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Bill Montigel became a successful golf coach in a manner not considered normal.

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The artful combination of British and American humor and a stellar director make for a must-see movie. **Page 5**



The only way to survive PMS is by sheer avoidance. Friends — especially male ones — should beware. **Page 3.**

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TCU not worried about possible sale of law school

An addition of a law school is a future possibility, not a current priority, Chancellor Michael Ferrari said. He said he wants to focus on undergraduate and graduate programs.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA
Staff Reporter

The possible sale of Texas Wesleyan University's law school to the University of North Texas would not prevent students interested in practicing law from attending TCU, Chancellor Michael Ferrari said Wednesday.

While the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported Wednesday that UNT began discussing the possibility of acquiring TWU's law school after TCU dropped out of negotiations, Ferrari said TCU is still open for discussions even though he considers the matter closed.

"TCU is a nationally ranked university putting UNT and TWU in a different league academically," he said. "Some students may consider going to UNT but most students interested in law want to attend schools with strong

law programs such as the University of Texas at Austin or Southern Methodist University."

The executive committee of Wesleyan's board of trustees are expected to discuss a bid from UNT at its meeting next month, according to the article.

Ferrari confirmed that TCU withdrew an offer presented in April 2001 to acquire TWU's law school over the summer because he said the university did not receive a response from TWU.

Ferrari said he would not disclose the amount TCU offered, nor confirm a \$30 million offer reported in the *Star-Telegram*.

The decision to end discussions came after a year and a half of talks between TWU and TCU about a possible sale of the TWU law school. Ferrari said he was approached by I. Richard Gershon, dean of the TWU law school, in April 2001 to discuss the possibility of TCU being involved in the future of the law school. Ferrari would not elaborate

on what that meant.

"After meetings with President Harold Jeffcoat and visits to the law school, an outside appraisal firm evaluated the dollar worth of the law school," Ferrari said. "Since we never heard back from Jeffcoat, we assumed they were not interested and therefore decided to close the matter."

However, Jeffcoat said he declined TCU's offer in a letter directed to Ferrari in April. Jeffcoat said a TCU

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Saperston to share journey about life through film

Eric Saperston's nine-year journey across the nation is chronicled in his film, "The Journey," in which he highlights his opportunities to talk to influential people such as former President Jimmy Carter.

BY JOI HARRIS
Staff Reporter

After graduating from college, Eric Saperston, producer and director of the film, "The Journey," said he decided to take a year off before beginning a career documenting the Grateful Dead and to work at a ski resort in Aspen.

Nine years, 176 interviews and 370 hours of tape-footage later, Saperston will share his journey with students at 7 p.m. tonight in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Robin Williamson, community service coordinator, said students, Abbey Jones, Ruth Morris, Rahwa Neguse and Danielle Gardner first heard Saperston speak during the Community Outreach and Opportunity League Conference in Atlanta last Spring Break.

Staff members from eight departments and organizations within the Division of Student Affairs collaborated to bring Saperston to campus in response to the four students' requests.

Saperston said he changed his focus from documenting the Grateful Dead in 1993 after his mentor, Tony Smith, challenged him to make the trip more meaningful.

"I then decided that I would call up some of the most powerful people in the world and ask them if I could take them out for a cup of coffee," Saperston said.

The following seven years, Saperston traveled cross country taping his experience with his dog Jack and friends David Murcott, Paige O'Brien and Kathleen Kelly in his 1971 Volkswagen Bus.

The result was a 90-minute non-fiction film, which documents interviews with former President Jimmy Carter, comedian Billy Crystal, former Texas Governor Ann Richards, F.B.I. Director William Sessions and "The Fonz," Henry Winkler.

Campus Life Coordinator, James Parker, said bringing in Saperston, as a result of student recommendation, shows the power and influence the student body has in shaping programs during their college experience.

"When you have the opportunity to do something that students are pulling for, it speaks volumes to the potential of the program," Parker

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Not human, but almost 'Hal' helps ease nursing students' fears



Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
Senior nursing major Neal Mikes uses a stethoscope to listen to the heart beat of "Hal," the nursing department's Human Patient Simulator.

With the help of a new human simulator, nursing students get real life experience without working on real life patients.

BY JOI HARRIS
Staff Reporter

Mary Beth Walker, the learning center director, stood by as Hal's breathing continued to get shallow, and his heart started beating faster. As his blood pressure dropped, his heart developed a life threatening rhythm. Within five minutes, all of Hal's life-functions ceased. He was clinically dead.

That's the bad news. The good news is that it was part of a controlled simulation conducted by Walker to demonstrate the capabilities of the \$190,000 simulator purchased by the Harris School of Nursing last summer.

Because there is little room for error in the medical field, faculty and staff members of the Harris School of Nursing said the department has purchased the sixth version Human Patient Simulator, nicknamed "Hal," in order to relieve the amount of pressure and fear students experience as part of their job, before they actually come in contact with a real person.

"We want to make the student experience to be on such a high level that the amount of fear they experience is much less by the time they actually come in contact with a living patient," Walker said. "We can make the situation intense enough to make virtual reality real."

The HPS, which is manufactured by Medical Education Technologies, Inc., is a computer-driven, full-sized mannequin that blinks, speaks and breathes. According to the company's Web site, the HPS mirrors human responses to such procedures as CPR, intravenous



Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

Senior nursing majors Jeanne O'Neil and Neal Mikes work on the nursing department's Human Patient Simulator, nicknamed "Hal." The model can simulate human functions such as breathing, heart beat and bowel functions, among others.

medication, ventilation and catheterization.

The Harris School of Nursing is the second school in Fort Worth to purchase an HPS. John Uselding, director of the simulator lab at Texas Wesleyan University, said his department purchased an earlier model in 1999.

Uselding said students in Wesleyan's nurse anesthesia program use the department's simulator to practice administering anesthetics to patients.

Since 1999, Uselding said the students who have used the simulator have received favorable comments from their clinical coordinators.

Mike Sadler, the clinical coordinator at John Peter Smith Hospital, said that students who have had experience using simulators are able to handle the "finer points" of their job. "Because certain aspects of the

nursing field is driven a lot by technique, prior experience will enable students to do a better job of multitasking, Sadler said.

Brooks Zitzmann, a junior nursing major, is in her first year of clinicals. She said Hal is a better bridge between the lab and real life because it is technologically a step above the type of mannequins she's used in the past.

"It's a great tool for us to practice patient care and study the physiological response to care without real life implications," Zitzmann said.

Hal currently resides on a \$3,000 stretcher donated by Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital. Walker said the nursing hospital is seeking more donations from Tarrant County hospitals.

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Warrant issued for information in connection with sniper

Police say that John Allen Muhammad may not be involved with the sniper, but they still warn that he is "armed and dangerous."

BY STEPHEN MANNING
Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Police hunting the serial sniper issued an arrest warrant Wednesday for a 42-year-old man they believe has information about the string of terrifying shootings that have left 10 people dead in the Washington suburbs.

Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose said the man, John Allen Muhammad, should be considered "armed and dangerous" and that he was being sought on a federal weapons charge.

He also cautioned that the public should not assume Muhammad is involved in any of the shootings that have stricken the Washington area since Oct. 2.



MUHAMMAD

Moose identified Muhammad as a black male who also goes by the name John Allen Williams. He also said a juvenile may be accompanying Muhammad.

He did not identify the juvenile, but a law enforcement source identified him as 17-year-old Lee Malvo.

A U.S. official in Washington said authorities were looking for two "people of interest," including one who was formerly connected to Fort Lewis, an Army base south of Tacoma, Wash., that provides some of the most intense sniper training in

the U.S. military.

A Fort Lewis spokesman said the FBI had asked for help from the base but could say nothing else.

Moose also issued another cryptic message to the sniper:

"You asked us to say 'We have caught the sniper like a duck in a noose.' We understand that hearing us say that is important to you," Moose said. "Let's talk directly. We have an answer for you about your option. We are waiting for you to contact us."

The announcement came hours

after the investigation jumped across the country. FBI agents converged on a rental home in Tacoma with metal detectors and chain saws, carting away a tree stump from the yard and other potential evidence in a U-Haul truck.

The FBI agents, acting on information from the sniper task force, were seeking evidence related to ammunition, a senior law enforcement official in Washington said on condition of anonymity.

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NewsBrief

Memorial service to be held for emeritus professor

A memorial service for emeritus professor Wayne Ludvigson will be at 4 p.m. Friday in the Faculty Center, Reed Hall, Room 214.

