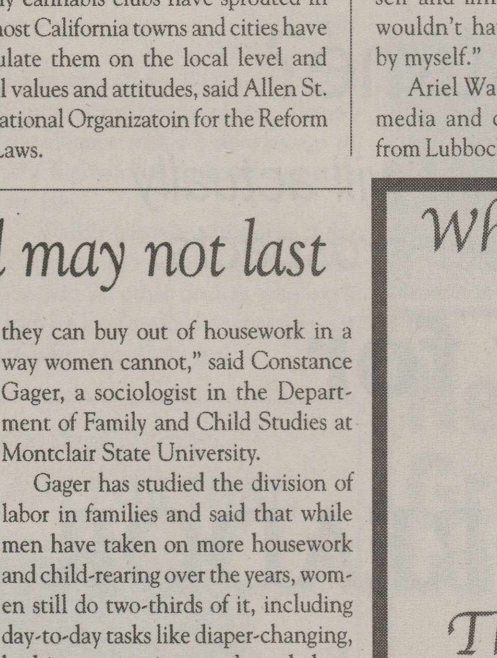
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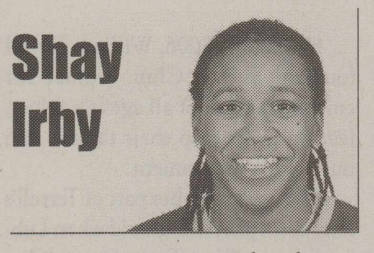
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OPINIONS

Debate rages on portrayal of African-Americans on screen



Shay Irby

If you're like me, you didn't know what the words "coonery" and "baffonery" meant when they were first uttered, but we all knew it was nothing good.

When I decided to Google the phrase, I hadn't expected to find anything other than reports on the current feud between movie writer, director, producer and actor Spike Lee and the equally-talented Tyler Perry. As expected my search produced several links detailing Lee's accusation as well as Perry's rebuttal, but to my surprise there is actually a site, Urban Dictionary, that offers a coherent definition of the term used by Lee.

Call me a skeptic, but I'm not too sure what to make of this site just yet. On the other hand, "antics and behaviors displayed by certain underclass individuals in the black culture, with the end result being the embarrassment of the rest of the upstanding black community" does seem to be a pretty accurate definition of what one might consider to be coonery and baffonery given the context of Lee's comments.

Let me back up a bit and explain exactly what we're talking about. During an interview with Ed Gordon, Lee referred to work done by Perry as "coonery and baffonery." Simply put, Lee believes Perry is displaying the black community in a negative light by showcasing of some of his most famous characters.

I personally enjoy the work of both men. Lee's "Crooklyn" and "Do the Right Thing" are two of my favorites. His documentary "When the Levees Broke" is a must see for anyone interested in the circumstances surrounding the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina. Perry's "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" is an all-time favorite, and "Daddy's Little Girls" is without a doubt one of the most touching films he's brought to the big screen.

Clearly both men have gained respect and recognition in the film industry, but despite the many similarities that exist between the movie makers, it's clear Lee wouldn't consider his comparison to Perry a compliment.

Initially, the chosen term might seem to accurately describe some of the characters seen in Perry's productions. There is Mr. Brown, who is ridiculously ignorant and colorfully dressed, and Uncle Curtis, who is selfish and obnoxiously loud. I agree with Lee; I don't want to be portrayed as something I'm not any more than the next person, but after viewing Perry's films and listening to his response, I can only wonder how Lee has missed the message.

> *"If anything, I believe that Tyler Perry's films are able to show the variety that exists within the African American community while attracting diverse crowds."*

Whether you're a fan of the work that flows from the walls of Tyler Perry Studios, even if you've only seen one film, you know they convey explicit messages. True, Mr. Brown is not someone I'd choose as a father, but when I think about it, I can't honestly deny knowing or having met someone who reminds me a bit of Mr. Brown. Even Perry stated Madea is nothing more than a Hollywood version of "Big Mama."

In other words, though certain details may be exaggerated, Madea and Mr. Brown are modeled after real individuals.

I'll confess I do enjoy some of Perry's characters more than others, but I still struggle to agree with Lee's evaluation. If anything, I believe Perry's films are able to show the variety that exists within the black community while attracting diverse crowds.

For years the deadbeat dad stigma has plagued black men more than others, but in "Daddy's Little Girls," Idris Elba portrays a strong black father willing to take any measures to be with and secure the safety of his daughters.

In "Diary of a Mad Black Woman," Kimberly Elise showed the strength of a woman as she found life and love once again following a devastating divorce. Perry has even provided audiences with a glimpse of the real life struggles women often face when trying to flee abusive relationships.

No, I don't watch "Meet the Browns" weekly, but this has nothing to do with any personal offense I take to the characters seen throughout the sitcom. However, I enjoy many of Perry's films and find them to be encouraging and uplifting, anything but degrading and humiliating.

Lee is entitled to his opinion, but I can't help but wonder if they may have been made out of something other than concern for how a particular culture is being depicted on screen. Perry refuses to apologize for Madea and those like her because he believes these types of people really exist and he won't ignore them simply because they aren't who we'd like them to be.

If this is true, shouldn't Lee be more concerned with condemning the everyday representations of coonery and baffonery found within society than those we pay $6.50 to view for entertainment purposes?

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Democrats ignoring bipartisan approach



Travis Ellington

The Democratic Party has begun taking monumental strides away from bipartisan legislation. It seems as if the Democrats cannot get any support from a single Republican senator on numerous issues. Allowing the Democratic Party to pass legislation without a Republican vote (in the House or Senate) goes against everything this country was founded upon.

"No taxation without representation." We all know where this phrase came from and it is just as meaningful today as it was during the 18th century. There are 14 states with two Republican senators. The people who voted for a Republican senator or a Republican representative are no longer being represented at the national level because of the lack of consideration of the Democratic Party.

