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## Leisure pool hosts 70,000 in first year

By JETT THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

The first four months of the Student Leisure Pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center showcased a higher-than-expected attendance, totaling 70,503 people who came through the entrance of the pool.

Melissa Hogle, the aquatics director at the rec, said the leisure pool was open throughout the summer starting May 22 and closed Sunday for the remainder of the fall and winter seasons.

The month of June saw total attendance at 30,048 guests, or about 1,000 people a day on average, Hogle said.

"Our attendance was higher than what we had expected," she said. "We had to double up student managers for high crowd days."

The transition from the leisure pool to the aquatics center began Sept. 28 when the early bird lap swim was moved indoors from 6 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and evening swim also was moved inside from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Samantha Tudor, a junior microbiology major from Keller and a student manager at the leisure pool, said the timing for the move back inside the aquatics center was a difficult decision.

"It's always hard to tell with Texas weather, but now is a good time," she said. "This morning it was 57 degrees, so it's about time."

Hogle said several serious injuries were sustained this summer including a seizure and a head injury, but in each instance the injured was released from the hospital the same day.

During the next several weeks, the Student Leisure Pool will be "winterized" by draining the water out of all of the pools with the exception of the large hot tub, she said. The hot tub will be kept open through the winter months but no lifeguard will be on duty.

She said the leisure pool will be prepped for the next season during spring break and is set to reopen around April, weather permitting.

Tudor said the leisure pool has been very popular with students and she has received a lot of positive feedback from people.

"This has really opened people's eyes to the aquatics program," she said.

"Before the leisure pool was here, people didn't know many of these programs existed."

The swimming program tripled in size from previous years, Tudor said.

Suzanne Williams, president of the Student Government Association, said she was pleased to have been a part of the creation of the pool.

"We at the SGA are extremely excited and proud to be able to say that the leisure pool is finally here," she said. "This project will help retention efforts and give students more opportunity for fellowship and create a unique feel on campus."

In the 2006 Homecoming Election, a \$10 increase in rec fees was approved by the student body bringing the \$65 per semester rec fee up to \$75, Williams said.

Any future expansion plans would need to be catered to what students want during the coming years, Hogle said.

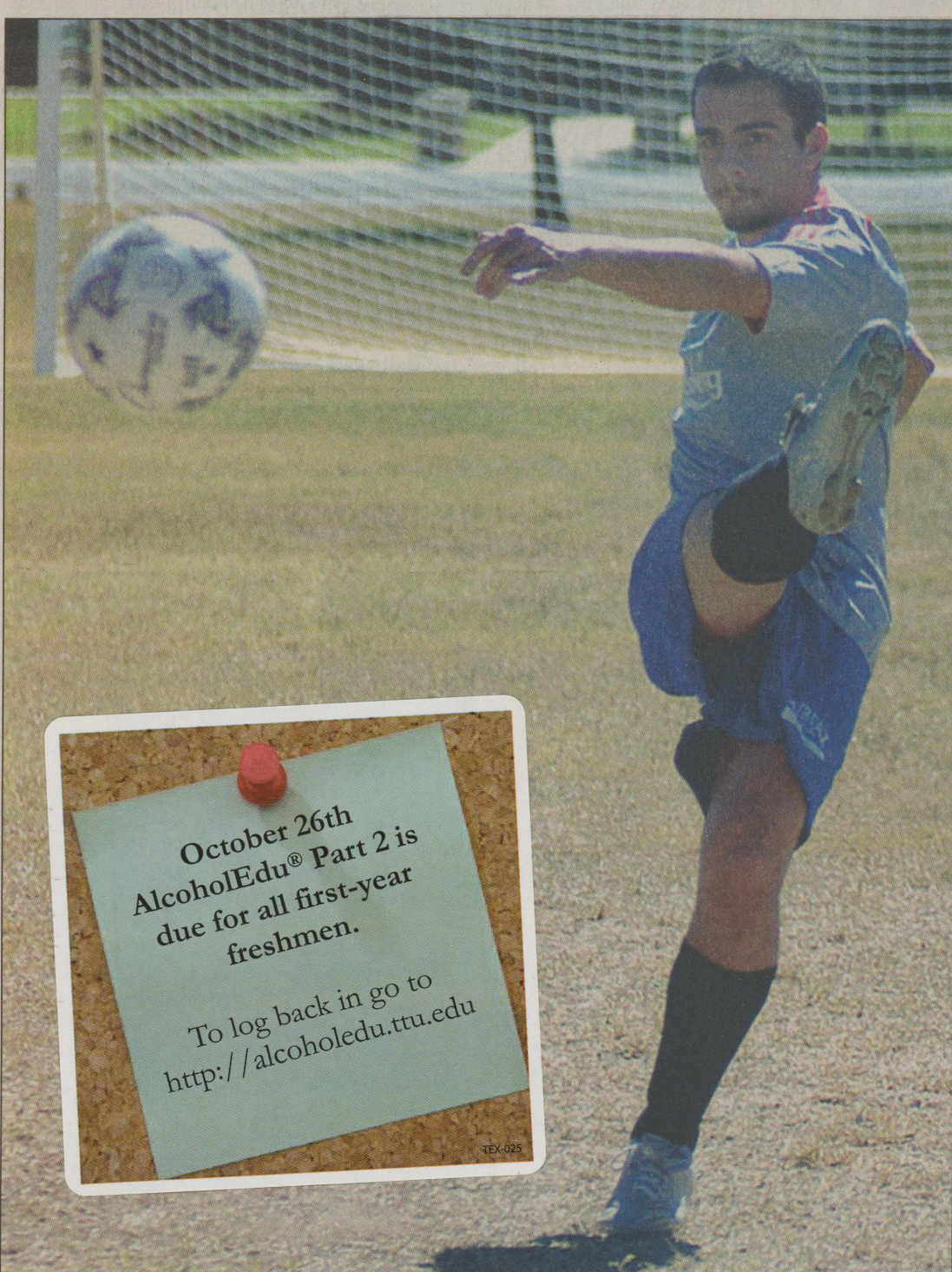
"With more students and an increase in enrollment, we need to look at improving our facilities," she said. "Most of the improvements will probably be in cardio and basketball though."

