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STATE

Tejano music star regaining consciousness

HOUSTON (AP) — Tejano music star Emilio Navaira is showing signs of improvement, including opening his eyes and moving his limbs, days after being severely injured when his tour bus crashed, his neurosurgeon said Thursday.

Navaira, who had been in a coma since the accident, is slowly regaining consciousness. He moved his arms and legs Wednesday evening, said Dr. Alex Valadka, with Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center.

NATION

Gates orders inventory of US nukes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates has ordered a full inventory of all nuclear weapons and related materials after the mistaken delivery of ballistic missile fuses to Taiwan, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Gates told officials with the Air Force, Navy and Defense Logistics Agency to assess inventory control procedures for the materials and to submit a report within 60 days.

Earlier this week, Gates directed Navy Adm. Kirkland H. Donald to take charge of a full investigation of the delivery mistake in which four cone-shaped electrical fuses used in intercontinental ballistic missile warheads were shipped to the Taiwanese instead of the helicopter batteries they had ordered.

WORLD

UN experts seek water shortage solution

DELFT, Netherlands (AP) — It's not only our carbon footprint we should worry about, U.N. experts say. They warn about our growing water footprint.

Nearly half the people on Earth, about 2.5 billion, have no access to sanitation, many of them in urban slums. The world's cities are growing by 1 million people a week, and soon their aging water systems will not cope. Farming demand on water is increasing.

DEATH TOLL

4000

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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US diplomats to take cover in Baghdad

By MATTHEW LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has instructed all personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad not to leave reinforced structures due to incoming insurgent rocket fire that has killed two American government workers this week.

In a memo sent Thursday to embassy staff and obtained by

The Associated Press, the department says employees are required to wear helmets, body armor and other protective gear if they must venture outside and strongly advises them to sleep in blast-resistant locations instead of the less secure trailers that most occupy.

"Due to the continuing threat of indirect fire in the International Zone, all personnel are advised to remain under hard cover at all times," it says. "Personnel should only move

outside of hard cover for essential reasons."

"Essential outdoor movements should be sharply limited in duration," the memo says, adding that personal protective equipment "is mandatory for all outside movements."

"We strongly recommend personnel do not sleep in their trailers," it goes on to say, offering space inside the Saddam Hussein-era palace that is the embassy's temporary home as well as room at an as-yet uncom-

pleted new embassy compound and a limited supply of cots.

In a separate public notice to American citizens in Iraq, the embassy said the restrictions would remain in place "until further notice."

The staff memo says all personnel under the authority of the chief of mission "are required to wear body armor, helmet and protective eyewear any time they are outside of building structures in the International Zone. In addition, chief of mission

personnel in the International Zone have been advised to remain inside of hardened structures at all times, except for mission essential movements."

The memo and warden notice were sent after a second American citizen was killed by a rocket attack in the Green Zone on Thursday. A U.S. citizen military contractor died of his wounds on Monday after being severely injured with four others in an attack.



SGT. RICHARD RODRIGUEZ stands in front of a communications satellite while stationed with the U.S. Army in Thailand.

STUDENT SOLDIER

Student recalls military path leading to Tech

By KENDALL WHEELER
STAFF WRITER

A year out of high school, with a steady job under his belt and no intention of joining the military, Richard Rodriguez thought he had life planned out.

Having a keen interest in computers, he just had taken a job as a flash animator with a computer company in Houston. "I was 19 years old, sitting at a desk, and I knew that I was going to be doing that for the rest of my life," Rodriguez said. "I could literally feel my butt getting bigger."

Rodriguez said his plans changed after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. He said he told his boss he was joining the army, and he left Houston that day to go back to his hometown, Borger, to talk to a recruiter.

"That recruiter was the same recruiter that tried to get me to join the military in high school," he said. "I was the most prejudiced about joining the Army when I was in high school."

After the terrorist attacks, Rodriguez said he knew he did not want to stay at home and let the problems come to him.

"Nothing like that had ever happened before in the U.S., at least during my lifetime," he said, "and because it was such a big deal, I figured there was probably going to be a big conflict."

After going through about 30 weeks of training, Rodriguez was stationed in Fort Louis, Wash., as a communications sergeant, he said. Though he was deployed to many places, the decision that influenced his college career came when he was in Thailand.

"I was sitting in a tent, hooking up wires," he said, "when my captain came up to me and flat out told me that I needed to go to college. He asked me where I wanted to go and even paid for my application fee."

Rodriguez said he applied for the Green to Gold program, a scholarship program for enlisted soldiers who want to attend college and become a commissioned officer, according to the Go Army Web site.

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Clashes with Shiites, Iraqi forces increase

By HAMZA HENDAWI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — The widening clashes between Iraqi forces and Shiite militiamen mean more than a showdown on the streets: it could be a defining moment for U.S.-backed Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Al-Maliki, in office since May 2006, is almost certain to pay a heavy political price if he fails against Shiite militias in battles that began in the southern city of Basra and then flared in Baghdad and other cities.

And he knows the stakes are high. He has promised not to compromise and vowed to battle to the end against the Mahdi Army militia led by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

That's a bold position considering the fight so far.

The Iraqi campaign in Basra — launched this week to uproot Mahdi Army's influence in the important oil center — has been bogged down in the face of strong resistance, desertions and mutiny in government ranks, security officials said Thursday.

But al-Maliki appears unshaken and has turned the fight into a personal test.

He has traveled to Basra, 340 miles south of Baghdad, to take personal charge of the operation — the first major battle waged by Iraqi forces alone without strong U.S. backup. It's a gambit with clear fallout for al-Maliki if Iraqi security forces come up short.

His political standing would be seriously bruised at a time when he is attempting to play unifier between the nation's three fractious groups: majority Shiites, Sunni Arabs and Kurds.

Sunni leaders, who complain of being sidelined by al-Maliki's government, could feel emboldened and press harder for al-Maliki's ouster.

City council approves funds for \$6.7 million visitor center

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

In a 6-1 vote, Lubbock City Council members approved \$6.7 million in funding for a visitor center on the former South Beach nightclub lot.

Funding for the center will come from the city's hotel/motel tax money, generated largely from out-of-towners who stay in Lubbock. The state restricts city officials on what the hotel/motel tax money can be spent on, and a visitor center is among the list of approved items.

Marcy Jarrett, executive director of the Lubbock Convention and Visitor Bureau, said she was relieved the council approved the budget, as this is a project she has been involved in for several years.

"We've done extensive research over the last three years," Jarrett said. "It was our travel research study that recommended the location because that puts it near two of our top attractions: it is visible from and has easy access to the interstate, as well

as easy access to Texas Tech."

Jarrett said a state report suggests that 2.7 million leisure visitors come to Lubbock each year.

"When they're coming here, how do they know what to do? Where do they get their information?" she asked. "When you drive along the intersection, it looks like there is nothing to do."

According to a travel survey from the bureau, 80 percent of Lubbock visitors said they likely would visit the center.

"One overnight stay gives us \$322.80 in economic impact," Jarrett said. "If even 20 percent of the people that we estimated using the visitor center stayed just one night, that is over \$1.5 million in economic impact."

In addition to generating more than \$1 million in hotel/motel tax revenue, Jarrett said she expects more revenue to be generated when it comes to sales tax. Money generated from sales tax can be used in the city's general spending fund, she said.

In addition to being a revenue tool for the city, Jarrett

said she predicted the visitor center will be used as a tool to recruit Tech students.

"Imagine the families that come through in the summer who have kids in junior high and didn't even know Texas Tech was in Lubbock," said Jarrett. "It gives the university increased exposure at no charge."

Todd Klein, councilman for District 3, issued a statement Wednesday in a news release explaining why he was not in favor of building the visitor center.

"A visitor center in and of itself does not generate tourism," Klein said in the news release. "Additional visitors will not come to Lubbock simply because we have a \$6.7 million tourist information center, and I believe there are better ways to achieve the very laudable goal of increasing tourism to Lubbock."

One technique Klein said he suggested the city use to promote tourism was placing information kiosks in key areas

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LIVE FROM LUBBOCK



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

SALMON RAMA, A sophomore electronic media and communications major from Victoria, aka KTXT-FM DJ "Snuffleupagus" of The Invisible College, makes a drop on the air Thursday in the KTXT-FM studio.

Obama wants tighter watch on Wall St., Clinton warns of economic crisis

NEW YORK (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama said Thursday a firmer government hand is needed on Wall Street and a \$30 billion stimulus is needed to rescue homeowners and the jobless. Rival Hillary Rodham Clinton called for a new job retraining program to remedy what both candidates derided as Republican indifference to a sputtering economy.

Both Obama and Clinton argued that Republican nominee-in-waiting John McCain isn't ready or willing to handle an economic emergency.

