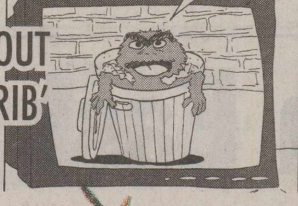


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STATE

Jury struggling in terror-financing trial

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas trial of a charity accused of financing Middle Eastern terrorists took a twist Wednesday when jurors indicated that a member of the panel was refusing to vote.

Jurors in the case against the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development were called back into the courtroom of U.S. District Judge A. Joe Fish, who told panelists they had a duty to try to reach a decision.

The judge ordered jurors to resume their deliberations, which were in their ninth full day after a two-month trial.

NATION

Landslide destroys home

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A landslide swept away a chunk of an upscale hilltop neighborhood Wednesday, destroying a home, damaging five others and opening up a 50-yard chasm in a four-lane road.

Forty-six homes in the La Jolla neighborhood were evacuated but no one was hurt in the collapse, which occurred the morning after city officials warned residents of four homes not to sleep in them because the land might give way.

WORLD

3,000 workers trapped in gold mine

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — About 3,000 miners were trapped underground Wednesday when a water pipe burst and probably caused a shaft to collapse in a South African gold mine, union officials said.

An official with Harmony Gold's Elandsrand Mine near Johannesburg said company would be able to evacuate the trapped workers over the next 24 hours.

Harmony's acting chief executive, Graham Briggs, said on MSNBC that officials have been in contact with the trapped workers and have been sending them food and water.

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President Bush vetos child health bill

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush cast a quiet veto Wednesday against a politically attractive expansion of children's health insurance, triggering a struggle with the Democratic-controlled Congress certain to reverberate into the 2008 elections.

"Congress will fight hard to override President Bush's heartless veto," vowed Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Republican leaders expressed confidence they have enough votes to make the veto stick in the House, and not a single senior Democrat disputed them. A two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress is required to override a veto.

Bush vetoed the bill in private, absent the television cameras and other media coverage that normally attend even routine presidential actions. The measure called for adding an estimated four million mostly lower-income children to a program

that currently covers 6.6 million. Funds for the expansion would come from higher tobacco taxes, including a 61-cent increase on a pack of cigarettes.

"Poor kids first," Bush said later in explaining his decision, reflecting a concern that some of the bill's benefits would go to families at higher incomes. "Secondly, I believe in private medicine, not the federal government running the health care system," he added in remarks to an audience in Lancaster, Pa.

The president said he is willing to compromise with Congress "if they need a little more money in the bill to help us meet the objective of getting help for poor children."

It was the fourth veto of Bush's presidency, at a time his popularity is low, the legislation popular enough to draw support from dozens of GOP lawmakers, and an override certain to seal his lame-duck status.

Democratic leaders scheduled the showdown for Oct. 18 to allow two weeks for pressure to build on

Republicans. A union-led organization said it would spend more than \$3 million trying to influence the outcome. "It's going to be a hard vote for Republicans," promised Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Criticism of the veto was instantaneous, from every quarter of the Democratic political firmament.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, a presidential hopeful, called it unconscionable, party chairman Howard

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NOT PICTURED ABOVE: Agnes Largier, a teaching assistant from France tells her story of travels and tribulations in her life.

International student reunites with Tech after travels across the state

By ELLIOTT COCHRAN
STAFF WRITER

Agnes Largier was born and raised in France, but took a trip to America as a teenager that cultivated a strong interest in American culture, which led her to Texas Tech.

Largier made her first trip to the U.S. in 1995, making stops in Philadelphia, Vermont and Washington D.C.

She returned in 2000 to visit New York and decided shortly thereafter to attempt taking col-

lege classes in the U.S.

Largier said she heard about traveling to different countries to study abroad in high school, but traveling to the U.S. was not as easy as traveling to other countries.

"They had all the positions you wanted in England, Ireland and all in the UK; it was very easy, but if you wanted to go to the U.S., it was a little more difficult," she said. "They wouldn't advertise it at all, and you had to be enrolled in a master's program at the university. Some people

have told me because the university I went to is really left-wing; it's actually where they started the May '68 revolution."

Diane Wood, graduate advisor for the French program at Tech, as well as an instructor Largier assists, said May of 1968 was a reaction to worldwide protest and pretension of social disheartenment, including the Vietnam war.

"In France, it was a protest against the

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Students host free health fair in East Lubbock

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Students from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will host a free health fair today to bring inexpensive health care to Lubbock residents.

The School of Medicine's student chapters of the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Student Association will operate the health fair, providing free diabetes and blood pressure screenings.

"We'll be having several health booths," said Steven Alred, a second-year medical student from Odessa and vice president of Tech's

TMA chapter. "We'll be taking blood pressure and blood glucose levels."

The health fair also will include information on topics like smoking cessation, healthy eating and bicycle safety for children, according to a press release from the HSC.

"We'll be handing out free bicycle helmets to kids," Alred said. "There will be a lot of fun activities and games for kids. There's definitely a part geared toward children, and there's a part geared toward parents or adults."

The TMA students primarily will work with adults, while AMSA students will work with children, said

Ekta Saheba, a second-year medical student from El Paso and president of Tech's AMSA chapter.

"We're going to be using fun activities to raise awareness for children," Saheba said. "We'll have jelly beans in a jar, and they'll have to guess the calories. We'll have a bean-bag toss; they'll have to throw the bean bags through the holes to make a well-rounded, balanced meal."

The fair also will have fitness booths to teach children how to stay in shape and a hand washing booth to teach them how to get their hands clean.

Alred said hosting a health fair is

not a new experience for this group of students.

"We try to do at least one health fair a year," he said. "This one is at a grocery store to target more people."

The health fair will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the United Supermarkets located at 2630 Parkway Drive in East Lubbock, according to the press release.

"The medical school isn't in that part of town," Saheba said. "Usually when we go out into the community, we stay fairly close to the medical school, so that area of town is being ignored a little bit."

Another reason to do the health

fair in East Lubbock is that residents in that area might not be able to receive proper health care if it was not provided free of charge, Alred said.

"We selected the United grocery store on the east side because it was targeted as an area of need, an area with low health care," he said. "That side of town is more impoverished than some other areas. With impoverishment comes a lack of insurance; with a lack of insurance comes generally poorer health."

Saheba said the AMSA students do not know what to expect from the health fair, but they are hoping for positive results.

"We have certain expectations, but we're not really sure what will happen," she said. "We just hope we can do our jobs and raise awareness of various health care concerns."

Alred said this sentiment is in the hearts of most medical students.

"As medical students, we hope to make a difference when we graduate from medical school," he said. "But if we've got the ability, it's also important to try to make a difference while we're in medical school."

A representative of the United Supermarkets store hosting the event declined to comment at press time.

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Hospitality Services offers fresh choices for students

BY CHASE YORK
STAFF WRITER

The Fresh Plate Food Emporium is officially open for business in the Texas Tech Bledsoe/Gordon residence dining hall.

