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Woman accused of taking baby pleads not guilty

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 21-year-old woman accused of slipping into a hospital maternity ward wearing medical scrubs and abducting a days-old baby girl pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a kidnapping charge.

Rayshaun Parson, wearing shackles as she stood with her attorney, entered her plea on the charge stemming from the March 10 abduction of Mychael Darthard-Dawodu. A trial date was set for May 7.

Surveillance footage from Covenant Lakeside Hospital showed a woman wearing blue and flower-print hospital scrubs and a gray, puffy jacket with a hood walking out of the hospital around 1:20 a.m.

NATION

Bush bypasses senate to name Ambassador

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush named Republican fundraiser Sam Fox as U.S. ambassador to Belgium on Wednesday, using a maneuver that allowed him to bypass Congress where Democrats had derailed Fox's nomination. Democrats had denounced Fox for his 2004 donation to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. The group's TV ads, which claimed that Sen. John Kerry exaggerated his military record in Vietnam, were viewed as a major factor in the Massachusetts Democrat losing the election.

WORLD

Aid comes slowly to tsunami survivors

MUNDA, Solomon Islands (AP) — Men perched on rocks peered out to sea through binoculars at a camp near the Solomon Islands town of Munda on Wednesday, watching for another deadly wave.

The camp is one of many that have sprung up in hills behind towns hit by Monday's tsunami and earthquake. With strong aftershocks still jolting the region, the 40 families huddled there were afraid to come down, though some had run out of water.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Iran to release 15 British sailors

By NASSER KARIMI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in a surprise move that defused escalating tension in the Middle East, announced the release of 15 captive British sailors and marines Wednesday in what he called an Easter gift to the British people.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, who said the Britons had been released,

added that he bore "no ill will" toward the Iranian people following the 13-day standoff.

The breakthrough eased tensions that have been increasing steadily, raising fears of military conflict in the volatile region and prompting a spike in oil prices. It suggested that Iran's hard-line leadership had decided Tehran had demonstrated its strength in the standoff but did not want to push the crisis too far.

Despite the announcement, how-

ever, the crew members had not arrived at the British Embassy as of 9 p.m. local time in Tehran.

Alex Pinfield, first secretary of embassy in Tehran, said it's not clear when they would be handed over or where they are going to spend the night. He indicated the British "are still discussing the Iranian case with the Iranian Foreign Ministry."

Asked about apparent contradictions over Blair saying the crew had been freed and British Embassy

statements that they had not yet been handed over to British authorities, a Downing Street spokesman would only say "the process is under way."

Iranian state television showed the 14 men and one woman meeting with Ahmadinejad outside the presidential palace following his announcement at a news conference that they were being freed. The crew members were seized while on patrol in the northern Persian Gulf on March 23, would leave Iran on

Thursday.

At the news conference, Ahmadinejad pinned a medal on the chest of the Iranian coast guard commander who intercepted the sailors and marines, then made the dramatic announcement.

"On the occasion of the birthday of the great prophet (Muhammad) ... and for the occasion of the passing of Christ, I say the Islamic Republic

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THIS IS ONLY A TEST



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

Fire fighters from Arizona put out flames during a drill at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting facility Wednesday in Lubbock. Teams from across the Southwest train at the facility to hone their skills extinguishing flames in emergency situations involving aircraft.

Fire fighters conduct emergency drills at Lubbock airport

BY RICHARD CAMPANARO
STAFF WRITER

Thick plumes of smoke bellowed out of the simulated aircraft as fire fighters from across the Southwest marched forward, hoses in hand, toward the flames emanating from the engines.

Lubbock's \$3 million, state-of-the-art Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter training facility became the convergence point for 17 instructors and fire fighters from Phoenix and Mesa, Ariz., Wednesday.

Kelly Mormon, a captain with the Lubbock Fire Department and ARFF coordinator, said the departments will be conducting a series of drills over the next three weeks.

Beth Delgado, a captain with the Phoenix Fire Department, said she has been a fire fighter for 24 years and thinks Lubbock's facility is one of the best in the nation.

"It's the closest we can get to the real thing," Delgado said.

The series of drills includes simulations of engine, wheel, interior and full-airplane fires, she said. Many other facilities use propane instead of liquid fuel, which does not simulate a real fire emergency as well as liquid fuel.

Mormon said the drills are performed using diesel fuel instead of jet fuel because it is more cost efficient. The training is required by the Federal Aviation Administration, even though the Lubbock Preston Smith Airport has not had a serious commercial-aircraft emergency in several years.

Delgado said safety is the main concern while training, but accidents happen.

"We try to play it as safe as we can," Delgado said.

According to the FAA's Web site, www.faa.gov, the most recent fatality resulting from an aircraft emergency in Lubbock was in February 1990, when a privately owned, single-engine, single-seat Piper PA-25-235 attempted a turn-around maneuver and its left wing hit the ground. According to the incident report, the aircraft burned, killing the pilot and destroying the aircraft. Probable cause of the accident was a pilot error.

Mike Allison, a lieutenant with the airport fire department, said there is a minimum of four fire fighters on duty at all times at the airport. Two Lubbock fire stations, Stations No. 2 and No. 5, are trained to respond to any emergency incidents at the airport.

"We can get as many (fire fighters) as we need," Allison said.

Wednesday's drills were operated by Tony Burrow, shift

captain with LFD.

"I can start the fires, but I can't put 'em out," Burrow said as he pushed a button on the control panel igniting the structure into a blend of thick black smoke and bright orange flames.

Burrow said safety measures prevent unburned diesel fuel from contaminating ground water by redirecting all liquids into a holding tank to be filtered, separated and reused in future drills.

Scott Crosby, a safety instructor at ARFF and a LFD fire fighter, said some of the members of the Mesa Fire Department, who were training at the facility, responded to a plane crash he piloted years ago.

He said the airplane's engine cover fell off and became lodged in a position that caused the aircraft to become unstable. The airplane stalled, causing it to crash into the ground with its left wing first. Crosby's back broke in seven places, and the Mesa Fire Department responded to the accident, saving him and his son.

According to the National Safety Council's Web site, www.nsc.org, the odds of death resulting from air and space transport are one in 391,981.

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Regents await legislative decision before announcing tuition rate

By BEN MAKI
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents decided to delay the announcement of tuition rates for the 2007-08 school year.

During a tuition presentation at last week's board meeting, Tom Anderes, senior vice president of administration and finance, said next year's tuition rate is dependent

on how much money the university receives from the state beyond formula funding.

According to the presentation, the expected tuition increase ranges from 3 to 5 percent. That translates to a tuition increase ranging between \$8.63 and \$15.63 per semester hour for a student taking 15 hours.

Anderes said the delay should not affect students when applying

for financial aid.

"When there was a desire to push back the announcement of the tuition rate for next year, we looked very closely at every implication it may have caused," Anderes said. "The students will still be able to apply for financial aid and know precisely what they will pay before they need to get their loans."

Matt Fowler, internal vice presi-

dent of the Student Government Association, said he appreciates the actions by the board.

"Rather than make a decision based on expectations of what the state will give, the Board of Regents is waiting to know exactly how much money will be available," Fowler said. "Instead of overcharging students or coming up short on the budget, they will know exactly how much money they will need for

next year."

The board will know how much money it will receive from the state by Memorial Day, May 28. That is the last day of the 80th legislative session.

Stephanie Anderson, associate vice president of enrollment management, was not available for comment, and calls to Student Business Services went unreturned.

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More special ed students to get alternate tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is letting more children with disabilities take simplified tests under the No Child Left Behind education law.

The change, outlined in final regulations Wednesday, would triple the number of children who can take tests that are easier than those given to most students under the 2002 law.

Roughly 10 percent of special education students — those with the most serious cognitive disabilities — currently can take simplified, alternative tests and have the results count toward a school's annual progress goals.

Under the new rules, about an additional 20 percent of children with disabilities could take alternative tests and have those count toward a school's progress goals.

The new tests are for children who are not severely disabled but who have been unable to work on grade level at the same pace as their peers because of disabilities, such as some forms of dyslexia.

The new tests will not be as easy as those given to the children already exempted from the regular tests. But the tests will not be as hard as those given to typical students. Federal officials said the new tests would provide educators with a more meaningful way to measure what some students with disabilities know and can do.

"It's an option for those children whose needs are not being met under the current system," the deputy education secretary, Raymond Simon, said Wednesday.

The change means 3 percent of all children — or roughly 30 percent of all children with disabilities — will be allowed to be tested on standards geared for them.

The No Child Left Behind law is up for renewal in Congress this year and lawmakers, educators and the public have pushed for changes.

Simon said the administration would like to see the new special education rules written into law when

No Child Left Behind is updated.

Some lawmakers gave the new rules high marks.

"It's essential to fully include children with disabilities in No Child Left Behind's guarantee that every student counts. Today's regulation is an important step forward in helping to address that challenge by ensuring better assessments for children with disabilities that recognize their progress and ability to achieve at high standards," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who heads the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

The administration is responding to pleas from states for more flexibility in how they test special education students.

The 2002 law requires that all students be tested in reading and math in grades three through eight and once in high school. When enough students miss annual progress goals, their schools can face consequences such as having to overhaul their staff.

Schools can face penalties even when just one group of children, such as those with disabilities, fails to meet the benchmarks.

