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PART ONE OF A FOUR-PART SERIES ABOUT THE GROWING TATTOO CULTURE



This is the first part in *The Daily Toreador's* four-part series about tattoos, the demographic of college students who get tattooed, associated health risks, tattoo removal and a team of Texas Tech professors who have studied body art extensively.

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CHELSIE LANCASTER, A senior jewelry design major from Chorus Christi shows off her multi-colored feather tattoo.

Students proud of permanent body art

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

They have been called "a mark of rebellion" and 16 percent of the population has at least one. Tattoos have generally been looked down on, but as more people plan them out with meaning and not a blood alcohol content, the stigma is beginning to change.

"I put a lot of thought into all of my tattoos," said Bailey Nolte, a sophomore advertising major from McKinney. "I want them to resemble something important to me, not just, 'Hey this looks cool.'"

Nolte has three tattoos she designed months in advance. She drew on herself every day until she had them professionally done to be sure it was what she wanted for the rest of her life.

The permanence of a tattoo is a major controversy for those planning on getting one. "I chose my ankle for the tattoo because it doesn't get quite as wrinkly as other areas with time," said Andrea Villareal, a freshman Russian language and area studies major from Norfolk, Va.

Villareal has a phoenix, the number 222 and a song line on her ankle. Each piece has its own significance, although she said "most people misinterpret."

"It has a lot of symbolic meaning for me, even if no one else understands," she said. The meaning of a tattoo is something that is rarely understood by an onlooker.

"Although the Christian fish is a very common tattoo design, this one is very special to me," said Tamara Stroud, a sophomore business major from Hamilton. "I've gone through a lot in my life, and the only thing that really kept me grounded was my faith and my mom's guidance. The fish design I chose was something my mom always carried with her."

Some designs take years to come up with and some are created for the wearer in a few weeks.

Villareal considered getting a tattoo for a long time and finally did when her roommate agreed to get one on Villareal's 18th birthday in September. She said her roommate, however, "decided to opt out and just take pictures."

The pain that comes with the tattooing process is a major deterrent. Tattoo artist Justin Adkins at Big Buddha on 19th Street said he knows this firsthand from seeing people scared pre-tattoo every day.

"Tattoos hurt, I won't sugarcoat it," Adkins said. "But if they hurt that bad, people wouldn't get two of them."

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Democrats pull back on health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats retreated Tuesday from a quick push to pass President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, lacking a workable strategy to salvage the sweeping legislation that has consumed Congress for more than a year.

"There is no rush," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said after a meeting of Senate Democrats. His comments came as two centrists said they would oppose the plan Democratic leaders were considering to reconcile differences between the House and Senate bills and put comprehensive legislation on Obama's desk.

A week after the loss of a Massachusetts Senate seat — their 60th vote — cost Democrats undisputed control of the congressional agenda, leaders are still casting about for a way forward. Given the congressional schedule, it could be weeks — late February at the earliest — before they act.

"There are no easy choices," acknowledged House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., insisting that the goal remains the same: to pass far-reaching legislation that would expand coverage, reduce costs and improve quality.

"I think right now it's a time-out and the leadership is re-evaluating," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "They've asked us to keep our pow-

der dry."

"I think effectively we're going to set health care reform aside," said independent Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut. "I don't think they're ready to move now because there's no clear path forward."

Reid said he'll keep talking with House Democrats and White House officials, noting that the Senate-passed bill is good for the year.

Two centrist senators threw up a new roadblock. Sens. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., and Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark. — both face re-election this year in Republican-leaning states — said they would oppose using a special budget-related procedure to go around Republican opponents in the Senate, a calculated risk sure to inflame critics on the political right.

Even as Bayh and Lincoln made their concerns known, House Democratic leaders were trying to get their rank and file to accept a modified version of the Senate bill.

Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, the No. 3 Democrat, told report-

ers he believes the House could pass the Senate bill if lawmakers get rid of special Medicaid deals for Louisiana and Nebraska and dial back a tax on high-cost insurance plans opposed by labor unions.

But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said it "depends what the fixes are."

Lawmakers hope Obama will help them find their way when the president delivers his State of the Union address Wednesday.

Obama is unlikely to delve into the strategy for passing a health care bill, Hoyer said, but he is expected to stress the importance of getting compre-

hensive legislation along the lines of what the House and Senate already passed.

Democrats now have four options, Hoyer said: No bill, a scaled-back measure designed to attract some Republican support, the House passing the Senate bill, or the House passing the Senate bill with both chambers making changes to bridge their differences.

Opposition to the health care

remake in Washington helped spark the Massachusetts revolt, Democrats acknowledge. Obama called the monthslong debate on Capitol Hill "an ugly process."

"It looks like there are a bunch of back-room deals," the president said in an interview with ABC News.

Of the four options that Hoyer outlined, only one has been ruled out. Pelosi said last week she does not have the votes to pass the Senate bill without any changes.

Democratic leaders are coalescing around the idea of the House passing the Senate bill, with both chambers agreeing to follow-up legislation that would settle major differences.

The strategy calls for the Senate to use a budget-related procedure — reconciliation — that requires only 51 votes to advance. Even so, leaders may not be able to round up the votes.

"My concern is that if reconciliation is used, that will really destroy any prospects for bipartisan cooperation on anything else for the remainder of this year," Bayh said. "That would be a regrettable state of affairs, something I think the American public would not react well to."

"I will not accept any last-minute efforts to force changes to health insurance reform through budget reconciliation," Lincoln said in a statement.

"It looks like there are a bunch of back-room deals."

BARACK OBAMA
U.S. PRESIDENT

Officials say stimulus bill to cost \$75B more

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year's \$787 billion economic stimulus bill is going to be even more expensive — \$75 billion more.

The new Congressional Budget Office estimate, released Tuesday, provides more ammunition for Republicans who say the stimulus has been long on spending and short on creating promised jobs. The additional cost also eats into the savings forecast from the budget freeze President Barack Obama is expected to propose Wednesday night during his State of the Union address.

Almost half of the additional cost, \$34 billion, is because the food stamp program won't be able to take advantage of lower-than-expected inflation rates and will instead have benefits set by the stimulus bill.

Higher unemployment insurance costs added \$21 billion to the bill, and stimulus-subsidized bonds to pay for infrastructure projects have proven more popular than expected with state and local governments.

The \$75 billion increase would erase one-third of the \$250 billion in 10-year savings that would come from the partial domestic spending freeze being proposed by Obama. The boost in unemployment pay-

ments alone would more than erase the \$10 billion to \$15 billion in first-year savings from such a freeze.

Democrats say the beleaguered stimulus measure, a mixture of tax cuts and lots of spending, has helped keep the economy going and has produced up to 2 million jobs.

The nonpartisan CBO said five programs were responsible for most of the \$112 billion in stimulus spending between last February and October: Medicaid; a \$250 payment to almost 53 million Social Security recipients; Pell Grants; and fiscal relief for state governments. Tax cuts added \$88 billion.

The stimulus is expected to add about \$400 billion to the deficit in this budget year.

Democrats are pressing for another stimulus measure and top Senate Democrats have drafted an \$82.5 billion jobs plan that would help small businesses, boost spending on road construction and mass transit, and give local governments money to retain teachers.

