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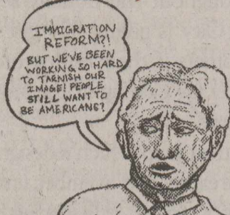
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STATE

Legislative Budget Board names director

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislative Budget Board on Monday named John O'Brien as its director, filling an almost three-year-old vacancy.

The board, led by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, unanimously approved O'Brien, who had been serving as deputy director.

The budget board staff serves the fiscal policy and analysis needs of lawmakers.

O'Brien, the fifth director since the office was established in 1949, replaces John Keel, who retired in 2004. Keel has since been appointed as state auditor.

Also at their Monday meeting, the board postponed adoption of a spending limit for the 80th Legislature, which convenes Jan. 9.

NATION

Schools lockdown during police pursuit

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A murder suspect ran through an elementary school Monday as he fled police trying to arrest him, and schools in the area were locked down while officers tried to find him.

The man was inside Watkins-Nance Elementary School only briefly, entering through the front and running out a rear door, Richland County sheriff's spokesman Chris Cowan said.

WORLD

Radiological tests ordered after spy's death

LONDON (AP) — Radiological testing has been ordered for three people who may have come into contact with the poison that killed a former KGB agent turned Kremlin critic, health officials said Monday, as the government opened a formal inquest into his death.

Traces of radiation were found at two restaurants and the home of the ex-spy, Alexander Litvinenko. Health officials, however, said there was no immediate public health danger.

DEATH TOLL

2880

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by Department of Defense

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Wednesday



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Mixed reaction to 'Strip' annexation

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

The area of land located on the Tahoka Highway commonly referred to as "the Strip" was annexed Nov. 21, but the annexation does not mean the Hub City is now wet.

Councilman for District 2, Floyd Price, was the only council member to vote against the annexation.

Price said the reason he did not vote for the annexation is because he believes the area was annexed for the wrong reasons.

"We shouldn't go out there to do that just to get a couple extra dollars," he said. "If the citizens want Lubbock wet, it should be wet.

If they want it dry, it should be dry. We shouldn't have anything to say about that one way or another."

Mayor David Miller said the annexation will result in \$500,000 of tax revenues for Lubbock.

Price said what the money will be used for is still undetermined.

By annexing the area, Price said he believes the government overstepped its boundaries.

"I believe that whether a person drinks or doesn't drink, that's a moral issue, that's up to them," he said. "This is a thing where government has gotten too far involved in moral issues. Now if they're breaking laws,

then that becomes a criminal issue, then government should step in."

The annexation of the Strip has not changed the status of Lubbock as being a dry city; instead, the Strip is the only area that is wet.

"I think we are the wettest dry city in the United States," Price said.

Although the wet status has not extended beyond what it was originally, David Wilson, senior pastor at Southcrest Baptist Church, said he is unhappy with the annexation.

"I was opposed to it from the beginning," he said. "My main concern was that it will become easier for the liquor sales to get into the city."

He said he is afraid individuals petitioning for the Hub City to become completely wet will be able to use the annexation of the Strip as a reason to extend the wet status.