"The phone is ringing, and he would just let it ring and ring," Clinton said,

echoing the "3 a.m. phone call" TV ad she used earlier to suggest she was more qualified than Obama to handle a national security crisis. Speaking in Raleigh, N.C., she chastised McCain for opposing government intervention in the nation's credit and mortgage crisis.

Clinton focused on job insecurity and said the government needed to take more responsibility for helping displaced workers. The state holds its primary May 5.

"Our government is more focused on how you lost your job than how you can find a new one," Clinton said. "And while we have been rightly focused on

trying to help people who are out of work, there's been too little thought and effort to help people gain new skills while they still have their existing jobs."

Among other things, the former first lady called for a new program to extend federal aid known as Pell Grants to workers enrolled in education programs aimed at updating their skills. She also promoted a pre-emptive training initiative to allow workers concerned about potential threats to their jobs to receive grants to help transition into other industries.

McCain, Romney campaign together

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In a show of Republican unity, one-time bitter foes John McCain and Mitt Romney raised money and campaigned together Thursday for a single goal — getting McCain elected president. "We are united. Now our job is to energize our party," the Arizona senator said in an airport hangar, flanked by Romney and Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr., an early McCain supporter. Both have been mentioned as potential vice presidential picks, and McCain praised each.

Romney lauded McCain and prom-

ised to do all he can to help, saying: "He is a man who is proven and tested" and without question the right man to be president.

In February, Romney won 90 percent of the vote in Utah to McCain's 5 percent. Romney's ties to the state run deep, from his Mormon faith to his work overseeing the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

"Look, that wasn't the only state I lost to Governor Romney in — it was just the largest loss," McCain said chuckling. He joked that it was abject humiliation but understandable given

Romney's Utah links. "I was at least hoping to break into double digits though!"

"I think he did just fine in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida, California ...," Romney said, laughing about states McCain won.

The two then headed to Denver for another fundraiser accompanied by Meg Whitman, the outgoing chief executive of eBay Inc. and a former Romney backer who now supports McCain.

On the flight, there seemed to be little residual acrimony between the former rivals.

Tech colloquium to promote diversity in graduate schools

By ADAM YOUNG
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech will host a higher education summit targeting underrepresented students during the Lone Star Graduate Diversity Colloquium today and Saturday in the Student Union Building.

Shannon Samson, coordinator for graduate recruiting at Tech, said the university is hosting more than 30 universities in Texas, including Baylor, Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin.

"The underlying mission of this event is that we are trying to not only promote graduate education in the state of Texas," Samson said, "but we are trying to encourage our promising students to stay in the state of Texas to pursue their graduate degree ... with a particular eye to students from historically underrepresented populations."

Samson, who is on a steering committee hosted by the Association of Texas Graduate School Deans focused on keeping the event going and directing its future activities, said the colloquium is in its third year and previously has been hosted by UT and Texas A&M.

"It's going to bring different voices, and it's going to help us — those of us who our business is recruiting graduate students and promoting our particular university," she said. "It's a great opportunity for us to just talk to students."

Though Samson said the university closed registration for the event Wednesday with just fewer than 300 students and recruiters com-

mitted to attending, she encourages other students interested in graduate school who did not register to attend seminars and programs with additional room.

Included in the colloquium, Samson said, will be sessions featuring student speakers, training and preparation for the GMAT, GRE and LSAT tests and a seminar focusing on the application process for a graduate degree in the Health Sciences Center.

"The goal for this is to have kind of a one-stop-shop for preparing for graduate school," she said.

The colloquium also will offer multiple sessions focused on funding graduate education, Samson said.

"A lot of students have problems with their student loans and knowing how to go about the process of taking loans in a way that you're not oppressed by them for the rest of your life," she said.

Juan Munoz, special assistant to the president at Tech, said he encourages students to consider graduate school because a graduate education often offers greater professional flexibility, a greater income potential and prepares students for the changing educational needs of potential employers.

"You've got to have the intellectual wherewithal to change as markets and industry and products equally change," he said, "and graduate school affords you that advanced understanding."

Though Munoz said minorities currently and historically are under-

represented in higher education "because they are not fully realizing their income potential," he believes it is important to target first generation students and women because "first generation students are (the most) underrepresented of any ethnic persuasion and because there continues to be an earning gap between men and women."

"Women need to pursue advanced degrees in order to constraint that gap," he said.

Munoz, who also is on the colloquium's steering committee, said the concept for the colloquium was introduced by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board with the idea that, over time, different campuses would host the annual conference with the purpose of encouraging Texas undergraduates to attend graduate school in the state.

Munoz said he anticipates hosting the colloquium will bring added attention to Tech's graduate programs, as the current registration of undergraduate and transfer students — and representatives from universities from across the state — exceeds that of the colloquia at UT and Texas A&M combined.

Though the colloquium begins today with student activities and a graduate student roundtable at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Canyon room, most of the seminars and events are scheduled between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union and other locations on campus, according to the Web site, www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/bsdc/index.php.

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Soldier

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Rodriguez, now a junior computer science major in the Army ROTC program at Texas Tech, said he knows joining the Army was the best decision he ever has made.

"Most people think they won't go to college if they join the Army," he said, "but I wouldn't have gone to college, if I hadn't joined the Army."

Kindra Myers, a Tech alumna, said for the three years she has known Rodriguez, he always has enjoyed being around people.

"He's pretty involved with the ROTC program," Myers said. "It's definitely something he enjoys doing."

Through the Army ROTC program, Rodriguez said he was able to receive an internship this past summer with the Army Science Board. He spent two weeks in California, with nine other cadets, surveying people about their thoughts on the Army.

"I'm sure you've seen in the news how the Army is missing its numbers for recruitment," he said. "We were basically a focus group for why the Army

is not reaching the numbers."

Rodriguez said that after visiting California, the focus group was sent to the Pentagon to brief ranked military personnel on the information they

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— RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
TECH STUDENT &
SGT. IN U.S. ARMY

gathered. He said most people only saw a few aspects of the Army, but there are many more opportunities for people than they think.

"We are trying to develop a technological field in the Army," Rodriguez said. "They need to emphasize that it's not all jumping out of airplanes. Nobody knows what the Army is like if they gauge it with the commercials."

Lt. Col. Robert Buscher, a professor

of military science at Tech, said there are many opportunities for ROTC students to gain experience through internships. He said he helped Rodriguez find the right internship for him.

"We knew his interest was in computers, science and the science realm," Buscher said. "One showed up with the Army Science Board, which I thought would really interest him, and it worked out well for him."

Buscher said he would describe Rodriguez as a motivated, curious person. He said Rodriguez attends the physical training consistently, which is scheduled at 6 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

"The physical training is for those who are really serious about the program and want to become commissioned upon graduation," Buscher said.

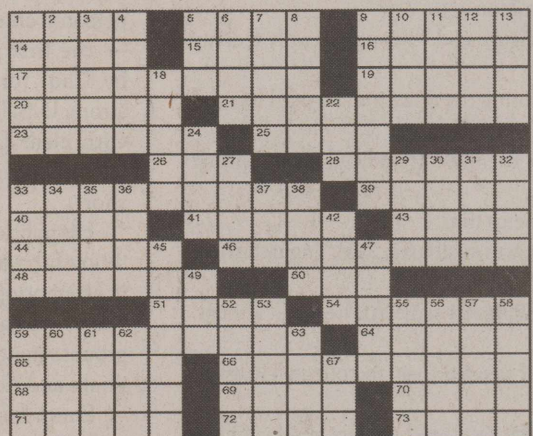
Rodriguez said he hopes to make the rank of colonel someday and be able to retire from the Army.

"Most all of my friends were dedicated to finishing their contract and getting out of the Army as soon as they could," he said. "Me, I had always wanted to see what it was like from the officer side."

