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Tiresome exercise



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ABOVE, KEVIN MADDOX, a sophomore energy commerce major from Houston, flips a large tire monday on the fields outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

RIGHT, MIL-TON FRAN-CO, a junior mechanical engineering major from Houston, pushes over a tire while working out Monday on the fields outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.



Department of English aims to raise awareness of Creative Writing Program

Event will provide chance to learn about program

By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

The Department of English in the University's English Department. conjunction with the creative writing program will host a reception at 6 p.m. on Sept. 10 at the Ranching Heritage Center, in an attempt to raise awareness about what the program offers.

John Poch, a professor with the department of English, originally created the reception in an attempt to inform students about the department and how students can get

involved. "We hope to raise awareness about the quality of our program and the fact that we have quickly become one of the best creative writing programs in the country which

offer the Ph.D." The reception will host a vast amount of people inside and outside

"We've invited alumni and community members who we believe care about literature to a reception that will focus attention on our creative writing program and the English Department," Poch said.

Several of the faculty and graduate students will read recent work, including writing about living here in the South Plains he said.

According to the College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter, the dean of the college, Lawrence Schovanec, along with the Chair of the department of English, Sam Dragga, will also be at the event to discuss the vitality and success of Tech's creative

Poch said another goal of the reception is to raise money for the program, although no donations are actually acquired.

"The reception is not technically a fundraiser," Poch said, "but if the attendees want to give, they will have an opportunity to do so."

He said getting local support is also a big goal of the creative writing program. "We not only need money, but

support from knowledgeable people in helping us with a vision for our future," he said. Much will be discussed at the

reception, including numerous things pertaining to the creative writing program that may be unknown to the local community.

"All our faculty are award-winning professors, writers and editors," Poch



also helps to bring published writers to Texas Tech.

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Religious retreat still accepting applications

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Raider Awakening spots still available for Oct. 1

By YACKJAIRA RUIZ STAFF WRITER

Raider Awakening, a Catholic retreat organized and staffed by college students, will host its 43rd retreat Oct. 1-3 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainview.

The retreat is open to any religious background and has been in existence at Tech for over 20 years.

Bryan Prewitt, a Tech alumnus from Lubbock and coordinator for the event, said even though sign-ups were Aug. 29, students can still sign up if they are interested.

"We have 128 applications available," Prewitt said. "After that, students can still sign up and be placed on the waiting list."

He said 87 applications have already been submitted.

sign-ups, they can still sign up at the Catholic Student Center," Prewitt said.

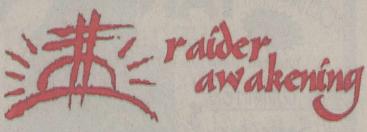
Prewitt attended Raider Awakening 38 as a junior at Tech. After retreating, he said he kept coming back to be on staff because of the different experiences the retreat

"When you come back and staff, each time is a unique experience and you get more from it," Prewitt said. When you retreat, you experience a lot but each time you come back and staff you get a different unique experience."

Katherine Albus, a junior nutritional sciences major from Whitharral is a Catholic ministry coordinator for Raider Awakening. She said the reason she comes back to staff is to give back to the com-

"After your retreat you instantly feel a part of a smaller family and part of a huge community," Albus said. "Coming back to staff is my way "If students missed the general to staying involved with the community and giving back to people not involved with the community and getting them involved."

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Students help build home with Habitat for Humanity

By NICK NELSON STAFF WRITER

Students worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a new home on the north side of Martha Sharp Freeway on Saturday.

Students started work on the roof and frame of the new Lubbock home while others finished up painting a house across the street.

Michael Smith, the public relations representative for Texas Tech Habitat for Humanity, said students that come out are assisted and supervised by professionals who coordinate all the steps of the building process.

"The students work with professional roofers and a professional site coordinator, who helps everyone out who's never built a house because most of us haven't built a house these days," Smith said.

According to the Tech Habitat for Humanity Facebook page, which the organization uses as its main website, the organization aids in the construction of new homes for families in need. These families also participate in the building of their new home. Texas Tech students and faculty contribute to the cause along with local churches and high schools.

Smith said, students who come out during welcome week are coordinated by what dorm they stay in.

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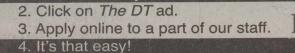




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Obama's goal: End Iraq war, then win Middle East peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Firmly and finally ending the U.S. combat mission in Iraq, President Barack Obama will have but a moment before trying to hasten peace nearby between Israelis and Palestinians. Left unclear is whether winding down the war that inflamed Arab passions will do anything to help long-shot Mideast talks.

From the Oval Office, a setting designed to command gravity and attention, Obama will declare Tuesday night that Iraqis are now the ones in charge of a war he had opposed. Within hours on Wednesday, he will be immersed in talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, underscoring the hopeful but precarious U.S. role as a middleman.

The White House is framing the two events as commitments kept by the president. But there is little excitement buzz and certainly no bold promises that capping the combat mission in Iraq will prod broader peace in the Middle East.

Tuesday night, Obama's emphasis will be to thank the troops and explain why the fight goes on in Afghanistan and beyond — and not so much about the potential for Iraq to be "a beacon of liberty in the Middle East" as President George W. Bush put it.

In a narrow sense, the peace talks convened by the White House have little to do with Iraq. The Middle East stalemate has to do with the borders of a potential Palestinian state, the fate of Palestinian refugees, the status of Jerusalem, the security of Israel — and trust on both sides. Making progress on those points, not the Iraq war, is at the core of renewed talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Writ large, however, the fate of Iraq is indeed tied to prospects for peace for its neighbors in the region.

"There is no direct connection between the two issues, but I think together they tell the same story: the limits of U.S. power," said Marina Ottaway, director of the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "The U.S. can only go so far, and then it's in the hands of the regional actors."

Much depends on whether Iraq's leaders can form a lasting government, whether Iran will seek to exert added

influence with a smaller U.S. presence in Iraq, and whether the United States will be perceived as the country that responsibly turned power back to Iraq or the one that left before the job was done.

"The more that Iraq emerges as a stable state after the Americans withdraw, the greater the chance for progress in the Middle East, the more it creates a stable environment for the peace process to move forward," said Robert Danin, an expert on Israeli-Palestinian affairs and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "To the extent that there's bloodshed and instability in Iraq, that makes it harder for people to focus on peacemaking."

For now, a presidential speech about the changing of the U.S. mission in Iraq is as close to closure as the people of the United States will get.

All troops will not come home until the end of 2011 at the latest. The United States will still keep tens of thousands in a dangerous Iraq for support and counterterrorism missions in the meantime. More Americans are likely to die. As Obama has said: "We have not seen the end of American sacrifice in Iraq."

Most of the more than 4,400 U.S. military members who have died in the Iraq war have been killed since May 2003 — after Bush declared the major combat operations over from the deck of a warship. His backdrop then was a now infamous banner that declared "mission accomplished."

"You won't hear those words coming from us," Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs said Monday.

The United States, too, is still absorbed with the a widening war in Afghanistan, the base for the al-Qaida terrorists responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. That conflict began in 2001, even before the Iraq war. Obama's stand is that the Iraq war, at a costly price, distracted from the cause in

"That's where 9/11 was planned," Gibbs said. "This is not an Afghanistan speech, but he will mention that."

Obama is giving the combat troop withdrawal from Iraq a big spotlight.

He dispatched Vice President Joe Biden to Iraq on Monday to mark the moment and push Iraqi leaders for resolution of their political divisions.

Holly Ave. So, What is it?

Grab some friends and listen the tunes of singer John Sprott who plays acoustic rock. It's free!

The Kyle Sowashes Performance Time: 9 p.m.

TODAY

Where: Triple J Chophouse &

Brew Company, 1807 Buddy

John Sprott at Triple J's

Time: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Bash Riprock's, 2419 Main Street

So, What is it? Play some pool and listen to The Kyle Sowashes. Genre: Indie

Book Discussion

Time: 6 p.m. Where: J&B Coffee House 26th Street and Boston Avenue So, What is it?

A public discussion of the Texas Tech August book recommendation "Animals Make us Human" by Temple Grandin. Dr. Jim Whitlark will serve as moderator.

WEDNESDAY

Meet Your Librarian Time: 12 p.m.

Community Calendar

Where: Administration building room 341

So, What is it?

The Center for Undergraduate Research would like to welcome you to our Fall Workshop Series. Come find out who your subject librarian is!!

Live Music at Bash's Time: 9 p.m. Where: Bash Riprock's 2419 Main

So, What is it?

If you like punk rock grab some friends and head to Bash's to listen to Magic Kids, Candy Claws, The Dry Heeves and Sydney Wright.

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication



ABOVE, CANDACE BALDERAS, A junior exercise sports science major from Lubbock, slides for the ball during rugby practice on Monday outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center.

Hurricane Earl grows

MIAMI (AP) — The Nathe Virgin Islands.

Earl is on a path that could too early to tell exactly where

For now, tropical storm warnings and watches are in Leeward Islands.

effect for the U.S. and British tional Hurricane Center says Virgin Islands, the Turks and Earl has strengthened into a Caicos Islands and the south-Category 4 hurricane with eastern Bahamas, among winds near 135 mph (215) other places. Puerto Rico is kph) as it moves away from also bracing for heavy rains and high seas.

