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## Craig James spokesman denies threat to university

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A spokesperson for Craig James denied in a statement Wednesday that the father of Texas Tech receiver Adam James tried to bully the university into investigating former head coach Mike Leach.

Documents obtained by *The Daily Toreador* on Thursday say Tech "reasonably" expected a lawsuit on Dec. 20, 2009, after Craig James "indicated that litigation could ensue if TTU did not proceed to investigate Leach for the improper treatment of an injured student-athlete."

"Craig James never threatened to sue Texas

Tech University," said James' spokesman Scott McLaughlin. "Further, Texas Tech initiated its investigation of its own accord."

Two days after he was suspended during a pending investigation into the treatment of Adam James, who was suffering from a mild concussion, Leach was fired. The termination came before a hearing for a temporary restraining order, which Leach and his attorneys filed.

Leach's attorney and lead counsel Paul Dobrowski said "people threaten lawsuits all the time," and called Craig



LEACH

James' attempt an "empty threat."

Tech administrators did not see it that way, according to the documents.

"The threat did not appear to be an idle threat as the parent expressed genuine concern for the health and well-being of his injured child, as well as other student-athletes," according to the document.

Dobrowski said the contents of the documents will not affect the angle Leach's legal group has taken in the lawsuit.

"They still gotta abide by Mike's contract, what's he gonna sue over?" Dobrowski said. "Mike didn't do anything wrong. They conducted an investigation and knew that Mike didn't do anything wrong. Mr. James' threat was an

empty threat and they should've realized it."

Tech attorneys claim the university falls under sovereign immunity as an arm of the state, which is part of a U.S. Constitutional amendment disallowing private citizens from suing the state without its consent.

Dobrowski said with Tech taking that position, he doesn't understand why Tech didn't apply the sovereign immunity claim to the James family.

"If I were on Texas Tech's side," he said, "and you hear so much about their vaunted claim that no one can sue the university because it's a state agency because of sovereign immunity, they wouldn't care."

In a court ruling Jan. 20, Judge William

Sowder, of the 99th District Court in Lubbock, denied a motion for expedited discovery on behalf of Leach and said he had major problems with six out of the seven causes of action claimed by Leach's legal group. Those actions include breach of contract, violation of the Texas Whistleblower Act and violation of due process rights.

He also said the waiver of sovereign immunity claim, which he will rule on before the case continues, presents questions.

Attorneys for Leach claim the university's egregious behavior regarding the coach's termination provide a waiver by conduct to override sovereign immunity.

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STUDENTS SLED DOWN a snow-covered hill near the United Spirit Arena on Thursday during a period of winter weather that canceled classes and shut down campus.



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FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: 1. Conni Kitten, an employee of the library, scrapes ice from her car in a parking lot near 18th Street. 2. Ishley Elmore, a freshman agricultural communications major from Decatur, jumps on the back of Drew Cashmen, an agricultural communications major from New Windsor, Md. 3. Students have a snowball fight on the intramural fields.

## {roads expected to remain hazardous}

By RALSTON ROLLO  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Emergency Communication System sent an e-mail and text message to students and faculty Thursday stating classes would be cancelled after 12:30 p.m. Thursday and until 10 a.m. today due to winter weather.

Jerald Meadows of the National Weather Service said the Lubbock area received about 2.2 inches of snowfall. However, little chance of continued precipitation exists today.

Temperatures should fluctuate within the 20s today, he said, and are expected to remain around

freezing until Saturday.

Driving conditions, he said, will be dangerous through at least the morning hours.

"If you don't absolutely need to be driving, think twice about getting on the roads," Meadows said.

Texas Tech President Guy Bailey said the cancellation of today's classes is a possibility, depending on weather and road conditions.

"Ice on the roads is our main concern," he said.

Bailey said a decision about cancelling all of today's classes would not be made until administrators and police had a better grasp on today's weather forecasts.

"It all depends on weather conditions," he said.

Tech administrators work with weather forecasters and try to anticipate the severity of storms, Bailey said. The administration and police had been monitoring the progression of Thursday's storm since Wednesday.

During the early stages of Thursday's storm, Tech took precautions to ensure the safety of students and faculty alike, said Sally Post, director of Communications and Marketing.

"Our primary concern is to make sure the Tech facility is safe," she said.

The KTXT radio tower, Post said, represented a hazard due to the potential for falling ice and Tech was obligated to close areas of commuter west un-

derneath the tower.

Cpl. Jon Gonzalez of the Texas Department of Public Safety said while Lubbock driving conditions are hazardous, it is fortunate that the storm was not as severe as in areas to the northwest.

Those who must drive, he said, should bring food, blankets and pillows with them in case they become stranded.

"If you get stranded, it is best to stay in your car," Gonzalez said. "Make sure you carry a fully-charged cell phone."

The city of Lubbock, he said, is working to make the roads safe for driving as soon as possible.

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**STATE**

**Rare bird sighting could be first confirmed in US**

LAREDO (AP) — Laredo could be home to a female Amazon kingfisher, a species of bird never previously reported in the United States.

On Sunday afternoon, Alan Wormington of Leamington, Canada, and his friend Robert Epstein were down at Zacate Creek when they spotted and photographed the bird.

Wormington was on his way to the Rio Grande Valley when he made a stop in Laredo, caught sight of the bird and photographed it.

"He immediately posted it from his hotel room (Sunday) night," said local birder Tom Miller. "Already, people drove up (Monday)

morning."