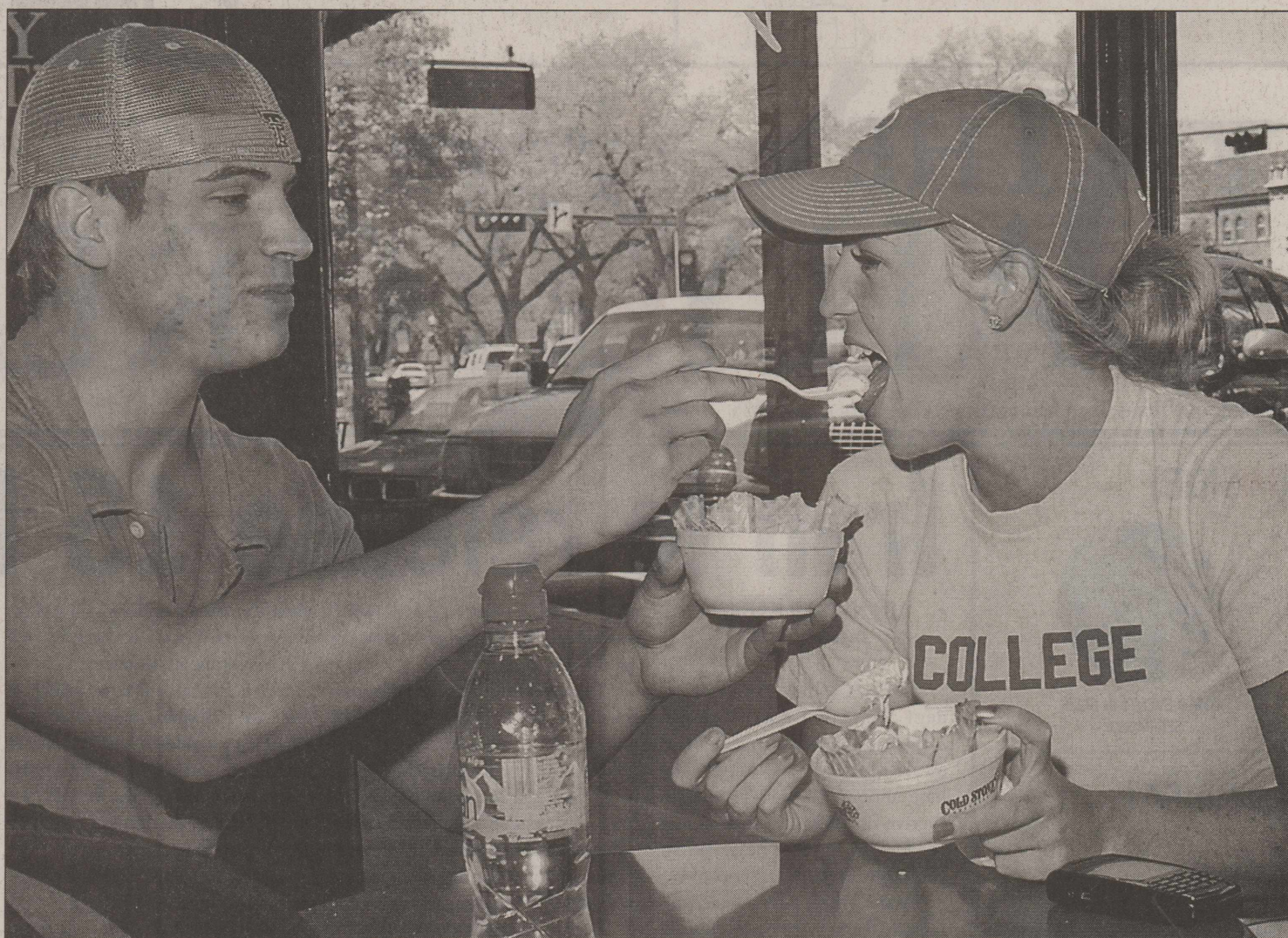
That has focused more attention on the progress of children with disabilities, says Doug Fuchs, a professor of special education at Vanderbilt University.

"It includes them in the same accountability framework as kids without disabilities," Fuchs said. "Educators feel as compelled to work with kids with disabilities as they are compelled to work with kids without disabilities."

Several advocacy groups for children with disabilities worry that the changes could weaken the promise to leave no child behind.

"Most of these kids surprise us in what they can do," said Katy Neas, a lobbyist for Easter Seals. "When we set the bar higher, more kids do better than we ever thought they could."

HERE COMES THE AIRPLANE...



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

JEFF THOMAS, A sophomore business administration major from Dallas, gives his girlfriend, Lindsay Duke, a sophomore pre-medicine major from Dallas, a spoonful of his "cookie doughn't you want some" at Coldstone Creamery on Broadway, Tuesday afternoon.

Intern pleads guilty to stealing Civil War era documents from National Archives

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 40-year-old intern with the National Archives pleaded guilty Wednesday to stealing 164 Civil War documents, including an official announcement of President Lincoln's death, and putting most of them up for sale on eBay.

Prosecutors said Denning McTague, who has master's degrees in history and library science, put about 150 of the documents online and had shipped about half of them.

All but three of the items, worth an estimated \$30,000 in all, have since been recovered.

McTague told investigators that he used a yellow legal pad to sneak the documents out while working at the National Archives and Records Administration last summer. As an unpaid intern, he had been responsible for arranging and organizing documents in preparation for the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

A Gettysburg company that publishes books on the Civil War spotted some of the items on eBay and alerted authorities last fall, officials said.

The stolen Civil War-era documents included telegrams con-

cerning the troops' weaponry, the War Department's announcement of Lincoln's death sent to soldiers, and a letter from famed cavalryman James Ewell Brown Stuart, prosecutors said.

McTague pleaded guilty to one federal count of stealing government property. He could receive up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced July 12, but federal sentencing guidelines call for much

less. Paul Brachfeld, inspector general for the National Archives, said the documents are invaluable and getting them back was not easy, especially since some had been sold overseas.

The buyers, mostly history buffs, surrendered the documents after learning they were stolen. Prosecutors said they could get some reimbursement from McTague.

Fire drills

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Delgado said air travel is still the safest mode of transportation and is only getting safer — most accidents are caused

by novice pilots. The ARFF facility is located near the eastern-most runway of the Lubbock Preston Smith Airport. Thick black smoke can be seen coming from the airport area periodically throughout the next few weeks.

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Panel of ministers discuss homosexuality, religion as part of GLBT Week

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Three Lubbock ministers discussed issues of homosexuality and spiritual faith Tuesday evening in the Texas Tech Human Sciences building as part of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Week.

Eric Woody, an intern at the Tech Student Counseling Center, moderated the panel discussion.

GLBT Awareness Week included a showing of "Brokeback Mountain" Monday in the Escondido Theatre; today, a Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays roundtable discussion will be hosted in the Student Union Building's Canyon Room.

Erica Martinez, a sophomore accounting major from San Antonio, said she attended the panel because the gay-rights movement is something her communications and persuasion of social move-

ments class discusses.

"It was a good thing, and I think more students could benefit from listening," Martinez said.

The panelists answered questions from audience members about how religion deals with homosexuality.

"People take parts of the Bible literally when it's convenient as opposed to other parts that they completely ignore because it's inconvenient for them to look at," Martinez said.

Jim Haney, a panelist and retired Episcopal minister, said he disagrees with the idea Christian teachings and the Bible should not tolerate homosexuality.

"Jesus was always on the side of the people who are looked down upon, and that's certainly what the gay community has been," Haney said.

Kathryn Boren, a minister at St. John's United Methodist Church, said she believes people's under-

standing of sexuality has changed since biblical days.

"I hope as we read the scripture, we realize it came from a different time and different understanding," Boren said.

Renea Phillips, senior pastor at Metropolitan Community Church in Lubbock, said she is a lesbian who personally has experienced condemnation for her lifestyle based on biblical references.

"It feels very much like you're beaten up by the Bible and because of that, they're afraid to open it for any reason," Phillips said.

Phillips became open about her sexuality in college, but she said she kept her faith because she did not want people to take the Bible away from her because of her sexual preference.

"I've always been attracted to women; I just never knew what to do about it," she said. "I'm glad I was created this way. I look at it



TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador

KATHRYN BOREN, MINISTER for St. John's United Methodist Church, answers a question at the panelist discussion about Homosexuality and the Bible that took place Tuesday evening in the Human Sciences Building.

and celebrate it every day because I know that God loves me."

One issue the panelists discussed was gay marriage. Phillips said the Metropolitan Community Church recognizes holy unions rather than holy matrimony for gays and lesbians in its congregation.

"We shouldn't be second-class citizens," Phillips said. "There's no reason for it."

Some branches of the Episcopal Church are adopting policies accepting homosexuals, including a church in New Hampshire that has a gay minister. Haney said he supports gay marriage and believes the elements necessary in a marriage are love and fidelity rather than being members of the opposite sex.

"My marriage is not threatened by gay marriage," he said. "If it was, there would be something wrong with it."

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Release

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government and the Iranian people — with all powers and legal right to put the soldiers on trial — forgave those 15," he said, referring to the Muslim prophet's birthday on March 30 and the Easter holiday.

"This pardon is a gift to the British people," he said.

The standoff between London and Tehran began when the crew was seized as it searched for smugglers off the Iraqi coast. Britain denied Iranian claims the crew had entered Iranian waters.

"I'm glad that our 15 service personnel have been released and I know their release will come as a relief not just to them but to their families," Blair said outside his No. 10 Downing St. office. "Throughout, we have taken a measured approach, firm but calm, not negotiating but not confronting, either."

Blair added, "To the Iranian people, I would simply say this: We bear you no ill will."

President Bush, who had condemned the seizure and referred to the

captives as "hostages," also welcomed the news, said his national security spokesman, Gordon Johndroe.

Blair thanked British allies in Europe, the U.N. Security Council and in the Middle East for their help in securing the freedom of the Royal Navy personnel.

Syria's information and foreign ministers said Damascus had played a key role.

"Syria exercised a sort of quiet diplomacy to solve this problem, and encourage dialogue between the two parties," Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said.

After Ahmadinejad's news conference, state television showed him meeting with the British crew, who

were dressed in business suits, outside the presidential palace. He shook hands and chatted with them through a translator, and a caption to the video said the meeting was taking place as part of the "process of release."

"We appreciate it. Your people have been really kind to us, and we appreciate it very much," one of the crew could be heard telling Ahmadinejad in English.

Another said: "We are grateful for your forgiveness."

Ahmadinejad responded in Farsi, "You are welcome."

Among the crew at the palace was sailor Faye Turney, the sole woman among the captives, wearing a blue jacket and floral-patterned blue and

white headscarf.

Iranian TV said the British captives had watched Ahmadinejad's news conference live and were ecstatic when a translator told them what the president had said.

British Defense Secretary Des Browne said they had acted with dignity during their captivity.

"It is vital that we get them back home quickly and safely so they can be reunited with their families and loved ones — that is our priority now," he said.