Earl is about 110 miles brush the coast of the U.S. (180 kph) northeast of San later in the week, though it's Juan and moving west northwest at 15 mph (24 kph.)

> Tropical Storm Fiona is right behind it, east of the

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Those living in Hulen/Clement

came out Saturday along with UMC students to work the morning shift. The home students worked on

Saturday is one of many homes built by the organization on the block of Uvalde avenue and Dartmouth street in North Lubbock, and is a part of the Lubbock Habitat For Humanity neighborhood.

Emily Barnhart, a freshman engineering major, said it's really important to become a part of the community where your university

"I enjoy doing Habitat for Humanity because it gives back to people who have gone through a lot and I believe that I've gotten the opportunity to be part of the university so I should give back as much as possible," Barnhart said.

Desiree Lamoureux, a sophomore anthropology major from

Schertz, said she keeps track of attendance of all the Habitat events. She said there is a point system that rewards students who attend

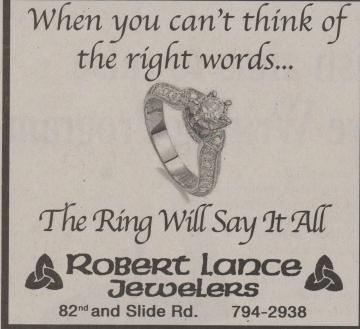
"With each activity that students go to, they get a certain amount of points and we have a point system where the top three students at the end of the semester are rewarded with some sort of prize," Lamoureux said. "The top percent this semester is going to be getting either a hammer or a hard hat. That will hopefully encourage people to come

Smith said, it's very simple to join Tech Habitat and get involved in your community.

'Just come to our meetings on Thursday and sign the list with your email or email us at techhabitat@ gmail.com and request to join," Smith said. "The best part is that there are no dues and no experience necessary. All the work we do, is the work of volunteers."

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US grapples with bedbugs, misuse of pesticides

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A resurgence of bedbugs across the U.S. has homeowners and apartment dwellers taking desperate measures to eradicate the tenacious bloodsuckers, with some relying on dangerous outdoor pesticides and fly-by-night exterminators.

The problem has gotten so bad that the Environmental Protection Agency warned this month against the indoor use of chemicals meant for the outside. The agency also warned of an increase in pest control companies and others making "unrealistic promises of effective-

Bedbugs, infesting U.S. households on a scale unseen in more than a half-century, have become largely resistant to common pesticides. As a result, some homeowners and exterminators are turning to more hazardous chemicals that can harm the central nervous system, irritate the skin and eyes or even

Ohio authorities, struggling against widespread infestations in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and other cities, are pleading with EPA to approve the indoor use of

the pesticide propoxur, which the agency considers a probable carcinogen and banned for in-home use in 2007. About 25 other states are supporting Ohio's request for an emergency exemption.

The EPA rejected the request in June but said it would consider new information on it. An agency spokesman, Dale Kemery, said the EPA has pledged to find new, potent chemicals to kill bedbugs, which can cause itchy, red bites that can become infected if scratched.

In the meantime, authorities around the country have blamed house fires on people misusing all sorts of highly flammable garden and lawn chemicals to fight bedbugs. Experts also warn that some hardware products — bug bombs, cedar oil and other natural oils claim to be lethal but merely cause the bugs to scatter out of sight and hide in cracks in walls and floors.

A pest control company in Newark, N.J., was accused in July of applying chemicals not approved for indoor use throughout 70 homes and apartments units, even spraying mattresses and children's toys. No illnesses were reported.

Retreat ←

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Sally Dierschke, a senior food science major from Wall, is also a Catholic ministry coordinator for Raider Awakening 43. Dierschke echoed Albus's sentiment about giving back to the community.

"At one point we were all retreaters," Dierschke said. "Now we are the ones organizing it and doing it for other people. To me it says it was a pretty awesome thing if we want to keep giving all of our time back to it and doing it for people we don't know."

Alex Lake, a junior multidisciplinary sciences major from Spring Branch and third Catholic ministry coordinator, described Raider Awakening as a Tech tradition.

"It's just like Tech, RA is a tradition." Lake said. "It's coming up on over 20 years of a

tradition that is on-going and it dents address their peers gives still as strong as it's ever been.

Here's one more tradition at Tech, but one that's focused on faith and a different priority."

Albus said the Raider Awakening leadership team has been meeting every Sunday since March to prepare for the retreat in

At the retreat, Albus said there will be a focus on community building, fun activi-

ties and talks. The talks are given by students.

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people who are just like them, who have been in situation just like them, helps in the awaken-

ing process."

Albus encourages students to go the retreat even if they have reservations towards it.

"I did not want to go," Albus said. "The only reason I went is because my brother made me but going on Raider Awakening was the best decision I made my entire semester. Anyone on the fence about going or not going, just come. You'll

always regret not going.' The retreat costs \$40 and includes meals and lodging for the weekend. Scholarships are available for students who cannot afford the \$40 fee. Scholarship applications as well as retreater applications can be filled out at the Catholic Student Center on 2304 Broadway St. Students can also email Prewitt at coordinator.ra43@gmail.com for any questions or concerns.

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he said.

Although funds are still nec-

Texas congresswoman admits she violated rules

congresswoman admitted that she wrongly steered thousands of dollars in college scholarships from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation to her own relatives and children of a staff member but said she did so unwittingly.

Democratic Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson told The Dallas Morning News that she arranged the scholarships over the last four years for two grandsons and two grandnephews and the son and daughter of a Dallas-based

Johnson told the Morning News she "unknowingly" violated the foundation's rules and would "rectify the financial situation." The Morning News reported her comments on its website Sunday.

Relatives of members of Congress are ineligible to receive scholarship funds from the foundation because of anti-nepotism rules. The scholarships also violate a foundation rule that recipients need to live or study in the district represented by the Black Caucus member who awards the scholarship.

Dena Craig, a spokeswoman for Johnson, did not respond to several

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas requests for comment from The Associated Press.

The Black Caucus Foundation, a nonprofit organization formed by black lawmakers, receives millions of dollars in private corporate sponsorships. The group is best-known for organizing an annual legislative conference in Washington that draws thousands of black leaders around the country. It also runs various programs aimed at getting African-American youths involved in government and politics.

The foundation provides \$10,000 a year for members of the Congressional Black Caucus to dispense in scholarships. Members can decide how the money is split and how it is awarded, although the foundation sets some basic rules.

Muriel Cooper, a spokeswoman for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, did not respond to an AP request for comment.

Johnson's actions could lead to a House ethics investigation. The key question would be whether she used official resources, including congressional staff, in any aspect of the scholarship

Perry continues refusal to debate White

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry, undeterred by the largest Texas newspapers scheduling a gubernatorial debate with or without him, said Monday he has a duty as governor to confront Bill White over missing tax records that are keeping him from debating the Democratic challenger.

Perry, a Republican, has refused to debate White until he releases his tax returns for the years he was deputy U.S. energy secretary under President Bill Clinton. White has released his returns for the years he was Houston mayor and for 2009.

"As the governor of the state of Texas, and someone who wants to come in and run this state, absolutely I think I have a responsibility to stand up and say, 'Folks, there is something there," Perry said, without being specific about what he thought White's

tax returns might show.

Perry spoke for the first time since the five largest Texas newspapers and a public television station in Austin announced last week they would hold an October debate regardless of whether both candidates appeared. White has already accepted the invitation. Perry, who is running for an

unprecedented third full term, has been defiant in his refusal to debate White, and the joint request from the biggest newspapers in Texas didn't soften his stance.

"They are free to do that," he said. White's campaign didn't change its message, either.

"Rick Perry doesn't want to debate because he doesn't want to face tough questions about his record," White spokeswoman Katy Bacon

Writing ← **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Poch said the university is able to bring writers from all over the world.

"We bring fabulous writers to campus every semester, and they meet with students, perform readings, and then go back and tell the world about

how impressed they are with our program, the University, and West Texas."

The performed readings are part of the program's reading series, which is free and open to the public, Poch said.

Along with its current goals, the Department of English would also like to see the creative writing program grow and obtain more support in the future.

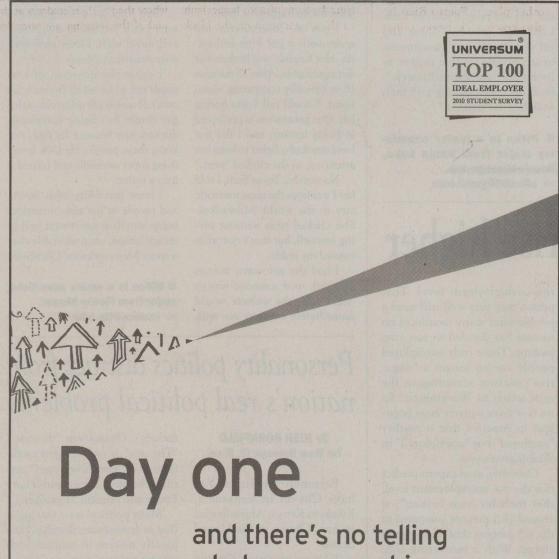
Poch said the program would like to see an endowment or several endowments created to help increase the quality of the program.