According to a Tech Hospitality Services press release, approximately \$950,000 was spent to renovate the dining hall facility, which Hospitality services personnel said had not been renovated in more than 20 years.

"It was outdated, and it wasn't providing the type of service it needed to provide," Sam Bennett, director of hospitality services said. "It just needed an overall face lift."

The dining hall was gutted in spring 2007, and the installation of new kitchen equipment, tables, chairs, carpet and paint was completed in August.

Hospitality Services Associate Director David Deason said the dining hall, originally a traditional cafeteria, now has designated food stations and has maintained its "all-you-care-to-eat" model, which has had a positive response from students.

According to the press release, the menu rotates on a daily basis, and all meal options are prepared to



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THE FRESH PLATE Food Emporium has its grand opening October 1-5 in the Bledsoe/Gordon Residence Dining Hall.

order on-site. Menu items include Mexican, Italian, Asian, grilled and home-style dishes, as well as salads, fruit and deserts.

Hospitality Services is celebrating the grand opening of The Fresh Plate Food Emporium with giveaways in

Memorial Circle and a drawing for an iPod Shuffle.

Tech students also can meet Raider Red today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the dining hall.

The Fresh Plate is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days

a week. Lunch and dinner meals cost approximately \$7.45 and are discounted on resident, faculty, staff member and commuter meal plans. For more information visit www.depts.ttu.edu/hospitality.

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Bush says US could talk with Iran

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — President Bush warned Wednesday of a nuclear-armed Iran but did not rule out that the United States would negotiate with its provocative leader if he gives up his suspected nuclear weapons ambitions.

Bush said it's important for the United States to stay engaged in neighboring Iraq to convince the Iranians that the U.S. is committed to democratic reform in the region. "There would be nothing worse for world peace than if the Iranians be-

lieved that the United States did not have the will and commitment to help young democracies survive," Bush told businessmen and women after a talk on government spending.

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— PRESIDENT BUSH

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Bush, who has threatened to veto 9 of 12 annual appropriations bills, wants the GOP to be seen as the party of fiscal disciplinarians. Democrats, however, say the billions spent on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan dwarf the far smaller increases they want in domestic programs.

Bush said the five-year budget proposed by the Democratic leadership of Congress would increase spending by \$205 billion over five years.

"All these programs sound wonderful," he said. "Except how are you going to pay for it? ... And the answer is raising taxes."

The president's motorcade wound through cornfields and tidy neighborhoods on its way to a warehouse, owned by The Jay Group, a marketing firm. About 70 pro- and anti-Bush demonstrators stood outside.

Nick Meley, a 52-year-old contractor from Columbia, held a sign calling Bush the "worst president ever."

"Do I need to say Iraq? Every part of that, from the beginning to where we are now, has been mistake after mistake after mistake," he said.

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Tech police trained as first responders

By **ADAM YOUNG**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech police officers and emergency medical services responded Wednesday to a student who had a seizure in the Physics and Geosciences Building.

Rick Loper, a guard with the Tech Police Department who was at the science building at the time of the seizure, said three Tech police officers and an ambulance responded to the call.

He said the student was transported to a local hospital.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said Tech police officers respond to medical emergencies on campus and are trained to perform CPR and other first-aid techniques.

"If it's something the EMS can handle, they'll usually be there within a minute or two, and we usually let them deal with it," he said. "But if it was a life saving thing, we would do whatever is in our power to help."

Along with providing medical assistance, Hoffman said Tech police respond to medical emergencies to

document the incident.

"If it's something minor, then we probably won't make a full report," he said. "If a person hurts themselves by tripping on a curb, or a piece of steel or something that may put the university in a responsible position, then we'd want to have documentation on it."

Steve Bryant, managing director of the Office of Risk Management at Tech, said campus police typically respond to calls in less than two minutes from anywhere on campus.

"We want our faculty and staff to call 9-911 because it's the fastest way to get the right trained people on scene," Bryant said.

Adrianna Fletcher, communications supervisor with Tech police, said all 911 calls from land-line phones on the Tech campus are directed to the campus police department.

If someone calls 911 from his or her cell phone, Fletcher said the call will be directed to the Lubbock Police Department, where it is either referred to EMS or transferred to the Tech police call center.

If campus police or EMS are not on the scene, Bryant said one tool

that can be used during a medical emergency are automated external defibrillators, which are located in several buildings on the Tech campus including the Student Union Building and the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

He said defibrillators give victims with sudden cardiac arrest a calculated electrical shock.

"Our goal is to have a response time of four minutes from the time of the incident to the first shock because that dramatically increases the survival rate in sudden cardiac arrest," he said.

Bryant said he is familiar with only one incident when a defibrillator was used on the Tech campus since they initially were installed in 2003.

"Unfortunately that individual did not survive," he said. "However, his condition was not a sudden cardiac arrest. It was an artery burst, and it was something that could not be helped by a defibrillator."

Bryant said he does not believe the defibrillator contributed to the individual's death and that defibrillators are a safe method of saving a

person's life.

"These things are virtually idiot proof," he said. "If you put them on a person whose heart is beating normally, all it will do is tell you it's analyzing rhythm, and it will never get to a point where it would allow a shock."

Bryant said Tech faculty and staff members are given the option of receiving defibrillator and CPR training through the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, which organize training sessions through the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at Tech.

"Anyone that wants to be a responder can be trained," he said. "It's typically employees that are located around the defibrillators, but it could be anybody in the building or across the street because we don't limit who can be trained."

Hoffman said all eight of the Tech police department's marked patrol vehicles are equipped with a defibrillator, and every officer is trained to operate the device.

Bryant said the approximate cost of \$1,800 per each of the approxi-



PHOTO BY WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador

AN UNIDENTIFIED TEXAS Tech student is taken to University Medical Center after a medical emergency Wednesday morning at the geosciences building.

mately 94 defibrillators deployed throughout the Tech campus, the Tech Health Sciences Center and satellite campuses in Amarillo, Odessa and El Paso is insignificant compared to their benefit.

"It's our conviction that if one life is saved through the use of an AED, then the investment in dollars and cents, no matter how great, is worth it," he said.

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Bus fare increases 25 percent over lost funding

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock residents using the bus may need to cash in some change to afford the ride.

Shannon Garrett, director of legislative affairs and marketing for Citibus, said bus fares will be raised 25 percent in order to compensate for a lack of funds.

"We lost federal operating assistance due to the urbanized area going over 200,000 in population," she said. "This was the last year that we would get any federal operation assistance, so we were asking for more money from the city."

The city gave Citibus about \$1.7 million, which Garrett said was less than she hoped for. In ad-

dition to city funding, city council members asked Citibus officials to raise fares.

Garrett said city officials had many options when dealing with the funding issue, including giving Citibus the full amount requested, increasing fares, cutting all 30-minute services during peak hours or eliminating Saturday or night-ride services.

