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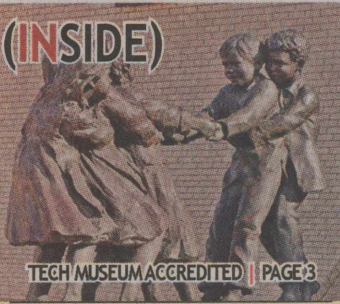
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Colombian paramilitary member pleads guilty

HOUSTON (AP)—A member of a Colombian right-wing paramilitary group has pleaded guilty to participating in an attempt to acquire anti-aircraft missiles, grenade launchers and other powerful weapons in exchange for \$25 million worth of cocaine.

Diego Alberto Ruiz Arroyave was one of 14 right-wing paramilitaries from the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, known by its Spanish initials, AUC, extradited in May to the United States in connection with the drugs-for-arms deal.

NATION

Bus driver in fatal California crash arrested

WILLIAMS, Calif. (AP)—A bus driver with a string of motor vehicle offenses and a history of substance abuse was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs Monday after his casino-bound charter bus ran into a ditch, killing eight people.

Investigators also said the bus had an invalid license plate, and they were looking into whether the driver had proper permits to operate the vehicle. The bus ran off the road Sunday while taking passengers to a Sacramento gambling hall. About 30 people were injured.

WORLD

Taliban, Afghan officials meet in Saudi Arabia

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A former Taliban ambassador said Monday that the hard-line militants sat with Afghan officials and Saudi King Abdullah over an important religious meal in Saudi Arabia late last month as the insurgency raged back home.

Abdul Salam Zaef, the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, denied that the get-together could be construed as peace talks. But President Hamid Karzai has long called for negotiations with the Taliban, and the meeting could spur future initiatives.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said Monday that the militant group is independent from al-Qaida. The U.S. and other Western countries will never accept a peace deal.

DEATH TOLL

4178

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Wall Street tumbles amid global sell-off

By **JOE BEL BRUNO & TIM PARADIS**
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NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street suffered through another extraordinary and traumatic session Monday, with the Dow Jones industrials plunging as much as 800 points — their largest one-day point drop — before recovering to close with a loss of 370. The catalyst for the selling, which also took the Dow below 10,000 for the

first time in four years, was investors' growing despair that the spreading credit crisis will take a heavy toll around the world.

Investors have come to the realization that the Bush administration's \$700 billion rescue plan and steps taken by other governments won't work quickly to unfreeze the credit markets.

That sent stocks spiraling downward in the U.S., Europe and Asia, and drove investors to sink money into the relative safety of U.S. gov-

ernment debt. Fears about a global recession also caused oil to drop below \$90 a barrel.

"The fact is, people are scared and the only thing they're doing is selling," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "Investors are cleaning out portfolios and getting rid of everything because nothing seems to be working."

The selling was so extreme that only 264 stocks rose on the NYSE — and 2,986 dropped. That's a telling

sign considering the stock market is considered a leading economic indicator, with investors tending to buy and sell based on where they believe the economy will be in six to nine months.

Monday's stock trading extended what has been an exceptional stretch of volatility, in which triple-digit drops in the Dow are becoming almost commonplace; in the past week, the blue chips have fallen more than 1,100 points, or nearly 11 percent. This latest decline indicates

that investors are becoming more convinced that the country is leading a prolonged economic crisis that is shifting to other nations.

"The market view is shifting from looking just at the misery of the financial sector to the global economy," said Georges Ugeux, chairman and chief executive of New York-based Galileo Global Advisors. "There are enough indications that two things are happening: The crisis is spreading to other sectors, and that it is becoming global."



Activists visit Lubbock to promote organic farming



PHOTOS BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

DANIEL BOWMAN SIMON (left) and Casey Gustowarow (right), creators of the White House Organic Farming Project, are pictured with an organic garden on top of the WhoFarmMobile bus, which they brought to Lubbock Friday to promote a petition for an organic farm at the White House.

By **TINA L. ARONS**
STAFF WRITER

Daniel Bowman Simon and Casey Gustowarow travel the country in a redesigned school bus to spread the word about the White House Organic Farm Project, their plan to petition for an organic farm at the White House.

"We need to be more invested in food security and reducing the amount of traffic that is generated by food moving through the country," said Simon, a 28-year-

old New York University and University of the Pacific alumnus. "If the president is eating out of his own yard, it would send a very positive message."

The two men began their trip Aug. 4 and they said their goal is to travel the country as they make their way toward Washington, D.C. in the days leading up to November's election.

The duo arrived in Lubbock on Thursday with their unusual bus and spent several hours Friday morning encouraging the Lubbock community to sign the petition, which has about 2,000 signatures from people

who support local organic produce.

Simon said the bus, called the WhoFarmMobile, was designed by Stefan Sagmeister and Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's. It was created by fusing two miniature school busses together with one bus turned upside-down on top of the other.