"We have the quality faculty, library, facilities, and other opportunities, but right now, it's hard to compete with schools that have large endowments directed specifically toward creative writing scholarships,"

essary for the program to grow, it seems that much time and hard work has gone into making the creative writing program one of high quality.

"In a time when many creative writing programs are cutting back," Poch said, "we are investing in ours."

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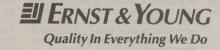


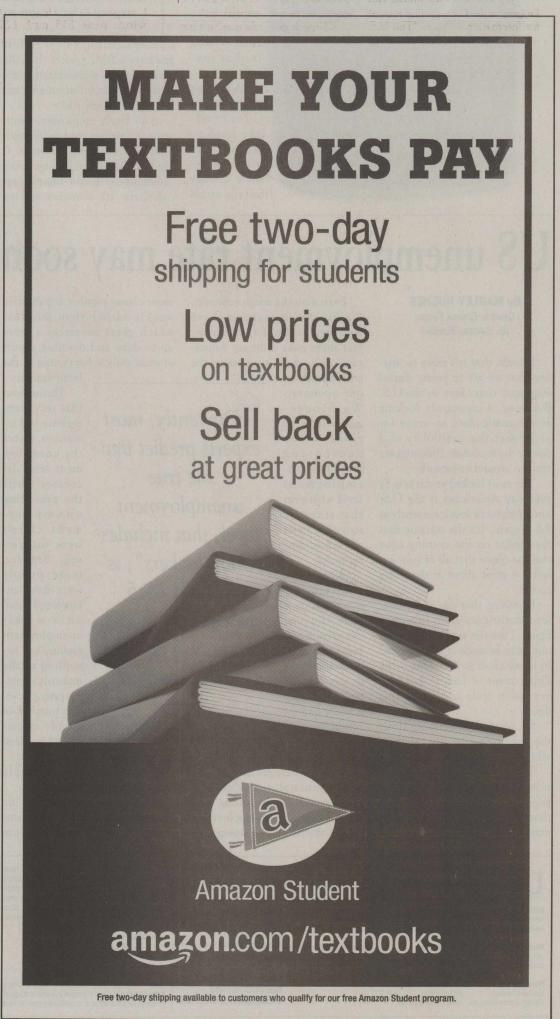
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Students should get involved, network themselves

Tou've always been told that these four years — give or take a few in some cases are supposed to be some of the best in your entire life.

You've been informed correctly, but don't for a second think that you are entitled to anything by simply attending college and going through the motions.

In order to maximize the experience, you'll need to network yourself and find a sense of community with your peers on campus.

For some, this could mean joining a student organization or working for any of the various-departments across campus. For others, it could be a study group or intramural sports.



This is a university; if you can't find something that you enjoy doing with your peers, you aren't looking hard enough.

Texas Tech has more than 30,000 students, all of whom have their own individual sets of interests, talents and abilities. The number of combinations of shared characteristics the Tech student body has is unfathomable, but the point is many of those

shared characteristics have been the founding principles behind numerous organizations and other networks of students.

Since I am studying journalism, I found a very applicable sense of community in student-led publications. I've worked with some great people, learned through hands-on experience and even learned a lot about myself along the way. I haven't looked back once.

I didn't find myself there by accident, though. During my first semester at Tech I pondered the idea of being a student journalist for some time, but was never sure if I was prepared for it or if I could handle all of the responsibilities that came along with the job.

After all that deliberation and hesitation, I decided the best plan of action would be, simply put, to try. Some time passed, and I was beginning to think my application would be left unan-

swered. I was wrong.

I soon stepped into an entirely new realm of the college experience. Though both humbling and challenging, the next six months

of my life would open doors — all of which led to opportunity — that would have remained closed oth-

That being said, it will never be possible to know exactly what sort of extracurricular activities or on-campus involvement will fit you best. It is true, however, that answers can be found through trial and error. I hate to sound cliché, but Rome wasn't built in a day.

The same goes for your college experience. It will be no more or less than what you make of it, and it's never too early or too late to get involved and network yourself among your peers.

Let's say, hypothetically speaking,

you are a member of a fraternity or sorority. You don't know that the people you meet through your involvement in said fraternity or sorority won't play significant roles in your future.

That's why it's crucial for students to do everything in their power to get to know and relate to their peers. Involvement on campus is likely the best way to accomplish such a task.

My point is this: don't hesitate. Everyone can find community somewhere at an institution of this size. and all it takes is a little initiative.

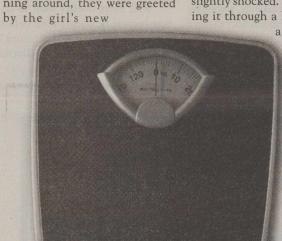
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Healthy BMI can help keep your job

ith the summer holiday coming to an end and students across the nation entering. their new classrooms, anxious to meet their teachers and test the waters, most worry about how strict or difficult (s)he will be, not the Body Mass Index (BMI) of their new instructor. This wasn't the case for my friend and her daughter.

The daughter was like any other second-grader on her first day - excited to see all of her friends and show off her new school supplies.

As mother and daughter walked into a brightly decorated classroom full of kids running around, they were greeted



teacher. Everything seemed great except for one problem: the teacher was largely obese. My friend then did something most people today would

consider inappropriate, rude and insensitive, she requested her daughter be transferred to another teacher with a healthier

At first, when my friend was telling me the story, even I was slightly shocked. But after thinking it through a little, I have to agree with her

> decision and must say that I probably would have done the same thing in that situ-

ociety, it is incredibly hard to eat healthy and maintain a healthy lifestyle as an

adult, let alone raise a child to scam, that has people suckling make healthy decisions regarding diet and exercise. The constant bombardment of adverts for sugary, fatty and fast food is hard to combat in the mind of a 7 year old with an ever-so-tempting head of broccoli that doesn't even come with a little Hello

When a child spends 8 hours a day, in one classroom with one teacher, the teacher becomes another parental figure and role model. And if you're trying to raise your child to live a healthy lifestyle, you don't want to have an obese role model for them, just as though you wouldn't want to have a drunk teaching your child not to drink.

Obesity is listed as the main reason that a military candidate is turned down, an employee goes on short term disability, and for high healthcare costs for hospitals, government and families. According to the Center for Disease Control, 28.7% of Texans have a BMI greater than 30, been on a steady rise.

And lately employers, insurance companies, and individuals have started to take notice. It has become ridiculous how many "guaranteed" weight-loss pills are out there. It's a money making on the teat by taking advantage of their overweight peers.

Recently I saw on BBC World that Turkish Airlines declared that their employees must be at an acceptable BMI that corresponds to their corporate image and any employee over that has to lose weight in order to keep their job.

I think it's a shame that it has come to the point where people have to be forced to maintain a healthy lifestyle and I can fully understand where my friend and Turkish Airlines are coming from in their decision to distance themselves from obesity.

I can also see the other side of the argument and think people should be allowed to live how they want and be who they want to be, whether that be overweight, drunk, gay, high, emo, posh, prep, jock, etc.

I do say this, however, to the likes of people such as Rush Limbaugh, who are obese and yet chastise the gay community, making it one of the fattest states or any people for that matter, as in the U.S., and that number has living an "unnatural lifestyle": Nothing about having a 48 inch waistline is "natural."

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Internet anonymity no excuse for crude video chat behavior

K, so I'm peeved, ladies and gentlemen. This has been on my mind for a while and now that I have a medium to vent, I'm running with it.

Chatroulette is a huge international social experiment. Maybe one of the freshest, most tasteful, beautiful ideas since Kenny Loggins and John Stamos folded fingers in 1986 for Hands Across America.

The projected plan was to bring people together from vastly different cultures. People can experience each other. A teenage girl from Sweden could log on and talk with (or cry at) Sanjaya Malakar from American Idol. Share stories, ideas, fill international's heads with useless fantasy league tips, etc.

Pen pals paved the way for this, and as James Cameron showed us with Avatar in 3D, good things happen in time.

I got on Chatroulette and spoke with a girl from Indonesia. Her English was broken but distinguishable. After 15 minutes of us basically comparing menu items, I could tell I was boring her. Our generation is perceived as being instant, and I did not have any flashy lights to keep her attention, so she clicked "next."

No worries, Texas Tech, I told her I was from the most romantic city in the world: Milwaukee. She clicked next without saying farewell, but that's not what twisted my ankle.

I had the automatic button checked, so if someone was to "next" me, the website would immediately connect me with



another user. A new streaming video started running and it was dark in the room. It was difficult to make out a figure or an image at all, and then I saw what looked like a hand grab a hold of their monitor and adjust a downward tilt. I felt like a kid who just fell off

his bike. My initial reaction was a flush of adrenaline and blood to my head telling my fingers to use that next button. But rather, consciousness kicked in, and I told him mean things. I said I hope he buys a piece of technology, pays way too much for it, loses his receipt, and sees the upgraded model on the shelves two weeks later.

Guy, if you are reading this, I'm sorry I said you would always rent and never own. Good luck with your American Dream.