Texas, one of the 14 states with two Republican senators, also has 20 of the 32 members of the Republican Party in the House of Representatives. We have overwhelmingly voted for the Republican Party. However, the Democrats, who control the House and the Senate, no longer care most Texans prefer the ideas of the Republican Party.

Legislation such as the stimulus package, the health care reform bill, and the Henry Waxman bill are all historically unprecedented pieces of legislation that can greatly affect the future of our great nation. Yet, the Democrats do not feel the need to gain consent from 40 percent of the nation (40 Republican senators).

The much smaller issues that result in minor Washington disputes can be decided by majority vote. That's fine. Issues that can change the world (huge increases in taxation of American petroleum producers or destroying the value of the dollar) should to be agreed upon by a large margin.

It does not take an economist from Harvard, MIT or Princeton to know the amount of money being spent by our government is going to cause inflation. Any basic education in economics will teach you a large increase in the supply of a good is going to cause a decline in its value. We should hope the economic stimulus package creates the amount of jobs it was promised to or we may end up facing stagflation. Neither party wants that.

As great of a speaker as President Barack Obama is, I would think he would be able to motivate the two parties to work together to fix the problems within our borders. The lack of bipartisanship by the House and Senate has been so transparent it has caused tensions at the local level (town hall meetings, protests). People are constantly negatively labeling each other as Republicans or Democrats; regardless of their views on the wide range of political issues.

When I say Democrats, I am talking about the people in Washington who represent the Democratic Party at the national level; not the people who voted for them locally. I am talking about the Democrats who continue to justify their spending by pointing the finger at the failures of the Senate under former President George W. Bush. It sure seems like Washington is continuing down the path of politics as usual as we continue to play the blame game.

Now that the Democratic Party has assumed full responsibility for the immediate future of the United States, there will be no excuses years from now. A Democratic president, Senate and House can be the most dominate force in the world. They had better remember the old saying, "with great freedom comes great responsibility."

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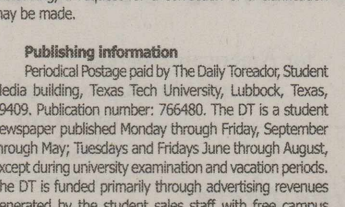
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Sarah Palin promises more cities on tour

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin is promising to visit more cities than a conventional book tour when her memoir "Going Rogue" is published later this month.

Palin says the locations of her book tour will be announced later this week by her publisher, HarperCollins. But in a Facebook posting Tuesday, the former Alaska governor says she's decided to travel to cities outside of the typical book tour venues.

Her book hits stores Nov. 17. Palin will appear on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" the day before the book release.

Palin says she's also trying to line up other interviews with hosts such as Bill O'Reilly, Barbara Walters and Rush Limbaugh.

THE 7-DAY WEEKEND...

... because there should be a holiday between Halloween and Thanksgiving

THURSDAY
"Transformers 2"
•In case you didn't get enough explosions and Megan Fox in the first film incarnation of the toy/TV series, Michael Bay made a second. The second features, well, more explosions and more Fox, who TAB can't get enough of apparently. TAB will play the movie again 3 p.m. Monday.
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Student Union Allen Theatre
COST: Free

FRIDAY
"Masterpieces of Vienna"
•Hayden and Brahms symphonies and a Strauss concertino will be performed at the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's tribute to these composers, who spent significant time the Austrian capital. Last time Meek was featured we told you chicks dig bassoon. If you didn't believe us before, you will after tonight.
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Civic Center Theater
COST: $20

SATURDAY
Gabriel Iglesias
You've probably seen Gabriel Iglesias all over the place. He was on "All That," "Last Comic Standing," several late shows and has three Comedy Central specials. Now, you can see the fluffy — not fat — comedian in person and learn a few clever tips on how to avoid a DUI.
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: City Bank Auditorium
COST: About $30

SUNDAY
First Annual Lubbock Wine Festival
•If you are of legal drinking age, check out this event. If not, quit your wineing. Texas has a burgeoning wine industry, and this event will showcase some of the area's best wines from more than 20 wineries.
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts
COST: $20

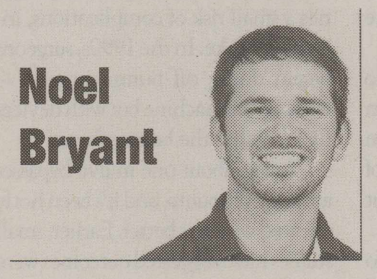
MONDAY
Lady Raider basketball vs. LCU
•It's that time of year again. Football season is winding down, and it's starting to be too cold to be outside for more than a few minutes anyway. Check out the Lady Raider team play an exhibition game against LCU, which is just west of the Texas Tech campus.
WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: United Spirit Arena
COST: Free

TUESDAY
Contents Under Pressure: Art of the Contemporary Letterpress Poster
•If you didn't get a chance to see its open reception on First Friday, be sure to check out the exhibit, which features pieces from some of the best letterpress artists in the United States.
WHEN: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Landmark Gallery at the School of Art
COST: Free

WEDNESDAY
Shane & Shane: Everything is Different
•The renowned worship duo just dropped a new album and they are touring to support its release. The band says on their Web site the album was written from a different perspective as one of the Shanes' (Barnard) father passed away and he got married.
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Cactus Theater
COST: $15

Foo Fighters again lead listeners into November

Noel Bryant



Let me think... what was going on in the first week of November last year? Oh that's right. Texas Tech (and a little known guy named Michael Crabtree) was shocking the sporting world, Graham Harrell was the new favorite for the Heisman Trophy, and the vibe on campus was off the charts.

I had never been around a college community so excited, pumped and unified as the week leading up to and after the first week of November.

Oh my, how the times can change in just one year. But there has been one constant from that autumn to this: my love for the Foo Fighters.