She said while raising the fare prices was not ideal, she is glad no services are to be cut.

"We certainly did not want to cut service," she said. "We feel for a city this size any more service cuts would have been detrimental; we kind of see this as the lesser of evils."

Floyd Price, city councilman for

District 2, said in a 4/3 vote on the issue, he was one of the dissenting votes.

"Poor people don't have a voice," he said. "Several people from the poor community pleaded with us not to raise fares, and it seems like it fell on deaf ears."

Price said if Citibus had received the full amount requested from the city, homeowners would have paid an additional \$6 a year on property taxes.

"If I own a home, I can afford an additional \$6," he said. "Some of these poor people only have \$37 a month to live on."

Price said some people rely on the bus as their only transportation, and he fears raising fares will hinder people from getting

to work.

He said he believes local businesses could be hurt in the long run when employees cannot afford to ride the bus any longer.

Several attempts were made to contact other city council members.

Garrett said there were few protestors at the two public hearings Citibus hosted.

"The majority of people that spoke at public hearings were in support of a fare increase instead of service cuts," she said. "I think that they're happy the service is not being cut, but I think the fare increase will affect them because many of these people are working minimum wage jobs."

Taylor Hutcherson, Student

Government Association external vice president, said because Tech holds a separate contract with Citibus, Tech students will not be affected by the increase in fares.

Students are able to ride any Citibus route in town at no charge when they show their Tech ID.

"What we paid Citibus pretty much covers the cost of those routes," he said.

Hutcherson said he does not expect student transportation fees to rise in the near future.

Senior citizens, disabled persons and individuals on Medicare are required to pay only half the cost of regular fares to ride the buses.

The new charges will take effect Nov. 5.

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Duck-billed dinosaur discovered in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

— The world, it seems, was its salad bar.

Scientists are amazed at the chomping ability of a newly described duck-billed dinosaur. The herbivore's powerful jaw, more than 800 teeth and compact skull meant that no leaf, branch or bush would have been safe, they say.

"It really is like the Arnold Schwarzenegger of dinosaurs — it's all pumped up," said Scott Sampson, curator of the Utah Museum of Natural History.

The newly named Gryposaurus monumentensis, or hook-beaked lizard from the monument, was discovered near the Arizona line in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 2002 by a volunteer at the site.

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When I was in elementary school, Nintendo, Kris Kross and those Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle cream pies were mainstream commodities.

Guitar Hero, YouTube and fantasy football were non-existent, so it was easy to make the decision to go outside and play.

Aside from the fact I crept around late at night, while my parents slept, to watch episodes of HBO's "Real Sex" (apparently a precursor of things to come in my life) I participated in the normal outdoor activities children in my heyday were interested in.

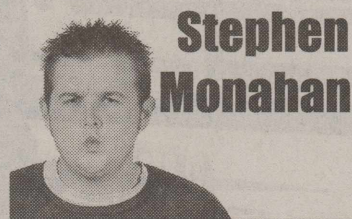
Pretending to be one of my favorite sports figures (Dickie Thon, Oil Can Boyd and Emmitt Smith) while throwing some type of ball around, bicycle racing up and down the street, and leaving flaming, doody-filled paper sacks on unsuspecting neighbors' porches and running away after ringing the doorbell, were some of my favorite pastimes as a child.

But, as I grew older and moved into intermediate/middle school, I became disinterested with such activities. Tinker toys, Transformers and Lincoln Logs were no longer "cool."

"Mortal Kombat," Ace of Base and the series of "Madden" video games became the norm, while my interest in going outside to play ball with my friends began to fade (I started to notice my body changing because of this).

Sitting on my butt for hours became a habit, but as my body changed I knew I needed to keep myself active. I just didn't want partake in outdoor activities to do it.

Now I am a soon-to-be graduate (I beat the odds) with just one regret — that I didn't get my pot-bellied tushy outside more often (I wish being large still represented power and wealth, but college has removed the wealth part of that statement, so I



Stephen Monahan

can't bring it back).

But if I could bring something back, I would choose activities involving more than just myself looking at nude pics of Rosie O'Donnell.

I would bring back childhood games that don't require balls (not a pun), sidewalk chalk or any other prop. Instead, these just require a group of people and walking space (because for some of us, running is too daunting a task).

1. Duck, Duck, Goose: This childhood classic consists of sitting on your bum — but it's active nonetheless.

I remember particularly "goosing" the cute girls in my class so I could purposely run slow and let them get within tag's reach of me. I then impeded my forward progress by discontinuing the movement of my legs so these fine females with missing teeth would bowl over on top of me, and then we'd have that touching romantic movie moment, but she was usually too grossed out by boys and our "cooties" to lean in for a peck on the cheek (I believe this flirtatious tactic is better than Facebook poking, anyway).

2. I-spy: "I spy large jugs." That would be something I'd say now-a-days if my friends and I were playing this game at a local grocery store. Usually this game includes spying different colors, so I don't believe red is a smart choice at a Texas Tech football game (where you shouldn't be playing anyway unless Tech is up against that one team from College Station that loves farm animals. They should make a song about them entitled "Things that make

you go Moo").

3. Red Rover: Now that I think about it, this game was a harbinger for high school cliques (or college fraternities and sororities, pick your poison) because the buck-toothed ginger boy or "Smelly Shelley" were usually the last ones to be called over. The "rover line" knew that person couldn't break through, so if he or she failed, they didn't have to hold their sweaty, booger-laden hands because the game was over.

4. Chinese Freeze Tag: I don't recall the history of why this game was dubbed "Chinese," but regardless, it took precedence over its American counterpart — freeze tag.

For those who don't recall the rules, it's just like freeze tag, but to unfreeze someone you had to crawl between their legs. I can't tell you how much I loved playing this game when Susie wore her flowery sun dress (man, children were such perverts back in the day, so I'm ecstatic to learn that they grow into mature adults when they arrive at college and begin to write columns for their campus newspaper).

5. Red Light, Green Light: This game didn't have cameras in place taking pictures of those who kept running after the moderator yelled "red light," but it sure was fun to see them tripping over themselves and face-planting when they couldn't stop immediately.

Perhaps introducing a "yellow light" command could have alleviated kids from meeting the ground with their face, but running in slow-motion wouldn't be as entertaining.

So if you want to help me bring these back, then "Red Rover, Red Rover let those comments come over."

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A look into the consequences of ink

By **CONOR SHAPIRO**
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(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — Every day we are judged. From the moment we walk into work, school or any other establishment, people judge us. Our life experiences often generate preconceived notions and stereotypes that encompass these judgments. We only know what we've learned and experienced.

Some people are able to transcend their outlooks and view individuals objectively, while others let discrimination and stereotypes cloud their viewpoints.

