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Flags to fly at half-staff for Connally

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday ordered that flags fly at half-staff at all state sites in honor of former Texas first lady Nellie Connally, who died over the weekend.

Flags are to be flown at half-staff until sunset Wednesday, the day of Connally's funeral. She was the wife of the late Texas Gov. John B. Connally and was the last surviving passenger from President John F. Kennedy's limousine the day he was assassinated in Dallas in 1963.

Perry's directive applies to all American and Texas flags under the control of the state.

NATION

Ford steps down as CEO

DETROIT (AP) — Bill Ford, who struggled for five years to steer Ford Motor Co. toward financial stability, is stepping down as chief executive and is being replaced by Alan Mulally, a top executive from the airplane maker Boeing Co.

Ford, part of the founding family at the auto company, will remain as chairman, however, according to Tuesday's surprise announcement.

Mulally, previously executive vice president of Boeing and president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, has also been named president at Ford.

WORLD

Hong Kong reporter sentenced to five years

BEIJING (AP) — A Hong Kong reporter was sentenced by a Chinese court to five years in prison on spying charges in a case that prompted outcry by press freedom groups.

Ching Cheong's conviction Aug. 31 came amid a government campaign to tighten media controls that has seen dozens of journalists jailed. A Chinese researcher for *The New York Times* was acquitted on spying charges a week earlier but jailed for three years on a fraud claim.

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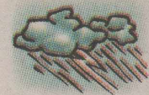
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Study Abroad
Students take safety into consideration
BY NAOMI KASKELA
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When considering studying abroad, safety may be an issue on many students' minds. Requirements made by Texas Tech ahead of time help to alleviate the stress or likelihood of any dangerous situations from occurring. Some boundaries set in place by Tech are required insurance for all students, giving contacts to the participants of the program ahead of time in case of an emergency and limiting the countries students can go to while being affiliated with the school. Countries given a travel safety warning by the state department do not have a Tech program in place with the exception of a field studies program in Kenya, said Study Abroad counselor Lily Kilcrease. "We really don't have programs for those countries,"

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Hackers hit close to home

LCU deals with potential online safety issues after system broken into

BY PAUL ROBERTS
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Several students at Lubbock Christian University were notified last week of an alleged hacker who broke into a university server to obtain personal information about students. The alleged hacker caused some concerns with Texas Tech students, who said they are worried about the safety of their personal information.

Kelli Childre, spokeswoman for LCU, said about 250 students possibly were affected by the incident. More than 2,000 students attend the private university. She said the 250 students were all notified.

Childre said an investigation by administration was opened to find out how the alleged hacker broke into the university's systems. She said there was not any evidence actually proving the hacker obtained any information.

The information technology experts at LCU were immediately notified of the Thursday break-in by monitoring software watching over the school's network, Childre said.

"Information technology has procedures that trigger out suspicious activity," she said. She said if it turns out to be something of interest, like a hacker, then the technology staff shuts the hacker down.

Childre said she does not know who the hacker is or whether he was working alone. She said there have not been any arrests, and

the investigation by the school's administration will attempt to locate the hacker and uncover his intentions.

According to a news release from LCU, the university is asking its student body to remember how to protect one's personal information on a computer.

Childre said LCU officials are notifying students who possibly were affected and asking these students to double- and triple-check to be sure their personal information has not already been used.

"It's a good idea for all of the student body to remind themselves of the importance of online security," she said. "You must keep your password confidential."

Over the past few years, university students and administration have become increasingly aware of the potential dangers of hackers breaking into college computer networks, she said.

A similar incident occurred at the University of North Texas in August 2005. *The Daily Toreador* reported hackers broke into the North Texas network and obtaining personal information from more than 38,000 students. The hackers accessed students' Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, home phone numbers and student identification numbers.

Sam Segran, associate vice president for Information Technology and chief information officer, said it is mostly in the student's hands when it comes to online security.

He said one way hackers can obtain a stu-

dent's information is by stealing the student's password. He said hackers can either guess a common password or use software programs to go through passwords until they find one that works.

"Which is why Tech students change theirs every 90 days," Segran said.

One Tech student said he is confident the university is doing a good job protecting his personal information.

Michael Landin, a junior exercise sports science major from Carrollton, said he believes it is necessary to change passwords every 90 days because of the increasing dangers of online hackers.

"It is kind of a pain, but not completely," he said.

Tech students need to be aware of the possibilities hackers have of obtaining personal information, Segran said. One way is online schemes, which gain a student's attention only to install spyware onto the student's computer.

"These programs are designed to get information out of you," he said. "Next they get onto your computer."

Segran, who runs the Safe Computing Practices campaign at Tech, said students should know the problem is increasing, and the only way to protect your own identity is to be educated in online security.

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Florence to become hurricane

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Florence formed far out in the open Atlantic on Tuesday, and forecasters said it will probably become a hurricane.

But they said it was too soon to tell whether the sixth named storm of the hurricane season would reach the United States.

Florence had sustained wind near 45 mph, 6 mph over the threshold for a tropical storm. The minimum for a hurricane is 74 mph.

"Our forecast does have it becoming a hurricane by Friday morning — minimal hurricane, Category 1," National Hurricane Center meteorologist Mark Willis said.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the storm was centered 960 miles east of the Lesser Antilles, or about 2,100 miles southeast of Miami, and was moving northwest at about 12 mph.

The storm follows on the heels of Tropical Storm Ernesto, which was briefly the season's first hurricane before weakening and hitting Florida and North Carolina last week as a tropical storm. It formed over the southern Caribbean on Aug. 25.

At least nine deaths in the United States were blamed on Ernesto, which also killed two people in Haiti, delayed the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis and blacked out thousands of homes and businesses from North Carolina to New York state.

Last year's Atlantic storm season had a record 28 named storms and 15 hurricanes, including Katrina.

The 2006 Atlantic hurricane season has not been as rough as initially feared. The National Hurricane Center lowered its forecast in August to between 12 and 15 named storms and seven to nine hurricanes.

Woman hit by car near Tech campus

By JAY LANGLEY
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A Texas Tech student was hit by an automobile Tuesday while walking back from class.

Stephanie Hudgens, a public service officer for the Tech police department, said Erika

Smith was hit by a Blue GMC when Smith failed to see the vehicle traveling north on University Avenue at the intersection with Glenna Goodacre Boulevard. Hudgens said Lubbock police were advised of the accident at 4:54 p.m., and Smith was transported to University Medical Center at 4:57 p.m.

Hudgens said Smith appeared to have only minor scratches and bruises. Edwin Stow, a house supervisor for UMC, said Smith was in "satisfactory condition."

Smith's mother Melissa Smith said she talked to her daughter after the accident.

"I guess she was just walking back from one of her classes and

got hit by a car," Melissa Smith said. "I am not sure yet of all of the details, but I do know that she is doing just fine."

Hudgens said the police department did not issue any citations at the scene of the accident and no further investigation will be made.

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Oil pool tapped could boost U.S. reserves by 50 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A trio of oil companies led by Chevron Corp. has tapped a petroleum pool deep beneath the Gulf of Mexico that could boost the nation's reserves by more than 50 percent.