Ludvigson, who was a psychology professor, retired in 2000 after more than 30 years of service. Psychology professor Steven Cole said Ludvigson was the chairman of the department from 1971 to 1975.

He died in August of cancer in Taos, N.M. He was 68.

— Joi Harris

The Weather

THURSDAY

High: 61; Low: 55; Scattered T-Storms

FRIDAY

High: 64; Low: 59; Isolated T-Storms

SATURDAY

High: 68; Low: 58; Showers

Looking Back

1930 — The Big Trail opened, featuring John Wayne in his first leading role. Unfortunately, the film flopped, and Wayne played mediocre roles for the next 10 years.

1945 — Less than two months after the end of World War II, the United Nations is formally established with the ratification of the U.N. Charter.

1994 — Time Warner launched Pathfinder, an ambitious Web site that put magazines such as "Time," "Sports Illustrated," "Entertainment Weekly" and others online.

Watch For

In Friday's Skiff:

• Volleyball team plays two home conference matches this weekend against Alabama-Birmingham and South Florida.

• Women's golf team takes part in its third tournament of the fall in South Carolina.

• Midweek football games may be good for TV, but what does the team think?

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• A free GSP preparation workshop will be at 3 p.m. today in the Student Center Basement, Room B16.

• The Society of Professional Journalists will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 279. The topic will be sports, and local reporters will be on hand to discuss the art of interviewing, asking the tough questions and how not to be a cheerleader. Everyone is welcome and free food will be provided. For more information, call (817) 257-6268.

• A TCU MBA Information Session will be held 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 2 in Tandy Hall. Registration and refreshments will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. For more information, visit (www.mba.tcu.edu). To RSVP, visit (www.mba.tcu.edu/rsvp).

• The deadline for the annual Creative Writing Contests will be Nov. 15. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available from the English department in Reed Hall, Room 314 or from the Writing Center, Student Center Basement, Room 11A.

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 12 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

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'Sign' on up



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 Tim Barth, chairman of the psychology department, represented the department at the major/minor fair Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge wearing a tin foil hat like those worn in the movie "Signs." The hats were meant to "keep the aliens from reading my thoughts," Barth said.

N.Y. man charged with sex offenses

BY JIM FITZGERALD
 Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A man who took jobs that involved working with children, including camp counselor, lifeguard and ice cream truck driver, was charged with more than 100 sex offenses.

An indictment Tuesday alleged David Ohnmacht, 22, committed rape, sodomy and other offenses against girls ranging from toddlers to teenagers, said Westchester County District Attorney Jeanine Pirro.

Ohnmacht allegedly lured the girls

with offers of rides, money, jewelry and candy and molested some of them in his ice cream truck, Pirro said.

Ohnmacht's attorney, Andrew Rubin, said he had not seen the indictment and could not comment. His client is to be arraigned next week.

The charges included "some of the most outrageous crimes and acts that I have seen in the 27 years I've been in this business," Pirro said.

She said more than 1,000 photos of naked children, some engaged in sex acts, were found on Ohnmacht's

computer in the house he shared with his parents and sisters in Katonah, about 60 miles north of New York City.

Ohnmacht allegedly met some of the girls through his jobs, which also included birthday party DJ and children's theater worker. After befriending girls he would contact them, sometimes late at night, by phone or the Internet, Pirro said.

She said she believes there are other victims who have yet to come forward.

The indictment charges Ohnmacht with one charge each of first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy, each punishable by up to 25 years in prison, and 112 other counts including attempted rape and sodomy, sex abuse and both promoting and possessing a child's sexual performance.

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offer, which he would not disclose, was inadequate.

"The board of trustees voted the offer down because it was less than the school was worth," Jeffcoat said. "With its location in downtown Fort Worth and its reputation, the law school is an asset."

Donald Jackson, a political science professor and the pre-law advisor, said the possibility of UNT acquiring TWU's law school will have little effect on the 200 students at TCU interested in practicing law.

"I advise students to go to the best

law schools in the country, which include Yale University, Harvard University and Stanford University," he said. "TWU's law school will not rank as high as these universities even if it is associated with UNT."

Meredith Holbert, a junior Spanish major interested in practicing law, said she would have attended TCU even if UNT had an established law program because she thinks TCU has a better undergraduate program.

"I came to TCU because of the academic programs," she said. "I always planned on attending law schools like SMU or Baylor University and knew TCU would prepare me for that. Even if UNT develops a law school I wouldn't attend it because it would take time for it to develop."

Provost William Koehler said the turn of events will not hinder TCU's efforts to eventually establish its own law school. The addition of a law school was discussed in the Commission of the Future of TCU in 2000.

"The Dallas/Fort Worth area is growing at a rapid rate and could easily accommodate three law schools," he said. "Other areas have more law schools and are doing fine."

For instance, Houston has three law schools: University of Houston, South Texas School of Law and Texas Southern University.

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Bush signs bill for hefty defense spending increase

The passing of a \$355.4 billion defense spending bill, up \$34 billion from last year, provides President Bush with the money needed to wage war against terrorism, Republicans said.

BY JENNIFER LOVEN
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With strokes of his pen Wednesday, President Bush signed into law a bill giving him the tools he wants to wage an expensive, no-end-in-sight global fight against terrorism and possibly Saddam Hussein.

"Our nation faces grave new dangers, and our nation must fully support the men and women of our military who confront these dangers on our behalf," Bush said before signing legislation providing a hefty increase in defense spending and financing for military construction projects in 2003.

"The bill says America is determined and resolute to not only defend our freedom but to defend freedom around the world, that we're determined and resolute to answer the call to history and that we will defeat terror," Bush told a Rose Garden audience of mostly uniformed military personnel, along with a handful of lawmakers.

The spending measures were the first of their kind to become law — three weeks after the start of the 2003 budget year.

Lawmakers who were deadlocked over spending decisions and anxious about midterm elections left Capitol Hill last week to campaign. They plan to finish the other 11 required spending bills in a lame-duck

session after the Nov. 5 voting.

The \$355.4 billion defense bill, approved with overwhelming support to provide most of what Bush requested, increases spending by more than \$34 billion over the previous fiscal year. Bush sought \$367 billion, but ran into bipartisan resistance to his proposal for a \$10 billion fund he could tap without congressional input for combating terrorists overseas.

"It's the largest increase in defense spending since President Reagan was the president," Bush said Tuesday as he stumped for candidates in Bangor, Maine.

"Any time the United States of America sends our youngsters into harm's way they deserve the best pay, the best training and the best possible equipment. ... We have a duty to future generations of Americans to make this land secure."

With a day of work in Washington sandwiched between campaign swings and other travel, Bush was urging the Senate later Wednesday to follow the House's lead and approve legislation to bypass a Supreme Court decision that struck down a ban of computer simulations of child pornography. Bush was hosting a private forum on the sexual solicitation and exploitation of children over the Internet, followed by the public address.

The events are a follow-up to the Oct. 2 White House Conference on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children. Bush focused most of his attention and remarks at the time on kidnapped children but noted that during a single year one in five children between the ages of 10 and 17 are sexually propositioned online.

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said. "Students know what can be impactful in shaping and changing their lives."

Neguse, a sophomore sociology and biology major, said the most appealing thing about Saperston is that

he showed it is okay for people to step out and make their own path, rather than "conform to the mold."

"(He demonstrated that) to be a leader of your own life, you have to take the initiative and find the meaning of life and why you do the things you do," Neguse said.

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SNIPER

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FBI agents also visited Bellingham High School, 90 miles north of Seattle, on Wednesday. Mayor Mark Asmundson told the *Bellingham Herald* the agents were apparently seeking information on a male teenager who once attended the school and on an older man. He said both left the area about nine months ago.

FBI spokeswoman Melissa Malon said the search was consented to by the property owner, but refused to say why agents were there.

"There's no immediate danger to

anyone in this neighborhood," she said.

The back yard was divided into grids, and agents swept metal detectors back and forth over the ground. Other crews used chain saws to remove a stump from the yard and load it onto a truck; a source said the stump would be returned to Washington, D.C., for analysis.

Pfc. Chris Waters, a Fort Lewis private who lives across the street from the home, said he called police after hearing gunshots in the neighborhood nearly every day in January.

"It sounded like a high-powered rifle such as an M-16," he said. "Never more than three shots at a time. Pow. Pow. Pow."