A draft document obtained by The Associated Press proposes \$20 billion for a job creation tax credit and \$12.5 billion to retrofit homes and businesses to make them more energy efficient.

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Man who tried to visit Fort Hood suspect released

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Iraqi immigrant charged with falsely claiming to be the Fort Hood shooting suspect's attorney has been released from federal custody, despite a prosecutor's objection.

Senan Kahtan Abraham tried to visit Maj. Nidal Hasan at a San Antonio military hospital earlier this month, and was indicted last week on a federal charge of making a false statement.

During a bail hearing Monday, U.S. Magistrate Judge John Primomo released Abraham on

an unsecured bond after hearing he didn't harm anyone and has resumed taking medication for his bipolar disorder, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

But prosecutor Mark Roomberg, head of the national security/anti-terrorism section for the U.S. attorney's office, had opposed Abraham's release, questioning his mental competence and saying Abraham could threaten witnesses. Roomberg said Abraham might flee because he faces deportation if convicted.

NATION

CBO: Federal deficit projected at \$1.35T

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday rejected a plan backed by President Barack Obama to create a bipartisan task force to tackle the federal deficit this year, despite glaring new figures showing the enormity of the red-ink threat.

The special deficit panel would have attempted to produce a plan combining tax increases and spending curbs to be voted on after the November elections.

The measure went down because anti-tax Republicans joined in opposition with Democrats wary of being railroaded into cutting Social Security and Medicare.

The vote to kill the deficit task force came hours after the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicted a \$1.35 trillion deficit — \$4,500 for every American — for this year as the economy continues to slowly recover from the recession.

WORLD

Iraq militants using new tactics to foil security

BAGHDAD (AP) — Militant groups are finding new ways to foil Iraqi security — hiding explosives in the chassis of vehicles or tucking them into secret compartments, the top U.S. commander in Iraq said Tuesday as Baghdad was again hit by a suicide car bomb that sheared off the front of the main crime lab. At least 22 people were killed.

The attack came a day after car bombings struck three Baghdad hotels favored by Western journalists and security contractors. The back-to-back blasts were the latest in a series of major assaults since August that underscore an evolving tactic by suspected Sunni militants to target high-profile government sites with attacks involving high degrees of planning and coordination.

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NATO, Russia resume military ties

BRUSSELS (AP) — Russia and NATO formally resumed military ties Tuesday in the latest sign of improving relations between the Cold War rivals as they move to boost cooperation in the fight against insurgents in Afghanistan.

It was the first meeting between NATO and Russia military officials since relations broke down in the wake of Russia's war with Georgia in August 2008.

Russian Chief of Staff Gen. Nikolai Makarov held talks with NATO's top of-

ficer, Italian Adm. Giampaolo Di Paola, before a formal meeting with the defense chiefs of NATO's 27 member states, said Col. Massimo Panizzi, spokesman for NATO's military committee.

Officials said that meeting was expected to focus on furthering cooperation in areas of common interest such as Afghanistan, and anti-piracy and counterterrorism operations. No specific decisions were expected Tuesday, but the talks were expected to pave the way for closer technical cooperation.

LEARNING LANDSCAPES



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH PROFESSOR Susan Tomlinson's honors seminar decided to have class a little differently Tuesday, meeting outside of the English building. In the seminar, Landscapes, students read and discuss essays and write and draw their own landscapes.

HSC interim dean hopes to reduce Kenyan HIV spread

By **KELSEY HECKEL**
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In an effort to keep infected mothers from passing on HIV through breast milk, Chandice Covington is teaming up with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to travel to Nairobi, Kenya, to attempt inventing a shield for infected breast milk to pass through safely without infecting the children.

Covington, the interim dean for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, said she will collect blood and breast milk samples from nursing women who have HIV and will run the samples through a filter she hopes will deactivate the virus in the milk.

"After it is run through the filter, we will look and see if the HIV grows and reproduces," she said. "If we are able to reduce the HIV to undetectable, then we will try to develop a shield that will allow the baby to still nurse from their HIV positive mothers."

Covington said the idea came from products produced by the company Kokron that have copper particles in objects such as sheets and socks to deactivate most viruses.

Unlike the United States, which had 80 cases of pedi-

atric HIV last year, Kenya has a much higher infection rate. Covington said the town of Malindi had more than 1,000 cases of pediatric HIV because of breast milk transmission.

"Women there are aware that their baby has a chance of dying from HIV if they become infected," she said. "They also know that they can not afford things like formula, so without the milk the baby is guaranteed to die."

To feed a baby with formula would cost \$10, Covington said, which is the amount most families live on for a year to feed entire families.

Covington said she will be going to an area where the local maternity hospital delivers 100 babies on average a day.

Mission groups and other organizations are making a tremendous effort to educate against HIV and AIDS in the country, she said. This has led to the infection rate in the area she will visit to decrease from 35 percent among pregnant women to 9 percent.

Women still face the decision of passing the virus onto their children through the lack of the availability of birth control.

"If you're not among the elite, which is a small portion, you cannot simply walk into a store for condoms," Covington said. "Women do not have the same power as they do here; they are not able to tell their husbands that they will not have sex with them because they have HIV. It's not a problem of the bad Kenyan men and their poor wives, it's just a difficult environment."

She said after this trip she would like to make another trip in the near future to introduce solar ovens to the women of Kenya to make everyday life easier and less expensive.

"This summer I would like to try to develop a solar oven in my backyard that I can cook on in the Lubbock sun," Covington said. "In Kenya there is sunshine 365 days of the year, and it can get up to 120 degrees in the summer. This would make it much easier than having to buy coal."

Breathing in charcoal is the No. 1 killer in the area Covington travels to, she said. Women buy the charcoal to cook with but can only buy small amount because the coal is expensive.

"Women have to cook for an entire family using three or four pieces of coal," Covington said. "Some just go without it. Can you imagine not having any cooked food and having to eat everything raw?"

Covington said she would like students to be involved in creating the solar ovens and would also like to have a group travel to Kenya with her to introduce them.

"I would like students to see how strong these communities can be despite their troubles," Covington said. "There are a lot of challenges, but there is also a lot of joy."

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COVINGTON

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CHANDICE COVINGTON
INTERIM DEAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Bridges of "The Big Lebowski"
- River projects
- Ritz cracker alternative
- Swedish furniture giant
- Ostrich cousin
- Neighborhoods
- Longing for a fronded plant?
- Connection
- H.S. dropout's best
- Zinfandel, but not sake?
- Oxygen emanating from a lawn?
- Spews
- Bench press target, briefly
- Côte d'Azur view
- Scratch or dent
- Ed.'s pile
- Rural skyline
- Cylinder
- Flock collection specimens
- Mother Goose offerings, or in a different sense, this puzzle's title
- Cloverleaf element
- Followed of once?
- Some TVs
- Scrap for Spot
- Anaheim team, on scoreboards
- Claire, Wisconsin
- Pair of blows
- Sheep, o.g.?
- Like areas above the timberline?
- Govt. auditing gp.
- Fruit soda brand
- Group devoted to small, woody plants?
- Kissed ...
- Katy Perry hit
- Diggs of "Private Practice"
- Goller Isao
- Kidney-related
- Fruity drinks
- Joan at Woodstock