A test well indicates it could be the biggest new domestic oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay a generation ago. But the vast oil deposit roughly four miles beneath the ocean floor won't significantly reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil and it won't help lower prices at the pump anytime soon, analysts said.

"It's a nice positive, but the U.S. still has a big difference between its consumption and indigenous production," said Art Smith, chief executive of energy consultant John S. Herold. "We'll still be importing more than 50 percent of our oil needs."

Chevron on Tuesday estimated the 300-square-mile region where its test well sits could hold between 3 billion and 15 billion barrels of oil and natural gas liquids. The U.S. consumes roughly 5.7 billion barrels of crude-oil in a year.

It will take many years and tens of billions of dollars to bring the newly tapped oil to market, but the discovery carries particular importance for the industry at a time when Western oil and gas companies are finding fewer opportunities in politically unstable parts of the world, including the Middle East, Africa and Russia.

The proximity of the Gulf of Mexico to the world's largest oil consuming nation makes it especially attractive. And it could bring pressure on Florida and other states to relax limits they have placed on drilling in their offshore waters for environmental and tourism reasons.

The country's reserves currently are more than 29 billion barrels of oil equivalent, according to the U.S. Energy Department. But the U.S. imports most of its oil from abroad and its overall supply is tiny when compared with, say, Saudi Arabia, whose reserves exceed 250 billion barrels.

Chevron's well, called "Jack 2," was drilled about 5.3 miles below sea level. Chevron has a 50 percent stake in the field, while partners Statoil ASA of Norway and Devon Energy Corp. of Oklahoma City own 25 percent each.

During the test, the Jack 2 well sustained a flow rate of more than 6,000 barrels of oil per day, but analysts and executives believe the payoff could be much larger than that.

The financial implications of the prospect are most significant for independent oil and gas producer Devon, which is the smallest of the three partners. Devon's shares soared 12 percent on the New York Stock Exchange.

"This could not have happened in a better place," Devon CEO Larry Nichols said in a conference call with analysts.

The successful test well does not mean a huge

supply of cheap oil will hit the market anytime soon.

Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Fadel Gheit estimated that the first production for the Chevron-led partnership might not come on line until after 2010, depending on how many more test wells the companies drill. That said, many companies, including BP PLC, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Anadarko Petroleum Corp., stand to benefit from their own projects in the so-called lower tertiary, a rock formation that is 24 million to 65 million years old.

"They may be the first ones to hit the jackpot, but if the current thinking is correct, this is only a beginning," Gheit said.

The well was drilled in the Walker Ridge area of the Gulf, about 270 miles southwest of New Orleans and 175 miles off the coast. It followed up a discovery made by Chevron in 2004.

San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron said the well set a variety of records, including the deepest well successfully tested in the Gulf of Mexico. Chevron said the well was drilled more than 20,000 feet under the sea floor below 7,000 feet of water for a total depth of 28,175 feet.

Shares of Devon rose \$7.99 to close at \$72.14 on the New York Stock Exchange, above the top end of the stock's 52-week range of \$48.94 to \$70.35. Shares of Chevron rose \$1.51, or 2.3 percent, to finish at \$66.34.

SEC charges promoters with oil, gas fraud

DALLAS (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission charged Tuesday that two securities promoters fraudulently raised \$2.2 million from the sale of oil and natural gas leases to at least 70 investors in Texas and other states.

The SEC filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Dallas against Ivan Dearaujo of PetroSite Assets Inc., the Irvine, Calif.-based company's salesperson, Wesley A. Harbison Jr., and a jewelry company that Dearaujo owned.

The agency said only about one-third of the investors' money was spent on oil and gas interests and that Dearaujo diverted "a significant portion" to his own use. The SEC said the men also raised \$250,000 for the jewelry company that lost its California charter in 2004 for failing to pay franchise taxes.

Kristin Cano, a lawyer for the two men and their companies, said she had been negotiating with the SEC for several months before the civil charges were filed Tuesday.

"Everybody is interested in settling this with the SEC, and the company has assets to do it,"

Cano said. She said the jewelry company still owns a factory and inventory of previous gems that could be used to pay investors, but she declined to discuss terms of a possible settlement.

Dearaujo, 45, is a Brazilian citizen who continued to operate the companies even while in jail in California from January to May of this year for an unrelated arrest and violation of parole on a previous drug conviction, said Katherine Addleman, an associate district administrator in the SEC's Fort Worth office.

Dearaujo is being held by immigration authorities in California and will probably be deported, Cano said.

Harbison, 54, of La Pine, Ore., was also charged with being an unlicensed securities broker. He previously sold oil and gas interests in Dallas and was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and burglary in the 1970s, Addleman said.

The commission said about 70 investors bought the leases, including at least 14 in California and 12 in Texas. Most lost less than \$40,000, according to an SEC document.

Medicare chief McClellan resigns; no replacement named

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mark McClellan, who oversaw the biggest change in Medicare since its inception, said Tuesday he is resigning and will probably go to work for a think tank.

McClellan, a physician and economist, was one of President Bush's economic advisers and served as the Food and Drug Administration commissioner before he was chosen in 2004 to administer the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"He played an instrumental role in transforming the nation's health care system, and his efforts will continue to make a difference for generations," Bush said in a statement.

No replacement was immediately named, although the White House said McClellan, who had worked in the Clinton administra-

tion at the Treasury Department, had made it known for some time that he intended to leave.

His main task over the past year was to get the new Medicare drug program up and running. The program got off to a rocky start, and states had to step in to ensure that the poorest of beneficiaries could continue to get their medicine. Service and care have improved markedly, and analysts say McClellan was responsible for much of the turnaround.

McClellan told *The Associated Press* he will leave the agency in about five weeks and probably will work for a think tank where he can write about improving health care in the United States.

"My kids don't remember me in a job

where I got home regularly for dinner. It's just time," said McClellan, the father of 7-year-old twin girls. "We've gotten a lot accomplished and I'm very confident with the track the agency is on."

As administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, McClellan oversaw programs serving more than 80 million Americans at a cost of about \$570 billion annually. But it was the start of a drug benefit under Medicare that was his biggest priority over the past two years. Under the program, elderly beneficiaries enroll in plans administered by private insurers. Seniors had dozens of plans to pick from, leaving many of them confused and frustrated.

Officials say the program will save the average beneficiary about \$1,100. Complaints

have dropped significantly, and independent polling shows that most who enroll are satisfied with their coverage.

"We've found and fixed startup problems, we are delivering coverage at a cost at least 25 percent less than had been expected, and we are seeing beneficiary satisfaction rates of over 80 percent," McClellan told his staff in an e-mail Tuesday.

But the drug benefit still is far from error-free. McClellan is to testify before the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday about how 230,000 beneficiaries had their monthly premiums refunded by mistake last month. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., pushed for the hearing, but he gives McClellan high marks.

"Transitioning to the drug benefit has

been rocky at times, but he has shown a willingness to go back and fix mistakes so as to make the benefit work for seniors," Baucus said.

McClellan is the brother of former White House press secretary Scott McClellan. His mother, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, is the Texas comptroller and is running for governor as an independent.

Opponents of the administration's health care policies had respect for McClellan. Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA, called him diligent and thoughtful.