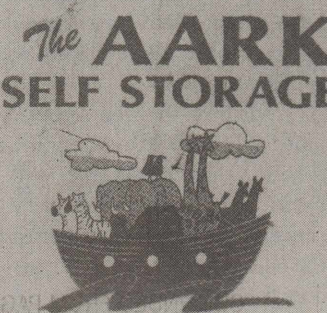
Recent days saw talk of direct negotiations between Britain and Iran, and a decrease in tensions that had risen after Iran broadcast videos in which Turney and the others "confessed" to violating

Iranian territorial waters, and Britain expressed outrage.

Ahmadinejad said London had sent a letter to the Iranian Foreign Ministry pledging that entering Iranian waters "will not happen again."

The British Foreign Office responded: "We haven't gone into detail of what was in the note. But we have said all along we made our position clear (about being in Iraqi waters)."

The crew would be handed over to British diplomats in Tehran and that it would then be up to the Foreign Office to decide how they would return home, said an Iranian official in London who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations.



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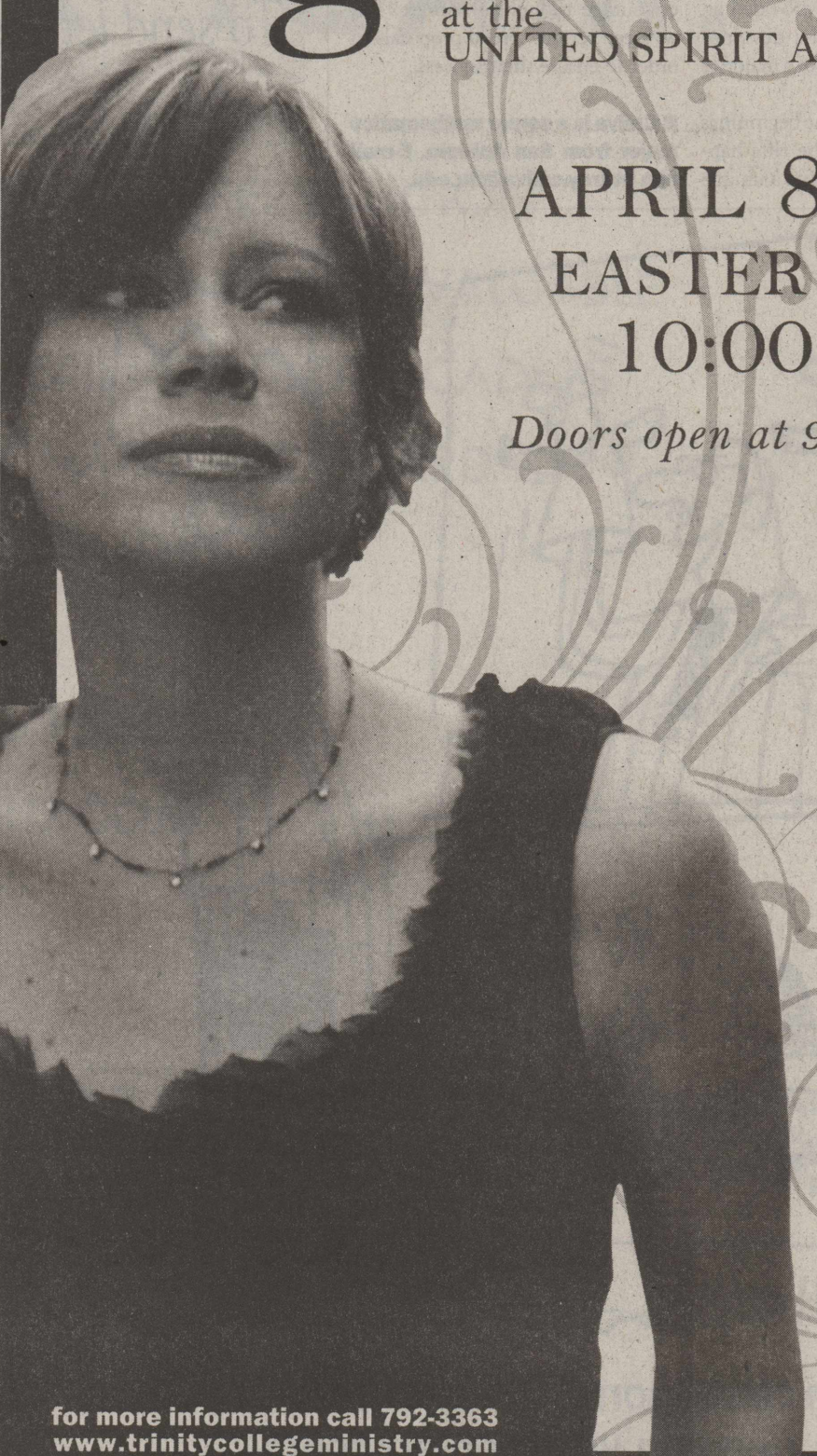
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OPINIONS

Religion needed in schools today

Legislation currently pending in the Texas House would require school districts across the state to offer high school-level courses on the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. This proposal would not require students to take the course but merely give students the option of taking it. It's a step in the right direction for true religious education in the classroom but falls short of where we should be aiming.

Both *Time* magazine and *US News and World Report* ran articles this week on religion in the classroom. According to the *US News* article, nine in 10 Americans believe in some form of a supreme being and two-thirds of all Americans see the Bible as containing answers to life's questions. Shockingly though, less than 50 percent of Americans can identify a gospel of the New Testament, and only 10 percent of U.S. teenagers can name the world's five major religions.

Many scholars have suggested adding a course on religion to American classrooms. Quite frankly, it's ridiculous we already don't require students to learn about all the world's major religions. A lesson in history shows ignorance of religion leads to disaster. Yet we're still afraid to give our students the tools they need to decide for themselves. European countries already offer a much better system of handling and teaching religion, yet those countries are decidedly more secular than America.

Stephen Prothero, head of the Department of Religion at Boston University and author of the book "Religious Literacy," told *US News*, "I think we need to have courses about the Bible and world religions in middle school and high schools, and I think they should be mandatory — with an opt-out provision." He goes on to describe two courses, the first covering the major religions and the second covering the Bible.

The first idea presented by Prothero is undeniably a sorely missed arm of the American educational system. How exactly would a teacher explain the history of the Middle East without giving students a basic knowledge of the Islamic faith? Would you try to teach the history of India without introducing Hinduism? Hasn't Buddhism provided an immense impact on the development and state of mind of a majority of the Far East?

One could look at the beginnings of Islam to examine the rifts happening today. There exists a unique

Trey Caliva



intimacy between Islam and Christianity. Yet it is currently impossible to accurately portray this relationship without thorough knowledge of the events of the Bible.

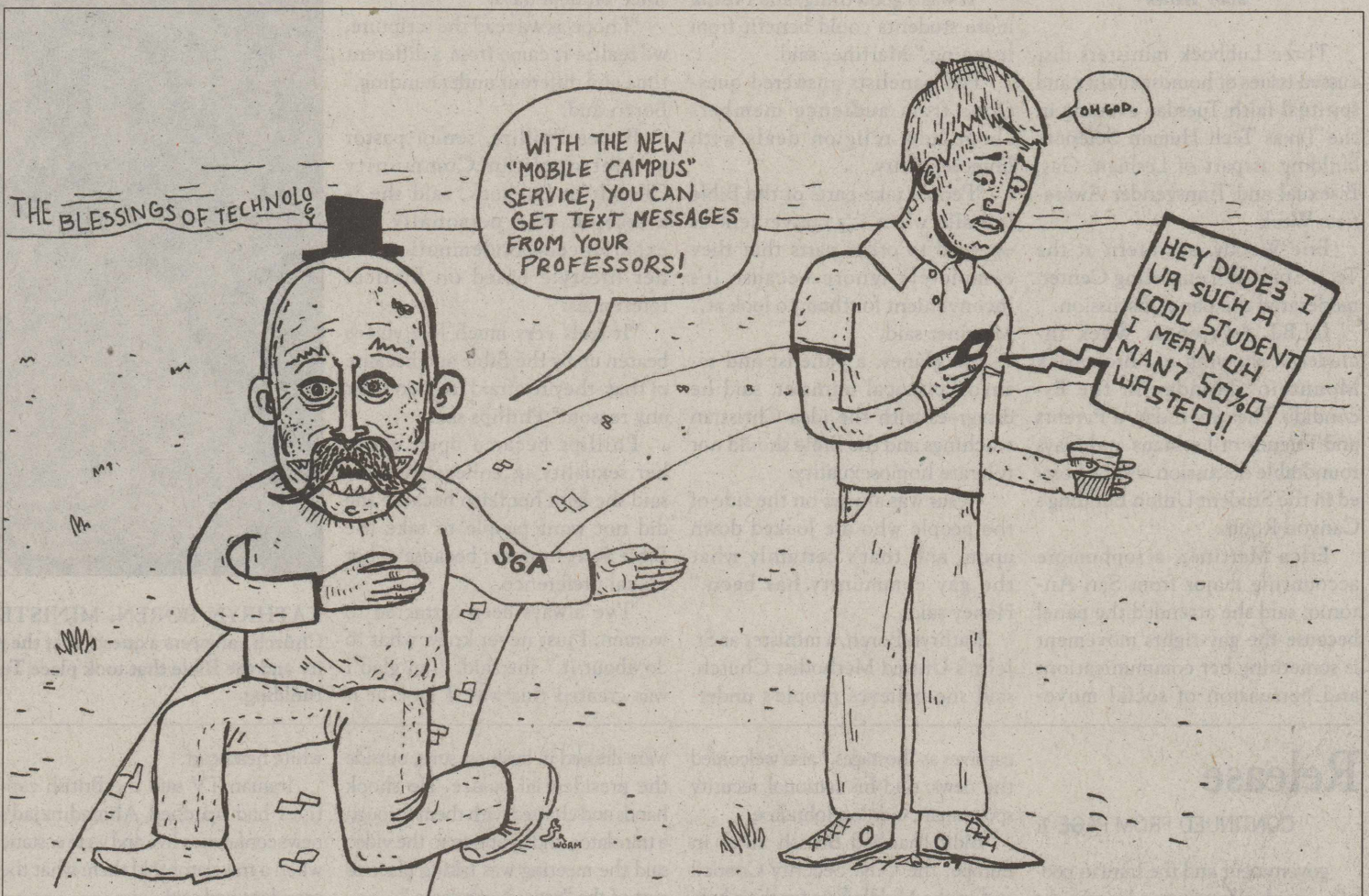
The second part of Prothero's argument, which encourages the creation of a course strictly for the Bible, is a bit harder sell. America is currently awash with a tremendous backlash toward Christianity. Most of the nation sees hard-line Christians as backwards relics of America's past. Thirty years of judicial activism and popular secularism have ensured that. Yet the statistics still showing religion's importance to Americans are a testament to the impact it still has on us.