The news has already hit the U.S. birding community.

Bill Maynard of the American Birding Association blogged about the kingfisher in his Peeps column.

In that blog, Maynard noted that the kingfisher is typically found no further north than southern Tamaulipas and Sinaloa.

The appearance of the kingfisher coincides with a recent sighting of the bare-throated tiger heron in the Rio Grande Valley region.

The bird has already attracted many birders to South Texas. Now, with the sighting of kingfisher, many of those birders are making a stop in Laredo.

**NATION**

**Bernanke confirmation advances in crucial vote**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ben Bernanke has cleared a crucial hurdle in the Senate that assures his confirmation to a second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve.

The Senate voted Thursday to overcome a filibuster that would have doomed his nomination. The Senate will now move to a final confirmation vote.

Bernanke came under withering

bipartisan criticism from lawmakers who blame him for not spotting the simmering financial crisis and for massive Wall Street bailouts. Bernanke became a lightning rod for critics of bonuses paid to bank executives even as unemployment climbed into double digits.

His supporters argue that Bernanke came to the financial industry's rescue in time to prevent a catastrophic collapse.

**WORLD**

**Afghan president predicts long NATO stay**

LONDON (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai warned Thursday that foreign troops must stay in his country for another decade, as world powers agreed on an exit map including a plan to persuade Taliban fighters to disarm in exchange for jobs and homes.

Divisions emerged between the U.S. and its partners over Kabul's willingness to offer peace to Taliban leaders who once harbored al-Qaida, instead of the more limited deal for lower-ranking fighters emphasized by the Americans.

All agree that reconciliation means bringing on board what Mark Sedwill, NATO's newly appointed civilian chief in Afghanistan, called "some pretty unsavory characters."

The conference was called to help the U.S. and its allies find a way out of the grinding Afghan war amid rising U.S. and NATO casualties and falling public support. NATO has agreed to accelerate the training of Afghan security forces and gradually transfer more

combat responsibility to them.

"With regard to training and equipping the Afghan security forces, five to 10 years will be enough," Karzai told the BBC. "With regard to sustaining them until Afghanistan is financially able to provide for our forces, the time will be extended to 10 to 15 years."

The 70 nations and international organizations backed Karzai's plan to reintegrate Taliban willing to "cut ties with al-Qaida and other terrorist groups and pursue their political goals peacefully."

Karzai said neighboring Pakistan and Saudi Arabia — which worked together to facilitate the rise of the radical Islamic movement in the 1990s — would play a key role in the reintegration process.

The Afghan leader will convene a peace jirga — or conference — within weeks to involve Afghan leaders, members of civil society groups and clerics, Afghanistan's outgoing foreign minister Rangin Dadfar Spanta said.

# Snow Sightings

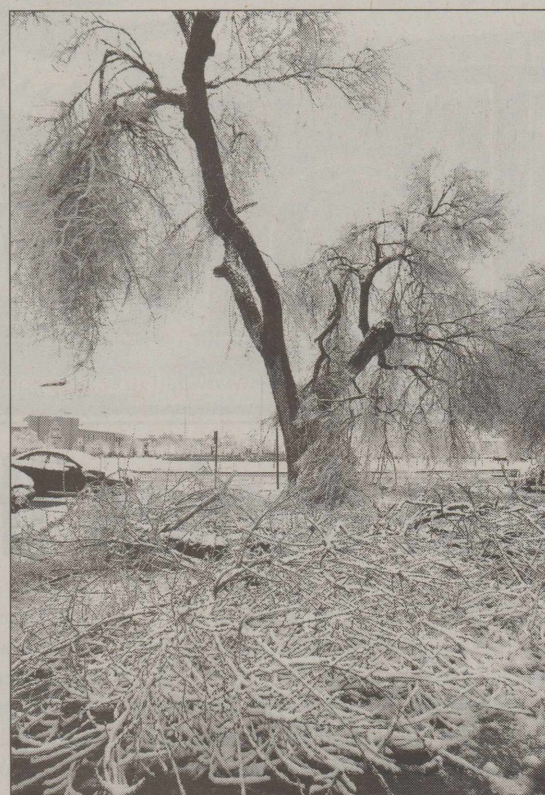


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador  
**TREE BRANCHES FALLEN** Thursday during a period of winter weather that shut down campus.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENAIER/The Daily Toreador  
**TYSON CASON**, a freshman chemistry major from Early, hits Erica Koehler, a freshman journalism major from Frisco, with a snowball Thursday outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador  
**ISHLEY ELMORE**, a freshman agricultural communications major from Decatur, tackles Faith Jurek, a freshman agricultural communications major from Star, Thursday at the intramural fields.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador  
**A GROUP OF** Texas Tech students celebrate after finishing their 12-foot tall snowman Mr. Ice.