Last November I was busy celebrating the one-year anniversary of their incredible "Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace" album by blaring it out of my apartment window.

This year, Foo Fighters are leading me into happy territories again by releasing a greatest hits album. That and two other recently-released albums are my top three music picks to jam to on your commutes of the week.

"Greatest Hits" by Foo Fighters (2009):

So why would I include a greatest hits album on this list?

Because if you don't already own all these specific songs on their own (like I do), you can actually just buy this one album and immediately have a library of the most kick butt songs Foo Fighters have ever created.

Lead singer and rock hero Dave Grohl formed Foo Fighters after his drumming stint in Nirvana was cut short by Kurt Cobain's suicide. In a short 15 years, he turned Foo Fighters into legend.

This band has pumped out hit song after hit song and remarkably has never lost its Seattle-based roots in the process. Foo Fighters have never sold out and yet still has been incredibly successful in the mainstream rock circles.

If you want to introduce yourself to one of the greatest rock bands of our time, buy this one album and enjoy an hour and a half of sheer alternative/grunge/rock awesomeness. Highlights include the super emo-grunge "Everlong," the soaring "Times Like These" and the hard rock "My Hero."

"Birds & Cages" by Deas Vail (2009):

There isn't much I can say to let you all know why this album is awesome.

Deas Vail has this matchless way of combining pop/rock/electronic sounds with deeply haunting and beautiful melodies. "Birds & Cages" is a soundtrack for those memories of the most innocent and pure times in your past.

You can just start the album at track 1 ("The Things You Were") and leave it be. Let your mind wonder and your imagination soar. And let Deas Vail deliver top notch indie rock to your ears. Other highlights include "Birds" and the breathtaking "Atlantis."

"Escape 2 Mars" by Gift of Gab (2009):

If I asked 10 different hip-hop enthusiasts to name the best lyricist in the game, I would get 10 different answers.

Talib Kweli, Kanye West, Common, Ludacris, Lil' Wayne, Nas, Lupe Fiasco and Jay-Z are just some of the answers I would most likely hear. And all for good reason, these guys are top-notch rappers.

But in my opinion, the best emcee in the game right now is the insanely talented, California-born Gift of Gab. And his new release, "Escape 2 Mars" is as solid as a hip-hop release can get.

It is creative, thoughtful and, most importantly, a lot of fun.

"Escape 2 Mars" uses super tight space-age sampling, and Gift of Gab's positive message that we all need to take better care of our planet and each other, as a nice break from the pointless ramblings of the Soulja Boys of the world.

Oh yeah, the guy has also got mad skills in creating the most complex and unique rhymes you will ever hear.

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Family doctors group loses members over Coke deal

CHICAGO (AP) — Advice about soft drinks and health from one of the nation's largest doctors groups will soon be brought to you by Coke.

The American Academy of Family Physicians has prompted outcry and lost members over its new six-figure alliance with the Coca-Cola Co. The deal will fund educational materials about soft drinks for the academy's consumer health and wellness Web site, www.FamilyDoctor.org.

Academy CEO Dr. Douglas Henley said Wednesday that the deal won't influence the group's public health messages, and that the company will have no control over editorial content. He said the new online information will include research linking soft drinks with obesity and will focus on sugar-free alternatives.

But critics say the Coke deal will water down the advice.

"Coca-Cola, like other sodas, causes enormous suffering and premature death by increasing the risks of obesity, diabetes, heart attacks, gout, and cavities," Harvard University nutrition expert Dr. Walter Willett said in an e-mail.

He said the academy "should be a loud critic of these products and practices, but by signing with Coke their voice has almost surely been muzzled."

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Dr. Henry Blackburn, a University of Minnesota public health specialist, said the deal "will inevitably have a chilling effect on the focus of their message in regards to sweet drinks."

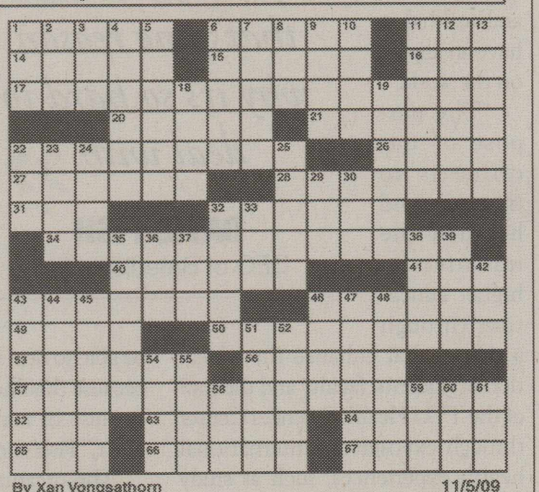
Coca-Cola spokeswoman Diana Garza Ciarlante said that kind of criticism "misses the point of the partnership which is to provide education based on sound science."

Dr. William Walker, public health officer for Contra Costa County near San Francisco, likened the alliance with ads decades ago in which physicians said mild cigarettes are safe,

Walker has been a member of the academy for 25 years but quit last week. He said 20 other doctors who work with his local medical practice also quit because of the Coke deal.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



ACROSS
1 Thumper's buddy
6 La Scala production
11 Cap seen on a brae
14 Render weaponless
15 Ad target
16 "If you ask me," in chat room shorthand
17 Non-speaking line?
20 "___ at 'em!"
21 Spill the beans
22 Non-speaking line?
26 Word after pig or pony
27 State of rest
28 Little women
31 Aurora's Greek counterpart
32 Romantic hopeful
34 Non-speaking line?
40 Vital anatomical passage
41 George Gershwin's brother
43 Blankety-blank type
46 Jaime Sommers, TV's "___ Woman"
49 The Phantom of the Opera
50 Non-speaking line?
53 Magnetic inductivity units
56 Soda size
57 Apt adage for this puzzle
62 Summer drink
63 Too trusting
64 Prefix with surgery
65 Smidgen
66 "Li'l" guy
67 Bygone anesthetic