Many will disagree about increasing the Bible's face time in the school system, but it makes sense. The Bible is one of the oldest religious books in existence. It is the best-selling book ever. Besides, the very continent on which we stand was colonized by pilgrims of the Christian faith. Our founding fathers were Christian, the history of America sparkles with Christianity and many of America's hotly contested debates center on fundamental Christian beliefs. I personally believe the Bible has a place in the school system, but convincing the populace will be a hard sell.

Any initiative to introduce religion in the classroom undoubtedly would face numerous challenges in the courts and massive criticism from the far-left. Most people immediately will draw question to the separation of church and state. However, as the state would not be officially sanctioning one religion over another, there shouldn't be a problem.

Any introduction of religion and the Bible into our schools should be a unified effort. Together they can revitalize and modernize the way we teach our young people. Separately, though, they don't stand a chance. Types of legislation such as that introduced in the Texas House are important, especially since they encourage thoughtful debate. But we need serious, broad proposals in order to ensure their success.

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Polar bear, rescuers withstand animal-rights activists

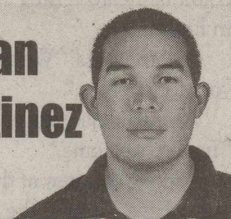
They're cute. They're cuddly. They're endangered. Yes, polar bears are probably the most newsworthy creatures today. Not only are they a visible species in the global warming debate, but they're also immensely popular with the general public. How can you watch a Christmas Coca-Cola commercial and not think, "Awww!"

March 26, Knut, a polar bear cub, was introduced to the public at the Berlin Zoo. Twenty-thousand strong showed up to see the polar bear cub in the flesh, but long before that day, media controversy already had turned Knut into an international celebrity.

After being abandoned by his natural mother, zookeepers rescued Knut and his brother and, while his brother didn't make it, Knut has developed into a normal polar bear cub. But aside from battling the plight of the natural world, Knut and his rescuers had to face a political engagement with the champions of creatures everywhere: animal-rights activists.

Unbelievable to most of the world, many animal-rights activists were calling for Knut to be put to death, claiming it was too

Adrian Martinez



unnatural for him to be raised on a bottle. Many of them called it a perversion of nature for this great animal to be placed in a zoo and put on display.

It's important to note these particular people don't speak for all animal-rights activists, and they shouldn't. Knut represents much more than just an ordinary bear. He is an ambassador for an entire species facing the very real threat of extinction.

Many scientists, some climatologists included, feel the threat of global warming is so dire at this point it is virtually impossible for the polar bear species to survive much longer. Why then, would those who want to protect these bears be so keen to destroy one?

Knut has found himself in a position to perform a great service to his species, and all he really needs to do is eat, lie there and look cute. The droves of people he has attracted to the Berlin Zoo are testament to the

fact other polar bear exhibits around the world can help raise awareness of the polar bear's dilemma.

No matter where you stand on the global warming issue, you have to agree causes like these — meaning those that will cost people and countries money — are much more successful when you put a face with them, especially a cute and cuddly face like a polar bear cub's. It's the same reason why we pay ridiculous amounts of money for Girl Scout cookies.

Aside from the well-deserved attention, polar bears in captivity have genetic value. If Knut does well, he could become the father of future generations of polar bears, increasing the odds of his species' survival — if only by a small amount.

Aside from the practical reasons for keeping Knut alive, there's that little thing called morality that still irks people. The animal-rights activists calling for Knut's death used the word "euthanasia." That's misleading in this case.

This isn't like a terminally ill dog we're putting to sleep so it will feel no pain. This is a healthy, normal bear cub that, against formidable odds, has managed to successfully be raised on a bottle. Surely he has displayed he

wants to stay alive, so why not let him? Why simply kill him?

It seems to me animal-rights activists are simply out of touch with the general public these days. Their intentions might be great, but their methods and the manner in which they deal with the public and lawmakers seem to do nothing more than give themselves a bad name.

Wild animals, especially endangered species, have rough waters ahead. Changes to the Endangered Species Act are already under discussion, and these changes might make it easier for corporations to get the green light to intrude on natural habitats. This is no time for activists to give animal rights a bad name.

Add that to the threat of global warming, the reduction of many species' natural habitats and a general worldwide apathy for environmental concerns when our attention is focused on the Middle East and North Korea, and what have you got? Neglect.

It's a good thing we have polar bears like Knut around to remind us of what's at stake.

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Student fuel

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DAILY NEWS (BALL STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. — President George W. Bush set the lofty goal of America reducing its dependence on foreign oil by 20 percent in his Jan. 23 State of the Union Address. Since then, biofuel and corn production have become two of the fastest growing industries in the nation.

Ethanol is the popular solution to reducing oil consumption at this point, but students have the power to use other, more efficient solutions to the problem. While scientists toil away on how to make biofuels worthwhile and efficient, students can take the initiatives and reduce gasoline consumption in other ways.

Reducing gasoline consumption, and likewise foreign oil consumption, means students need to realize the multiple opportunities to reduce gasoline use that come up on a daily basis. Students can carpool, take advantage of public transportation or even consider buying a hybrid vehicle. It doesn't take a degree in the sciences to figure out how to ride the bus to class — though it seems a complex formula is necessary to figure out the campus shuttle schedule.

In reality, students often abuse the luxury of driving a car. Next time you need to get somewhere, think of the alternative modes of transportation that are readily available. Taking advantage of other options will ensure ethanol doesn't become a failed solution — and keep that popcorn in your lap at the theaters.

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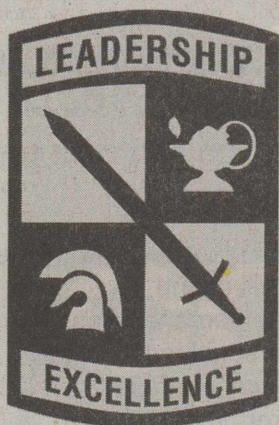


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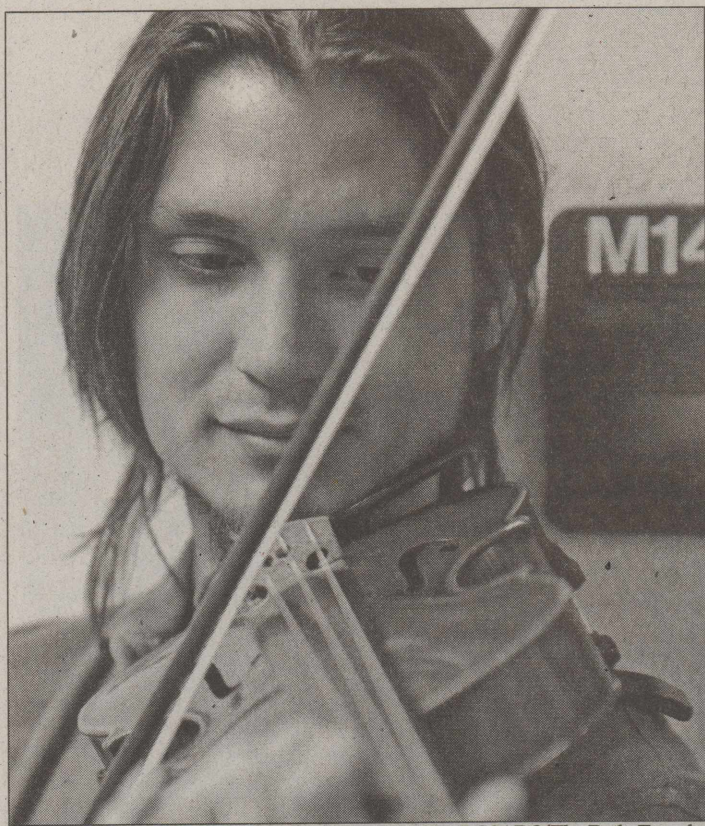
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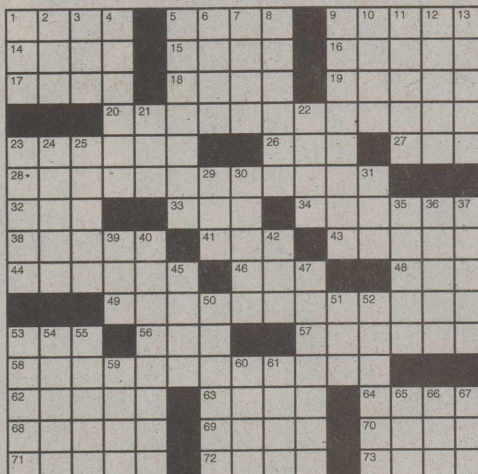
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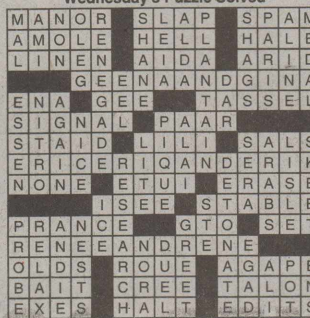
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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Army says friendly fire may have killed U.S. soldiers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two soldiers killed in Iraq in February may have died as a result of friendly fire, Army officials said Wednesday.

The Army said it is investigating the deaths of Pvt. Matthew Zeimer, 18, of Glendive, Mont., and Spc. Alan E. McPeck, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., who were

killed in Ramadi, in western Iraq on Feb. 2. The families of the two soldiers were initially told they were killed by enemy fire.