Whether it comes from the clothes we wear or our facial expressions, people evaluate one another through a variety of appearance traits. These unverified opinions are often unfounded and entirely fallacious. Yet every once in a while they turn out to be absolutely prescient, such as when leasing apartments to tenants with tattoos. People get tattoos for a plethora of reasons. When a person chooses to permanently mark their skin, that decision carries consequences. Some will view the expression as beautiful artwork, while others will think it's completely unsophisticated and a blatant contempt to their body.

The point of getting a tattoo makes a statement. But the statement is always subject to interpretation, and it's not always favorable. Some San Antonio apartment complexes are refusing to lease to people with significant body art. One pair of victims, Gilbert Carrillo and his wife Melissa, are thoroughly disappointed with this apparent discrimination.

"For them to be so judgmental on a person's appearance, and for them to judge someone based on them having a tattoo is just ridiculous, you know," said Melissa Carrillo, according to WOAI TV.

No, it's not. My father, a real estate developer, has previously owned apartment complexes in the Phoenix area and often

did the leasing himself. "All things being equal, I'd prefer to rent to people without tattoos than people with them — granted I had the flexibility to make that kind of choice," Mark Shapiro said.

Why? Having more than 25 years of rental property experience, he's seen his share of tattooed residents create remarkable damage to units.

"A tenant can rent a unit for \$500 per month with a \$200 deposit, and in one month can disappear and cause over \$10,000 worth in damages," Shapiro said. "As an observant owner, I make adjustments to my leasing based on previous experiences. Not all people with tattoos are bad tenants, but it would be untrue to state that visible tattoos don't immediately raise a red flag."

A whopping 36 percent of young adults aged 18-25 have a minimum of one tattoo according to a 2006 Pew Research Center poll. Of the 36 percent with tattoos, 17 percent regret getting them. In an age of acting on impulse, greater weight should be placed on semi-permanent decisions — especially when those decisions can affect a young person's living situation.

Denying rent to prospective tenants with tattoos isn't illegal. "Refusing to rent to somebody because they have tattoos may be unfair, but it's not discrimination under the Fair Housing Act, unless the tattoos are specific to the person's religion or national origin," said Sandy Tamez of the San Antonio Fair Housing Council, according to WOAI. As long as all races, genders and religions are respected, owners have a reasonable amount of discretion toward whom they rent to.

Landlords are in the business to make money, while supplying a safe and comfortable place to live. An apartment business' success relies solely on the decency of the tenants comprising it. The manager must lease based exclusively on the character of the individual, of which they generally

know little about. Therefore, appearance, body language and competency are scrutinized.

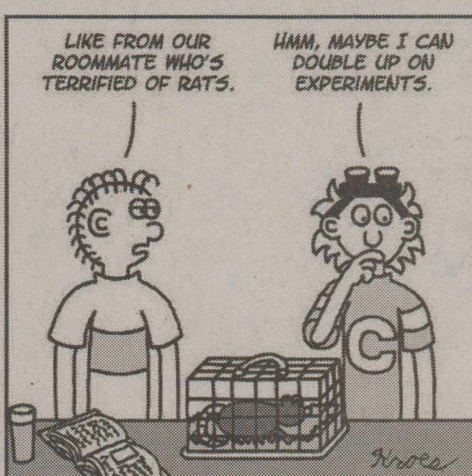
Is it appalling, justifying discrimination? Maybe.

Is it intelligent screening? Perhaps.

The supposition that all people with tattoos are bad tenants is obviously false. However, it would be unfair to disallow owners the discretion to rent to whom they prefer (as long as anti-discriminatory laws are upheld).



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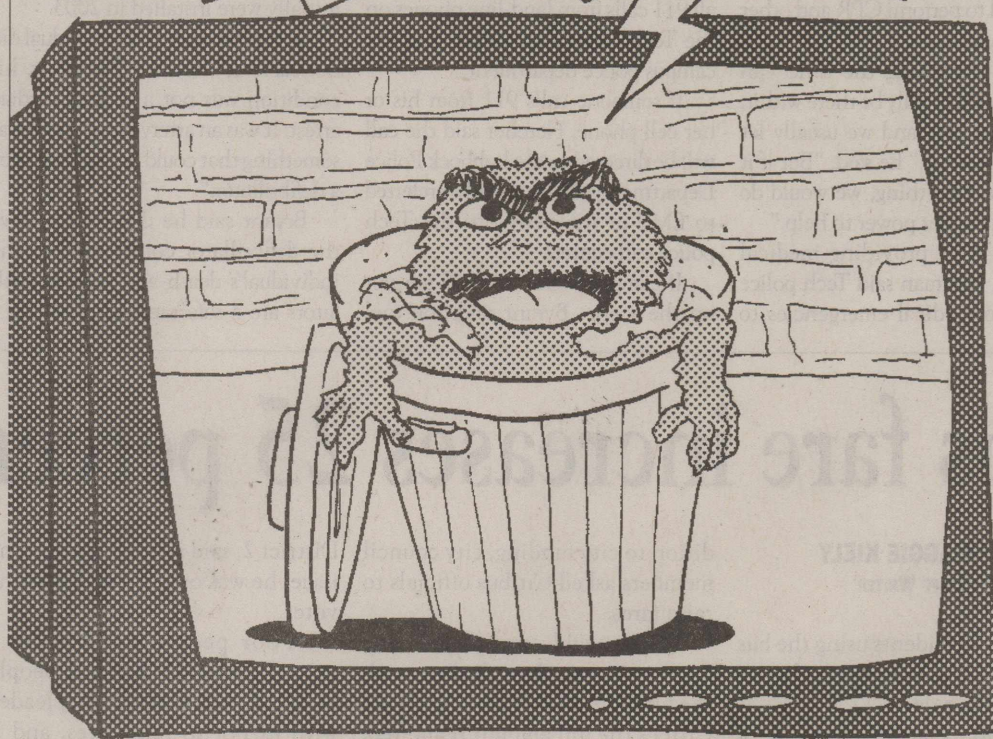
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'Skanks and football' column offensive

Is Your Name Perez Hilton? I'm writing in regards to Britney Drumm's "Skanks and Football" column in the Oct. 3 issue of The Daily Toreador.

First, I find the term "skank" insulting to me and the rest of the loyal Raider fans. I get to the game hours before the gate even opens so I can be in the front row cheering for my team. It's hot, and if I want to wear a denim skirt, I'm going to.

As Red Raiders, we pride ourselves on tradition and diversity. We may bleed red and black, but why criticize someone for wearing a pink or lime green shirt that proudly supports our school? At least they're at the game.

I'll agree that low cut tops, high heels or dresses may not be the wisest of wardrobe choices for a game, but who cares? It's one thing if these girls are flashing the football players or stumbling down the bleachers, but they aren't.

You can dislike the outfits all you want, but unless you have a degree in fashion or your name is Perez Hilton, I don't think you have the jurisdiction to give fashion advice.