On top of the modified bus is an organic garden.

Gustowarow said the WhoFarm project is a positive attempt to create change.

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Tech cracking down on bicycle parking violations

By **MATT COBB**
STAFF WRITER

Here is a warning to all bicycle riders: Be careful where you park.

Texas Tech's University Parking Services will start enforcing their impound policy for all illegally parked bicycles, in order to make parts of the campus more accessible to visually impaired students.

Bicycles may not be secured on shrubs, trees or any architectural structures, according to the university's parking rules and regulations. Any bicycle that is in violation of this policy is subject to being impounded.

"There are a lot of bikes that are being chained to handrails, and visually impaired students are not able to easily access the library or the Student Union Building," said Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for Tech's University

Parking Services.

The University Parking Services decided to start cracking down on its enforcement policy because they received an increase in the amount of complaints from visually impaired students, she said.

Most of the reported bicycle-parking issues are taking place in between the University Library and the SUB, Medley said. Bicycles are being attached to handrails and trees, rather than their designated racks.

Starting this Wednesday, warning tags will be placed on bicycles that are illegally secured, said Brian Brand, parking enforcement manager for Tech's University Parking Services. This includes bicycles that are chained to handrails and light posts.

"We are going to start impounding bicycles at the end of this week or the

beginning of next week," he said.

Anyone who gets their bicycle impounded will have to pay a \$10 citation and a \$40 impound fee in order to get it back, Brand said. All bicycles will be stored at the impound lot, which is located on Fourth Street, next to Tech Police Station.

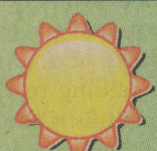
Several new bicycle racks will be placed between the library and the SUB by today, he said. This should provide approximately 30 to 40 additional spots to secure bicycles. These additional racks are being relocated from other areas on campus.

Even though additional bicycle racks are being placed outside of the SUB, the old racks were not being completely utilized, Brand said. There are usually open

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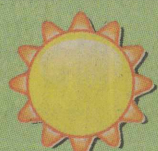


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
A BICYCLE LOCKED to a tree Monday outside the Student Union Building.



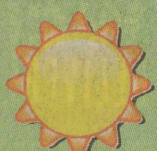
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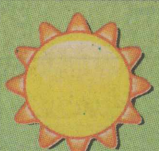
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High 81 Low 52



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Scattered T-Storms

High 72 Low 50

Rain not expected to affect locally-grown cotton crops

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

The most recent rain to pass through the Lubbock area was not enough to worry local experts about negative impact on cotton crops, but they still emphasize warm, dry weather is needed until the harvest.

Shawn Wade, director of communications with Plains Cotton Growers, said because the area has had dry, warm weather since the Sept. 11 flood, the brief rain Sunday most likely will not affect crops.

In a previous interview with *The Daily Treador*, Wade said Lubbock-area cotton growers needed the remainder of the season to be dry or the harvest would be affected negatively.

Although there were some heavy rains around Lubbock, he said the heaviest storms were isolated, giving most of the cotton fields a "modest rain."

Based on weather forecasts, Wade said, the cotton harvest will have a good window of beneficial weather until harvest time.

Because the season started late, Wade said it would not be far-fetched to see an early freeze before the harvest.

However, he said he believes an early freeze likely would not have a negative impact and, in isolated cases, may positively impact crops.

"As producers start putting those harvest-aid chemicals on — that's kind of your signal that the crop is getting mature and is about ready to come off the stalk," Wade said. "When it's to that point, frost is not really your biggest concern."

Randy Boman, extension agronomist for cotton with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, said under normal conditions an early freeze would not have a negative impact, but it would not be beneficial for crops because it provides even less time for them to mature.

"An early freeze certainly would do us no good," he said, "and some years it won't matter, but this year it could be very important in terms of shortening up the amount of time that the cotton has to mature."

Boman said areas around Lubbock got anywhere from three-

quarters of an inch of rain to two inches of rain.

Although the rain was not enough to damage the crops, he said, it will take more time for the crops to dry, which will make it more difficult to harvest.

If the area does not receive a proper amount of warm and dry days before the harvest, Boman said, it could affect the quality of the crop.

However, he said the area has had about two to three weeks of "maturity gains" with the warmer weather.

Jeff Vitale, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service branch in Lubbock, said another rain is possible next week, but the area already has hit its second precipitation peak this year.

Vitale said a frost is not likely in the next two weeks, and the average day of the first frost is Oct. 31.

According to the National Weather Service, Lubbock received almost 14 inches of rain from July to September. The area received about five inches in 2007 and seven inches in 2006 in the same time period.

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Debate stakes higher for McCain; insults mount

WASHINGTON (AP) — Running short on time, John McCain has the most riding on the second presidential debate, though Barack Obama will be out of his scripted comfort zone in the town hall-style confrontation. It could be ugly if Monday's tussling is any indication.

