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Woman sentenced for campus car burglary

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By LAUREN PICK Staff Reporter

last October with her brother prison for his activities at TCU on charges of breaking into a vehicle on campus, was sentenced to a year in jail Monday, Tarrant County District Attorney Joshua Ross said.

Lori Quintanilla, who was pleaded guilty to the charge of vehicle burglary, received the maximum punishment for their game," Matt Quintanilla

said. Matt Quintanilla, her time." brother who was 21 at the time A woman, who was arrested of his arrest, is currently in

and other charges, he said. At the time of the arrest, Matt Quintanilla told former Skiff reporter Jamie Crum, a senior broadcast journalism major, that he and his family were respon-26 when she was arrested and sible for 15 to 20 burglaries a week in the TCU area.

"The police need to step up

trial, Ross said.

Crum's testimony of Matt to Lori Quintanilla's sentence, Ross said. "It was exciting for some-

thing I did to be recognized, but it was hard to play a role in a trial that would change people's lives and separate Quintanilla was with her 3- the burglary victims and the families," Crum said.

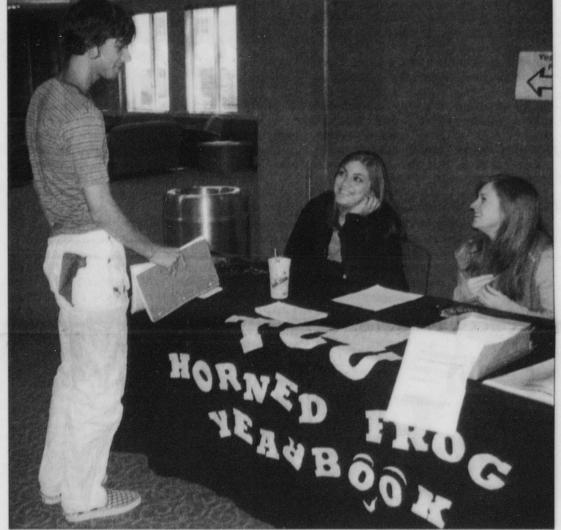
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TCU Police officers Mike behind the SUV, which had a this will not be tolerated," Fazli, Mike Hanvey and Dale broken window, according to Ross said. a Class A misdemeanor, Ross said. "I break into cars all the Connor also testified at the an Oct. 11, 2005 Skiff article.

Ross said the Quintanilla Fazli discovered the Quin- siblings and their family are Quintanilla's statements in tanillas at the crime scene responsible for numerous Monday's trial were pertinent after receiving a dispatch call car burglaries all over Fort

> The judge's decision to ROTC building. Matt Quinta- issue Lori Quintanilla the nilla was found in the back maximum punishment for seat of a sport utility vehicle her offense is "a statement holding a DVD player, and Lori by the police department, year-old son in a car parked district attorney's office that

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Game-day parking concerns to change workers' schedules

By KELLY FERGUSON Staff Reporter

Faculty and staff should have enough places to park Thursday afternoon, even though some will be required to move their cars for Donovan on Monday afternoon that stated the TCU vs. BYU football game, the TCU Police chief said.

Human Resources sent an e-mail to faculty and staff that informed members who park in lots needed for game parking will need to leave work at 1 p.m. or move their cars to make room for visitor parking before the 5 p.m. game

The parking lots surrounding Amon Carter Stadium will be cleared because parking spaces in those lots are sold to donors, as well as lot seven, the lot in front of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, and lot eight, the lot across from the University Recreation Center, said TCU Police Chief Steve McGee.

McGee said cars remaining in the lots surrounding the stadium after 1 p.m. will be towed, but the police will try to contact the car's owner before towing.

Members of Frog Club, an organization

start tailgating, but we need to have those lots cleared early for them."

Donna Johnson, an administrative assistant, sent an e-mail on behalf of Provost Nowell See PARKING, page 2



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Yearbook staff member Stephanie Scott, a freshman journalism major, left, and Traci Shackelford, freshman advertising/ public relations major help Nik Papa, freshman premajor, sign up to have his yearbook photo taken Monday afternoon.

of athletic scholarship donors, pay between \$500 and \$2,500 for named and numbered reserved parking spots during home football games, said Terry Haney, Frog Club project manager.

Reserved spots for faculty members cost \$250, and about 100 of these spots in the gated section of lot seven will have to move, McGee said.

"A 5 o'clock game is an unusual situation,"

Shane Benner, senior finance and accounting major, hops into his car Monday. Faculty and staff who park in the lots in front of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and the University Recreation Center lot will have to move McGee said. "I don't know when people will their cars by 1 p.m. Thursday for game-day parking.

AddRan dean steps down from post, looks forward to teaching full time

By AMBER PARCHER Staff Reporter

Mary Volcansek had tears in her for the dean is still being writeyes while talking about ending her ten. tenure as dean of the AddRan College

of Humanities and Social Sciences. "I'm sorry, I'm just tired today," Volcansek said. "I tear up when I'm tired.'

At the end of the school year, Volcansek, who has served as the dean for seven years, will step down from her current role to become a full-time professor.

benefit TCU stu-"I've grown a lot as dean, but it is definiteher teach. Mary ly more stressful than is a phenomenal teaching," Volcansek said. Nowell Donovan, **Victor Boschini**

provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he did not expect her position to

be filled until April, but a nationwide the U.K. and Italy, search for her replacement would begin shortly.

However, he added the job has leading the 140 faculty members she said.

