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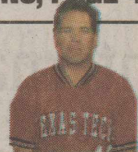
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STATE

Levee failure has water creeping into Presidio

PRESIDIO (AP) — A levee protecting Presidio from the swelling Rio Grande failed Thursday, and water was creeping toward populated areas of this normally dusty West Texas border town.

Presidio County Attorney Rod Ponton said the levee breach Thursday morning happened where water had been flowing over the top of the levee since at least Tuesday.

NATION

Regulators ban cell use by train operators

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California regulators reacting to the deadly wreck of a commuter train issued an emergency order Thursday banning train operators from using cell phones on duty.

The Public Utilities Commission's unanimous decision to pass the temporary order came a day after investigators confirmed that the engineer of the Metrolink commuter train was text-messaging while on duty on the day the train ran a red light and collided head-on with a Union Pacific freight train. Last week's wreck in Los Angeles killed 25 people, including the engineer, and injured more than 130.

WORLD

Pakistan: No compromise on US cross-border strikes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's prime minister said Thursday that strikes by foreign forces were "counterproductive," as officials said there was no warning about the latest U.S. missile strike in the Pakistani northwest.

Meanwhile, militants briefly seized 300 boys at a school in northwest Pakistan on Thursday, police said. The incident ended with the deaths of two suicide bombers; no children were harmed.

The missile strike Wednesday was part of a surge in U.S. cross-border operations, and it was especially galling to Pakistanis because it came the same day an American military leader assured the nation's leaders the U.S. respects Pakistan's sovereignty.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Smoke less tobacco

Student smoking at lowest rate in more than 20 years

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

The American Lung Association reported 19.2 percent of college students smoke at least one cigarette in a 30-day period and singled out several Texas Tech policies in a Tobacco Policy Project report.

The ALA compiled several recent studies into a report early this month to show that, as of 2006, smoking among college students is at the lowest level in 26 years.

Thomas Carr, manager of national policy for the association, said the compilation of trends was placed in a report to show a picture of the current state of smoking among college students.

"Although smoking has gone down in col-

leges, and it's only about 19.2 percent now, it's been almost that low before and gone up before," he said, "I think there's a continued need to emphasize some of the recommendations we made to make tobacco use less socially acceptable."

Smoking rates among college students have fluctuated during the last nearly 30 years, but Carr said he hopes the rate will continue to decrease now that help has arrived from increased taxes on cigarettes and laws against public smoking.

Some Tech policies also were addressed in the report, he said, and based on the results, the university has taken a good step toward reducing the number of college students

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A CUSTOMER LEAVES Nothing Butt Smokes off Fourth Street.

Lawsuit aims to keep McCain, Obama off Texas election ballot

By ADAM YOUNG
NEWS EDITOR

John McCain and Barack Obama will not be on the Texas ballot if a lawsuit filed by Libertarian Party presidential nominee Bob Barr succeeds.

Earlier this week, Barr filed a lawsuit seeking to remove from the ballot the names of the Republican and Democratic presidential and vice presidential nominees because he said they missed the Aug. 26 filing deadline for the Nov. 4 general election ballot, according to a statement released by Barr's campaign.

Barr's campaign claims it was impossible for the candidates to file under state law because neither of the candidates was nominated by their parties before the Texas filing deadline, according to the campaign's Web site.

Randall Dillard, a spokesman for the Texas Secretary of State's Office, told The Associated Press the election ballot was certified on Sept. 3.

"We are confident that the ballot was certified properly and that Texans will have the opportunity to select the qualified candidate of their choice," Dillard said.

He said the ballot includes presidential candidates nominated by the Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties as well as declared write-in candidates, according to the AP. On Thursday, Barr's campaign filed an emergency stay to prevent the Texas Secretary of State from printing ballots until the case is decided, according to the Web site.

Phone calls to Dillard to determine the status of the ballots were not returned by press time.

The lawsuit was met with opposition by members of the state Republican and Democratic parties.

"We find this situation unfortunate for our men and women in uniform as they put their lives in harms' way abroad to protect the very rights this litigation seeks to impede," Texas Republican Party spokesperson Hans Klingler said in an e-mail. "As this is now a matter for the state of Texas, we will await its resolution."

Boyd Richie, chairperson of the Texas Democratic Party, said in a statement that the Democratic presidential candidates are entitled to be on the ballot.

"Immediately following the nomination of Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Joe Biden, the Texas Democratic Party took all steps required by law to ensure Senators Obama and Biden would appear on the ballot in Texas," he said. "After communicating with attorneys for the SOS office, our counsel was assured that all paperwork had been filed in a timely manner."

Richie said the lawsuit, if it succeeds, would limit voters' choices on the ballot.

"It is clear this is a politically motivated stunt by Bob Barr and his party, and a desperate attempt by a candidate to obtain media coverage," Richie said. "In fact, Mr. Barr's stunt is not a laughing matter, because if he actually succeeded, all but a handful of Texans would be denied the right to cast a vote for the candidate of their choice."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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BARR

Veteran actor visits Tech for Hispanic Heritage Month

By HANNAH BOEN
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"El Ruco, Chuco, Cholo, Pachuco" brought a mouthful to Texas Tech, but it didn't stop there.

Actor and self-described master teacher Pepe Serina performed a one-man show at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Human Sciences building.

Serna has acted in over 100 feature films, including "Scarface," "Silverado" and "The Rookie."

He performed with interactive motivational performer Martin Espino, who provided a musical backdrop for Serna's rhyming stories.

Espino is a scholar of the music of ancient Mexico and used a variety of handmade instruments to accompany the performance.

Serna's one-man show, "El Ruco, Chuco, Cholo, Pachuco" was brought to Tech by the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center's Office of Insti-

tutional Diversity.

Jobi Martinez, director of the Office of Institutional Diversity said the office decided Serna would be a great performer to bring to campus for Hispanic Heritage Month.

"It's a great compliment I think to Hispanic Heritage Month," Martinez said, "which is celebrated on the Tech campus."

Serna said he wrote the one-man show himself, and said he feels privileged to share his stories with students.

"I like to give students ammunition to get out there and be a mentor and to get an education," said Serna of his performance.

"College is the only way," he said. "Not the only way out. The only way in."

Although Serna has been writing and performing his one-man show, he has not taken a break from television and movie roles. He said he has a role on the upcoming season of the CBS show "Criminal Minds," which will premiere

at the end of October.

The Corpus Christi native used his acting history in his one-man show to portray a variety of characters from his life.

"I want them to enjoy themselves and see different elements of Chicano life," he said.

"El Ruco, Chuco, Cholo, Pachuco" revealed Serna's culture through the generations.

The show took audience members on a journey through Chicano legends, including conquistadors and migrant workers.

Serna encouraged his own culture to continue to nourish the next generation with not just food, but food for thought.

Serna's bilingual performance included five wardrobe changes to portray his culture's heritage.

Serna hopes his program encourages audience members to celebrate their own cultures and learn about someone else's.

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PEPE SERINA PERFORMS a one-man show, "El Ruco, Chuco, Cholo, Pachuco" celebrating unique cultures in the Human Sciences building Thursday.

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International Affairs hosts safety seminar

BY MIKE GRAHAM
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Historically, many considered studying abroad a luxury for students from the elite class. But more than 225,000 students nationally are expected to attend universities outside of the United States this academic year and more than 1 million are expected to study abroad 10 years from now.

Tibor Nagy, vice provost for the Office of International Affairs, said because more students are studying abroad and with an increased amount of terrorist activity during the past decade, Tech's Office of International Affairs and agents from the U.S. Department of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council will host a Health, Safety and Security Seminar from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the International Culture Center.

Nagy said of the estimated 800 Tech students expected to study abroad this semester, 200 students will study at Tech's Center school in Seville, Spain and 25 students will study at the Center in Quedlinberg, Germany.

The safety of Americans abroad is in the news as Susan Ebaneh, an 18-year-old high school senior from Lackawanna, N.Y., was killed with nine other civilians when the U.S. Embassy in Yemen was bombed Tuesday by terrorists, according to The Associated Press.

"Anymore, you can't explicitly say that any country is entirely safe," Nagy said. "We had Tech students in London in 2004 when terrorists attacked the London Underground trains. You just can't be sure anymore so we have to prepare our students who will be studying abroad to be safe and what to do in the event of an emergency."

Tech was selected to host the seminar for faculty members and students from universities in the Midwest and Southwestern United States who are in charge of, teach or will be attending courses abroad, said Jackee

Schools with the Overseas Security Advisory Council. Faculties from 20 universities are expected to attend.

Schools said the council began offering the seminar to academic constituencies associated with OSAC when Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice joined the U.S. State Department from her position as provost at Stanford University.

The seminar will have multiple guests discuss a wide range of topics from alcohol abuse in a foreign country to what to do in the event of a terrorist attack.

Schools said most students have no problems studying abroad, but the most common incidents against students are thefts, pickpocketing and assaults.

"Students often don't realize that the most valuable possession they're carrying is their passport," Nagy said. "An authentic American passport can be worth \$10,000 or more on the black market depending on the country."

Schools said the council recommends students familiarize themselves with their institution's emergency crisis plan, communicate regularly with their faculty contact and learn the cultural norms of the country they are visiting. OSAC also recommends students register with the U.S. embassy in the country they visit.

This can be done on the Web site, www.travel.state.gov.

Nagy was a U.S. diplomat for 20 years and served in eight different countries in Africa. Nagy served as the U.S. ambassador to Guinea during President Bill Clinton's administration and also served under George W. Bush as the ambassador to Ethiopia.

"When an ambassador gets appointed by the president, they get a Presidential Letter of Instruction which describes what an ambassador is supposed to do in the country they are being deployed to," Nagy said. "No matter where you go, the letter says that you are responsible for

the lives of American citizens in your country. I still feel that way as vice provost. I feel responsible for the 800 students' lives, and I want to protect them as best as I can by informing them."

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TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Do's

1. Familiarize yourself with the local laws.
2. Register yourself with the nearest United States Embassy.
3. Travel with your insurance information
4. Know your institution's emergency crisis plan.
5. Drink responsibly

Don't's

1. Do not create a spectacle of yourself.
2. Do not participate in protests or demonstrations. They can become violent.
3. Do not display much jewelry; you'll make yourself a target to thieves.
4. Do not accept packages from anyone while traveling.
5. Especially for women; Know the local social norms. Dress appropriately.

Sources: Jackee Schools, OSAC's Chief of Research and Information Support Center and www.studentsabroad.state.gov

CORRECTION

The article "All in the Mix" in Thursday's edition of The Daily Toreador should have stated that the nationally recognized maximum blood alcohol content level for drivers is .08 percent. The DT regrets the error.

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Ultra-Orthodox party emerging as Israel kingmaker

JERUSALEM (AP) — An ultra-Orthodox Jewish party run by an octogenarian rabbi who has said Hurricane Katrina was divine punishment emerged Thursday as the kingmaker in forming the next Israeli government.

Having won a fight to be leader of the ruling Kadima Party, Tzipi Livni now will likely need Shas as a partner to become prime minister. But Shas opposes any compromise on

Jerusalem, and including it in a coalition could tie her hands in peace talks with the Palestinians.