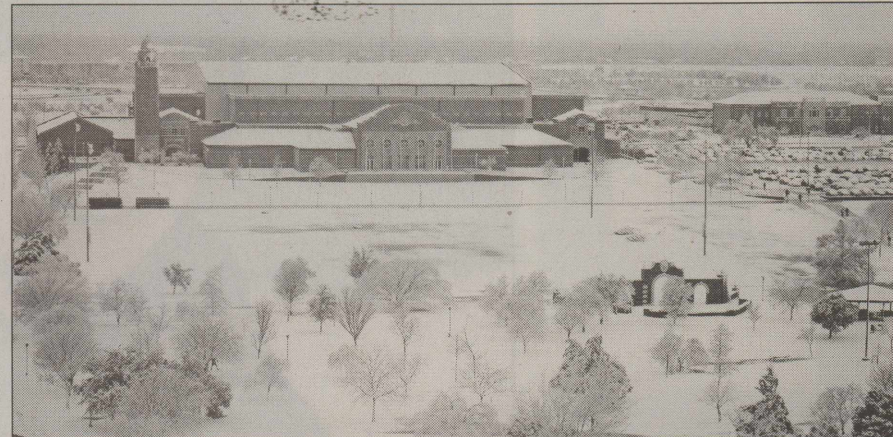


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador  
**A BLANKET OF** snow covers the Texas Tech campus Thursday.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador  
**STUDENTS WALK UNDERNEATH** a canopy of snow-covered tree branches outside of West Hall on Thursday afternoon.

**Corrections**

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It is The DT's policy to correct mis-

takes in this spot as soon as possible.

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

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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## Senate permits gov't to borrow additional \$1.9T

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Thursday to allow the government to go a whopping \$1.9 trillion deeper in debt, offering a vivid election-year reminder that the government has to borrow 40 cents of every dollar it spends.

The measure would put the government on track for a national debt of \$14.3 trillion — more than \$45,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States. And the debt is increasingly held by foreign nations such as China.

The budget for the current

year is about \$3.5 trillion and the deficit will probably match last year's \$1.4 trillion. The government would have to borrow to cover that \$1.4 trillion.

The measure passed 60-39 under ground rules insisted upon by Republicans that required 60 votes to pass it. Democrats and allied independents control 60 seats — for now — and were only able to win the vote because Republican Sen.-elect Scott Brown of Massachusetts has yet to be seated.

While Thursday's vote went smoothly, it came after weeks of difficult negotiations between the White House and both House and Senate Democrats.

Moderate House "Blue Dog" Democrats came away with a tough new "pay-as-you-go" budget law to make it harder to run up the deficit with new tax cuts or federal benefit programs. Senate Democrats won a promise from President Barack Obama to name a bipartisan task force to come up with a plan for dealing with the spiraling debt — but one whose recommendations are unlikely to ever see an up-or-down vote.

Meanwhile, Obama won symbolic support for his proposal for a partial domestic spending freeze.

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## Apple iPad promising, not paradigm shifting

Well folks, it's finally here. After years of rumors, mock-ups and speculation, Apple has finally released its most important device since the iPhone.

I will assume you haven't buried your head in the sand for the last couple of days and have a pretty decent understanding of the iPad. That's good, because I'm going to start by talking about what the iPad is not.

First, the iPad is not the most well-named device in the world. No one really expected Apple to go with a name that prompts many people to think of women's personal care. Then again, anybody remember the Wii? Yeah, we all laughed at that one too. Now it's the best-selling video game console in the world.

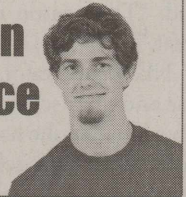
Second, the iPad is not a replacement for your iPhone or iPod Touch. Yes, it runs the iPhone OS and has many of the same capabilities, but the iPad is not a redundant product. It's also not a replacement for your laptop or desktop. As Apple pitched it, the iPad aims to fill the gap notebooks, the Amazon Kindle and such haven't.

It is difficult to tell at this point whether it will succeed as an e-reader. The iPad has a lot going for it, but will consumers choose the iPad to satisfy their need for a crossover device?

This brings me to my third point. The iPad is not a value product. For \$499 you get the entry-level iPad with 16GB of memory and no 3G capability. To get a decent model with all the nice accessories and a data plan you'll be spending closer to a grand. Apple is trying to make it sound like the iPad hits some pricing "sweet spot," but it still feels just a tad too expensive.

Finally, the iPad lacks some essential features. It does not have integrated GPS, so no placing it on your dash to navigate around on long trips (which, on second thought, is

### Stephen Torrence



probably a good thing). It also does not have a camera, so no using it to snap quick photos or do video calls on that gorgeous screen.

A big part of me wants to love the iPad. On Wednesday I watched with tremendous anticipation the entire Apple launch event as half a dozen tech media sites covered it. I hung on every one of Steve Job's words. My heart skipped a beat when I saw him holding the tablet for the first time.

But as I shook off the pixie dust, I realized the actualization of this device I'd been dreaming about for half a decade did not in any way live up to my hopes for it.

I share this feeling with a lot of geeks. We had anticipated Jobs' possibly last, great product would be a revolution, a paradigm shift greater than the Macintosh itself. We wanted it to change the world.

Yet much as our president has fallen short of his supporters' expectations during the past year, the iPad as well has failed to fulfill all the hopes of many technology enthusiasts.

The slate format is the future of casual computing. The iPad is the best one yet, but there's plenty of room for improvement. Stay tuned. It's going to be an exciting decade.

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## Technology can't replace classic human interaction

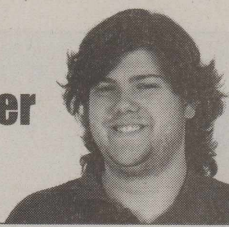
I've always loved technology, and I've always been a fan of having it integrated into my life. It's not always a good thing in that if I were to actually follow my car's factory navigation system, I'd likely end up under a pile of rubble in Haiti, and through no fault of my own, I'm on my third Xbox 360.