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posting will be listed Dan Williams, chair of the English department, said Volcansek Volcansek, who has always worked hard to support the Addran College, one of came to TCU from Florida International the largest colleges on campus. University in 2000, "She has worked energetically said she applied to throughout her term to improve work at TCU as a pro- AddRan. She has always been a fessor, but she took strong advocate for her faculty and the position of dean students," Williams said. because it was the

Volcansek teaches one class a only opening avail- semester as dean, but she said she is looking forward to return solely In Florida she served to teaching.

"Teaching is a different kind of for political science energy that I enjoy," Volcansek said. "Besides, students are much more exciting than long, boring meetalso worked on study ings.'

When asked if she wanted to stay at TCU to teach, Volcansek replied Chancellor Victor Boschini said with a smile.

"Absolutely. I love this school,"

Two Theatre TCU productions offer varying views of "Antigone"

By ALY FLEET Staff Reporter

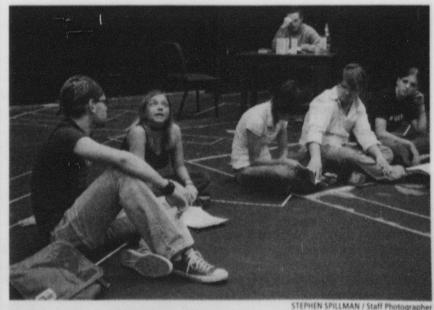
This week, students can catch "Burial at Thebes" one night, and "Another Antigone" the next, as in rotation at Hays Theatre through Theatre TCU presents two interpre- Oct. 1 tations of the Greek tragedy "Antigone."

both are based on Sophocles' "Anti-

gone" - a project called "Antigone in Rep."

Each play has a separate cast and crew and will be performed

An "in repertory" show like this has not been performed at TCU They're two different plays, but since 1972, said Preston Swincher, See THEATRE, page 2



Students read their lines for the play "Another Antigone" in the Hays Theatre. The play is one interpretation of Sophocles' "Antigone," in a two-play project called "Antigone in Rep."

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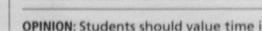
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THEATRE From page

publicity assistant for Theatre TCU

Harry Parker, chair of the theatre department, said the department chose to do a show "in rep" for both the audience and theatre students.

"Audiences have the rare opportunity to see two unique versions of the same classic myth in the same week," Parker said. "For our students, there's the unique challenge of getting two completely different casts and crews rehearsed and prepared for performances simultaneously.

The first play ,"Burial at Thebes" by Seamus Heaney, is a modern translation of Sophocles' "Antigone," said Connie de Veer, director of "Burial at Thebes".

It centers around a young girl named Antigone whose two brothers are killed in battle, said de Veer, assistant professor of theatre. Because of a law set by the king, one brother is not allowed to be buried.

Kristin Quaid, who plays Antigone, said the character buries her brother anyway because she thinks the law is unfair and is then sentenced to death.

The second play, "Another Antigone" by A.R. Gurney, is also based on Sophocles' play, but has a different story line.

It's about a college student named Judy who has followed the rules all her life, said Ryan Mulkey, who plays Dave, Judy's boyfriend. Judy then takes an unexpected route to complete an assignment for one of her professors, which he refuses to accept, he said.

"The professor is just as stub-

born as she is," said Mulkey, a freshman theatre major. "They end up destroying each other in the end."

Compared to "Burial at Thebes," "Another Antigone" relates more to today's society, said Lyndsey Simmons, director of "Another Antigone."

"It's something that could happen right here at TCU very easily," Simmons said.

Brittany Ray, who plays Diana, the dean of humanities in "Another Antigone," said she hopes students will see both shows, since TCU rarely presents Greek plays.

"To see a Greek tragedy in rep with a modern take on it gives it a whole new spin," said Ray, a junior advertising/public relations and theatre major. "It gives students more to think about. They can make comparisons between the two."

Quaid agreed that students should use this opportunity to experience Greek plays.

"Things back then are so timeless. The situations and the characters that were a part of Greek life are still applicable to how we live our lives today," Quaid said.

THE BURIAL AT THEBES Sept. 25, 27 at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.

ANOTHER ANTIGONE Sept. 26, 29, 30 at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Students can reserve tickets to either show at the box office outside the Buschman Theatre in Ed Landreth Hall.

PARKING

essential and emergency employees will work, as designated by their supervisors. According to the e-mail, essential and emergency employees include the TCU police, TCU Dining Services, housekeeping and other unlisted departments. The e-mail also stated that staff members required to work until 5 p.m. Thurs-

within 30 days.

Faculty and staff who need to remain on campus should move their cars to lot 12, the Sandage lot on Berry Street, and take shuttles into campus, McGee said. The shuttle drivers will bring people as close as possible to their designated buildings, he said.

John Householder, the Staff Assembly chair, said on-campus parking is as big of an issue for staff as it is for students, but he has not received any complaints day will receive four hours of paid leave about the need to move cars Thursday ball games."

afternoon.

"For the most part, people understand that it's just part of the plan," Householder said. "And, as long as the football team keeps winning, we won't mind moving our cars.

However, Robin Wright, an Italian instructor, said she thinks moving cars on Thursday will be an inconvenience.

"I think it's ridiculous," Wright said. "I'm here to teach, and I don't think we should have to move our cars for foot-

Women's organization to tour historic churches

By ELISA GOMEZ Staff Reporter

The TCU Women's Resource Center will tour historic black churches in as a part of its annual Pinkbag Lunch Series.