Instead of wasting your time counting "skanky" outfits or writing about them, write about something that really matters and will make a difference here in Raiderland.

The fact our student section finds it amusing to butcher the school song while on national television is the real embarrassment and deserves more journalistic attention than your fashion advice.

Wesley Polk, sophomore public relations major from Abilene

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Ohio legislator shows nude image at high school lecture

NORWALK, Ohio (AP) — A state legislator surprised a high school class when the computer he was using projected a photo of a nude woman during a lecture on how a bill becomes a law.

State Rep. Matthew Barrett was giving a civics lesson Tuesday when he inserted a data memory stick into the school computer and the projected image of a topless woman appeared instead of the graphics presentation he had downloaded.

Police interviewed Barrett and

school officials and seized the data memory stick and the computer to determine where the image came from, a state highway patrol spokesman said.

Barrett said there were a few snickers from the approximately 20 students in the senior government class at Norwalk High School when the image appeared. He said he immediately pulled the memory stick out of the computer.

The legislator said he finished his lecture using printouts and then met

with the school's principal and technology staff, who examined the stick. He said the school's technology director determined the stick had a directory of nude images in addition to Barrett's presentation on civics lessons.

"I have no idea where these came from," the Democrat said.

Barrett said the data memory stick was a gift he received about three weeks ago from a legislative liaison from the state Library of Ohio.

Man accused of fleeing police while riding lawnmower

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A man accused of drunken driving tried to outrun the police but his vehicle wasn't up to the task.

Michael Ginevan of Bunker Hill was driving a riding lawnmower on Runnymede Road about a mile from his home when a Berkeley County sheriff's deputy attempted to pull him over. Ginevan, 39, allegedly sped away and Deputy J.H. Jenkins

stopped his cruiser and gave chase on foot, according to magistrate court records.

Jenkins caught up to the lawnmower after a short chase but Ginevan allegedly wouldn't stop so the deputy pulled him off the machine. Ginevan refused to take a field sobriety test and was arrested. Jenkins then found a case of beer strapped to the lawnmower's front, court records show.

Ginevan was charged with fleeing while driving under the influence and obstructing an officer. He was being held Tuesday at the Eastern Regional Jail on \$7,500 bond.

A person who answered the phone at the jail did not know whether Ginevan had hired an attorney. There was no telephone listing for Ginevan in the Bunker Hill area.

Nevada woman gives birth to 5th child on freeway

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Carla Dupree says God is trying to tell her that five kids is enough. That's after No. 5 was born at a freeway offramp.

Dupree, 29, said her mother-in-law was driving her from Sparks to

a Reno hospital on Saturday when Jayden Dupree took things into his own hands.

"I had him on the freeway," she said. "This is the last one. God is telling me something."

Dupree had been in the car for

about six minutes before they had to pull over just outside the Vista Boulevard exit on Interstate 80.

Jayden, who was due Oct. 19, weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Mother and son are doing fine.

Spicy Thai sauce sparks road evacuations in London

LONDON (AP) — Super spicy chili sauce sparked road closures and evacuations in central London after passers-by complained that a chemical emanating from a Thai restaurant was burning their throats, police said Wednesday.

Reports of a strong smell wafting from a restaurant in the heart of London's bustling Soho district Monday prompted the London Fire Brigade to send a chemical response team, a Metropolitan

Police spokesman said.

Firefighters closed off roads, sealed buildings and donned special breathing masks to ferret out the source of the acrid smell as onlookers coughed, the Times of London reported.

Smashing down the door of the suspected source — the Thai Cottage restaurant — they seized the culprit: extra-hot bird's eye chilies that had been left dry-frying.

They were being prepared for a

batch of "nam prik pao," a spicy Thai sauce, restaurant owner Sue Wasboonma said.

"The smoke didn't go up into the sky because of the rain and the heavy air," she told the Times. "It's the hottest thing we make."

No one was arrested, the police spokesman said, declining to give his name in line with force policy. "As far as I'm aware, it's not a criminal offense to cook very strong chili."

Woman forcing development to be built around house

SEATTLE (AP) — The little old lady who lives in a little old house is stubborn in a very BIG way.

Edith Macefield, 86, has refused a \$1 million offer from a developer to move out of her 108-year-old farmhouse to make way for a commercial complex.

"I don't want to move. I don't need the money. Money doesn't mean anything," she said recently.

Instead, the five-story project is being built around her, ringing the death knell for her once-thriving, blue-collar neighborhood.

Macefield's house is the last on

her block, though there's a restaurant nearby that's staying put as well. Gravel and cement trucks noisily work around them, and a tall concrete wall stands within feet of Macefield's kitchen window. Construction cranes hang over her roof.

"When she digs her heels in, there is no changing her mind. She is set in her ways," said Charlie Peck, a friend for more than 20 years.

Macefield has lived in the two-story, two-bedroom house since 1966. It has been assessed at about \$8,000 on

land worth about \$120,000.

She said she has no regrets about refusing to sell and simply drowns out the construction noise by turning up the television or blasting opera so loud you can hear it outside.

"I went through World War II, the noise doesn't bother me," she said. "They'll get it done someday."

Construction workers watch out for Macefield, particularly superintendent Barry Martin. He takes her to doctor appointments and to the hair salon. He brings her lunch.

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ROBERT PETERSON, A senior studio art sculpture major from Lubbock, files parts of a trophy he is making for his metal casting class Wednesday afternoon in the metal garage.

Bill

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Dean labeled it appalling, and Pelosi said, "It's very sad that the president has chosen to veto a bill that would provide health care for ten million American children for the next five years."

Republicans said none of the criticism would matter. "I'm confident that the more time we have to explain the veto, the more people will be with their position," said Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, second-ranking GOP leader in the House.

Longer term, Republicans said their goal was to sustain the veto and force Democrats into negotiations on a compromise that GOP lawmakers could embrace.

"Democrats now face an important choice: Either work with Republicans to renew this program or continue to play politics on the backs of our nation's children," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the House Republican leader.

He and other Republicans said Democratic plans to delay an override vote revealed an eagerness to score political points.

Democrats, sensing a political advantage, said they were in no mood to compromise. Several officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were discussing strategy, said Pelosi and Reid seemed set on sending Bush successor bills that are nearly identical with the one he just vetoed. The goal

would be to force him — and his congressional allies — to repeatedly expose themselves to criticism that they were denying health care for kids.

Both sides took comfort from polling data as they settled in for their struggle.

Democracy Corps said its poll showed the public sides with Democrats by a margin of 60-35. The veto battle "gives Democrats a large advantage with independents, as well as mobilizing Democratic supporters. Indeed, the president has not won over Republican voters on this issue," said an accompanying memo.

House Republicans quietly distributed a survey by David Winston, who is close to Boehner, that came to a different conclusion. It said critics of the legislation can win the public

debate if they say they favor "covering uninsured children without expanding government coverage to adults, illegal immigrants and those who already have insurance...." A copy of the poll was obtained by The Associated Press.