DOWN
1 Mooch, as a ride
2 "___ questions?"
3 Start to practice?
4 Under-the-sink brand
5 Gets moving
6 President with a Grammy
7 Not as diluted
8 Look over
9 Remaining part
10 .17 square miles, for Vatican City
11 Attack à la Don Quixote
12 2001 French film starring Audrey Tautou
13 Cover girls, e.g.
18 Hook's right hand
19 Worn things
22 Fury
23 Cat call
24 Lhasa ___: Tibetan dog
25 Like much Thai cuisine
29 Greek "H"
30 High point
32 Attach, as a patch
33 Country where Häagen-Dazs H.Q. is
35 Continue to irritate
36 Accomplished
37 Some coll. students
38 Diamond source
39 Celtic land
42 Behave
43 Goes after
44 Tater Tots maker
45 Like theaters
46 Five-time Wimbledon champ
47 "Later, bro"
48 Brunch staple
51 Source of edible oil
52 Crime planner
54 "Happy tune" whistler of Broadway
55 Picketer's bane
58 "Ich bin ___ Berliner!"
59 "How could I miss that?!"
60 Before, before
61 Negative conjunction

By Xan Vongsathorn 11/5/09

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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CIMA guest speaker talks solutions for world hunger

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
Staff Writer

Breedlove, an organization devoted to bringing food to malnourished people around the world, visited the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Wednesday, explaining not only what the group does but why it believes it is so important to get involved.

The Center for International and Multicultural Affairs in the HSC regularly offers speakers twice a month to discuss important issues on medicine and health that have an impact on the world.

"The purpose of our office is to increase and broaden the initiatives in higher education through activities that enhance the education of students, faculty and the staff of the TTU Health Sciences Center through exposure to international health experiences, such as study abroad opportunities, faculty exchange programs and institutional articulation agreements with universities worldwide," said Michelle Ensminger, HSC manager for international affairs.

Breedlove, located in Lubbock, dehydrates food and sends it to countries around the world in need of help, said David Fish, CEO of Breedlove Inc.

Hunger and malnutrition are the number one risks to health care worldwide, he said and in 2005, more than 1.4 billion people lived below the international poverty line, causing inadequate nutrition possibilities for them. Without sufficient money or aid, malnutrition leads to death and diseases.

When children do not have a proper amount of food, it can cause not only death, but mental retardation and other health concerns. More than 16,000 children die every year from this, but he said he hopes this can change.

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> **DAVID FISH**
> CEO of Breedlove, Inc.

"Hunger isn't necessarily killing all these people itself, but it's the other things involved, like measles, typhoid, malaria and a lot of other diseases that somebody might normally be able to deal with and survive, but because their health is compromised because of malnutrition that they don't," Fish said.

The organization's mission is to produce nutritious food aid products to be distributed to the hungry of the world via strategic partnerships with a variety of groups, which prove important to Breedlove's work. Without partnerships with food companies who donate their unwanted foods to Breedlove to be cut and dehydrated, he said, Breedlove's work would be impossible. Barrett Produce donates all unused and imperfect potatoes they have to Breedlove. These imperfect vegetables for whatever reason tend to not be acceptable for sale in our society, but they are perfect for being cut up and dehydrated.

"Breedlove does not have a single employee outside of Lubbock, Texas," Fish said. "We are simply a processor of excess vegetables, and that's what we've really been able to use. The fact that we can take the water out of it means that we can put about a million servings into a container or truck load, which makes it a very effective way of delivering food."

Because of this way of packing, one two-pound bag feeds up to about 50 people and the average shelf-life of a bag is about 18 months, making it easier for the company to ship the food around the world and last in storage without spoiling quickly.

"It's really innovative because it uses food that we already have that would otherwise be wasted, so I feel like it's a really great method of distribution," said Julie Lohla, an attendee of the lecture from Albuquerque. "They're doing something that if everyone in the world was doing, then there wouldn't be as big of a hunger problem as there is. So I think it's really inspiring to make those connections to take the unused food and give it to people who need it."

The organization has served more than 1 billion servings of food to malnourished people around the world, but Fish said Breedlove is no where near done with its work.

"It's a problem that's generational," Fish said. "It's not something that we can go in and put a quick fix on, and that's one reason why it's so hard to deal with. In our society, we have a vending machine mentality, we like to go in and fix a problem in a week or a month later. This is a problem that will take generations to fix."

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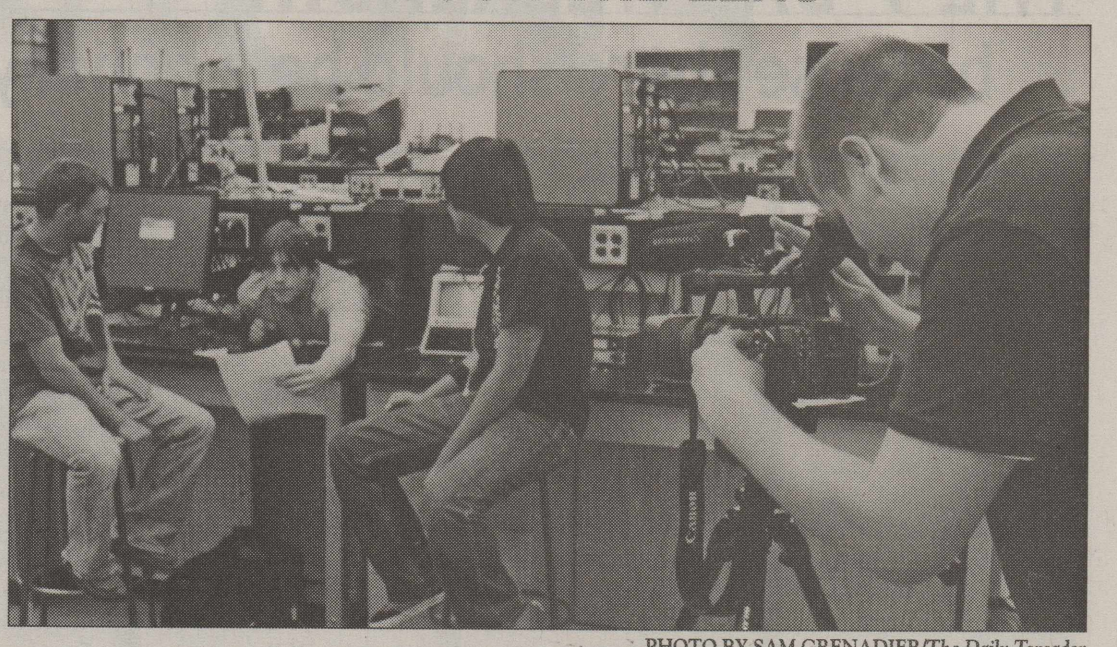