Sarah Walker, president of the Genealogical Society, will speak about the history of the throughout Fort Worth.

churches and their surrounding neighborhoods as part is open to students, faculty of the tour section of Pink- and staff. bag On Location, said Marcy Paul, director of the Wom-Fort Worth at 5:15 tonight en's Resource Center. The Pinkbag on Location, a part of the Pinkbag Lunch Series,

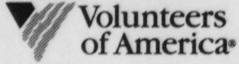
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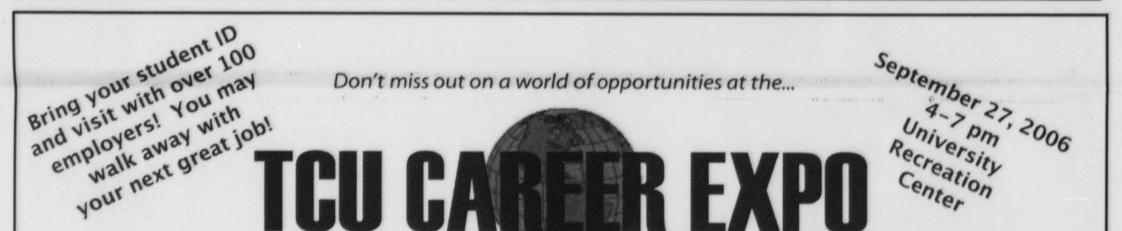
The series began four years ago as a way to promote female authors in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Paul said. Participants can bring includes visits to local exhibtheir own lunches and hear speakers talk about various subjects related to women.

The next Pinkbag Lunch Series will be Oct. 11 from 12-1 p.m. in Student Center 207. Lou Halsell Rodenberger, editor of the book "Writing On The Wind: An Anthology of West Texas Women Writers," will be speaking. Dessert and drinks will be served,

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Wal-Mart practical with discount medicine

ast week, Wal-Mart announced a plan to stick with its mantra and offer many generic drugs at lower prices.

With health care costs already high and increasingly being shifted to the consumer from both traditional insurance plans and government programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, it is becoming more difficult for people from all economic brackets to afford medication.

The retail giant's decision is a sound one. The program is being tested in Tampa, Fla., where about 300 generic prescription drugs are being sold for as little as \$4 a prescription.

Critics of the retailer claim offering lower prescription prices will be ineffective in the long run and are primarily aimed at improving Wal-Mart's health care relations with its employees, according to a Sept. 21 New York Times article.

Wal-Mart's move, however, is a step in the right direction for the prescription drug market and health care system. It has used its purchasing power to drive costs of pre-

scriptions down.

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Wal-Mart also used its size and economic clout to change the landscape of the pharmaceutical marketplace since public leaders in government seem unable or unwilling to tackle the issue.

The plan, which Wal-Mart will introduce throughout the country next year, only offers certain drugs, and prices vary. But the promise this plan offers is more than enough to give it merit.

College students often follow a budget, and filling prescriptions can be hard on a student's wallet. Wal-Mart's prescription plan is an excellent way for students to save money by not having expensive prescriptions to pay for each month.

By shaking up the marketplace, Wal-Mart is providing an alternative choice to customers, and, if well received, it would be possible to see this plan expanded to cover more prescription drugs

Wal-Mart believes this change will give the store some competitive edge. Too bad those folks in Washington don't think the same way. Ruan Claunch for the editorial board

COMMENTARY

RELAXING THE RULES

Changes in airline security precautions were implemented this morning. Passengers are now permitted to carry on liquids and gels they purchase after going through security. - Associated Press

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BY RICKY ANDERSON



COMMENTARY

Student protestors shouldn't be treated as suspected terrorists

Records released in June revealed that the U.S. Department of Defense monitored the e-mail of student groups at several colleges. These same colleges coordinated protests against the Iraq war, on-campus military recruitment, and the "don't ask,

COMMENTARY Jamie Livengood

icy applied to homosexual members of the armed forces, according to a report in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

don't tell" pol-

The surveillance was conducted after the department received tips through Talon, a system that allows civilians and members of the military to report suspected terrorist activity, and confirmed that the events planned by the students might in fact pose a threat to security. Following Sept. 11, 2001, private citizens have been asked to lessen their expectations of privacy in exchange for increased feelings of security. The most notable controversies have been fought over warrantless wiretapping programs and the Patriot Act. Many people are willing to give an inch in the way of constitutional rights if it leads to the actual prevention of an attack or feeling safer walking down a city street. But when the government starts equating liberal-leaning college students with suspected terrorists, the line becomes blurred as to whether domestic spying is in the interest of the public or the politicians. Domestic spying as a means of political advantage is nothing new. President Nixon kept an infamous "enemies list" of figures who were openly against the Vietnam War or his administration. The purpose of the list, according to a wellknown memo from Nixon aide John Dean, was to look into ways of using "the available federal machinery to screw our political enemies. The Bush administration is not gunning for vocal critics, and even if there were a personal enemies list, it's extremely unlikely that a lowly student protestor would ever end up on it and receive an unfortunate tax audit. However, the prospect of landing in a database meant to stop terrorists and having your private communications monitored as part of an investigation you're not even aware of is

similarly unpleasant.

The surveillance of protesters' e-mails calls to mind another Nixon scheme: the Houston Plan.

Nixon wanted to suppress anti-war dissenters by gaining information through covert means such as wiretapping. mail interception and burglary. Apparently, the government relies on surreptitious wiretapping and e-mail surveillance as part of investigations into terfor suspects.

Hopefully, the government will take a lesson from history and stop short of authorizing breaking and entering as a legitimate intelligence-gathering method.

It's a familiar sight we've all been witnessing since at least middle school. Halfway through a lecture, one of your classroom comrades collapses as if struck by an enemy

bullet. Despite COMMENTARY slamming his face into the desk rather roughly, nothing is going to wake this guy up from his nap.