Numerous polls have shown health insurance to be an important issue with the public, and Democrats have made expansion of the children's health program a priority since taking control of Congress in January.

Health care also has figured prominently in the campaign for the White House, with presidential hopefuls in both parties sketching plans to reduce the swelling population of the uninsured, now estimated by the Census Bureau to number 47 million.

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Woman shows jury how fast CDs can be copied in file-sharing trial

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota woman, who record companies say illegally shared music online, testified in federal court Wednesday that she didn't do it, though she acknowledged giving conflicting dates for the replacement of her computer hard drive.

Six major record companies accuse Jammie Thomas, 30, of sharing 1,702 songs online in violation of the companies' copyrights. The record companies claim they found the songs on a Kazaa file-sharing account they later linked to her.

Thomas's is the first trial in 26,000 similar cases brought by record companies against individuals across the country. Many other defendants ended the cases against them by paying the record compa-

nies a settlement.

Thomas said before the trial, which began Tuesday, that her hard drive was replaced in 2004, but she agreed Wednesday that it actually was replaced on March 9, 2005.

The disparity is important because the companies say she received an instant message on Feb. 21, 2005, warning her that she was violating copyright law by sharing songs online.

The companies say she replaced the drive to cover her tracks — not to rectify persistent problems, as she claims.

Thomas, of Brainerd, defended giving the erroneous date by saying she had been confused about several dates.

She testified under questioning from record company lawyer Rich-

ard Gabriel that while pursuing a college degree in marketing, she did a case study on the original Napster file-sharing program and concluded that it was not illegal. A judge ruled in 2001 that it was.

She acknowledged she listened to — or owned CDs released by — more than 60 of the artists whose music was in the Kazaa file-sharing folder at the heart of the case. Thomas denied the folder was hers.

"Did you ever have Kazaa on your computer?" Thomas's attorney, Brian Toder, asked her.

"No," Thomas said.

Earlier in the day, Thomas set up her computer in court to show the jury how quickly CDs could be copied onto it. That demonstration came in response to testimony from

an expert for the record companies, Doug Jacobson, who said the songs on one of Thomas' computer drives were copied at a pace so fast it suggested piracy.

Many appeared just 15 seconds apart, which Jacobson claimed was faster than Thomas could have copied songs from CDs she owned onto the computer.

But each song Thomas copied in court over Gabriel's objection took less than 10 seconds to land on the computer.

Jacobson said the comparison might not be valid because the version of Windows Media Player that Thomas used to copy, or "rip," the CDs in court was different from what was available in February 2005, when the files in contention landed her hard drive.

Path

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educational system," Wood said. "It was kind of worldwide — part of it was to break down their educational system and requirements; they basically changed the whole system to offer more people access to education."

After completing the French equivalency of a bachelor's degree at the University of Paris 10, Nanterre, Largier completed the necessary paperwork to attend classes in the U.S. She heard back from an exchange program a few months later, offering a teaching assistant position at Tech in the 2004 fall semester.

Largier said Tech wanted her to be on campus in July, but she needed to stay in Paris to save money to be able to afford living expenses until she received her first paycheck.

She said she was amazed at the amount of resources and privileges available to Tech students compared with her university in Paris.

"I come to Tech and go 'Wow,

the campus here is really nice,'" she said. "They have a bunch of stuff for students, like a student union and a library — the university I was at probably had the same number of students as at Tech, but the library, which was on the other side of campus, had maybe three computers for like 2,500 students."

After arriving at Tech, she said the social behavior of students and the Lubbock community was unusual to her.

"One of the first things that actually kind of surprised me in Lubbock is that people were so friendly; I felt like I was in some sort of science fiction movie or some Steven King adaptation," she said. "I was like 'there must be something wrong,' because people are way too nice; they must all be fake, or crazy or something."

Largier eventually received a master's degree in French, and because Tech did not offer a Ph.D. program in French, Largier decided to move to another university.

Since she was familiar with Texas, she chose the University of Texas at Austin because it was

close to Lubbock and not across the country.

"I kind of wanted to stay in Texas, because I was used to Lubbock, and comfortable," she said. "I had friends in Lubbock, and didn't want to go too far."

Largier went to the University of Texas planning to be a teaching assistant, but the employment fell through because of scholastic miscommunications between Tech and UT.

Largier said her most stressful experience in America was taking a 24-hour bus ride to the Mexican border to get her paperwork adjusted.

Largier said she worked in a cafeteria at UT to afford tuition rates because teaching assistants received reduced rates. Largier spent two semesters working toward a Ph.D. in French but left, partly because she was discouraged from the beginning.

"By the time I had applied, I had changed my mind and wanted to stay in Lubbock," she said. "I was like 'Oh crap, maybe I shouldn't have done that, I should have stayed at Tech and just got a degree in French.'"

Largier moved back to Lubbock, skeptical of how she would be received by her former colleagues and friends, but said her cautions were put to rest.

"I was afraid they would reject me, but they were really nice," she said. "They were like 'welcome back,' the head of the department and all. They were proud that I decided to go to UT and came back to Tech."

Stephani Biggs, assistant adviser in Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures, said the department has a unique opportunity to meet all the international teaching assistants.

"We have an international teaching assistant workshop in the summer for our applied linguistics department, and that involves all international teaching assistants in all the departments on campus," she said. "We had 65 students in that this summer."

Largier is currently working toward a master's degree in applied linguistics and is considering her options at the completion of her degree plan.

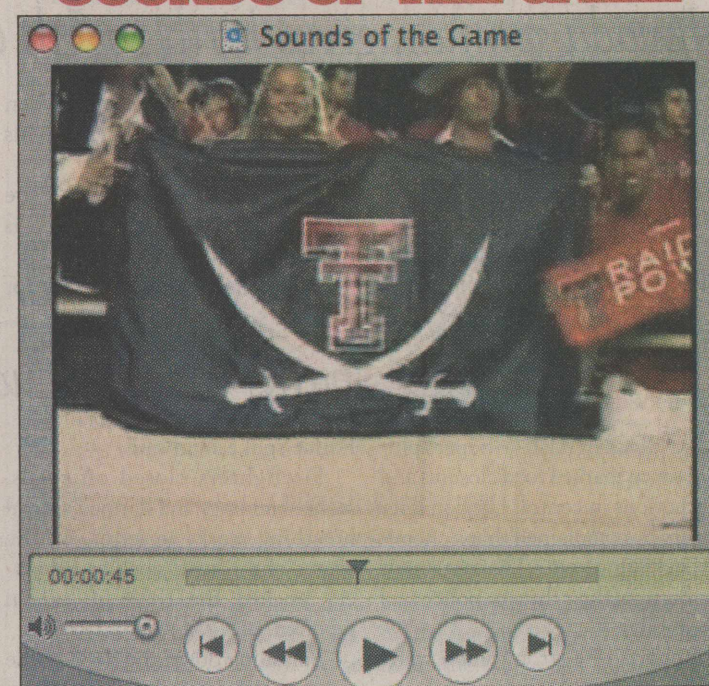
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'The Rock' gives \$1 million to U. Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's biggest contribution as a Miami football player might have come in a game against Florida State, when he sacked Seminoles' star Charlie Ward to spark the Hurricanes.