"I think he did the best he could in the context of an administration and Congress that did not make health care a priority and that offered troublesome legislation that would be difficult to implement," Pollack said.

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Facebook.com changes receive mixed reaction

By **ANDREW GLOVER**
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Texas Tech students had mixed reactions about recent changes to Facebook.com, a social networking Web site.

According to the Web site, it added a "news feed" and a "mini feed" to enhance the experience for its users.

The news feed displays the activities the user's social network friends are doing. The news feed will say whether friends changed their relationship status, added pictures, made wall posts or performed other activities.

The mini feed is the same as the news feed but records the user's personal activities. Anyone who clicks on a user's profile can see that person's activities in their mini feed. However, people who could not see the person's profile before still will not be able to see it.

"I hate it," said Lizzie Mann, a freshman business major from Houston. "It's too complicated and you can't find anything."

Mann said she uses Facebook to write on people's walls, add pictures and send messages. She said when she saw the changes to the site she was not pleased.

"I will probably still use it the same, but I don't like it," Mann said.

She said she wants Facebook to change back to how it was before the update.

Jessica Wilson, a freshman art major from Dallas, said she writes on

other people's walls and sends messages. She agreed with Mann about the changes.

"I don't like them. I think it clutters everything," Wilson said.

She said she believes the news feed and the mini feed are weird.

"It says everything you are doing," Wilson said.

Despite the news feed and mini feed telling the user's every action, Wilson said she is not uncomfortable with the changes.

Kendra Yates, a graduate student in business from Harlingen, said she uses Facebook to see which of her friends recently updated their profiles. She said the news feed helps her keep up with friends.

"I guess it's kind of good to see what they are doing," Yates said. "It can be too much information."

Yates said the news feed and mini feed can be an invasion to privacy. Her Facebook usage would not change because she doesn't use it very much, she said.

Bryan Williams, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Albuquerque, N.M., said he uses all the features of Facebook and likes the new changes.

"It lets me know what has changed in my profile and my friends' profiles," Williams said. "I'm not a big fan of it showing who has added who as a friend because it gets tedious looking at all that."

Williams said the changes just let other people know what is going on, and he does not think it is invasion

of privacy.

Shane Wagner, a junior marketing major from McKinney, said he uses the site to catch up with friends and as a way to meet girls. He said he liked seeing what other people were doing.

"I liked it for a second because it said some girl broke up with her boyfriend," Wagner said. "I didn't like it because everyone would know what I am doing. I wish there was a way to hide it."

Wagner said he would change how many times he updated his status.

"I probably won't update my status as much since other people will see it, and I'll be more discreet on where I am at," Wagner said. "But, I'll be wanting to know what everyone else is doing."

Holly Welch, a junior psychology major from Abilene, said she does not believe it is a big deal that Facebook is displaying more information because people put similar information on AOL Instant Messenger away messages.

Michael Wolf, a graduate student from Katy, said he uses the site to look for people in his classes and keep in touch with high school and college friends. He said he believes the changes Facebook made are pointless.

"If you watch what you put on there and hide what you don't want others to see then it doesn't matter," Wolf said. "You just don't be dumb about it. I don't want people to know my every move, but there are ways to hide it."

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Study says 70 percent of WTC workers sickened by lung problems

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly 70 percent of the rescue and cleanup workers who toiled in the dust and fumes at ground zero have had trouble breathing, and many will probably be sick for the rest of their lives, doctors said Tuesday in releasing results of the biggest Sept. 11 health study yet.

The Mount Sinai Medical Center study is conclusive proof of a link between recovery work at the World Trade Center ruins and long-term respiratory problems, doctors said.

"There should no longer be any doubt about the health effects of the World Trade Center. Our patients are sick," said Dr. Robin Herbert, co-director of the group that has monitored the health of nearly 16,000 ground zero workers.

Herbert said that most of the patients in the study first came to ground zero between Sept. 11 and Sept. 13, 2001, which exposed them to asbestos, pulverized concrete, mercury and toxins that will leave them chronically sick.

"Our patients were very, very highly exposed, and are likely to suffer health consequences as a result of that for the rest of their lives," she said.

Herbert was joined by lawmakers who accused the federal government of not doing enough to protect the workers'

health and not spending enough to treat them.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg cast doubt on the study's claims, saying, "I don't believe that you can say specifically a particular problem came from this particular event."

Dr. John Howard, who was appointed by the Bush administration in February to coordinate the various ground zero health programs, called the findings "extremely important" and said they support other researchers' work, including a study of city firefighters.

The study, to be published Thursday in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*, focused mostly on what has come to be called "World Trade Center cough" in 9,442 ground zero workers examined between July 2002 and April 2004.

They included construction workers, police and firefighters and other volunteers who worked at the site, in the city morgue or at a landfill where more than 1 million tons of trade center debris were carted.

In lung function tests, ground zero workers had abnormalities at a rate double that expected in the general population; these problems persisted for months and in some cases years after the exposure, the study found.

The study said that almost 70 percent of trade center responders had new or worsened respiratory problems during or after the attacks. Sixty-one percent

of responders who had no health symptoms before the attacks developed problems while working at ground zero. One third of those tested had abnormal lung function, which Herbert said is a rate twice as high as the non-smoking population.

Ironworker John Sferazo, who spent 30 days on the smoldering debris pile and now takes 26 medications a day to deal with his lung problems, said the White House did too little, too late. "If President Bush wanted this situation to be cleaned up, it would have been cleaned up long before now," he said.

He said he was having trouble getting words out at Tuesday's news conference because he is constantly short of breath and has restrictive airway disease. "I'm lucky if I can run a city block without dropping dead," said Sferazo, 51.

Lawmakers said the government has to develop a coordinated funding program to pay for health care for the workers for the rest of their lives, and said environmental officials failed to warn people about the danger of breathing the air near the site.

"It was obvious that the air was hard to see through, let alone hard to breathe," said Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The mayor announced that a World Trade Center clinic will open in January at a public hospital. Among those who will be treated there are illegal immigrants and uninsured people.

Judge OKs termination of Delta pilots pension plan

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WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge on Tuesday approved Delta Air Lines Inc.'s request to terminate its pilots' pension plan.

Judge Adlai Hardin's decision came after a splinter group representing retired pilots formally withdrew its objection to the termination of the plan, which included an option for pilots to retire early at the age of 50 and take out half their entitlements in one lump sum payment.

Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, must still go to the federal government's pension agency, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., to officially end the plan. At that time, the PBGC will take over the plan and pay pilots reduced benefits. The change would be retroactive to Sept. 2.

Delta said current retired pilots

would still receive, on average, about \$75,200 a year, including the lump sum payment. It did not provide an updated estimate of how much pilots who retire in the future without a lump sum will get.

The carrier told Hardin on Friday it had no choice but to eliminate its pilots' pension plan if it is to come out from bankruptcy and remain afloat.

In a settlement reached on Labor Day, the group representing about 100 retired pilots agreed to pull its objections to the plan's termination. In exchange, Delta agreed to pay \$500,000 to the group, known as DP2, to cover fees and expenses. Also part of the settlement was an agreement from both sides to no longer "criticize or disparage one another."