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MORGAN PRUITT, A freshman petroleum engineering major from Midland, shields her face from water as she floats down the lazy river at the student Leisure Pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

## JUST KICKING IT



ALEXANDER POPOV, A freshman triple major in international business, German and management, kicks a soccer ball during a scrimmage Wednesday at the soccer fields.

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## Dow closes above 10K for 1st time since '08

By TIM PARADIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — When the Dow Jones industrial average first passed 10,000, traders tossed commemorative caps and uncorked champagne. This time around, the feeling was more like relief.

The best-known barometer of the stock market entered five-figure territory again Wednesday, the most visible sign yet that investors believe the economy is clawing its way back from the worst downturn since the Depression.

The milestone caps a stunning 53 percent comeback for the Dow since early March, when stocks were at their lowest levels in more than a decade.

"It's almost like an announcement that the bear market is over,"

said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. in Boston. "That is an eye-opener — 'Hey, you know what, things must be getting better because the Dow is over 10,000.'"

Cheers went up briefly when the Dow eclipsed the milestone in the early afternoon, during a daylong rally driven by encouraging earnings reports from Intel Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. The average closed at 10,015.86, up 144.80 points.

It was the first time the Dow had touched 10,000 since October 2008, that time on the way down.

"I think there were times when we were in the deep part of the trough there back in the springtime when it felt like we'd never get back to this level," said Bernie McSherry, senior vice president of strategic initiatives at Cuttone & Co.

Ethan Harris, head of North Amer-

ica economics at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, described it as a "relief rally that the world is not coming to an end."

The mood was far from the euphoria of March 1999, when the Dow surpassed 10,000 for the first time. The Internet then was driving extraordinary gains in productivity, and serious people debated whether there was such a thing as a boom without end.

"If this is a bubble," The Wall Street Journal marveled on its front page, "it sure is hard to pop."

It did pop, of course. And then came the lost decade.

The Dow peaked at 14,164.53 in October 2007, then lost more than half its value after the financial meltdown last fall. At its low point, the average stood at 6,547.05. The breathtaking rally since then brings stocks to roughly break-even for the past 10 years.

## No quiet fadeaway for federal insurance option

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fears about high costs of the health care overhaul and mistrust of insurers are rekindling interest in letting the government sell health insurance as part of the plan.

The leading congressional proposal as of Wednesday — a Senate Finance bill that relies on private coverage with no new government plan — could price out some 17 million Americans. And the insurance industry may have unwittingly helped the case

for public coverage, with a report over the weekend asserting the Finance bill would raise premiums for everyone.

Business groups and conservatives remain steadfastly opposed to government insurance — formidable political opposition that shows no sign of weakening. So advocates are getting creative, trying to reformulate the "public option" in a way that can gain the 60 votes needed to clear the Senate.

Instead of an all-or-nothing approach, they're trying to provide choices.

What if each state could decide whether to offer public coverage instead of having it decreed from

Washington — as proposed by Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del.?

What if states had a menu of options, from nonprofit co-ops to using their own employee health plans?

What if public coverage were offered only as a backstop in areas where one insurer has a lock on the market?

"We are all talking together, trying to find something that not everyone will love but the entire (Democratic) caucus will come to agreement on," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who for months has been seeking a politically viable compromise. "It's going to be something flexible, but not weak."

The lone Republican to back health care overhaul legislation, Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, has suggested a possible way out: allowing a public plan to kick in if competition among health insurance companies under a revamped system fails to bring down costs. Snowe is opposed to government insurance as a first-line solution.

"(Public coverage) is going to be something flexible, but not weak."

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**STATE**

**Texas governor: Executed inmate was 'a monster'**

AUSTIN (AP) — A man put to death in 2004 for killing his three children was "a monster," and suggestions that he may have been innocent are anti-death penalty propaganda, Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday.

Cameron Todd Willingham's convictions were upheld several times before he was put to death, and recent media reports looking into whether Willingham may have been innocent glossed over evidence that showed

he murdered his children, Perry told reporters after addressing Texas Association of Realtors members at a luncheon.

"Willingham was a monster. He was a guy who murdered his three children, who tried to beat his wife into an abortion so that he wouldn't have those kids. Person after person has stood up and testified to facts of this case that quite frankly you all aren't covering," Perry said.

**NATION**

**States raise limits on creditors as debtors squirm**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — With many Americans in dire financial straits, states are cracking down to make sure aggressive debt collectors target only people who legitimately owe them money.

National consumer credit laws already prohibit collection agencies from harassing, deceptive, or unfair practices like telling neighbors or family about what is owed, or calling before 8 a.m. or late at night. Since the recession started, at least a half-dozen states have adopted additional limits, like imposing statutes of limitation on collections and adding opportunities to punish abusive practices

in court. Other states may follow suit.