> While Rip Van Winkle launches into his 20-

year slumber in the desk next to you, two girls in the back of the classroom carry on a conversation about who holds the title of being the cutest boy in school. After that, they'll write meaningless notes to their friends in an effort to eat up the remaining time before dismissal. Just when you thought that it couldn't get any worse, somebody busts out a paper fortune teller. Sound familiar?

or did you choose to attend college? If you wanted a so-called "no nonsense" education consisting of only major specific courses, you should've gone to ITT Technical Institute. There's a reason it's called an education and not job training.

Education should not be taken for granted,

students should value their time in classes

We need to appreciate education more in today's society. Education is the most powerful asset one can have. It's the groundwork on which all great achievements are made, and it fosters positive change in the world. The great Greek historian Xenophon once said, "If you consider what are called the virtues in mankind, you will find their growth is assisted by education and cultivation."

Every subject has its purpose. History allows us to chart our future by keeping in mind the success and failures of the past. English teaches

us to express ourselves clearly and concisely, as well as delving into the psyches of authors to get greater meaning from their work. Science explains nearly the entire known universe, and math helped us get to the moon.

While nobody is expected to show up to calculus class with a beaming smile, we as a community should make a more concerted effort to appreciate the wonderful opportunities that lie before us. Education, especially at the college level, is not a right but a privilege. So the next time you're in class, shut off the cell phone, put away your doodles and pay attention. What you learn may help you change the world.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears every Tuesday and Friday.

Of course the circumstances are different. Nixon was merely out for political enemies, and the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency are out to stop terrorists. The problem is that stepping on the rights of suspected terrorists opens the door to also stepping on the rights of Bush administration's protestors who are somehow caught in the mix.

The Chronicle of Higher Education included in its report an excerpt from one of the student e-mails under surveillance by the Department of Defense. A protest organizer at the State University of New York at Albany called for his fellow students to deliver a petition to the administration, participate in a drum circle at a rally and ride their bicycles to demonstrate "solidarity with Earth Day.'

That doesn't exactly sound hostile or threatening.

A Pentagon spokesman told the online magazine Inside Higher Ed, "There are intelligence analysts out there who make the judgments based on years of experience on whether or not they need to proceed with a threat as verified or not verified." The Department of Defense receives and investigates civilian tips about suspicious activities, but it doesn't reveal any criteria for deciding whether the tip is

credible. It's hard to say what could land you on a watch list.

Student protest organizers are being investigated as criminals for doing the most American thing they can do: exercising their First Amendment rights.

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Like it or not, our generation has turned academic indifference into an art form

With the immense technological boom that our world has experienced over the last 10 years, slacking off has become a heck of a lot more fun than it used to be. Gone are the days of doodling and playing tiddlywinks with wads of paper and an empty soda can. Today? One can cease to pay attention by text messaging his or her friends or beating hookers with hammers during a rousing game of "Grand Theft Auto" on a PlayStation Portable. How can the presidential election results of 1824 possibly compare to that?

Besides not paying attention in class, today's college students also have a growing distaste for a wellbalanced education. "When am I ever going to have to use this?" and "Why do I have to take this?" are common cries heard at college campuses nationwide.

To those students I ask: Did you choose to attend vocational school,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In regards to the plus/ minus system, the element that reveals which students excel revolves around a student's consistency.

Without a uniform process, the system lacks clarity and definitiveness, which is what some faculty members desire, yet cannot attain under their current proposals.

In my opinion, it is clear the ultimate goal should be the standardization of tests throughout departments, not the grades themselves. Whether it be econom-

ics, religion or chemistry, we all know there are different professors who teach the same classes and some sections are easier than their counterparts.

Subsequently, one student's grade is different and somewhat tainted because of the teacher he or she has, and how early that student was able to sign up for classes. This discrepancy in the system is the real issue at hand.

Without addressing this problem, there can be no consistency, plus/minus or not.

In hindsight, I feel it is terrible that the Faculty Senate agreed to this new policy without consultation. I'm not sure if I'm for or against the issue because, with its implementa-

tion, my GPA will remain respectable but unchanged.

What I do feel increasingly passionate about, though, is that seemingly more students at this university are being treated like commodities to drain rather than students with a desire to discover and

> tional experience. The plus/minus system, I say, gets a C- for effort.

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Judge allows class-action suit against big tobacco

By RUSS BRITT MarketWatch

A federal judge paved the way for a jury trial against big tobacco Monday, approving a class certification in a "lights" case that charges cigarette makers with racketeering.

Jury selection might begin in a Brooklyn courtroom as early as Jan. 22 on the case, which alleges that tobacco firms knew their "light" cigarettes were just as harmful to smokers as regular ones. The ruling means that thousands of smokers who bought claims from the companies named in the lawsuit.

The news sent shares of Dow Jones Industrial Average component Altria Group Inc. down by almost 7 percent after Bill Ohlemeyer, Philip Morris' associate general counsel, said the ruling will cause an inevitable delay of the planned spin-off of its Kraft Foods unit.

"Today's decision is a setback in the sense that it's not the kind of clarity that one might have expected," he said in a conference call.

of victories in recent litigation against cigarette makers right to a jury trial," Weinstein revolving around public-health wrote in his ruling. "Adjustissues, and it was believed that ments to damages can be to spin off Kraft.

be put on hold. Philip Morris unreasonable. USA, Altria's cigarette-mak-



a prompt appellate review of the case

"The company believes that "light" cigarettes dating back the appellate court will find to 1971 could stand to gain that today's certification decision runs counter to the overwhelming weight of federal and state case law regarding class actions in smokers' litigation and must be reversed," Ohlemeyer said.

> U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein ruled that the case must be adjudicated, even if the case's plaintiffs have yet damages against all possible members of the class.