I guess the question of why needs not to be asked (to each his own). It makes me uneasy that this guy thinks he's being completely discreet just because he does not know these people. He took something super awesome and turned it into a toilet.

I hope this filthy John Smith, and people in his same situation, bump into their sweet aunt Judy in an unclothed, uncomfortable chat session. Merry awkward Christmas.

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US unemployment rate may soon rise higher

By MARLEY HUGHES CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE (U. CENTRAL FLORIDA)

I doubt that it's news to anyone that we are in pretty dismal economic times here in the U.S. Everyone is constantly looking at economic data to argue for or against the possibility of a double dip recession. Statistics are thrown around constantly.

The most looked at statistic by everyday Americans is the U.S. unemployment level, currently at 9.5 percent. It's the statistic that they quote on the evening news and the quote that all of your coworkers gripe about at the water

However, that unemployment level statistic is a pretty deceptive figure. I use the word "deceptive" not only because it is published by a branch of government —the Department of Labor—but also because it truly is a misleading

So, what is so deceiving about the unemployment level that we all take for granted?

The answer: Government likes to include and not include certain populous' into their statistics so that the "best" statistic is ultimately achieved.

managed to hold the proverbial sheet over ordinary Ameritrue health of

our economy. Washingtonians love to point to the decreasing monthly unemployment level whenever the statistic moves in favor of a rebounding economy.

What those spin masters don't tell us is that the unemployment level that most Americans take as fact actually isn't more than a really bad solution to a convoluted math-

ematical equation. You see, there are actually two employment statistics us "ordinary Americans" should follow. The second being the unemployment claims statistic. The unemploy-

Even with the rough economy, ment claims number is published Washington bureaucrats have weekly rather than monthly which gives investors a more up-to-date and detailed report cans' eyes when it comes to the of what truly is happening in the labor markets.

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So what gives? stopped looking for a job. longer looking" the government

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Easy, unemployed people Once a person is deemed "no

the unemployment level. That person may very well still need a job but after many months of no success has decided to just stop looking. Those truly unemployed people are no longer a "negative" statistic according to the spin artists in Washington. So we now have a pretty large populous in America that is neither "employed" nor "unemployed" in Washington's eyes.

Currently, most experts predict that the true unemployment level, that includes "non lookers", is around 16.5 percent compared to the 9.5 percent that Washington claims. With a recovering U.S. economy, we should expect those "non-lookers" to start looking for jobs, which would result in them being included into the unemployment level once again. As a result, we should see a moderate to steep rise in the published unemployment level with any sign of a recovering U.S. labor market.

If the economy decides to strengthen, expect the unemployment level to find a nice medium between the true 16.5 percent and distorted 9.5 percent. Washington will be pushing the best-slanted statistic that is out there. It's your job to be smarter than they think that you are.

Personality politics distract from nation's real political problems

By JOSH KORNFIELD THE MIAMI HURRICANE (U. MIAMI)

Personality politics. You have Chavez in Venezuela, Kibaki in Kenya, Ahmadinejad in Iran, Obama in the United

I know grouping Obama with this gang of nefarious characters is bound to raise an eyebrow or two. The only point I am making though is that these figures enjoy power partly or primarily because their personalities appeal to voters. It is impossible to deny that Obama's personality was a significant factor in the 2008 election.

The song went "I've got a crush on Obama," not I've got a crush on economic revitalization, wealth redistribution and health care reform (though that is a song I would certainly sing if someone came up with a catchy

melody). Obama was "the one." "The one" is only a slight modification of "the chosen one," putting Obama in a crew with Harry Potter and Anakin Skywalker.

Many political scientists argue that as democracies develop, they usually mature in tandem with vibrant political parties and institutions that diminish the public's concern with the personality of leadership figures. Technocrats often efficiently manage massive bureaucracies. As countries develop, their bureaucracies often grow to manage more complex economies and distribute increased revenues.

Rather than a real debate on global warming, we audit the energy use of environmental spokesmen. We'd prefer to question the patriotism of our leaders than discuss security policies. Outside the world of James Bond, we all know that a lapel pin on a blazer will not prevent another 9/11.

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Auditions on track for 4 Tech Theatre productions

By BRITTANY HOOVER STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance invites all Red Raiders to audition for a spot in the limelight.

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Thursday on the mainstage of the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre.

Jim Bush, assistant professor, contrasting 45-second monologues, one comedic and one to do." dramatic, for their two-minute auditions.

The plays will be cast on talent only, not seniority, Bush said.

He said many opportunities exist for performers of all levels.

"We want to see as much range as possible and as much potential as possible as we can," he said. "You need something that shows off what you can do and

what your acting range is." Auditions are open to any full-time student, faculty or staff member. Audition participants complete them and make 10 copies of them prior to the audition.

up for a time to audition. Bush is directing "Equus," the voyage of discovery.

"A psychiatrist is informed about an individual who blinded a bunch of horses in a stable with

a spike," he said. "The discovery of how and why that happened is what the play is about on the surface."

Bush said the story is a dramatization based on an actual incident the author, Peter Schaf-Two rounds of auditions for fer, read about. He is looking for this semester's Mainstage The- academically and emotionally atre and Laboratory Theatre intelligent actors to play the roles productions will be held from of six horses and eight other

"I want people who can live truthfully under imaginary circumstances," Bush said. "I cast talent not type. We have an said students need to prepare two amazing talent pool here in Lubbock and it's generally a joy

> Linda Donahue, associate professor of theatre, is directing the second mainstage production, "Anton in Show Business."

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The play tells the story of the backstage workings of theater, she said. "It is a hilarious comedy that takes a look

at the theatrical world," she said. "It's about three actresses who have been cast in the play, 'Three

Sisters' by Anton Chekhov, hence the name 'Anton' is Show Business.' They are in New York City when they are cast in the must pick up audition forms at show, which is going to be prothe Maedgen Theatre callboard, duced in San Antonio, Texas, of

The play, written by Jane Prospective actors must also sign Martin, will have an all-female cast, Donahue said.

"I need wonderfully talented season's first Mainstage Theatre women. No men all women," she production. He said the play is a said. "They play male characters; one plays a male country singer star. They play many different roles, so I need women who are flexible and talented.'

Luke Fedell, a graduate student from Springfield, Ohio, is directing Inferno, the first Lab Theatre production.

The play is about a short time during the life of the playwright, August Strindberg, when he got tired of writing plays and decided to switch to alchemy, Fedell said.

"I find the play interesting because it takes place during a shift to science as a way we find knowledge," he said. "Back in those times, we relied on stories and poetry to explain the unexplainable."

Fedell said he has a connection with the play in his personal

"It's about a playwright who was tired of what he thought of as lying to people and wanted to find truth in science," he said. "It's an interesting parallel to now. When I was in school, I was switching from biology to theater and my family was like, 'Don't do that, do science, that's where the money is.' Back then they're telling Strindberg 'Don't do science, do theater, that's where the money is."

Fine arts graduate student Nicholas Halder is the head of promotions for the department and helped facilitate auditions last spring.

He said on Thursday participants will be greeted by graduate students who will take and check the copies of their audition forms. They will be given a number to pin on their shirts and have their picture taken for casting purposes. He said approximately 13 people will audition in each 30-minute time slot.

He encourages everyone interested to audition no matter their age or acting level.

"Everyone wants the auditionees to do well, no matter what their experience is," he said. "Everyone from the directors to the production staff wants them to do well. It can be nerve-wracking for

even a grad student like me to audition. But everyone wants them to succeed and do well."

The second Lab Theatre production, "Reasons To Be Pretty," by Neil LaBute, takes a harsh and humorous look at what matters in love and life and is directed by graduate student Robyn Huizinga.

Students can learn more from auditioning for and participating in a play than taking a theater class, Fedell said. He said an important skill learned, even for nontheater majors, is the ability to speak in front of a large group of people.

He said when casting the play, he will look for poten-

"This is an educational theater," Fedell said. "In educational theater, we're not necessarily looking for the best actors in the world who have been doing it a long time. I'm looking for talent I can teach. I'm a grad student and part-time instructor, and I love to teach people. I want to teach people theater."

The names of students who are chosen for callback auditions will be announced the Friday and posted on both the theatre callboard and the Maedgen Lab Theatre (west entrance) window.

All audition information can be found on the callboard in Maedgen Theatre.

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TEXTBOOK TIME

I thought about buying them online but if I rented them I'd be afraid of losing them but if I buy them they're my responsibility."



Emily Hert, freshman speech and language pathology major from San Antonio



"Buying seems better because for calculus, I know I have like two more years of calculus and I have to use the same book. And that's like one of the most expensive ones. It's just easier.

Martin Rangel, freshman petroleum engineering major from Houston

I got them off Chegg, where you rent them online. I noticed a lot of my books they don't buy back so it's a lot cheaper to rent. You just have to put in the IBM number in."



Elizabeth Gonzales, senior finance major from Luling



"(Barnes & Noble has a) good system. You can type in classes (online) to find books, but not all the books always show up. If all the professors were required to put books on there ahead of time would be better.