"I think we would all agree that

termination of the pension plan is not a good thing," said Sherwin Kaplan, a lawyer for DP2, at the hearing. The plan's end, he added, will cause "enormous hardships" to the pensioners, many of whom had worked for decades only to see their entitlements cut.

But in the end, DP2 and its lawyers concluded that the group simply did not have the financial resources to successfully battle its termination.

The judge called Delta's evidence and arguments showing that it has no choice but to end the plan "overwhelming." He said he read most if not all, of the scores of letters sent to him by retired pilots opposing the plan's end.

Delta's active pilots have already agreed not to object to the termination request as part of a \$280-million-

dollar-a-year concessions agreement first reached with management in April.

Termination of the pension plan means the end to the ability of Delta pilots who retire in the future to collect half of their pension benefits in a lump sum. That lump sum drove hundreds of pilots to retire, many of them early, before Delta filed for bankruptcy in September 2005. Delta said that more than 90 percent of its retiring pilots have chosen to take out the lump sum payments.

Because of a liquidity shortfall in the pension plan, the lump sum option has not been available since last October.

Delta says it does not have enough money to cover the pilot pensions. As of July 1, the pilot pension plan was projected to have assets of 39 percent of its current liability — \$1.6

billion of assets versus \$4.1 billion in liabilities — according to a Delta court filing from Aug. 4.

Atlanta-based Delta has said it hopes to keep the pension plan for its ground workers and flight attendants, which does not have a lump sum option.

Delta hopes to emerge from bankruptcy protection by mid-2007.

UAL Corp.'s United Airlines, the second-largest carrier in the country, terminated its pilots' pension plan in 2004, while it was under bankruptcy protection. Kaplan had also represented the U.S. Airways retirees. A federal judge upheld that termination in June.

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By the time you read this, Lubbock will be experiencing its fifth consecutive day of rain. Thirty-five more and we will tie the world record of 40. Don't worry Texas Tech, there is a contingency plan in place. Jones AT&T Stadium, while undergoing renovations this summer, was converted into an ark that will hold the entire population of the campus in its seats. What else could explain the new brick wall surrounding the new field? Aesthetics? I think not.

That's not to say that you shouldn't take matters into your own hands. I mean, with all the streets flooded, how are you supposed to get to class on time. The answer—build a boat. It's what I'm doing in my backyard. All you need is some wood (around 30 cubits worth) and enough granola bars and Red Bull to allow you to make the long journey from your car to any of the classrooms. Of course, you could just buy a boat, but that would be a feeble exercise in unmanliness that only your future children would ever execute.

What do they — the (mostly) unborn — have to do with anything? Well, I hate to break it to you, but your children are going to be weenies. Before you get mad and start writing that derisive e-mail, allow me to explain. There is a wave sweeping the nation that has the goal of ridding our schools of ostracism. Sure, it seems like a noble goal; however, as usual, the liberals have taken a good idea and taken it much farther than it needs to go.

In 1982, Adlai Stevenson III was running for governor of Illinois, when his opponent called him a wimp. Stevenson, in a stroke of momentary stupidity, decided to call a press conference to deny that he was a wimp — seemingly not taking into account that a press conference declaring yourself to not be a wimp no doubt confirms that you are. He should have challenged the opponent to a bout of bare-knuckle boxing, or possibly even a duel. Who knew that his simple act of emasculation would be a predictor of things to come?

It all began in 2001, when schools in New York, Texas, Utah and Virginia began to ban any game where students "become human targets." What was their specific target? Dodgeball. Dodgeball and all its derivatives — bombardment, prison ball, etc. — were deemed too violent for schools and were officially banned by New Jersey schools on Nov. 18, 2002. It was a dark day, but it would only get worse.

According to a Fox News report from earlier this summer, the game

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of Tag has been disallowed in a Santa Monica, Calif., elementary school because it creates self-esteem issues among slower and weaker children. The principal of the school, Pat Samarge, told parents in a weekly newsletter (too chicken to say it in person I presume) that the game would be banned for several reasons. Among them, students were not playing the game correctly, it was too difficult to determine what those rules were and because the game causes physical and emotional damage. "Little kids were coming in and saying 'I don't like it.' [The] children weren't feeling good about it," Samarge said.

So you're thinking, well, that's California. They listen to NPR and drink Zima in California. But solidly red states are falling victim to the "wussification of America" as well. Tag was also banned in a Cheyenne, Wyo., school after the principal saw that the game sometime devolved from touching to hitting, slapping and punching.

Now, I'm certainly not one to say that all games should be allowed at school. For instance, the less soccer and square dancing we get, the better. But I am alarmed that if tag and its variants (which includes such games as hide and seek) are banned that any other game that contains mild isolation could join them in only our collective childhood memories.

Will they ban baseball because it includes such terminology as stealing and suicide? Will smear the queer be banned because it is offensive to homosexuals? Is competition, as we know it, over? I hope not. As enrollment in the armed forces continues to drop and our children spend more time in front of computers and less playing outside, ballooning to 800 pounds in the process, playing "duck duck duck" because being the goose hurts the child's self-image, remember that it could have been stopped.

Write your congressman or senator. Don't let this injustice stand.

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Time to take back the Grand 'ol Party

America grew strong because of the belief in the separation of church and state, civil liberties and free enterprise. Adopting these principles as their own, Republicans used to be about smaller, less intrusive government. Not anymore. The 21st century Republican Party has lost its course, and it's about to lose this Republican.

Modern day Republicans only seem to care about weaving religion into the fabric of American government. We've seen this affect our nation's policy for six years now, and it's time that we take a stand for what we believe in. It's time to take our party back!

Here's what I believe: The Republican Party is not God's party, all Christians do not vote for politicians based solely on social issues and outside of a few unequivocal truths, Christians can have different interpretations on the scripture. As Billy Graham said in last month's Newsweek, "sincere Christians, can disagree about the details of scripture." Sadly, I feel my cries for help are falling on deaf ears.

Captaining the Republican's sinking ship is Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family. Preaching love and hate out of both sides of his mouth, Dr. Dobson has single-

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handedly turned the party of Reagan into a party of idolatry. Republicans are so dependent on the evangelical vote that they'll endorse and turn a blind eye to the bile that comes out whenever Dobson opens his mouth. In describing these "cavalier Christians," Fox News contributor Charles Krauthammer wrote: "They need their moral superiority like oxygen, and they cannot have it cut off by mere facts." For Dr. Dobson, the facts do not support his reactionary brand of Christianity.

Found in the same Newsweek article was this eye-opening tidbit: "In a Pew Research Center survey released last week, 66 percent of all Americans saw a 'middle ground' on abortion. Six out of 10 white evangelicals also support compromise; meanwhile, 44 percent of white evangelicals — the highest figure recorded in five years of polling — back stem-cell research."

Once again, this proves that pandering achieves nothing politically.

What makes Dr. Dobson's feath-

ers ruffle is a cultural doomsday scenario that, in his eyes, spells an end to all our decency: gay marriage. He has compared recent progress and acceptance of gay marriage to Pearl Harbor and equates the battle against it to D-Day. As he said in a 2004 mailer "The homosexual activists' movement is poised to administer a devastating and potentially fatal blow to the traditional family."