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Law school would increase prestige

TCU seems to think it is a great university. It offers students a wide range of academic choices. It has some of the top faculty in the nation. Campus improvements continue to make life here more enjoyable. Students have won many awards. And graduates have gone on to succeed in their fields.

But we're not perfect, not yet.

Recently, it was reported that the University of North Texas was interested in buying Texas Wesleyan University's law school in downtown Fort Worth, something TCU has talked about and even made an offer on, but has since withdrawn.

In his Fall 2001 Convocation address, Chancellor Michael Ferrari made increasing the prestige of the graduate programs at TCU one of the university's priorities. A little more than a year later, and a chance to grab an already established law school squandered, the university is still in the same position.

Ferrari said that should UNT actually obtain the law school, the matter won't have an affect on students coming to TCU. And while that may be true for some, other students may chose to attend a good university, with an already established law school, and pay a lot less than they would to attend TCU.

TCU cannot afford to remain an undergraduate campus. If it wants to move up in prestige and attract the higher quality students it seeks, the university needs to work on the number and quality of graduate programs here. TCU, honestly, can't afford to have passed up the chance to buy the law school.

For what TCU can offer, it is a good school.

But it can be better.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

With midterm elections right around the corner, President George W. Bush proposed pharmaceutical regulations Monday that would limit the ability of brand-name drug companies to delay the production of lower-cost generic drugs. As part of the pharmaceutical game, a loophole in the 1984 Hatch-Waxman Act gave brand-name drug producers bogus ways of extending their patents. An extension forces generic companies to stall their production of cheaper drugs.

"By this action, we'll reduce the cost of prescription drugs in America by billions of dollars and ease the financial burden for many citizens," Bush said of the proposed regulations. While his explanation may be accurate, there are other effects — some of which are harmful — that he neglected to mention.

In an industry like pharmaceuticals — one that determines many aspects of the economy — changing the rules of the game can have detrimental effects.

For example, look what happened to stem-cell researchers. Our government placed heavy regulations on their industry, which, in turn, pushed many of

our best scientists to foreign laboratories. Our economy cannot afford to lose any more.

It is estimated that a new drug can cost as much as \$800 million to develop and market. With associated costs so high, it is imperative pharmaceutical producers receive incentives, if not rewards, for their risks. So when patent protection is on the list of topics to re-regulate, it provides less motivation for brand-namers to incur billion-dollar costs.

As part of an ongoing struggle to improve the lives of American citizens, Bush and his administration must recognize other options in their pharmaceutical endeavors. Yes, eliminating the clause that unfairly extends patents is fine. But also look toward other related industries to lessen the burden of increased drug regulations. A possible solution might be surfaced in the health insurance industry.

If Bush's concerns are motivated by reducing prescription costs, then maybe the answer lies in individuals' health plans.

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Men can avoid wrath of PMS by treading carefully

The only way to survive PMS is by sheer avoidance. Friends — especially male ones — should beware.

It's time that an answer to a mystery that has been puzzling mankind since the beginning of time be revealed. It is the sole source of puzzlement and confusion that plagues males and females monthly, and is regarded as an enigma by many. It's PMS.

COMMENTARY



Lauren Cates

I want to know why, monthly, every normal woman I know (myself included) tends to turn into a raging, sobbing, hormonal wreck for no real reason other than a hormone imbalance.

If tests are handed back, beware, any and all grades will be scrutinized and blown into a catastrophe by the PMSer. If a pair of pants can't be fit into, or a sudden appearance of love handles is noted, exit the building please. You may think that you're in the clear because neither of these events is likely to occur. However, you, my friend, are in the most precarious situation of all of the victims of PMSers: the made up excuse to get ridiculously furious for no reason. You might as well take a week off

and go home just to avoid it.

More important than the pain and suffering those experiencing PMS feel is the pain and suffering that are incurred on their friends. A sudden overdose of hormones is a enough to drive any reasonably sane woman crazy at this time of the month, causing sudden fits of crying, screaming, insane cackling, or a general crankiness that prevails for a week's time.

I think many people are confused by the mystery of PMS because of a lack of understanding. Understanding mainly that if you are to encounter a female who happens to be PMSing at that particular moment, the only way to succeed in interaction is to run. Especially if you are a male.

The fact is, women who are PMSing have higher levels of estrogen and other hormones running through their body. This causes us to hate any and all males within our immediate vicinity, so watch out. You may say that men are not at fault, but if you bring up this point to any PMSer, she will find a reason for you quickly enough.

Online there are many tips for handling PMS and all of them are worthless. Such tips as eating healthy and maintaining a positive attitude are worthless when all you want to do is shove pizza and chocolate in your face and vent to

anyone within hearing range. So, instead, I think it is the people who are faced with a victim of PMS who should learn the tips.

The first and most important tip is to avoid the victim as much as possible, without her being aware that she is being avoided. Excuses like cats dying, fictional tests in fictional classes, friend's birthdays, etc., all make good excuses.

Another important tip is to keep the victim of PMS away from anything and everything that could possibly lead to upset. Keep her away from alcohol as this will only lead to further irrationality and beer tears. Save your drama for next week in order to avoid such an episode.

The third and final rule (yes, there are only three) is that you are wrong. Yes, you are wrong in all situations and at all times. If the city is struck by a tornado that caused her to break a nail, apologize and beg for forgiveness because somehow it is your fault.

So, to all of us excitedly awaiting that lovely time of month in which emotional levels are at their highest, sit back and relax. The finality of the statement "it's that time of the month" is enough to put any outcry at objectionable behavior to rest.

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College students disrupting MTV's TRL make a mockery of their cause

A group of NYU students demonstrated against the "war" with Iraq by interrupting a television show but proved themselves as uninformed.

On Oct. 10, Lisa Fleisher reported that eight New York University students crashed the MTV program Total Request Live as part of a protest against a "war" with Iraq ("Activists crash 'TRL'"). Posing as two different groups, they disrupted the program twice by rushing the stage, saying they had to "tell Congress to stop the war." This absurd protest insults the national dialogue on how to deal with Saddam Hussein, further strengthening the resolve of those who support military action.

First, the idea that they needed to "tell Congress to stop the war" is ridiculous, because we are not currently at war. It is true that Congress authorized President George W. Bush to use force against Iraq as a last resort if Saddam Hussein refuses to disarm. But even this action, which happened after the protest, does not constitute a war.

A war, according to popular definition (we have not technically

been in a war since World War II, and Congress has not officially declared war on Iraq), is when one country drops bombs on or fires guns at another country.

That has not happened yet. Protesting a war that is not going on does not make sense, and allows those of us who favor possible military action against Iraq to simply dismiss the protesters as uninformed.

Dan Ingala, one of the protesters, was quoted as saying, "We found that the way the media works, there's not really a space to voice dissent." This is also inaccurate. The day after the protest, former U.S. president and Nobel Peace Prize-winner Jimmy Carter said in an interview with Larry King on CNN that he opposes unilateral U.S. military action, and that he would have voted against the congressional resolution. The New York Times printed a letter from John Hart of New Preston, Conn., that calls the possibility of pre-emptive strike "an enormous tragedy." MSNBC.com has an op/ed by columnist Michael Kinsley that calls the campaign for war "insulting," "dishonest" and "unserious." Indeed, nearly every media source has covered the dissenting voice on this issue. Once again,

the protest was based on inaccuracies that turned the demonstration into a mockery.

The protest was completely "unserious," to borrow Michael Kinsley's word. It took place on "TRL." Let us think about that for a minute: A protest about serious issues like war and national security took place on a show that regularly features Britney Spears. These protesters could have written letters to The New York Times, or they could have staged a protest or debate with learned members of the NYU community. Instead, they went on a show that did not even offer them 10 seconds to articulate their positions so that people might seriously consider them.

The protest was so absurd that it undermined its own goals and made it easy for people who support possible military action to dismiss the protesters and their cause. If the protesters really want to make a difference, they should engage in a serious debate with members of the opposition rather than resorting to childish, ineffective stunts.

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Maryland area sniper fuels odd behavior

Fear of the D.C. area sniper inspires a new dance, conspiracy theories and paranoid behavior in patrons of a small Maryland filling station.

Like many students, I have a part-time job so I can pay my numerous creditors. And like many part-time jobs, it's very dull — I do tedious work and deal with mostly annoying people for scant pay.

But recently my workplace has become the center of attention. Every shift, I get to watch the latest dance craze, the Sniper Shuffle, and I get to carry on empty conversations with strangers, usually involving conspiracy theories. Before, I had few concerns about my safety, but now, my workplace has become life-threatening to my customers and myself.