DOWN

- Choice of "Chosy moms," in ads
- Squeeze (out)
- Not agin'
- Werewolf's weapons
- Channel maintenance machine
- Cry of realization
- Griffin and others
- Cleaning product prefix
- "Riders of the Purple Sage" author
- "Maid of Athens, part"; Byron above the timberline?
- Discrimination fought by suffragists
- Talks trash to
- Size up
- Polite country affirmative
- Not o'er
- Modern rental car feature, briefly
- Hold back
- Scopes Trial gp.
- Turkish mount
- Christie heroine
- Plata counterpart
- Place where sweaters get fit?
- The Mustangs of coll. football
- Winter wonderland creator
- Shortstop's boot
- Foil alternative
- Fly high
- Worn-down pencil
- Was successful
- Bring to a boil?
- Shown to a seat
- Pleads in court
- Simple poetry pattern
- Aquarium denizen
- "... it coming?"
- "Serves him right"
- Eng. lesson
- "¿Cómo ..."
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- Bakery product
- Mauna
- Strummed strings
- Show

By Daniel A. Finan 1/27/10

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Tech center offers undergraduate research workshop

By **JOEANN BON-JORNO**
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The Texas Tech Center for Undergraduate Research starts the spring undergraduate research workshop series with a workshop about resumes and curriculum vitae today from noon until 1 p.m. in Administration building Room 341. According to the Tech Center for Undergraduate Research Web site, the center hosts educational workshops for students targeted at organizing, conducting and presenting

research, and preparing for graduate school.

Jeannie Diaz, director of the Center for Undergraduate Research, said the center's officials offer students differing workshop series from fall to spring semesters, and the spring semester series will help students graduating in May, as well as those not graduating, prepare for life after undergraduate school.

She said the center's officials thought a workshop on resumes and curriculum vitae would benefit all undergraduate students.

"With students graduating soon," Diaz said, "it's important for them to start preparing to apply to either graduate school or a job."

Diaz said last fall the first semester workshop series was offered by the center. The work-

shops are open to all students free of charge with food provided.

Denise Hinojosa Lopez, unit coordinator of the Center for Undergraduate Research, said usually about 25 students attend the workshops.

"The number of students attending our workshops is increasing," Lopez said, "and we're hoping to recruit even more students as the semester goes on."

Lopez said the Center for Undergraduate Research is working with University Career Services for the workshop today, and Jay Killough, associate director of University Career Services, will be a speaker.

Killough said he will give students advice on how to begin building a resume and what to incorporate and include when they start writing one. Killough

said he also will critique any completed resumes students bring to the workshop and help to further develop them.

"Learning about resumes is beneficial to students," Killough said.

This workshop is the first in a series of spring semester workshops given by the Center for Undergraduate Research. The remaining workshops are Funding Graduate School on Feb. 3, Abstracts and Presenting at Conferences on Feb. 10, and Lifestyles of College Professors on Feb. 17. All workshops will be at noon to 1 p.m. in the Administration building Room 341. More information about the Center for Undergraduate Research can be found at undergraduate.research.ttu.edu

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Karzai restores Afghan warlord

KABUL (AP) — He is among Afghanistan's most notorious warlords, accused of widespread abuses including the massacre of thousands of Taliban prisoners. Now he's back, reinstated by President Hamid Karzai in a top army post despite Western demands for sweeping reform.

Karzai this month restored Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum as chief of staff to the commander in chief of the Afghan army — a job he lost in 2008 after failing to cooperate in an investigation into the shooting of a rival.

Although the job has little real power, Western officials and Afghan human rights groups see the appointment as a sign that Karzai remains unable to shake off his ties to warlords and regional powerbrokers.

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Globetrotters bring back entertaining memories

I can vividly remember going to see the Harlem Globetrotters when I was 10 years old. It was a ball.

My dad was always the type to take something and run with it and I mean, he would get into it.

Whenever you went out on a family trip, are you familiar with the token dad who would dance along with the music or the one who was constantly trying to volunteer his child for something every single time the act looked out into the audience? That was my pops.

It could be a little much at the time, but looking back, I love it. He always had fun at those things and that in turn made the whole family have fun, too. That was the case with the Globetrotters when I was 10.

He yelled and whooped as the players spun the ball, splashed the refs and pummeled their "opponent." Afterwards, he did everything in his power to get us an autograph and a picture from the players and tried to teach us to spin the ball on one finger once we got home. Of course, the Matthews family is an uncoordinated and very white bunch of folks, so it never caught on. But by God, it was fun.

And I was skeptical going into it Tuesday night reminiscing about all those

Jake Matthews



fond memories. Could it really live up to the way my childhood remembered it? No, it couldn't, but hell, what can?

It was still a great time 11 years later. The Harlem Globetrotters are like a live-action cartoon. There is no better way to describe their relationship between the teammates, with the other team, the ref and the audience.

They have these intricate shot patterns that are just fun to marvel at, they've got skits that are corny and silly and still funny, and they've got a real charisma that is just palpable throughout the performance.

They had an entire routine they set-up and then performed in reverse. That's not very impressive when it's just short spats of physicality, but they reversed about two minutes of material. It was just cool.

That's the only way I can really talk

about the Harlem Globetrotters. They have a show that consists of scenes going in reverse, teammates getting hypnotized, balls exploding in mid-air, and plenty of dunks. Dunks that come from every which angle and every which way and travel in all kinds of semi-circles and loops and crap I can't even give a name for, and the time just flies by when you're witnessing all this.

The Harlem Globetrotters haven't changed too extensively, and I take comfort in that. In a world where everything is about speed and cheap laughs and crude humor, there are still the Harlem Globetrotters proving that not everything needs fixing.

Some things are right the way they are when they stay pure and they stay goofy and yet they are still able to be entertaining.

I laughed and I oohed and I awed all throughout the Globetrotters show. I was able to escape for a few short hours and just enjoy myself. I even did a little dancing here and there... Just wait until I have kids.