Brendon Volker, junior architecture major from Dallas Compiled by Carrie Thornton and Edmund Rostran/The Daily Toreador

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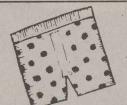
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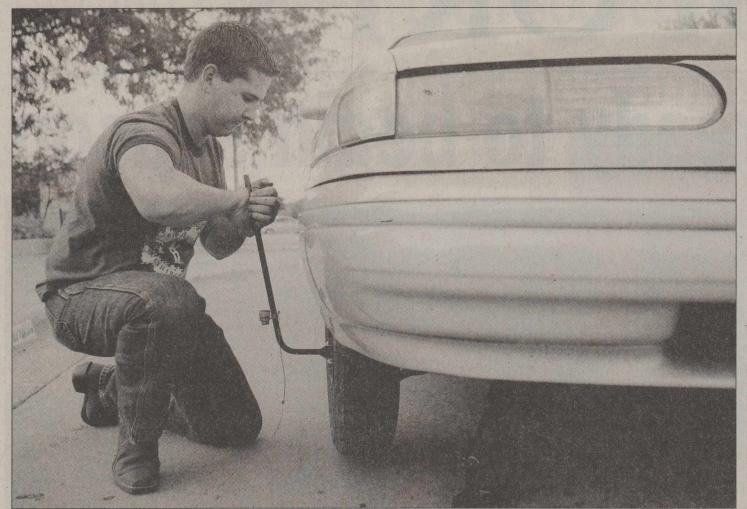


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TRAVIS COOPER, A freshman animal science major from Odessa, helps a stranded student change a tire Monday in a bus area on the east side of the Student Union Building.

A world without smart phones: could we survive?

Saturday afternoon while I watched the sun swim across a powder-blue sky, I sat on my couch trying to figure out why my new iPhone 4 wouldn't switch out of recovery mode.

After four hours of pointless troubleshooting, I realized my phone, the god of mobile technology, had failed after less than etc., I assumed smart phones 30 days of ownership.

Failed.

That's when I realized I had become the technology-obsessed consumer I have always made fun of. Following a dramatic breakdown when I couldn't contact any friends about Saturday night plans and play my turn on Words with Friends, I wondered why after five years of using plain-jane cell phones barely capable of downloading ringtones was I so hooked on this super phone.

I used a regular cell phone for the past three years of college without a problem. I went to class without feeling an urge to check my e-mail on the way, I hung out with friends without itching to check whether I had crops to harvest on a FarmVille app, nor did I have a strong desire to play online Scrabble games with anonymous opponents.

In a March 2010 study by comScore.com, only 30.1 percent of active cell phone users ing. I miss my first Nokia phone connected to the Internet, and 28.6 percent downloaded phone applications.



were on a much sharper incline than statistics reveal. So, surprise, there are still non-smart phone users out there, and they seem to be the dominant force.

This being said, I've observed a steady trend of obsessive behavior associated with smart phone users, including myself, and their devices. As if the rest of the world doesn't operate without handheld Internet and e-mail.

During the hours I spent without my iPhone (I plugged it in Sunday morning to find it operating just fine) I felt significantly lost. I sent messages via Facebook to get in touch with friends and waited impatiently for responses, I got lost on the way to a friend's house and had to actually think about where I was instead of pinpoint my position with Maps. At the end of the night, I felt ridiculous.

This incredible innovation has crippled me, and I didn't even realize what was happenand feeling excited because it was a color screen and featured the arcade game "Centipede." I This surprised me, because miss calling my friends' house as a college student who is surphones to see if they were home

if I didn't get an answer.

Now it seems I am more concerned about how fast someone responds to a text message as opposed to whether I actually speak to them or see them that day.

Usually I dismiss any archaic lectures about how my generation is losing its communication abilities because of technology, because I feel they don't apply to me. I still have some friends. But this weekend opened my eyes to the reality of the smart phone revolution. Are they really a good thing? I am starting to think not.

Will future generations have problems communicating properly and effectively? Maybe not, and who knows what the future of technology holds for smart phone and cell phone users.

On another note, it's my turn in Word with Friends so if any-

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

one has a broad vocabulary, shoot me an e-mail.

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BIZWEEKLY

Paris Hilton explains cocaine possession

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Paris Hilpolice Lt. Dennis Flynn wrote in a ton had an explanation for police: The rolling papers, \$1,300 in cash and several credit cards were hers, but not the purse they were in.

And definitely not the bag of white powder that fell out of it.

Believing it to be cocaine, an officer asked her who it belonged to. "She said she had not seen it but

report made public on Monday.

Hilton told police the purse belonged to a friend. But the friend was never identified.

The 29-year-old celebrity socialite was charged with cocaine possession. She was freed without bail before dawn Saturday after spending less than three hours handcuffed on now thought it was gum," Las Vegas a jailhouse booking room bench.

••••••••••• L.A. man arrested by Steven Seagal pleads guilty

GRETNA, La. (AP) — A Louisiana man who was arrested by Steven Seagal and other sheriff's deputies last year has pleaded guilty to a minor drug charge.

Thirty-year-old Jimmy Sarrio of Marrero admitted Friday that he had a small amount of cocaine when he was arrested in July 2009. He was sentenced to two years probation.

Seagal is a reserve deputy chief

with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's office and stars in the TV series "Steven Seagal: Lawman."

Sarrio originally argued to have the case tossed because Seagal and other deputies had no reason to question him while he was parked on a neighbor's lawn.

Seagal testified in June that deputies thought Sarrio might be in need of help.

...... RV dealer challenges 'Twilight' star to push-ups

owner of an RV dealership sued by Taylor Lautner over a customized vehicle challenged the "Twilight" star Monday to use his muscles instead of his lawyers to resolve the case.

Brent McMahon, who owns Mc-Mahon's RV in Irvine, Calif., offered to compete in a push-up contest to settle the breach of contract lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The that Lautner filed Aug. 23 claiming the dealership failed to deliver a \$300,000 RV on time for use as a dressing room on the set of the actor's latest film.

McMahon and his attorney denied wrongdoing and said they will vigorously defend the case in court if Lautner, 18, doesn't accept the challenge.

Rocker Slash files for divorce in Los Angeles

his love life.

Court records show the guitarist filed for divorce Monday from his wife of nearly nine years.

Slash is known for his guitar play with bands Guns N' Roses and Velvet Revolver. His real name is Saul Hudson.

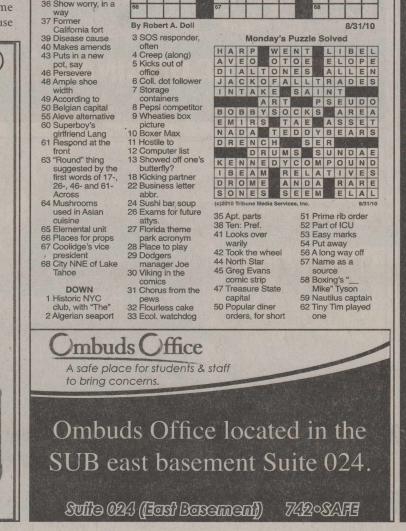
LOS ANGELES (AP) - wife Perla separated in July and Slash is preparing to go solo in cites irreconcilable differences for the split.

> The couple have two sons, ages 8 and 6. Hudson is seeking joint custody of the children and asking a judge to determine how much spousal support he should

The divorce filing was first re-The filing states he and his ported by celebrity website TMZ.









South of the mall across from On the Border

SPORTS

Tuberville ready to begin season



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreado

JARVIS PHILLIPS TRIES to knock the ball out of Lyle Leong hands after he catches the ball for a touchdown during one of the summer's training camp intra-squad scrimmages.

Tech coach expects 'butterflies' before game, but isn't worried

I've been in this

with you.

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By MIKE GRAHAM

Texas Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville will make his debut as the Red Raiders' head coach in Tech's season-opening game against SMU Sunday.

It will be the first time Tuberville puts on a headset since leaving Auburn after the 2008 season, ing this game on Sunday," Tu-

not expect to become a victim of nerves before the opening kick-

business 30 years. "When If you don't get a you're comlittle nervous, then petitive, you're going something's wrong to get butterflies," he said. "I think that's already started. Everyone's **TOMMY TUBERVILLE** getting ner-TEXAS TECH HEAD COACH vous, 'can we

do this, can we

do that.' But those kind of go away and become routine. If I didn't get excited before all of our games, I'd be in the wrong business.

it. It's been a long eight months (at Tech), a long year and a half (out of coaching)."

Today's

The big question entering Steven Sheffield.

Sunday's game is how much Tuberville and his new coaching staff have changed the Red Raider offense and defense, respectively.

That question will be answered for the world to see during the Labor Day Sunday timeslot on ESPN and ESPN3.com.

"That's the reason we're playbut the 14-season veteran does berville said. "I want everybody

to see what this program is about and that we're still here. That we're going to be able to throw the football and run it, play defense and play special teams.

"I think that it's an advantage for our players to have a national stage in

the good thing about our busi- their first game. It puts a little bit ness is, when you get started, all of pressure on you that everyone across the country that likes college football will probably watch some portions of this game."