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TIM LOGAN, A senior computer engineering major from Tuscon, Ariz. , films electrical engineering majors Jared Hanning, a senior from Wheeler, Colby Sites, a graduate student from Taft, and Joel Pablo, a senior from Midland, for a lab safety video to be shown before the start of every electrical engineering undergraduate project lab.

Old method of heart bypass better than 'off-pump'

NEW YORK (AP) — It seemed like a great idea — doing bypass surgery while the heart is still beating, sparing patients the complications that can come from going on a heart-lung machine. Now the first big test of this method has produced a surprise: Bypass has fewer problems and is more successful done the old way.

Most surprisingly, there were no signs of mental decline in those on the machines. Avoiding this problem was thought be one of the benefits of so-called "off-pump" surgery without a machine.

"For the vast majority, there's no advantage to doing it off-pump and there may be some disadvantages," said Dr. Frederick Grover of the University of Colorado Denver, one of the leaders of the study.

Heart bypass is believed to be the most common surgery in the world — an estimated 253,000 Americans have the operation each year. Traditionally, the surgery is done while the patient is hooked up to a heart-lung machine which takes over the job of circulating blood while the beating heart is stopped. That "on-pump" method makes it easier for surgeons to attach new arteries or veins to create detours around clogged arteries.

But the heart-lung machine carries a small risk of complications, including stroke. In the 1990s, surgeons began doing off-pump surgery — without the machine but with devices that stabilize the beating heart.

Today, about one in five bypasses are done off-pump, and it's been hotly debated which is better. Earlier, small studies have suggested outcomes were about the same, or gave a slight advantage to off-pump. The debate got attention when former President Bill Clinton had quadruple bypass with a heart-lung machine in 2004. Patients sometimes are offered a choice of methods.

The research reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine is the largest to date to compare the two techniques in a rigorous manner. The study involved 2,203 patients at 18 Veterans Affairs medical centers.

About half were randomly assigned to bypass surgery with a heart-lung machine, half without.

A month after surgery, there was no difference in the number of deaths or other complications in the two groups.

But a year later, the off-pump group had worse outcomes. About 10 percent had either died, had a heart attack or needed another bypass or procedure to open a blocked artery, compared to about 7 percent of the on-pump group.

Also, the off-pump group got fewer artery detours than originally planned and fewer of their bypasses were still open after a year, about 83 percent versus 88 percent for on-pump. Because the heart is full of blood during off-pump surgery, it's harder to reach and repair the arteries at the back of the heart, Grover explained.

Brad Pitt looking for new motorbike after LA crash

TOKYO (AP) — Brad Pitt says he is in the market for a new motorcycle.

The actor, in Tokyo to promote his latest movie, "Inglourious Basterds," said he trashed his favorite bike recently while trying to escape overzealous photographers.

"I had a little mishap," he said. "No injuries, except my ego. I was trying to get away from some paparazzi and instead gave them a good story. It was my favorite bike, so that is really sad."

Pitt, a well-known motorcycle buff, was involved in a minor accident in Los Angeles last month after a paparazzo reportedly cut him off in traffic. He said that while he is in Tokyo he will be looking for a replacement.

"I will definitely be looking at motorcycles," he said. "You've got some of the best builders right here."

"Inglourious Basterds," directed by Quentin Tarantino, premiered in Tokyo on Wednesday. As a promotion gimmick, Japanese movie viewers will be given a money-back offer if they are bored after watching the first 60 minutes of the revisionist World War II swashbuckler.

Pitt said he felt lucky to be chosen as the movie's leading man — Tarantino had initially planned to cast himself in that part.

"We had heard about this script for about eight years before it came my way, so it had taken on a mythical dimension," he said. "I was doubly flattered because Quentin originally wrote the part for himself."

"Inglourious Basterds" follows a band of Jewish American soldiers, led by Tennessean Lt. Aldo Raine (Pitt), who hunt Nazis with the goal of not just killing them but scalping them and sometimes carving swastikas into their foreheads.

Malaysia rejects call to release 10,000 Bibles

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The Malaysian government has refused to release 10,000 Bibles confiscated for using the word "Allah" to refer to God, a banned translation in Christian texts in this Muslim-majority country, an official said Wednesday.

An official from the Home Ministry's publications unit said the government rejected pleas by church officials to allow the Bibles, imported from Indonesia, into the country. Christians say the Muslim Malay-dominated government is violating their right to practice their religion freely.

Such religious disputes are undermining Malaysia's reputation as a harmonious multiethnic, moderate Muslim nation. About 30 percent of the country's 28 million people practice Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism or other faiths.

A Home Ministry official said the government told the importer last month to return the Indonesian-language Bibles, which are still with customs.