Livni's narrow victory in a party primary Wednesday to replace corruption-tainted Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as Kadima's chairman means she can become prime minister if she can put together a coalition government of her own.

Livni, now the foreign minister, has said she would like to keep the current

four-party coalition intact.

Two of Kadima's partners, Labor and the Pensioners, aren't expected to balk. But Shas and its spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadiah Yosef, are wild cards. The party holds 12 of parliament's 120 seats, enough to make or break the current majority bloc of 67 lawmakers.

Livni had barely declared victory Thursday morning when Shas laid down its demands.

Deep-rooted al-Qaida hard to extract from Yemen

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — The deadly attack on the U.S. Embassy may be a watershed moment in Yemen's on-and-off struggle with terrorism.

For years, the Yemeni government has let some al-Qaida figures and other Islamic extremists go free in political deals hoping to keep them quiet. Now it finds itself having to confront a new generation of militants — younger, more radical and fresh from fighting in Iraq.

Wednesday's assault on the gate

of the U.S. Embassy by a half dozen gunmen and two vehicles packed with explosives killed 17 people, including six militants, and was the closest extremists have come to penetrating the grounds of the low-slung building in several attempts.

After the bloodshed, police rounded up 25 suspected militants with ties to al-Qaida, and an FBI team headed here to join the investigation. There was no claim of responsibility and authorities had not pinpointed any suspects Thursday, but suspicion focused on Osama bin

Laden's terror network.

Many Yemenis saw the operation as more than just an assault on the American presence, but part of a new al-Qaida war on Yemen's government.

Several Yemeni security officials told The Associated Press they had seen a return of militants from Iraq's insurgency and believe they have been involved in recent attacks on tourists, foreign companies and oil facilities. The officials agreed to discuss the situation only if not quoted by name because they weren't authorized to speak with journalists.

Chinese parents seek answers on tainted baby milk

SHIJIAZHUANG, China (AP) — Hundreds of Chinese parents, some cradling infants, converged on the company at the heart of the tainted baby formula scandal Thursday, demanding refunds and asking what they can safely feed their children.

Thousands of others filled hospitals, many hovering over sons and daughters hooked to IVs after drinking milk powder tainted with melamine, a toxic industrial chemical that can cause kidney

stones and lead to kidney failure.

The scandal highlights the changing family dynamics and economic growth in China. A generation ago, women had little choice besides breast-feeding. Now, supermarkets are filled with dozens of brands of baby formula, marketed to women who continue working outside the home even after they give birth.

Yao Haoge, an 11-month-old baby with two large kidney stones, had been drinking Sanlu formula since she was born because both of her parents work

They had been puzzled by their little girl's fevers and dark urine, but it never occurred to them that she had kidney stones brought on by her formula.

Now, like many of the babies at the Peace Hospital in Shijiazhuang, Haoge has an IV drip hooked into a vein in her head.

"We don't make much money, but we wanted to buy good milk powder," said her father, Yao Weiguan, a day-laborer from a small town an hour's train ride from Shijiazhuang.

Unknown Mozart fragment found in French library

PARIS (AP) — It's a forgotten melody, sketched in black ink in a swift but sure hand.

The single manuscript page, long hidden in a provincial French library, has been verified as the work of Mozart, the apparent underpinnings for a Mass he never composed.

The previously undocumented

music fragment gives insight into Mozart's evolving composition style and provides a clue about the role religion may have played for the composer as his life neared its turbulent end, one prominent Mozart expert says.

A library in Nantes, western France, has had the fragment in its collection since the 19th century, but it had

never been authenticated until now, partly because it does not bear Mozart's signature.

Ulrich Leisinger, head of research at the International Mozarteum Foundation in Salzburg, Austria, said Thursday that there is no doubt that the single sheet, the top third of which has been cut off, was written by the composer.



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SGA bill puts cap on organizations' funding, bicycle lane resolution passed

By JON VANDERLAAN
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The Texas Tech Student Senate passed a bill Thursday to place a cap on the amount of money student organizations can receive in funding from the senate, and the bill will go into effect for the 2008-09 budget allocation process.

Previously the senate did not have an established cap on organization funding. According to Senate Bill 44.02, undergraduate organizations will have a cap of 5 percent of the total undergraduate budget, or \$15,000 and graduate organizations will have a cap of 15 percent of the total graduate budget, or \$7,000. The organization is capped at whichever stipulation occurs first.

Kyle Crowl, senator at-large and co-author of the bill, said the closest undergraduate organization to reaching the cap is \$4,000 away from it, and thus it will not immediately affect any undergraduate organizations.



CROWL

Because certain organizations are growing so rapidly, he said, it would not be good for new organizations to allow budgets over the cap that was established.

"Organizations that are already making \$11,000, and will get up to \$15,000, have been around for 40 to 50 years," Crowl said. "We want to make sure that new organizations

have the same chance, so that in 50 years they can be just as good as these organizations are now."

He said the main benefit of the bill is that it "equalizes the playing field" for newer organizations.

The budget and finance committee will revisit the bill every year, and the student senate will revisit it every three years to make sure the numbers accurately reflect the budget of that year.

A resolution regarding bicycle lanes on Texas Tech Parkway also was passed Thursday. Because there are no bicycle lanes on the road, the resolution stated that bicycle lanes should run from 19th Street to Fourth Street on Tech Parkway.

Dylan McLaughlin, campus infrastructure chairman and co-author

of the resolution, said because it is a resolution, it is the opinion of the senate and a bill hopefully will follow.

He said he spoke with students and professors at the Health Sciences Center who have expressed concern about riding bicycles on Texas Tech Parkway for safety and time-management reasons.

"I think there's a want for it and even a need for it, so that's one of the reasons we wrote it now versus when it's feasible," McLaughlin said, "so maybe they'll start looking at it."

Although he does not have an estimate on cost or time to complete the project, McLaughlin said he thinks students and staff will be supportive of the legislation.

To be cost-efficient, he said, bicycle lanes would be built on curbs. Instead of widening streets to add a bicycle lane similar to those on campus, McLaughlin said this plan would only require asphalt to be laid on the curb.

Other resolutions passed include two resolutions making the senator impeachment voting process more concise and anonymous; a resolution to extend the length of employment contracts for graduate students from nine months to 12 months; a resolution that requires teaching assistants to attend a mandatory training session; and a resolution regarding senators who missed the student senate retreat.

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Galveston still too bruised for residents' return

GALVESTON (AP)—There's a grocery store open for business on Galveston Island. Cell phone towers are connecting calls. More lights are coming back on at night.

But for all the little signs of recovery in this barrier island community thrashed by Hurricane Ike nearly a week ago, Galveston just "isn't ready" for residents to return. Not even for a quick look around at their battered homes and businesses, officials said Thursday as they pleaded for tens of thousands to wait at least another week before trying to come home.

"By staying away and being patient, you are making it possible for us to get you home in a week or so, instead of the months it would take if the city's infrastructure were more overwhelmed at this point," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said.

Smoking

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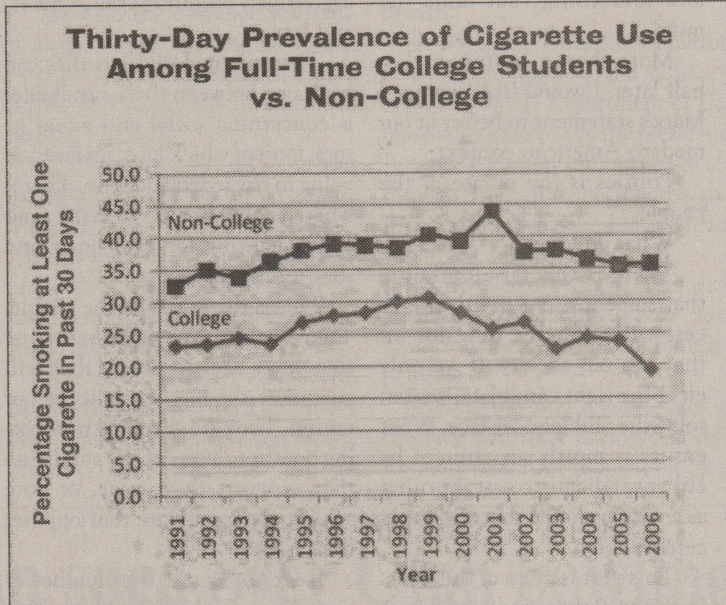
In 2002, Tech began a campaign to inform the university community about statistics on tobacco use, according to the report. One of the main statistics in the campaign was that 70 percent of Tech students did not smoke. A post-campaign survey showed that 60 percent of the students surveyed saw the campaign and could repeat its message.

After the campaign, Tech reported that university tobacco use decreased from 30 percent in 2001 to less than 27 percent in 2003. Tech also banned smoking from all on-campus facilities in 2006.

Among the other findings displayed in the report include that students think more of their peers smoke than is actually true, many students smoke to control stress or depression, more than half of college smokers are "social smokers" and most college smokers began their habit in high school.

Jan Childress, associate vice president for student affairs, said the perception that more of their peers are smoking is common among groups, including college students.

"Students think that more students drink alcohol than really do," she said. "We have surveys that show that alcohol use is not as common as



students might perceive."

Childress said she does not think the reduced number of college students smoking can be attributed solely to specific university policies, but rather an increased awareness from marketing and information from

organizations such as the American Cancer Society.

However, the university attempts to curb smoking by high school students coming into college, she said, through educational materials, brochures and other marketing

materials.

The university promotes health among students through programs encouraging healthy behaviors, Childress said, and the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center is a good place to relieve stress and do healthy activities.

Amanda Eldredge, health educator with the Tech Health Sciences Center, said only a small percentage of students at Tech smoke, and she believes the national trend of students that think their peers smoke more than in actuality is relevant to the Tech campus.

Eldredge said students should find a healthy way to relieve stress, such as laughing, exercising and utilizing university facilities like the Rec center and the biofeedback lab.

She said the decrease in smoking among college students was

anticipated based on feedback she has received from physicians saying recently fewer smokers have come into their clinic.

"I think doing a social norms campaign and saying, 'Look, here's the percentage of students who really use

tobacco," Eldredge said, "which is far less than people really think, because a lot of the time society thinks that college students partake in all these unhealthy behaviors and that's not necessarily always the case."

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Facebook redesign: Change we can poke

This morning I just rejected another invite to join a "4 Gazillion People Who Hate the New Facebook" group. Honestly, I'm starting to get a tad miffed. So, I've decided to set the record straight on this little Web 2.0 uprising once and for all.

The new Facebook has been in beta for over a month now, and I'll grant that initially it had some major flaws. In Firefox 3 the pages would sometimes refuse to load entirely, or I would get strange coding errors in the margins. Overall it just lacked polish, and I often ended up reverting to the old interface.

Now the option to go back to the old Facebook is gone, spawning an angry mob wielding virtual pitchforks, seemingly determined to lynch Mark Zuckerberg and his band of cocky coders for their presumptuous upturning of the status quo.

Most of them argue that the option to revert to the old interface should remain, claiming that the new interface is simply too much of a change to get used to.