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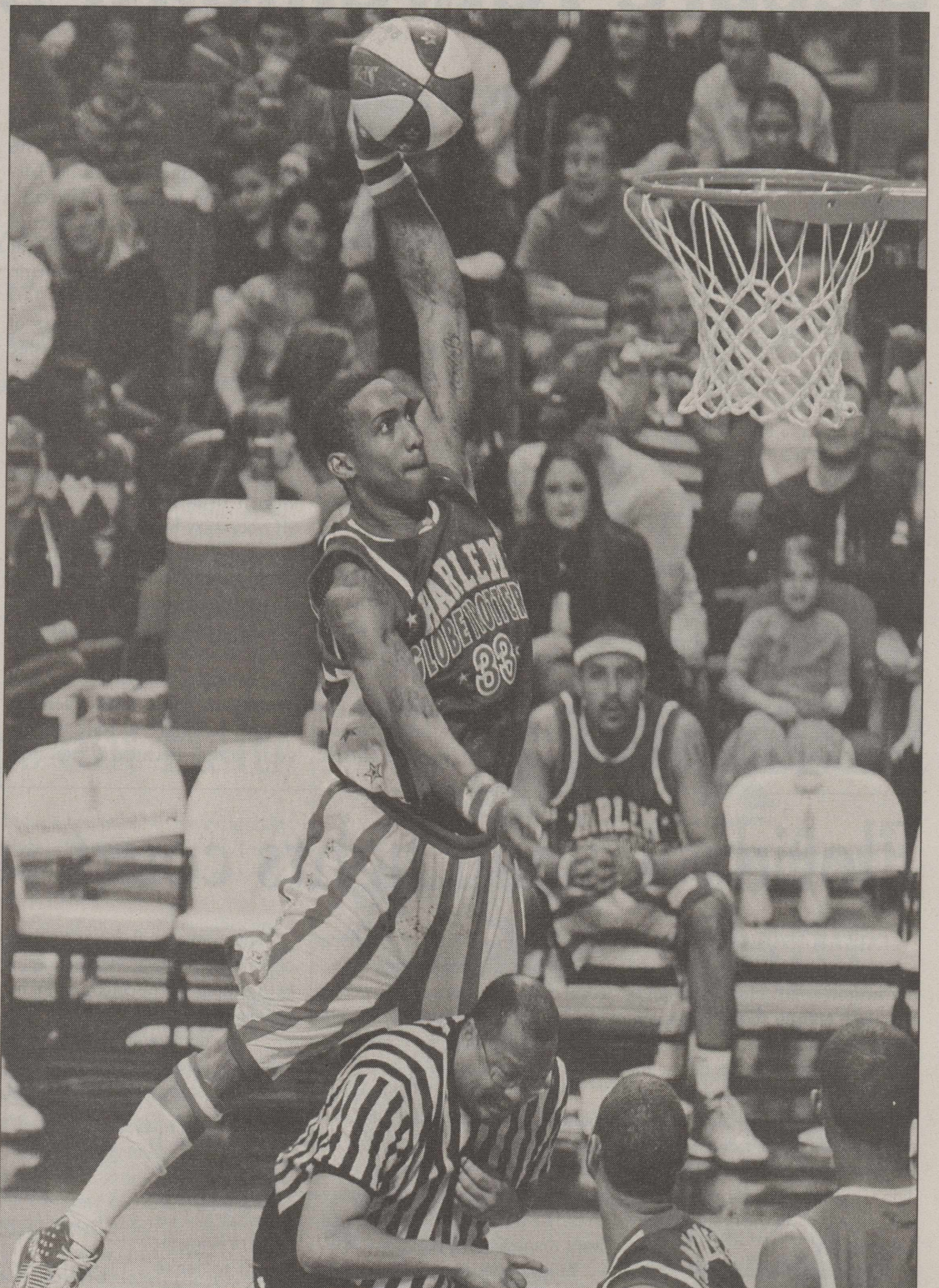


PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador
THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS' Bull Bullard dunks over a referee during Tuesday's game at the United Spirit Arena.

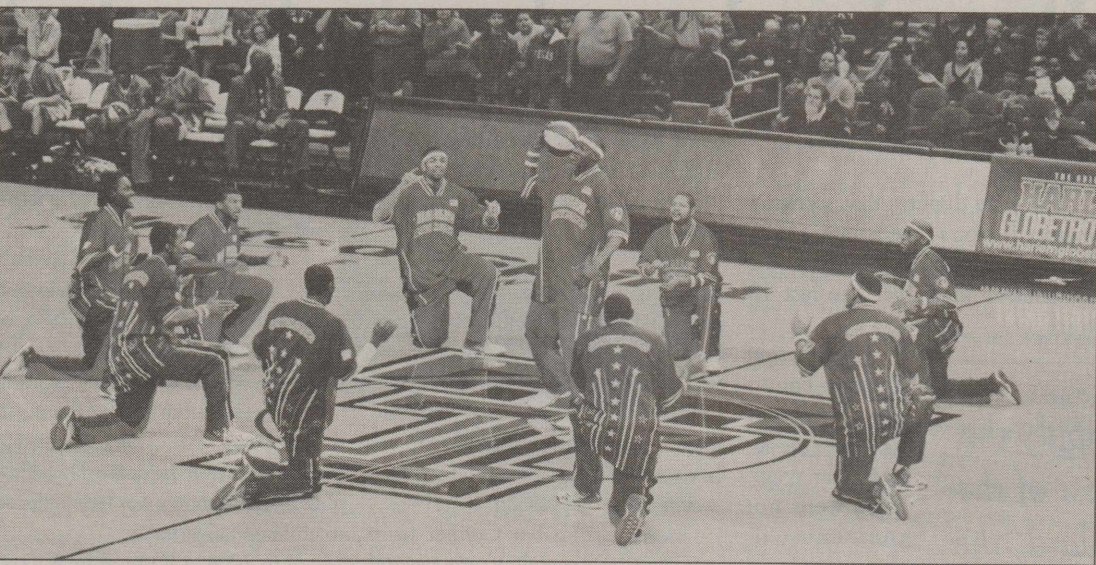


PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador
THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS perform for fans before the game Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Funny-named band plays serious music

I usually start out my columns by writing something witty, usually degrading greek life or poking fun at people who listen to Heidi Montag.

It's all in good fun of course, and I am certainly not without many character traits which can and should be made fun of (I secretly like to watch "The Hills," I kinda have a thing for cute Starbucks baristas with braided hair and hemp bracelets, and I can guarantee you I will make really corny puns throughout this article).

But the band Surfer Blood, despite the easily laughable name, is not to be made into a lame joke. This band is the bomb dot com. It's not a stretch to believe this album may be the best of the year and yet it is only Jan. 26.

Here is the deal, these indie rockers from Mike Leach's new home state of Florida are basically brand new to the game, but they already are making huge hurricane-like waves.

Noel Bryant



They released a single called "Swim" in 2009 and it became widely acclaimed. Their first physical album, "Astro Coast," was released Jan. 19, and it is soon to become a hit in the music world. It won't be a pop hit to be overplayed on KZII-FM, but in the less commercial and more mature alternative rock circles it will be hailed a masterpiece of 2010.

Surfer Blood sounds so unique that the best I can do to describe them is as a well-mixed fusion of Silversun Pickups, Vampire Weekend and Weezer.

But to be honest, Surfer Blood just

can't be placed into any one of those comparisons individually, and "Astro Coast" has a little bit of everything one wants in a rock album.

A young fresh surfer, rock vibe plays out in the tracks "Swim" and "Twin Peaks." A creative boldness shows in the instrumental "Neighbour Riffs" and the super hip "Floating Vibes." And some good ole' easy-goin' indie rock dominates the tracks "Catholic Pagans" and "Take it Easy."

If you are fan of alternative rock music, of indie music, of creative music, of happy fun music, give "Astro Coast" from Surfer Blood a spin or two.

You will have it on repeat in your dashboard player, or blaring through your iPod while trying to squeeze in some workouts at the rec. Just don't let the name fool you into laughing them off of your new music radar.

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Mamma Mia! ABBAWORLD theme park opens

LONDON (AP) — Is it possible to have too much ABBA?

Knowing me, knowing you, the answer is no.

The spangly Swedish quartet that gave the world "Waterloo" and "Dancing Queen" has sold 400 million records since its 1970s heyday and spawned the hugely successful stage and film musical "Mamma Mia!"

And now there's ABBAWORLD — a new museum-cum-theme park in London with enough music, mementoes and memory-lane appeal to satisfy even the most fervent ABBA fan.