"Actually the publications, the Bibles are already banned," said the official, refusing to elaborate. He declined to be named because he is not authorized to make public statements.

The Bibles contain the word "Allah," which is banned by the government for use by non-Muslims in an apparent bid to appease Muslims.

Church officials say the word "Allah" has been used for centuries to refer generally to God in both Indonesian and Malaysian languages, which are similar. The Roman Catholic Church is challenging the ban in court.

The government maintains that the Arabic-origin word "Allah" is an Islamic word and its use by Christians and others will upset Muslims.

Ambassador

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Emily Baucom, a sophomore speech pathology major from Big Lake, enrolled in the ambassador's course because she said she believed it would be a more interesting way of earning humanities credits.

"I love it," Baucom said. "He's really awesome; you can tell that he knows so much but he doesn't shove it down your throat. He's really good at helping us learn."

Baucom said she would recommend his course to any student, and Nagy's presence at Tech is evidence of the university's prestigious stature.

"I think it's a big testament to Tech and the program we have that we have him here," she said. "It's really cool that he was willing to come back and teach the class to promote knowledge of Africa in America. He could be doing anything he wanted, but he came back to teach."

Jane Bell, director of the International Cultural Center, was a member on Nagy's selection committee and has enjoyed working with him for seven years.

"It's so interesting to have someone on our campus who can talk to our students about State Department careers," Bell said. "It is a unique opportunity to have a former ambassador speak with so much enthusiasm and knowledge about living and working abroad and what its like being a diplomat.

"While reviewing applicants for the position, I thought, 'All these men and women are so brilliant; however, Tibor, would bring such a wealth of experience that is out of the ordinary.'"

During his time as a student at Tech, Tibor Nagy met his wife, Jane Nagy, who recognizes her husband's love for diplomacy and other cultures.

"He really feels a calling almost to help people be aware of the greater world they live in," she said. "He always had an interest in how the world works. I think he's just amazing."

Tibor Nagy loves his country, and withdraws from receiving praise for his numerous accomplishments, his wife said.

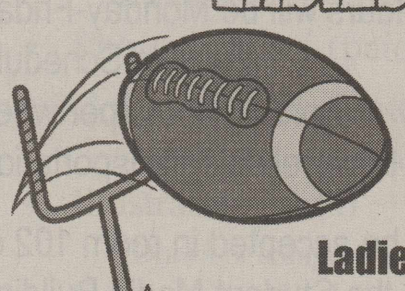
"He never looks for glory for himself, always solution to the next problem," she said. "I don't know if the man has ever had a job because he's always doing stuff he loves to do."

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Women's golf fall season full of accolades

By ZANE TURNER
Staff Writer

JoJo Robertson already has begun to put her stamp on Texas Tech women's golf.

Robertson, in her first year as head coach at Tech, and the Lady Raiders concluded their fall season with an eighth-place finish at the 2009 Challenge at Onion Creek on Monday and Tuesday in Austin and have a little time off before the spring season starts.

This fall season brought a few accomplishments on which the Lady Raiders can build.

"We've certainly had some bright spots and the girls have had great rounds this fall," said Robertson, who spent five years at Purdue before joining Tech during the summer. "We had an individual winner in this last tournament and one of our freshman broke a record for a school round."

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> **JOJO ROBERTSON**
> WOMEN'S GOLF COACH

The Tech women indeed have had some bright spots this fall, showing progress with Robertson at the helm. The Lady Raiders shot their lowest round as a team ever in school history with a 1-over-par 281 in the Challenge at Onion Creek.

The freshman who set the school record was Kimberly Kaufman, whose final round of 5-under 65 at the Challenge at Onion Creek is the lowest ever shot in school history.

Winning her first tournament at Tech — her first finish in the top five — was junior Alex Gibson, who claimed the individual title in the Heather Farr Memorial Golf Tournament in Erie, Colo., Oct. 6. The Lady Raiders also won that tournament — the program's first win in any tournament since 2007.

That performance made the Big 12 Conference take notice Wednesday — Gibson was name Big 12 Golfer of the Month for shooting 5-under 213 in that same tournament.

On top of all that, the Lady Raiders have risen a No. 43 in the nation with Robertson at the helm.

Robertson said one area the Lady Raiders could improve on before the spring season begins is getting off to a better start rather than having to work so hard to come from behind.

In each tournament Tech has played this fall, the Lady Raiders have moved up in the standings from the first round of the tournament to the last.

"It seemed like we for whatever reason didn't get our first round the way we wanted to, and so we were fighting so hard just to finish somewhere in the middle," Robertson said.

Robertson and the Lady Raiders have the rest of the fall to prepare for the spring season that begins with the Lady Puerto Rico Classic Feb. 7 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. They'll feature a particularly young squad when that time comes — Rosalyn Kim is the lone senior on the team.

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TEXAS TECH'S ROSALYN Kim is the only senior on the women's golf team this season. The Lady Raiders begin the spring season with the Lady Puerto Rico Classic on Feb. 7 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Case Keenum shows leadership

HOUSTON (AP) — No. 13 Houston runs a no-huddle offense. The Cougars bunch up one time before each series and quarterback Case Keenum tells his offense all it needs to know.

"He looks us in the eyes and says: 'We're going to go score, but we've got to get this first first down first,'" receiver James Cleveland said.

That cool confidence is the best of Keenum's many splendid qualities and the biggest reason the Cougars (7-1) are off to their best start since 1990.

"I try to have that calm demeanor," Keenum said. "I think the quarterback needs to be the steady hand out here. Not too high when things are good and not too low when things are bad."

Keenum, a junior, leads the nation in five offensive categories and is coming off a career-high 559 yards passing in a 50-43 win over Southern Miss. With that performance, he has the top two passing games in the Football Bowl Subdivision this season.