For three nights a week, I am purveyor, overseer and regulator of the finest gas station. I've been an attendant (a resume word for "cashier") at the Greenbelt Mobil Service Center for the last seven months, and, until three weeks ago, it's been a drag; the barely-minimum wage paychecks are what keep me going.

But with the recent sniper shootings, which have killed 10 people and wounded three, the station has become a theater for the paranoid, and not a day at work goes by without examples of the eccentricities of panicking people.

Concerned that the sniper might have them in his sights as they pump, some of the patrons move in erratic fashions while pumping, ducking and weaving as if they are demonstrating a new dance. The first time I saw the Sniper Shuffle, I thought someone was going into convulsions; turns out he was trying to elude the sniper's scope.

If they're not ducking behind their cars as if pumping gas during a Western gun fight, they're retreating to their cars or standing inside the store while their cars fill, reading the newspapers without paying for them and sharing theories about the identity of the sniper. Those who dare to pay at the pump move faster than a ticket to a Maryland-Duke basketball game.

We're one of the few stations in the area where you can pump prior to paying. Though people who drive away without paying are rare to begin with, they have become more frequent lately. People are more concerned about living than having a criminal record.

The sniper attacks have also brought out people's naive humor. Just about every other customer that comes in will duck below the counter or do the Sniper Shuffle inside the store. "Do you see the sniper? Don't let him shoot me," they jokingly say, their brains influenced by the noxious fumes as they duck down closer than usual.

Fear may have gripped the area, but one can't deny that fuel is a necessity. Customers make the assumption that we are losing business, but in fact we are booming. Gas sales are way up, nearly 25 percent above average sales. I've also noticed more people waiting to gas up until their tanks are empty; I suppose people are trying to limit their time spent at the pump. If this keeps up, maybe I could get a raise — it could be considered hazard pay.

I don't outwardly fear the sniper when I pump gas, but it does make me a bit edgy when I'm at work. One night, I went into the back office to clean a coffee urn after a customer paid for her gas. As I was scrubbing the urn, there was a deafening bang; it sounded just like a gunshot. I was immediately relieved when I realized the glass lining inside the urn exploded. Still, I went outside to check on the customers and the pumps, my heart racing.

When working, I try to maintain some composure and not resort to the neurotic behavior of our customers. After all, what does it say about the safety of a gas station if the attendant is hiding behind the counter? Remember, gas station attendants are people too, so don't be surprised if we jump when a car backfires or a coffee urn explodes.

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Over-the-counter anthrax test company under fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Jersey lab settled federal charges that it provided false test results for a do-it-yourself anthrax test kit.

Soon after the mail-borne cases of anthrax were detected last year, Vital Living said it would sell the first over-the-counter anthrax test kit. It was described as an accurate and effective home test for detecting spores in air, water and on surfaces.

Vital Living hired Sani-Pure to test its kit and the lab reported that tests using anthrax showed that the PurTest was effective, the FTC said. However, the FTC said the lab never used anthrax and instead tested the kit with a more common bacteria that causes food poisoning and can not be used to simulate anthrax.

Abusive mother to attend counseling, anger classes

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A woman caught on videotape beating her 4-year-old daughter must undergo counseling and take classes in parenting and rage control before she can regain custody of the child, a judge ordered Wednesday.

Probate Judge Peter Nemeth also ordered Madelyne Toogood to maintain stable housing, maintain consistent contact with the state Office of Family and Children and visit her daughter, Martha, regularly.

Madelyne Toogood surrendered to police last month after a surveillance camera videotape from a

Mishawaka department store was played on newscasts around the nation showing her repeatedly hitting and shaking her child.

A trial has not yet been scheduled for her on charges of battery to a child and lying to police about her address. She is free on \$7,000 bail.

Muslim organization under fire for supposed terrorism

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The United States and Australia have circulated a report blaming Jemaah Islamiyah for several deadly bombings, and hope to have the Muslim organization declared a terrorist group by the United Nations.

The group is suspected in the Oct. 12 bombing of a nightclub that killed more than 180 people on the Indonesian island of Bali, but Secretary of State Colin Powell, in a statement distributed to reporters, said the "United States does not wish to imply that we have come to a conclusion about responsibility for the devastating Bali bombings."

Jemaah Islamiyah's spiritual leader, Abu Bakar Bashir, who has denied any wrongdoing, was arrested last week on suspicion of involvement in several church bombings that killed 19 people in Indonesia two years ago.

Fifth youth dies of unlawful restraint at Texas camp

AUSTIN (AP) — Moments before a 17-year-old boy died in their care, employees of a wilderness program held him in a restraint hold that had been outlawed because of its lethal

potential, officials of the program said.

Charles Chase Moody was at least the fifth youth to die in Texas since 1988 after being restrained in a facility or program run by the Brown Schools.

The state's rules on use of restraints on youth do not allow staff members to place a person face down and apply pressure to his back, the so-called prone restraint.

Investigators said Moody was having difficulty breathing when sheriff's deputies arrived and died before paramedics arrived.

The company offers youth behavioral treatment services at 21 facilities nationwide, seven in Texas.

Use, limitations of sidewalk chalk debated on campuses

Stroll through any university today and you'll likely tread on an invitation to a fraternity party or campus-wide event scrawled in multicolored chalk across a sidewalk.

But some colleges are taking steps to limit what's known as chalking, concerned that their walkways will become low-tech chat rooms or, worse, billboards for ethnic hatred.

At Minnesota State, the president of the student senate, Peter Hartje, said he and his schoolmates view the restrictions as the "university coming up with a standard to ensure dignity and to guarantee that our campus didn't turn into a giant hopscotch box."

"Not only does it restrict our right to free speech, but it also seems kind of silly," said Norton, president of Nebraska's chapter of the Campus Freethought Al-

liance. "It's only chalk, after all. It's not going to be there forever."

"It's a good way for people to get their messages across," said Dean of Students John Delaney. "And all it takes is a good rain and it's gone, so it works out pretty well for everyone."

Two A&M bonfires planned for off-campus locations

COLLEGE STATION — A golf course in Magnolia plans to burn a bonfire next month despite Texas A&M's University officials continued discouragement of bonfires taking place off campus.

The decades old campus tradition was put on hold in 1999 following the deadly collapse of the massive bonfire stack. Twelve Aggies died and another 27 were injured as they worked to assemble the logs just days before the bonfire was to burn.

The bonfire historically has been burned the night before the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game. The game is scheduled for Nov. 29 this year.

High Meadow Ranch Golf Club said it will have a public barbecue, concert, golf tournament and burn a bonfire on Nov. 26, according to The Bryan-College Station Eagle's Wednesday editions.

Two groups at A&M are trying to convince A&M President Robert Gates to renew the campus bonfire tradition. In the meantime, some alumni and students have held off campus bonfires, the paper reported.

Another public off-campus bonfire is scheduled for Nov. 23 in the Hill Country, the paper said. An exact location has not been announced.

Early voting results may be inaccurate

Democrats are complaining that votes for them in Dallas County may be lost to Republicans during early voting because of an error in electronic voting machines.

BY SUSAN PARROTT
Associated Press

DALLAS — Most of the Dallas County electronic voting machines that were taken off-line because of problems were repaired Wednesday, and hundreds more were inspected to make sure they work, the county elections administrator said.

Democrats complained Tuesday that machines in a number of voting locations failed during the first days of early voting, casting votes improperly for Republicans.

Elections administrator Bruce Sherbet said 18 machines had calibration problems, and all but three were back in operation Wednesday.

He said about a dozen voters had problems Monday and Tuesday but were able to recast their votes. Affected races included the hotly contested U.S. Senate race between Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Ron Kirk, a former Dallas mayor.

Democrats complained that hundreds of votes could be affected.

"There'd be pandemonium right now if that were the case," Sherbet said.

Democrats had threatened a lawsuit seeking suspension of early voting when county officials agreed Tuesday to inspect the machines.

Mike Atwood, executive director for the Dallas County Democratic Party, said his office received almost 20 phone calls from voters in 10 voting sites who said they had the problem.

The Dallas County Republican Party reported no calls. Executive director Frank White said that if Democrats sought to stop early voting, Republicans would intervene in court.

"The Democrats' lawsuit is a blatant attempt to suppress early voting turnout in which traditionally Republicans do better than Democrats," he said.

Sherbet said recalibrations are not unusual in the first days of early voting.