Recently I've been spending more and more of my time in the new Facebook, and I've become a huge fan. The wider layout makes it much easier for me to see all my content at a glance. I appreciate having my status bar larger at the top. I love the ability to filter the feed into different

Stephen Torrence



custom tabs, including one that shows me everything in the raw and updates automatically. Browsing through massive photo albums is a breeze now.

And finally, users' profile pages are not cluttered with a plethora of frivolous applications, restoring some of the clean-layout charm that drew me to Facebook in the first place.

Across the site the AJAX coding also feels tighter and more responsive, and the bugs are getting more infrequent all the time.

I find it a profound irony that Facebook users, who seem to support Barack Obama by a fair majority, are so resistant to change. Granted, their insistence on retaining the option to switch between old and new interfaces does resemble Obama's pro-choice stance, so I guess they do retain some measure of consistency.

Nevertheless, such a hostile reaction to the new and different is, dare I say, rather strongly conservative.

This whole incident has gotten me wondering: Are we really as open-minded as we claim? As the young new generation, we're supposed to be

the free thinkers, the liberal-minded hoodlums that shout "Bah humbug!" at the conventions of society and feed on a constant flow of The New. If it's not the latest trendy clothes, it's having the latest and greatest cell phone, or a fresh pair of snazzy sunglasses.

Yet when Facebook — where our generation spends a good chunk of time each and every day — decides to refresh its interface, we react with shock and revulsion, clinging to the familiar for dear life as if it is all we've ever known. In this case, The New is not in line with our desires.

We want the same, the old, the traditional, and we'll do anything to keep it (so as long as it's not more difficult than clicking "Join").

I have a feeling that Zuckerberg might cave this time, maintaining the old interface for those who just can't move on. It will probably cost Facebook a pretty penny, and we might see more ads as a result, but at least a few gazillion people will be happy.

As for those of us embracing the new Facebook, I think we exemplify the universal human talent for adaptation. We're bold enough to demand change, and we're not afraid when we actually get it.

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Politics is the opiate of the people

One of the most frequently quoted statements of Karl Marx is "Religion is the opiate of the people."

In context, Marx was speaking of religion as a condition that arose to help humanity cope with its struggles. He believed that calling on mankind to give up religion would mean calling upon them to give up the conditions of life that require what he saw as a coping mechanism.

There is a measure of ambiguity about the usage of opium in the statement because in Marx's day, opium was legally available and widely prescribed.

In any case, the metaphor of opium can be seen as Marx's view of religion as being a painkiller and something that dulls the mind.

More than a century-and-a-half later, I would like to amend Marx's statement to better fit our modern American context.

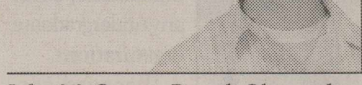
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What do I mean?

There is this false optimism that somehow our political process will offer the cure for all that ails our society. If we only elect the right candidate, we can solve the problems we face. What ensues is mostly an attempt by either candidate to cast the other as a wrong choice that will bring certain doom.

This year is more of the same. In the end, there are no substantial differences between either

Shane Nassiri



John McCain or Barack Obama that will result in any real discernible outcome for the American people.

You will either get more war in Afghanistan or more war in Iraq. You will either get more spending on expansive government programs or more corporate welfare. Both will push for more regulation on financial institutions without addressing the subsidies and easy credit offered by the government to many of these institutions. Both will offer more aid to countries such as Georgia while aggressively posturing against Russia and Iran.

The only real division that can be drawn between these candidates is concerning social and moral issues, most of which have no business being in the federal domain. That is where people line up to make their stand, fighting for the "heart and soul" of the nation.

This is the opiate of the people. They are drugged into believing that these are the issues that will guarantee the future vitality of our nation. They are corralled into voting booths to support the candidate that supports their issue, or vote against the candidate that opposes their issue.

I cannot count the number of times I've talked to Republican-voting people who curse those "liberal

Democrats," or how many times I've listened to Democrat-voting people curse the Republican policies.

The reality is that most people are not Republicans and Democrats; they are anti-Republicans and anti-Democrats, and they vote accordingly. They are convinced by the campaigns not to vote for what they believe in, but to vote against what they do not.

This is what is passing for democracy in our nation, and the people are distracted by the false feud that exists between the two parties.

That is not to say that we do not need the voices of Democrats and Republicans, but we do not need them to be our only voices, especially when much of what they are saying is the same.

Until we can break the stranglehold these two entities have on our politics, we'll never see true "change" in this country.

It is an uphill battle, for sure, but one that is definitely worth fighting, for the sake of principle, and to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity" as our Founding Fathers put it.

And yet, we still find ourselves taking the opium every election cycle, hoping that somehow this dose will do for us what the last dose didn't.

Here's to hoping we'll leave the bottle on the shelf the next time around.

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Candidates' definitions of service limited, troubling

By DANIEL P. ROBINSON
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)

Over 60 million people volunteered in the United States last year, or over a quarter of the American populace. The US is also home to 7,500 hospitals, 18,000 nursing homes, a school system that is heavily understaffed and a military that is dangerously undermanned. But last Thursday, Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain said that not enough Americans volunteer, and, they claim, this is due to a lack of opportunities.

The candidates were speaking at a conference organized by ServiceNation, an organization that seeks to expand the role of national service in people's lives. The timing of the event — exactly seven years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — was strategic as well as symbolic.

Those events inspired many Americans to volunteer, whether as members of the armed services, the search and rescue teams at the disaster sites or just in their own communities. The overwhelming surge of solidarity and self-sacrifice that followed the tragedy was channeled into an outpouring of service.

These are noble impulses, and those who devote part or all of their lives to helping others are to be commended. But in their speeches, the presidential candidates encouraged an ideal of service that is centered not on individuals giving back to their community, but on citizens serving their country. Obama and McCain both thought that it was the job of the federal government to provide opportunities for Americans to serve. In fact, the presumption of the entire event was that the federal government does not do enough to help Americans volunteer.

There are several problems with the way Obama and McCain conceive of service. One is that having the government decide whether a certain job constitutes service, and potentially helping to encourage it raises legal and constitutional issues. If someone serves through political activism, having the government support him or her could violate campaign finance law. If someone serves through religious work, it could raise issues of separation of church and state.

If the government provides the same kind of support for these kinds

of activities, it is discriminating against some of the most meaningful and valuable ways in which people serve their country.

Furthermore, if we have the government pay people to "volunteer" — perhaps by making college more affordable for those who do, as Obama suggests — then what they do is not service as such, but a job, paid for with taxpayer dollars. This also raises an important vagueness in the concept of service. What is the sharp distinction between jobs that are traditionally considered service, such as being a soldier, and jobs that are not, such as being a shop clerk?

If that seems too clear, what about being a firefighter, police officer, doctor, sanitary worker or bureaucrat? Without an understanding of which jobs, when paid for, still constitute service, a vision of universal service is equivalent to a new federal work program.

Perhaps the most important issue is that this idea of service is inherently nationalistic. What its advocates desire is not service for its own sake, but service as a way to strengthen people's ties to their government. Rick Stengel, the managing editor of Time magazine, lamented in an article last year in Time that volunteer rates are higher than they have ever been.

Why is this a problem? Because it accompanies record low confidence in democracy and the American government. His concern is that "people see volunteering not as a form of public service but as an antidote to it." Stengel wants truly national service, run by a bureaucracy within the federal government. The desire for this sort of program, rather than selfless individual service, is a solely nationalistic aim, and has nothing to do with a healthy service sector.

While McCain and Obama mentioned the importance of other kinds of service during their speeches, they should realize that the more national and centralized service becomes, the less diversity there will be within it. Local and state governments, as well as religious groups and volunteer organizations, understand the specific needs and capabilities of their communities far better than Washington.

If the next president succeeds in focusing the volunteer efforts of the nation in the federal government, then that service will become far less effective.

Sex is sacred, special and linked to spirituality, the divine

By MICHAEL
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Sex is a topic of great discussion and fascination in the modern world. Secularism tries to defile and dehumanize a pure, sacred thing, but sex is a holy part of human life. After the sexual revolution of the '60s and '70s, Americans began exploring and experimenting with their sexuality. However, we have come to the point where sex is no longer respected or appreciated for its real and true value. It is treated as a game, a means for pleasure and recreation. But this is not the true purpose or meaning of sex.

Some people argue that humans are merely animals and our having recreational sex with many people is just a natural reaction to our animalistic nature. However, anyone who has spoken with another human being understands people are not merely animals.

Not only do we have reason and free will, unlike animals, we often applaud people for acting in contradiction to nature.

Look at Mother Teresa. For years she worked with the poor and dying. To most reasonable people, this deserves applause

and recognition. It is not hard to see the kind of saint Mother Teresa was, but if she and the people she nurtured were just animals, she should be condemned for her actions.

She was helping the weak and dying, contradictory to all animalistic instincts of self preservation and Darwinian evolution. If only the strong survive and the weak are just inferior genetic material, then compassion would have no place in the human form. By keeping those she helped alive,

Mother Teresa used resources that could have been directed toward the progression of the strongest of the species.

However, humans have empathy. We can understand the suffering of another person in a way that animals are incapable.

We are more than just physical bodies. We are bodies with spirits. In these bodies with spirits, sex plays an important role. We are all dependent on sex for our existence.

When societies and cultures mess with sex, those societies get messed up as well. Sex is not just a physical act between two individuals. It is a uniting of bodies and spirits. This unity is somewhat reflected in the biochemical connections made between people, along with the enormous emo-

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tional connection people feel.

This is not merely an act of self-gratifying pleasure. It is an act of complete self-giving to another person.

This is where we reach a higher plane of existence. The act of sex within the sacrament of marriage is reflective of the love the Creator pours out for us every second of every day. The purpose of sex is to give yourself completely to the other, to make the other person the ends of sex, not the means.

Sex is created for us, not us for sex. It reflects, in a small way, the love the divine gives us. When we turn this on its head and make it an act of self-indulgence while making the other person an object, we not only reject the gift of sex, but also God's gift.

Sex is an act that at once reminds us of the divine and makes us more open to his love for us. Don't abuse sex, use it as it was created and use every daily act of love to find God.



After that tragic day, Happy's name just didn't seem so fitting anymore.

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Mother to ask Congress to award son Medal of Honor

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — The mother of a Marine who witnesses say covered a grenade with his body to save comrades in Iraq plans to appeal to Congress to award her son the nation's highest military honor after learning it was denied by Defense Secretary Robert Gates because of questions about his final act.

Rosa Peralta said Thursday she made the decision after a Marine general told her that her son, Sgt. Rafael Peralta, would be awarded the Navy Cross rather than the Medal of Honor because the nomination was tainted by reports he was accidentally shot by a fellow Marine shortly before an insurgent lobbed the grenade.

"I'm going to see what can be done, because I'm not satisfied with what they want to do now," she said in Spanish.

President Bush singled out the Marine's actions in a 2005 Memorial Day speech, saying Peralta "understood that America faces dangerous enemies, and he knew the sacrifices required to defeat them."