According to Army Col. Daniel Baggio, unit commanders in Iraq did not initially suspect they were killed by U.S. forces, but an investigation by the unit has

found that may be a possibility.

A supplemental report filed Feb. 28 suggested that the initial reports might be wrong but that an investigation was still under way, he said. It took another month before the families of the two soldiers were told, on March 31, that friendly fire was suspected.

Taliban soldier asks Bush to reduce prison term

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The lawyer and parents of American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh asked President Bush on Wednesday to commute his 20-year prison term, citing the case of an Australian man who was sentenced to less than a year for aiding terrorism.

Lindh, 26, was captured in Afghanistan in November 2001 by American forces sent to topple the

Taliban after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was charged with co-Nathan Mielke, a senior Music Performance major from El Paso practices the violin for his upcoming recital at the Music building Tuesday evening. Photo by Walter Rosado. nspiring to kill Americans and support terrorists but pleaded guilty to lesser offenses, including carrying weapons against U.S. forces.

Lindh's lawyer and father said the lighter sentence given to Australian David Hicks should be reflected in Lindh's case.

"It is a question of proportionality. It is a question of fairness, and it is a question of the religious experience John Walker Lindh had," attorney James Brosnahan said. "And it was not in any way directed at the United States."

Pelosi urges Syria to engage in peace talks with Israel

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held talks with Syria's leader Wednesday despite White House objections, saying she pressed President Bashar Assad over his country's support for militant groups and passed him a peace message from Israel.

The meeting was an attempt to push the Bush administration to open a direct dialogue with Syria,

a step that the White House has rejected. Congressional Democrats insist the U.S. attempts to isolate Syria have failed to force the Assad government to change its policies.

Rep. Tom Lantos, the head of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who was in Pelosi's delegation, said the meeting "reinforced sharply" the potential benefits of talking to Syria. "This is only the

beginning of our constructive dialogue with Syria and we hope to build on this visit," he told reporters.

On Tuesday, President Bush denounced Pelosi's visit to Syria, saying it sends mixed signals to Assad's government. "Sending delegations doesn't work. It's simply been counterproductive," Bush said.

One doctor prescribed all drugs for Anna Nicole

MIAMI (AP) — One doctor authorized all 11 prescription medications found in Anna Nicole Smith's hotel room the day the Playboy Playmate died of a drug overdose, according to documents

released by the medical examiner's office Wednesday.

More than 600 pills — including about 450 muscle relaxants — were missing from prescriptions that were no more than five weeks

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NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street caught its breath Wednesday after the previous session's big advance, advancing only slightly amid a mix of economic data and a slight drop in oil prices. Bond prices rose as investors brushed off the economic reports and went on a buying spree.

Economic data offered little incentive to push stocks higher. The Institute for Supply Management, an organization of corporate purchasing executives, reported that the nation's service economy expanded at a slower pace in March than in February.

But the market held on to gains earned Tuesday when the Dow Jones industrials and Standard & Poor's 500, riding some optimism about the housing market, rose to their highest levels since a global pullback Feb. 27.

"The data has been somewhat mixed. People are still trying to get a grasp on — as the Fed interprets this data — what is it going to do next," said Nick Raich director of research at National City Private Client Group, referring to the Federal Reserve's next move on short-term interest rates.

Study suggests mammogram may spot cancer as well as computer

BOSTON (AP) — A good mammogram reader may do just as well as spotting cancers without expensive new computer systems often used for a second opinion, a new study suggests. Computerized mammography, now used for about a third of the nation's mammograms, too often finds harmless spots that lead to false scares, researchers found. That conflicts with earlier studies showing benefit from the systems.

"It looks like computer-aided detection might not be working like people thought it would," said lead researcher Dr. Joshua Fenton, a family doctor at the University of California-Davis, in Sacramento.

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WEEKLY RESTAURANT REVIEW

The Picante's dilemma

By ANNE M. SHEPHERD
STAFF WRITER

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I decided this week it was time to try a Mexican restaurant again, and the one that presented the best opportunity was Picante's restaurant on 3814 34th St. The restaurant looked crowded when I entered, but perhaps it felt that way mainly because the room was so small. I liked the cozy feel I got from the compact, laid-back dining room. Thus, I proceeded to a table and, as the waitress got my drink, I looked over the menu. I appreciated the glossary of Spanish terms provided at the foot of the menu to help me decide what to order. (Sadly, my two years of junior college Spanish have not made me proficient enough to easily order from Picante's menu.)

The prices on Picante's menu were somewhat higher than the last Mexican restaurant *The Daily Toreador* reviewed, Taqueria Jalisco's, but nothing too shocking. I ordered the chicken fajita plate for \$6.50 and an appetizer of supreme nachos for \$4.95. Most of the plates were more than \$7. I noticed

some of the cheaper options were the breakfast burritos for \$2.50 and the non-plate options for around \$5 apiece.

The chips and salsa that were set on our table as we waited for the food were good, but nothing out of the ordinary.

We waited roughly 15 minutes and ran into one small mishap when we received our food: My friend's order was supposed to contain beef, and the first bite revealed he had received chicken. He had to wait an extra 10 to 15 minutes for a fresh plate of food.

I was excited to receive my own homemade tortillas, beans, rice and steaming skillet of chicken, bell peppers and onions. The ingredients of the meal were fresh and tasty. I greatly enjoyed the fajitas, and everyone at my table agreed Picante's refried beans were

some of the best we've had at a Mexican restaurant.

I also enjoyed the supreme-nachos appetizer, a giant plate of chips covered in cheese, beans, lettuce, tomatoes and sour cream.

One more service glitch occurred as we prepared to leave. My friend requested a to-go box of the server, and after 15 minutes, we requested again, realizing our to-go box had been either forgotten or ignored.

We approached the cash register, paid for our meals and departed.

My disappointment in Picante's service certainly did not outweigh my appreciation of the food, but I was disappointed in the service nonetheless.

I would recommend the taste of Picante's food as it was delicious and authentic, but visitors will have to decide if the poor service is a worthy sacrifice to get to the food.

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Plan for New Mexico's spaceport is up the air

UPHAM, N.M. (AP) — Billionaire Richard Branson looks at a bleak and featureless expanse of the New Mexico desert and sees the perfect spot on which to build the future — a \$198 million launch complex that would blast paying tourists into space.

Whether enough folks around here share his vision remains to be seen.

Spaceport America, as sketched out by Branson, would be funded by state, local and federal money. The first rocket flights would be in 2009 and would initially be suborbital

trips that would offer five minutes of weightlessness at about \$200,000 per person. Eventually, the spaceport could offer trips into orbit and beyond.

But in poor southern New Mexico's ranching country, some say they have no intention of paying for some rich people's thrills.

On Tuesday, residents of Dona Ana County voted on a proposed quarter-cent sales tax increase critical to the project. The tax increase, which would raise a projected \$49 million, led by a mere 238 votes out of 17,168 cast, with 541 provisional ballots still to be counted. A final count is expected Thursday.

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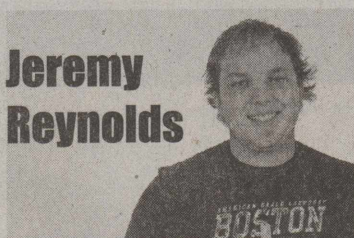
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Top 10 TV dramas of the spring season

No. 1 — It might be cliché by now, but I'm going to agree with basically every other critic in the nation by saying HBO's "The Wire" is not only the best drama on air, it's the greatest show ever made for television.

In its fourth season, the show focuses on the young "corner hoppers" dealing drugs, how President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind Act slowly is destroying the education system, a politician's rise in City Hall and the elite narcotics team using sophisticated wire-tap technology to bring down the city's cartels.

Jeremy Reynolds



"The Wire" is a novelized show, which means each episode is played out like a single chapter of a novel. It's a revolutionary approach to television no other show has tried — yet.

There are dramas on air that pull in bigger ratings, but none of them approach the brilliance and genius

that is "The Wire."

2. If you haven't seen "The Closer," it's time you tune in. Kyrá Sedgwick is one of the highest-paid actresses on television, and there's a reason for that.

Her character's Southern charm and down-home-backwoods mannerisms supported by years of being a CIA interrogator make her one of the most entertaining women on TV.

She stars as a Los Angeles police captain who is nothing but smiles and giggles until she slides into the interrogation chair across the table from a suspect. That's when the real genius of the show takes over, and Sedgwick proves her worth.

3. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" is one of the most-watched hours of television and for good reason. It still stands out as a compelling drama even after all its years on air. The character development is ground-breaking for a procedural show.

4. He used to be television's

best-kept secret, but Hugh Laurie, who stars in Fox's "House," quickly has emerged as one of the best actors working in the business today. He's brilliant as the wise-ass surgeon who walks around on his cane like a high-class pimp. Producer Bryan Singer decided to surround Laurie with a supporting cast that's unique and plays off the British actor effortlessly.

5. Here's why I love "Deadwood" so much: Ian McShane can rattle off a monolog in which he drops the F-bomb 15 times as well as every other curse word known to man, and he still makes it sound like something William Shakespeare would write. I know a lot of people give this Wild West show a lot of flack because of the foul language and how often characters refer to women as "the C-word." Still, if someone can turn their ears past the endless string of curse words, they can hear brilliance.

6. It seems every piece of rotten crap studios put on the air these days

and call a comedy revolves around the perils of marriage. So, HBO decided to take the overused idea of marriage and multiply it. "Big Love" stars Bill Paxton as a polygamist in Utah trying to juggle three families. It's simply great.

7. If people want the American Dream these days, they have to steal it. That's the theme of the FX Network's new show "The Riches." The drama follows a family of thieves who stumble butt-first into another family's life when they steal a dead man's key to his new home. Now all they have to do is keep up appearances and hope their former life doesn't come looking for them. It's hilarious and emotionally moving at the same time.

8. "Rescue Me" is the type of drama that could easily be considered in the comedy category at the Golden Globes every year. The show has quick, snappy dialogue that any guy can relate to because most of the characters' conversations feel as

if they were scripted directly from a guys' locker room. The show gets better every year, and Denis Leary should have two best-actor statues by now for his role.