Tuesday night's debate comes exactly four weeks before Election Day with a lot going on both inside and outside the campaign: Polling shows Obama approaching the 270 Electoral College votes needed for victory, Wall Street is tumbling even further and both candidates are escalating character attacks.

Their target audience in the debate: the roughly 10 percent of the electorate who are undecided and an additional quarter who say they might still change their minds before Nov. 4.

The debate, at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., is supposed to be divided equally between the economy and foreign policy, but given the global financial turmoil, economic questions may well dominate. As markets were plunging in Europe and Asia as well as the U.S. on Monday, the candidates were going after each other.

In Florida, GOP vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin raised Obama's ties to 1960s-era radical William Ayers and to the Democrat's former pastor, the incendiary Rev. Jeremiah Wright. In New Mexico, McCain, himself asked, "Who is the real Senator Obama," referred to him critically as a "Chicago politician" and argued that the Democrat says one thing and does another.

Obama, in turn, asserted in North Carolina that McCain was engaging "in the usual political shenanigans and smear tactics" to distract from economic issues, even as his own aides in Chicago assailed the Republican nominee for "an angry tirade" and went after him for his role in the 1980s Keating Five savings and loan scandal.

McCain, a four-term Arizona senator, is trailing in polls and facing dwindling options to thwart Democrat Obama in an enormously troublesome political landscape for Republicans. Obama, the first-term Illinois senator, wants to solidify his lead and avoid any major debate misstep that could set him back in his quest to become the country's first black president.

Each hunkered down with top aides over the weekend to prepare, McCain at his vacation compound near Sedona, Ariz., Obama in the western mountains of newly competitive North Carolina.

In the 90-minute debate, NBC newsman Tom Brokaw will facilitate questions from the audience as tens of millions of viewers tune in from across the country.

"Generally, the stakes in this are higher for McCain," said Phil Musser, a former executive director of the Republican Governors Association. "It's probably one of the last and most important opportunities for him to lay out an economic vision that resonates with middle America in a format that lends itself to doing just that."

But Republicans and Democrats alike say even a strong McCain performance may not be enough.

"McCain can win the debate,

but the trajectory of this election would not be fundamentally altered unless Obama also made a pretty dramatic and serious mistake," said Chris Lehane, a Democratic strategist in Vice President Al Gore's 2000 campaign.

McCain is most comfortable during the give-and-take of question-and-answer events that were a hallmark of his 2000 campaign, and his 2008 primary effort. But his consistency largely depends on his mood. When he's on his game, McCain is witty and charming, filled with ready one-liners and stories from his past. When he's off, McCain can come across cranky, surly and prone to gaffes.

Obama typically is much more at ease giving speeches from behind a lectern, though he has taken impromptu questions from audiences and has grown much more adept at the

back-and-forth of voter-question sessions throughout the campaign. The debate provides the professorial Obama with an opportunity to show some and seal the deal with voters still struggling to see him as president.

Criticisms of each other are certain.

McCain "might as well take the gloves off," Palin said Monday, signaling that the GOP nominee may well question Obama's character, record and policies as part of a stepped-up effort to make Obama an unacceptable option for voters. It's also likely Obama will go after McCain anew on the Republican's 90 percent support for President Bush in the Senate, and possibly on his character as well.

Turkish planes bomb Kurdish hideout in north Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish warplanes bombed a Kurdish rebel hideout in northern Iraq on Monday — the third air strike in retaliation for an attack that killed 15 soldiers three days ago.

The military said it bombed the Avasin Basyan region of northern Iraq after spotting a group of rebels. Turkish fighter jets had struck suspected

rebel hideouts in northern Iraq on Friday and Saturday. And Turkish artillery units pounded suspected rebel positions in the Avasin Basyan region Sunday, the military said.

In northern Iraq, a rebel spokesman said the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, had suffered no casualties.

"There are no PKK personnel here in this area that was bombed

so we have no casualties among our fighters," Ahmet Deniz said.

Turkey stepped up its military activity after the fiercest battle between Turkish troops and Kurdish rebels in eight months: Fifteen soldiers and at least 23 insurgents were killed Friday, and another 20 soldiers were wounded. Two soldiers are reported missing.

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Bank of America settles suits over bad mortgages

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Facing a lawsuit over deceptive mortgage practices, Bank of America Corp. is agreeing to pay more than \$8 billion to modify hundreds of thousands of loans to keep people from losing their homes.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America said Monday it will modify troubled mortgages with up to \$8.4 billion in interest rate

and principal reductions for nearly 400,000 customers of Countrywide Financial Corp., the troubled mortgage lender it acquired last summer.

The announcement arrived after the Illinois attorney general's office said Sunday that the bank was modifying loans for customers in 11 states.

Some borrowers stuck with Countrywide customers might qualify for having to pay nothing but interest for a decade. Even people who can't afford to keep their homes with such changes will be able to get help moving to a new home.