"The president spoke of him. So how is this now possible that they do this," Rosa Peralta said.

She said she was considering rejecting the Navy Cross, the second-highest award for valor in combat that can be awarded to a Marine. Peralta will be the 24th recipient of the Navy Cross for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I still don't know what I'm going to do," she said.

The question about whether to award Peralta the Medal of Honor centers on whether the mortally wounded Marine, who was shot in the head and upper body, could have intentionally reached for the grenade and covered it with his body.

"There was conflicting evidence in the case of Sgt. Peralta as to whether he could have performed his final acts given the nature of his injuries," said Capt. Beci Brenton, spokeswoman for Navy Secretary Donald Winter.

The initial recommendation that he receive the Medal of Honor went through reviews by the Marine Corps, U.S. Central Command, the Department of the Navy and ultimately up to Defense Secretary Gates, Brenton said.

After all the evidence was scrutinized, officials determined that it "did not meet the exact standard necessary to support the Medal of Honor," she said.

But Rosa Peralta said she was led to believe her son would get the Medal of Honor in a November 2007 telephone call from an undersecretary of the Navy, who she says told her the nomination was to be forwarded to the White House.

Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman said there was a June 2007 Navy recommendation for the Medal of Honor, but it never went

to the White House because Gates didn't approve it.

He said that because there was some contradictory evidence, Gates instead took the extra step of asking five other individuals to review the case — a former commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, a Medal of Honor recipient, a civilian neurosurgeon who is retired from the military and two forensic pathologists who also are military retirees.

The five were given medical reports that had not been available in the initial review. They thoroughly reviewed the case again, including inspecting the evidence and re-enacting the event, Whitman said.

"Each independently recommended to the secretary that the evidence did not support the award of Medal of Honor," he said.

Gates made his decision this month.

A Medal of Honor nomination is typically made by the military, approved by the Department of Defense and conferred by the president. But a nomination can also be made through a special act of Congress and then bestowed by the president on behalf of Congress.

The Medal of Honor comes with about \$1,000 a month special pension in addition to other military pensions.

Peralta was shot several times in the face and body during a house-to-house search in Fallujah on Nov.

15, 2004, during some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

According to witness accounts, Peralta lay mortally wounded on the floor of a house and grabbed a grenade lobbed by fleeing insurgents. His body absorbed the blast and he died immediately.

In a rare move, the Marine Corps Thursday released a redacted copy of the Medal of Honor nomination by Lt. Gen. Richard Natonski and an investigative report detailing the "friendly fire" shooting of the sergeant.

The report found sufficient evidence existed to believe that Peralta was probably shot by a fellow Marine and that a gunshot wound to the head and injuries to the head from a grenade caused his death.

The nomination, which relies on witness statements, forensics, bomb fragment analysis and an autopsy, concluded that although Peralta was shot in the head, he made "a conscious, heroic decision to cover the grenade and minimize the effects he knew it would have on the rest of his Marine team."

The nomination details Peralta's actions in the final minutes of his life, with several witnesses recounting how the Marine lay face down and used his arm to pull the grenade to him. It also says a forensic analysis of Peralta's clothing and flak jacket show the grenade was underneath him when it exploded.

Peralta, who was assigned to Hawaii's 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, moved to San Diego from Tijuana as a teenager. He was 25.

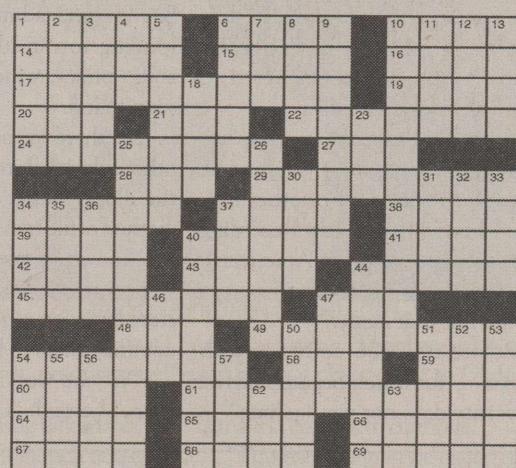
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Gary Coleman sued over Utah bowling alley ruckus

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Gary Coleman has been sued by a man who claims the actor punched him and ran into him with his truck in a Payson bowling alley parking lot, causing knee, back and neck injuries.

Colt Rushton, 24, of Spanish Fork, says he and Coleman got into an argument Sept. 6 after he began taking pictures of the "Diff'rent Strokes" actor with a cell phone.

Coleman, 40, was charged with misdemeanor reckless driving and disorderly conduct in Payson City Justice Court. A court clerk said Thursday there had been no notification that Coleman is represented by a lawyer.

In the civil lawsuit, filed Wednesday in 4th District Court, Rushton's account of the confrontation said Coleman's bodyguard, Paul Rohbock, told Rushton he would have to pay \$20 per picture if he continued taking photos.

Rushton's attorney, Dustin Lance, said Rushton stopped taking pictures, but when he later saw Coleman sitting in his truck close to the steering wheel, he thought it was funny and took another picture.

The lawsuit contends Rushton was attacked from behind by Rohbock or Coleman's wife, Shannon Price, and that his cell phone was taken away. The lawsuit also con-

tends Coleman punched Rushton in the chest several times.

"He's saying, 'Gary, you can leave, I'm sorry, I'll delete the pictures, just please give me my phone back,'" Lance said.

Coleman could not immediately be reached for comment Thursday. There is no telephone listing for him in the Santaquin area where he lives.

The lawsuit said Coleman wouldn't return the phone, and that Coleman hit Rushton and a car as he was trying to leave the parking lot.

The former "Diff'rent Strokes" TV star moved to Santaquin in 2005, about the time he starred in "Church

Ball," a film based on basketball leagues formed by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Diff'rent Strokes" aired from 1978 to 1986.

Payson is about 52 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

Holmes faces anti-Scientology protest on B'way

NEW YORK (AP) — Katie Holmes knows how to draw a crowd — including anti-Scientology demonstrators.

Nearly 100 people lined up outside the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre Thursday night an hour before Holmes acted on Broadway for the first time in a preview performance for "All My Sons."

Not in the line: roughly 30 Scientology protesters who stood behind a barricade and loudly chanted "Scientology kills!" Some wore masks like

in the movie "V for Vendetta," and one poster read: "FREE KATIE."

Moments before the curtain went up, Holmes' husband — and Hollywood's most famous Scientologist — Tom Cruise entered the theater, where he mingled and shook hands with some other theatergoers who took photos and clapped. He then hugged Dustin Hoffman, who was sitting a couple rows away, which drew another cheer inside the theater.

Amid the hubbub, it took awhile


for people to take their seats.

Melissa Doyle tried to ignore the ruckus. She said she took her spot in line early, and saw Holmes rush into the theater wearing skinny jeans, a black blazer and oversized sunglasses.


"I love Katie Holmes," the 27-year-old New Yorker said. "I think she's a great actress and right now, I really love her for her fashion, her style! I think she really kind of differentiates herself among young Hollywood."

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Ruckus provides music alternative

By **MATTHEW MCGOWAN**
FEATURES EDITOR

Campus is a rockin'. And it's doing it legally. Now in its second year, officials believe Texas Tech's free music downloading agreement with Ruckus is keeping students' heads bobbing and their noses clean.

Basic services with the site are free to Tech students, said Sam Segran, Tech's associate vice president for information technology, and offers them with millions of free songs online so they are not tempted to download music illegally.

"From that aspect," he said, "we really don't have a lot of issues at Texas Tech that a lot of other universities run into with (the Recording Industry Association of America). We might have one or two that crops up, but not that many."

Before its 2006 contract with Ruckus — for which Segran said the university does not pay "a dime" —

Tech, like many other colleges, received complaints from the recording industry that there was a lot of illegal music downloading occurring on the school's network.

"That was also about the time we were really looking at the illegal download activities and complaints from RIAA and Sony and things like that in terms of what schools were being targeted for illegally downloading music quite a bit," he said.

To remedy the illegal activity, Segran said administrators began looking for an alternative to audio piracy, which they soon found.

But there was another culprit behind the illegal music: a method of file transfers known as peer-to-peer traffic, which state law soon required administrators to block.

"We are working it from both sides," he said. "On one side, we're

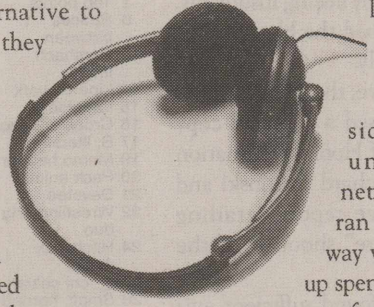
helping the students get it legally, and then on the other side we blocked the P2P on the network. That's how most illegal music is downloaded nationwide."

Yet most of the songs students download from Ruckus don't have to travel far to get to their ears.

"As it stands right now, Ruckus has what is called a 'cache server' that we host at Texas Tech university; so when students are downloading music, most of the time, that music is downloaded from

a Ruckus server that already resides on the university's network," Segran said. "That way we don't end up spending a lot of money for off-campus bandwidth."

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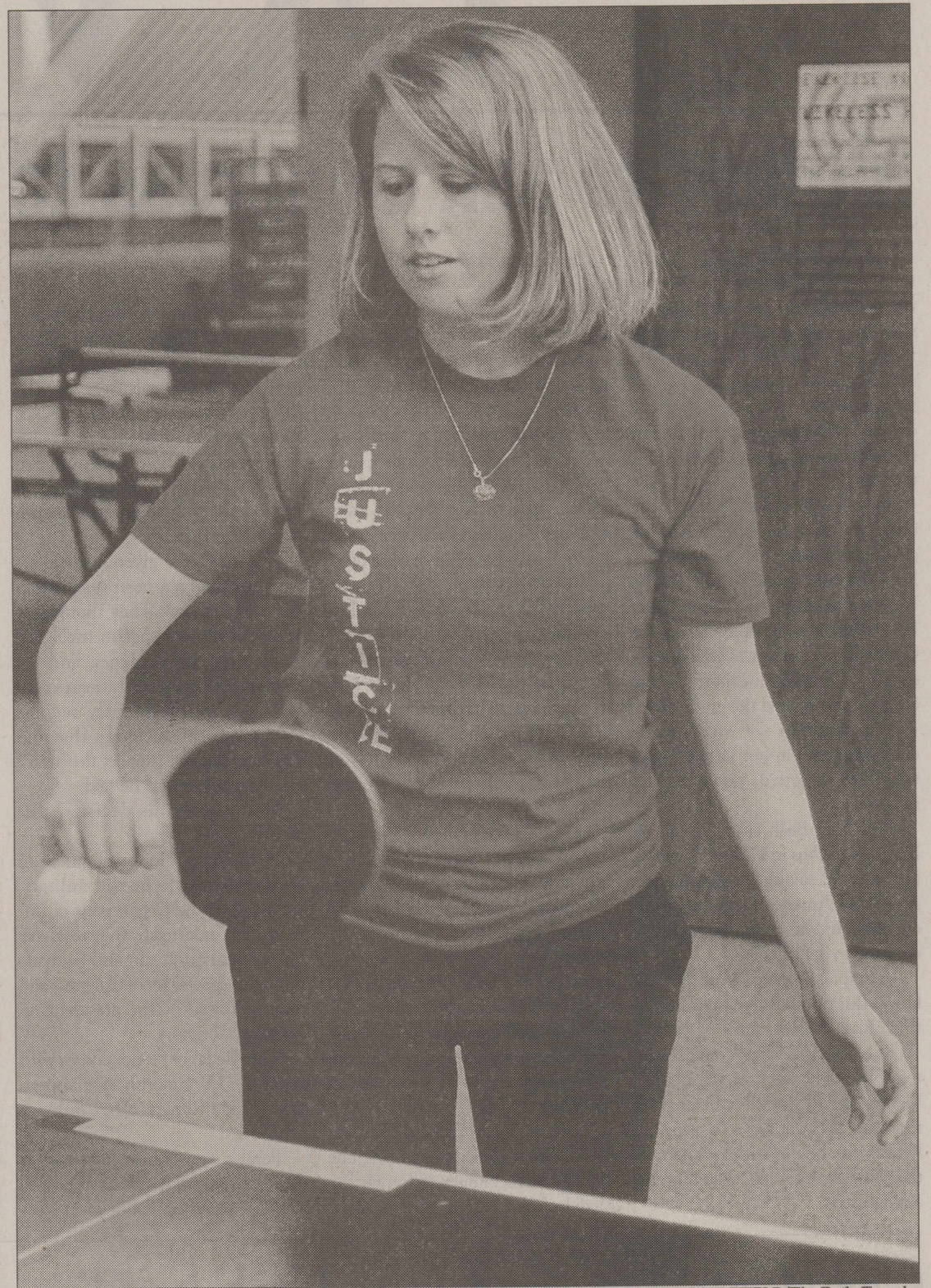