"This is so political," Sherbet said. "One side says one thing and the other side says the total opposite. Our (election) judges are saying this is not out of the ordinary."

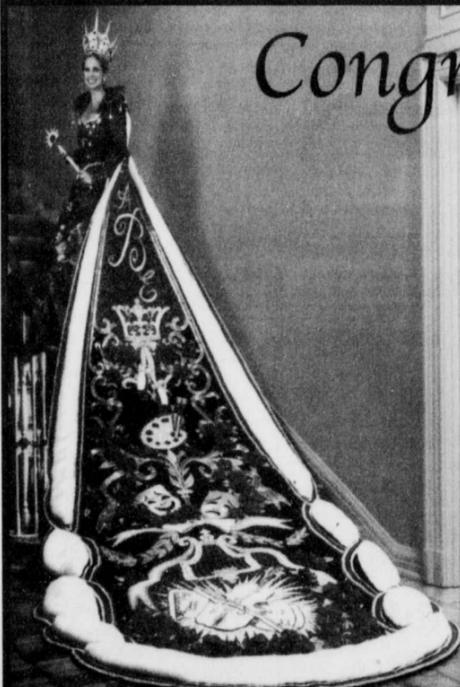
About 20,000 people had voted early by midday Wednesday for the Nov. 5 general election, Sherbet said.

The touch-screen system has been used for early voting in Dallas County for the past four years. The problem has come about because some machines' electronic grids don't line up correctly so the voter and the computer don't see the same thing, Sherbet said.

Paper ballots are used on election days.

Representatives of the company that makes the machines were in Dallas County on Wednesday to oversee inspections of the 400 electronic machines.

Last year, the outcomes of 18 suburban Dallas County elections remained unclear days after the election because of vote-counting problems. About 5,000 of nearly 18,000 ballots cast during the early voting period were not properly assigned to candidates.



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'Formula 51' an eclectic, must-see film

The artful combination of British and American humor and a stellar director make for a must-see movie.

BY ERIN MCBRAYER
Skiff Staff

If someone were to mix one part Samuel L. Jackson, one part comedy, one part action and two parts "Snatch," he or she would end up with "Formula 51." Despite the fact that this movie didn't even make it into the Top 10 in its opening weekend (Oct. 18), this new action-comedy, as director Ronny Yu calls it, is worth a movie-goer's time.

Elmo McElroy, played by Samuel L. Jackson, is a pharmacist-turned-designer drug chemist. He journeys to Liverpool, England, to sell the formula of his new legal drug.

In Liverpool, he is met by a "Yank-hating" Englishman named

Felix, played by Robert Carlyle. These two unique characters set the stage for hilarity in a "Snatch" or "Pulp Fiction" fashion.

While on his journey, McElroy becomes the target of several greedy drug dealers in search for a new kind of high. They think McElroy has the new drug they need to increase their cash flow.

Another character, whose makeup could have been better, is the Lizard.

This role, played by Meatloaf, is the biggest he has ever played. That isn't really saying much here.

Meatloaf plays a decent bad guy, but don't expect him to be popping up in similar roles anytime soon.

The Lizard personifies the "Yank" stereotype with his unintelligent comments and hick accent.

"Formula 51" does have its share of violence and gore. (This is where I must suggest covering your eyes if you see the movie just before dinner). There are some scenes that might teach a stomach to do flips.

Making a film that successfully incorporates British humor

with American humor and their two very different mindsets into one very funny piece is quite a feat. Yu's direction of the film was well

done. There are definitely hints of Guy Ritchie style, but they work well without being too blatant.

The soundtrack of the movie is choppy. It jumps from hip-hop to dance music to relaxed guitar. In "Formula 51," some song choices should have been reconsidered and replaced. Sometimes the song is more noticeable than the scene.

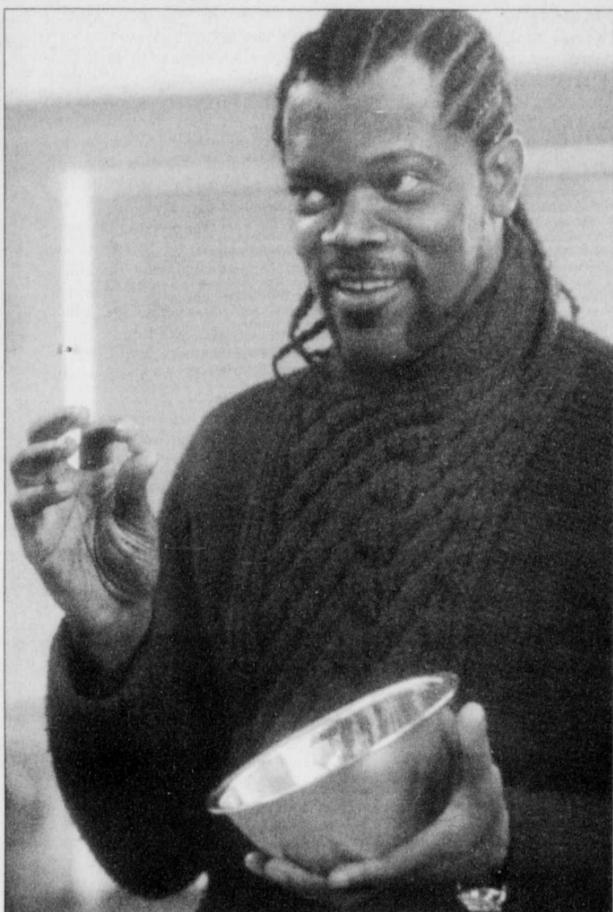
Overall, this movie is definitely worth seeing. "Formula 51" deserves a trip to the theater, rather than just renting it when it gets to video. Some of the scenes just wouldn't have the same effect without the big screen.

After all, how could you miss a movie where Samuel L. Jackson wears a kilt the entire time for no obvious reason?

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Special to the Skiff
Samuel L. Jackson, right, and Emily Mortimer star in "Formula 51." While the movie opened in theaters Oct. 18, the action-comedy continues to catch the attention of film-goers.



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Samuel L. Jackson stars in "Formula 51." The action-comedy opened in movie theaters nationwide Oct. 18.

'The Ring' touted as fall's best horror film

"The Ring" intelligently combines elements of both horror and drama

BY TAYLOR GIBBONS
Skiff Staff

Horror movies are a fairly common thing in today's cinematic landscape. Good horror movies, however, are few and far between. Although some have already compared "The Ring" to 1999's "The Sixth Sense," to do so is not entirely accurate. Whereas the latter was a drama with elements of horror, "The Ring" is a "smart" horror movie; enriched with elements of drama, but a horror movie nonetheless.

Adapted from the top grossing Japanese film "Ringu," The Ring tells the story of Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) a reporter who, while investigating the mysterious death of her niece, discovers a disturbing video tape that purportedly kills the viewer seven

days after he or she watches it. After viewing the tape for herself, Rachel believes that it is what killed her niece, and that unless she can somehow decipher its meaning, she will suffer the same fate.

The film follows her over the next seven days as she attempts to unravel the message contained within the tape and save herself as well as her son Aidan (David Dorfman) and her friend Noah (Martin Henderson) from the supernatural power it commands.

Although its protagonists are more believable than those featured in "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," and the plot unfolds in a way that asks viewers to pay more attention than was demanded by "Evil Dead," "The Ring" is, at its core, a true horror film.

Set against a series of washed out urban backdrops, deadened pastoral landscapes and bleak empty rooms and rarely featuring more than two or three characters on camera at the same time, "The Ring" makes a nightmare of the modern world, thereby eliminating any safe harbor and emphasizing the helplessness of the characters in the face of a seemingly unknowable foe.

Instead of running through the woods with a monster on their heels

or fumbling in the dark for a flashlight, the protagonists of "The Ring" dart to and fro in a world where nothing seems safe, and impending danger hangs in the air rather than at one's heels. Instead of fumbling madly for a flashlight, they fumble for clues, desperately trying to comprehend the force that threatens their lives before time runs out. Although the movie concludes with one or two unanswered questions, the final revelation is as compelling as any I've seen in recent years.

"The Ring" employs a small cast of lesser known actors, all of whom hand in performances which, though not necessarily the linchpin of the movie, do nothing to detract from it. Naomi Watts and Martin Henderson are both equally inoffensive if not particularly memorable as Rachel and Noah. She plays an intrepid young mother, he plays a cynical gen x-er who never totally grew out of it. Both performances work, but neither is anything to write home about.