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hawaiian port
 - 5 Machu Picchu honcho
 - 9 "The Count of Monte Cristo" writer
 - 14 Slaughter of baseball
 - 15 Before long
 - 16 Madagascar primate
 - 17 Matching up twosomes again?
 - 19 Hebrew month
 - 20 Least desirable portion
 - 21 Following up a fault?
 - 23 Unbroken stretch
 - 25 Town near Caen
 - 26 Lend a hand
 - 28 Support pieces
 - 33 Handing down old bikes?
 - 39 Laud
 - 40 Concert halls
 - 41 Like a pigeon's walk
 - 43 Hawkeye State
 - 44 Exploits to the nth degree
 - 46 Follow-up ram?
 - 48 Watch the boxer?
 - 50 Greek letter
 - 51 Travel on Pegasus?
 - 54 Helix
 - 59 Second phone in?
 - 64 Silly
 - 65 Maine town
 - 66 Double checking a grade?
 - 68 Gage book
 - 69 Big times
 - 70 Actor Morales
 - 71 Car type
 - 72 Stone
 - 73 Tear
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Like some gases
 - 3 Long strider
 - 4 Type of orange
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 - 7 Pine pieces
 - 8 Feeling of dread
 - 9 Take off, in a way
 - 10 Part of UNLV
 - 11 Letters for 1506
 - 12 Islands off Galway
 - 13 Warble
 - 18 Babel or Stern
 - 22 Actor Wallach
 - 24 Tartan wrap
 - 27 Christian of fashion
 - 29 Way out
 - 30 To you, in Toulouse
 - 31 Cut, as grass
 - 32 Smelting waste
 - 33 Caper
 - 34 Singer Brickell
 - 35 Ertan, e.g.
 - 36 Chatters
 - 37 Born in Paris
 - 38 Barbed remark
 - 42 Loop
 - 45 Steak order
 - 47 Rhino relative
 - 49 "Shop ___ You Drop"
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 - 53 January in Juarez
 - 55 Stamp pad
 - 56 Pay increase
 - 57 Kofi of the U.N.
 - 58 On the level
 - 59 Eurasian deer
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Visitors

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of the city such as the Tech campus,

the South Plains Mall and the Depot District.

"Kiosks are good additions to a visitor center, but I go back to that face-to-face interaction," Jarrett

said. "If kiosks were the way to go, then why would hotels have front desks? A kiosk can't talk to a bus of 55 visitors."

Jarrett said some features city officials plan to include in the visitor center are an orientation theater, attraction exhibits, a patio and a pet rest area.

In addition to approving funding for the visitor center, council members unanimously approved locating the new animal shelter in McAllister Park.

Councilwoman Linda DeLeon of District 1 said she voted in favor of the location because she thinks it will generate more adoptions.

"We need an animal shelter replacement, and I think the location is pretty central," DeLeon said. "They needed areas where potential adopters could take dogs out and see how they would behave."

As it stands right now, the budget for the new shelter is about \$3 million. The Lubbock Animal Advisory Committee recommended the budget be increased for the facility to meet all the special animal needs.

Klein said he was not sure when the council would vote on the animal shelter but believes the issue will be brought up within the next few months.

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'Super Smash Bros. Brawl' delivers

Strictly speaking, there are only two places you can find an epic adventure featuring Mario, Link, Star Fox, Solid Snake, Sonic the Hedgehog, Samus and many more all at once. One is the multitudes of often sub-par fan fiction online, and the other is "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" on the Nintendo Wii.

It's somewhat hard to imagine "Super Smash Bros." needing an explanation at this point. The series, which started nine years ago on the Nintendo 64, quickly has become one of Nintendo's most popular. In fact, the company was pleased to announce this newest entry has sold more than 1.4 million copies during its first week of sales in the United States alone.

But in case you're not one of that "it" crowd, let me briefly explain what "Smash Bros." is all about. At its core, "Smash Bros." is a simple fighting game for up to four people. Unlike the "Street Fighter's" and "Mortal Kombat's" of ages past, there's no real need to memorize countless button combinations and seemingly complex sequences of moves.

Britton Peele



The game is designed in such a way that even the inexperienced can pick up a controller and enjoy themselves, but hardcore fans can play with a level of extreme depth. The tournament scene that has formed around the series is astounding, and the game can be found at parties just as often as any of the "Halo" games.

But what really sets "Smash Bros." apart from other games is its character roster, and the roster in "Brawl" is bigger and better than ever. Ike from "Fire Emblem" can go toe to toe with Ness from "Earthbound."

Princess Peach from "Mario" can throw down with Princess Zelda of the series that shares her name. There are more than 30 fighters to choose from, and there's a good chance that at least one will strike

a deep chord with people who have been playing games for years.

In addition to expanding the game's cast, "Brawl" adds a host of new gameplay options that serve to expand the play time of a game that already could entertain for hundreds of hours. For many, the chief among these is the addition of online play.

At the time of this writing, many people are having trouble matching up with random opponents over the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection — Nintendo insists this is because of the enormous amount of players trying to log on at once — but those who are met with success generally have a positive experience.

Playing with friends — using Nintendo's much-criticized "friend codes" system — seems to work fine without any problems.

Another addition is the stage builder. While it is basic and provides relatively few items and settings for creation of your own levels, it nonetheless adds a great deal to the overall package of the game.

Last, but far from least, is the "Subspace Emissary" mode for one or

two players. Simply put, it is a side-scrolling adventure game — complete with story — using the "Smash Bros." gameplay. Most fighting games don't try to incorporate much of a single-player/co-op mode at all, and when they do, they typically fail.

However, the "Subspace Emissary" is an extremely entertaining addition to "Smash Bros." that plays out almost like the world's ultimate — and official — Nintendo fan fiction. Through the eight-plus hours you spend just making your way through the plot, you'll unlock a lot of the features of the game, as well as learn the mechanics, if you're new to the series.

All told, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" is an extremely complete and fulfilling package. It's enjoyable even if you're by yourself, but is by far the most fun when playing with a room full of friends. It's an extremely easy recommendation for any Wii owner and fans of multiplayer games in particular.

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FORMING A BAND



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

FRESHMEN PETROLEUM ENGINEERING majors J Aston from Perryton, Donovan Pechal from The Woodlands, and Zac Kile also from Perryton play Rock Band in Kile's dorm room in Hulén Residence Hall Thursday afternoon.

'American Idol' axes another finalist, leaving 9 hopefuls to vie for the title

NEW YORK (AP) — Uneasy lies Chikezie, who won't wear the crown.

The one-name singer — who previously worked security at Los Angeles International Airport — was eliminated from "American Idol" as the show narrowed the competition to nine finalists.

Chikezie, 22, of Inglewood, Calif., injected the singing contest with enthusiasm and soul. His performances could be risky and kinetic, as when he sang the Beatles' "She's A Woman," or safe and retro, as seen in his

earlier rendition of "More Today than Yesterday."

Simon Cowell criticized Chikezie for singing the ballad "If Only for One Night" on Tuesday's performance show: "You chose the wrong song last night. ... It wasn't original."

The other lowest vote-getters were Jason Castro and Syesha Mercado.

Tattooed finalist Carly Smithson took a moment to address speculation she's expecting a child with her husband. She told host Ryan Seacrest: "Apparently I'm pregnant — but I'm not."

LA Times says documents used for Tupac Shakur story likely fabricated

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Times apologized for using apparently fabricated documents in a story implying that a 1994 assault on Tupac Shakur was carried out by associates of Sean "Diddy" Combs, and that he knew about it ahead of time.

"The bottom line is that the documents we relied on should not have been used," Editor Russ Stanton said in a story posted Wednesday night

on the newspaper's Web site. "We apologize both to our readers and to those referenced in the documents ... and in the story."

Pulitzer-prize winning reporter Chuck Philips, who wrote the story, and his supervisor, Deputy Managing Editor Marc Duvoisin, also apologized.

The apologies followed an investigation launched by Stanton after

The Smoking Gun Web site reported earlier in the day that the paper was conned by a prisoner who doctored the documents.

Combs denied that he had any prior knowledge of or involvement in the robbery and shooting of Shakur at a New York recording studio. He and other subjects of the story claimed they had been defamed by the newspaper.

"The Los Angeles Times apology is, at best, a first step," according to a statement from Howard Weitzman, attorney for Combs, "but it doesn't undo the false and defamatory nature of the story, or the suspicion and innuendo that Mr. Combs has had to endure due to these untruthful allegations and the irresponsible conduct of this particular reporter. We have nothing further to say at this time."

Weekend after Spring Break ushers in Austin flair

Spring break has come and gone, the death toll in Iraq has hit 4,000, coaches and presidents left us, and pneumonia has begun to affect students on campus. It's been a pretty hectic couple of weeks, and some are beginning to think, "what more can we get crammed into the end of the month of March?"

Thread Locks and Rock! The fashion show with attitude this year will be at Klusoz and the tribal rock band we've all seen before and have loved each time, Spoonfed Tribe, will make a special appearance. Though the band only is making a cameo, it is safe to say Spoonfed and fashion together in the same room is something worth looking into. Tickets are running \$10 each and the party begins roughly at 9 p.m. The bands Falling Jupiter, from Lubbock, and Mother's Anthem will give full performances, so this is your chance to discover someone you never may have seen before.

If you aren't really into the reggae scene, do not fret because on the other side of Lubbock, we've got

Chelsea Roe



something just as exciting for you. Coming up from Austin, the band Muchos Backflips definitely deserves our support; the band hosts one of the most talented horn players in all of Austin, after all. For the third year in a row, Lubbock native trumpet player Margaret Whit has been voted into Austin's Top 10 horn sections, and rightfully so. The girl has got real talent. Not only does she rock that trumpet, but she sings too.