Some things improve our lives, however. After having it less than six months, I couldn't imagine trying to live as happily as I do without my iPhone, despite the fact a piece of paper could do largely the same thing for keeping information even if I couldn't read FML or have a nice wallpaper of William Shatner on it.

All these toys are nice to have, but I feel like they're often cutting into our social time with others. It's not uncommon to see a group of people sitting together at a coffee shop speaking sporadically and playing with their smartphones, and my group is often guilty of that as well. I try not to get sucked in, but often do, and am reminded of my poor behavior with a chilly kick under the table from my longtime girlfriend who doesn't have a smartphone and actually leaves the house to experience human interaction.

The art of conversation is a quickly

### Cole Shooter



dying one. I know it may sound cliché, as people have been lamenting its demise for some time, but it's more of an issue now than ever before. Previous generations may have seen the popularization of television, but our generation has much more portable methods of controlling our lives and our attention.

You can always text friends, play games, listen to music, check a number of things such as your stock portfolio or homework assignments and waste countless hours watching things on YouTube such as a man blending the very type of device you're watching the video on. With things such as these, it's becoming very easy to avoid boredom.

Although these things are an extremely nice addition to our idle hours, many people are focusing a larger amount of time on these short-term pursuits, which can end up taking away from things that may not seem important such as time with friends, being

involved in organizations and talking to people you may not know around you, all of which help to develop important social skills.

Some may not see them as important. If they've got little need to interact with others on a regular basis, but barring actual disorders, they probably believe that solely because they're not used to regular face-to-face interaction. Comfortably being able to interact with others is a good skill to have if you're interested in having companionship other than the type available from the Internet. Even the most quirky of Dungeons and Dragons groups won't have much to do with a person who can't interact long enough to defeat the bugbears.

Speaking for myself, I enjoy a good conversation with friends on just about anything. Talking about politics, televi-

sion, music, work and people's strange quirks seems much more appealing when compared with spending an evening cuddled up to the warm glow of the Nintendo DS or smartphone.

We're extremely lucky to live in this age, because we've got plenty to occupy our time and enjoy ourselves with. Every now and then, it's nice to put away all the gadgets and gizmos and simply enjoy the people we consider our friends.

That being said however, I really want that Blendtec blender. There's no better conversation starter than a story about blending assorted VHS tapes, Miley Cyrus CD's and your neighbor's rake.

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## Women's rugby team ready for start of club season

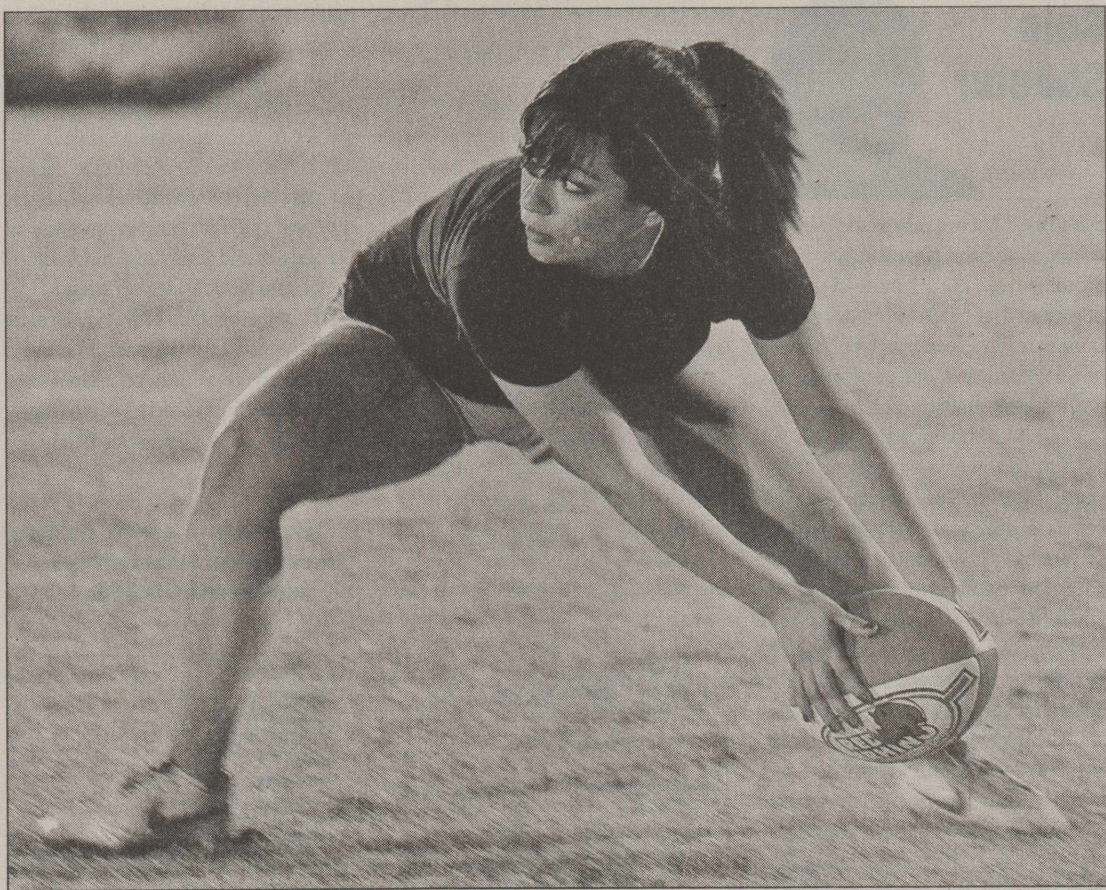


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CANDACE BALDERAS, A sophomore exercise and sport sciences major from Lubbock, passes the ball during a passing exercise at Women's Rugby Team tryouts Tuesday at the rugby pitch.