Lawmakers are increasingly focusing on outfits that buy bad debt from credit card companies and other lenders for pennies on the dollar and profit when they collect more than they paid.

Debtors — some agree they owe money, others say they've already paid or are disputing their bills — have reported being bombarded with calls and subjected to foul language and threats of arrest or deportation.

A North Carolina law that took effect this month requires debt buyers filing collection lawsuits to produce documents proving they're the ones owed the money.

**WORLD**

**UN: Record 1 billion people go hungry**

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Parents in some of Africa's poorest countries are cutting back on school, clothes and basic medical care just to give their children a meal once a day, experts say. Still, it is not enough.

A record 1 billion people worldwide are hungry and a new report says the number will increase if governments do not spend more on agriculture. According to the U.N. food agency, which issued the report,

30 countries now require emergency aid, including 20 in Africa.

The trend continues despite a goal set by world leaders nine years ago to cut the number of hungry people in half by 2015.

"It's actually a world emergency that calls for action from both developing and developed countries," said Olive Igbuzor, the head of international campaigns for ActionAid International.

**Hance hosts NASA flight director in Q&A**

By JON VANDERLAAN  
News Editor

Ginger Kerrick does not defy the laws of physics; instead she uses them as part of her everyday life.

A 1991 Texas Tech graduate, Kerrick is a NASA flight director at Johnson Space Center and visited her alma mater Wednesday to speak with Tech students.

Kerrick, who earned a bachelor's and master's degree in physics from Tech, said she hoped she could give back to Tech students and give them advice for their future while speaking with Tech Chancellor Kent Hance on Wednesday afternoon during the senior seminar course he teaches.

"I think there's not enough Texas Tech students roaming the halls where I am," she said.

"I want them to look up at the stage and see themselves in 20 years."

Kerrick became the first NASA flight director out of 77 in history with Hispanic heritage.

Although a physics degree makes it more difficult to enter the ranks of NASA, she said, she was able to sell her abilities to apply her research.

"I don't necessarily use all the equations that I learned," Kerrick said, "but I use the problem solving from the physics department at Tech."

While visiting the university, she said she was able to meet several of her former professors as well as speak with students in the Physics Department. Although she did not have someone to guide her through the steps to achieve her career goals during her college career, she hopes she can help students and put them on the right track as a way to give back to the Tech community.



GINGER KERRICK, LEFT, a NASA flight director and Texas Tech graduate, speaks with Tech Chancellor Kent Hance during his senior seminar class.

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Hance said seeing the success Kerrick has achieved in her career makes him proud of the students the university turns out.

"I think she has an attitude of not giving up and, as she says, perseverance," he said.

After the seminar, Hance said he hopes students can walk away with the belief they can do anything after graduation from Tech.

Although she received a full scholarship from the University of Texas, Kerrick said during the seminar she went to the University of Texas-El Paso for two years to get acclimated to college in her hometown. She then transferred to Tech to pursue her academic goals.

She said she began working at NASA in May 1994, six months after she earned her master's degree from Tech. Despite being chosen for an interview to become an astronaut — her goal since she was

5 — she said she was disqualified from becoming an astronaut for life because doctors found kidney stones during medical tests.

While that dream could no longer happen, she said it opened another door for her and she began teaching astronauts. Kerrick became the first capsule communicator who was not previously an astronaut and was the first to advance from capsule communicator to the flight director position.

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**Obama says he's looking at any way to create jobs**

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — Standing at the site of a highway project funded by his economic stimulus plan, President Barack Obama said Wednesday he is committed to exploring all avenues to create jobs.

Obama said his administration is going to keep going until "every single American in this country who's looking for work is going to be able to get the kind of well-paying job that supports their families."

Obama spoke from the top of a large mound of dirt and gravel, the site of a highway construction project in the Virginia suburbs outside Washington. He chose the site of the Fairfax County Parkway Extension project to feature the progress of the stimulus package passed earlier this year.

The project is the state's largest stimulus-funded project. When completed, it will connect both ends of Fairfax County.

While some businesses have

credited the stimulus bill with preventing layoffs, the national unemployment rate stands at 9.8 percent. Many economists have said unemployment could continue to rise.

The administration has stopped short of calling for a second economic stimulus package. But with the job picture slow to improve, Obama said his administration is moving forward on different fronts to boost the economy.

"We're going to continue to

explore each and every avenue that I can think of that will lead to job creation and economic growth," he said while standing with Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and four construction workers wearing hard hats.

Obama first visited the Fairfax County Parkway Extension project in February, when work was just beginning. He said the progress that's been made since then is just one example of the work that's being done to turn the economy around.

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**Pakistan's army bares its teeth in US aid flap**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Just last week, Pakistan's foreign minister was playing down his army's objections to a multibillion dollar U.S. aid bill. Days later, after a session with the army chief, he was back in Washington urging U.S. lawmakers to address the very concerns he had dismissed.

The about-face shows the delicate dance between Pakistan's fragile civilian government and the powerful military, less than two years after

the army formally gave up control of the country.

The proposed aid package would provide Pakistan with \$1.5 billion a year over five years to spend mainly on economic and social programs. The overall goal is to alleviate poverty, thus lessening the allure of the Taliban and other militant groups threatening Pakistan and the U.S. war effort in neighboring Afghanistan.