ABBAWORLD's Swedish organizers promise the exhibition — which opens to the public on Wednesday — will be "a place for total interaction" with the band. The celebration kicks off Tuesday night with a party attended by band members Bjorn Ulvaeus and Anna-Frid "Frida" Lyngstad.

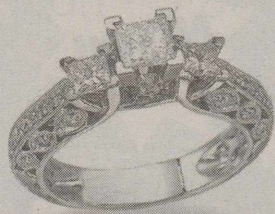
"It started with, 'How do we give the visitor a big hug in each room?'" said Magnus Danielsson, president

of Touring Exhibitions, the company behind ABBAWORLD. "This is going to be more like going to 'Mamma Mia!' than going to an exhibition. We want people to sing and dance."

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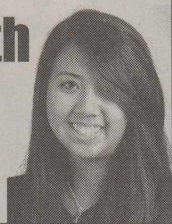
Secure retirement, start saving cash now

Determining the cost of retirement is almost impossible because the future is unpredictable. Despite the uncertainty, students should begin to save.

Saving for retirement is usually last in college students' minds. Rent, food, loans and cell-phone bills are main priorities to college students. Among the bills it's hard to find room in a budget to save for things that seem irrelevant to our current lives.

However, saving for retirement should be a

Elizabeth Custy



main priority because people usually begin to save too late in their lives. There are several factors to plan for retirement that include standard of living, health and economy fluctuation.

Standard of living varies from person to person. In general, people do not want to spend retirement eating Ramen noodles or living with their children. Most want to spend retirement embracing hobbies, travel and relaxation. But when finances are an issue, it is hard to relax.

College students struggle between tests, projects and bills. But, we should

struggle financially as students and not as retired individuals.

Students are not the only ones who struggle with saving. The 2009 Consumer Financial Literacy Survey reported 37 percent of adults do not have any savings and 13 percent of adults do not have a budget, and 3 percent do not know how to make one.

A budget usually consists of an estimation of money set aside for a variety of reasons: mortgage, utilities, bills and food. As students we usually budget without realization.

The first paycheck of each month usually is spent paying off necessary bills. As the month goes by, we purchase food and set aside money for items we deem necessary. Sometimes these items consist of new clothes, a night out or a new video game.

The money spent on our new necessities could have been put in the bank. It is hard to put aside money because at times the

amount seems relatively small or we want to treat ourselves. Despite our excuses, it is important we begin to realize the need to save money at an early age.

Many adults do not begin to save until their 40s and 50s, which is usually too late. People often save later because they rely on employee benefits and Social Security. Unfortunately that may not be enough.

The South Plains Association of Governments is a state-government agency that helps disabled and retired people below the federal poverty line find financial public assistance. I would assume that people who need the agency's assistance have not budgeted

their benefits and Social Security correctly.

Some of these people have such a small amount of money saved they must choose between their medications and food. These people also expected Social Security and their benefits to cover their retirement needs.

Social Security Online reported the average monthly benefits for an individual was \$1,153 and the average couple's amount paid was \$1,876. It also reported seeing no indication of an increase of paid sums even with the economy's higher prices.

These Social Security checks cover very little to a retired individual. After the mortgage or rent

is paid there is little money left for gas, food and other bills. And forget having money to travel.

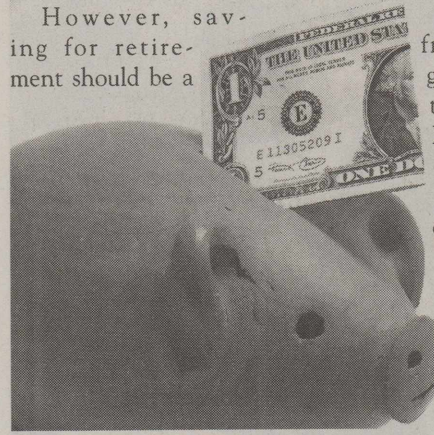
Relying on Social Security alone will not tend to your retirement needs. There is not enough money given through Social Security, and we all know the debates on the lifespan of it.

The best way to secure your retirement future is through personal savings. It is always the safest alternative. Through personal savings you have the ability to control the amount of savings.

As college students we have the ability to begin saving now. It doesn't have to be a lot of money at a time and could be as little as 10 percent of a paycheck.

The importance of beginning to save for retirement early isn't necessarily about the amount saved but the habit gained.

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Florida woman fights court ruling that kept her in hospital

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Samantha Burton wanted to leave the hospital. Her doctor strongly disagreed, enough to go to court to keep her there.

She smoked cigarettes during the first six months of her pregnancy and was admitted on a false alarm of premature labor. Her doctor argued she was risking a miscarriage if she didn't quit smoking immediately and stay on bed rest in the hospital, and a judge agreed.

Three days after the judge ordered her not to leave the hospital, Burton delivered a stillborn fetus by cesarean section.

And six months after the pregnancy ended, the dispute over the legal move to keep her in the hospital continues, raising questions about where a mother's right to decide her own medical treatment ends and where the priority of protecting a fetus begins.

"The entire experience was horrible and I am still very upset about it," Burton said through her lawyer. "I hope nobody else has to go through what I went through."

Burton, who declined to be interviewed, is appealing the judge's order.

She isn't asking for money but hopes to keep her case from setting a precedent for legal control over women with problem pregnancies. She also worries it could prevent women from seeking prenatal care.

State Attorney Willie Meggs stands by his decision to seek the court order after being contacted by the hospital. "This is good people trying to do things in a right fashion to save lives," he said, "whether some people want them saved or not."

Burton is in her late 20s, has two young daughters and a common-law husband and holds down a blue-collar job, said her lawyer, David Abrams. She didn't want an abortion, had obtained prenatal care and voluntarily went to the hospital after experiencing symptoms she'd been told to look out for, he said.

But she didn't like the care she received at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She said her doctor, Jana Bures-Foresthoefel, was brusque and overbearing. Her lawyer said bed rest for difficult pregnancies is a controversial issue because it can cause some complications like blood clots. Abrams said smoking by itself doesn't cause miscarriages.

The mother said she wanted the option to seek care at another hospital or to go home so she could care for her two daughters.

"I was desperately hoping to receive the care I needed to save my baby," Burton wrote in her statement.

"However, after a few days there, I did not feel I was receiving the care I needed, and instead of being allowed to leave or go to another hospital, I found myself being ordered by a judge to stay at Tallahassee Memorial and submit to all medical care from its hospital staff, whether I agreed or not."

The doctor and hospital officials declined to comment, referring calls to the state prosecutor.

American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Diana Kasdan said if the ruling stands it could lead to the state virtually taking over the lives of pregnant women, including telling them what they should or should not eat and drink and what medications they must take.

"It would be a horrible precedent," Kasdan said.

The state disputes that scenario, arguing Burton's case is rare — the only one out of 30,000 births in the Tallahassee area over the last 10 years.

Abrams said Burton's condition didn't merit such extreme action. Her symptoms were not that unusual, she wasn't in active labor and the state failed to show why bed rest at Tallahassee Memorial would have been any better than at another hospital or home, he said.

The judge ruled the best interests of the fetus overrode Burton's privacy rights, but Abrams disputes that. He notes the Florida Constitution, unlike its federal counterpart, has an explicit and strong privacy right, which the state Supreme Court has said guarantees a competent person the right to "choose or refuse medical treatment."