"This is going to provide a tremendous amount of relief," said

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

Her office and officials from California negotiated the settlement; Illinois and California sued Countrywide earlier this year. Nine other states have also joined the settlement, and other states could sign on, said Deborah Hagan, chief of Madigan's Consumer Protection Division.

In California alone, the settlement will offer \$3.5 billion in relief. For Illinois, that would translate to \$190 million.

"Countrywide's lending practices turned the American dream into a nightmare for tens of thousands of families by putting them into loans they couldn't understand and ultimately couldn't afford," California Attorney General Jerry Brown Jr. said in a statement Sunday.

The other states joining the settlement are Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Washington.

Bank of America said it will launch the new mortgage aid program in December.

In a statement, Barbara Desoer, president of Bank of America's mortgage, home equity and insurance services, called the plan "a comprehensive program that provides more solutions than ever before to assist troubled borrowers and put them back on the path to sustained homeownership."

The mortgage aid includes revising customers' payments so they don't exceed 34 percent of income.

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Bikes

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spots on the bicycle racks, but some students still choose to secure their bicycles illegally.

"We went out and did some checking, and found that they were only 80 to 85 percent full," he said.

The Student Government Association has been promoting an increase in bicycle usage, said Austin Pennington, the SGA external vice president. This is just one minor problem that goes along with an increase in bicycle riders.

So far, the SGA has not dedicated any money toward purchasing new bicycle racks, he said.

"We've been talking to the administration, and this is one of the things we can fix the easiest," Pennington said.

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JUST BEAT IT



LEE WILLIS, A sophomore music education major from San Antonio, practices the tenor drum Monday by the soccer fields. PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

Tech museum receives national accreditation

By MATT COBB
STAFF WRITER

The Museum of Texas Tech reaffirmed its status among some of the most elite museums in the United States after its national accreditation was renewed last month.

Tech's museum received accreditation from the American Association of Museums, a designation currently awarded to less than 5 percent or 774 of the nation's estimated 17,500 museums, according to the association's Web site.

"The accreditation is an affirmation for the way the museum does business," said David Dean, director of the museum's information services. "It says the museum practices and upholds the standards set by the AAM."

A museum must go through a rigorous application process in order to receive accreditation from the association, he said. The process can take up to a year and a half to complete.

"It's really a comprehensive look at the institution," Dean said.

The American Association of Museums analyzes all aspects of a museum when it awards accreditation, he said. The organization looks at a museum's professional practices, how it acquires and handles collections and how well its educational programs are run.

Also, a visiting committee consisting of museum experts appointed by the association travels to the museum to verify that the application information has been reported accurately, Dean said. The visiting committee will send a report of their findings back to the American Association of Museums.

The accreditation that Tech's museum received applies to the entire museum system, he said. The museum system is comprised of the Moody Planetarium, the Natural

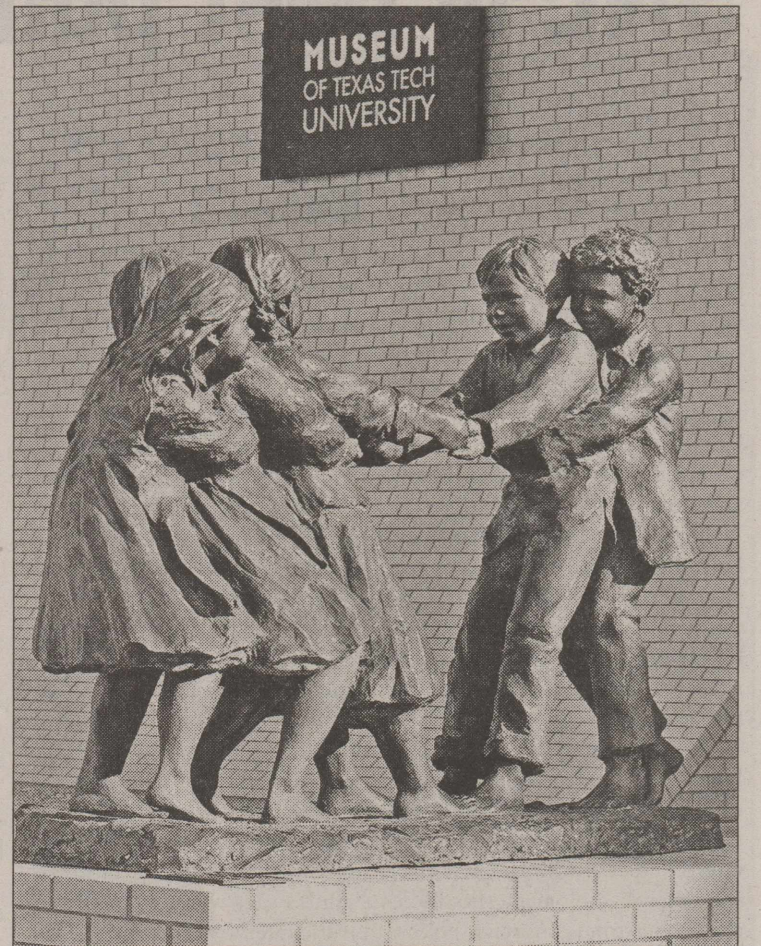


PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador
THE MUSEUM OF Texas Tech University was recently given national accreditation, a rare honor for museums in the United States.