9. "Heroes" — this is the geek in me coming out. I love the show because it relies on the hope audiences will relate to the idea of everyday people slowly discovering they're extraordinary. I'm not saying I'm the next Superman, but it'd be nice to have his powers, if only for a week.

10. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer has six shows in the Nielsen rating's top 25 every week, and one of the most cleverly thought-out programs is "Cold Case." I know it's basically the same episode every week, and there's not much variation in the way the cases play out, but I'll be damned if this show isn't the highlight of Sunday-night television.

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11 PM	News	(35) Late Night	(50) Craig Ferguson	Malcolm	The Nanny	(05) ET	Friends
:30	Destinos			Becker	Cops	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Scrub
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Life as hockey and 'The Simpsons'

By MICHAEL PASSMAN
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(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — I've spent the majority of my existence obsessing far too much over two things: The Detroit Red Wings and "The Simpsons." The former is an NHL franchise that plays in a building where old bathtubs are considered toilets. The latter is a cartoon about a town of primarily bright yellow people. I can't say that I've had any tangible impact on either of these things, but they certainly have impacted me.

Almost 10 years ago, I sat in Joe Louis Arena and watched Steve Yzerman raise the Stanley Cup over his head. It was probably the happiest moment of my life. I've certainly experienced many more important and gratifying events, but I was nine and at the time I couldn't have fathomed a more exciting experience. To this day,

I still care way too much about a sport that basically no one else cares about.

I say this because "The Simpsons" has meant just about as much to me as the Wings have, which is a whole hell of a lot. I own all of the DVD box sets and will continue to buy them even though the later seasons aren't so awesome. My DVR is mostly filled with "Simpsons" reruns that I've already seen many times and, for the most part, own on DVD. I've bought way too much "Simpsons" merchandise including "Krusty's Super Fun House" for SNES, which was basically "Lemmings" with clowns. And I was Bart Simpson for Halloween — more than once.

But, as I'm sure you know, the show isn't what it used to be. I still watch the new episodes, but rarely do I walk away from them satisfied. At the same time, the show is nearing its 400th episode, so it had to drop off eventually. Fortunately — or maybe unfortunately — the most important chapter in "Simpsons" history is just ahead.

On July 27, "The Simpsons Movie" will open across the country. Nerds will stand in line the night before its release. Many of these people will see the film multiple times the next day. Legions of devoted fans will finally see the film most thought would never be made. It will be just like "Star Wars" except (hopefully) no jackass man-child will be waving an overpriced glowing phallic symbol in front of my face. Until then, all I can do is speculate about what Hans Moleman will look like on a giant screen.

My primary concern is that a bloated plot will get in the way of the classic "Simpsons" charm. Based on the trailer — which happens to be mind blowing, and even includes a Gabbo cameo — it looks like an epic plot is in store, which could shorten the movie's comedic legs. The show usually relies on a tight plotline with a lot of comedic freedom. The film's storyline may end up being too grand and restricting.

Most people, however, are just

concerned with how funny the movie will be. A common perception among most of the "Simpsons" elite is that the past couple seasons have suffered because Groening and Co. were hoarding the best jokes for the film. This would be great, but it's highly unlikely. Unlike "Family Guy," which doesn't derive any humor from the plot, "The Simpsons" works for its humor, so the jokes aren't exactly interchangeable. Others hope the show's best writers have been focusing on the film for the past few seasons, but the show's best writers left in 1998.

All things considered, I'm still kind of shocked that a "Simpsons" movie is actually being made. If this ends up being some elaborate hoax I may hurt somebody — or at least pay someone to hurt somebody. Although I've never been this excited to see a movie before, I remain cautiously optimistic about the quality of the final product. "The Simpsons Movie" has to be good, doesn't it? Well, maybe not, but it might not matter.

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Tech men's golf finishes sixth in Arizona tournament

By JESSICA HENDERSHOT
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's golf team finished in sixth place, while two individual Raiders finished in the top-10 at the National Invitational Tournament Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz.

Senior Oscar Floren shot a three-round score of 211, finishing 5-under par to tie for fifth place. Floren, a native of Sweden, now has eight career top-10 finishes. Floren said he had problems early, but he was able to find his niche after the second round.

"I struggled at first," Floren said, "but I felt good, and played the last 11 holes well."

Floren said he and his teammates shared a brief pep talk after their disappointing second round.

"We had a little talk, and it worked out well," he said. "Some guys were playing well, and others saw them playing well, and everyone came together."

Sophomore Will Griffin was Tech's other player to finish in the top 10 after firing a 4-under-par 212, for a seventh-place finish — the second top-10 finish of his collegiate career.

Griffin carded the lowest third-round score for the Raiders, shooting a 5-under-par 72. Griffin said he believes his performance was not

incredible, but acceptable.

"I played pretty well," Griffin said. "Everything was pretty solid, and it worked out well for us."

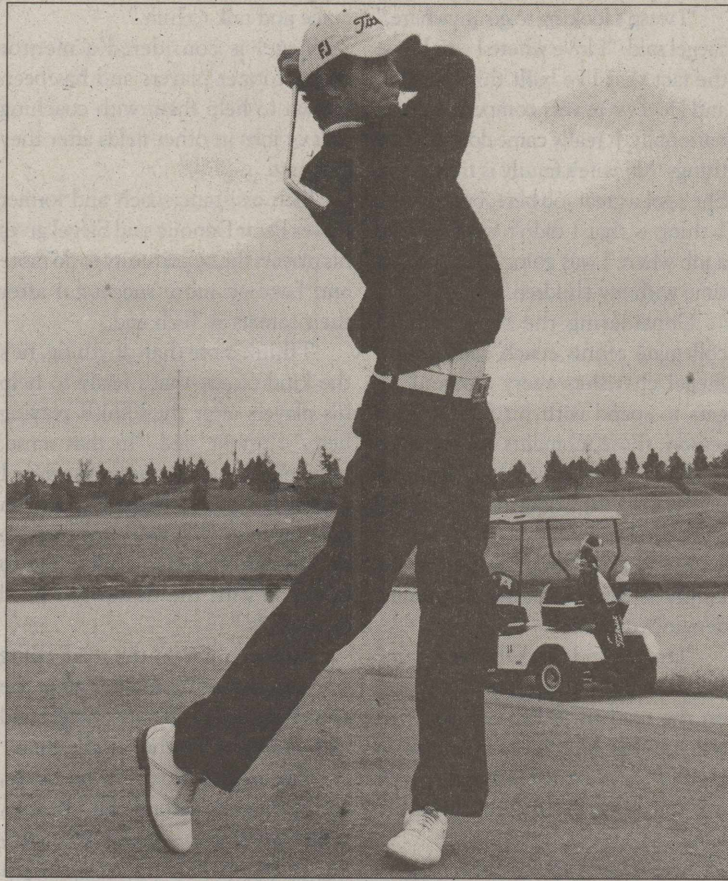
Tech improved 19 strokes from its 11th-place standing after the second round Monday to a sixth-place finish with the help of its underclassmen. Sophomore Garrett Merrell tied for 34th after shooting a 3-under 219. Fellow sophomore Santiago Rivas tied for 43rd place. Freshman Matt Smith rounded out the scores for the Red Raiders, shooting a 227 and finishing in a tie for 67th.

Arizona State took the team title as well as the individual title at the tournament. The Sun Devils finished 24-under and eight shots ahead of their closest competitor. Niklas Lemke led ASU with a 9-under score of 207.

Griffin said his team's work in the National Invitational Tournament will prepare it better for its next two tournaments: the April 13 Arizona State University Thunderbird Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., and the April 23 Big 12 Conference Championship.

"Before this tournament, we didn't have any confidence," Griffin said. "Now we have some confidence."

Floren said he believes his team will perform well at the conference



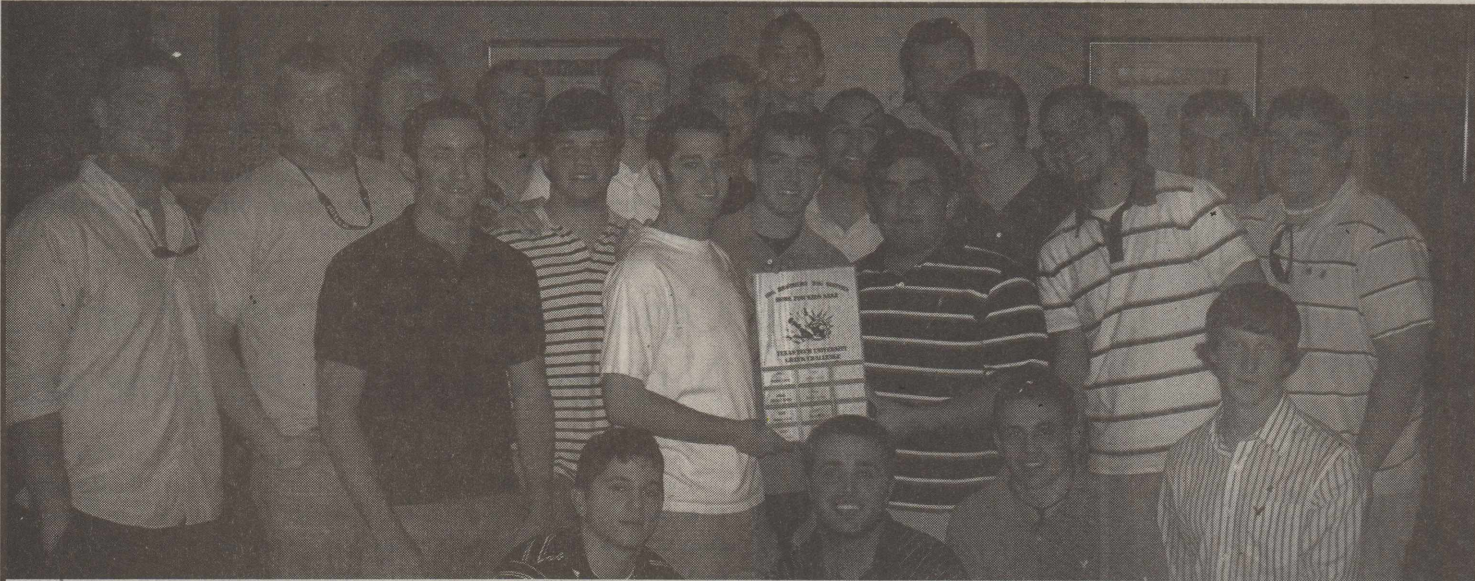
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TEXAS TECH SENIOR Oscar Floren shot a three-round score of 211 Tuesday at the National Invitational Tournament in Tucson, Ariz. championship, which will be held in Hutchinson, Kan.