"If you apply the best interest of the

"If you apply the best interest of the child standard, the woman becomes nothing more than a fetal incubator owned by the state of Florida."

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SAMANTHA BURTON'S
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child standard, the woman becomes nothing more than a fetal incubator owned by the state of Florida," Abrams said.

Circuit Judge John Cooper held an emergency hearing by telephone and ruled after taking testimony from Burton and Bures-Foresthoefel, but without obtaining a second medical opinion. The doctor said Burton's membranes had ruptured, that she was having early contractions and the fetus was in a breech position.

Judicial rules bar Cooper from commenting on pending cases beyond what is said in the court record.

Meggs, the prosecutor, said there was no time to get a second opinion because the situation was so dire: Burton was threatening to leave the hospital and her doctor believed that would have endangered the fetus.

"Sometimes there is not time for two doctors," Meggs said. "It's not time for a committee."

A three-judge panel of Florida's 1st District Court of Appeal heard oral argument earlier this month but has not indicated when it will rule.

There have been a few other cases nationwide that involve similar efforts by courts to intervene in pregnancies:

— In 1987, a Washington, D.C., judge ordered a woman who was dying of cancer to have a C-section, which she had refused, to save her fetus. The baby died within two hours of

delivery and the mother died two days later. An appeals court later ruled the judge should not have ordered the C-section.

— In 2003, prosecutors in Salt Lake City charged an acknowledged cocaine addict who had a history of mental health problems with murder when she refused to have a C-section for two weeks before finally agreeing to the procedure. One of her twins died in the womb during the delay. Through a plea deal, the charge was later reduced to child endangerment.

— In 2004, a hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., obtained a court order to force a woman to have a C-section because her seventh baby was oversized, but the order was too late. The mother, whose first six children each weighed nearly 12 pounds at birth, went to another hospital and delivered an 11-pound, 9-ounce girl naturally.

— Also in 2004, a judge in Rochester, N.Y., ordered a homeless woman not to get pregnant again without court approval after she lost custody of several neglected children.

Dr. Michael Grodin, a physician and professor of health law, bioethics and human rights at Boston University, said doctors should never resort to court orders.

"People have the absolute right to refuse treatment ...," Grodin said. "It's unconscionable ... It's an affront to women."

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A trillion dollars taxes the mind and the taxpayer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thinking of counting to a trillion one second per number? Better get started. It will take 31,688 years.

And tack on a few more years if you want to go for 1.35 trillion, the dollar estimate for the federal deficit in the current budget year.

The whole sum could be taken care of if every American, all 300 million of them, forked over \$4,500.

Back in 1981, President Ronald Reagan, characterizing the national debt as it approached \$1 trillion, commented that "a trillion dollars would be a stack of \$1,000 bills 67 miles high." The debt, the accumulation of annual deficits, now stands at more than \$12 trillion.

Put another way, the \$1.35 trillion could pay for 40,000 players like Alex Rodriguez, whose \$33 million salary in 2009 made him baseball's richest man.

Or think the \$6.25 billion paid out by Goldman Sachs in salaries and bonuses in 2009 was a lot of money? The federal deficit could support the payroll of 216 such financial firms.

The Earth has been around for about 4.5 billion years. A long time until you consider that 1.35 trillion years equals 300 Earth lives. Looking at more modern history, 1.35 trillion seconds would take us back more than 40,000 years, when Neanderthals were using stones to make tools.

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Adventures in Spain: Spiney fries

Julianna and I joked today that now our host family is comfortable with us because they have stopped trying to make us good food.

We love them, but in all seriousness, sometimes I wonder. I know I began my previous column with a food complaint, but I have no words to describe what we ate for lunch on Monday, besides priceless. The meal began with a harmless looking salad and piece of chicken. A platter of fried pieces of something sat beside me; I assumed it was a vegetable of some sort.

Minutes into our meal, I took a closer look and to my horror I saw the hint of a spine hidden beneath the crisp batter. I quickly looked away. After we had finished our chicken, Mama Esperanza dished out what I discovered were fried sardines.

Fish bait. Cat food. Whatever you want to call it. To them, they were like chicken wings. They were fish wings. I watched as my family nibbled on them around the fish's tiny vertebrae, and because I am brave and too nice to say no I took a bite. I braved two sardines before I couldn't go any farther; after I felt a

Carrie Thornton



small bone fragment slip down into my throat.

To say the least, Mama Esperanza will receive a firm, "No me gusta," next time she attempts to serve me some of those suckers.

This past weekend was a slightly uneventful one. Our trip to Sevilla was canceled to due rain, and so we decided to make the best of the day and spend a night out on the town. I am not ashamed to say it was only my second time to do so.

A river runs through Seville, and the Texas Tech center and most of the students' homes are located within the city walls, on the east side. On the west side of the river runs Calle Betis, the Seville version of The Strip. Lined with bars, it is one of the most fun places to be on the weekend. Or for some, on the not-so-occasional weeknight.

On Calle Betis you will find many English-speakers and people from all different backgrounds. Maybe soon I'll venture further and update you on more nightlife locations.

The family and I went to mass on Sunday, which they believed to be at 1:30 p.m. When we walked in, however, the ushers were handing out collection baskets. Mama Esperanza seemed un-phased by our extreme tardiness and made her way down the aisles to a pew.

This is why I like the Spanish. Their view of punctuality is very similar to my own. Just kidding, but here, everyone is late. I have seen a few people running down the street to catch a bus, but when Julianna and I walk with our family, we have to pace ourselves because they

are content with a slow stroll.

Tuesday night we had our second tutoring session. This time, Julianna and I were paired with Pepe, and we went with his girlfriend and a few others to get cervezas. Yes, it was freezing outside and I secretly wanted to crawl into bed and watch a movie, but it was a lot of fun hanging out and chatting. Pepe, unlike our last tutor, Claudia, spoke little English. This posed a problem, as he also insisted on speaking very fast.

Julianna and I tried our hardest. He was patient, though.

Julianna dropped her keys down the elevator shaft in our apartment building — I'm so glad I have a roommate who is clumsier than I. Until next time.

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Tattoos

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Stroud said the tattooing experience was not as painful as she thought it would be.

"I was expecting excruciating pain," Stroud said of her tattoo experience, "and it really wasn't that bad. I hate needles, but I was OK with this one."

That feeling is different for everyone.

"I'm not going to lie, it hurt, and for someone who doesn't like needles, I was amazed that I was even sitting on that table," Villareal said.

Villareal is a member of the Goin' Band from Raiderland, and got her tattoo near the beginning of the marching season.

"The first day I had the tattoo I had to go to band practice, and of course it had to be the day we practiced all the high-stepping," she said. "I never realized just how much my socks rubbed until that day."

The fact socks covered the tattoo was actually a plus for the clarinet player.

She, like many others, said she chose an easily hidden spot for her tattoo.

No matter how meaningful a tattoo is to its owner, it is almost always a point of judgment by others, Villarreal said.

Kyle Kennerly, a freshman architecture major from Ft. Worth, said he got Korean symbol on his upper arm in the first weeks of the new semester.

"I want to look as professional as possible when I have job interviews in the future, so I do not want any ink showing that could misrepresent me to the interviewer," he said.

Nolte, Villarreal and Stroud echoed this opinion; they are aware of what others think when it comes to tattoos.