More interesting is David Dorfman's performance as Aidan

Keller, a stony-eyed little boy reminiscent of Haley Joel Osment's character from "The Sixth Sense." Although the character of Aidan lacks the depth of Osment's previous role, Dorfman does a fine job of adding a little depth to a role which could have just had him staring at people a lot and drawing creepy crayon pictures at random intervals.

"The Ring" features some other notable performances, particularly from Brian Cox and Daveigh Chase as Richard Morgan and his daughter Samara, though, in the interest of not spoiling the plot, I won't go into any detail.

"The Ring" is an uncommon horror movie not only in what it attempts but in what it succeeds in. By crafting a combination of scares and substance, Dreamworks has created the best horror movie of the fall and what will probably be remembered as one of the better horror movies of the decade.

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Experts report spiders both feared and valued

You've got questions, they've got answers. Gary Wasserman and Richard Houseman dish out everything you need to know about spiders.

BY JAMES A. FUSSELL
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The itsy bitsy spider comes in your house this fall.

Just helps himself, no he doesn't knock at all.

You take your shoe, and you run around and stamp.

And the itsy bitsy spider runs back behind the lamp.

All together now: Ewww!

OK, it's that time. The weather turns cold, and the itsy bitsy — and the not so itsy bitsy — spiders come in our kitchens. They invade our bathrooms and spin webs on our ceilings.

Why? In honor of our uninvited house guests, we asked that and more of two spider experts — Richard Houseman, assistant professor of entomology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and Gary Wasserman, an osteopathic physician (and world expert in poisonous brown recluse spiders) at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Q: Spiders seem to come into our home in greater numbers every fall. Why?

Richard Houseman: "There are temperature changes that occur outside. They're just finding places to pass the winter."

Q: So what did they do in the days before heated houses?

R.H.: "Found protected locations under rocks, or in wood piles or under debris."

Q: How can you tell if you've gotten a spider bite?

Gary Wasserman: "There's no way of telling a spider bite from (the bite) of most other creatures, except snakes because they leave fang marks. But there's no lab test that can differentiate on a routine basis."

Q: Can you spray to get rid of spiders?

G.W.: "Typical sprays will kill them if you spray it right on them. But you cannot just spray the baseboards. Their legs are so skinny ... they don't attract the poison back to their bodies."

Q: What do spiders eat?

G.W.: "All spiders are carnivorous. They eat insects."

Q: Don't they also bite humans for blood?

R.M.: "Bites only occur for self-defense. Spiders don't feed on humans."

Q: But they're icky. Why couldn't

we just eliminate all spiders?

R.H.: "Spiders are very beneficial. They prey on flies and grasshoppers. So for agricultural purposes spiders are a big boon, destroying large numbers of crop-damaging insects."

Q: Will cleaning our houses make spiders go elsewhere to find food?

G.W.: "No. These creatures need very little to eat or drink. You can't clean them out per se. I had a brown recluse spider, and I put it in a 1-ounce container, no air holes, and I checked him every day. He lived for a month."

Q: How long do spiders live (when they're not locked in a container)?

R.H.: "It varies. Some of the bigger spiders live multiple years — five years or longer. But most spiders live for only one or two seasons."

Q: What are spider webs made out of?

R.H.: "Spider silk. It's been reported to be even a higher quality silk than silk spun by caterpillars. But it's hard to culture spiders to spin silk."

Q: Why do people fear spiders?

R.H.: "It may be a cultural thing. But they don't have that bad reputation globally. In some parts of the world people believe in giving spiders as gifts. They are thought to bring good fortune sometimes, or good weather."

G.W.: "They're repulsive, they're

feared, they're frightening, they're scary, they're deadly. Is that enough?"

Q: Do spiders feel pain when we smooch them?

R.H.: "They certainly feel something. They have a nervous system."

Q: How can you identify a brown recluse spider?

G.W.: "It has a distinctive violin-shaped mark on the back of the head and neck and thorax. And it has only six eyes instead of the normal eight."

Q: How many kinds of spiders are there?

G.W.: "It's guesstimated that there are about 50,000 spiders in the world, but only 50 that are dangerous to humans. In the U.S. there are only two — the black widow and the brown recluse."

Q: If they are so reclusive, how do people get bitten by brown recluse?

G.W.: "We've had some kids getting dressed in the morning putting on clothes that they left on the floor."

Q: Hey kids, pick up your clothes, right?

G.W.: "Right. This might get them to pick up their rooms."

Q: Do you ever wish you had eight legs so you could get more things done?

G.W.: "No, because the two legs I have already hurt enough. I don't know what I would do if I had eight."

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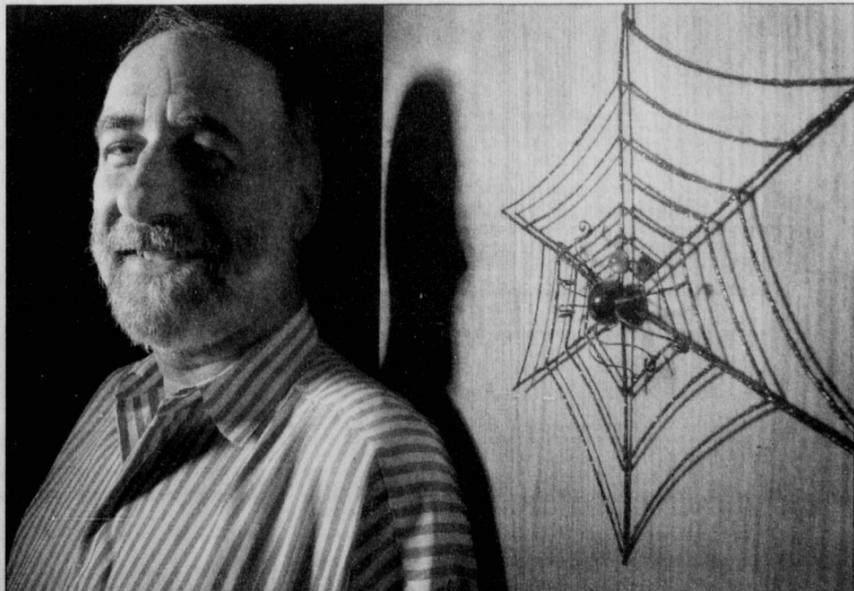
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Dr. Gary Wasserman, a pediatrician at Children's Mercy Hospital, in Kansas City, Mo., is a world expert in poisonous spiders.

Ryan under attack for reopening cases

Facts about gruesome murders in Illinois have been replayed in courts for nearly two weeks. Ryan suspended all executions nearly three years ago.

BY DON BABWIN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — For nearly two weeks, the details of Illinois' most gruesome murders have been replayed for the public in a marathon set of clemency hearings that death penalty opponents now believe may have backfired and hurt their cause.

The hearings, which are being held for nearly every inmate on Illinois' death row, were set in motion by Republican Gov. George Ryan, who suspended all executions nearly three years ago because of flaws in the criminal justice system.

But the procedural flaws discussed at the hearings have been overwhelmed by the litany of bloody horrors, and the governor himself has become the target of bitter attacks by the relatives of murder victims.

"The pain and passion of these families is deafening," said Larry Marshall, a Northwestern University law professor who has been a driving force in exposing problems with Illinois' death penalty. "It's so overwhelming that people are forgetting all the problems that got us here."

So overwhelming, in fact, that Chicago's two major newspapers have urged Ryan to stop the hearings. "Halt the anguish, Gov. Ryan," implored a *Chicago Tribune* editorial. "Ryan's hearings cruel and unusual," headlined a *Chicago Sun-Times* editorial.

In the space of a week, the public heard about:
— A couple who shot and killed a woman, cut her nearly full-term baby from her womb, and killed two of her other children.

— Two brothers who beat a sleeping couple to death with baseball bats.

— A father who tortured his mute, severely retarded stepdaughter for five years until she died.

— A man who killed a couple

after telling them to have their last kiss.

— A man who took eight women to remote locations and stripped, bound and murdered them.

"I can't imagine the public has heard such a parade of horrors combined into such a short time period in American history," said John Gorman, a spokesman for the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

Defense lawyers requested the hearings after Ryan said last spring that he would review every death penalty case before he leaves office in January. Last month, Ryan even suggested that

he might grant blanket clemency to all 159 people on death row. But the governor backed away from those comments this week.

Defense attorneys had hoped the hearings would focus on such problems as police brutality and unreli-

able jailhouse snitches. But it was clear almost from the beginning that the emphasis would be on the crimes themselves and the families they devastated.