"Turned the game around for us," said Miami coach Randy Shannon, who remembers that play vividly.

More than a decade later, Johnson is still helping his alma mater.

The 35-year-old wrestler-turned-actor and his wife, Dany Garcia Johnson, announced a \$1 million gift Tuesday to Miami's football facilities renovation fund — the largest gift former Hurricane student athletes have ever made to the university's athletic department.

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Tech men's golf wins tournament, ranks No. 18

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's golf team is jumping quickly in the polls.

Previously ranked No. 22 in the *Golfweek* magazine poll, the Red Raiders find themselves at No. 18 after finishing in first place at the Shoal Creek Invitational in Shoal Creek, Ala. The men's golf team also finds itself named as the College Men's Team of the Week by *Golfweek* heading into the Jerry Pate Invitational Oct. 8 in Birmingham, Ala.

"Right now, all five of the guys that have played in the first two events, I think we all have a chance — individually we can all win," sophomore Will Griffin said. "I won the last tournament individually, but I think any guy on the team has that opportunity every week."

The team's nine-over 873 gave it a first place finish at Shoal Creek, the Red Raiders' first event win since April 2006. Tech finished five strokes ahead of Alabama-Birmingham and finished ahead of several other teams including No. 6 Auburn and No. 15 Oklahoma.

In the past two events, the Tech men's golf team has finished ahead of six ranked teams.

Included with Tech's team's first place finish, Griffin tied for first place with UAB's Brad Smith at Shoal Creek shooting a three-round total of three-under 213. The tie is the first event win of his career. Griffin's back-to-back birdies on the last two holes of the tournament put him in position for a tie. On the first day of the event, Griffin shot a one-under 143 helping him to a third place finish in two rounds. Griffin also is ranked No. 11 in *Golfweek*.

"Will's a talented player," Tech coach Greg Sands said. "I knew he was capable; I think his freshman year he was just kind of getting adjusted to college golf a little bit. He's been playing really well, really consistent. We knew he would play (well), it's just good to see (him) come around this year compared to last year."

Other Red Raiders who played a part in Tech's first place finish were sophomore Matt Smith and freshman Sergio Franky. Smith and Franky tied for 10th place at Shoal Creek shooting four-over 220, making it

the first time since 2006 three Tech golfers have finished in the top 10 in one event.

So far in 2007, the men's golf team has a seventh place finish in the Carpet Capital Collegiate Classic over No. 19 Florida and then-ranked No. 7 Clemson.

Junior Garrett Merrell said the team's strong bond is key to their early season success.

"This year we have such a young team," Merrell said. "I think we all feel really motivated to contribute to the team. We've also got us a great

team chemistry right now. We're all really pushing each other to get better. We actually all generally want each other to play well, which is kind of hard sometimes in golf just because the sport's so individual. You can just feel that we all want each other to play well, and we all want to play well for each other."

The Jerry Pate Invitational is scheduled as a two-day event and will feature a mixture of Southeastern Conference teams and Big 12 Conference teams.

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Throwing Dice: Sims not afraid to take big chances

By ALEX YBARRA
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Under first-year head coach Tom Stone, Texas Tech women's soccer player Shannon Sims has become a skilled gambler on the field.

"Shannon is a type of player that is willing to take risks, but you have to give her the freedom to do so," Stone said. "What we ask her to do is to take risks, don't worry about the ramifications."

The junior midfielder's play this season has helped Tech (3-4-2, 1-1 in Big 12 Conference play) progress on the attack.

Sims said she always kept a good relationship with previous coaches, but she thrives under Stone's coaching style.

"He sees a different light in me that a lot of coaches haven't," she

said. "He's given me a lot of confidence, which is great."

Stone said the fact that Sims plays freely and attacks more gives her an offensive advantage.

"The more relentless Shannon is, the more willing she is to go at her player, the harder it is to defend her," Stone said.

Sims, who started four games last season and finished with two assists, has started in all eight thus far in 2007, and she recorded her

second assist of the year against UTSA Sept. 9.

"What's happening with Shannon is she's been a college player that's in the 20 percent," Stone said, "which are the ones that come to college and get better over the course of four years. A lot of players come to college, and they're the same player as a senior that they were as a sophomore."

Still, Stone said Sims can continue to improve some aspects of her game.

"I don't think she's done progressing," he said. "I think there's still more to her game. I think she still needs to be more physical. I think she needs to be tougher on the tackle and better on defense."

Sims spent time with Stone and his coaching staff over the summer, where she began to assess the coaches' tendencies. Stone said Sims acts as a mediator between her teammates and the coaching staff.

On more than one occasion, Stone said the players sent Sims as a representative to ask Stone if they can fit in unscheduled detours, like an ice cream stop, on their itinerary.

"She has a grasp of what (the coaches) like, what we're willing to do, and what we don't want to do," Stone said. "I think that's why the players send her over because they figure she can maybe get something out of us the others can't, but that's not the case. They still keep sending her."

Sophomore midfielder Emmie Bennett said Sims provides a burst of energy on the field and deserves every second she plays.

"I've watched her go from maybe not getting so much playing time, and now working her butt off in the game and outside the game," Bennett said. "Now she's getting

all sorts of minutes."

Sims, who majors in business, spends a large number of minutes in the books. In 2006, she was selected to the Academic All-Big 12 Soccer First Team.

Although she said she remains unsure of where the business world

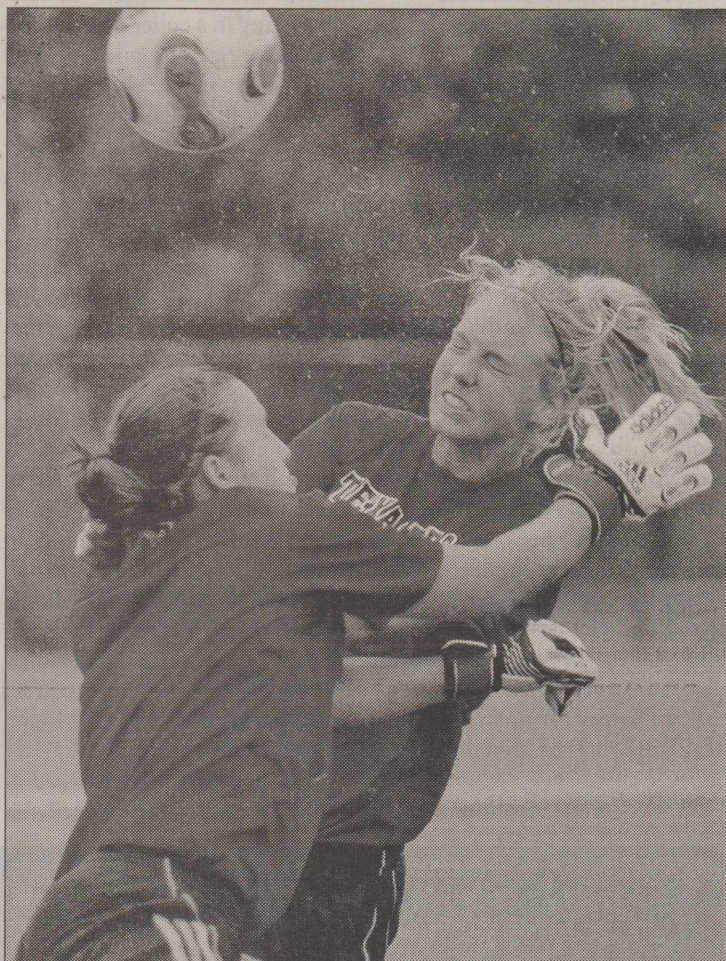
will land her, she will cherish the balancing act until she graduates in 2009.