Science Research Laboratory, the Lubbock Lake Landmark and the main museum on Tech's campus.

This is the third time the museum has earned accreditation from the association, Dean said. Tech's museum first received national accreditation in 1990, then again in 1998. The most recent accreditation will last for 10 years.

Out of the 774 nationally accredited museums, only 108 are university-based institutions, according to the American Association of Museums Web site.

National accreditation is awarded only to institutions that uphold the highest standards and practices, said Gary Edson, executive director of the museum. This designation is important because it helps the museum

receive funding such as grants.

The accreditation also is important for Tech, he said, because it demonstrates to potential students that the university has some of the top institutions in the nation.

The accreditation is the second time this year Tech's museum has been distinguished for its excellence, Edson said. In May, the Texas Historical Commission awarded the museum with an exemplary certification.

Tech's museum is located at the intersection of Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the museum is free to the public.

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Noriega knocks Cornyn over donations

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrat Rick Noriega's campaign suggested Monday that despite his claims to the contrary Republican Sen. John Cornyn is cozy with Wall Street investors and bankers who contribute millions to his campaigns.

Noriega's camp was responding to a Cornyn television ad in which the senator is shown walking among cattle in South Texas and speaking of the financial and credit crisis. "It shouldn't have happened," Cornyn says in the ad.

The Noriega campaign posted an ad on the Internet that contends Cornyn "just follows the herd." It points out that Cornyn, a first-term Texas senator, has accepted \$3.9 million from the financial, insurance and real estate sectors.

Among the donations are \$731,525 from those in the security and investment industry and \$546,342 from donors in commercial banking, the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics, which is cited as the Noriega campaign's source, states on its Web site.

"Cornyn has a long record of pay-to-play politics," said Noriega spokesman Martine Apodaca. "Unfortunately for Texans, after taking nearly \$4 million from the financial industry Cornyn turned around and gave them \$700 billion in taxpayer money. It looks like the financial industry got quite a return on their investment."

The ad for the underfunded Noriega campaign is running only on the Internet instead of in paid

advertising on television. Cornyn was among 74 senators from both parties who voted last week for a \$700 billion financial rescue package that President Bush signed into law on Friday.

Cornyn spokesman Kevin McLaughlin said the Noriega ad is "disingenuous" because the nearly \$4 million in contributions from the financial industry don't all represent Wall Street.

"These people who are giving him money are small town stockbrokers, independent insurance brokers, are realtors," McLaughlin said. "Senator Cornyn has received more, a higher percentage of his donations, in state than any incumbent running for

Congress." McLaughlin brushed off Noriega's assertion as "just another negative attack" from a desperate campaign a month before the Nov. 4 election. He also said Noriega refuses to say whether he supports tax breaks and other measures contained in last week's massive bailout.

In response, Noriega said Monday during a visit at the University of Texas in Austin the bailout bill should have been a stand-alone proposal. He opposed the bill as written and said it should have included more regulatory teeth and oversight of how the money will be spent.

"We shouldn't have to put a bunch of sugar on it to get votes if it was that critical an issue," Noriega said of the tax incentives in the bill.

He said it is similar to the Bush administration's invasion of Iraq in that the financial bailout isn't based on a clear plan. He said it amounts to a blank check for Wall Street and that federal officials haven't yet figured out how they are going to implement it.

"They don't have a plan. I mean, how irresponsible is that? Goodness gracious," he said.

Noriega's ad cites past congressional votes Cornyn has taken that Noriega claims shows his closeness with the financial industry.

In Cornyn's ad, the senator is cast as someone who tried to warn congressional leaders in Washington about the housing and financial crisis as long as two years ago. To back that up, Cornyn's campaign released a 2006 letter to Senate leaders that he and 19 other senators signed warning of potential problems with the mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

But Noriega's campaign said Cornyn also accepted contributions from lobbyists for Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

And, during his UT-Austin visit, Noriega mocked Cornyn's 2006 letter to Senate leaders.

"I know that Texas families feel so much more self-assured to know that when this country faces another trillion-dollar bailout of the incumbents' buddies, lobbyists from Wall Street, that he's going to send a letter," Noriega said.

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German, 2 French share Nobel medicine prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Three European scientists shared the 2008 Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for separate discoveries of viruses that cause AIDS and cervical cancer, breakthroughs that helped doctors fight the deadly diseases.

French researchers Françoise Barre-Sinoussi and Luc Montagnier were cited for their discovery of human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, in 1983.

They shared the award with

Germany's Harald zur Hausen, who was honored for finding human papilloma viruses that cause cervical cancer, the second most common cancer among women.