As a Christian, I support two people of the same gender who marry and succeed at caring, supporting and loving each other. According to Dr. Dobson, that does not make me a follower of Jesus Christ.

My problem with the Republican Party is not that the "Dr. Dobsons" of the world are being given a chance to have their Christian views advocated by the party. Instead, my problem is that the content of their Christian views are being based on a distortion of biblical values. Rather than building on the Bible's commands to love our neighbor, these people embrace isolated biblical passages that reflect fear and anger. Dr. Dobson, love is not saying "Patrick Leahy (a Democratic senator from Vermont) is a God's people hater. I don't know if he hates God, but he hates God's people." Consequently,

I have become disgusted with the leaders on the religious right.

I yearn for the days where a person's religious faith was not associated with a certain political party value. A generation ago this was the case. There used to be two things you would not talk about at the dinner table: politics and religion. Today, that's all we talk about at the dinner table, and I cannot take it anymore.

No longer do I feel comfortable in the Republican Party. The Party that got my vote in '04 has been commandeered by the likes of Dr. Dobson. Republicans are no longer the party of tolerance and acceptance. Nowadays they epitomize a single-mindedness that's destroying my Grand Old Party.

It was a Republican, Ronald Reagan, who asked the American people in 1980, "Are we better off today than we were four years ago?" When I ask myself that question — is the Republican Party better off today than it was four years ago — regrettably, I answer no.

Folks, it's time we take our party back.

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GUEST COLUMN

Caliva fails to recognize difference between racial, religious profiling

I was intrigued to read Mr. Caliva's article regarding racial profiling in the Thursday issue of The Daily Toreador. In the article Mr. Caliva correctly observes the majority of terrorist attacks carried out within the United States have been carried out by men of the Muslim faith. What confuses me is Mr. Caliva's willingness to see Muslims as a race rather than a religious group. This conception belays a gross and highly troubling misunderstanding of the distinction between race and religion. Arabs are a race. Persians are a race. Muslims are practitioners of Islam, and can and do come from nearly every ethnic heritage.

Mr. Caliva's failure to understand even this most basic of distinctions between belief and heritage seems indicative of a broader ignorance of the groups he would advocate we target. This leads not only to inaccurate, misguided and counter-productive scrutiny, but also to the stereotypes that begin the slide into racism. I would ask Mr. Caliva to do a bit of research and attempt to understand the nature of the conflict as well as the

individuals involved before he starts discriminatorily stripping individuals of their right to equal protection out of fear and ignorance.

Acts of violence and terrorism shake us to our very core, and they're intended to. Forcing us to live our lives in fear and suspicion is the goal of those who commit these acts against us. What defines us, our moral center and ultimately our ability to survive as a nation is how we respond. We can give in to fear, retreat into blindness and ignorance, cower beneath bigotry; or we can rise above our enemies. We can strive to be better than them. We can deny them the pleasure and the triumph of watching us sink to their level.

The military conflicts we engage in are only one front in the War on Terror. We are, as President Bush himself has said, "fighting for the hearts and minds" of others. Every time we act in ignorance, every time we persecute the innocent and every time we lash out in fear we lose more ground in the true war: the war of ideals. The War on Terror is aptly named, but

the terrorists are only the symptoms of a much more widespread pandemic of frustration and hatred of the West and America in particular. Making martyrs out of ignorance inflames the illness and only guarantees the symptoms in the long term. To win the war we must not only defeat the current terrorists, but show the world that we are the land of the free and the light of democracy, not a nation of hatred and intolerance. We don't win the War on Terror when the current terrorists are dead. We win the war when we stop giving new people reasons to take their place. Racial/religious profiling is only a small example of the evils we must resist, but it is an important line we must hold if we truly care about victory.

Mr. Caliva is concerned with the survival of America, and so am I. The difference is that I would see America survive as a bastion of freedom and hope, not turn in upon itself and sacrifice all that makes it great.

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Amazing races: Diversity awareness comes to Student Union Building

By JOSH HULL
STAFF WRITER

Students entering the Student Union Building on Tuesday may have noticed a new addition near the west entrance. The Center for Campus Life and the Diversity Awareness Team are sponsoring The Human Race Machine, a device that takes the occupant's picture and manipulates the image to show what the person would look like as a member of a different race.

The machine, which will be in the Student Union until Friday, was designed by Wolfman Productions in Connecticut.

Jobi Martinez, unit assistant director for the Center for Campus Life, said the purpose of the machine is to help students look at diversity by addressing the stereotypes most people struggle with.

"When most people hear words like diversity and multicultural, they don't think beyond race," Martinez said. "The purpose is to explore diversity."

Martinez said the idea of bringing in the machine came from an episode of the Oprah Winfrey show. Members of the Diversity Awareness Team said they wanted to find a way to run a program at Tech that would show students how differences in race are only skin deep.

"We thought it was neat to see how the physical exterior could change into different races," Martinez said. "It's really amazing to see the results."

While students who used the machine were surprised to see how it could change their physical appearance, they were more surprised at what they learned about themselves and others.

Hanley Kincaid, a sophomore music major from Granbury, said the machine allowed him to see, even if it was just for a moment, what it might be like if he had been born another race.

"It was interesting to just step into the shoes of another race," Kincaid said. "To be able to see physically what that would mean for the rest of my life."

Kincaid said he believed the machine gave students the chance to step outside of themselves and think about how everyone really is the same.

"It really is different," Kincaid said. "It definitely makes me think more about meeting people of a different race and seeing how they are just like me."

Claire Kirby, a sophomore history major from Fort Worth, said the machine showed her how different it would be if she was a member of a different race.

"It's weird to see myself as Asian or black," Kirby said. "How would I think of myself differently and how would others see me?"

Kirby said she hopes students will use the experience to see how they make judgments in their own lives and recognize their own biases.

"To see that we're all the same, there's just outward differences," Kirby said. "It helps us to recognize stereotypes and look beyond what's on the outside."

Some students saw the machine as an opportunity to appreciate their own uniqueness and how they fit in the world.

Adam Steinwedel, a freshman history major from Keller, said the machine could help students see how they can contribute with their own unique abilities and talents.



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DONALD SCOTT, A freshman electronic media and communications major from Garland, uses the Human Race Machine on the first floor of the Student Union Building Tuesday morning.

"I think it shows people that they should be content with who they are," Steinwedel said. "There's a lot of things that could be different, but that's not who you are."

Marcie Blair, a junior business management major from Austin, works at the information booth right across from where the machine is set up. She said it was interesting to watch the different reactions from the students that used the booth.

"A lot of people have come by just wondering what it was," Blair said. "I've noticed a lot of students have been watching, but not as many have been participating."

Blair said some students complained the machine had not met their expectations.

"A lot of people have wanted more races, because they weren't represented by the machine," Blair said. "I guess it just shows you how culturally diverse Tech is."

Martinez said she hopes the machine does not just invite students to think, but also to change and put into action what they have learned.

"Hopefully the learning outcome is that students will recognize that differences go deeper than physical appearances," Martinez said. "We really just want them to look beyond and meet new people, whether from different races, cultures, ages or even from different cities, and just see that there are similarities no matter what those first impressions are."

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Study Abroad

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she said. "They usually have been on the list for a long time."