Muchos Backflips is an eclectic mix of jazz and alternative, giving the term "experimental" a whole new meaning. You really would have to hear this band to believe just how entertaining it is. This time around, friends One Wolf and Sleeper Car will accompany the band. The show will be at Jake's

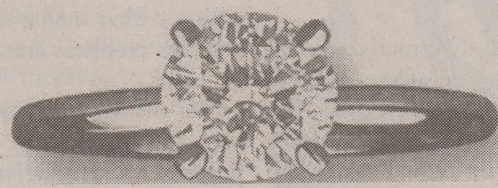
backroom, and ticket prices are \$7.

Don't miss out on the festivities this weekend. It's not often anymore that these amazing bands, based in Austin, come up to visit us in Lubbock. Show up around 9 p.m. and leave

around 2 a.m. It will be five hours of your day that you won't regret spending out of the house.

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Nativist versus northerner: San Francisco agon

Last week, while visiting San Francisco for a conference over Spring Break, I found myself in a bar, engaged in some rhetorical fisticuffs with one of my fellow patrons.

I seem to recall that our argument began with my responding to some unsolicited comment he made about the futility of the now-fashionable green movement in America. Diminishing resources, and the so-called threat to the planet from existing rates of consumption were hogwash, he informed me. The world — and better yet, as he put it, in his mind, the United States — was going to be just fine carrying on as it always had. Nothing would change for the worse.

Vexed by his indifference to what seems to me an obvious environmental crisis, I offered a sarcastic remark in turn, as is my wont. Before I knew it, the gloves were off.

Our argument progressed from a straight squabble over the environment into a much broader butting of heads. "I know what you are," he growled at one point, bearing his eyes down on me. "You're a liberal. Well, I'm a proud

Michael Borshuk



conservative, buddy. Yes, sir. Conservative and proud!"

I agreed that by the limited terms available to us in the binary nonsense of contemporary political thought, yes, I'm what he would call a liberal.

But then things took a particularly nasty turn when I informed him that I was a Canadian, too. And not just one of your run-of-the-mill visiting snowbirds, taking in a little California sun to escape the last of a Northern winter, but a landed Canadian, living and — gasp! — working right here in the good ol' You-Ess-of-Eh.

My comrade-in-discord fumed. He told me he didn't have to listen to me criticize any of his values — which he characterized as definitively American — since I was obviously some opportunistic infiltrator from north of the

49th, who'd come "down here" to live high on the hog, amassing my riches, participating in the good life under the banner of the stars and stripes, and regularly taking a paycheck away from some honest American who otherwise might earn it.

"No carpetbagger am I," I volleyed back, in my best meekly polite Canadian manner. "I'm actually a state employee. And I was chosen by a committee of trained experts — American experts — who decided that my qualifications made me well-suited for the position I now hold."

His nativism was stoked like a raging wildfire, though. My barmate waved my defense away with a dismissive fist. He grumbled that the USA didn't need Canada — or any other country — for that matter. America, he proudly announced, spraying Bud Light from his mouth with each heavily annunciated syllable, could close its borders on a moment's notice and not feel even a smidgen of pain in response: socially, politically or economically.

"You realize, though," I said, feeling my Canadian civility fall away with

haste, "that Canada is the USA's single largest supplier of oil. And given that you yourself said American needn't cut its fuel consumption, this would probably be a bit of a blister on the American way of life."

He told me I was wrong about the magnitude of American dependence on Canadian oil reserves.

I assured him I wasn't.

And I assure you too. Go ahead and Google "Official Energy Statistics from the U.S. Government" and see for yourself.

Backed into a juvenile "Is not!" "Is too!" impasse over Canadian-American trade, my man then told me the real reason he had such a hate-on for Canada was because of our cowardly non-involvement in the War on Terror.

I asked him if he knew how many

Canadian soldiers had served in Afghanistan since 2001.

He did not. He said he didn't care. He said we weren't in Iraq, and that's all that mattered.

Iraq. Here I could see we weren't likely to make much progress. So I decided to offer an analogous turn that might make him consider the importance of nations' being allowed to decide their military obligations for themselves.

So I asked him when the Second World War began. Falling into my rhetorical trap, as I hoped, he said, without hesitation, "1942."

I pointed out that Canada — that cowardly nation of non-committers — declared war on Germany in 1939.

He stared at me for a second, not comprehending. What was my point?

I told him that, by his standards of

fairness, many Canadian veterans of my grandfather's generation might feel justified in offering a blanket disdain for Americans, for the USA's late entry into World War II. But many of them I've known, I added, never express such a sentiment.

He nodded. He thought about it. Then he told me he still thought Canada was wrong, and he wasn't going to like them because they didn't get on board the Iraq War.

Deadlocked, we found a point on which we agree: tobacco. So we stepped outside to smoke for a moment, less tense than before, agreeing to disagree.

While we were out there, a panhandler — a sadly ubiquitous sight in downtown San Francisco — approached us to ask if we could spare any money. I started to reach into my pocket, but by the time I had the change in my hand, my man had already barked, "Get out of here," and shoed the poor panhandler away.

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"His nativism was stoked like a raging wildfire, though. My barmate waved my defense away with a dismissive fist."



Tarzan's remains became a controversial evolutionary find.

Anti-gay legislator a state embarrassment

By KARA PETERSON
DAILY SKIFF (TEXAS CHRISTIAN U.)

(U-WIRE) FORT WORTH — Oklahoma is known for its violent storms, but recently, a different kind of storm has created news in Oklahoma and beyond. Her name is Sally Kern.

Kern is a Republican state legislator in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Her office is in the state's massive Capitol building, located near downtown Oklahoma City. It was there, in the Oklahoma Capitol's rotunda, where hundreds of protestors gathered March 18 to ask Kern for an apology.

But, she wasn't in the building. In January, Kern met with a group of about 50 Republicans in Oklahoma County and delivered a speech. Just more than three minutes of that speech made it to YouTube, where the clip has drawn more than 1 million views since it was first posted March 7 by the Victory Fund, a group that supports gay and lesbian political candidates.

In the three-minute clip, Kern is heard railing against what she calls "the death knell of this country." The death knell, according to Kern? Homosexuality.

Kern's most inflammatory statements about homosexuality, however, came later in her speech when she said, "I honestly think it's the biggest threat our nation has, even more so than terrorism or Islam."

First, I'd like to make one thing clear — terrorism and Islam are not synonymous. Second, surely Kern is aware of the irony in her statement; she works just two miles from the Oklahoma City National Memorial, where terrorism caused the deaths of 168 Oklahomans in 1995.

Still, Kern argues that homosexuality is a bigger threat.

At the heart of the matter isn't that Kern said some inflammatory things. Instead, it's the group she targeted. If she hadn't chosen homosexuals, but had instead assaulted another minority group, would there be a controversy? Sure, but it would have been short-lived; Kern would have been handed her walking papers a week ago.

Fortunately, groups like the Victory Fund, and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays have spoken out against Kern's hate-filled speech. It was members of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and other church groups that protested at the Oklahoma Capitol on March 18, asking for Kern to apologize and meet with local gays and Muslims.

Celebrities have also joined the fracas. On March 14, Ellen Degeneres played a clip of Kern's speech on her daytime talk show and then called the legislator's office, only to be notified that the office's voicemail box was full. Comedian Margaret Cho has pledged her support to the Victory Fund, as well.

Even fellow Oklahoma government officials are taking a stand. Jim Roth, who is Oklahoma's Corporation Commissioner and openly gay, said he took an oath to serve 100 percent of the state's citizens, according to NewsOK.com, but he said, "I regret that Rep. Kern doesn't show the same respect for 100 percent of her constituents."

Instead, Kern is weathering the storm, and remains a legislator in Oklahoma's House of Representatives, serving District 84 — a large swath of western Oklahoma City.

Living in the technological generation

By JOSEPH BATEMAN
DAILY UTAH CHRONICLE (U. UTAH)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — The Internet has many faces. It is used for shopping, research and writing, among many other things. These meaningful applications have woven the 'net into an integral part of our daily lives. But another face reveals a dark and addictive side that can turn ugly.

Just this week, a 15-year-old Arizonian teen murdered his father. His excuse? Because his father took away the Internet and access to the teen's coveted MySpace page.

The teen told investigators about the feeling of being stripped from the Internet. "It felt like I was stabbed with a knife and it went straight through and... no matter how hard I pulled, I couldn't pull out the knife," he said.

This hyperbole would be funny if the consequences weren't so serious.