U.S. researcher Dr. Robert Gallo was locked in a dispute with Montagnier in the 1980s over the relative importance of their roles in groundbreaking research into HIV and its role in AIDS. Gallo told The Associ-

ated Press that he was disappointed at not being included in the prize.

Montagnier told the AP in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where he is attending an international AIDS conference, that he was still optimistic about conquering the disease.

The prize, he said, "encourages us all to keep going until we reach the goal at the end of this effort."

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MEMBERS OF THE symphonic wind ensemble practice outside of the music building due to the lack of space Monday afternoon.

U. Michigan lets Dems campaign in dorms

By **JULIE ROWE**
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

Previously barred from canvassing in the dorms by University of Michigan policy, the College Democrats held a last-ditch voter registration effort in most campus residence halls.

With the deadline to register to vote for next month's presidential election at midnight Monday, about 40 members of the group met at the union to get clipboards and registration forms.

The group wasn't allowed to coordinate canvasses in the dorms because of the university's solicitation policy, said Nathaniel Eli Coats Styer, chairman of College Democrats at Michigan. The university is prohibited from using public resources to support or oppose a political candidate by state and federal laws.

"It wasn't that it was banned before," he said. "It was that it was a gray area."

The group has encouraged its members who live in residence halls to talk to their neighbors about Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and help them register to vote, but the group had never held a coordinated canvassing effort before. The College Dems registered about 60 people in two hours last night.

Before, the only group allowed to register voters in the residence halls was Voice Your Vote, a non-partisan commission of the Michigan Student Assembly. Voice Your Vote's access to the residence halls was temporarily restricted last week after Housing officials reported accusations of partisanship amongst members of the MSA-sponsored group.

Styer said a decision to allow the College Democrats to canvass the dorms was made after members from

the group and lawyers for the Obama campaign met with representatives from the housing office and the Office of the General Counsel. He said the attorneys argued that allowing the College Democrats to carry out campaign efforts in the dorms didn't conflict with the university's requirement to refrain from endorsing or opposing candidates.

Styer said an Obama lawyer notified him of the decision, adding that the university would notify residence hall staff early this week.

University Housing officials could not be reached for comment.

Before volunteers for the College Democrats were allowed to canvass last night, senior Sam Marvin, who coordinates the group's residence hall outreach, explained voter registration law and how to fill out forms.

Marvin said an agreement reached between the housing office

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Injury hits 'Dancing with the Stars'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Dancing with the Stars" contestant Misty May-Treanor is hurt. But will she be out of the competition?

The Olympic gold medalist volleyball player, who scored a 21 out of 30 with professional partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy for their paso doble routine last week, suffered an unspecified injury Friday. A spokeswoman for the popular ABC dancing competition said the status of May-Treanor's condition — and whether she will continue to dance — would be addressed on Monday's live performance show.

The show's producers said in a statement released Saturday: "Despite previous reports, she did not break her ankle. She is resting comfortably at home. Doctors will re-evaluate her condition on Monday and determine the outcome of her participation on the show."

Lohan's father to box for charity

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Lohan isn't the type to back down from a fight.

The estranged father of Lindsay Lohan has publicly feuded with the actress, her girlfriend Samantha Ronson and her mother Dina Lohan.

For his next battle, Lohan will use his fists rather than his mouth: He's

auctioning off the chance to knock him out in a charity boxing match Nov. 24 at the Hilton Long Island in Melville, N.Y.

Bidding to challenge Lohan begins at \$5,000. Proceeds will go to charities including the Long Island Community Chest, which provides financial support to needy families,

Illness affects three Jackson concerts

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Janet Jackson has postponed three more shows because of an undisclosed illness.

Her publicist said in an e-mail late Saturday that Jackson was postponing a Saturday show in Greensboro, N.C., one on Sunday

in Atlanta and a third on Tuesday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A statement from Jackson said she arrived in Greensboro, N.C., hoping to perform there Saturday, but a local doctor advised that she not perform after it became "evident" she was not fully recovered.

Shock jock Howard Stern ties knot

NEW YORK (AP) — Shock jock Howard Stern has embraced tradition. The radio talk show host known for hosting porn stars married his longtime girlfriend, Beth Ostrosky, on Friday.

"I can't wait to marry Howard," she told Newsday before the ceremony at Manhattan's tony Le Cirque restaurant, adding, "I know, everyone laughs!"

The bride wore a white chiffon gown with cutaway back and sides. Officiating at the ceremony was actor Mark Consuelos, Kelly Ripa's husband and an ordained minister.

The 180 guests included Joan Rivers, Barbara Walters, Billy Joel, Steve Schirripa, Chevy Chase, Tommy Mottola, and Donald and Melania Trump.

They dined on tuna tataki, scrambled eggs with white truffles and striped bass with caviar — washed down with wine and champagne. Songwriter Phoebe Snow serenaded the newlyweds with "You Send Me," and Joel crooned "The Stranger."