One of the most popular programs is located in Sevilla, Spain, said Sevilla coordinator Donna Wright.

"A lot of parents and students are a little hesitant of traveling by themselves," Wright said. "(Parents) tend to be a little more comfortable if the student travels with a group of Tech students with a faculty member."

The Sevilla program is comparable to a satellite campus, not what students may typically think of when considering study abroad, she said.

"It's just like being on campus here in Lubbock," Wright said. "It's just you are 5,000 miles away."

Ruben Galve, a senior restaurant and auto management major from Sevilla, Spain, has experienced both sides of the study abroad experience. He said he has tutored Tech students at the Sevilla campus for a couple of years and is in Lubbock for the fourth time.

Through the experience of being in both situations, Galve has advice for students.

"They don't get into the culture," he said about students studying abroad in Sevilla. "They usually go to bars where there are Americans. I always take people from Tech with my friends or to typical places (I would go to)."

Kilcrease said he believes a way for students to immerse themselves in the culture of a new country is through prior knowledge of the language, no matter how limited.

"We do have predeparture orientation, and we do talk to the students about the culture," she said.

However, orientation is not always enough to prepare students for culture shock and language skills are not a necessity.

"They've got to understand that it is a different culture," Galve said. "Try to be open-minded."

At the predeparture program, various people are available to answer questions that students and parents may have. These include safety issues, traveling, places to visit or anything else that may come to mind.

"The director is a former ambassador," Wright said. "He spent many

years abroad and offers wonderful insight on how to study abroad and travel abroad without getting into dangerous predicaments."

Counselors are also available on a one-on-one basis to answer even more questions, Wright said.

Some students opt to choose a country where a Tech program is not located.

At any given time during the school year, almost every country not listed on the travel restriction list has at least one Tech student there, Wright said.

Even if a student is located in one country, it does not mean they have to stay there during the whole study abroad period.

"Rent a car and get out," Galve said. "There are some really cheap places to rent a car ... Travel around Europe because flights are also cheap."

A round trip flight from Sevilla to Milan, Italy, can cost less than \$50, Galve said.

Freedom to travel for the students can cause concern for parents, Wright said.

"We strongly advise students to use common sense," Wright said. "We're going to tell students if a country is on a 'do not visit' list."

With recent occurrences in the news concerning international travel, some people may feel that going abroad is inadvisable, she said.

"I think a lot of students assume that it's just too dangerous, too much of a hassle or that study abroad is just not a good thing to do right now," she said.

As will be discussed at the Study Abroad Fair being held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 14 in the library, that is not the case, Wright said.

"I think it's probably harder for some groups to visit our country than our students to go overseas," Wright said.

Instead, study abroad is becoming more of a necessity for college students, she said.

"I think it's completely becoming something that is no longer an option," she said, "so (students) can continue to be competitive."

Competitiveness is not the only benefit of studying abroad, as personal characteristics can also change, Kilcrease said.

"You can see there is more confidence in the student when they come back," Kilcrease said.

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THE FREE SPEECH PAVILION is located outside of the Student Union Building and the University Library

Students can speak their minds in free speech zone

By LIZ BOYD
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech offers six different locations on campus specifically designated for freedom of expression. Michael Gunn, assistant director at the Center for Campus Life, said students are encouraged to utilize these areas to voice their opinions. However, Gunn said the Tech campus as a whole is a freedom of speech campus. "We welcome students to say whatever they want, as long as they are not impeding the academic mission of this campus," he said. The free speech area comprises the pavilion by the SUB, the fountain outside the library, the corner of the SUB and the parking booth on 15th Street, the bottom of the Engineering Key, outside the Business Administration Building and Urbanovsky Park,

Gunn said. Matt Fowler, internal vice president for the Student Government Association, said his organization has utilized the pavilion outside of the Student Union Building. Fowler said the SGA used the pavilion to set up a desk where students could meet members of the SGA and submit ideas and requests for the organization. Fowler said he believes the pavilion was a convenient place for the SGA to set up because there is usually a steady flow of students around that area. Gunn said each of the six areas is set in a place where heavy student traffic flow occurs. The designated areas may be used by students, but more importantly, protestors not affiliated with Tech are required to use them, he said. But outside protest groups, such as

religious groups, must clear their protest and location beforehand, said Gunn. He said he has no authority to look at the content of protests or pickets and said his main concern is keeping students and faculty safe. "We want students as well as outside people to say what they wish," Gunn said. "But we don't want the safety of our students to be infringed upon." McKinzie Allison, a junior education major from Lubbock, said she is aware of the six areas for freedom of expression. "I feel comfortable protesting on campus," Allison said, "especially if it was something I felt was an important issue." Allison said she would like to see more students exercising their right of freedom of speech and expression. "I think this campus could use a more well-rounded view," Allison said. "It would be great if more students started expressing themselves."

Ruling party's Felipe Calderon named Mexico's president-elect

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Felipe Calderon was declared president-elect Tuesday after two months of uncertainty, but his ability to rule remained in doubt with Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador vowing to lead a parallel leftist government from the streets. The unanimous decision by the Federal Electoral Tribunal rejected allegations of systematic fraud and awarded Calderon the presidency by 233,831 votes out of 41.6 million cast in the July 2 elections — a margin of 0.56 percent. The ruling cannot be appealed. Calderon now must win over millions of Mexicans angry that President Vicente Fox didn't make good on promises of sweeping change — and fend off thousands of radicalized leftists who say they will stop at nothing to undermine his presidency. Lopez Obrador has said he won't recognize the new government and vows to block Calderon from taking power Dec. 1. Protesters outside the tribunal wept as the decision was announced and set off firecrackers that shook the building. "We aren't going to let him govern!" Thomas Jimenez, a 30-year-old law student, screamed as hundreds of protesters threw eggs and trash at

the courthouse. The decision by the seven judges — who have split their votes in disputes about other elections — also found that Fox endangered the election by making statements that favored Calderon, and that business leaders broke the law by paying for ads against Lopez Obrador, who promised to govern on behalf of the poor. But the problems weren't serious enough to annul the results, they said. "There are no perfect elections," Judge Alfonsina Berta Navarro Hidalgo said. The court rejected most of Lopez Obrador's allegations, including his claim that an ad campaign comparing him to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez unfairly swayed voters. The court also dismissed Lopez Obrador's claim of subliminal messages in television ads by pro-Calderon businesses. The court's president, Leonel Castillo, called on Mexicans to unite and mend the deep divisions the election revealed. "I hope we conclude this electoral process leaving confrontation behind," he said. A smiling Calderon emerged from party offices to wave at supporters. He was scheduled to address the nation later Tuesday and meet with Fox on Wednesday. Fox greeted the court's de-

cision with a smile during an appearance in Cancun, then publicly congratulated Calderon and invited Lopez Obrador to begin talks aimed at "strengthening the nation and our democracy." Markets, which had expected Tuesday's ruling, were unchanged. Tuesday's ruling came two months, three days, and tens of thousands of pages of legal challenges after voters cast their ballots. In comparison, the U.S. presidential elections of 2000 remained in dispute for 35 days. The decision was unlikely to end the demonstrations that have crippled Mexico City's center or to heal the nation's growing political divide. In the Zocalo plaza, thousands in a month-old protest camp chanted: "If there is no solution, there will be revolution!" "Taking up arms is the only way," said Angel Sinsun, 80. "They'll never give us power with peaceful resistance or with negotiations." Lopez Obrador has called on his followers to remain peaceful. His movement has become increasingly radicalized since the election, and polls indicate he lost support after lawmakers from his party blocked Fox's last state-of-the-nation address on Friday.