"Although I am not ashamed of my tattoo, it is frowned upon," Stroud said.

"I don't want a tattoo to ever hold me back in the business world."

Her tattoo is easily missed and rarely seen, a trend that is becoming more prevalent and one Adkins encourages.

"In fact," Stroud said, "there are many times I've forgotten it was there."

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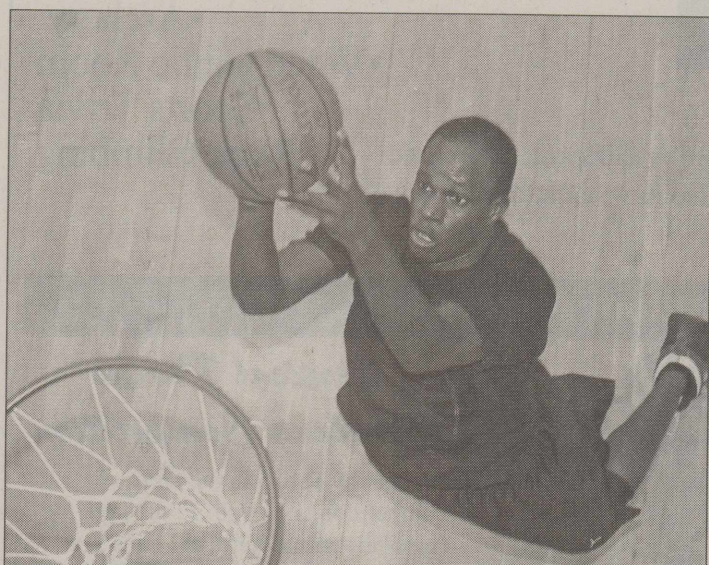


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ANDREW POWELL, A sophomore finance major from Seattle, plays a game of basketball with "Team Elite" on Tuesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Travolta helps out Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — John Travolta has flown a jetliner carrying relief supplies into the Haitian capital, along with doctors and ministers from the Church of Scientology.

The 55-year-old actor piloted his own Boeing 707 from Florida with six tons of ready-to-eat military rations and medical supplies for survivors of Haiti's devastating Jan. 12 earthquake late Monday.

His wife, Kelly Preston, was also aboard.

"We have the ability to actually help make a difference in the situation in Haiti and I just can't see not using this plane to help," Travolta said.

Travolta compared the mission to aid efforts following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. "We were there right away, with this airplane,

because you know we have the ability and the means to do this so I think you have responsibility on some level to do that."

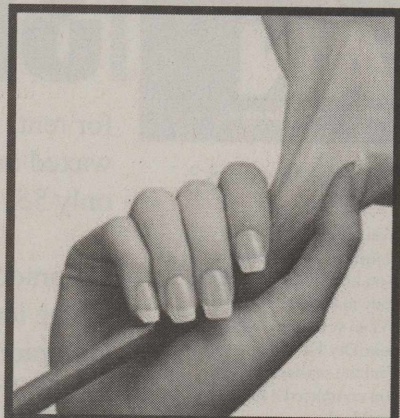
Aid groups have been desperate to fly their own planes into the over-stressed airport. U.N. humanitarian spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs said Tuesday that at least 800 planes with relief items are on a waiting list for the airport, which can handle only about 130 flights a day due to a lack of space to park planes as they unload.

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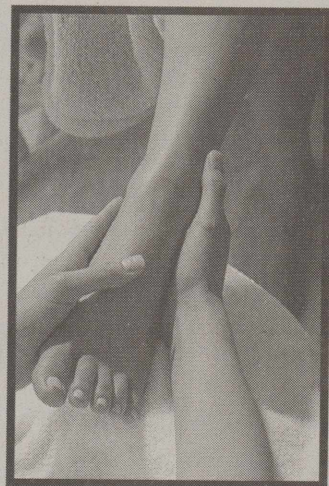
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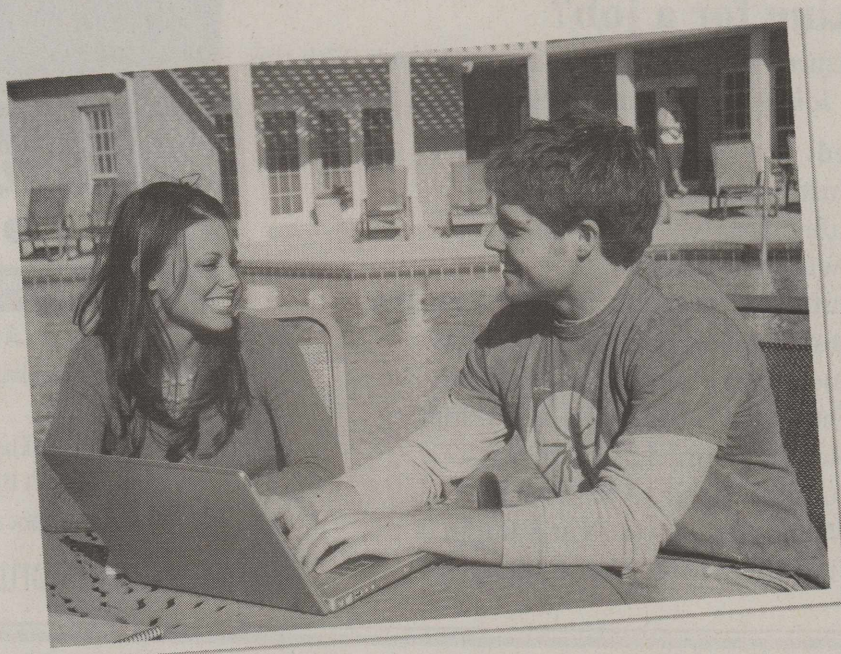
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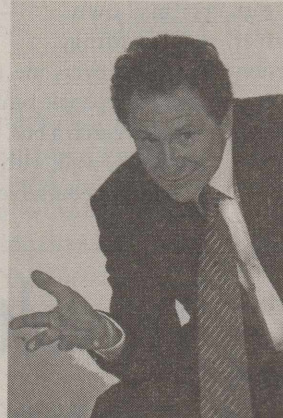


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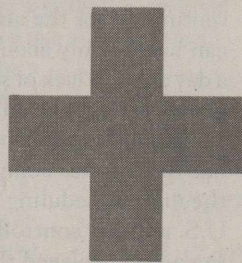
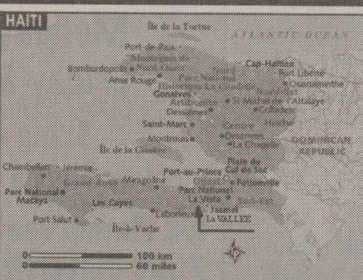
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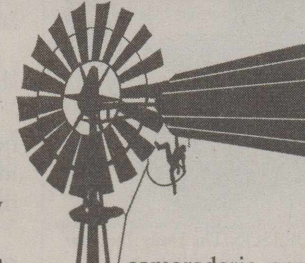
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Outdoor Pursuits



Vertical Plains Climbing Competition

Register by Feb. 5 in the OPC! Competition is on Feb. 13 all day! The 10th Annual Vertical Plains is a climbing competition that promotes camaraderie, sportsmanship, and the love of climbing. The competition is open to climbers of all levels, with three skill classes available: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. We encourage everyone, regardless of their experience, to join in the competition and have a great time!