The victory put Houston atop the Conference USA West division standings for the first time this season as the team prepares for Saturday's game at Tulsa.

Dallas wants to avenge 2008 loss to Eagles

IRVING (AP) — By all accounts, the Dallas Cowboys are a vastly different team than the version that left Philadelphia in shame last December.

Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett has turned Tony Romo into a smarter, more patient quarterback who throws to anyone who is open without playing favorites. Quite often, that's become a guy named Miles Austin.

Wade Phillips has added defensive coordinator to his title, plugged a hole at strong safety and gotten a huge boost from Keith Brooking at inside linebacker. DeMarcus Ware has snapped out of an early slump to again become a ferocious quarterback stalker, despite a stress fracture in his left foot, and the cornerbacks are playing better, too.

The arrival of Joe DeCamillis as special-teams drill sergeant has paid the biggest dividends. Patrick Crayton has returned punts for touchdowns the last two weeks and rookie kickoff specialist David Buehler has a league-best 17 touchbacks — 17 more than Dallas had last season.

Still, when the Cowboys return to Philadelphia on Sunday night, the main story line won't be whether they are simply good enough to match up with the Eagles. The scrutiny will be about whether they are tough enough to handle everything that is on the line: a showdown for first place in the NFC East, plus the bonus of seeking revenge against the team that so demonstratively kept them from making the playoffs last season.

Even Dallas players are eager to find out if they're up to it.

"I'm curious, a lot of guys are curious, to really know where we are," defensive co-captain Bradie James said Wednesday. "This is a chance for us to get over the hump, I would say, because it's a division game. We've got some stuff on the line — again — and I want to see how we will respond. ... It'll speak volumes for a lot of different things."

Bill Parcells used to say that coaching the Cowboys is like playing the big room in Las Vegas. Along those lines, then, this game is showtime, a performance on prime-time television with everyone across the league and the country watching. Remember, beyond the dramatic elements, this a battle between 5-2 teams.

"You don't know what's going to happen, you don't know who is going to show up," Dallas receiver Roy Williams said. "You don't know if the Eagles are going to show up, if the Cowboys are going to show up or what's going to happen. We didn't show up the last time we were out there, but ... ."

Mental toughness has been a question about the Cowboys for years; after all, they haven't won a playoff game since 1996. In just the last two seasons, Dallas has gone 13-3 in the regular season only to lose its first playoff game, then went 1-3 last December to miss the playoffs.

Texans RB Slaton may lose starting role to Moats

HOUSTON (AP) — Steve Slaton became a key to Houston's offense as a rookie last year when he ran for a franchise-record 1,282 yards.

This season he's tied for the NFL lead in lost fumbles with five and his job as a starter is in jeopardy after Ryan Moats had a huge day filling in for him. Moats, a career backup, ran for 126 yards and three touchdowns after Slaton was benched in the first quarter of Houston's 31-10 win over the Bills.

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> **DUANE BROWN**
> TEXANS OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Coach Gary Kubiak won't say who'll start in Sunday's key division matchup at Indianapolis. Along with Slaton and Moats, Houston has Chris Brown, who is primarily used in short-yardage and goal line situations.

"They know they're all going to play and they know they're all going to be a part of what we're doing, so I just think we keep working them," Kubiak said. "Obviously, Ryan earned some time on the football field the way he played. But we've got to get all three of them ready to play."

Regardless of who starts, coaches and players agree they'll need Slaton's playmaking ability against the Colts.

Slaton has gotten off to a slow start this season with 110 carries for 342 yards rushing and two scores, but has supplemented his work in the running game with 314 yards receiving and three touchdowns.

Left tackle Duane Brown talked to Slaton after the game to remind him that everyone is rooting for him and expects him to rebound from this adversity.

"Everyone here has so much belief in Steve and what he can do," Brown said. "It's just about him bouncing back and this will definitely be a big week to do it. We're going to need everyone to get this win and he's a very key part of this team and what we have going."

The Texans continue to run drills in practice focusing on trying to make the running backs fumble. On Wednesday, they even had a cornerback run after them after plays were done to try and knock it loose.

Slaton was not made available to reporters Wednesday, but talked about his struggles after the game Sunday.

"It's hard," he said. "You always want to go out there and be a part of the team game, but we rode the hot hand and Moats had a great game and got it done for us."

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SPORTS

Tech soccer players earn conference honors

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

For Maegan Wilber and Texas Tech soccer's other seniors, the end of the soccer season means a new beginning in their lives.

She'll have something to be proud of as she graduates though — Wilber, along with nine other Tech players, earned an All-Big 12 Conference Academic Team selection Tuesday evening.

"I'm definitely glad to be on that list," Wilber said. "I work hard in school. I'm kind of an undercover nerd, so I better get on it because I study."

Maggie Fete, Emmie Bennett, Sarabeth Clopton, Brittney Harrison, Megan Hoffert, Jennifer Kammerer, Katie Hinds, Casey McCall and Karen De Leon also received All-Big 12 Academic Team selections.

Those aren't the only honors the Red Raiders are receiving as Tech moves into the offseason after losing to Kansas in the play-in game for the final spot in the Big 12 tournament on Monday.

When the Red Raiders get back on the field next fall, they'll also boasts four other All-Big 12 selections in Taylor Lytle, Dawn Ward, Tiffini Smith and Morgan Johnson. Ward, Smith and Johnson made the All-Big 12 Newcomer Team.

Lytle made was named First Team All-Big 12 — the first time a Tech player has made the first team since the 1998 season.

"As far as the freshmen, we knew this was a special class the first time they took the field," said Tech coach Tom Stone. "I thought it was fitting (Lytle) played on a high level with all the pressure all season."

All this comes after the Red Raiders finished their first non-losing season since 1998.

Lytle said the loss to Kansas leaves the young players wanting more. She also said the other returning Red Raiders will spend the rest of the semester catching up with their schoolwork and improving their conditioning for a run at the Big 12 Championship in 2010.