In 2006, a Missouri teen committed suicide after a boy befriended her on MySpace. The two communicated often, but the relationship turned sour when the boy spewed insults. It turns out the boy never existed and

was the creation of a next-door neighbor.

These are just a few examples of the addictive power of the Internet and the cyber harassment that can plague the 'net, like spam offering riches from Nigerian Kings. The questions that need to be answered

are, when does free speech become harassment and how does a useful tool become addictive? The reality is that simple solutions to complex problems aren't likely to be found.

For the Missouri State Legislature, the answer is in committee hearings and putting another law on the books. But harassment and stalking are already punishable

offenses, as Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff is aware. His response to repeated unsolicited pornographic e-mails to his staff was 11 Homeland Security subpoenas to locate the sender. The result was a knock on the door, handcuffs, five counts of stalking and a class A misdemeanor for the alleged sender, Rachel Guyon.

Although Shurtleff can and should be castigated for the questionable tactics of his relentless pursuit, the case raises another Internet complication — that of anonymity — and it can't be solved simply by Googling.

For some, the anonymous nature of the Internet is appealing. Presidential

candidate Barack Obama has been the victim of an e-mail smear campaign identifying him as a Muslim. (Although Obama is a Christian and not a Muslim, this raises questions of the religious bigotry in this country, as if being a Muslim was an insult.)

These smear campaigns have traction beyond the Fox Noise

channels and other right-wing megaphones, such as the Drudge Report, that report rumors and innuendo as news. "Barack Obama Muslim," according to Google, is the third most-searched term in regards to the presidential hopeful.

As Shurtleff found out, tracking down the source can involve extraordinary measures, and even then the veracity of the source can't be verified. As Paul Smith, a software developer for EveryBlock.com, told The Nation, "That's why there is spam. I could construct an e-mail from scratch and deliver it and have it seem like it was coming from Steve Jobs, and for all intents and purpose the receiver would have no way of knowing it wasn't."

A simple answer is to take away the anonymous nature and replace it with accountability. This is something from which the journalism industry has already learned.

As journalists, each piece or opinion we write carries a byline that attributes the author and gives accountability as to veracity of the writer. Computer programmers and companies should work on a system or a registry that allows users to track the owners of e-mail accounts, much like Whois.org works for websites.

As for the addictive nature of the Internet? That's anyone's guess.

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Tech takes Longhorns in 5-4 victory

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raider softball team believes everyone is on the same page for the first time since its run to the championship game of the Big 12 Conference tournament in 2007.

Senior Montana Patin went 1-for-2 with three RBIs to lead Tech to its first-ever home victory against Texas, 5-4 Thursday at Rocky Johnson Field.

"Our defense was awesome, our pitching was awesome and our hitting was awesome, so we finally put it all together," Patin said. "We had been needing a big win, so that was a good way to go."

Tech coach Teresa Wilson said despite the inexperience at certain positions, the Red Raiders' defense was a major factor in dousing the Longhorn's momentum throughout the ballgame.

"We have kids who might be unfamiliar with the position they're playing," Wilson said, "but they're starting to be comfortable with it, and they're giving it everything they've got."

Tech (9-25, 1-2 in Big 12 play) played stellar defense all game behind pitchers Ashly Jacobs and Tye Coats. Jacobs pitched five innings, giving up four hits and two runs while Coats played strong under pressure late in the game.

With the go ahead run in first base and two outs, Coats jumped up and down emphatically after she struck out UT's Kelly Melone to earn her second save of the season.

Wilson said the strengths of Coats and Jacobs provide a lethal combination to stifle hitters, and it was obvi-



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH CATCHER Robyn Wike tries to take second base while Texas' shortstop No. 17 Loryn Johnson waits for the throw Thursday evening at Rocky Johnson Field.

ous when Coats entered the game.

"I think it was a good contrast," Wilson said. "I think Tye stepped up and delivered some amazing pitches when she had to."

Jacobs got an early mound visit from Wilson in the first inning after she gave up a 2-run home run to UT shortstop Loryn Johnson, who led the Longhorns with two hits and three RBIs.

"I'm proud of (Jacobs) for not giving up after that first inning," Wilson said. "I laid into her pretty good, and she showed her guts and came out and she fought hard for five innings."

Jacobs retired the next two batters before allowing two more on base, but she got UT's Brittany Chalk to fly out to deep left to end the inning.

In the bottom of the first, Tech second baseman Megan Shupp reached on an error and first baseman Jennifer Corkin followed that up by drawing a walk.

Then Patin smacked her third home run of the season to give Tech a 3-2 lead.

"It wouldn't have meant anything if, (Shupp and Corkin) weren't on base," Patin said of her home run. "It wouldn't have meant anything if our pitching didn't come out and pitch really well and our defense didn't make plays."

Jacobs clamped down on Texas in the next couple innings, going three up and three down, but she had help throughout the game. In the top of the fourth inning and one out, UT's Desiree Williams hit a stand up

double, but Shupp ended the inning when she caught an infield line drive from Chalk and doubled up Williams at second base.

Texas (16-12-2, 2-1) handed Tech its fourth run in the third inning. Shupp led off the inning with a single, advanced to second off a Patin walk, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch.

The game marked the eighth time in the last nine games that Shupp has hit safely.

Coats entered the game in the sixth inning, and UT's Kelly Melone hit her fourth home run of the season to cut Tech's lead to 4-3.

The Red Raiders added an insurance run to make it 5-3 in the bottom of the inning with Whitney Riley crossing the plate on a single from Devin Zaragoza.

The Longhorns added some pressure in the seventh as pinch hitter Shelby Savony hit a single, and two batters later, Johnson got her third RBI of the game with a double to left field.

Tech will continue Big 12 play against Kansas at 2 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday in Lawrence, Kan.

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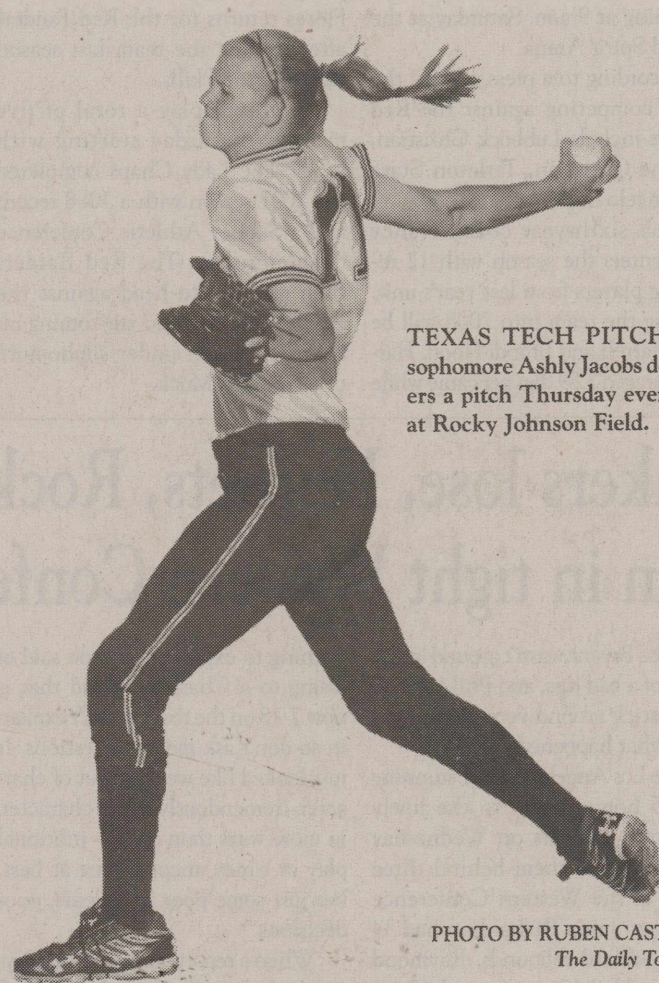


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TEXAS TECH PITCHER sophomore Ashly Jacobs delivers a pitch Thursday evening at Rocky Johnson Field.

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Fisher says Titans not bothered by Pacman pitching self in Dallas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Adam "Pacman" Jones' three-hour appearance on a Dallas radio show and his openly pitching himself to the Cowboys isn't bothering the Tennessee Titans.

After all, they did tell the troubled cornerback he could find a new team.

"We've given them permission to look for a new home, and whatever happens after that happens," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said Thursday of Jones and his agents.

"I know he has enjoyed the

time that he spent here on the football field. But because of his choices as such off the field, he's created a situation where he is going to have to look elsewhere."

Jones appeared on Michael Irvin's radio show Tuesday and said once again he wants to play for the Cowboys. Fisher said the discussions the Titans are having about Jones are confidential.