"That the court believes, on the evidence thus far produced, the amount of possible damages has been grossly Big tobacco has had a string exaggerated by plaintiffs is not a basis for denying their Now, it appears that could its decision, if that decision is involved,

prove damage to an entire class of "light" cigarette smokers.

Weinstein said there are holes in both cases. "While evidence of fraud on

the class appears to be quite strong - and defendants have been less than candid in insisting that there was no fraud --evidence of the percentage of the class which was defrauded and the amount of economic damages it suffered appears to be quite weak, and plaintiffs have been less than canto offer convincing proof of did in failing to acknowledge that deficiency in their proof," Weinstein wrote.

For one thing, the plaintiffs will have trouble proving that the "lights" smokers did not smoke regular cigarettes purchased at the same price, Weinstein wrote. And big tobacco has a point, he said, when it contends that "light" smokers still probably would have purcould pave the way for Altria made after all the evidence chased those cigarettes even if class." is in and the jury has made they had known of the dangers

Wall Street expressed mild Tobacco firms have insisted concern over the ruling but ing unit, said it would seek there is no way plaintiffs can said it's unlikely to result in

a major blow to the industry, in light of tobacco companies' vigorous campaigns against such litigation.

"Although (the case) certainly cannot be ignored, we believe that it must be evaluated through the prism and context of overall U.S. tobacco litigation," said Morgan Stanley's David Adelman in a note to clients.

J.P. Morgan's Erik Bloomquist said the ruling and subsequent drop in stock prices of tobacco firms represents a buying opportunity, noting that a previous ruling by Weinstein was overturned by the same appellate court that's likely to hear this case.

Bloomquist wrote, "the appellate court is highly likely to conclude that a class action is inappropriate due to the differing individual circumstances of each smoker in the

In addition to Altria, shares of Reynolds American, Vector Group, British American Tobacco and Loew's Corp., all lost ground.

Artist erects unbiased presidential Web site

By KATHLEEN GRAY Detroit Free Press

Today's world is driven by the Internet, but artist Mary Gillis can recall her frustration in 2004 when she tried and failed to find objective, with dozens - sometimes nonpartisan Web sites to tell hundreds - of questionher about the presidential candidates.

So she created her own site, gathering information from candidates' sites and read their public speeches.

The first year, nearly 1 million people visited whatsyourvote.org to learn about careful," said John Truscott, presidential candidates John spokesman for Michigan Kerry and George W. Bush.

This year, Gillis and her Web candidate Dick DeVos. Trussite architects at Mediascape in cott said Gillis "contacted Southfield, Mich., embarked on us, and we just don't have an ambitious expansion of the the time. We've already eassite, gathering information for ily responded to a couple of candidates running for gover- dozen questionnaires." nor and seats in the U.S. House and Senate across all 50 states. That amounted to 1,865 candidates when all the minor par- day, and some campaigns just ties were included, although aren't very sophisticated yet. primary elections have whittled down the number.

Visitors to the site pick a race and then the candidates of Mediascape. "And a lot of they want to compare. Then them might not want to get they choose from a list of pinned down on some of the issues that they're interested issues just yet.' in, and the candidates' stances on those issues are displayed up responses, Gillis said she without identifying the can- expects the others to quickly didate. Visitors choose the follow. And if they don't, she's response that best fits their provided links to the cambeliefs and then it's revealed paigns' e-mail so voters can bug which candidate matches.

"Then you can vote for the person who more closely matches your beliefs," said sculpting to work on it full time Gillis, 54.

Candidates have been asked to answer questions on the site by offering candidates information on demographics without bashing their opponent. Responses have been and how visitors voted. So far, spotty. Candidates from Tex- business is slow.