By DEVIN SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

The defensive team kicks the ball to the offense, fearless players run the field while making pitches and tackles without protective equipment. The game begins.

The game, which is a mix of football and soccer, consists of forwards, who gain possession of the ball, and backs, which mainly carry and move the ball.

"I wanted to do try a rough sport," said Ansley Waller, a sophomore nursing major from Southlake. "I wanted a sport that was out of the ordinary."

Waller, who is new to the Texas Tech Women's Rugby team this year and new to playing rugby, said she decided to join the team, which has been on campus since 1995, because she wanted to try something new.

"I played soccer in high school and in college, and I wanted to try something different," she said. "I love it so far, the girls have been great."

Waller said she has enjoyed being on the team and has high

hopes for the season.

"The girls are really laid back and are willing to teach me," she said. "This season is going to be great."

Nkeonye Okafor, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from Houston, said she has been playing rugby since high school and is in her third year of collegiate rugby. As captain of a collegiate club team ranked fifth in the nation in its division, Okafor said her main priority is the team.

"I make sure that everyone knows all the drills," she said, "and keeping up the team morale."

The women's game is basically identical to the men's, Okafor said, and the main thing separating the Tech Men's Rugby Team from the women's is their travel schedules.

"This year, the guys have a different schedule than us," she said, "but we pretty much play all the same teams."

Women's rugby coach Kyle Alvarado, a strength and conditioning graduate student from Lamesa, said he played rugby in high school and college. He decided to

coach the women's team after his eligibility to play with the men's team was up. Alvarado said the women's schedule, which includes playing the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas State, will be rigorous, especially toward the end of the season.

"There will be games for five straight weeks," he said. "Then we play UT and A&M on the same weekend."

Although the schedule may be tough, Alvarado said, the team he is focused on defeating Texas State.

"Texas State received second-place last year in our division," he said, "so that's when things will really start getting rough."

The rugby club season starts next weekend, but the actual season will not begin until September, which will give the team time to prepare for the National Championship in California in May.

"Hopefully we beat all the Texas teams without any trouble," Okafor said. "All we're focused on is getting to the championship round."

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## Atreyu returns to Lubbock with The Used, Colossus of Rhodes

Toward the beginning of their new tour with The Used, Atreyu will return to Lubbock at the Pavilion at the Lone Star Events Center 8:45 p.m. Sunday. Bass player and vocals Marc McKnight spoke with *The Daily Treador* about the tour and upcoming CD.

How did the band meet?

We've been a band for about 11 years now, and we just released our record in October, "Congregation of the Damned," and that's our fifth record and that's with Hollywood Records.

Out of the five of them, three of them went to high school together in Esperanza, (Calif.). And Alex worked with Travis and he joined and I was playing in another band and I joined up with them in 2004.

Where did you get your name from and why did you choose it?

"The NeverEnding Story." Just thought it sounded cool at the times. I wasn't in the band but our tour manager Scott, who's our manager now and was for several years, who was a good friend of theirs; they went to middle school

### Q&A WITH MARC MCKNIGHT

together, and just named the band. They just wanted a cool word.

How often do you practice before a concert?

It depends on the tour and the tour we did before. We just got back from a tour in Japan a couple of days ago and now we're doing a tour with The Used, and we practiced probably the week before to get it tight again and play all the songs.

How will this tour be different from past tours?

We've toured with The Used before in 2005, and that was one of my first tours and one of my favorite still so I'm really excited to have another round. It's also secondary markets — it'll be nice to get to some more rural areas and get to some people that we don't usually get to. I mean, we came to Lubbock in October. It was cool. I played golf, and it was pretty awesome.

Where is this tour going?

Birmingham, Ala., is the only one that matters to me right now because I was born and raised in Alabama and we've never played there. We go to North Carolina and we go all over. Back to any to any market we can; to Fargo, (N.D.) to Iowa.

How long is tour going to be?

It'll be a little over a month.

How have ticket sales been going?

The first two nights were sold out, and that's pretty good so far. I just get up and play the shows. If it's sold out its cool of course, but we don't check those numbers every morning.

Tell me about your new CD, "Congregation of the Damned."

It was recorded and produced by Bob Marlette, a musical great. He knows what he's talking about when it comes to these things. He was in Quiet Riot for a while as a founding member, so he knows his stuff and he's been around for a while. We wrote an enormous amount of songs; say about 30 songs for this record. We knocked it down to about 18 then down to 16 and there are 13 on the record and there are three floating around. Two are on the Best Buy version and one is on the Hot Topic version. This is probably, easily



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MEMBERS OF ATREYU (from left) Dan Jacobs, Travis Miguel, Alex Varkatzas, Marc McKnight and Brandon Saller will perform with The Used on Sunday night at the Lone Star Events Center.

the best thing I've ever done as a musician, and we worked our asses off.