"When we have something factual to report, we'll report it," Fisher said after a news conference announcing the retirement of right guard Benji Olson.

Any chances the Titans' top draft pick in 2005 — the first defender taken that year — might be able to salvage his relationship with this team after six arrests and a season-long suspension are wrong, Jones said Tuesday he hopes Cowboys owner Jerry Jones gives him a shot, saying Dallas is where he wants to be.

Those comments don't bother Fisher in the least.

"Last year when he was suspended by the commissioner in the offseason, we moved on. I mean, they're not issues as far as I'm concerned," Fisher said.

Tech baseball hosts No. 5 Missouri for three-game series

By BEN MAKI
SPORTS EDITOR

The Texas Tech baseball team might want to listen to coach Larry Hays.

Not just Tech coach Larry Hays, but also his son, Shanon Hays, who is the softball coach of Lubbock Christian, the No. 1 team in the nation in NAIA.

"I'm trying to get him to give us some pointers," Larry Hays said of his son. "He ought to be good. He was raised on a softball field, spent his whole life over there. I ought to get a lot of credit for that."

Tech (12-11, 2-4 in Big 12 Conference play) may need some of the younger Hays' advice as it opens a three-game series with No. 5 Missouri (19-3, 3-0) at 6:05 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

Larry Hays said the Red Raiders cannot focus on what their opponents' rankings are; rather, they should focus on what Tech can do to win the game.

"We've been facing some good pitchers off and on all year, and they can do it, evidently, every day, and we know what we have to do, and we got to do what we can do," Hays said. "We can't get wrapped up in them."

The Tigers' pitching staff held No. 20 Baylor to two unearned runs

in its three-game series last weekend, while the Tigers scored 22. Mizzou is led by pitchers Aaron Crow (5-0, 1.03 ERA) and Kyle Gibson (5-0, 1.83 ERA).

Tech's Jason Seefeld said scoring early is not the main priority when the Red Raiders are hitting, rather the first goal is to wear out Mizzou's starters.

"It's important to kinda wear on them a little bit," Seefeld said. "Make them throw a lot of pitches, try to get to the bullpen. Maybe not scoring early in the game isn't such a bad thing against these guys, but maybe getting that pitch count up a little bit."

Tech pitcher A.J. Ramos (2-2, 5.53 ERA), who is projected to take the mound Saturday, said he struggles with allowing free passes to hitters, much like the rest of the staff, but if the team can control that aspect of its game, the contests should be close.

"I expect a dog fight, and I have to cut down on my walks, which has been my biggest problem right now," he said. "Other than that, I heard they're a good team, and we're going to treat them like they're the No. 1 team in the nation. I feel like I'm

almost there again. I'm close. I fixed a couple things, but I still need to fix a couple more things."

Offensively, the Tigers are led by outfielder Jacob Friday, who is hitting .387 with five home runs and 26 RBIs.

Tech, on the other hand, has been up and down all season, but Larry Hays said his team has a resilient quality that is personified in Roger Kieschnick, a preseason All-American right fielder.

"(Kieschnick) was really ill going into the Texas series, but he's the kind of player that's gonna play anyway," he said. "We always see players that don't show and play, but he and (Monk) Kreder and ol' (Taylor) Ashby have all gone through some physical things, health issues, and we lost Ashby for a couple games. I think they're all healthy this week, so hopefully they'll go."

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Volleyball prepares for spring tournament

Texas Tech volleyball is gearing up for next season as it hosts the Texas Tech Spring Tournament beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

According to a press release, the teams competing against the Red Raiders include Lubbock Christian, Abilene Christian, Tarleton State and Angelo State.

Tech sixth-year coach Nancy Todd enters the season with 12 returning players from last year's unit. Leading the team into 2008 will be Jenn Harrell and Brandi Hood. Harrell averaged 3.89 digs per game while

Hood cranked out .92 blocks per game to go along with her 1.96 kills per game. Outside hitter Michelle Flores returns for the Red Raiders after leading the team last season with 300 total kills.

Tech will play a total of five matches Saturday starting with LCU. The Lady Chaps completed the 2007 season with a 30-8 record and a Sooner Athletic Conference championship. The Red Raiders then go head-to-head against the ACU Wildcats, who are coming off a 15-14 season under sophomore coach Kellen Mock.

Afterward, Tech competes against Angelo State at 12:30 p.m. and Tarleton State at 2:30. Both teams finished below .500 last season with records of 6-21 and 13-16, respectively.

Ending the tournament will be a match against Wayland Baptist, led by coach Jim Giacomazzi. Under Giacomazzi, the Pioneers had a 23-17 record and their best season in eight years.

Tech volleyball begins play at 9 a.m. Saturday against LCU. Admission is free to the public.

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Lakers lose, Hornets, Rockets and Spurs win in tight Western Conference race

Kobe Bryant wasn't around at the finish of a bad loss, and Phil Jackson didn't stick around very long to explain what happened.

The Los Angeles Lakers' stunning 108-95 home defeat to the lowly Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night dropped them behind three teams in the Western Conference standings. Jason Richardson had 34 points and 10 rebounds, Raymond Felton added 13 points and 10 assists for Charlotte, and Bryant drew two technical fouls in a span of 29 seconds late in the fourth quarter and was ejected.

Bryant has 15 technicals, and one more means an automatic one-game suspension.

"Well, I may look like I'm here to explain something, but I have

nothing to explain," Jackson said of losing to a Charlotte squad that is now 7-28 on the road. "I can't explain it, so don't ask me any questions. It just looked like we were out of character, tremendously out of character, in more ways than one — irrational play at times, inconsistent at best, but just some poor judgments, poor decisions."

When a reporter asked about Bryant, Jackson smiled, stood up and left the interview room.

New Orleans took over the West lead with a thrilling 100-99 win at Cleveland. Houston and San Antonio remained one game behind the Hornets in the Southwest Division and conference standings by also winning. The Rockets defeated Minnesota 97-86, while the Spurs took

the Los Angeles Clippers 97-88.

Elsewhere, it was Boston 117, Phoenix 97; Toronto 89, Detroit 82; Philadelphia 121, Chicago 99; New Jersey 124, Indiana 117; Atlanta 115, Milwaukee 96; Washington 104, Seattle 99; New York 103, Miami 96 in OT; and Sacramento 107, Memphis 106 in OT.

Bobcats 108, Lakers 95. The loss dropped the Lakers (49-23) into a three-way tie for second place in the West with Houston and San Antonio.

"Our defense was terrible from the start," Luke Walton said. "Every team has talented players. If you don't show up ready to play, that's what's going to happen. There's no excuse for us to come out on our home court and not take care of business."

Tech women's tennis attempts to bounce back against Missouri and Colorado

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's team has struggled in Big 12 Conference play this season, but it will not necessarily get a break this weekend, with a pair of matches.

Tech (8-6, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference) is coming off a 7-0 defeat at the hands of No. 2 Baylor. The Tigers (9-6, 1-2) won their last match against then-No. 55 Kansas. The Tech women's tennis team faces Missouri at 5 p.m. today at the McLeod Tennis Complex and will play No. 67 Colorado (6-7, 3-0) at noon on Sunday.

Tech coach Cari Groce said this weekend's matches are very important to her team, especially considering the 7-0 loss to Baylor.

"Obviously they're big matches for us," she said. "I think we are well matched up. Colorado has been on a roll and been playing very well for the last four or five matches and been dominating their opponents.

First thing's first, Missouri (today) at 5 (p.m.). I think Missouri is a much-improved team from last year. We have to be ready to play and get after it."

Tech was without its No. 1 singles player, Samantha van der Drift, against Baylor as she was unable to play because of illness. She will be back in the lineup this weekend, and Groce said she has looked good in practice.

"She has been doing good and working hard," she said. "I think we just have to make sure we keep her full of energy. Energy can go up and down with (mononucleosis)."

The Red Raiders have struggled with doubles play all season, but Groce said she liked the way the doubles teams performed against Baylor.

Groce said doubles matchups will be key this weekend as well as singles production from every spot.

"Missouri has got a couple of transfers," she said. "We are always concerned in doubles because you

never know if they've got some good doubles players and if they're gonna play well. We are finally playing good doubles. (Missouri's) No. 2 player is definitely looking good and will match up well with Kelsy (Garland). Of course, the No. 1 is always a tough position. Down at No. 5 and No. 6, we've gotta finish strong."

Last season, Colorado defeated Tech 6-1. Tech took a win from Missouri by the same score.

Groce said the Red Raiders are prepared to play considering the recent rivalries with this weekend's opponents.

"They're really focused and ready to go and get after it," she said. "I think that there are some teams in our conference that we have some good rivalries with. Missouri and Colorado are certainly a couple of teams that we feel there is a little bit of rivalry with because we are always battling for that 4-5-6-7 spot (in the Big 12 standings)."