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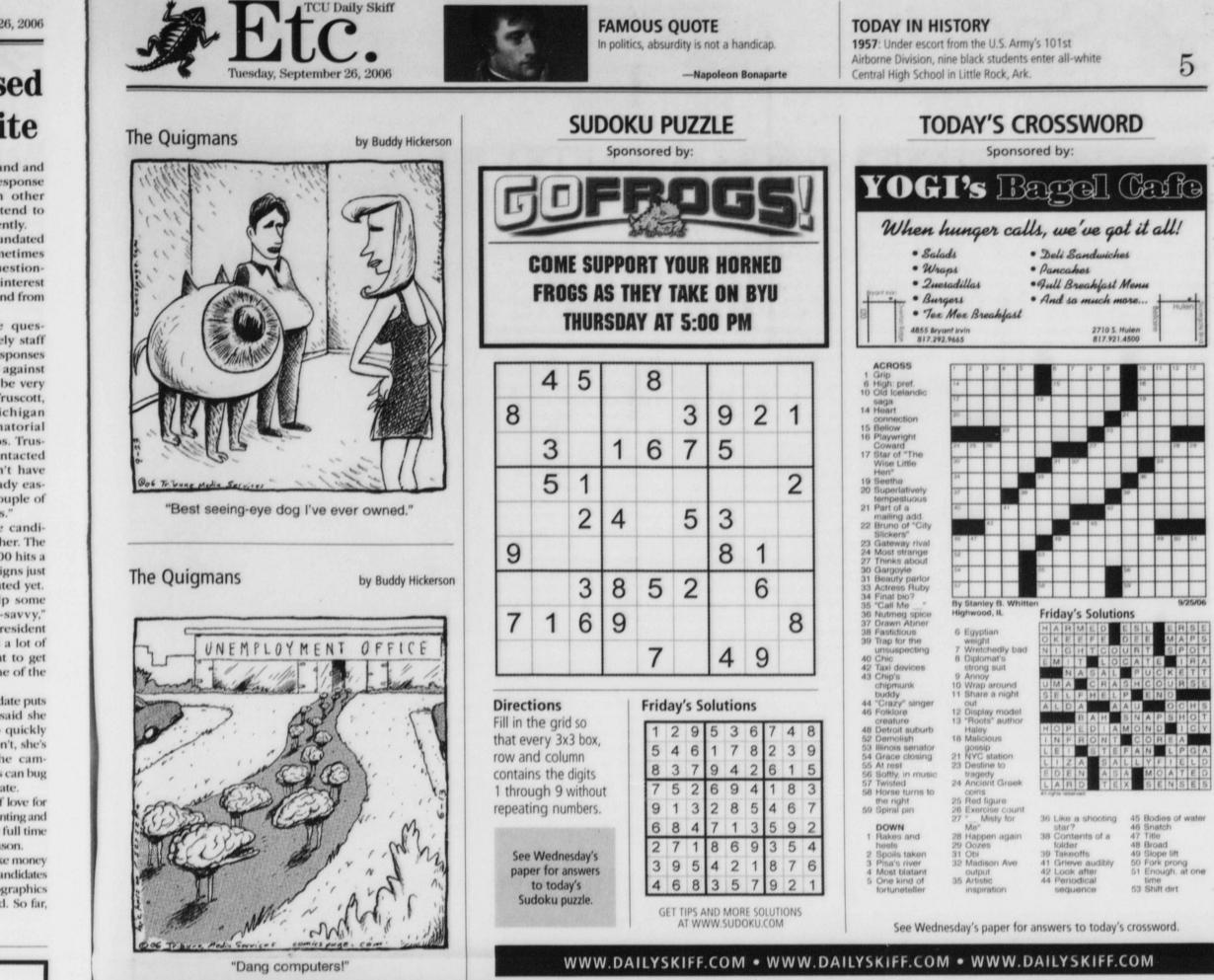
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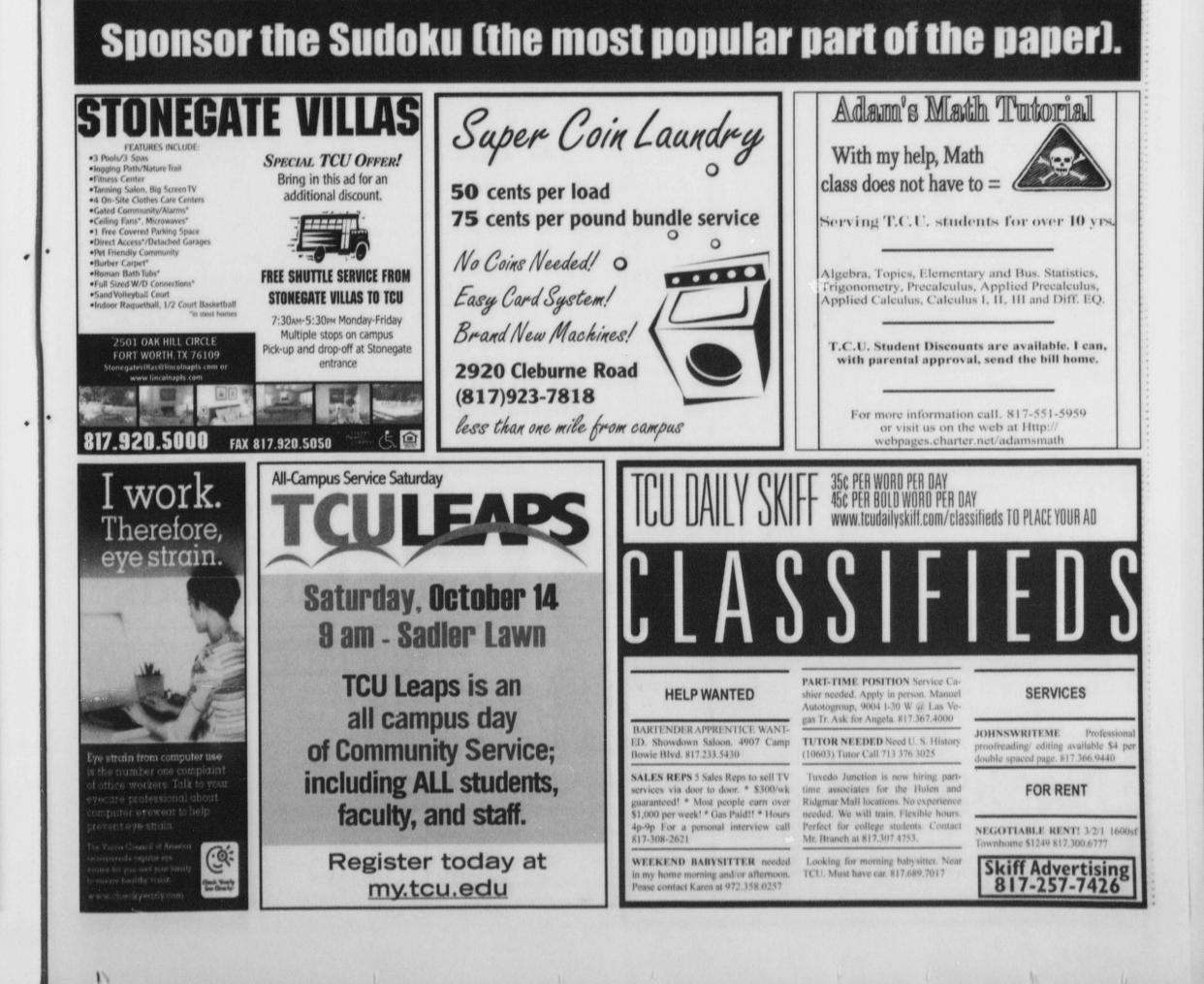
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With a midweek game against the BYU Cougars coming, the Horned Frogs are coming off their bye week and preparing for the game. You can read what head coach Gary Patterson has to say about his team's readiness tomorrow.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team loses to rival, scores 3 against UTSA