"All athletes say it's hard to manage school and soccer, but I wouldn't have it any other way," she said.

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He sees a different light in me that a lot of coaches haven't.

— SHANNON SIMS
TECH JUNIOR
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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR midfielder Shannon Sims heads a ball in practice. Sims has helped Tech to three wins this season, including one in Big 12 Conference play.

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By BEN MAKI
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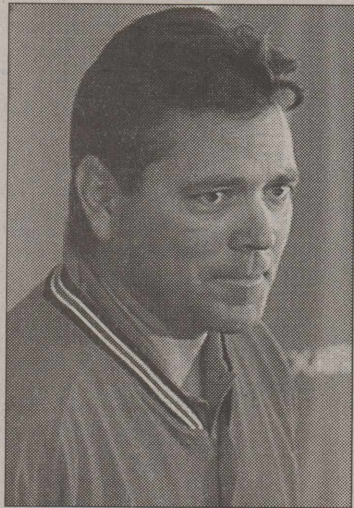
Texas Tech pitching coach Dan Spencer has added another accolade to his resume.

Collegiate Baseball Magazine named Spencer the 2007 More Than ERA National Pitching Coach of the Year after he helped Oregon State to back-to-back national championships.

"It's an honor to get that amongst your peers," Spencer said. "It's nice to get recognized for that, but you are really getting recognized for the body of work of your kids that ran out there, which is how it should be."

During the national championship seasons of 2006 and 2007, the Beavers' pitching staff compiled a 3.41 and 3.48 cumulative ERAs and 50-16 and 49-18 records, respectively.

"I had great kids, and they bought into what the system was and what we were trying to do," Spencer said. "They were willing to pitch in different roles and not so much worry about how many innings am I going to pitch, or how many starts am I going to get? I got them to think about how many games am I going to win in those roles." You are as good as



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your players."

Tech coach Larry Hays said he wants Spencer, who played for Tech in the 1980s, to use the same philosophies here in Lubbock that helped him win the award in Corvallis, Ore.

"I just want him to be himself," he said. "He's a Red Raider, and he's got the right reasons for being here. We just want to have fun and get the maximum amount out of what we've got. For the pitchers we've got coming back and the ones we've recruited, hopefully he can

continue what he's been doing."

Spencer said the award does not just acknowledge what his team did in 2007, but over the course of his time as pitching coach at Oregon State.

"It kind of comes after the fact," Spencer said. "In 2005, we led the Pac-10 in pitching, and 2006 we led the Pac-10 in pitching, and 2007 we were about second in pitching and in the top 15 in the nation. It's kind of an over time body of work, and that's what we're trying to build here at Texas Tech. We're not trying to build something for one year, we're in it for the long haul."

He said his career gives his players a reason to listen to him.

"There's some credibility there," Spencer said. "Once those guys get to know me and, hopefully, they have by now and understand that this guy can help us. He's done it before and there's

a trust factor there. They need to be able to trust me, and I need to be able to trust them, and we're getting there."

Tech junior pitcher Miles Morgan said Spencer's achievement makes pitchers want to listen and learn from him.

That's someone you want to have one your side," Morgan said. "It's a good feeling to have with him coach of the year. It shows how well he's done in the past."

Spencer has had a catcher and three pitchers named to All-America teams and seven players drafted in the top 10 rounds of the MLB Draft while serving as pitching coach for Oregon State.

"To be able to go in and say to a pitching prospect 'If you come to Texas Tech you're going to have a pitching coach with these credentials,' you don't have to say much more," Hays said. benjamin.maki@ttu.edu

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— DAN SPENCER
TEXAS TECH
PITCHING COACH

Texas' McCoy takes hits, throws picks

AUSTIN (AP) — His body battered and his ego bruised, Texas quarterback Colt McCoy is struggling through the dreaded sophomore slump.

After tying an NCAA freshman record with 29 touchdown passes last year, he's taking a beating behind a patchwork offensive line and throwing interceptions at an alarming rate through five games.

In last week's loss to Kansas State, McCoy threw four picks, one of which was returned for a touchdown, and left the game twice after getting driven into the turf by a defensive lineman.

Team doctors said he showed symptoms of a concussion — vomiting and dizziness late in the game — but nobody at Texas will say outright whether he suffered a concussion.

"I don't want to talk about it much," McCoy said. "I'll be fine. I've been with the doctors and trainers, we'll be OK."

McCoy's health is worrisome for No. 19 Texas (4-1, 0-1 Big 12) as the Longhorns prepare for Saturday's game against No. 10 Oklahoma (4-1, 0-1).

He's been knocked out of the last three conference games, all losses, and his interceptions are costing Texas points. If he gets hurt again, the top backup is freshman

John Chiles, a good runner who has completed only one pass.

Of his nine interceptions — he had only seven last season — two have been returned for touchdowns. Opponents have turned the picks into 37 points.

McCoy's teammates say they are solidly behind the quarterback who played so well when he stepped into the huge void left by Vince Young.

"I just hope he's not trying too hard," linebacker Scott Derry said. "He's the kind of guy that would take the whole weight of the team and put it on his shoulders."

McCoy was the hero of the Oklahoma game last season, throwing two second-half touchdowns in a 28-10 Texas win. On a sunny Saturday afternoon in Dallas, the small-town kid's big smile beamed nationwide.

That baby face has turned upside down with frowns and frustration this season.

"His numbers were so good last year that now you're trying to compare him to last year," Oklahoma defensive coordinator Brent Venables said. "He played like Superman the whole year, and now he's not quite Superman, and all of a sudden, what's wrong? It's like, 'Thank God.'"

McCoy has shown a pattern of early mistakes. Six of his interceptions have come in the second quarter. TCU and K-State both pounced on turnovers to take early leads.

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