Pakistan's military objects to

language that links money for counterterrorism assistance to meeting various conditions. The legislation also requires the U.S. secretary of state to report to Congress every six months on whether Pakistan's government maintains effective control over the military, including its budgets, the chain of command and top promotions.

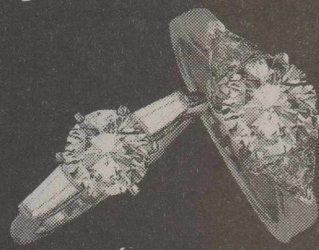
On Wednesday, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said he would return home from Washington satisfied that the aid package does not hurt his country's sovereignty. He said he had been given U.S. assurances that would "allay the fears of Pakistan."

U.S. lawmakers, however, have no plans to change the bill, which awaits President Barack Obama's signature into law.

Democratic Sen. John Kerry, a co-sponsor of the bill, told reporters after meeting with Qureshi for the second time in two days that a statement attempting to clarify points in the bill would be entered into the congressional record.

Qureshi called the explanatory statement "historic." But lawmakers frequently put comments and documents — even congratulatory notes for local sports teams — into the congressional record. They do not have the force of law.

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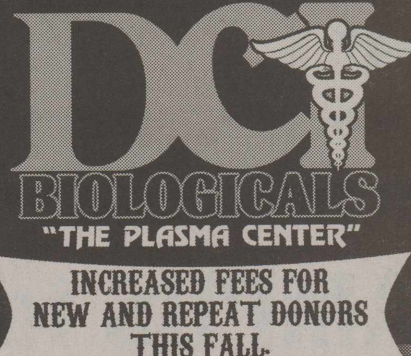
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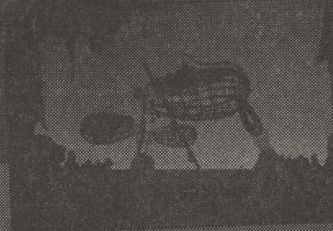
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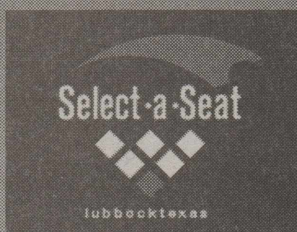
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## Texas justice system getting much needed examination

In 1985 Texas Tech was hit by a series of rapes. This prompted Lubbock police to send a female undercover officer to Tech's campus to try to lure the Tech rapist.

This is when the officer was approached by Timothy Brian Cole. This act alone caused him to become Lubbock's prime suspect and put his Polaroid picture in a lineup of photos to show to victims.

It was the only color photo (along with four black and white photos) shown to Michele Mallin, who was a victim of rape on campus. After police and prosecutors described Cole as a "low-life hood" and showed her the photo, she immediately identified Cole as the rapist. Her eyewitness testimony was all that was needed to convict Cole of rape and sentence him to 25 years in prison.

In 1995, Jerry Wayne Johnson started his attempts to contact Cole and try to confess to the crimes he committed. This attempt was ignored by the Texas justice system and his letter never reached Cole.

Cole died in 1999 of an asthma attack in prison.

Last year, DNA evidence proved Johnson was the real rapist

**Paul Williamson**



and Cole was proven innocent.

Coles' story is one that is tragic but is making way for the Texas justice system to reform itself.

Last May, the Texas government passed legislation creating the Timothy Cole Advisory Panel on Wrongful Convictions. It is a panel that will discuss and research ways in which the criminal justice system can prevent something like this from happening again.

The panel had its first meeting Tuesday.

One of the biggest reasons why wrongful conviction occurs is because of incorrect eyewitness testimony, as was the case with Cole and Mallin's testimony.

Mallin is now a major supporter of eyewitness reform.

There are new developments in eyewitness accounts that increase their accuracy. According to the Justice Department, law enforcement agencies should take many precautionary steps to not encourage the witness to identify someone. Such as describing some as "low-life hood" and show them the picture.

That should be a no-no.

An example is the use of double-blind line-ups. This is when not only does the witness not know which of the individuals is the suspect, but the person conducting the line up does not know either. This way the law enforcement person does not accidentally give away clues as which one is the suspect.

Also, they could show people one by one to prevent a witness from comparing individuals and seeing which one best fits their description. This is just one of many things the panel will look

into when it comes to wrongful convictions.

Since DNA testing began in 1989, hundreds of people have been proven innocent. This includes individuals on death row. Can you imagine what it is like to be convicted to death for a murder you never committed?

This is the exact reason why the death penalty should be banned. The mere chance of killing an innocent person, which has happened, should be reason enough to ban the death penalty. Even in the age of DNA testing someone could easily be wrongfully convicted. In my hometown of Houston, scandals hit our crime lab where DNA evidence was not handled correctly and lead to many wrongful convictions.

The story of Cole is heart-breaking. But his spirit lives on and his death hopefully will not be in vain as his story is one that has inspired reform in our system to provide for real justice.

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## Politicians must reform education

**STAFF EDITORIAL**  
DAILY EVERGREEN (WASHINGTON STATE U.)

Educators across Washington are being forced to do more with less. School districts in Eastern Washington and Idaho are striking entire subjects from their curricula, combining oversized classes and requiring teachers to assume new responsibilities — all at the expense of students.

Students are now forced to pay additional fees for aspects of their education once considered sacrosanct: transportation for extracurricular activities, music classes and hot lunches. Vital tools for students, such as Spanish language classes, are being cut entirely, hampering students' ability to succeed in a globalized world.