During one of the early hearings, Marshall spoke about corrupt judges, retarded defendants allowed to represent themselves and police officers not above torturing confessions out of suspects.

Then it was the prosecutor's turn. Paul Tsukuno took the parole board back to the night in 1983 when Reginald and Jerry Mahaffey broke into a Chicago home and attacked a sleeping couple.

He told of Dean Pueschel being hit with a baseball bat with such force that parts of his

skull "looked like a crushed eggshell." He recounted how Jo Ellen Pueschel "died hearing her son say, 'Just lay down'."

"It's so overwhelming that people are forgetting all the problems that got us here."

— Larry Marshall
Law Professor

Prosecutors hope to convict Salazar in murder case

Prosecution to rest Wednesday in a murder trial against Texas businessman Robert Salazar. Salazar was charged with pushing Sandra Orellana off a balcony in 1996.

Associated Press

POMONA, Calif. — A taped interview showed a married Texas businessman first denying a sexual tryst with a co-worker on a hotel balcony, then later telling several versions of how during sex she fell 100 feet to her death.

Jurors heard a panicked and distraught Robert Salazar giving different accounts of how Sandra Orellana, 27, of Houston, fell over a balcony railing, during evidence presented Tuesday by prosecutors. The two were on a Southern California business trip in 1996 and staying in adjoining rooms at the

Industry Hills Sheraton. Salazar, 39, of Baytown, wept and buried his face in his hands after hearing the 30-minute tape.

In the third day of the trial at Pomona Superior Court, prosecutors were hoping the tape would bolster their claim that Salazar lied to cover up an attack in which he threw Orellana off the eighth-floor balcony.

Salazar said she accidentally fell while the two were having sex. Both sides agree the two were having sex and were heavily intoxicated.

Initial interviews took place while coroner investigators and criminologists examined Orellana's body. Sgt. Ray Rodriguez and Detective Ron Bosket of the Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Department sequestered Salazar in a hotel room and questioned him.

Salazar first said he and Orellana tumbled into her room drunk and hurriedly took her clothes off but went no further. "We can't do this," Salazar said he told Orellana before he left and returned to his room.

When detectives explained the consequences of lying during a police investigation and what could find out, Salazar changed his story.

Salazar then said the two were having sex on the balcony when Orellana, who was leaning on the railing, attempted to change her position and toppled over.

"I made a mistake," Salazar said, crying. "I didn't push her. I wasn't rough with her."

When he was later questioned by a deputy district attorney, Salazar said he did not touch Orellana while the two were on the balcony.

"One time he is touching her and next time he is not touching her," Rodriguez testified.

In other testimony, pathologist James Ribe said he found suspicious bruising inside Orellana's mouth, on her right hand and throat, but conceded the injuries could have been a result of her fall.

No other defensive injuries were found on her body, he said. This could refute the prosecution's argument that the sex turned violent at some point.

The prosecution was expected to rest Wednesday.

"One time he is touching her and next time he is not touching her."

— Sgt. Ray Rodriguez
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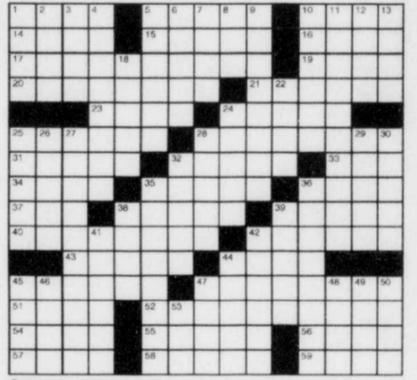


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The Sideline

Floyd, Richardson decline UTEP coaching position

EL PASO (AP) — Neither former Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd nor former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson is interested in coaching at Texas-El Paso, university officials confirmed Wednesday.

The job opened up Monday when former head coach Jason Rabedeaux announced his resignation, citing personal and family reasons. UTEP officials mentioned Floyd, Richardson and Hall of Fame coach Don Haskins as people they wanted to talk to about the interim head coaching job.

In 1999, Rabedeaux replaced Haskins, who lives in the area. Haskins promised to provide any help he could and has met with assistant coaches but he also declined to take over the team.

Floyd told UTEP officials he isn't prepared to make any decisions about his coaching future at this time. He has said he would like another opportunity to coach in the NBA.

Richardson, who played for Haskins, told UTEP he has too many obligations at this time.

Women's swimming and diving team lose opener

TCU's women's swimming and diving team opened the season with a 131-86 setback at the hands of crosstown-rival SMU Wednesday night at Perkins Natatorium in Dallas. The Mustangs, who placed ninth at last spring's NCAA Championships, swept all 12 events from the Horned Frogs en route to the victory.

One success for TCU (0-1) was the diving of freshman Kelly Seely, who claimed second-place finishes in both the one- and three-meter events in her first collegiate competition with scores of 265.04 and 233.25, respectively.

Sophomore Aimee Moreau also earned runner-up honors against the Mustangs, finishing the 100-yard backstroke in 59.02 seconds to place second.

"It was a good first meet for us," TCU head coach Richard Sybesma said. "It gives us a good idea of where we are as a team heading into a very important meet against conference opponents next weekend. I was especially impressed with the performance of our divers."

TCU will return to action when both the women's and men's squads travel to Louisville, Ky. to face Conference USA foes Louisville and Cincinnati on Nov. 1-2.

Men's soccer team ties No. 17 Saint Louis in 2OT

The TCU men's soccer team recorded its first tie of the season Wednesday in a 3-3 double overtime match against Saint Louis at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

SLU scored first, but TCU's first goal came from SLU's own team. The Billikens scored on themselves, noted as an "own goal," tying the score at one a piece.

The second goal came from junior Andrew Porteous on an assist from Will Shelton.

The final goal came from a header into the goal from junior John Morrell from freshman Chris Carman. Less than two minutes later the Billikens' Jason Cole scored off the assist from Mike Kirchhoff.

Early in the second half, goalkeepers coach Jay Fitzgerald was given a red card and ejected from the game after an exchange of words with the officials.

The Frogs defense limited the Billikens to only three goals off of 14 shots-on-goal and 25 shots total, as senior goalkeeper Michael Lahoud had 11 saves in 110 minutes.

"At 3-11 this is just what the doctor ordered," coach Blake Amos said. "If we lost we can walk away with our heads high, but after this effort we can walk away very proud of our efforts. Our guys played hard and they deserve to feel good about this game."

Fullback brings strength, good hands to team

Senior Reggie Holts stabilizes the fullback position, where he picks up blocks and receptions for the offense.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

Stability has not been the word to describe the overall situation of the Frogs' backfield.

At tailback the Frogs have employed juniors Ricky Madison, Corey Connally, Kenny Hayter and true freshman Lonta Hobbs at tailback, and just recently has the team been able to find a combination that has shown consistent results.

Name: Reggie Holts
Height: 6-0
Weight: 238 pounds
Year: Senior

2002 Statistics

Rushing
Att. Yds. TD
23 73 1

Receiving
Rec. Yds. TD
6 83 2



However there has been no dispute at fullback, for that has been secured by senior Reggie Holts.

At 6-foot and 238 pounds, Holts definitely looks the part. He holds TCU weight room records for a running back in the bench press (500 pounds), squat (700 pounds) and the incline (480 pounds).

Holts came to TCU as a tailback transfer from Blinn Junior College, where he rushed for more than 1,200 yards in two seasons.

He said the transition from tailback to fullback was difficult at first, but that he now has grown into the position.

"Being in high school and junior college I was the feature back, and I got the ball (about) 70 percent of the time," Holts said. "It was a hard transition for me cause I'm used to getting the ball a lot. But being a fullback has made me tougher, and I block better. I'm getting use to it, and I'm starting to like it."

Gaining his eligibility after the season opener last season, Holts immediately began seeing playing time in the backfield. He even made four starts at fullback, including the Frogs' bowl game against Texas A&M last season.

Offensive coordinator and running backs coach Mike Schultz said Holts has made significant strides in his second year.

"Reggie has done a nice job this year, and he's come a long way from last year," Schultz said. "Needless to say, I think you're seeing some of the benefits in the inside running game. A lot of the holes are being made because

Reggie Holts is doing a good job in there blocking."

One aspect that makes Holts more valuable to the offense is his ability to catch passes out of the backfield. His number isn't called often, but when it is, he seems to be in position to make a big play for the team.