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KATY ELLISON, A junior political science major from Rowlett, plays a game of ping pong Thursday inside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Basketball star: Alcoholism is 'life and death'

By **JEREMY WERNER**
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

Jamar Smith admitted he was headed down a slippery slope. His alcohol addiction had taken over his life. He lost everything he had worked for: a degree from the University, a star role on the Illini basketball team and the trust of those closest to him.

But the Peoria, Ill., native said he received a wake-up call when he attended the visitation of a friend he met in alcohol addiction treatment on Tuesday. A man suffering from the same addiction as Smith was now lying lifeless in a coffin.

"Now I understand how serious it is," Smith said inside the Champaign County Courthouse on Wednesday. "It's more of a life-and-death thing for me." Smith, 21, entered an agreement

with the state to serve 18 months probation, participate in alcohol addiction treatment programs and wear an alcohol-monitoring device on his ankle 24-hours a day. Smith admitted to drinking, a violation of his probation, on July 25 after police noticed Smith at the scene of an altercation near FuBar at the 300 block of E. Green St. He was subsequently dismissed from the basketball team.

The July 25 incident was Smith's second run-in with the law during his tenure at Illinois. He was convicted of aggravated driving under the influence after a Feb. 12, 2007, one-car accident left teammate Brian Carlwell with a severe concussion. Smith, then 19, was sentenced to 24 months of probation and was prohibited from drinking alcohol.

Despite pressure to dismiss Smith

then, the University allowed him to stay enrolled at Illinois. Illini coach Bruce Weber forced Smith to redshirt a year so that he could focus on his personal life.

From the outside, a rebound seemed in the works. Smith received rave reviews about his play during workouts this summer and was hoped to be the cure to the Illini's offensive struggles. But Smith's habits did not fade.

"It was a learned behavior," Smith said. "Not knowing how to handle my emotions when I went through stuff, not knowing how to handle it and not talking to family. Not talking to friends, not talking to Coach Weber. A lot of lying. A lot of deceit, dishonesty. I lost a lot of trust from family, friends, Coach Weber and the whole coaching staff."

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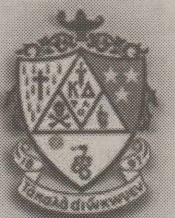
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Student organization hosts annual event to foster harmony

By **TINA L. ARONS**
STAFF WRITER

Let's talk about international harmony.

That's what the International Dialogue Association, a Texas Tech student organization, did in conjunction with the Institute of Interfaith Dialog at Thursday's Annual Interfaith Dialogue Dinner at the Merket Alumni Center.

Mark Webb, an associate philosophy professor at Tech and faculty advisor for the IDA, said the dinner was also a celebration of iftar, the evening meal during Ramadan.

The month-long Muslim holiday is observed by fasting during the daylight hours and then breaking the fast after the sun sets.

"It reminds [Muslims] of the people who live that way all the time," Webb said.

Atila Hafizoglu, a doctoral candidate and Institute of Interfaith Dialogue representative at Tech, said most religions of the world share the same message — a message of peace.

Serkan Balyemez, the organization's president and a 28-year-old doctoral candidate from Turkey, said the IDA

was established at Tech six or seven years ago to promote the cooperation between the world's many faiths.

Balyemez said the organization hopes to host events throughout the semester and continue to bring speakers to Tech's campus — speakers who the organization hopes will bring a beacon of intercultural and interreligious dialogue to the university's campus.

Fehmi Bardak, also a physics doctoral candidate from Turkey, said the basic problem between clashing peoples stems from what the different groups do not understand about one another; a dialogue is a way to build a bridge between different people and their respective factions.

"So we're trying to reach people from other cultures," he said. "Our goal is to make good relations better."

"We need to spend time with each other to be open and listening," said Charles Stephenson, a professor at Lubbock Christian University who spoke at the event. "This is the only way we're going to have understanding and world peace."

Dr. Anne Epstein, a Lubbock physician, said there are two options at

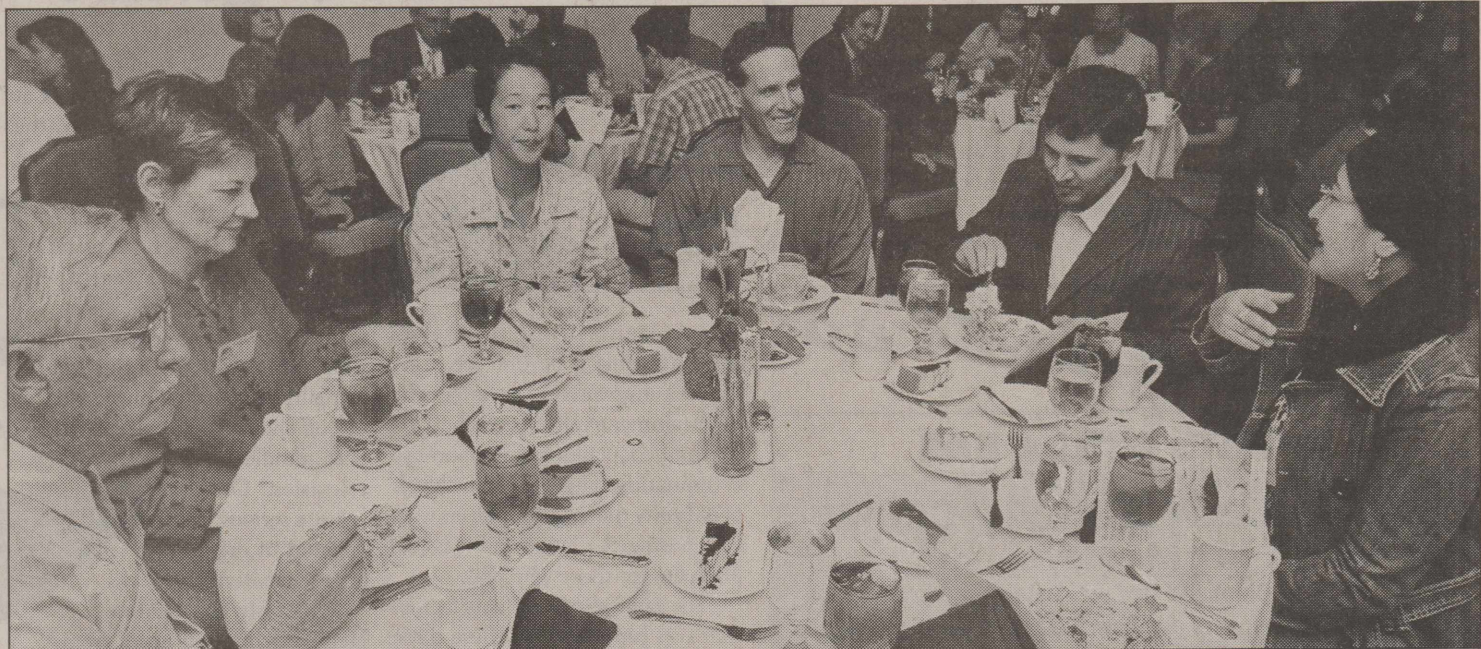


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MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL Dialogue enjoy dinner and conversation in the Merket Alumni Center Thursday evening. The dinner falls in the midst of the Ramadan, an Islamic tradition in which Muslims fast during the daylight hours, practicing self-sacrifice and observance to God.

the heart of achieving international harmony.

"Either we all become the same," she said, "or we stay different."

When people want everyone to

be the same, Epstein said, they usually mean they want everyone to be more like them.

The answer, she said, is to remain different and engage in "a world of dif-

ferent voices who bring differences to the table and learn from each other."

Sheryl Santos, dean of Tech's College of Education, said it was important for the conversation between differing

faiths and cultures to continue.

"This message must be passed on," Santos said. "If it stays with us, it will end."

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Guitar zero: Popular video game void of substance

Video games have begun to kill all that is good about music. Since the 2005 release of the music simulation video game "Guitar Hero," the company that developed the game has sold more than

21 million units and earned more than an astounding \$1 billion. This means nearly 21 million unfortunate people have wasted their time and money on nothing more than a party game. Why so many people have made

Chelsea Roe



the choice to invest themselves into this game is beyond me. I get that it's innovative. I even get the entertainment value; it teaches you rhythm, cooperation and hand-eye coordination. There are many levels of difficulty that provide players with an amusing challenge and it is just plain fun for those who play.

The game also has a "cool factor" that's so hip and edgy these days, and many love that about it. "Guitar Hero" however, teaches you nothing about creativity. If anything it is helping young minds all over the world to regress.

It is no wonder that this cultural phenomenon has occurred.

Of course "Guitar Hero" would become popular when Harmonix, the company that developed the game, was purchased by MTV

networks in 2006. It put the game in the hands of the developers at Neversoft, who also developed the Tony Hawk games. The result of MTV games combining with Harmonix was the 2007 release of "Rock Band" — not much of an improvement really. Though who would expect anything else from the very company that swore itself to music yet virtually removed all music videos off the air and replaced them with mindless re-television? Once again a serious regression of original artistic creativity.

Not only has "Guitar Hero" discouraged us all from uncovering the creative voice that lies within us by not encouraging us to craft our own art, but it also has effectively ruined some of the best songs ever written.

The Sex Pistols, Rage Against the Machine, Lynard Skynard — all some of my favorite bands and all bands that I cannot listen to for more than 30 seconds anymore. The constant screeching and buzzing that

sounds from someone missing a series of notes in a song is embedded in my brain making them hard to listen to even on the radio.