By MARCUS MURPHREE Staff Reporter

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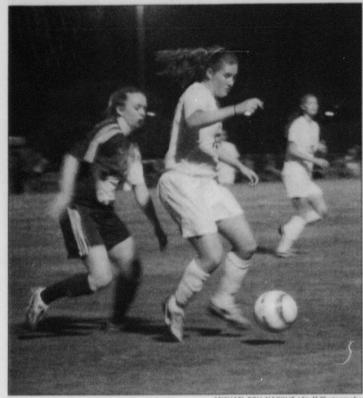
The soccer team recovered from its 2-0 loss Thursday night to the SMU Lady Mustangs with a 3-0 win Saturday against the UT San Antonio Lady Roadrunners.

Thursday's shutout by SMU was the second straight game where TCU failed to score, but the Lady Frogs (5-5) ended

their scoring drought on a first-half goal against UTSA.

SMU junior midfielder Krystal Bailey scored the opening goal on a lofted free kick by sophomore midfielder Melissa Schieda as the clock whittled to 30 seconds remaining in the first half.

Head coach Dan Abdalla said a lack of focus in and around the net caused TCU



Sophomore midfielder Courtney Johnson battles an SMU player in Thursday's game. TCU lost 2-0 at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium, making it the second consecutive game in which the soccer team didn't score.

to concede the goal.

During the second half, TCU outshot SMU 5-4 as they maintained physical play on the field; however, TCU couldn't get past SMU's 6-foot sophomore goalkeeper Ashley Gunter, who finished with five saves.

"It's always one touch too many or a little high or a little soft," freshman forward Lizzy Karoly said.

With five minutes remaining, SMU widened its lead over TCU to two goals as SMU senior striker Olivia O'Rear beat senior goalkeeper Katy Buchanan on the left post.

A revamped TCU offense outplayed a young UTSA squad Saturday for their first shutout of the season.

Karoly, who ended a five-game scoreless streak, knocked in two goals and added an assist against UTSA to help her earn her Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Karoly wasn't the only freshman rising to the occasion Saturday night as goalkeeper Kelsey Vross, who made her first start in front of a home crowd, finished with three saves and a shutout.

"I had been waiting the whole season for the thrill of a right game," Vross said.

TCU took the lead as freshman midfielder Michelle Nguy-

en hooked up with Karoly in the 24th minute. Karoly took

Nguyen's pass and unloaded a shot into the upper righthand corner of the net.

With 10 seconds remaining in the first half, TCU had a chance to widen the margin on a penalty kick, but UTSA freshman goalkeeper Rachel Francis denied the chance.

"I was frustrated after the penalty kick because I had been making all those shots in practice this week," Karoly said. "I'm glad to have gotten the other goal to make up for it."

The second half had TCU preserving its 1-0 lead under Vross' leadership.

"I was keeping the backs organized so they couldn't shoot," Vross said. Karoly added an insurance

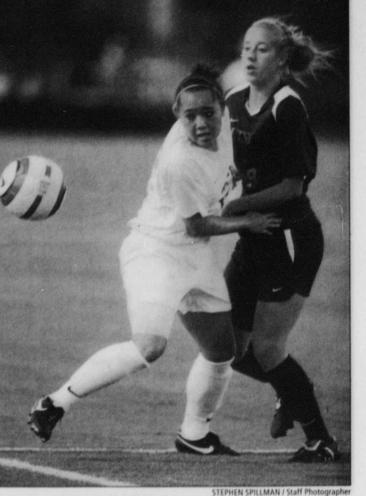
goal for TCU with just under 12 minutes remaining as she dribbled through a swarm of Lady Roadrunners and sneaked a shot past Francis. "I was doing my best to get

my body in front of them and draw a foul or at least get a shot off," Karoly said.

Another minute later, the Horned Frogs struck again putting the finishing touches on UTSA. Karoly assisted senior forward Kelsey Glass, receiving her first goal of the season.

"We played with more bite in the final third of the field," Abdalla said.

Karoly's two goals tie her for the team lead with four on the season.



Freshman midfielder Michelle Nguyen keeps University of Texas-San Antonio midfielder Julie Kopp away from the ball Saturday night. TCU won 3-0.

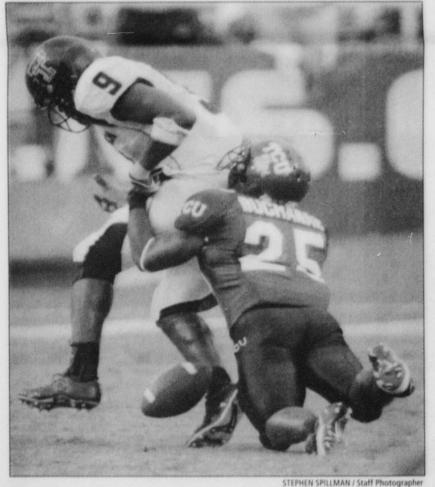
"Tonight felt great because I haven't had much luck with my shots lately," Karoly said. "It was good to finally get a result."

Junior midfielder Lauren Pope, who Abdalla said will undergo surgery, supported her team from the sidelines Thursday. The extent of her

injury has not been released. Pope sustained a leg injury against the Sam Houston State Bearkats Sept. 15.