It's been a good experience, and all through our experience we've grown and tried new things and it kind of came full circle this record. We wrote some of the heaviest things we've ever written. We've written some of the catchiest things, some of the most beautiful, epic, intense songs we've ever written, and it shows in our live

show, too.

What bands and artists helped inspire this CD?

It's hard to describe because every single one of us has different answer for that question, every single one of us in the band brings something different to the table. It's not one person that defines the sound of our band, but many and it goes through many different paths.

What do you like best about your job?

My favorite part is traveling hands down, I am a person that loves traveling, and I am a photographer and artist and getting to see places. Every side of this job is absolutely incredible and I wouldn't change it for the word.

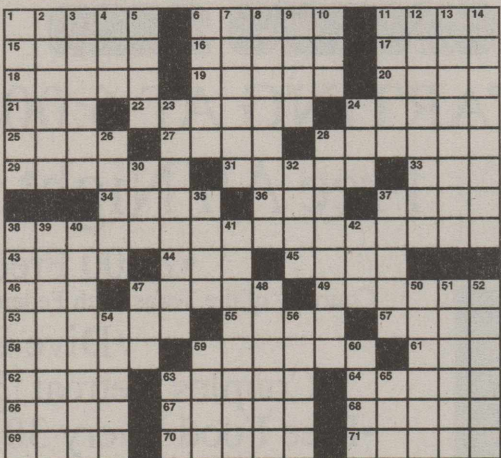
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- "Like Mike" actress
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- Outdoor seating area
- Old knife
- Equatorial African country
- Lindsay's "Bionic Woman" role
- Thompson in the Theater Hall of Fame
- Notable period
- Scrooge's visitors
- "Ta-ta!"
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- City near Provo
- Chaos
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By Don Gagliardo

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## T-Pain gets animated in 'Freaknik,' talks new CD

NEW YORK (AP) — You wouldn't think T-Pain was inhibited at all. But the rapper-singer, known for his synthesized vocals and catchy hooks, says he sometimes feels creatively restrained when it comes to music.

He says he was able to express his true self in "Freaknik: The Musical," a one-hour animated special based on an annual, raucous and now-defunct Atlanta street party. It premieres March

7 on the Adult Swim.

"You can't do what you want to do, you can't be as silly as you want to be (and) people won't take you seriously in music," T-Pain said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles Wednesday.

"It was a gift ... I always wanted to do a cartoon and I didn't know it would be this good," the 25-year-old said, who executive produced the special.

Freaknik was a college street party in Atlanta held each year from 1983 to 1999, and was full of images of sex, drinking and violence. It was held on the city's downtown streets, initially for local black college students but developed into a spring-break destination that attracted more than 200,000 partygoers from across the country. Eventually, massive traffic jams led city officials to shut things down.

"It was just something I never got to go to," T-Pain said. "I had to wait till I was 18 to go and by the time I got 18 it was shut down."

The cartoon, rated TV-MA, follows students who are looking to resurrect the now-defunct street party, and T-Pain is the "party ghost." It also features Andy Samberg, Lil' Wayne, Bill Hader, Kelis, Snoop Dogg and George Clinton, among others.

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Now his saviors just have to figure out who really owns him.

Four people have already claimed him, but so far rescuers say there's been no wagging tail of joy from the miracle dog they nicknamed "Baltic."

The dog's frozen odyssey came as Poland suffers through a winter cold snap, with temperatures dipping to below minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 20 Celsius).

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# Lady Raiders get chance at redemption against OU

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
STAFF WRITER

Besides stringing together wins, the Lady Raiders' other problem lies beyond the arc.

Texas Tech has not made a three-pointer in the last two games combined, which were losses to Texas A&M and Nebraska. The Lady Raiders shot 0-for-8 at No. 9 A&M, and went 0-for-12 against No. 6 Nebraska. Tech is a combined 5-for-39 during its last three games.

Tech head coach Kristy Curry said her team needs to dedicate more time on the practice floor to break out of the slump.

"Again, I think it comes down to you get in the gym and shoot even more," she said. "What you put into it is what you're going to get back. You just roll up your sleeves and continue to work hard."

Hard work is exactly what Tech (13-6, 1-4 in Big 12 conference play) needs to produce if it wants to get back on the right path in conference play.

Big 12 play is getting to the point where the Lady Raiders will begin to see opponents for a second time, beginning with No. 11 Oklahoma (14-5, 4-2) at 2 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Sooners dealt Tech a 73-58 loss in Norman, Okla., earlier this season and had four players in double figures that game. That includes guard Danielle Robinson, who leads the team in scoring with 15.9 points per game this season and forward Nyeshia Stevenson, who is second with 14.8 per game.

However, it's the Sooners, not Tech, who rank last in the Big 12 in 3-point field goal percentage.



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TEXAS TECH'S MARISSA ASHTON and Ashlee Roberson guard Nebraska's Dominique Kelley during the Lady Raiders' game against the Cornhuskers Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Lady Raiders also have the opportunity to end a nine-game losing streak to OU. Tech's last win over the Sooners was an 83-70 victory Feb. 23, 2005 in Norman, Okla.

Aside from the losing streak, a game against the Sooners could be useful to some Tech players who need to bounce back.

Against Nebraska, Tech center Kierra Mallard and guard Tilmila Mar-

tin combined for nine points — the two combined for 28 points against Oklahoma earlier this season, scoring 14 points apiece.

A win against Oklahoma can be uplifting, considering Tech's next two game are on the road.