"We ended the last tournament on a

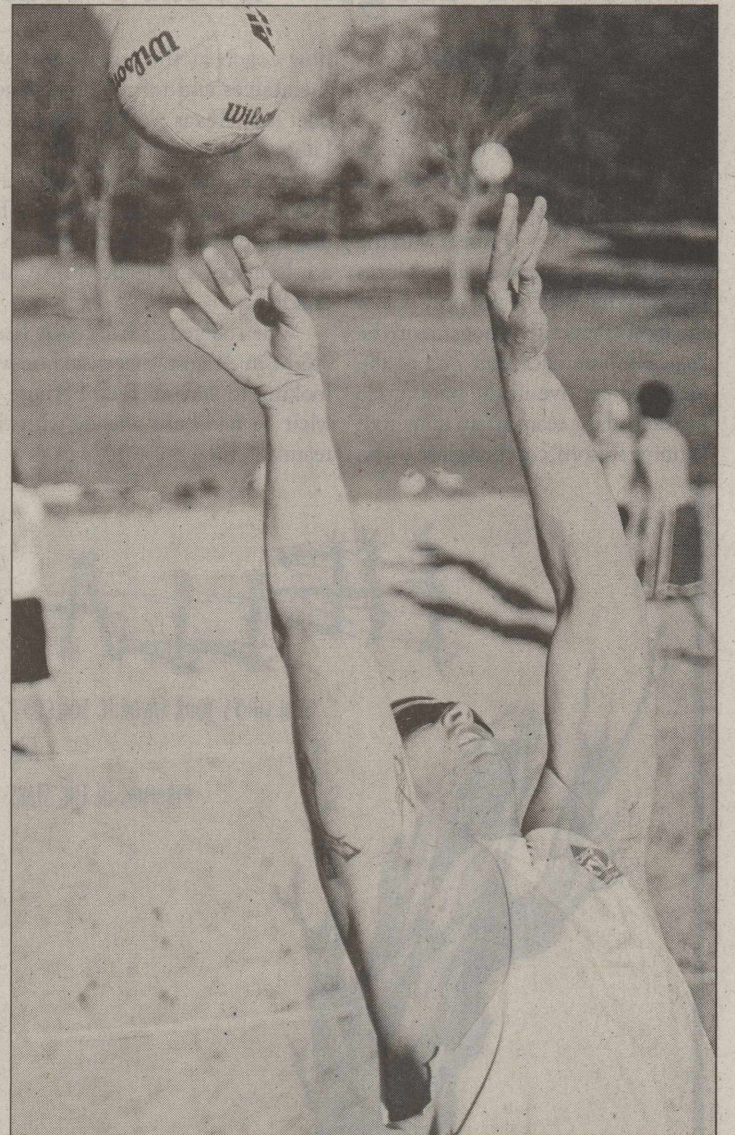
really good note," Floren said. "I think we can get it together now and play well."

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TIM HEOMBERGER, A sophomore civil engineering major from Farmersville, sets a volleyball during a volleyball game at Urbanovsky Park Monday evening.

Tech baseball players to be missing from lineup against Texas A&M

By WES SKIPWITH
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team will be without an unspecified number of players when they face Texas A&M today at Dan Law Field.

"There are going to be some players missing from the lineup tomorrow," Blayne Beal, the associate director of media relations for the team, said.

He would not specify if the

players in question were being suspended for academic or team conduct violations.

Tech faces A&M for the first of a key three-game series 6:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

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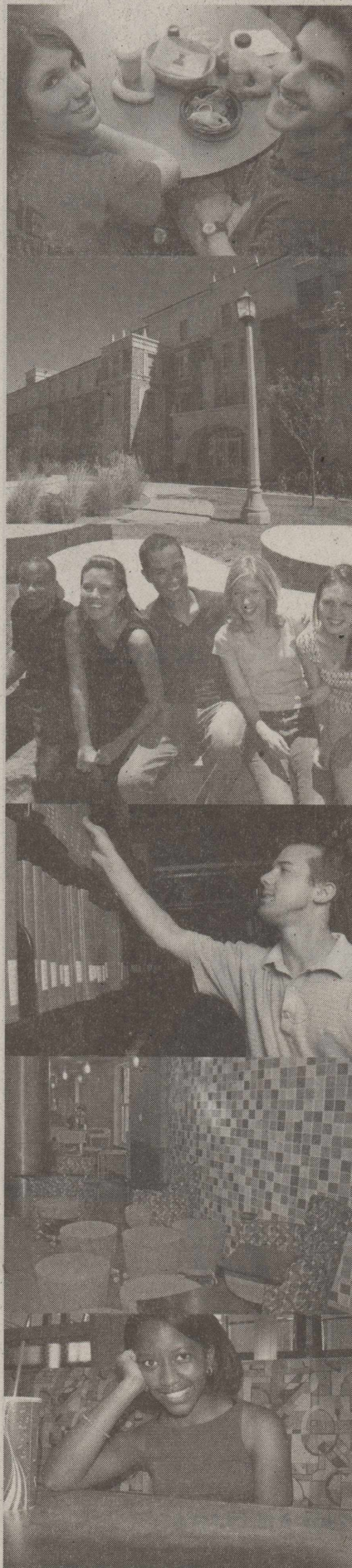
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Flock of Siegel: Tech's tenured tennis coach has built program from the bottom, up

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel is a father figure both on and off the court.

During his 15-year career with the Red Raiders, Siegel has built a tennis program that may be not only one of the most competitive programs in the Big 12 Conference, but one of the most competitive in the nation. He has helped the team attain numerous winning seasons, coached players who

now coach at the collegiate level themselves and turned down a job offer from Texas A&M to remain in Lubbock for his family.

While the veteran coach is a role model and leader to many of his players, past and present, he also is a role model and leader to his four children.

When offered a job to coach Texas A&M in August, Siegel said he was looking to stay at Tech because of what he had built already with the team and his family.

"I wasn't looking to go anywhere," Siegel said. "I love where I am. I love the fact that I've built this program, and I feel we're very competitive now nationally. It really came down to two things. My wife's family is from here. She's got a great job here, but the No. 1 thing is that I didn't want to take a job where I was going to spend less time with my children."

Considering the time being a collegiate tennis coach can occupy, Siegel cherishes every moment he gets to spend with his family. This season, those moments are scarce as the Red Raiders have had 12 matches on the road, including a current nine-game road trip.

Siegel said being away from his family is one of the most difficult demands of his job.

"I travel, and that's the hard part," Siegel said. "This spring we've been on the road since Feb. 27, so I can tell you that March has been tough. Half of the month I was gone, so it was tough for me and tough for my wife."

Senior Greg Jones said Siegel goes out of his way to make sure his players are in good standing off the court.

"Whenever we have practice, he always asks how is school going, how (our) parents are," Jones said, "so he's always taught us that there is always life beyond tennis and life outside of tennis. He also asks if we have any problems — he always says we can

come and talk to him."

Siegel is considered a mentor by his former players and has been known to help them with coaching jobs or jobs in other fields after they graduate.

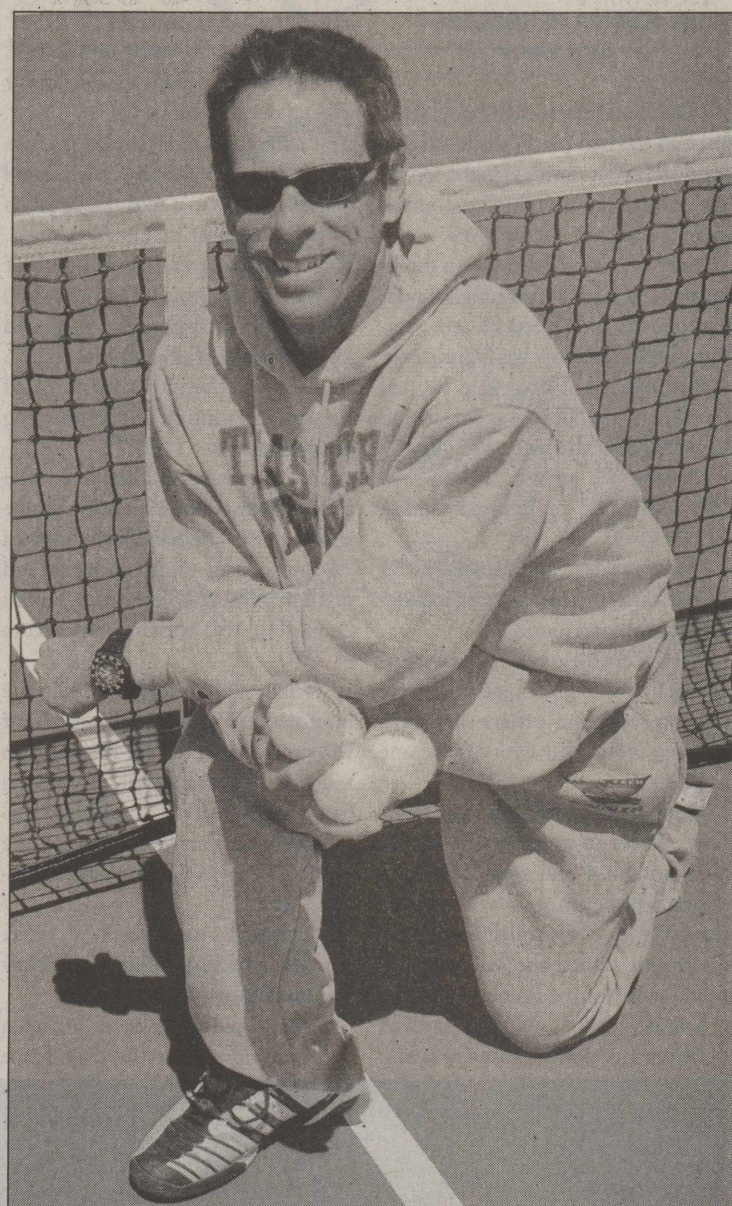
Tech assistant coach and former player Petar Danolic said Siegel gives his players the opportunity to do more and become more successful after their careers at Tech end.