"I'm really looking forward to be more watched than quarterback Taylor Potts, who came out on top of a highly publicized starting quarterback battle with

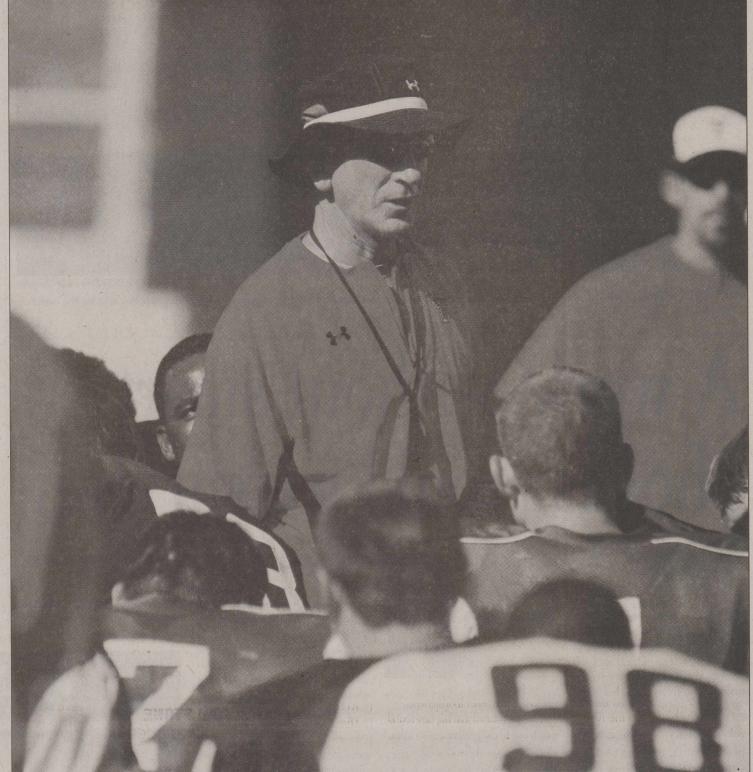


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreadon

TEXAS TECH HEAD Coach Tommy Tuberville will make his debut as the head coach of the Red Raider football team against SMU Sunday.

The 2009 season was turbulent at times for Potts. He had Arguably no Tech player will to battle the after effects of a concussion and became the subject of a growing quarterback controversy.

> But Tuberville expects Potts to have a better season in 2010, and part of Tuberville's strategy is to let Potts know he has some room for error before the coaching staff makes any drastic decisions.

"You can kind of play not now compared to Potts a season him as our quarterback." carefree, but you have a little more room to get in the zone,' Potts said. "If you make a mistake, it's not the end of the world. like it felt in the past. Everybody makes mistakes at some point, it's just something that happens. I think if you're allowed to play through those things it's what

makes great players great." Running back Baron Batch sees a lot of difference in Potts

"If you think about it, last year was really his first year playing football in a while because he was behind Graham (Harrell)," Batch said. "I just think experience-wise, learning and getting back in the swing of things, helped him tremendously. He's a lot more relaxed, more calm and making better decisions. I'm excited to have

But while the Red Raider players seem to be playing it cool

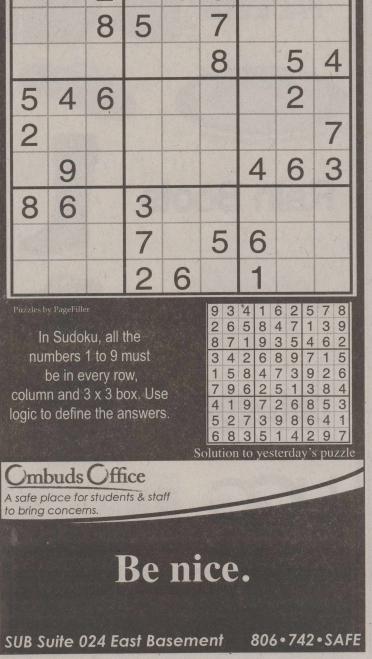
right now, Tuberville knows there will be some nerves to begin Sunday's game.

"I've been in this business 30 years," Tuberville said. "If you don't get a little nervous, then something's wrong with you. I'm more nervous for the players and what they're doing and if they can get it done. The big thing is we want to finish this game and play as well as we can. This won't be the best game we play all year.

"It'll be a very big learning experience for us and we'll take it and learn from it each week."

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workers settle deal

controlled by Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones have paid out about \$10 million to the two employees seriously injured in the 2009 collapse of the team's practice facility, the attorney for the pair said Monday.

Attorney Frank Branson said the payments in cash and other benefits to team scout Rich Behm and special teams coach Joe DeCamillis totaled about \$5 million each. The payments settle lawsuits the two brought against Cowboys Center Ltd. and Blue Star Development Co.; Cowboys Center owned the steel and fabric facility as well as the land on which it stood.

Behm was paralyzed from the waist down and DeCamillis suffered a broken vertebrae when the building collapsed in a wind storm on May 2, 2009. Both still work for the team, which wasn't sued.

Branson also disclosed that a previous settlement with the builder, Summit Structures LLC of Allentown, Pa., paid Behm \$19.5 million and DeCamillis \$4.5 million.

"Based on what these men and their families have been through, it would be hard for anybody to say there's too much money to give them," Branson said.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the team had no com-

Behm and DeCamillis filed identi-

DALLAS (AP) — Companies cal lawsuits last August alleging gross negligence on the part of Summit and its Canadian parent, Cover-All Building Systems Inc. They added the Jones companies as defendants in March, making the claim that the entities knew, or should have known, that the facility had structural issues that made it hazardous.

Despite the allegations detailed in the lawsuits, the relationship between the two Cowboys employees and the team has remained positive, Branson said.

"The Cowboys have been supportive of Rich and Joe from Day One, and Rich and Joe have remained supportive of the Cowboys,"

A lawsuit filed by the Cowboys alleging professional malpractice, fraud and misrepresentation by Summit and Cover-All is still pending in federal court.

Cover-All is in receivership after filing for protection under Canadian bankruptcy laws in March. The company later issued a safety warning saying it had reason to believe that some of its buildings may not meet building codes for wind and snow.

In a report released last October, the National Institute of Standards and Technology said the Cowboys' facility collapsed in winds of 55 mph to 65 mph, far less than the 90 mph wind speed specified by engineering standards.

Two hurt Cowboys Tech soccer off to record start after beginning its season 4-0

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

A 2-0 victory against Rice on Sunday night is more historical than it may seem at first glance. The Texas Tech soccer team is now 4-0 on the season — the best start in the history of the program.

Although the season is still just two weeks old, Tech's season-opening four-game win streak is the culmination of months of training.

"It all started last spring with the tremendous commitment that our upperclassmen put into their spring and summer," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "Then all the freshmen came in early, showing a tremendous effort to get a headstart on the season."

In their four games, the Red Raiders have outscored opponents 11-0, scoring at least two goals in each game. Senior goalkeeper Colleen Pitts earned each victory, and the Red Raider defense has now gone 420 minutes without conceding a goal dating back to November.

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tions.

One of the concepts Stone said I think her play he stresses to his team has just been one is playing defense that has kind of the entire length of set the bar for us the field. pretty high and Every player on the that's what you pitch needs to be a good need out of your defender, and not just captain. stick to the strict defi-

> **TOM STONE** TEXAS TECH SOCCER COACH

said. Losing tacking midfielder Taylor Ly- to teams who aren't favored to win can really strike a blow to the season, he said, but luckily the Red Raiders have emerged on top each game.

you need out of your captain."

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While the best start in Tech history is nice from a historical aspect, Stone said his team is more concerned about the

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start, but how it reflects on the past is not something we really are looking at but how it affects our future," Stone said. "We knew we had to get off to a good start because the Big 12 is so

shutout streak intact this week-"Oh we're excited about the end when it travels to South Bend, Ind. to take on Ole Miss and No. 4 Notre Dame in the Saint Mary's Soccer Classic.

> The Red Raiders will play Ole Miss at 4 p.m. on Friday before taking on host Notre Dame at

Clijsters advances to US Open 2nd Round

NEW YORK (AP) — Defending champion Kim Clijsters briefly lost her step on a windy day before recovering in time to win her 15th straight match at the U.S. Open.

The second-seeded Belgian beat Hungary's Greta Arn 6-0, 7-5 in the first round Monday. She fell behind 4-0 in the second set, and the 104thranked Arn had a chance to serve out the set at 5-4. But Clijsters got the break, then did it again to clinch the straight-set victory.

enough playing with the wind at her back early in the second set, waiting for the ball instead of moving up for it.

"She kind of put me under pressure a little bit where it should have been the other way around," she said.

A year ago, Clijsters was a wild-card entry in only her third tournament back after 21/2 years away from the sport. Now she's one of the favorites to win the Open.

Melanie Oudin and Francesca Schiavone also know how quickly perceptions can change. Oudin has struggled with higher expectations since her crowd-pleasing run to the U.S. Open quarterfinals last year. So has Schiavone after her breakthrough French Open title in June.

But neither showed any signs of the pressure in cruising to dominant first-round wins.

Oudin, the 18-year-old from Marietta, Ga., needed just 56 minutes to beat Olga Savchuk of Ukraine 6-3, 6-0. Schiavone, the Italian who won her first Grand Slam weeks before her 30th birthday, dispatched Ayumi Morita of Japan 6-1, 6-0 in 58 minutes.