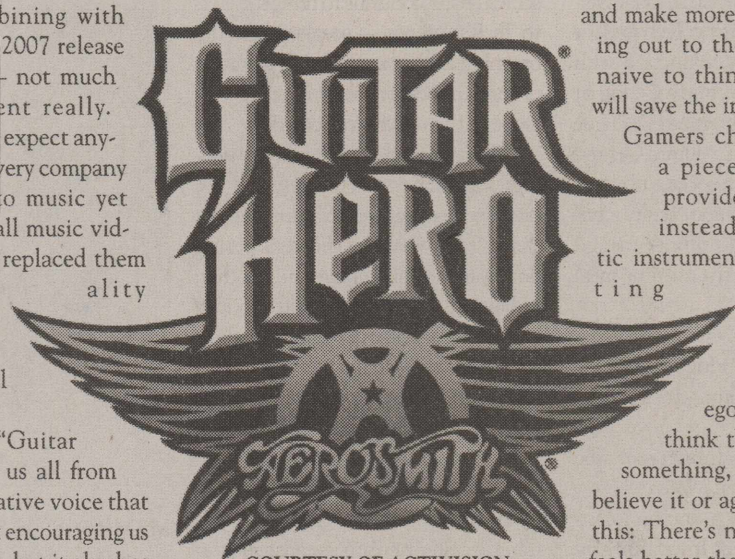
who loved them all along.

I'm hopeful in saying that there has got to be a better way record companies can promote their music and make more money than selling out to the gamer gods. Its naive to think "Guitar Hero" will save the industry.

Gamers choose to pick up a piece of plastic that provides no originality instead of the authentic instruments, which are sitting in shop corners collecting dust for lack of interest. It would be egotistical for me to think that, because I say something, every reader will believe it or agree, but I will say this: There's not too much that feels better than bringing life to a real guitar and giving it a voice of your own.

I implore you to put down the plastic, pick up the wood and give it a try.

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Putting aside the fact that musicians are becoming more widely appreciated, which they deserve, and kids are now hearing a more diverse selection of music, which I preach in my own column, it is still a pity their songs now annoy those of us

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Scientists say masturbation could be beneficial to student health

By **NORA SIMON**
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Masturbation is still one of those taboo subjects that many people don't understand or simply don't want to talk about. Researchers at the University of Kansas, however, have made it their business to discover how different people perceive this often misunderstood facet of human sexuality.

Charlene Muehlenhard, professor of psychology, has been researching opinions about masturbation since 2004. The research is supposed to help get a "better idea of people's attitudes" toward masturbation, Muehlenhard said.

"(In the) first study we were really interested in learning more about the topic, the meanings of masturbation," Muehlenhard said.

This round of research is different because studies usually only give the percentage of men and women who say they masturbate, not the individual's attitude toward it, Muehlenhard said. For the studies, groups of male and female college students completed a questionnaire, which the researchers created based on a pilot study with open-ended questions to judge their feelings about masturbation.

Chantal Young, Washington, D.C., graduate student, wrote her thesis, titled "The Meanings of Masturbation," while working on the research with Muehlenhard. Young said she wanted to study masturbation because no standards exist to measure people's attitudes in research and because attitudes about masturbation can have important effects in clinical settings. Its role as both a societal and academic taboo also interested her, she said.

"Masturbation is useful as a clinical tool and has been used to treat

orgasmic disorders, premature ejaculation, delayed ejaculation, erectile difficulty and general sexual issues," Young said.

Young said the results of the study revealed extreme variations in opinion. The opinions were categorized into four groups: enthusiastic, high-guilt, ambivalent and lukewarm.

"Some (people) feel extremely positively about masturbation and believe that it is essential to sexual, emotional and physical health," Young said. "Others feel extremely negatively and find it to be disgusting, immoral or against their system of values. And many people seem to have conflicting

attitudes toward masturbation — for example maybe they enjoy doing it but feel guilty afterward. This reflects ambivalence."

The study pinpoints the top reasons why people choose to masturbate and common emotions associated with it. The study found the top five reasons for masturbating to be pleasure, self exploration and improvement, mood improvement, relaxation and stress relief, and avoidance of partner sex.

The top five reasons for not masturbating were immorality, no desire or interest, preference for partner, fear of negative social evaluation and sex negativity. Common emotional responses included satisfaction, guilt, anger, anxiety and indifference.

Students gave various reasons for having positive, negative or neutral attitudes about masturbation. "It's perfectly natural for everyone to do it," Kent Szlauderbach, Wichita sophomore, said. "It relieves stress, and it's kind of a way of escape into a little pleasure you may not be getting elsewhere in your life."

Grace D'Amore, Antioch, Calif., sophomore, said masturbation was sometimes necessary. "I think everyone needs to do it," D'Amore said. "It gets you to know yourself better. And if it's hard times and you're not getting laid, it's the only way to get by it."

"It's perfectly natural for everyone to do it."

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Rincon breaks record in Tech's 4-0 victory over Oral Roberts

By STEVEN RYAN
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Tina Rincon's name is now etched in Texas Tech soccer's history book.

The Red Raiders (5-2-1, 0-1 in Big 12 Conference) used another explosive start to cruise by Oral Roberts (3-3-1) 4-0 last night at the John Walker Soccer Complex. The win put Rincon as the school's career all-time leader in shutouts with 12.

"More than anything, I think my teammates were there for me,"

for the 2-0 lead.

It seems as if Hinds cannot score just one goal in a game. The only other game she scored in was against Alabama A&M, where she followed up her first with another later in the game.

"I don't know," Hinds said. "Sometimes I get to where I am really comfortable in the game and I just end up scoring more than one."

Five minutes later, Brittney Harrison found a wide open Taylor Lytle on a cross. Lytle had enough time to come to a complete stop and knock it into the goal to put the game arguably out of reach.

First halves continue to go much differently than they did last season for the Red Raiders.

Last year, Tech scored only two first-half goals and never led a game at the half. This season, the Red Raiders already have 16 first-half goals and have had the halftime lead in six of their eight matches.

"There is a lot of reasons our team has been scoring more in the first half," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "It's mostly just personnel."

Tech's defense was tough to beat tonight.

They allowed only one shot on goal the entire game. Oral Roberts' Natalya Manyan was bullied around for most

the game and never got a good shot at the goal.

"We just asked them to walk that fine line of being physical with her," Stone said. "That is why I'm so impressed with Casey McCall. Other than that foul, McCall really figured out how to walk that line."

Rincon said nothing has really changed with her team so far this season but the mentality.

"It is the same pregame meals we have been eating for the last couple years," she said. "It is more about our attitude coming into the game."

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HALIE CDEBACA PREPARES to pass the ball during the game against Oral Roberts on Thursday night at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

Rincon said. "It cannot be done without them. There were a bunch of times when they saved my butt, and there is a lot of time where I have saved their butts."

Things turned ugly fast for the Golden Eagles.

Katie Hinds started off the scoring binge three minutes into the match when she hit the ball with the back of her head off a Lauren Yelinek free kick.

With 25 minutes left in the half, Hinds struck again. This time she came up with a steal inside Oral Roberts' box and then beat the goalie

Men's tennis hosts Challenger, Women on the road

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

One is already a top program in the nation, the other is looking for something to put them on the map.

Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams each will play a tournament this weekend.

For the women, it is a chance to tune up at the Lobo Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., after seeing their first action in Denton last weekend.

The men have a chance to see where they stand in their first matches of the fall season as they host the Challenger at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

The focus in practice has been on the mental aspects of the game and how that translates into wins on and off the court, Tech women's Todd Petty said.

"I'm really starting to try and change the mindset a little bit," he said. "The focus has been on practice and changing the

mindset of the work level and the workload and carrying that over to matches. Getting that consistency to kinda put Tech on the map and every match is kind of something to build the name for Tech tennis, do something for our pride."

Petty also said one of the keys for this weekend will be improvement in the Lady Raiders' doubles play.

"I think this week's focus has been a lot of on the doubles and the doubles strategy," he said. "I think what we're doing is we're trying to really come down to a little more consistency, something in between. A little steadier work. We're looking to be at a constant level throughout the whole time."

On the men's side, Tech will host the six-day Challenger.

"This tournament is a great opportunity for our team," said Tech men's coach Tim Siegel. "To host a tournament of this caliber — we're talking about a few of these players played in the US Open just a few weeks ago. We've

got some big-name players ranked in the Top 100 in the world. It's an opportunity for our team, specifically Sinisa Markovic, who will get a wildcard main draw, so that's a great opportunity for him."

The Red Raiders lost last year's No. 1 singles player, Bojan Szumanski — Tech's all-time leader in singles wins.

Possibly stepping into that role this season will be Markovic, who is the No. 63 ranked singles player in college tennis.

"Certainly I think Sinisa wants to have a great senior year," Siegel said. "He is capable of being one of the best players in the country. So I think this fall is very important for him. He's gotten better every year. He's lost one conference match the last two years. I'm really looking forward to seeing him develop this fall and getting him ready to take on that position next year."

>>kevin.cullen@ttu.edu

2008 Highlights

Feb. 18 — Win over Arkansas-Little Rock gives Tim Siegel 200th career victory at Tech