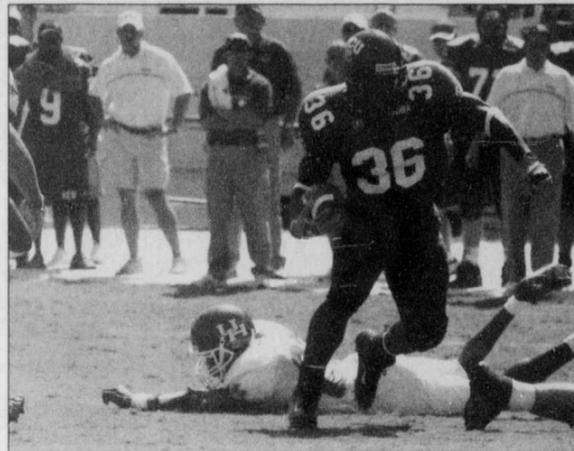
Holts has just six receptions for the season, but they average 13.8 yards a catch. Two of the catches are for touchdowns, including a 42-yard touchdown against Cincinnati on a play the Frogs call "Vanna White," where Holts runs a wheel route out of the backfield.

"He has very good hands," Schultz said. "He can catch the ball, and do some things. When we went into (the Cincinnati) game with that played called, I felt very comfortable that if

"It was a hard transition for me cause I'm used to getting the ball a lot. But being a fullback has made me tougher, and I block better"

— Reggie Holts

Fullback



Photographer/Ty Halasz

Senior Reggie Holts doesn't get much recognition during games, but he makes the most of his opportunities as the starting fullback.

Reggie came open, he would make the catch and make the play."

Madison said the trust factor he has with Holts makes him comfortable when running through holes.

"It's more than just he's my fullback, and I'm the running back," Madison said. "It's a friendship, and when you got that you trust a person. He just does an awesome job."

Strong fullbacks with soft hands

are a commodity in the National Football league, and Holts said after his collegiate career is over, he wouldn't mind taking his skills to the next level.

"God willing, I will play fullback in the league if (a team) wants me to," Holts said. "I'd be willing to do anything I can to help a team."

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Montigel: From the hardwood to the links

Bill Montigel has made his name as the coach of the men's golf team, but his start was very unconventional.

BY JAY ZUCKERMAN
Skiff Staff

TCU men's golf coach Bill Montigel is proof that hard work and humility can bring success in numerous fields.

Montigel began his collegiate coaching career in 1977 as a basketball graduate assistant at Oklahoma State under Jim Killingsworth, his head coach at Idaho State. When Killingsworth accepted the head basketball coaching position at TCU, he hired Montigel as an assistant.

He became well-known among his peers as a terrific recruiter, selling athletes on a program that was 13-66 in its three previous seasons.

Jamie Dixon, a former TCU guard who is now an assistant coach at Pittsburgh, said Montigel was one of the reasons he chose TCU over schools closer to his home in Los Angeles.

"He was very easy to talk to through the recruiting process," Dixon said. "He is a very likable person. Talking with my family and me, he did a good job selling the program."

When Killingsworth retired in 1987, Montigel was not retained by

new coach Moe Iba. However he soon learned there was a vacancy for TCU men's head golf coach. Montigel remembered his friendship with OSU's golf coach Mike Holder, whom he shared an office with as a graduate assistant.

"We shared recruiting stories and found that there were a lot of similarities between basketball recruiting and golf recruiting," Montigel said.

Montigel began golfing for leisure when the NCAA forbade basketball coaches from recruiting during summertime. Since golf was his second love, he applied for the men's golf head coach job.

Athletic Director Frank Windegger believed Montigel had the organizational skills and recruiting ability to succeed at a different sport. Though his hiring shocked many NCAA golf coaches, none of Montigel's colleagues were surprised he was hired.

"It gets right down to (dealing with) people and relationships no matter what sport you are coaching," said Holder, whose teams have won eight NCAA golf championships. "He is a people person who gets along well with his peers and younger people. Those skills make him a good motivator and a successful coach."

Dixon said: "He's very good at recognizing talent but also good at

recruiting kids in getting to know their situation, doing the background work that needs to be done, and talking to the right people."

Montigel faced difficulties rebuilding the program. The team received few invitations to tournaments because of previous poor showings in the SWC. Montigel could not attract top high school talent because they wanted to attend schools where they would play in the best tournaments. Furthermore, he had to gain credibility among his own golfers in his first year.

"I think they probably dismissed me as a 'basketball guy,'" he said.

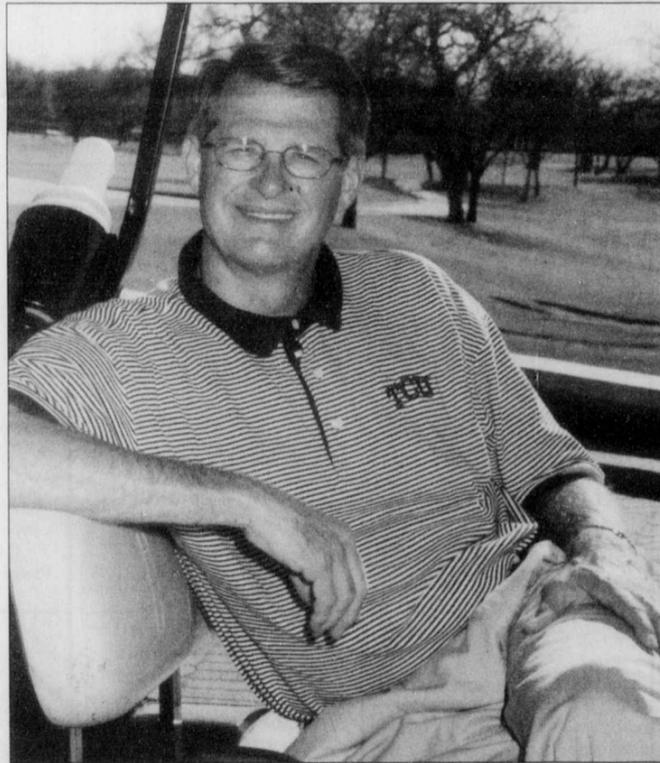
By Montigel's third season, TCU reached No. 10 in the nation. He received SWC Coach of the Year honors, and has not looked back since.

His energetic personality won over many recruits to the program, establishing a golf power in the southwest. In his tenure, the team has won four conference tournaments and has reached the NCAA Championships nine times, yet Montigel remains humble.

"It gets right down to (dealing with) people and relationships no matter what sport you are coaching."

— Mike Holder

OSU's golf coach



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Head Coach Bill Montigel has been men's golf coach for 15 years, using techniques he learned as an assistant coach in basketball for his success.

"I don't know why I got hired, but I know I'm very thankful and grateful that I got the job," he said. The TCU athletic department

might be even more thankful.

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Staying on their feet



Photographer/Ty Halasz

Senior midfielder Kenny Leising (No. 18) pushes the ball ahead against Saint Louis Wednesday. TCU tied the No. 17 Billikens 3-3 in two overtimes, and must lose any of their remaining games for a chance at the Conference USA tournament.

Sports Briefs

Ripken milestone voted most memorable moment

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cal Ripken Jr. breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak was voted baseball's most memorable moment in fan balloting.

The milestone by the Baltimore Orioles' shortstop in 1995 received 282,821 votes, out of more than 1.1 million cast. Many credit Ripken's feat with bringing many fans back to baseball following the 1994 players' strike.

"Mine was a heartfelt moment for many people," Ripken told *The Associated Press*. "I know that because they've told me. For me, it was a magical moment."

Rounding out the top five memorable moments was Hank Aaron breaking Babe Ruth's all-time home run record in 1974 (275,451 votes); Jackie Robinson becoming the first black to play in major league baseball in 1947 (251,564

votes); the home run chase by Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa to beat Roger Maris' single-season home run record in 1998 (242,279 votes); Gehrig's farewell speech in Yankee Stadium in 1939 (237,131 votes).

The rest of the top 10 moments were Pete Rose breaking Ty Cobb's all-time career hits record in 1985 (230,852 votes); Ted Williams becoming the last player to hit above .400 in 1941 (203,982 votes); Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak in 1941 (176,810 votes); Kirk Gibson's pinch-hit home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to win Game 1 of the 1988 World Series (157,716 votes); and Nolan Ryan's seventh career no-hitter in 1991 (146,269 votes).

Major league baseball and MasterCard, which sponsored the balloting, announced the results before Game 4 of the World Series in San Francisco.

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