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Tech handled Kansas State's defenses with ease

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

For Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach, seeing three defenses rolled into one makes for a great day at the office.

"The good news is you're moving the ball," Leach said. "Otherwise, they keep running the same defense that they did. You just try to react to it and respond to it."

Alternating between the run and pass, Tech's offense did a good job of reacting to Kansas State's defense throughout the Red Raiders' 58-28 victory on Saturday.

Leach said he noticed the Wildcats played three different defenses throughout the game, giving Tech quarterback Graham Harrell the opportunity to adjust the play as he saw fit.

The first defense was a mixture of coverages with no blitzes, the second threw in the blitz with some coverages and the third defense was pretty much all blitzing, Leach said.

With that type of variation, Leach acknowledged that Harrell's ability to make the right checks was the reason for touchdown plays to Lyle Leong and Michael Crabtree. Also, Tech's first offensive series when it gashed the Wildcats with the run game was a result of Harrell reading



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S GRAHAM Harrell threw six touchdown passes, tying his career high, in the Red Raiders' 58-28 win over Kansas State Saturday.

the defense.

"(Harrell's) the guy that can do it the quickest because he's under center," Leach said. "On the sideline and on the top, there's a certain amount of guess work with (coaches). It's

like, 'Last time in this situation, (Kansas State) did this, they might do that,' so if we call this, and then we actually call it, then it's not that. He can straighten it out and find some way to attack, which he did a

good job of a number of times.

"I think that's part of why I think (Kansas State) wanted two safeties (in pass coverage), but then we were able to run the ball well that first series. So then they went one safety,

but they wouldn't blitz, but they kept more people around the ball."

On his way to passing another pair of records belonging to former quarterback Kliff Kingsbury, Harrell threw for six touchdowns and ran for another in a 454-yard performance that earned him Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Week and Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week honors Monday.

Harrell said Tech's ability to run the ball has been helpful for him as a quarterback this year. He leads the nation in passing yards with 2,027, while throwing 18 touchdowns and three interceptions.

"If the box is light, there's not many people around the line, then the run is effective and we're running the ball well," he said. "Now you have to put someone in there, now you're short-handed to defend the pass."

Tech's rushing attack averages 5.4 yards per carry, 144.4 yards per game and has scored 14 total touchdowns this season, which has been a sign of good things to come against teams that have difficulty stopping the run.

Under Leach since 2000, the Red Raiders are 35-9 when gaining more than 100 yards on the ground, and 19-1 since 2005. Not to mention, Tech has rushed for more than 100 yards in each of its first five wins in 2008.

"I think it's the best we've run the ball since I've been here," Harrell said, "or at least since I've played for sure in the last three years. That's huge. The other day I was talking to (Tech special teams coach) Clay McGuire, who played here, and he said, 'I can't remember a game where we rushed for over a 100 yards that we lost.'"

The last time Tech gained 100 yards rushing in a losing effort was in a 13-10 loss to Alabama in the 2006 Cotton Bowl.

Because of Tech's efficient run game, Leach said the offense has implemented a few new sets to give it a new look. During the Kansas State game, on several occasions, Tech had Harrell under center and ran the ball with running back Shannon Woods or Baron Batch as the lone back.

Leach said the changes are not drastic. Instead, they are reshuffling certain players to give a formation a face-lift, dictating what a defense does.

"Sometimes just out of different sets and things, different teams are inclined to put their people in different places," he said. "If you can come up with something that's predictable, you'll try to get them in that position and then go after what you saw."

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Tech cross country finishes 12th at Notre Dame Invitational

By KAYLA PARHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's cross country team now has an idea of where it stands against the nation's best.

The No. 21 women's team finished 12th Friday in the Blue Division at the Notre Dame Invitational

in South Bend, Ind.

Tech coach Jon Murray said the 5K, Notre Dame Invitational gave his team a chance to see how it stacked up against some of the nation's best.

"The goal was to go up and beat a few teams that stood a chance at going to nationals," he said. "Try to get a better position going to nationals out of regionals. We did that, had a good

competition, raced some great people and we'll go from there."

Lillian Badaru, placing fourth, finished with a time of 16 minutes 39 seconds, 18 seconds behind the first place runner Brie Felnagle of North Carolina. Gladys Kipsang finished 34th with a time of 17:17, Asia Diaz came in 58th finishing at 17:36, Michelle Guzman finished 98th with a

time of 18:04 and Chep Boit came in 120th with a time of 18:17.

"We beat a few teams that I think will be very close going to nationals," Murray said. "Objectively, we weren't quite as strong without Sally (Kipyego). That would have a pretty big impact on where we placed. But, 10 of the 11 teams were ranked and there were several ranked teams behind us."

Badaru said Tech wanted to make the Top 5, but the team did not do as well as she wanted.