March 16 — Tech finishes second at prestigious Blue-Gray Championships

April 12 — Tech beats then-No. 4 Texas

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7 AM	Onion	Today Sched-uled: Rubin Student; Kimberly Locke; Joan Collins; Christopher Paolini (HD)	The Early Show	Copeland Robson	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	Animals
7:30	Sid (HD)						Paid Prog.
8 AM	Super Why			Believer's	Steve Wilkos		Paid Prog.
8:30	Clifford			J. Hanna			Paid Prog.
9 AM	Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Divorce	Cosby	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart
9:30							
10 AM	Dragon Word	The Price is Right	The Morning Show	Bernie Cops	The View (HD)	Bonnie Hunt Show	
10:30							
11 AM	Martha Barney	Jeopardy TBA	Restless (HD)	Alex Cofina	Paid Prog.	Victory	Tyra Banks Show
11:30							
12 PM	Knitting Fine Art	Days of Our Lives	Beautiful As the World	The People's Court	Roseanne	All My Children	Paid Prog.
12:30							
1 PM	Real Moms	The Doctors	Guiding Light	Mauri	All of Us I Like	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
1:30							
2 PM	Reading	Oprah Winfrey	Brown Access	Extra	Reba	No Deal	Ellen DeGeneres
2:30							
3 PM	Arthur	Dr. Phil	Judy	Mauri	Standing	Rachael Ray	News
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4 PM	FETCH! Cybar	News	News	Fam. Feud	Queens	News	Lopez
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6 PM	NewsHour (HD)	News	Milioni. (HD)	70s ET	70s ET	Two & 1/2	
6:30							
7 PM	Wash Wk NOW on PBS	Toughest Jobs	Ghost Whisperer	Academy	Friday Night Smackdown!	America's Funniest Home Videos	Smart 5th Grade
7:30							
8 PM	Bill Moyers Journal	Dateline NBC	Num3hrs (HD)	Paradise Hotel 2			Forget Lyrics
8:30							
9 PM	Conseulo	News	News	King Will (HD)	TMZ Will (HD)	Nightline	Sinfield
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10 PM	Bus. Ppt Charlie Rose	The Tonight Show	Milioni. (HD)	Malcolm	Cheaters	The Blitz	Raymond
10:30							
11 PM	News	(11:35) Lato Night	Lato Lato Show	Paid Prog.	Cops	Paid Prog.	Fraser
11:30							
12 AM	Destinos	Last Call	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Insider	Paid Prog.
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7:30	Angelia						Bisar
8 AM	Saddle	Coke	My Lubbock	Chapic	Emperor	Sonic X	
8:30	Dragonfly	Home	Housecalls	Spider-Man	So Raven	Chaotic	
9 AM	Design	Dino	Paid Prog.	Yu-Gi-Oh! Hannah	TMNT FF	So Raven	TMNT FF
9:30	Heartland	Sushi Pk	My Lubbock	TMNT FF	So Raven	Chaotic	
10 AM	TX Parks	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Degrassi	Jungle	TWIB	Winx
10:30	Texas	Coldwell	Paid Prog.	Batman	Zack	Winx	
11 AM	Europe	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Degrassi	Jungle	TWIB	Winx
11:30	Victory	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Degrassi	Jungle	TWIB	Winx
12 PM	P. Allen	To Be Announced	Paid Prog.	"Three to Tango" (99)	TBA	Star Trek "Arena"	
12:30	Old House	"Blue Thunder" (83) Airborne police	Paid Prog.	"The wrong tree."			
1 PM	Yankee	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
1:30	Home	Football	Paid Prog.	College Football (Live) (HD)			
2 PM	Smith Shop	Football	Paid Prog.	College Football (Live) (HD)			
2:30	Antiques (HD)	Football	Paid Prog.	College Football (Live) (HD)			
3 PM		Wife					
3:30	Food	Lopez		★1/2 "One Last Dance" Dancing students.			
4 PM	Baking						
4:30	Mexico						
5 PM	Grill	Jeopardy					
5:30	Kitchen	News	Paid Prog.	TMZ	70s News	CSI: NY (HD)	
6 PM	Cook's	Wheel	Paid Prog.	TMZ	70s News	CSI: NY (HD)	
6:30	Christina	Chuck (HD)	Unit "Inside Out"	★★ "In the Army Now" Clerks join Army.	Queens	College Football (Live) (HD)	Cops
7 PM	Wek "Carnival"	Law Order (HD)	NCIS (HD)		Queens	College Football (Live) (HD)	Cops
7:30					Cheaters		America's Most
8 PM	Globe Trekker	Law Order (HD)	NCIS (HD)		Cheaters		America's Most
8:30					Cheaters		America's Most
9 PM	Austin City Limits	Law Order "Prime"	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Cheaters	Six City	Family
9:30					Cheaters	Six City	Family
10 PM	P.O.V.	News	News	Cheers	Six City	News	MADtv
10:30		(10:29) Saturday Night Live	Westmark	Cheers	Six City	News	MADtv
11 PM	Masterpiece	Victory	Lost "Tabula Rasa"	Family H.	Jeremiah	(11:05) ET	Talk Show
11:30							
12 AM		Poker After Dark	Without Trace (HD)	"Movie"	ReGenesis	Paid Prog.	Friends
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7:30	Bob				In Touch	Lord's Way	Paid Prog.
8 AM	Franny	Reporter	CBS News Sunday Morning	Special Ed	Children	E. Ticon	
8:30	Signig	Methodist		Cowboys	David	In Touch	
9 AM	Wishbone	Meet the Press	Nation	Access Hollywood	Paid Prog.	Prophacy	FOX News Sunday
9:30	Reading						
10 AM	Destinos	Hour of Power	TMZ	Gladiator	Si se pued	This Week (HD)	Southwest
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11 AM	InnerVIEWS	The NFL Today	First Baptist	Degrassi			FOX NFL Sunday
11:30	Business	The NFL Today	First Baptist	Degrassi			FOX NFL Sunday
12 PM	MotorWk	NFL Football (Live)	NFL Football (Live)	Paid Prog.	★★ "The Shipment" "Botched shipment"	Countdown (Live)	NFL Football "Regional Coverage - Teams TBA" (HD)
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3 PM	Great Performances at the Met "Tristan and Isolde"	NFL Football (Live)	NFL Football (Live)	Paid Prog.	Desperate (HD)	Smallville (HD)	News
3:30							
4 PM					House (HD)	Gossip Girl (HD)	News
4:30							
5 PM					House (HD)	Gossip Girl (HD)	News
5:30							
6 PM	Classical	Football (Live) (HD)	60 Minutes	CSI: Miami	One Tree Hill (HD)	Kimmel (HD)	Dad
6:30							

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Starting Texas A&M quarterback still up in the air for Saturday's game

(AP) — As of Thursday, Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman still hadn't publicly named his starting quarterback for Saturday's game against Miami. Senior Stephen McGee, who's started A&M's last 29 games, sprained his throwing shoulder in the first quarter

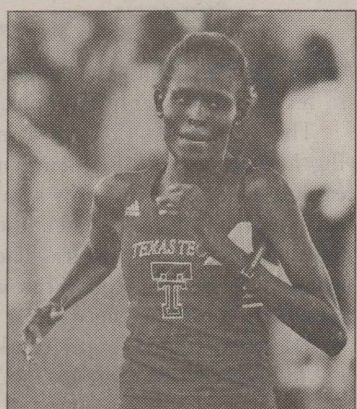
against New Mexico on Sept. 6. Sophomore Jerrod Johnson came in and threw three touchdown passes to lead the Aggies to a 28-22 victory. McGee and Johnson have been splitting practice snaps at quarterback this week. Johnson also continues to see

time at receiver, where he's been working since Sherman named McGee the starting quarterback midway through training camp. An MRI revealed no structural damage to McGee's shoulder. McGee felt no pain in a light workout on Sunday

and Sherman said McGee would be re-evaluated mid-week. "I don't want to have to back myself into a corner and say we're going to do this and do that without actually knowing whether Stephen can even play or not," Sherman said Monday.

Cross country prepares for only home meet in 2008

By KAYLA PARHAM
STAFF WRITER



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Most people play golf on a golf course, others run on it.

The Texas Tech cross country team is running its way through the Meadowbrook Golf Course at 6 p.m. Sept. 19 in Lubbock for its only home meet of the season, the Red Raider Invitational. Tech coach Jon Murray said he would like both the men and women's teams to win the meet.

"I think they will have a good competition," he said. "It's just a judge to see where we are. It's an opportunity for them to get out and compete. They all like to race, so it's just fun stuff."

In the last four years since Murray has been at Tech, the Red Raiders have won every home meet.

"That's what we would like to do, is to win our home meet," he said. "This is a bigger field. It's probably the best field that

we have since I've been here, so it's more of a challenge for the group. We love to win at home and pack the fans there and so that is going to be our goal."

During this meet, the women will run a course set up at 5,000 meters and the men will run 8,000 meters. Asia Diaz said the team is building up to 6,000 meters after the first meet was only three miles, while this meet is just 5,000 meters. "I'm just really excited to get out there and run," she said. "It has been three weeks. We have been practicing really hard and I want to see how everybody — like their progress they've made from the practices these last few weeks." After hopefully winning the Red Raider Invitational, Diaz said the team will jump right into another second straight meet this season. From the men's team, Culotta said the Red Raiders should win the meet even though they are facing No. 1 Abilene Christian, the top NCAA Division II team in the nation. "I think this (meet) is the least pressure because it's at home," he said. "We know our surroundings; we know are climate. It's what we do; we run here everyday." Culotta said the race is more tactical since it is 8,000 meters compared to the 5,000 meter he ran in high school. The Red Raider men will race against 12 other teams besides No. 1 Abilene Christian, including West Texas A&M, New Mexico Junior College, Lubbock Christian, Wayland Baptist and South Plains. The Abilene Christian women are ranked No. 10.

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Tech baseball opens fall practice looking to fill vacancies

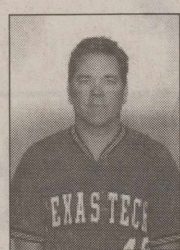
By **KEVIN CULLEN**
STAFF WRITER

While the Major League Baseball season is quickly coming to a close, the Texas Tech baseball team is just starting its year.

The Red Raiders conducted their first fall practice yesterday.

It is the first time the team has taken the field for an official practice under first-year head coach Dan Spencer, who took over for Larry Hays.

Spencer said along with the value of getting his younger players some action, the fall season is the time



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anything, they understand they are gonna compete. They're not just gonna compete against Texas, Texas A&M in the spring, but with

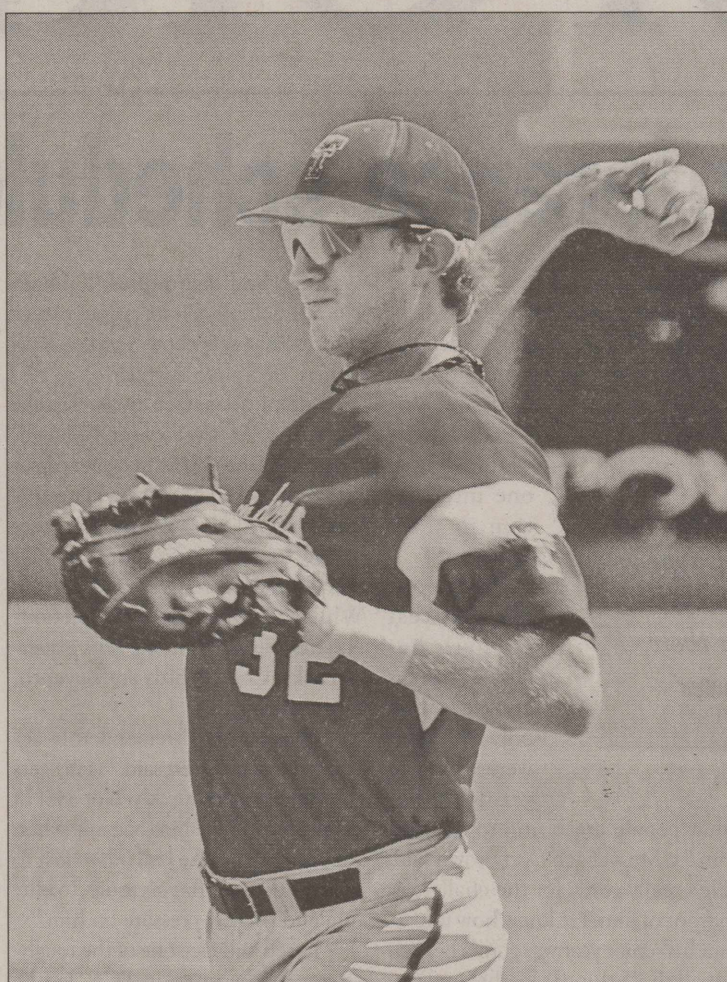
each other in the fall to find out who gets to play against Texas and Texas A&M."