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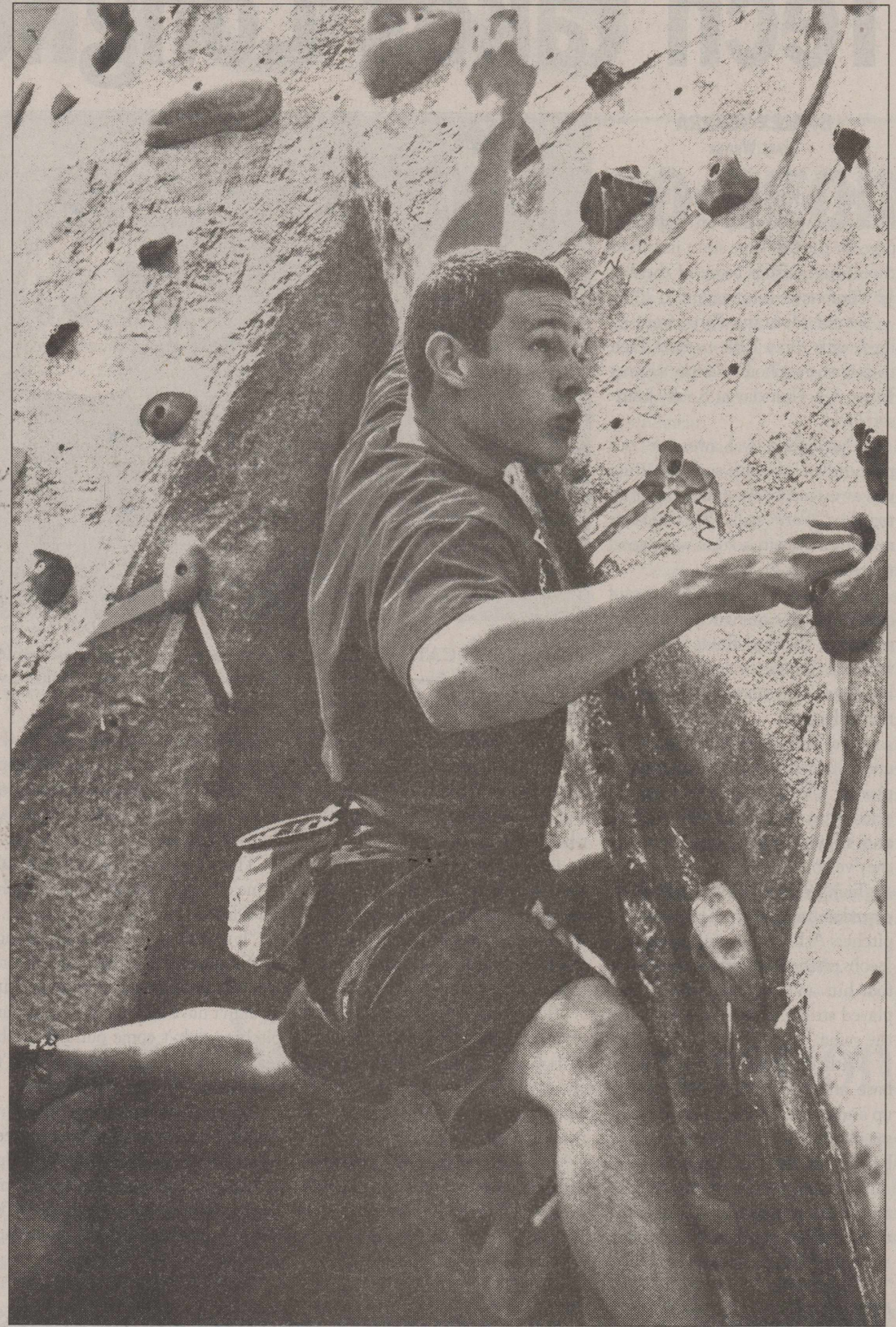


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INSIDE THE ROBERT H. EWALT Student Recreational Center, junior psychology major from The Woodlands, climbs the rock wall Thursday afternoon.

Stanford's big guys ready to face little Longhorns and their fans

HOUSTON (AP) — At some point Friday night, perhaps as early as pregame layups, the chants will start.

"Texas!" the burnt-orange throng on one side of the stadium will holler.

"Fight!" the other side will answer.

Brook Lopez and his Stanford teammates will notice, of course — 25,000 people tend to make a lot of noise. And with their hands locked in the Hook 'em Horns gesture, their arms pivoting in unison, it'll be quite a sight, too.

Yet Cardinal players insist it won't bother them, even when the Orangebloods gang up and turn against them. After the catcalls they heard at UCLA and the edgy jabs spewed at Oregon State,

they're convinced playing Texas in an NFL stadium in Houston will be just another road game.

"Same thing," Lopez said. "Just a bigger arena."

Bigger stakes, too.

Texas and Stanford are playing in a South Regional semifinal, with the winner becoming among the eight teams still vying for the national title. The third-seeded Cardinal (28-7) hasn't gotten this far since 2001, while the second-seeded Longhorns (30-6) already have gotten a round farther than they did last year with superstar freshman Kevin Durant.

The matchup is a classic case of opposites: Stanford and its big guys, 7-foot twins Brook and Robin Lopez, vs. Texas and its little guys, do-it-all guard D.J. Augustin and shooting ace A.J. Abrams.

Analysts can fill a school's worth of chalkboards with strategies and counterstrategies about exploiting those differences. But the X factor might be how both teams will react to the Longhorns-loving crowd.

After all, the pressure of trying to please family, friends and fans can be a burden for guys in their late teens and early 20s.

"We don't want them distracted from the fact that we have to get ready to play a basketball game against an outstanding team," coach Rick Barnes said.

Texas has done just fine in recent years, going 6-0 in NCAA tournament games played in the Lone Star State since 2002. That includes a trip to the Final Four in '03 that was sealed by a pair of regional-round wins in San Antonio.

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7 AM	Curious Clifford	Today Scheduled: Today's Travel	The Early Show	Copeland Buzz	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	J. Hanna
8 AM	Super Why	Dragon	Sesame Street	The 700 Club	Divorce	Temptation	The Morning Show
9 AM	Big World	Word	Barney	Jeopardy	Restless (HD)	Alex	Tyra Banks Show
10 AM	Caillou	Needle	Fine Art	Days of Our Lives	Beautiful	Jerry Springer	Roseanne
11 AM	Real Moms	Place	Teletub	Crosswords	Guiding Light	Paid Programs	All of Us
12 PM	Reading	Cyber	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judy	Maurice	Steve Wilkos
1 PM	Artha	News	News	News	TMZ	Standing	News
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7 AM	Mama	Today Weekend (HD)	Saturday Early	Paid Programs	Skunk Fu!	Good Morning (HD)	Piñata
8 AM	WordGirl	Saddle	Dragonfly	Heartland	TX Parks	Rabbit	Chronicles
9 AM	R. Steves	Victory	P. Allen	Old House	Yankee	Home	Woodshop
10 AM	Antiques (HD)	Baking	Food	Barbecue	Kidchick	Gourmet's	FarmerTV
11 AM	Wolk	Globe Trekker	Austin City Limits	Masterpiece	Emma	Visions	Friends
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8 AM	Franny	Signing	Wishbone	Meet the Press	Nation	Hour of Power	TMZ
9 AM	Desires	T. Fuentes	InnerVIEWS	Business	NHL Hockey	"Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Snowboarding (T)
10 AM	MotorWk	TX Month	Railgion	McLglin	2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Teams TBA)	"Mrs. Brown" (97) Queen finds friend.	"Last Man Standing" (96) Cover-up.
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Blalock, Bradley hit back-to-back homers; Rangers beat Royals 8-5

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Hank Blalock and Milton Bradley hit back-to-back homers and the Texas Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 8-5 on Thursday.

Right-hander Jason Jennings, who missed three months last season with the Houston Astros because of elbow problems, gave up two runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings.

"It's getting there," Jennings said. "It's a slow process as far as that goes but I've been focusing a lot on long toss and getting my arm strength where it needs

to be. Physically this is the best I've felt all spring."

The Rangers used their opening day lineup for the first three innings in their Cactus League finale, and scored five runs in the first two innings. Blalock hit his fourth homer into the Royals' left-field bullpen and Bradley followed with a towering blast, his first of the spring.

Royals catcher John Buck homered in the third inning off Jennings.

Jennings walked two and struck out four in his fifth start of the spring.

"He was good for me," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He ended up only going 5 1-3, but there were a couple of plays we wanted to make that we didn't make. That caused him to throw more pitches."