If anything, Schiavone seems to be having fun in the spotlight. Asked why she's a fan favorite, she playfully replied, "I attract them because I'm beautiful."

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Schiavone acknowledged that maybe she's a bit more motivated at a Grand Slam than at other tournaments. Schiavone, seeded No. 6, had been just 3-6 since winning at Roland Garros. She lost in the first round at Wimbledon and dropped her opening match at three other tournaments. She was pleased that her first-round

match was in the grandstand — a year ago, she was relegated to an outer court.

"I like to do it, because adrenaline is coming up and I enjoy much more Clijsters said she wasn't aggressive than play in faraway court," she said with a laugh. "Maybe because I am 30 years old and now I want to enjoy with people."

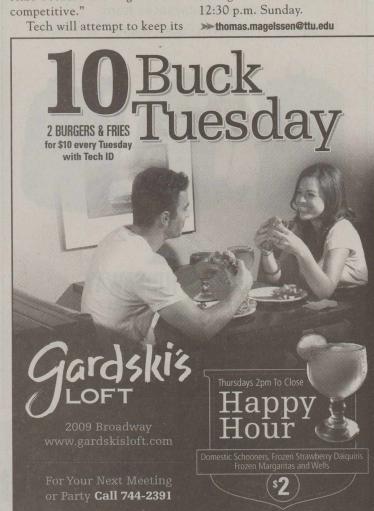
Fifth-seeded Sam Stosur of Australia, who lost to Schiavone in the French final, dropped her first set Monday before rallying to beat Elena Vesnina of Russia 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1.

Five-time winner Roger Federer was one of four past U.S. Open champions scheduled to play in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Monday, along with Andy Roddick, Venus Williams and Clijsters. Another previous winner, Lleyton Hewitt, was slated to be in Louis Armstrong Stadium.

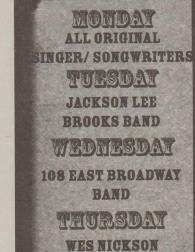
The ninth-seeded Roddick celebrated his 28th birthday by beating Stephane Robert of France 6-3,







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All we are saying is give Potts a chance

Less than a week from now Texas Tech football will finally take the field.

By now you've heard that the man taking the snaps, or perhaps we can even use the term under center now, will be senior Taylor

Let me be clear from the very beginning, this is not a "pro-Potts" column. It is not a "pro-Sheffield" column. I'm simply asking for cooler heads to prevail, at least until we've seen a few snaps.

I realize many of my colleagues already have given their take on this, but I wanted to wait and hear what Potts had to say before passing any judgment. For some reason, still unbeknownst to the general public, that opportunity didn't come until Monday, more than a week after the initial announcement.

"I was excited, but really the first thing that went through my mind was, this is just another job done, but now the real job starts," Potts said during Monday's press conference. "We have to win some ball games now."

They do have to win some ball games. That much is obvious, and if Potts doesn't win games we'll see what Steven Sheffield can do sooner rather than later. Coach Tommy Tuberville carefully made this clear multiple times during the offseason.

But he also made clear that he would like to have one starter. For now, that man is Potts.

This is causing more than enough angst among the Red Raider faithful. Sheffield was last season's darling. He energized both the team and the crowd when he



entered the game, and did so with charisma and candor off the field.

That's not Potts' style. He prefers to sit back in the pocket, and is more likely to let his actions on the field speak rather than firing everybody up. He has sported a beard that surely could have provided ample warmth for a small woodland mammal. He fully supported Sheffield when the quarterback formerly known as "Sticks" took his starting role;

His style isn't as flashy. His persona isn't as fan-friendly. But another thing Tuberville frequently articulated when asked about the starting quarterback battle was that he was looking for a leader. It would seem like this would make Sheffield the obvious choice, especially after the results he got out of last year's squad, yet here we are with Potts leading the team.

Not to say Potts' style is better or worse, but in a race that really 'seemed to be either quarterback's for the taking, an intangible like leadership really may have played the difference.

And it hasn't been long since everyone was extolling Potts' leadership skills.

Remember the Texas game last year? I realize many have tried to forget, but I'm sure you at least remember the lick Sergio Kindle delivered to Potts. How about the other hits he took during the game? Texas' front seven swarmed Potts like ants on a cartoon picnic

Monday Potts said his style was to treat people the right way and be there for everyone on the team, on or off the field.

"If they need help in a class, if they need a ride somewhere, if they need money, whatever it is," he said. "I want to be that guy that they can come to and can trust me and know that I am there for them at all times."

Aside from the fact that he'll probably soon be broke with that offer, that's who Potts is, and it's who Tuberville has selected to be

As I said, this isn't about being "for" Potts. It's about respecting the decision the coaching staff made and giving it a chance to work itself out on the field. If Potts doesn't play well, we'll see Sheffield on the field. If he does, the Red Raiders will have a great

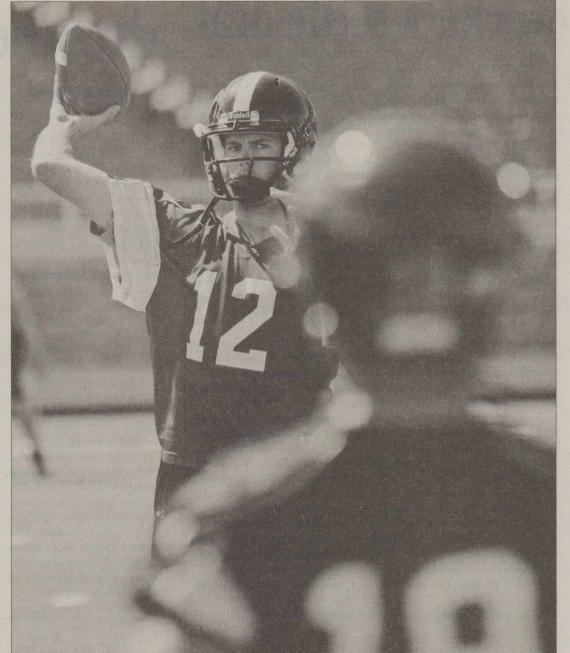
Potts or Sheffield, Sheffield or Potts — either put the Red Raiders in a great situation.

Perhaps it's Potts himself who put this situation in perspective

"No matter who is playing left guard or who is kicking, whoever it is we know we all have to play really well," he said, "and our main goal is to win a championship.

"So, it doesn't matter who plays, everyone has that same goal of winning a championship."

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TAYLOR POTTS WILL be the starting quarterback for Texas Tech when they play SMU

Foster emerges as top back for Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston day's preseason finale against into the Pro Bowl. He certainly

Foster has emerged as Houston's top running back at training camp. That's a hopeful sign for a team that ranked 30th in the league in on the school's all-time list. He the category last season (92.2 yards

running back Arian Foster wants Tampa Bay, a remarkable accomto get one of his offensive linemen plishment after he went undrafted last spring and spent most of last wouldn't turn down an invitation season on Houston's practice

The 6-foot-1, 227-pound Foster rushed for 2,964 yards in four seasons at Tennessee, second could've jumped to the NFL after his junior season, but opted to Foster capped an impressive stay in school, a decision he now

> The Vols went 5-7 in 2008. Foster rushed for only 570 yards

He was invited to play in the That's what you dream about. Senior Bowl after the season, but pulled a hamstring in the final practice before the game. Foster missed the NFL combine, and couldn't recover in time to impress scouts before the 2009 draft.

He spent the weekend of the draft in Arizona with family and friends, playing cards and golf while the teams made their picks. When he wasn't chosen, Foster virtually gave up hope he would ever play in the NFL.

"Initially, I was just distraught," he said. "As a little kid, you just want to get your name called. knocks, and he's kind of grown up."

That didn't happen, so I basically thought that my career was over. I really didn't know anything about the undrafted free agent process. I thought I was done.'

But teams did start calling, and the Texans saw enough potential to sign him.

"We saw a lot of talent in college," coach Gary Kubiak said. "There was some knocks (on him) coming out that were keeping him from being a drafted player. We took a chance on him, and we battled him last year with some of those



Horns name RB starter, McCoy to backup QB

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — I'm pulling for him." Cody Johnson, a pile-driving touchdown scorer Texas coaches thought would be a short-yardage specialist, is now the starting tailback for the direction plays the Longhorns fifth-ranked Longhorns for the used the last few seasons. season-opening game at Rice.

Whittaker when training camp started, Johnson bulled his way into the starting role by reporting in excellent shape, then dazzling coach Mack Brown in the Longhorns' commitment to a finding a tough, new running

and our guys don't like tackling him," Brown said Monday.

Johnson, a 5-foot-11, 250-pound junior, started one game and rushed for 335 yards and 12 touchdowns last season as Texas went 13-1 and played for the BCS championship. In his only start against Baylor, he ran for 109 yards and two touchdowns. Newton was Texas' leading rusher last season with 552 yards.

Johnson, who has struggled with conditioning and injuries, had a hamstring problem in spring drills. Brown said he had being a short-yardage back for his career.