"I think a lot of the younger players are just looking forward to next year and proving to everyone we should have been in the Big 12 (Conference tournament)," Lytle said. "I think we'll bring back a lot of experience. A lot of the freshmen played a lot of minutes and the fact that we lost like that, I think we'll come back with a lot of vengeance."

When the team returns from a shortened summer vacation, the soccer program will have to prepare their incoming freshman class to fill some big shoes left by Tech's seniors.

The 2010 season marks the first time Stone and his staff will have a full four classes they brought in through their efforts at Tech with the exception of just a handful of fifth-year players.

Stone said he cannot talk about specific recruits until they sign their letters on intent, but he also said he believes the staff is done recruiting for the year.

However, Stone said the soccer program's success is a direct result of recruiting, and he will not bring in players that the staff does not believe would be successful in the classroom.

Additionally, Stone said injured star forward Brittney Harrison, a senior, may receive extra eligibility after she was tackled from behind on a foul before conference play began.

If Harrison is granted extra eligibility by the NCAA, Tech will lose just six seniors on a roster of 27 players.

As far as Wilber is concerned, she said she looks forward to life after soccer.

The senior midfielder plans on attending law school in the near future in California.

Wilber said she will miss playing soccer competitively — a game she has played since she was five — in addition to being around her friends still on the team. However, the absence of collegiate soccer in her life will allow her to enjoy more recreational activities such as playing a guitar she just purchased.

"I kind of look at it as a natural progression," she said. "I'm going to do other stuff, some more school stuff maybe. I'm taking guitar lessons now that I don't have practice or have to worry about figuring everything out with soccer."

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TEXAS TECH'S MAEGAN Wilbur is one 10 women's soccer players to earn an All-Big 12 Academic Team selection on Tuesday. Midfielder Taylor Lytle was named to the All-Big 12 First Team.

Matsui's 6 RBIs lift Yankees to 27th World Series win

NEW YORK (AP) — Paint the town in pinstripes! Nearly a decade after their dynasty ended on a blooper in the desert, the New York Yankees are baseball's best again.

Hideki Matsui tied a World Series record with six RBIs, Andy Pettitte won on short rest and New York beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 in Game 6 on Wednesday night, finally seizing that elusive 27th title. It was the team's first since winning three straight from 1998-2000.

Matsui powered a quick rout of old foe Pedro Martinez — and when Mariano Rivera got the final out it was ecstasy in the Bronx for George Steinbrenner's go-for-broke bunch.

What a way for Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and crew to christen their $1.5 billion ballpark: One season, one championship.

And to think it capped a season that started in turmoil — a steroids scandal involving A-Rod, followed by hip surgery that kept him out until May.

About 100 miles south, disappointment.

For Chase Utley and the Phillies, it was a frustrating end to another scintillating season. Philadelphia fell two wins short of becoming the first NL team to repeat as World Series champions since the 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds.

Ryan Howard's sixth-inning homer came too late to wipe away his World Series slump, and Phillies pitchers rarely managed to slow Matsui and the Yankees' machine.

In a fitting coincidence, this championship came eight years to the day after the Yankees lost Game 7 of the 2001 World Series in Arizona on Luis Gonzalez's broken-bat single off Rivera.

New York spent billions trying to get back. At long last, it did.

Hey Babe and Yogi, Mr. October and Joltin' Joe — you've got company. Mark Teixeira, CC Sabathia and a new generation of Yankees have procured their place in pinstriped lore.

And for the four amigos, it was ring No. 5.

Jorge Posada, Jeter, Pettitte and Rivera came up together through the minors and were cornerstones for those four titles in five years starting in 1996.

Now, all on the other side of age 35, they have another success to celebrate. And surely they remember the familiar parade route, up Broadway through the Canyon of Heroes.

Indeed, a New York City-sized party is next. Nine years in the making, with all the glitz and glamour this tony town can offer.

For Steinbrenner, it was the seventh championship since he bought the team in 1973. The Yankees had talked about winning another for their 79-year-old owner, who has been in declining health.

Though he stayed back home in Tampa, Fla., he certainly wasn't forgotten. The grounds crew wore "Win it for The Boss" shirts last week, which were on sale outside the ballpark Wednesday.

New York wasted its chance to wrap things up in Game 5 at Philadelphia, then set its sights on clinching the World Series at home for the first time since 1999.

While nine years between titles is hardly a drought for most teams, it was almost an eternity in Yankeeland.

New York's eight seasons without a championship was the third-longest stretch for the Yankees since their first one, following gaps of 17 (1979-95) and 14 (1963-76).

Reggie Jackson's three homers in Game 6 against the Los Angeles Dodgers made the Yankees champs in '77. On this November night, Matsui delivered a sublime performance at the plate that must have made Mr. October proud.

Playing perhaps his final game with the Yankees, Matsui hit a two-run homer off Martinez in the second inning and a two-run single on an 0-2 pitch in the third.

A slumping Teixeira added an RBI single in the fifth off reliever Chad Durbin, and Matsui cracked a two-run double off the right-center fence against lefty J.A. Happ.

A designated hitter with balky knees, Matsui came off the bench in all three games at Philadelphia. Still, he had a huge Series, going 8 for 13 (.615) with three homers and eight RBIs. His go-ahead shot off an effective Martinez in Game 2 helped the Yankees tie it 1-all.

Bobby Richardson was the only other player with six RBIs in a World Series game, doing it for the Yankees in Game 3 against Pittsburgh in 1960. Richardson had a first-inning grand slam and a two-run single in the fourth.

Matsui's big hits built a comfortable cushion for a feisty Pettitte, who shouted at plate umpire Joe West while coming off the field in the fourth. Still, Pettitte extended major league records with his 18th postseason win and sixth to end a series.