"So far that was the most competitive meet I have ever ran," she said. "The first three girls were really good and they took me so far. I had to keep up with them and I liked it, so I ran my best time."

In Stillwater, Okla., the Tech men's cross country team competed Saturday at the 8K Cowboy Jamboree, finishing eighth while the rest of the women's team placed 25th overall.

"They had some good performances there — several that were real close to their personal best," Murray said. "It was a much better effort than what we had at our home meet, so I think they showed a lot of progress."

The Red Raiders were led by Gilbert Limo who finished 10th with a time of 24:24. Cory Higgins came in 53rd with a time of 26:02. Logan Culotta finished 60th with a time of 26:13, followed by Jake Szot in 69th with a time of 26:37 and Nathan Milles who finished 83rd at 26:56.

Daniel Kirwa of No. 3 Harding, a Division II school, won the meet with a time of 23:57.

Limo said Tech did fairly well against some of the best teams in the nation, including No. 2 Oklahoma State.

"It was a very good meet, a very strong meet," he said. "They had very good schools, Big 12 (Conference) schools, like Kansas and Oklahoma

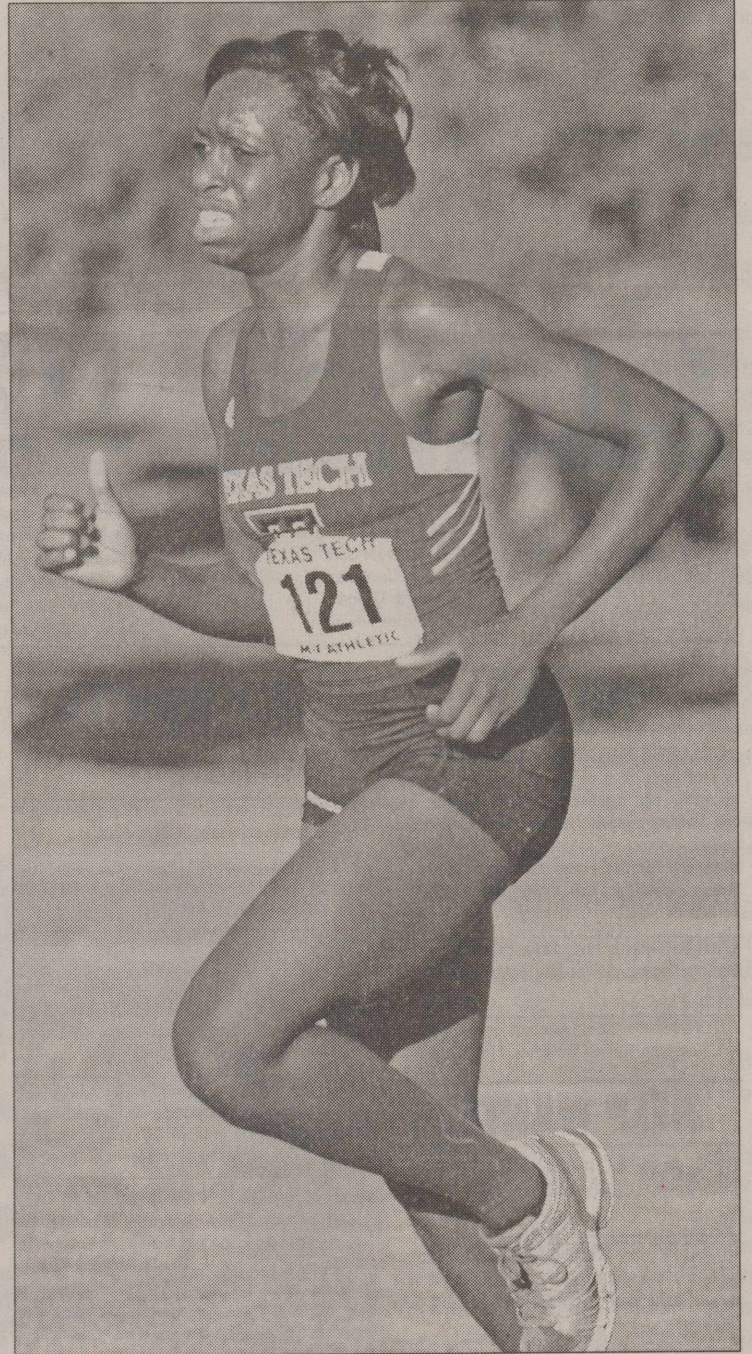


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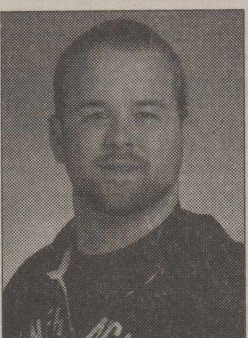
TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S cross country finished 12th at a Notre Dame Invitational against tough competition.

State which is ranked No. 2. We were there to see how we would do, and now we know where we are and

where we are going and hopefully by Big 12 we will be there."

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