'We said, 'That's OK, it looks like you've decided that's what you want,," Brown said. "You're really good at it and we're going to move on. And all of a sudden, we come back and all I hear is Cody, Cody, years. He's worked really hard. shirt Wood, Brown said.

Johnson's bullish running fits Texas' revamped running game that features more straightahead runs instead of the mis-

"He's come on really strong Considered the third option as of late," left tackle Kyle Hix behind Tre' Newton and Fozzy said. "He's not afraid to run people over.'

Brown said Johnson, Newton and Whittaker all will play against Rice.

Texas' two-deep depth chart includes 13 true freshmen from a recruiting class hailed as one of the best in the coun-"He's quick, he's powerful try. Freshmen Jackson Jeffcoat (end), Ashton Dorsey (tackle) and Reggie Wilson (end) all are expected to shore up depth on the defensive line. Linebacker Jordan Hicks, just the second player out of the state of Ohio to sign with Texas, is listed at No. 2 at weakside linebacker.

> Brown shrugged off any concerns that so many freshmen have pushed their way into playing time.

"It shows that we've recruited really well," Brown said.

Texas also named freshman Case McCoy, younger brother to two-time Heisman Trophy figured Johnson had settled into finalist Colt McCoy, as the No. 2 quarterback behind Garrett Gilbert. Case McCoy moved ahead of freshman Connor Wood after a good final scrimmage last week.

> "He handled the huddle and took care of the ball the best," Brown said.

If McCoy remains the top Cody. I've heard that for two backup, Texas will plan to red-



Stoops knows all too well the risks of starting a season against another powerhouse team.

Just picture Heisman Trophywinning quarterback Sam Bradford writhing in pain with a shoulder injury in the first half of the Sooners' season-opening loss to BYU last September.

"It's only good if you win and you don't get your quarterback hurt," Stoops said Monday. "It's high risk, and I think fairly low reward. ... You're not really rewarded for it as much as you used to be for playing a tough schedule. Pretty much everybody gets ranked in the column depending on wins and losses."

The seventh-ranked Sooners have a much easier opener this year. They are more than a fourtouchdown favorite to beat Utah State at home Saturday.

Every Big 12 team is favored to win its opener, with lopsided scores also expected from No. 5 Texas against Rice and eighthranked Nebraska over Western Kentucky, which has lost an NCAA-high 20 games in a row.

Kansas State is even a slight favorite at home over UCLA, which beat the Wildcats 23-9 last season in Los Angeles.

Wildcats coach Bill Snyder would prefer to play somebody

"I'm not a big fan of playing a nationally prominent program in the early stages. The conference schedule is tough enough," Snyder said during the Big 12 coaches' conference call. "Our preference is to open up with a schedule that you can build into your conference. ... When the conference schedule begins, it's going to be

(AP) — Oklahoma coach Bob eight weeks of very, very, very competitive football.'

> There are season-opening rivalry games at neutral sites for Missouri against Illinois in St. Louis and Colorado against Colorado State in Denver. But the Tigers and Buffaloes are both doubledigit favorites.

> Texas A&M (vs. Stephen F. Austin) and Baylor (vs. Sam Houston State) open against FCS teams while Turner Gill makes his Kansas debut at home against North Dakota State, a lower-division team that went 3-8 last season.

> "We're not concerned about who is the name of the opponent," Gill said. 'It really doesn't matter who the opponent is from our standpoint. We're trying to get going and get going in the right way."

> Things will be more difficult for Gill and the Jayhawks in Week 2 against 16th-ranked Georgia Tech, which played in the Orange Bowl last season.

> Iowa State begins its second season under coach Paul Rhoads as only a slight favorite at home Thursday night against Northern Illinois, a team filled with returning starters that is a favorite in the Mid-American Conference.

> 'We have a very, very challenging opener," Rhoads said. "When these schedules are done (in advance), who's to say who's going to be real good, or coming off this kind of season or that kind of season. You always play the first game as it arrives."

> Oklahoma State began the 2007 season with a three-touchdown loss at Georgia. In last year's opener at Stillwater, Okla., the ninth-ranked Cowboys beat No. 13 Georgia by two touch-

Fewer risks for Big US edges Brazil 70-68

ISTANBUL (AP) — The shot bounced off the back rim, then the front, then finally fell out.

With that, the United States walked off the court with a victory, and another warning: A world championship won't come easily for this young team — if it comes at all.

The Americans survived their first tough test in Turkey, edging Brazil 70-68 on Monday when Leandro Barbosa's

shot rattled out at the buzzer. "This game right here was an eye opener," U.S. guard Derrick Rose said.

Kevin Durant scored 27 points and Chauncey Billups added 15 for the Americans (3-0), who essentially clinched Group B with the victory. But they have bigger goals than a group championship, trying to end a 16-year U.S. drought in this event.

This U.S. team has to do without Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and all the other players who led the Americans to the gold medal in the 2008 Olympics, and those guys never needed breaks at the buzzer.

"We know that teams are really coming in here to try to win this tournament and we're here to do the same," said Rose, the only other U.S. player in double figures with 11 points.

After the Americans trailed most of the first 21/2 quarters, Lamar Odom's dunk with 7:14 left put them ahead 64-62. But they couldn't build on the lead during a tense final few minutes, and Brazil had two chances to send the

Following a miss by Billups, Brazil got the ball and Marcelo Huertas was fouled on a drive to the basket with 3.5 seconds remaining. He missed the first free throw and then the second intentionally, tracking it down in the corner and firing it underneath to Barbosa, who lofted a shot over Kevin Love, only to have it bounce off the back and front of the rim.

"I thought it was going to in, but it's OK," Barbosa said. "I think we did a great job, it was a great game. I don't think the USA knew that we could cause problems for them and we did it."

Barbosa finished with 14 points after a strong start for Brazil (2-1). Marcus Vinicius scored 16, and Tiago Splitter had 13 points and 10 rebounds while battling foul trouble in the second half.

With NBA big men Nene, Anderson Varejao and Splitter, Brazil was considered one of the teams with enough size to topple the undersized Americans. Nene had to pull out with an injury and Varejao sat out again while continuing to rest a sprained right ankle, so the Brazilians turned to a speed game to lead for much of the game.

They just couldn't finish the upset, leaving the Americans needing only a victory over Iran or Tunisia, the bottom two teams in Group B, or another Brazil loss to earn the top seed from the group and three full days off before meeting the No. 4 seed from Group A on Sept. 6.

The Americans have plenty to work on before worrying about that, after needing a huge night from Durant and 31 minutes from Billups, the old man of the team at 33 who had their only basket in the final 6:50.

"I knew that in the first half that this was going to be a fourth-quarter game, a last two- or three-minute game, and I was preparing myself to just be ready," Billups said.

Nowhere was the difference between this team and its predecessor more apparent than in the matchup with Barbosa. When the teams last met, in their 2007 Olympic qualifier, Barbosa entered as the tournament's leading scorer before Bryant led a defensive effort that held him to four points on 1-of-7 shooting in an easy U.S. win.

There's no defenders like Bryant here, and Barbosa took advantage in the first quarter by making two 3-pointers and scoring eight points. Brazil made 12 of its first 16 shots in the period and its first four 3-pointers, streaks that were snapped when Barbosa was just short on a half-court heave at the buzzer, leaving them with a 28-22 lead.

Brazil extended its lead to eight early in the second quarter and was still up seven midway through the period, but with Splitter on the bench with two fouls, and Barbosa and Alex Garcia joining him, the Americans cut it to one a couple of times.

Splitter's dunk sent the Brazilians to the half with a 46-43 advantage.

The Americans finally grabbed the lead midway through the third, extending it to 61-55 after consecutive baskets by Durant. Barbosa scored the final four points of the period, though, and pulled Brazil within two heading to the fourth.

The crowd grew solidly behind the underdogs, cheering loudly for Brazil baskets and booing loudly when a small "U-S-A!" chant broke out in

Brazil is coached by Ruben Magnano, who guided Argentina to victories over the U.S. in the 2002 worlds and 2004 Olympics, when the Argentines won gold. He nearly authored another upset, as players on both teams thought Barbosa's shot was going in.

"I had Durant right in front of me, I couldn't see," Huertas said. "I was in the corner but I saw the ball tipped on both sides of the rim and went out. It was a big disappointment."

U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski used his reserves liberally in the first two games, but gave much longer runs to the starters Monday after the backups were ineffective during their

Billups, who played in the 2007 victory over Brazil, thought it was good for his young teammates to have a close game so soon.

"We came out victorious, but for the young guys, just know how thin of a line it is. Possessions, turnovers, things like that that we talk about," he said. "Now they can see it."

TBS drops appeal of \$281M judgment over teams

ATLANTA (AP) — Turner Broadcasting System has dropped its appeal of a judge's order that required the company to pay a Texas businessman \$281 million over the sale of the Atlanta Hawks and Thrashers.

David McDavid accused the company of cheating him out of buying the pro basketball and hockey teams and Philips Arena's operating rights in 2003. A jury granted him the award in December 2008 and Georgia courts have

twice upheld it.

Turner spokeswoman Misty Skedgell said "in the interest of bringing this seven-year-long matter to a conclusion, we have chosen to resolve it through a settlement." She would not say whether the

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