Tech pitcher Chad Bettis performed well over the summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League where he focused on his off-speed pitches, something Spencer said has elevated Bettis' game to a new level.

"That'll be the difference between Bettis being very good and being great and maybe having a chance to pitch on the USA team," he said. "He's a special guy. We feel like we have a Friday night guy in the house with him. He brings it all to the table as far as stuff but more importantly, just how he carries himself and the way guys play behind him or will play behind him and his presence and his toughness. That Friday night guy's gotta be a tough guy."

Bettis said he had to change identity a bit in Cape Cod and it will do nothing but make him a better pitcher.

"I've been known to throw hard, all my pitches," he said. "So this summer I really had to focus on something soft, so working on my changeup over there definitely helped me a lot. I think it's gonna help me a lot this



KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador

CHRIS RICHBURG THROWS the ball back to a pitcher during the team's first fall practice Thursday afternoon at Dan Law Field.

season."

Spencer is not the only one with a new job this year.

Tech's Chris Richburg will be moving from the outfield to first base

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infield, but it will open up another space in the outfield for one of the six players competing for the spots.

"We were concerned about doing that to him, but he's played really well in the drill stuff we've done," Spencer said. "He's done a good job. He makes good adjustments. He's a smart guy. He's a good athlete. So, he gives us an athletic first baseman. Obviously we know he can hit and drive in runs that's gonna play every day in the middle of our lineup."

Spencer said he is ecstatic about the group of outfielders competing for the jobs left open not only by Richburg, but former Tech All-American right fielder Roger Kieschnick, who was drafted in the third round of this year's MLB Amateur Draft by the San Francisco Giants.

"I'm extremely excited about the group — what they bring as far as athleticism and speed," he said. "We like that Taylor (Ashby) came back stronger, faster. In fact, Taylor ran our best 60-time when we ran our first day out here. We feel like we have six guys that can run. Three of them are left-handed hitters and three of them are right. I know for a fact there are gonna be a lot less balls bouncing around on the warning track. Two reasons: we'll catch more and we'll pitch better."

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Witten key to Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jason Witten was just a rookie trying to establish himself in the NFL when he broke his jaw, had several plates implanted to fix it, then got back into the lineup after missing only one game.

Last year, he was just a guy who saw a chance to gain a bunch of yards when he kept running after getting his helmet pried off. He happily traded a bloody nose for a career-best 53-yard gain.

On Monday night, Witten was just eager to get back into the action when he went to the locker room for X-rays on his aching right shoulder midway through the second quarter and learned it wasn't broken. After taking a shot to kill the pain, he caught a long pass that set up a field goal just before halftime, then another biggie that set up the winning touchdown in the Dallas Cowboys' 41-37 victory over Philadelphia.

Ever since, teammates, coaches and owner Jerry Jones have offered all sorts of accolades about Witten, praising his grit, desire and toughness.

That's why he's a captain, some said. That's why he's an All-Pro, others said.

Said Witten: Why all the fuss?

"I know for a fact there are gonna be a lot less balls bouncing around on the warning track."

DAN SPENCER

Tech baseball coach

for the players to compete for open spots.

"We're trying to get some (growing pains) out," he said. "The other thing we are doing is we are trying to find six to seven starters to play those spots. There's a lot of competition. I think that if they understand

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Tech ends non-conference schedule against UMass

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football team will finish its non-conference schedule with another contender from the Football Championship Subdivision against UMass at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

UMass (2-1) won the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship in 2007, one year after reaching the national championship game.

Tech coach Mike Leach said this is another one of those top-tier programs from the FCS — the Minutemen have 12 players who transferred from FBS schools and a 25-4 record against FCS schools since 2006.

With Tech studying the wrong tape against Eastern Washington and playing against a unique pistol formation at Nevada, the Red Raiders could be going on another blind date.

"They are a team we don't see much of, we don't know much of," Leach said. "Outside of the fact that we know they have had quite a

lot of success. I know going into this season they thought they could win the whole thing, so we'll see. We now have enough games under our belt that we can draw a little more from the games they have played this year."

Leading the Minutemen is 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior quarterback Liam Coen, a 2008 Walter Payton Award candidate who has started all four years. He holds more than 30 total passing records, winning 31 of

his 40 starts.

In a pro-style offense that likes to establish the run game, Coen has a 166.4 passer rating, totaling 826 yards and nine touchdowns while giving up one interception in three games.

"First off, his greatest strength has always been his knowledge not only with what were trying to get done, but what people are trying to do with him," UMass coach Don Brown said.

"He's really ready for the challenges in front of him. He knew how important his senior year was gonna be. You put all those things together and you got a complete player."

Coen and quarterback Graham Harrell actually share a few career records that span both college divisions.

Out of all active quarterbacks with at least two seasons played, Coen leads the nation in career passer rating with 153.53, while Harrell is fifth with a 151.07 rating. In career active touchdowns, Harrell is first with 97 and Coen sits second with 75. While Harrell is first in completions and passing yards among active quarterbacks, Coen is fifth and seventh, respectively.

"(Harrell is a) tremendously accurate passer," Coen said. "(He) gets the ball out very quickly. Not a lot of people try to blitz him because when they do, he gets the ball out so fast to those wideouts, that it's tough to blitz him and get any pressure on him."

Harrell will face one of the toughest secondary units in FCS, led by senior preseason All-American cor-

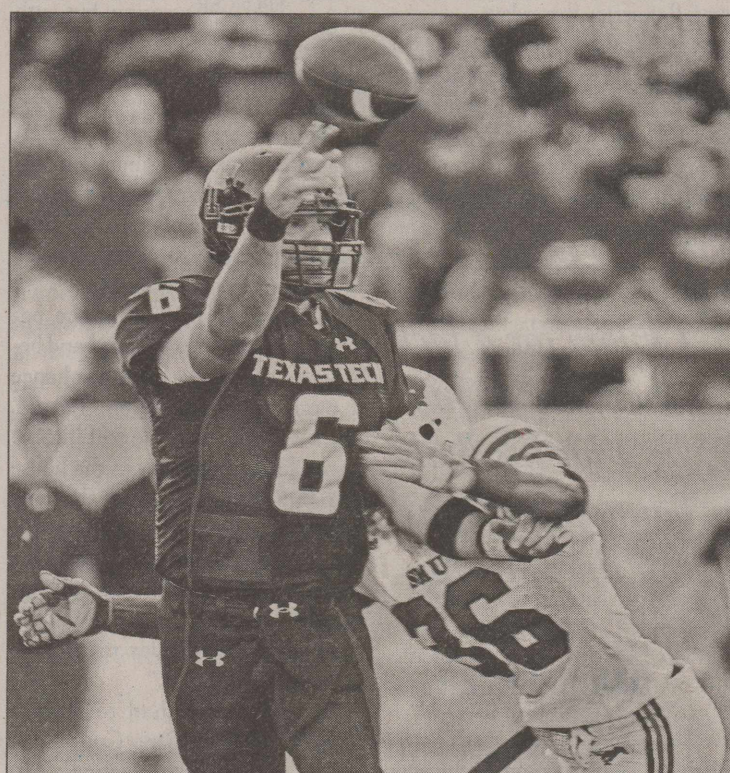


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TEXAS TECH'S GRAHAM Harrell aims to finish the non-conference schedule on a high note against UMass Saturday.

nerback Sean Smalls and All-Conference senior Courtney Robinson.

However, on a defense that returned eight players and led the Colonial Athletic Association in scoring defense and total defense, the Minutemen have been dismal defensively this season.

While the secondary ranks fifth in passing defense, UMass's strength from 2007 ranks eighth in total defense and 11th in both scoring and rushing defense.

After watching film, Tech center Stephen Hamby said the UMass defense throws a lot of different looks at the offensive line throughout the game.

"They are like Missouri; they blitz and twist," he said. "They aren't the type of team you expect to come and play. They are going to throw a lot of unexpected stuff at us. With this type

of team, they could throw anything out there."

Tech's running game, led by Baron Batch and Shannon Woods, will try capitalizing on a porous rushing defense that allowed 338 yards in a 52-38 loss to James Madison last week.

With Tech's run game averaging 135.7 yards per game, Brown tagged Tech's offense with a rare opinion, saying "they'll keep you honest with the run game."

"If you get too wrapped up in the pass, their running backs are excellent speed guys with great quickness," he said. "Shannon Woods and Baron Batch especially (are) excellent players. They'll slip in there and hurt you with the zone schemes if you just completely defend one side of the ball."

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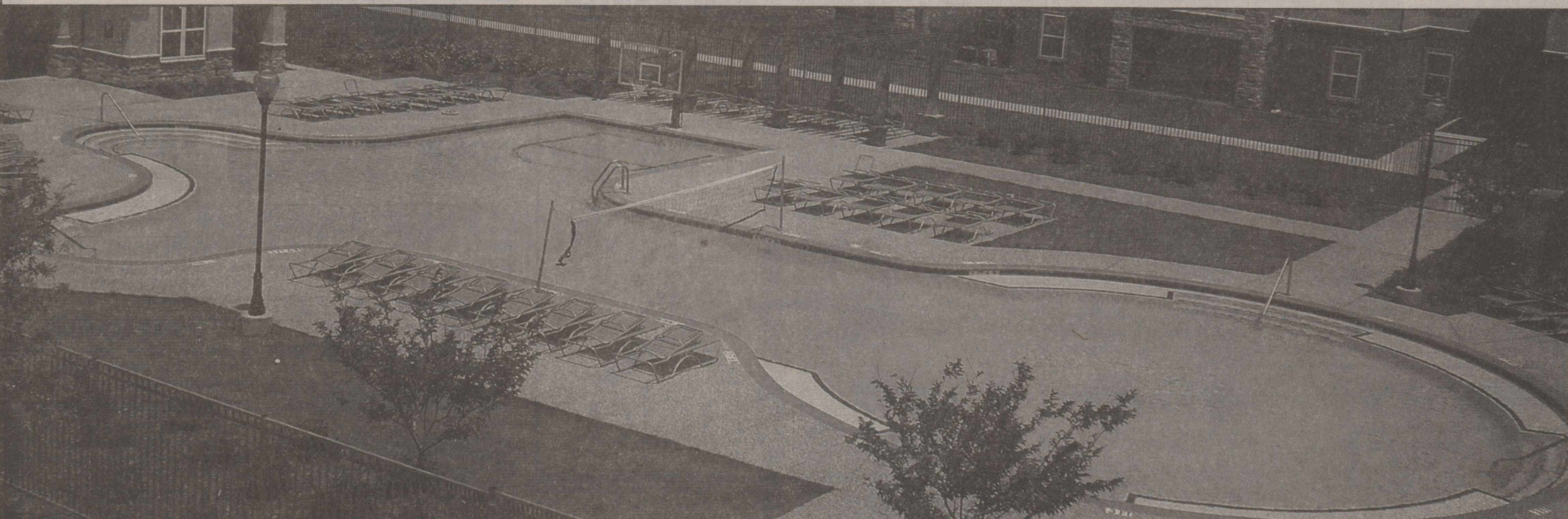
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