Hacker

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He said it has become much easier for a hacker to break into servers in the last three to four years. Hackers no longer need to write their own programs to hack into a computer, Segran said.

"Nowadays, hackers can download a hacker program from a hacker Web site," he said. According to the Tech Web site, the Safe Computing Practices Campaign has a goal to educate students and administration about the importance of online security. Segran said they print a monthly information technology bulletin that includes safety tips and guidelines. The latest issue deals with safety at popular student Web sites like MySpace and Facebook. He said his main concern is

students who set their profiles incorrectly, setting themselves up as potential targets. Despite the amount of work Segran does to inform students of online security, he said it all depends on the student. "There is only so much a university can do," he said. "Students must know the potential dangers of some of the Web sites they visit, or the information they openly present. Our biggest issue is raising the awareness level." paul.j.roberts@ttu.edu

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Danish authorities say they foiled serious attack

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - Danish authorities said they foiled a serious terror plot Tuesday with the arrest of nine men accused of preparing explosives for a planned attack in Denmark.

Investigators were not sure how advanced the plans were but said they decided to launch a pre-emptive strike Tuesday after keeping the group under surveillance for some time.

"The clues police found indicate that they were very likely planning an attack somewhere in Denmark," Justice Minister Lene Espersen told *The Associated Press*.

"It was the most serious matter I have had in my time as justice minister," she said. "Police went in and stopped the group as it was preparing an attack."

The Scandinavian nation raised its terror preparedness level after recent attacks in London and Madrid and the global Muslim fury earlier this year over caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad first published in a Danish newspaper.

Espersen said she did not know whether the case was related to the cartoon crisis. The caricatures were first published in the *Jyllands-Posten* newspaper on Sept. 30, then were reprinted in newspapers worldwide in January and February, sparking a wave of protests primarily in Islamic countries. Muslims consider any physical representation of Islam's prophet to be blasphemous.

Officials said the suspects were Danish citizens between the ages of 18 and 33. Lars Findsen, the head of the Danish Security Intelligence Service said eight of them had immigrant backgrounds, but did not specify from what countries.

He did not reveal the planned target of the attack and said it was hard to evaluate how far the suspects had progressed in their preparations.

"With the general terror situation, the Danish Security Intelligence Service didn't want to run any unnecessary risk," Findsen said.

Findsen also said the sweep was not related to a terror investiga-

tion in Germany in which four Lebanese suspects are being held in connection with a failed train bombing attempt.

German media claimed one of the suspects, Youssef Mohamad el Hajdib, who was arrested Aug. 19 in the northern German city of Kiel, was heading to Denmark. German and Danish media reported German police found a telephone number in his pocket for Abu Bashar, an imam living in Odense.

Abu Bashar denied knowing el Hajdib but said it was a matter of time before terrorists would strike Denmark.

"Osama Bin Laden said in a message three years ago that he will punish the countries that have (troops) in Iraq," he told AP. "Denmark is on the list. I am afraid of the message of Osama Bin Laden that he will do something against Denmark."

Anti-terror squads carried out the sweep at 2 a.m. in Vollmose, a mostly immigrant suburb of Odense, Denmark's third-largest city.

Findsen said the suspects "had acquired material ... to build explosives in connection with the preparation of a terror act."

Denmark has about 500 troops in southern Iraq under British command and 360 more in Afghanistan as part of the NATO-led force.

Abu Bashar said he knew the suspects arrested Tuesday as members of Odense's Muslim community and predicted they would be found innocent.

"I believe that very, very soon they will be released," he said.

Two weeks ago, four suspects in custody in Denmark since October were charged with supplying explosives to two men arrested in Bosnia for allegedly preparing a terror attack.

Investigators said that group planned to blow up a target in a European country to force the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Police did not say whether the new arrests were related to that case.

Bush quotes terrorists and promises to continue fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush used terrorists' own words Tuesday to battle complacency among Americans about the threat of future attacks, defending his record as the fall campaign season kicks into high gear.

Quoting from letters, Web site statements, audio recordings and videotapes purportedly from terrorists, as well as documents found in various raids, Bush said that despite the absence of a successor on U.S. soil to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the terrorist danger remains potent.

"Bin Laden and his terrorists' allies have made their intentions as clear as Lenin and Hitler before them," the president said before the Military Officers Association of America and diplomatic representatives of other countries that have suffered terrorist attacks. "The question is 'Will we listen? Will we pay attention to what these evil men say?'"

Bush said that al-Qaida has been weakened, with its leaders finding it harder to operate freely, move money or communicate with operatives. But, he said the terrorist network has adapted to U.S. defenses by increasingly using the Internet to spread propaganda, recruit new terrorists and conduct training. In addition, the movement has become more dispersed, with local cells more self-directed and responsible for more attacks.

The president also said extremists from Islam's Shia sect are learning from Sunni extremists, and asserted the danger of the Shia-controlled nation of Iran. He said Iran is fighting a proxy war with the U.S. and Israel by funding and arming the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

"Like al-Qaida and the Sunni extremists, the Iranian regime has clear aims. They want to drive America out of the region, to destroy Israel, and to dominate the broader Middle East," Bush said. "America will not bow down

to tyrants."

One document Bush cited was what he called "a grisly al-Qaida manual" found in 2000 by British police during an anti-terrorist raid in London, which included a chapter called "Guidelines for Beating and Killing Hostages." He also cited what he said was a captured al-Qaida document found during a recent raid in Iraq. He said it described plans to take over Iraq's western Anbar province and set up a governing structure including an education department, a social services department, a justice department and an execution unit.

"The terrorists who attacked us on September the 11th, 2001, are men without conscience, but they're not madmen," he said. "They kill in the name of a clear and focused ideology, a set of beliefs that are evil but not insane."

His speech came after the White House released a 23-page booklet called "National Strategy for Combatting Terrorism," which proclaims that the nation has made progress in the war on terror but al-Qaida has adjusted to U.S. defenses and "we are not yet safe."

The White House rejected Democrats' calls for replacing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. "It's not going to happen," said presidential spokesman Tony

Snow. "Creating Don Rumsfeld as a bogeyman may make for good politics but would make for very lousy strategy at this time."

In its updated counterterrorism strategy, the White House said, "The enemy we face today in the war on terror is not the same enemy we faced on Sept. 11. Our effective counterterrorism efforts in part have forced the terrorists to evolve and modify their ways of doing business."

Two months before the midterm elections, the report was the White House's latest attempt to highlight national security, an issue that has helped Republicans in past campaigns.

Democrats, meanwhile, were releasing their own assessment, saying it shows the country is less secure today than before Bush took office. Citing research by the nonpartisan, nonprofit Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, the report said the number of al-Qaida members has jumped from 20,000 in 2001 to 50,000 today. It also charged that average weekly attacks in Iraq have jumped from almost 200 in spring 2004 to more than 600 this year, using numbers provided by the liberal-oriented Brookings Institution think tank.