"I think more than anything, he's the kind of guy that's ready to help his players after they finish playing here," Danolic said. "In that sense, he's helped me a lot as far as when I got my first job in Arizona and even coming here (to) work for him, so he's the kind of guy that's going to help you with the things you need in your life."

Although life on the road, being a coach, and being a father all at the same time can be chaotic, Siegel said he loves being a father all the time.

"I'm used to chaos in the house, but I love every second of it," he said. "I take the kids to school every morning. I take four kids in the car and put them in (the car), and take three kids to day care and spend some time with the kids in day care. Once a week, I'll have lunch with my (daughter), take her to lunch. We go to the park in the evenings; I just spend as much time as I possibly can with my kids because to me that's far more important."

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TEXAS TECH MEN'S tennis coach Tim Siegel has been with the program for 15 years. Siegel, shown holding four tennis balls to represent his four children, incorporates his family life into his coaching.

Officer struck by car after Florida's National Championship game dies

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A police officer who was struck by a car after the Florida Gators' championship died Wednesday, authorities said.

Lt. Corey Dahlem, a 22-year veteran, was struck by a black Toyota as police were clearing the streets at the University of Florida early Tuesday after the Gators' win against Ohio State, authorities said.

Dahlem died Wednesday just before 3 p.m., hospital officials said.

The Florida Highway Patrol said the driver, Austin John Wright, 21, of Atlantic Beach, had a blood-alcohol level almost three times the legal limit. He is accused of running two motorcycle officers off the road. The officers were not injured.

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Grambling great: College football's second all-time winningest coach dies

(AP) — To his very last day, Eddie Robinson was always battling something.

There was the institutional racism that surrounded him, the piddling football budget he and his coaching staff subsisted on at predominantly black Grambling State and, ultimately, the Alzheimer's disease that took his life at age 88.

"He'd been fighting that battle for a long time," said former Grambling quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams. "It was one of the many he fought in his lifetime."

Robinson died Tuesday night, not long after being admitted to Lincoln General Hospital in Ruston, La., Williams said.

He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease shortly after he retired in 1997

and had been in and out of a nursing home during the past year.

And so ended the life of a beloved football coach who put a small school in remote northern Louisiana on the map and turned it into a virtual farm team for the NFL during a career that spanned 57 years.

Robinson built a football powerhouse with a worldwide reputation, all the while struggling to get past years of segregation and discrimination against blacks.

His success at Grambling no doubt made him the first easily recognizable black coach in any sport.

"Today we mourn the loss of a great Louisianan and a true American hero," Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said. "Coach Eddie Robinson became the most successful college

coach of all time and one of the greatest civil rights pioneers in our history. ... Coach Robinson elevated a small town program to national prominence and tore down barriers to achieve an equal playing field for athletes of all races."

Robinson won 408 games, the most ever for any coach at the time of his retirement in 1997. He sent hundreds of players to the NFL and other leagues, and the majority of them were clutching college degrees when they left.

"We will be forever grateful for the more than 200 young men he developed at Grambling who starred in the NFL and those who later coached the next generation of NFL players," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said. "He always focused on coaching his play-

ers to be better men as well as better football players."

Playing at Grambling became a goal of young black men as Robinson's fame grew.

"Everybody wanted to play at Grambling," Jackson State coach Rick Comegy said. He'd done such a fantastic job. He was on national TV, you know, and that was the first time I'd ever seen a black college football team on TV growing up."

Robinson's career spanned 11 presidents, several wars and the civil rights movement. Though his teams struggled during his final years, his overall record of excellence is what will be remembered: 408-165-15.

Until John Gagliardi of St. John's, Minn., topped the victory mark four years ago, Robinson was the

winningest coach in all of college football.

In 1995, Robinson oversaw a rare losing season — 5-6. That was followed by a 3-8 year, and there was an NCAA investigation on recruiting violations and four players were arrested for rape.

Suddenly there were calls for Robinson to go. Fans said he'd lost touch with the modern game and the young players.

"I don't think coach lost touch with the players, I think the players lost touch with him," former NFL and Grambling cornerback Everson Walls said. "I think the young guys lost touch with coach Rob's vision. They didn't appreciate that they were living history with him."

As pressure mounted for him to

step aside, even then-Gov. Mike Foster campaigned to give him one last season so he could try to go out a winner. But that final season again produced a 3-8 record.

Robinson's teams had only eight losing seasons and won 17 Southwestern Athletic Conference titles and nine national black college championships. He was inducted into every hall of fame for which he was eligible, and received honorary degrees from several universities, including Yale.

Robinson began his storied career at Grambling with no paid assistants, no groundskeepers, no trainers and little in the way of equipment. He lined the field himself and fixed lunchmeat sandwiches for road trips because the players could not eat in the "white only" restaurants of the South.

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TEXAS TECH TAKES on No. 13 Texas A&M in a three-game series beginning today at Dan Law Field. Tech holds a 30-33 advantage when the Aggies visit Lubbock.

'Whoop'-ing cough: Tech baseball looking to rid latest hiccups against Texas A&M

By WES SKIPWITH
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team faces No. 13 Texas A&M at 6:30 p.m. today in the first of a three-game series at Dan Law Field.

The Red Raiders (20-12, 4-5 Big 12) are looking for their first Big 12 series win since beating Nebraska two games to one in their opening Big 12 series Mar. 15. Since then, Tech has lost two conference series to Baylor and Kansas State.

Today, the Red Raiders return to Dan Law Field, a place they have not played at since Mar. 27 when they triumphed over New Mexico State 10-3. Tech is 12-7 this season at home, while A&M is 2-2 on the road and 30-33 when playing Tech in Lubbock.

"It is always nice to play at home, especially now that we're in the Big 12 season," Tech utility man Chris Hall said. "You have such a big advantage. That will be big for us right now especially coming off the two series that we lost in a row."

Last season, A&M (26-6, 5-4) won the series matchup against Tech 2-1 in College Station. This season, the Aggies come to Lubbock after beating Texas State 9-4 Tuesday. A&M has recorded big wins against No. 8 Oregon State, No. 9 Rice and No. 22 Oklahoma.

The Aggies have a team batting average of .325 compared to Tech's .290. Their two leading hitters, Blake Stouffer and Parker Dalton, both have batting averages of .411. Stouffer is first in the conference in RBIs with 44 and third in hits

with 51.

The A&M pitching staff has a cumulative ERA of 3.70. David Newman gets the start on the mound tonight for the Aggies. Newman is 4-1 with a 3.26 ERA and 47 strikeouts.

Despite A&M's high batting average and low ERA, Tech coach Larry Hays said he is concerned with the Aggies' thievery on the base paths. A&M leads the Big 12 with 83 stolen bases this year. The top-two base stealers in the Big 12 are on A&M's roster; Ben Felter leads the conference with 21 stolen bases followed by teammate Brandon Hicks who has 19.

"We will try to handle a team that probably runs the bases with a different approach than anyone we've played this year," Hays said. "With A&M, we will have to keep that in mind."

Scheduled to start on the mound for Tech is A.J. Ramos,

who is 6-1 on the year with a 3.88 ERA and leads the Big 12 with 56 strikeouts.

Hays said lately the starting pitchers have been playing solid, but the bullpen has struggled. In Tech's two losses to Kansas State, the Red Raiders saw their leads evaporate in the eighth inning.

"It's difficult to cover 27 innings — everything has to go just right for us," Hays said. "When it doesn't, it has been a problem."

Tech first baseman James Levertton, who has an eight-game hitting streak, said this series against A&M will be crucial for the Red Raiders.

"I think this series is huge," Levertton said. "I especially think we need to take all three games since we lost two to Baylor and K-State on the road. Its important that we win so we can get our confidence and our killer instinct back."

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Angels sweep series opener from Rangers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Ervin Santana helped the Angels to a season-opening sweep.

Santana held Texas to four hits in seven innings, Gary Matthews Jr. made another leaping catch and Los Angeles beat the Texas Rangers 5-3 Wednesday for only the fourth 3-0 start in franchise history.

The Angels outscored the Rangers 17-7 and left Texas rookie manager Ron Washington looking for his first victory. The Angels hadn't opened with a three-game sweep since 2004 at Seattle.

Last year, the Angels struggled to a 17-28 start and didn't sweep a three-game series until July 3-5 at the Mariners. Their 54-29 record from July on was the best in the major leagues, but they still couldn't get to the playoffs.

Los Angeles took a 4-0 lead in

the first off Brandon McCarthy (0-1), with two of the runs unearned because of shortstop Michael Young's error. Vladimir Guerrero singled home one run and Garret Anderson doubled in another.

Playing against his former team, Matthews leaped at the wall to rob Young of a home run in the first inning. Anderson also made a fine sliding catch of Kenny Lofton's drive into the gap in left-center in the third inning.

Guerrero went 1-for-4 and finished the series 6-for-11 with one homer and five RBIs. In 57 career games against Texas, he is batting .437, with 21 homers and 50 RBIs.

Santana (1-0) gave up two runs and four hits in seven innings with six strikeouts. Hector Carrasco followed with a perfect eighth and Francisco Rodriguez allowed Brad Wilkerson's sacrifice fly in the ninth before striking out Nelson Cruz with runners at the corners for his second save in as many chances.

McCarthy, making his Texas debut, allowed five runs — three earned — and 10 hits in six innings. He spent most of his last year, his first full season in the majors, as a reliever with the Chicago White Sox and went 4-7 with a 4.68 ERA in two starts and 51 relief appearances.

Matthews led off the bottom of the first with a single, advanced on a wild pitch and took third when Young made an error on Orlando Cabrera's liner.

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