College students arrive on campus every year lacking essential skills like basic algebra and critical thinking. America's schools have been underfunded for decades, and this disregard for education highlights the nation's skewed priorities and a gross negligence by our elected leaders.

The deluge of fees and cuts are not limited to K-12. Thousands of faculty members and students at the University of California-Berkeley protested state budget cuts Thursday that would impose furloughs on instructors, cut enrollment and increase tuition.

As tuition costs at public universities increased over the past three decades, the burden of paying for public education was transferred from the state to the student, placing further duress on an already weak system. Foreign nations understand that education is a long-term investment that fuels economic growth.

Declaring that children are the nation's future, politicians often espouse

the importance of education, but rarely deliver. President Barack Obama has promised sweeping changes for the American education system, but many of his education policies are a mere continuation of the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind Act, which actually left millions of children behind.

Fortunately, \$100 billion in emergency public aid was designated for schools and colleges in the economic stimulus bill, according to a Feb. 16 article in The New York Times. Often handicapped by a limited budget, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan is now burdened with a new problem: how to properly allocate the discretionary funds. With more and more cuts on the horizon, Duncan needs to cut through the layers of bureaucracy and find a way to efficiently disburse the \$54 billion in stabilization funds to prevent more public education layoffs.

Despite this new level of power afforded to the secretary of education, the funds designated for Duncan's department pale in comparison to the hundreds of billions given away to the nation's banks. Students need to become vocal about the quality of their education. When business interests are threatened, Capitol Hill is inundated with lobbyists. We may lack the ability to bankroll high-profile lobbyists, but we are just as capable of shaping education legislation. What students lack in power, we make up for it with volume and voice.

Providing public education is one of the primary functions of a government and the current plight of education in America cannot be ignored. Regardless of the times, education funding must be insulated from the winds of economic change because schools should not be forced to do more with less.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Premium movie station
- Hammer-wielding Norse god
- First voice of Mickey Mouse
- "This instant!"
- Will Rogers prop
- Rallying cry
- ISP with chat rooms
- Took advantage of
- Scrubs, as pots
- Bakery fare named for their shape
- Actress Holmes
- Mothers' month
- Kid's building block
- Part of CBS: Abbr.
- Quibotic reveries
- 1953 Western hero to whom Joey cried "Come back!"
- Vacation home, maybe
- Stately tree
- "Wait, there's more..."
- Half-... coffee order
- Prefix with friendly
- Sunday dinners
- Certain Sri Lankan
- "Playground fixture"
- Immortal racehorse
- Man
- Ogie's dad
- Coffee dispenser
- Eagle's nest
- "Beat poet who wrote 'Howl'"
- Ohio city north of Columbus
- Pre-holiday times
- Pester
- Really digs
- Domesticated
- MMX + X
- Basic doctrines
- One-armed bandit
- "\_ Haw"

**DOWN**

- Chips and nuts
- "Way to go!"
- Little barn fliers
- Cease-fire
- Leggs product
- Good thing to keep when hearing opposing views
- Bureaucratic waste
- "Take care of it!"
- "Batt. not \_"
- Puffed up, as a sprain
- Make queasy
- Throw wide of the mark, say
- NFL gains
- Resists one's feet
- Ham holder
- Detroit-based financial org.
- Capital on a fjord
- Variouly colored flower
- Small weight units
- One way to lower an APR
- Detest
- Funny Bombeck
- Minnesota's state bird

By Todd Gross

10/15/09

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 37 Official spoken language of China
- 39 Traveling show
- 42 Toronto's includes the CN Tower
- 43 Quilts
- 44 Leopold's co-defendant
- 46 Hot dog holder
- 48 A type of one begins the answers to starred clues
- 49 Snoopy's flying persona, e.g. Jackson, a.k.a. "Mr. October"
- 53 It's a good thing
- 55 Ex-senator Trent
- 56 Genesis grandson
- 57 Pixar clownfish
- 58 Sch. near Harvard
- 59 Enzyme suffix

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## Team wins Tech College Bowl for 3rd-straight year

By **KELSEY HECKEL**  
STAFF WRITER

Tech Activities Board hosted the third annual College Bowl, a trivia contest between students, at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

Even teams of four competed against each other answering questions ranging from characters in "To Kill a Mockingbird" to names of famous quarterbacks.

"There are two types of questions, toss up questions and bonus questions," said Kish Rajput, a sophomore business management and finance dual major from Plano and head of TAB special programs committee. "If the toss up questions, worth five points, are answered correctly, they move on to bonus questions that can be worth up to 30 points. Five points are taken away if players interrupt a question and get it wrong."

The competition was broken up into rounds in which teams competed head-to-head to answer the most questions and earn the most points. When a team lost two rounds, it was eliminated from the competition.

As the competition dwindled down to the last two teams — Perpetual Motion and That's Ridiculous, No-You're



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**SAM CORDELL**, LEFT, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Plano, and **CHRIS DANIELS**, a sophomore microbiology major from Sugar Land, of team Potent Potables discuss an answer during the College Bowl on Wednesday in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

*"We used strategy to win again. There was good competition, though, this year. It was a lot more competitive."*

**JONATHAN BARTON**  
TEAM MEMBER  
THAT'S RIDICULOUS

Ridiculous — the gap in scores closed and the competition got harder. In the final rounds, Perpetual Motion needed to win two rounds in a row to beat That's Ridiculous. They won the first round 180-175, tying the two teams. At the break in the second round, That's Ridiculous led 70-60, and throughout the round Per-

petual Motion never was able to gain the lead, losing 60-305.