The next game will be against the Boise State Broncos Oct. 1 in Boise, Idaho.

Frogs fall in AP Top 25 poll during bye week



By BILLY WESSELS Staff Reporter

Even after a bye week, the Horned Frogs dropped a spot from their No. 16 rank to No. 17 in the Associated Press Top 25 poll. The 3-1 Oklahoma Sooners beat the

last weekend, the 3-1 Texas Tech Red Raiders got back to their winning ways after beating the 1-3 Southeastern Louisiana Lions 62-0.

Mountain West Conference opponents had a combined 4-2 record over the weekend. The Middle Tennessee State Blue Raid- two losses came from the 1-3 ers at home to leapfrog over TCU Wyoming Cowboys, who fell to a conference opponent, the 1-1 Air Force Falcons, and the 0-3 San Diego State Aztecs, who lost to another conference rival, the Utah Utes. The 2-2 BYU Cougars, who next visit the Frogs Thursday afternoon, shutout the 0-4 Utah State Aggies 38-0. Other MWC opponents to the Frogs, the 2-2 New Mexico Lobos beat the 1-2 UTEP Miners and both the 2-1 Colorado State Rams and the 1-2 UNLV Rebels had bye weeks. Including TCU, there are now 14 undefeated teams in the AP poll, including the 4-0 Rutgers Scarlet Knights. This is the first week the Scarlet Knights have been in the AP Poll's Top 25 in 30 years. There are five teams with one loss ranked ahead of undefeated TCU: the 3-1 Texas Longhorns, the LSU Tigers, the Fighting Irish, the Tennessee Volunteers and the Sooners.

AP Top 25

- 1. Ohio State Buckeyes (4-0)
- 2. Auburn Tigers (4-0)
- 3. USC Trojans (3-0)
- 4. West Virginia Mountaineers (4-0)
- 5. Florida Gators (4-0)
- 6. Michigan Wolverines (4-0)
- 7. Texas Longhorns (3-1)

Senior safety Eric Buchanan causes Texas Tech senior receiver Robert Johnson to miss another pass. The 3-0 Horned Frogs dropped to No. 17 in the AP Poll from the No. 16 spot after their bye week. Five teams with a loss each are ranked above the Frogs.

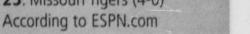
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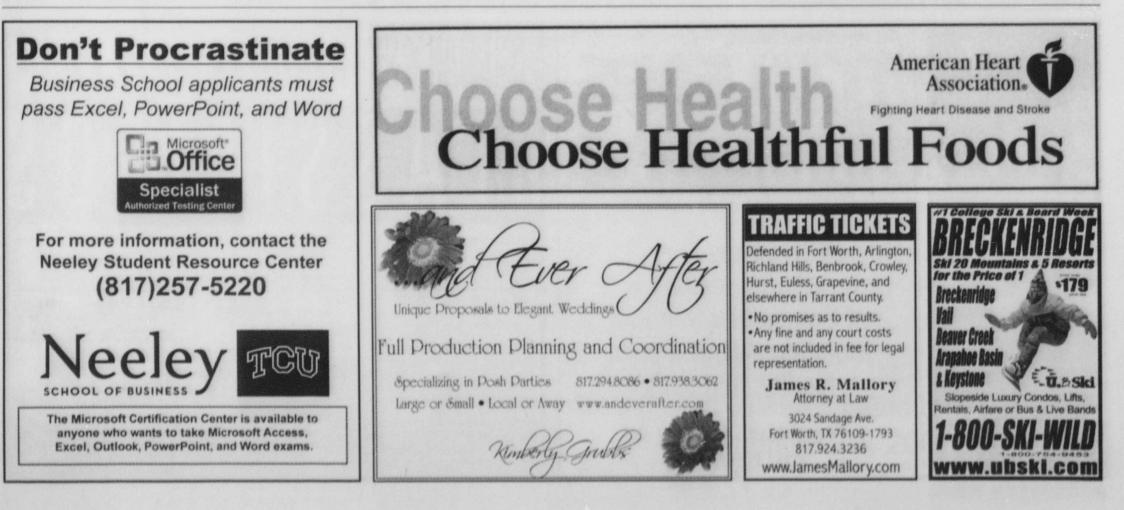
No team ranked between No. 10 and No. 16 in the AP poll lost this past weekend. The 4-0 Virginia Tech Hokies, the 4-0 Iowa Hawkeyes, the 3-1 Tennessee Volunteers and the Sooners all had convincing wins. Although both the 3-1 Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the 4-0 Georgia Bulldogs started off slow against unranked opponents, they won after decisive fourth-quarter comebacks. The 3-0 Oregon Ducks, who defeated the Sooners last week, also had a bye week.

Even after Notre Dame's and Georgia's wins, the 3-1 LSU Tigers, now at No. 9, moved up a spot past the Georgia Bulldogs, who defeated the 0-4 Colorado Buffaloes after scoring a clutch touchdown with just 46 seconds remaining on the clock.

After losing 12-3 to the Horned Frogs at Amon Carter Stadium and falling out of the AP Poll's Top 25 8. Louisville Cardinals (4-0) 9. LSU Tigers (3-1) 10. Georgia Bulldogs (4-0)

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- 17. TCU Horned Frogs (3-0)
- 18. Clemson Tigers (3-1)
- 19. Florida State Seminoles (3-1)
- 20. California Golden Bears (3-1)
- 21. Nebraska Cornhuskers (3-1)
- 22. Boise State Broncos (4-0)
- - 23. Rutgers Scarlet Knights (4-0)
 - 24. Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets (3-1)
 - 25. Missouri Tigers (4-0)







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