"All the speeches in the world won't change what's going on in Iraq," said Senate Minority Leader

Harry Reid, D-Nev.

"The truth is the president's policies have not worked and have not made us safer," said Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del.

Rep. John Murtha, a hawkish Pennsylvania Democrat who voted for the war but now favors withdrawing troops, said the administration has botched the war so badly that a draft might be needed.

The updated White House strategy comes in the wake of the weekend release of a new al-Qaida video that raised concerns about the possibility of another attack as the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 nears. The tape featured an American — believed by the FBI to have attended al-Qaida training camps — urging his countrymen to convert to Islam.

The Department of Homeland Security had raised the terror threat for aviation to red — its highest level — in mid-August when the British, working with the United States, broke up what was purported to be a plot against international flights bound from Britain to the U.S.

Five years after the attacks, about one-third of the American people think the terrorists are winning, according to a recent AP-Ipsos poll.

In the administration's updated terror-fighting strategy, it took credit for some successes but also acknowledged, "While the United States government and its partners have thwarted many attacks, we have not been able to prevent them all. Terrorists have struck in many places throughout the world, from Bali to Beslan to Baghdad."

"There will continue to be challenges ahead, but along with our partners, we will attack terrorism and its ideology and bring hope and freedom to the people of the world," the strategy booklet said. "This is how we will win the war on terror."

Iraq president predicts violence will wane by end of 2007

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's parliament reopened Tuesday after a summer recess and voted to extend a state of emergency for a month because of unrelenting sectarian violence, while the president predicted bloodshed will be quelled by the end of next year.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of three more American servicemen, bringing to 10 the number of coalition soldiers killed the previous two days — eight Americans and two Britons.

Iraq's state of emergency, which has been in

place for almost two years, covers every area except the autonomous Kurdish region in the north. It grants security forces the power to impose curfews and make arrests without warrants.

It has been renewed every month since first being authorized in November 2004, hours before U.S. and Iraqi troops launched a big offensive to drive insurgents out of Fallujah, one of the main cities in the restive Anbar region west of Baghdad.

Two U.S. Marines and one sailor were killed in

Anbar "due to enemy action" Monday, the U.S. military command reported. Five other Americans had previously been reported killed Sunday and Monday, and two British soldiers died from a roadside bombing in the south Monday.

Police said 15 Iraqis died in violence across the country Tuesday. In Saweria, a town about 30 miles south of Baghdad, the bodies of five other people were found dumped, all blindfolded, shot and tortured — signs of sectarian reprisal killings that have surged this year.

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WAVERLY JOHNSON, A junior marketing major from Houston, breathes heavily during a sprinting drill at lacrosse practice on the fields near the Exercise and Sport Sciences building Tuesday evening.

Company aims to improve safety in online video games

AUSTIN (AP) — Online computer gamers who spend countless hours slaying monsters and battling other virtual foes are now facing more worldly threats, including online predators and scammers who want to swipe their game accounts.

"City of Heroes" maker NCsoft Corp. on Tuesday announced a program to warn its customers about real-world risks in the virtual universe of its games.

"It's a public environment where everyone can see and hear what's going on," said Robert Garriott, chief executive of NCsoft North America. "The single biggest mistake people make is, they meet people online, and once they start communicating, they slip up."

Though its "PlaySmart" initiative is still in the early phase, the company hopes to include some basic guidelines in its packaging by the end of the year.

Among the suggestions: Parents should not only monitor and play the games with their children, but also should be aware of the potential for social

interaction that can include voice chat and text-message exchanges.

Today's online games allow for an instant, free flow of dialogue between thousands of players simultaneously. The tasks set forth in such games, such as killing dragons or traipsing dank dungeons, often require coordinated teamwork.

Though the true names and identities of players are disguised as avatars ranging from animals to sorcerers, there's nothing to prevent players from probing for personal information.

NCsoft's guidelines will be printed on small cards with the games as well as on NCsoft's Web site.

Other basic rules would seem to apply to life in general: never give out credit card information, never offer personal information to other players, and never give passwords or account information to friends so they can play on the account.

Garriott said one of the leading sources of customer complaints is when players lend ac-

count usernames and passwords to friends.

In such instances, accounts can be stolen outright or pilfered of virtual goods such as rare weapons or armor that the true owner spent months or years accumulating.

The effort comes as millions worldwide play such games every day. According to a recent study by Parks Associates of Dallas, revenue from online games is expected to grow from about \$1.1 billion last year to \$4.4 billion by 2010.

Ron Teixeira, executive director of the National Cyber Security Alliance, called NCsoft's program a good first step.

"Parents may think games are games," Teixeira said. "They think it's pretty innocent and nothing bad can happen, but the reality is that children virtually are somewhere else and interacting with people that may not be good."

Video games also are rated for content by the Entertainment Software Rating Board, a nonprofit industry group.

Four killed in rampage at bed-and-breakfast in Maine, cook charged with crimes

NEWRY, Maine (AP) — A cook was charged Tuesday with shooting and dismembering the owner of a bed-and-breakfast and killing three other people in a grisly Labor Day weekend crime spree that shocked people across the Maine countryside.

State Police chief Col. Craig Poulin refused to discuss a motive for what he called the worst homicide case in Maine in 14 years.

Christian Nielsen, 31, told detectives that his four-day rampage began with an Arkansas man on Friday and continued two days later with the slaying of the owner of

the Black Bear Bed & Breakfast where he was staying in Newry, according to state police. The daughter of the inn's owner was then killed along with a female friend when they arrived there unexpectedly Monday, authorities said.

The dismembered bodies of the three women were found Monday at the white 1830s farmhouse in Maine's ski country near the New Hampshire line, about 75 miles northwest of Portland. Nielsen then led detectives to the man's burned remains in the woods about 15 miles away.

"It's a crime of horrific proportions," Poulin said.

Nielsen was charged with four counts of murder and smiled as he left court after being ordered held without bail.

Poulin would not say how the victims had been dismembered.

The victims were identified as bed-and-breakfast owner Julie Bullard, 65, who lived at the inn; her daughter Selby, 30; Cindy Beatson, 43, both of Bethel; and James Whitehurst, 50, of Batesville, Ark.

Nielsen had recently been renting a room at the Black Bear while working at another bed-and-breakfast in nearby Bethel. Whitehurst, who was in the area on family business, also had been staying

at the Black Bear.

State Police Sgt. Walter Grzyb said the two men did not know each other beyond the fact that they were both staying at the same inn.

"We're all just numb with shock," said Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. The area is about 75 miles northwest of Portland.

Nancy White, co-owner of the Sudbury Inn, was stunned to learn that the cook she and her husband had hired this summer had been arrested on murder charges. She described him as a reliable employee and

a good cook.

"The whole thing is surreal. It's a shock to this small community," she said.

Police assured residents they had nothing to fear. "We believe no one else was involved, and there are no additional victims," Poulin said.

Julie Bullard had decided in February to close the Black Bear, Zinchuk said, and there was a "For Sale" sign out front.

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