That's Ridiculous, which has won the competition all three years, consists of Jonathan Barton, a senior political science and public relations dual major from Amarillo; Jon Hall, a senior English major from Amarillo; Timmy Kennedy, a graduate environmental engineering major also from Amarillo; Robert Brauer, a senior political science major from Eules; and Tyson Lippe, a junior biology major from Tuscola.

"We used strategy to win again," Barton said. "There was good competition though this year, it was a lot more competitive."

Kennedy, Hall and Barton are from the original team that won the first year, Brauer joined two years ago and Lippe joined this

year. The team prepared for the competition by watching "Cash Cab" and playing Cranium, Hall said.

"We went to regionals in the fall of 2007 at the University of Houston our first year," Hall said, "but we weren't able to go when we won last year."

During the first year of the competition, Tech was partnered with the company College Bowl but was forced to switch to National Academic Quiz Tournaments after College Bowl folded last year.

"The NAQT is still in the process of trying to let Tech compete at a national level," Rajput said. "I hope in the next couple of years we will be able to form some kind of collaboration with them and we will be able to go the regionals again."

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## Leonardo da Vinci fingerprint reveals \$150 million artwork

TORONTO (AP) — Mona Lisa has something new to smile about.

A portrait of a young woman thought to be created by a 19th century German artist and sold two years ago for about \$19,000 is now being attributed by art experts to Leonardo da Vinci and valued at more than \$150 million.

The unsigned chalk, ink and pencil drawing, known as "La Bella Principessa," was matched to Leonardo via a technique more suited to a crime lab than an art studio — a fingerprint and palm print found on the 13½-

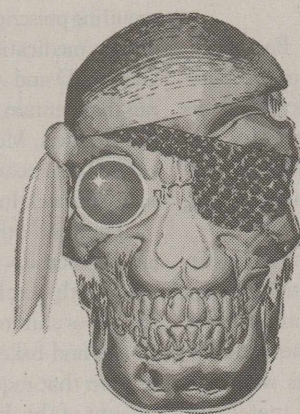
inch-by-10-inch work.

Peter Paul Biro, a Montreal-based forensic art expert, said the print of an index or middle finger matched a fingerprint found on Leonardo's "St. Jerome" in the Vatican.

Technical, stylistic and material composition evidence — including carbon dating — had art experts believing as early as last year that they had found another work by the creator of the "Mona Lisa."

The discovery of the fingerprint has them convinced the work was by Leonardo, whose myth and mystery already put him at the center of such best-sellers as "The Da Vinci Code" and "The Lost Symbol."

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•Enjoy the colorful sounds of the University Choir, Women's Chorale, Matador Singers, University Singers, and Chamber Singers in their first performance of the year.  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Hemmle Hall  
**COST:** Free

**SATURDAY**  
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**SUNDAY**

**"Les Liaisons Dangereuses"**  
•As its first performance of the season, the Department of Theatre and Dance will put on a show of lethal lover proportions. Why does love always have to feel like a battlefield?  
**WHEN:** 2 p.m., 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday  
**WHERE:** Charles E. Maedgen, Jr. Theatre  
**COST:** \$12 general, \$5 students

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**WHEN:** 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Human Sciences building Room 169  
**COST:** Free

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**COST:** Free

**WEDNESDAY**  
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## Meth-scourged Mo. towns crack down on drug makers

UNION, Mo. (AP) — The meth problem in Union has gotten so bad that someone with a drug habit stole the light shades outside Marilyn Roark's house. She got them back, but they were unusable.

"They had made them into bongs for the meth," she said.

Another time, Bob Barton Jr., working as a carpenter on a home-building project, couldn't find his boss. "I came around the house and there he was, with a lighter and aluminum foil and a straw, smoking meth," Barton said.

In small Midwestern towns in the middle of meth country, folks are frustrated with the failure of many measures to control the scourge: putting cold medicines with the key methamphetamine ingredient pseudoephedrine behind pharmacy

counters, requiring customers to show IDs, and limiting the number of cold pills someone can buy.

So some communities are taking bolder steps.

This week, Union became the second U.S. town to pass a law requiring prescriptions for cold and allergy medications like Sudafed, Claritin D and Aleve Cold & Sinus that contain pseudoephedrine. Washington, Mo., another meth-cursed town nearby, passed its own such law back in June.

They and other towns are trying to keep up with meth cooks who deftly exploit loopholes in the law or shift to the simpler new "shake-and-bake" method of production that requires only a small amount of the decongestant.

Union Mayor Mike Livengood

## Tech wakeboarders flock to lakes after class

By SHERREL JONES  
STAFF WRITER

One Texas Tech organization rides the waves at Buffalo Springs Lake after classes to prepare for a national-qualifying competition.

Robb Muff, Tech Wakeboard and Water Ski Team president and a junior business management major from Lubbock, said he helps the organization gear up for the Collegiate Wake Series Nov. 7 in Beaumont.

"If we qualify, we will hopefully go to nationals," Muff said. "This year it will be held in Austin, so we won't have to travel far."

The event will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. The series is only open to registered teams. The teams can enjoy camping, music and, of course, wakeboarding and water skiing. Teams are welcome to bring as many riders as they want. Muff said the Tech team will have about eight

individuals competing.