But Curry said the outcome of the season will be predetermined by her players' desire to win.

"You can't make someone do something they're not willing to do for themselves," she said. "It's going to say a lot about who they are, we're in a very difficult stretch and that's not an excuse not to come out and compete."

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*"You just roll up your sleeves and continue to work hard."*

**KRISTY CURRY**  
TECH HEAD COACH

# Dual meet at Nebraska on deck for Tech

By TOMMY MAGELSEN  
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Lubbock isn't the only place with poor weather conditions forecasted for the near future.

And the Texas Tech track and field team is about to find that out first hand.

The Red Raiders will be on the road for the first time this year for a dual meet against Nebraska in the Devaney Center Indoor Track in Lincoln, Neb. Coaches for both the Cornhuskers and Red Raiders anticipate bad weather for the indoor meet, but do not believe it will pose any delays.

"We try and get there and relax, have a shake-out as we call it, and then get a good dinner and a good night's rest," Tech coach Wes Kittley said. "That's the plan, but if we get stuck in bad weather, we may stay in the airport for hours."

"It wears your kids down. Any time you travel those situations may happen or may not happen."

Kittley said his teams know how to handle traveling for extended periods of time — evidenced by the 2005 men's outdoor track and field team that won the 2005 Big 12 Conference Championship after riding in a bus all day to Kansas City, Mo.

Tech track and field already has had success early in the season, and Kittley said they hope to build on that early momentum.

But just because it's a dual meet against a conference opponent doesn't mean it's the pinnacle of the season for either squad.

Both Kittley and Nebraska coach Gary Pepin agree the meet is a great tune-up to see where each program stands before the Big 12 Championships take place Feb. 26 and 27 in Ames, Iowa.

"We try to keep things in perspective," Pepin said. "That's what we tell them. The goals of our team are at the conference and national level, and being competitive in those is what's important."

Pepin is the all-time winningest track and field head coach in the Big 12, and seems to always have a highly competitive team.

This season proves to be no different as the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association rank the Nebraska men No. 5 nationally, and the women No. 12.

The Tech men are ranked No. 11, while the women are unranked.

"These rankings don't mean a whole lot to me right now," Kittley said of the early polls. "I think once we get to about



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

SHADE WEYGANDT and the Texas Tech track and field team are on the road for a dual meet against Nebraska Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

the A&M meet and to about Big 12 Championship time, maybe those rankings will show a little bit more."

Freshman sprinter Candace Jackson said she is nervous for her first Big 12 meet, but also is excited for the experi-

ence to compete on the road. "Win, run, push, think about what my coaches taught me," she said. "Don't forget about what they taught me and just do what I'm supposed to do."

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## Men's tennis in Austin, women off

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Snow, ice, and sleet are causing Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel and the Red Raiders to lose a day of practice and hit the road earlier than expected.

Instead of traveling Friday, the team left Lubbock on Thursday to avoid the bad weather conditions. Tech faces No. 33 California on Saturday and either No. 56 Middle Tennessee or No. 8 Texas on Sunday in Austin.

This weekend marks the first round of the ITA National Team Indoor Championship. The winner of this weekend's matches will punch their ticket to Charlottesville, Va., to participate as one of the final 16 teams in the championship at the University of Virginia on Feb. 12-15.

"We are excited to play a team that strong," Siegel said of Cal. "If we are fortunate to win we play Texas, basically a top five team. If we happen to lose against Cal we have another tough opponent in Middle Tennessee, every match we play this year will be against ranked opponents."

If the Red Raiders want to make it to UVA, they have to get through some tough teams. Cal, Texas and MTSU are some of the most solid programs in the nation, consistently showing up in the rankings.

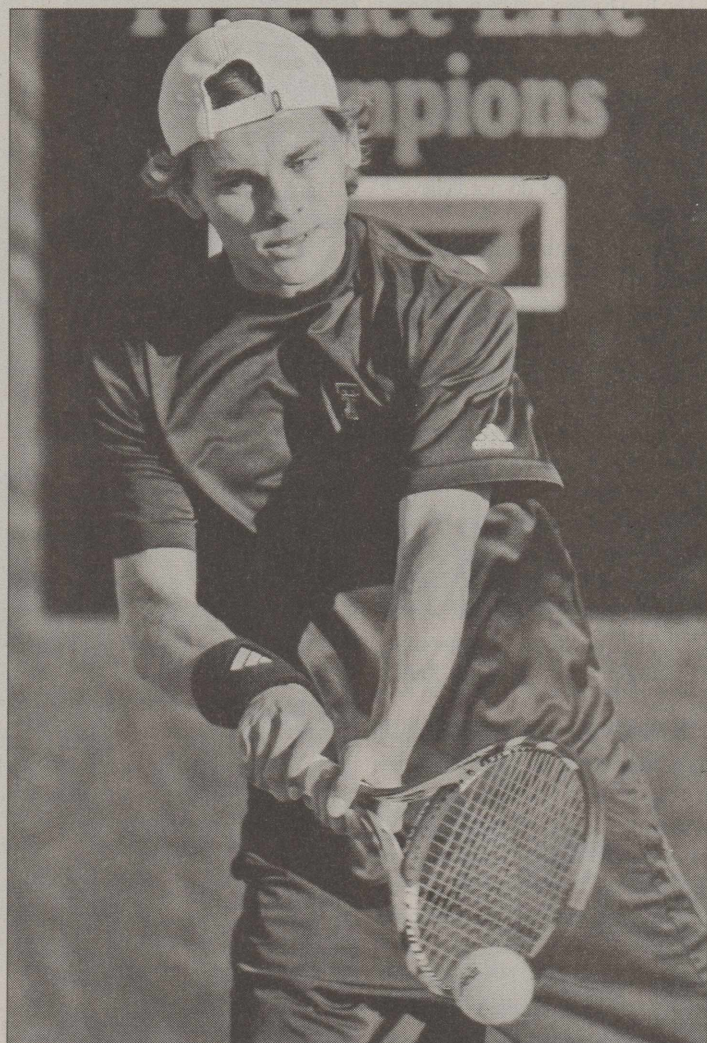
With so much riding on this weekend's matches Siegel has not changed anything in the routine.