Royals starter Mike Maroth went three innings, allowing five runs and six hits with a walk and a strikeout. Maroth, a non-roster invitee who in 2003 became the first pitcher to lose 20 games in more than 20 years, will not be on Kansas City's opening day roster.

Tech defense excited about changes, potential heading into spring

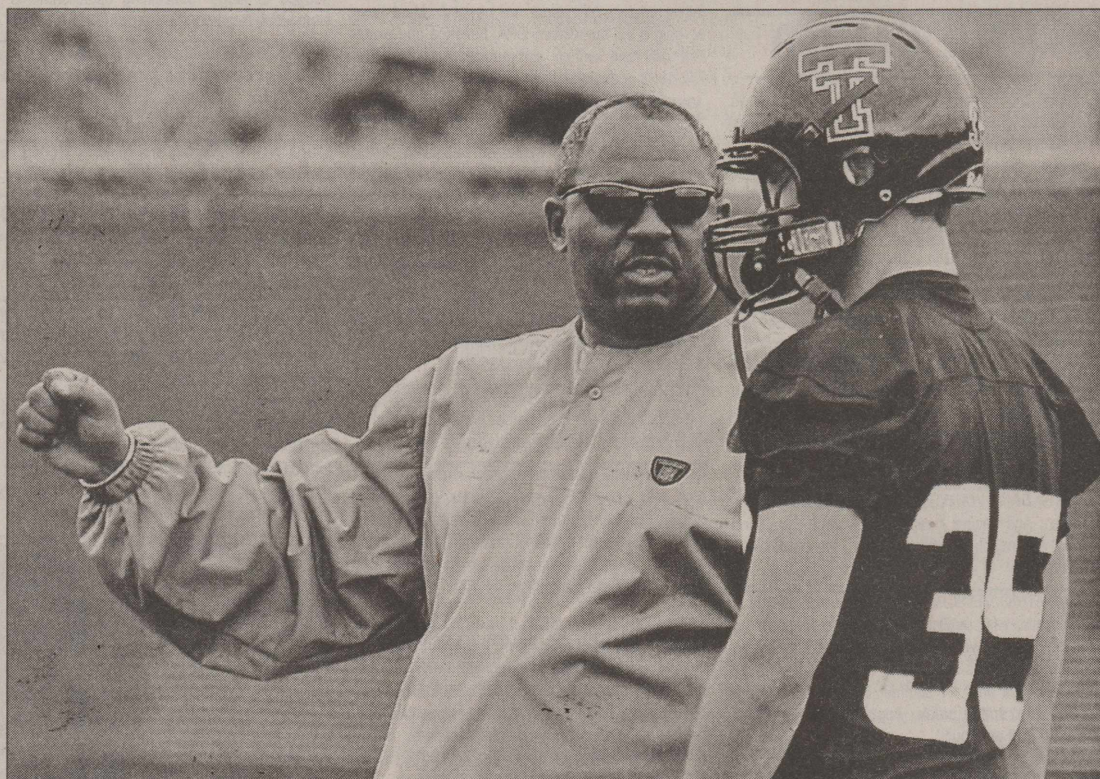


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DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR Ruffin McNeil gives instructions to safety Blake Collier during the first spring practice of the season Wednesday afternoon on the practice fields.

Perry declared eligible for '08 season

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The defensive line for the Red Raiders just received an upgrade.

Defensive tackle Chris Perry was cleared to play for the Red Raiders in the 2008 season Thursday, after transferring from Miami (Fla.) in January. Now able to play, the 6-foot-3, 310-pounder gives the Red Raiders more depth at defensive tackle and on the defensive line.

"(What) I'm excited about is that being around Chris for the last few months is that how good of a young man he is," Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "That's what I'm most pleased about, is that he is a guy who had some adversity in his life, and with the adversity, he still has been a great kid for our program since he's been here for the last two months."

Perry is a native of Keller, where he attended Fossil Ridge High School. He was recruited by other football programs, including Ne-

braska, Oklahoma and Arkansas, out of high school.

When he signed with Miami, Perry redshirted his freshman season. He transferred to Tech because of personal reasons.

Perry is enrolled as a student and has been working out with the Red Raiders this offseason. He also participated in the Red Raiders' first spring practice. While Perry was practicing with the team this spring, his status for the 2008 season was unsure.

It is an NCAA rule that a transfer from a Football Bowl Subdivision school to another must sit out one full season before being eligible to play. Because of the personal reasons for Perry's transfer, Tech filed a waiver in hopes of finding an exemption to the rule and get Perry on the field in 2008.

McNeill said the Tech coaching staff allowed Perry to practice this spring with confidence he could get an exemption.

"My hat's off to the NCAA for recognizing this kid's hardships and

recognizing this kid's tough times," he said.

Perry never has played a snap of collegiate football because of his redshirt year with the Hurricanes.

McNeill said this is something he is least worried about as spring practice continues.

"We knew about Chris out of high school at Fossil Ridge," he said. "We knew about his ability and what he brought to the table as a high school player. The fact that he didn't participate last year or had the opportunity to be around me, I'm not worried about that. He's a guy we feel like can add to our program as a person and a young man and on the field as a football player."

Perry is not the only football player to apply for this exemption this offseason. Quarterback Ryan Mallett transferred from Michigan to Arkansas for the 2008 season, but when he filed for the same exemption, he was denied and must sit out the upcoming season.

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By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The road to the 2008 football season has begun, and the Tech defense is looking to have the success from the last half of the 2007 season carry over.

Coming off a 9-4 season, the Red Raiders saw a steady improvement in the defense after defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill took over. Now, with players a year wiser and new strategies in development, Tech is aiming to be one of the top defenses in the Big 12 Conference.

"The first goal that I expect during the spring is being fundamentally sound: Fundamental A to Fundamental Z," McNeill said. "The second thing is making sure we improve our base defense: front and coverage and with more emphasis on the run. We'll get enough pass coverage work against our offense. The third thing is to make sure our blitz package is improved as well as our coverage in blitz."

McNeill is beginning his first full season as Tech's defensive coordinator, and Tech players could not be happier about the change.

Brandon Williams said McNeill brings something new to the table. "I'm real excited because he got

a lot of new plays that we're doing, and it's involving me, so I'm loving it," Williams said.

McNeill took over the position midway through the 2007 season, helping the Red Raiders to become the top defense in the Big 12 Conference during the last eight games.

"I think if we work and improve like we should, I think we'll be there."

— COLBY WHITLOCK
TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL
PLAYER

Many components of that run was filled with young starters experiencing major playing time for the first time.

With younger players such as Williams, Brian Duncan and Colby Whitlock returning this season, McNeill said he wants to see his young players reach a higher level.

Before spring practice began Wednesday, McNeill said he found

out where each of his players stand in an effort to communicate better.

"We're young up front," he said. "We interviewed the corps of guys that we had coming back just to find out their expectations and to be revised. I'm expecting each guy to follow up on the expectations that we present to them. We have all of those set. Individual and team goals. I'm looking for that improvement."

Duncan received his first start at middle linebacker in 2007 against Northwestern Louisiana State. He started for the rest of the season. Williams finished 2007 by leading the team in sacks with five. Whitlock was among the team's leading tacklers with 42.

Duncan and Whitlock will be sophomores in 2008. Williams will be a junior.

The spring depth charts also were released before practice. With three starters leaving, there were not many holes to fill for the Tech defense.

With Paul Williams leaving at strong side linebacker, sophomore Bront Bird is slated to take his place. Marcus Bunton is at right cornerback after Chris Parker's departure.

One of the most notable changes is at strong safety. After Joe Garcia's departure, Anthony Hines is slated to start at the position. L.A. Reed, who was a receiver in 2007, also is in the mix for the spot.

Reed was injured last season, but with the receiver positions already being filled and Reed's performance on special teams in 2007, he made the move to strong safety working with safeties coach Carlos Mainord.

"L.A.'s been working at safety since preparing for the Gator Bowl," McNeill said. "Looking forward to seeing L.A. and how he does with a spring of coaching with coach Mainord. Even though coach Mainord really began coaching him during the bowl (preparation)."

With the depth chart released, all players still have to fight for the right to start.

McNeill said he tries to push that message across to his players, keeping them humbled and focused.

"Depth charts don't mean anything right now," he said. "We have one rule. There's no entitlement rule. Nobody's entitled to anything here on defense. On our team period, but on defense nobody's entitled to anything. Because you're a senior, because you've played, a lot does not mean a thing. You have to prove yourself everyday."

The Tech defense's goal this season is to be one of the top units in the Big 12.

Whitlock said the Tech defense does want recognition during the 2008 campaign, but everything has to be earned.

"I think more or less, we wanna be respected," Whitlock said. "I think if we work and improve like we should, I think we'll be there."

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