For some of the members, it will be their first time to compete with the Tech team.

"This will be my first tournament," said Ross Pearce, vice president of the organization and a junior mechanical engineering major from Keller. "I'm pretty stoked. I hope we make it. I think we have a pretty good shot."

John Phillips, a sophomore mass communications major from Houston, said this is his first year on the team and he has already won a competition.

"I won the RipTank Open the other weekend," Phillips said. "I competed against about eight riders in my division."

The RipTank Open was the fourth-annual wakeboard and wake skate competition Sept. 26 at Buffalo Springs Lake.

Phillips will be competing in this year's Collegiate Wake Series. He is the wake skater for the team and is trying to qualify the team in that division.

The team is not just competitive, but has a laid-back side, which others who are interested in learning the sport of wakeboarding or water skiing can join the club to learn.

Pearce said the club has competitive members and members who are learning and enjoying the sport.

"After class, any day of the week we can go to the lake and ride," Pearce said. "It is a lot of fun."

Muff said members usually go out to the lake about three to four times a week.



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TEXAS TECH WAKEBOARD and Water Ski Team member Conner Brown, a junior electronic media and communications major from Oak Cliff, does a stalefish grab on Buffalo Springs Lake.

He said they have boat drivers who will get the boats ready so members can go straight to the lake after class.

"We all hangout outside of wakeboard-

ing and it's fun," Muff said. "We go to the lake, have barbecues and stuff like that. Everybody should come out and ride."

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# Mallard growing into new role as season approaches

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Big 12 Conference may have lost a little star power in women's basketball with Oklahoma's Courtney and Ashley Paris graduating and a handful of other standouts in the conference doing the same.

That could make some room for the often quiet Kierra Mallard to be heard and seen as the 2009-2010 season approaches.

"Even the Paris sisters, we're not on the same team, but they taught me a lot," Mallard said. "How to be tough and aggressive. So I think I can do it this year. Try to hold my own."

Last season, the sophomore had no choice but to hold her own against the Big 12's best post players every week as a freshman. But in 2008-2009, the Lady Raiders had center Dominic Seals.

Now Mallard is one of the focal points for a Tech team looking to stand out in a conference known for its marquee names.

The Lady Raiders have spent most of the fall conditioning and weight training, preventing them from getting a full preview of what will be on the floor in the exhibition game against Lubbock Christian at 7 p.m. Nov. 9. Tech still has not had the chance to conduct an organized practice, with Friday being the first time it will do so.

Although she has not seen a lot

of her team this fall, Tech coach Kristy Curry believes Mallard's growth will be key to how well the Lady Raiders do this season.

"She really has always been that action leader, but this fall has been amazing to see her little personality blossom and become more vocal," Curry said. "It's hard sometimes to get players to step outside their comfort zone and do something that's not comfortable. She's really become more vocal, and it's probably not been comfortable. But I think for the betterment of her team, she knows she's going to have to not just be that action leader but that vocal leader and I'm really proud of her."

In a season where it seemed every Big 12 team had a player worth mentioning among the best in the nation, Mallard was trying to make a name for herself.

Playing in 31 games with 23 starts, Mallard's reputation soon grew, with her 9.8 points and 7.9 rebounds per game landing her on the All-Big 12 Freshman Team. Mallard split time between forward and center alongside Seals being the main target in the post.

But with Seals lost to graduation, Curry said Mallard will be more of a focus around the basket. This off-season, however, the sophomore has been expanding her game outside the paint as much as she can.

Curry said she wants Mallard to take jumpers any time she has a good chance to do so this season.

She said that will prevent Mallard from being one dimensional.

At 6-foot-3, Mallard said that has been one of the focal points in her offseason training, but a lot of what she learned about being in the post last year came from Seals.

"She was an amazing impact to how I was playing," Mallard said. "She taught me stuff that coach (Bill) Brock couldn't really tell me because he's not playing. Overall, she helped me a lot."

Going up against the players she did last season helped Mallard make the improvements she needed to this off-season, Tech guard Jordan Murphree said.

"I think throughout the season, she improved so much being vocal," she said. "I think she had a lot of great competition against her. She just kept improving against that. I think this year will be a good year for her."

If Mallard is stepping into a bigger role, she has other players who will be in the same suit. Murphree, Ashlee Roberson and Tilmila Martin are the only seniors heading into this season. The Lady Raider have no juniors on this year's squad and there are six new faces as well — some of whom might see significant time on the floor.

Mallard and the Lady Raiders could have a few tests in non-conference play, with a trip to UCLA in December and an early matchup against high-profile Tennessee on Nov. 17.

But for now, Mallard is going to keep growing into her new role before the Lady Raiders have to worry about those games.

"When she speaks, because she speaks so little, they really are going to hear it," Curry said. "Sometimes,



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THE LADY RAIDERS will look to forward Kierra Mallard, left, for leadership during the 2009-2010 season.

you can speak too much. Kierra picks such spotty times to say things. It's not the quantity but the quality. Her vocal quality has just been amazing lately."

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## Carvalho encouraged by outing at All-American Championships

By ZANE TURNER  
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Before the Texas Tech men's tennis team moved on to the last tournament of the fall, Raony Carvalho had a little bit of polishing to do on his own game.

After making it to the round of 16 at the All-American Championships last weekend in Tulsa, Okla., Carvalho is heading into the rest of fall with a little more confidence at the No. 1 spot in singles play for Tech.