Telluride Mountainfilm Festival

Friday, February 12 7:00pm Allen Theatre, SUB
See some of the best films from the Telluride festival! The Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour is dedicated to educating and inspiring audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving and conversations worth sustaining. Free for all TTU students and VP competitors.

SKI SHOES Ski package includes skis, boots and poles. Snowboard packages include board and boots. Helmets and other accessories are also available for rent! Already have equipment, but just need them waxed or P-texed? Waxing is \$25 and a P-tex/gouge is only \$5!

Colorado Ice Climbing
Come learn and experience spectacular ice climbing in Colorado's beautiful San Juan Mountains. Two full days of climbing with evenings in Alamosa to eat and warm back up. Determined outdoor enthusiasts encouraged!

Fit/Well



Can you do it all in 15 days?
2.4 mile swim, 112 miles biking, and 26.2 miles running.

Sign up in the Fit/Well January 25 - February 5
Cost: \$14 (\$16 XXL)

All finishers receive a dry fit T-shirt!
Runs February 6 - 21

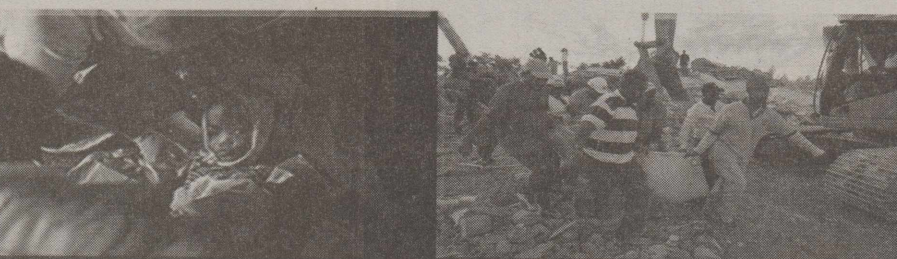
How does this work?

- 1) You have 15 days to complete a full triathlon
- 2) You keep track of your daily mileage
- 3) When you finish, receive your Dry Fit T-Shirt.
- 4) Feel the satisfaction that you completed a full triathlon!

Donate to the Haiti Relief Fund



To find out how and where to donate on campus, in Lubbock or Nationally visit www.sub.ttu.edu



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Poster Sale

Monday, January 25-Friday, January 29
SUB Red Raider Ballroom | 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Bowling Night

Wednesday, January 27
Whitewood Lanes, 3632 50th St. | 5:00 pm

Blake Mycoskie: Founder of Toms Shoes

Thursday, January 28
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

Movie -- Couples Retreat (Dive-In Movie at the Rec)

Friday, January 29
Rec Aquatic Center | 7:00 pm

Matinee Movie -- Couples Retreat

Monday, February 1
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00 pm

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student organization update...

S.O. Risk Management Session

Thursday, January 28
SUB Matador Room | 5 pm

S.O. Registration Meeting

Tuesday, February 2
SUB Senate Room | 2 pm

President thanks Kentucky for Haitian relief

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama called Kentucky coach John Calipari to praise the program — and to caution the top-ranked Wildcats.

The country's No. 1 college basketball fan thanked Calipari and his players Tuesday for helping to raise more than \$1 million as part of the "Hoops for Haiti" telethon. Then Obama counseled them to keep their focus and not let their new position atop the polls go to their heads.

"There is that tendency once you get to number one to let down a little bit," Obama said.

Maybe the Wildcats should pay attention. Obama, who regularly played pickup games during his run for president, last year picked champion North Carolina to win it all in

his NCAA bracket.

Kentucky freshman DeMarcus Cousins told Obama the team looked forward to meeting the president at the White House after the season — a rite of passage for NCAA champions.

"The way you guys are going, that may happen," Obama answered.

Obama enjoyed talking basketball with the undefeated Wildcats (19-0), who play at South Carolina on Tuesday night. But the president was just as complimentary about the team's efforts to help those devastated in Haiti by the catastrophic earthquake earlier this month.

Calipari, past and current players and others answered phones from donors while people bid on items ranging from autographed pictures

to dinner at the coach's home with actress — and Wildcat megafan — Ashley Judd. The university says that meal went for \$98,100.

With matching funds, the school said the money raised by the Wildcats surpassed \$1 million.

"I just want to let you guys know that I am very, very proud of what you guys did," Obama told the team, wearing blue "Hoops for Haiti" T-shirts and crowded around a white phone at the Colonial Life Arena.

"It shows a lot of character and I hope that carries over," the president continued. "Some of you will be going to the NBA. Some of you are going to be doing other things with your lives, but I hope that spirit of doing for others continues."

Tech faces No. 6 Texas

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

No. 6 Texas was at the top of the college basketball world for two weeks, until back-to-back losses brought the Longhorns back down to Earth.

But for Texas Tech guard Nick Okorie, that doesn't mean the Red Raiders are catching Texas at the right time.

In fact, with Tech visiting UT at 8 p.m. today in Austin in what is Texas' first home game since the losses, Okorie said he is expecting a hungry opponent.

"I wouldn't say it works into our advantage that they've lost their last two," he said. "We know they're going to be mad and ready to play, so the only thing we can do is take their hits and keep coming back."

Starting conference play 0-3, Tech (14-5, 2-3 in Big 12 play) got back in the mix of teams looking for the conference's last NCAA Tournament and some NIT bids.

Texas (17-2, 3-1), on the other hand, started last week undefeated and had been ranked No. 1 in the country, but lost to both Kansas State and Connecticut on the road.

If the Red Raiders are going to defeat the Longhorns, they will have to do it shorthanded — with a more limited inside game.

Tech coach Pat Knight announced on his radio show Monday that 6-foot-9 forward Darko Cohadarevic will be suspended for the Texas game for behavior detrimental to the team.

Additionally, forward D'walyne Roberts will not play because of a foot injury.

In Cohadarevic's place, Knight most likely will start 6-foot-10 forward Robert Lewandowski.

Cohadarevic, who has started in 18 of 19 games, averages 7.2 points per game. Lewandowski has started one game this season.

Forward Brad Reese said another



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Brad Reese and the Red Raiders will be short-handed against No. 6 Texas at 8 p.m. today in Austin.

challenge for the Red Raiders will be remaining emotionally stable regardless of how the game plays out.

"You've got to play defense no matter on the home or road," he said. "You've got to play as a team because sometimes you might get in a slump where the other team goes on a 10-0 run, but with solid defense and fighting it out, you'll have a chance to win it in the end."

Texas poses several offensive challenges.

Senior Damion James plays multiple positions for the Longhorns and averages 17.3 points per game. At 6-foot-10, 290-pounds, center Dexter Pittman brings a solid inside game for Texas, averaging 12 points per game.

Players know a win in Austin will

be tough.

Unfortunately for the Red Raiders, who are 21-40 in Austin all-time, there are not many places tougher to play than Texas' Erwin Center. Texas has a 15-game winning streak at home, including an 11-0 record this season.

However, Okorie said a tournament resume has to include big wins on the road, and Texas is not going to hand out an easy victory at home.

"We know we'll have to pull at least one or two road games out to make the tournament, so that's what we're trying to focus on," Okorie said. "And try to not lose any home games, you've got to protect your home court in the Big 12 to make the tournament."

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