Cal is undefeated so far this season, with wins against SMU, Tulsa and Santa Clara.

Texas has not played much this season. The Longhorns have a win against Arkansas—the only team they have faced so far. For the Blue Raiders, this weekend is their season opener.

"Just like any other week, we are confident that our guys are going to play well," he said. "They are feeling good about themselves, based on last weekend, but California is stronger than San Diego State. So we'll have a bunch of tougher matches ahead of us."

If Tech wins its Saturday match they will play the winner of the UT-Middle Tennessee State match. If the Red Raid-



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RAONY CARVALHO AND the Red Raiders are playing in the first round of the ITA National Team Indoor Championships this weekend in Austin.

ers lose, they will play the loser of that match Sunday.

There are tough opponents on the schedule, but Siegel said he is depending on the entire team to come through in the end.

"I'm counting on all of them," he said. "For us to be successful we are going to have success at the top. But our freshman at No. 4, No. 5 and 6, we are going to have to make sure that those guys are playing even better."

The women's tennis team gets a well-deserved break after winning three matches in a row last weekend. The

Lady Raiders defeated UT-Arlington, Tulane, and New Mexico.

Their next match is not until Feb. 6 on the road against North Texas. UNT is 1-1 on the season, but faces UTSA and Oklahoma before getting a shot at the Lady Raiders.

Tech coach Todd Petty said it is nice to get a week off early in the season.

"Definitely use this time to get healed up, to rest the legs," he said. "To refocus and reset some goals. Sit down and see where do we need to go from here and get the rest."

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## Tech aims for win against Aggies in College Station



PHOTO BY PETER FRANKLIN/The Daily Texan

TEXAS TECH'S MIKE Singletary is defended by Texas' Damion James during the Longhorns' 95-83 win Wednesday in Austin.

By MIKE GRAHAM  
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John Roberson and the Texas Tech basketball team know they're going to need a win or two on the road to stand out to the postseason selection committees.

Tech lost at No. 6 Texas on Wednesday, but the Red Raiders have a second consecutive opportunity to grab a marquee road win when they play a good Texas A&M team at 8 p.m. in College Station.

"It's real important," Roberson said. "Especially since we lost to Missouri at home, we have to get that one back. This is a winnable game for us and I think we'll get it done."

Things did not go as well as the Red Raiders hoped when they played Texas.

Tech (14-6, 2-4 in Big 12 play) led at halftime 50-47, but was outscored 48-33 in the second half on the Longhorns' way to a 95-83 victory.

The Red Raiders also allowed five Texas players to get into double-digit scoring — something that will have to change for Tech to have a chance at A&M.

Darko Cohadarevic missed the game serving an indefinite suspension and D'walyn Roberts was out with a foot injury.

Roberson said he expects Cohadarevic to be back in the lineup Saturday, but Roberts' status is still uncertain.

But A&M needs a win, too.

The Aggies were the first team out of the polls just a few weeks ago, but losses at Texas, Kansas State and Oklahoma State have the Aggies sitting .500 in the Big 12 Conference standings.

A Tech win could put the Red Raiders, tied for ninth, in the top half of the conference standings — tied with A&M at 3-4.

An A&M win would give the Aggies (14-6, 3-3) a bit of separation from other teams seeking the last NCAA Tournament and NIT bids.

More than any other team, common opponents might give an insight to how the Red Raiders and Aggies stack up against each other. Aside from conference rivals Texas, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, the Aggies played several of the same teams the Red Raiders did in nonconference play.

A&M lost to New Mexico in a neutral site game in Houston and lost at Washington — teams Tech lost and won against, respectively. A&M also posted wins against Samford, North Dakota and Northwestern (Louisiana) State at home — teams Tech also

defeated in Lubbock.

The Aggies are 11-0 at home this season.

"We know that they're a good team," forward Mike Singletary said. "And we think we're a pretty good team. All that stuff we did before conference really doesn't matter to us right now. It's all about what you do in conference and who you beat in conference."

A&M is led by senior guard Donald Sloan, who averages more than 20 points per game. Additionally, guards Derrick Roland and B.J. Holmes and forward Bryan Davis average about 10 points per game.

Tech lost both regular season meetings against A&M last season, but clipped the Aggies 88-83 when Singletary scored 29 consecutive points for the Red Raiders in the first round of last season's Big 12 tournament.

Both Singletary and Roberson believe the Aggies will be looking for payback Saturday — especially against Singletary.

"I just expect the worst," Singletary said. "I think the fans are going to be pretty bad and everything like that. But that's what I've got my teammates for is to back me up and I'm here to back them up and we're just gonna go down there and try to get a win."

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