"I was 100 percent just focused on winning and do my best, and I think I still have a lot to do especially in my mental game," Carvalho said. "It was good, but I expect more than what I did. I think I could have done much better but it was kind of good."

The All-American Championships featured some of the top singles players in the nation, giving Carvalho the chance to help his No. 25 ranking before dual matches arrive. It also was a good chance to see where he stood at this point in the season.

Carvalho had some success at the tournament, beating two ranked players — including his highest-ranked foe ever in his young career. He defeated No. 20 Boris Conkic from Tennessee and No. 13 Justin Kronauge from Ohio State.

However, he said making it to the round of 16 will not be his best effort, as he expects more success to come after this tournament.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the fact Carvalho is having so much success early is a testimony



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH MEN'S tennis player Raony Carvalho is ready to finish the fall season on a good note after his performance at the All-American Championships last weekend.

to the growth he has shown in his game since he was a freshman.

"He is so talented and such a shot maker, but he plays a lot of time without discipline," Siegel said. "In every match it comes down to who makes the most mistakes and that's true in every level. Against good players, Ray was making more mistakes than his opponents; therefore losing against the really good players. In Tulsa, Ray really stuck with his game plan and forced his opponent to make the mistakes earlier in the point, which was a big step for him."

Carvalho said he is pleased with his performance and the strides he has made, but he said he knows his ceiling is still high.

With Carvalho playing well, the Red Raiders could have a chance to end the fall season on a good note.

The ITA Regionals on Oct. 24-27 in College Station usually marks the end of the fall season, which leaves a little more time

for Carvalho to grow before Tech's season opener at UNLV in January.

Carvalho seems to be emerging on a roster with no seniors. There are six new faces and Carvalho, David Gonzalez and Gonzalo Escobar are the only players who saw significant action in the lineups last spring season.

Tech assistant coach Marcelo Ferreira, who was with Carvalho in Tulsa, Okla., said the biggest difference he saw in Carvalho's play was how he carried himself after each point and how he stayed focused mentally — something that could be key this spring.

"The reason why he did so well was because he carried himself so well on the court, he was a completely different guy," Ferreira said. "Compared to the Ray last year, you can just tell by the way he walks on the court, he is just so much more mature. He's grown up big time with his attitude and the way he walks along is different."

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## Suh making headlines in trenches

By ALEX YBARRA  
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Although his family members care more about soccer than American football, Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh said he gladly takes their critiques and encouragement because it keeps him grounded.

For example, Suh, whose name means "House of Spears," said it's funny when his mom calls to ask why he didn't do something a certain way or make a big play.

He responds with the answer of a quintessential teammate.

"I'm like, 'Mom, it's not always my job to make plays,'" he said, "but to help somebody else make the play."

Well if it's not his job, then he sure enjoys doing it.

More people probably have learned how to say his name (pronounced En-dom-ah-ken Soo) in the past week than throughout his entire life.

But that'll happen whenever the most athletic 6-foot-4, 300-pound interior lineman in the country is swatting passes like flies and controlling offensive linemen to the point where he does what he wants.

In other words, his name is being tossed around in Heisman Trophy discussions. Most likely, he won't win, but just the sheer mention of his name speaks volumes.

"Suh is one of the best defensive tackles I've seen ever seen," said Mizzou coach Gary Pinkel, whose Tigers lost 27-12 to the Huskers on Saturday, thanks in large part to Suh.

He hounded Mizzou quarterback Blaine Gabbert all night, picking up three hurries, a forced fumble and a crucial fourth quarter interception that led to NU's go-ahead touchdown.

Those aren't normal numbers — and there's more.

The interception was the fourth of his career — a Nebraska position record he already owned and decided to make even harder to break.

His seven passes defended this



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NEBRASKA DEFENSIVE TACKLE Ndamukong Suh had six tackles, a sack, forced fumble, three hurries and an interception against Missouri on Saturday.

season also is a position record. He is one of three linemen in the top 100 of that category — Suh is tied for sixth nationally.

He has 12 career pass breakups — another record — and he led the team in tackles last season with 76, the most at his position since 1992.

Also, no defensive tackle had led the Huskers in tackles since 1973.

Nebraska coach Bo Pelini emphasized that it's not only Suh playing at a high level, but the entire defense. That may be true, but Texas Tech tackle Marlon Winn didn't call him a "grown man" for no reason.

"I know everybody wants to

build it into it being one guy, but it's a team game and that's how it works and how it will always be," said Pelini, who while at LSU had defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey in the Heisman discussion. "I feel fortunate we have (Suh). I think he is a hell of a football player, and I'll leave it at that."

That "hell of a football player" will try to wreak havoc against the Red Raiders at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb.

Although Winn said he believes Tech has what it takes to handle Suh — specifically mentioning All-Conference guard Brandon Carter — the strengths of such a dynamic, unusual talent are hard to ignore.

"You get to see and hear a lot about him and you never know what you are going to go up against until you go there," Winn said. "He has great ball get-off, great hands, great pad level and he's a strong guy."

The way it's going right now, Suh should win just about every defensive trophy he's eligible for, which only means more hype as the NFL Draft looms in the spring.

But as far as handling the excess attention, Suh said "it's easy and it's not easy," reiterating that family contributions keep things comfortable.

"Things are obviously going to get a little more hyped up and things of that sort," he said. "You just roll with the punches and make sure you stay focused on the important things."

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