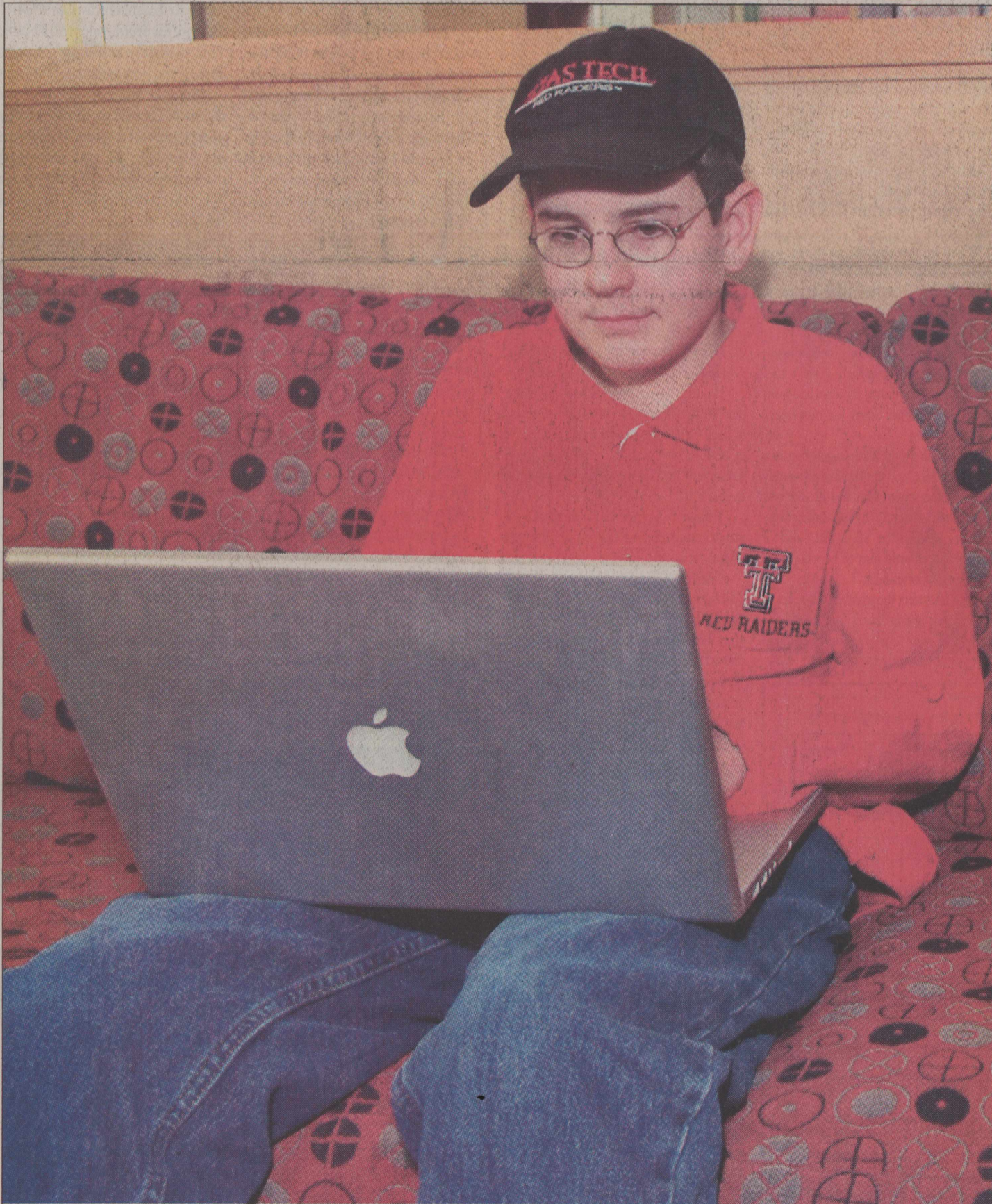
"When somebody does bring the petition to make the city wet, then they are just going to use that as a reason," he said.

If a petition was to start circulating for the city to become wet, Wilson said he would voice his opposition, but until then he said there is not much he can do.

For a petition to be successful, an individual must collect around 18,000 signatures from registered voters in Lubbock County and submit

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NANO KID



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JONATHAN LINK, A 13-year-old freshman electrical engineering major from Lubbock, works on his laptop at the Barnes & Noble in the Student Union Building Monday afternoon. Link has also lived in New York, Massachusetts and Florida.

A day in the life of a 13-year-old college freshman

By ANNA SCHUMANN
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While many youths his age are in seventh grade and can only dream of college, 13-year-old Texas Tech freshman Jonathan Link is experiencing college life firsthand.

Jonathan, a freshman electrical engineering major, said he feels he is ready for college at his current age but was not ready at age 8, when he was first accepted to a university.

He said when he was 8 years old, he took the SAT and scored an 1100. He was then accepted to New York University, but decided to decline the offer.

"We decided for me to stay in school and develop more social skills with kids my own age," he said.

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Mortars hit oil facility in northern Iraq

By THOMAS WAGNER
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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Mortar rounds crashed into an oil processing facility near the northern city of Kirkuk on Monday, igniting a huge blaze, and a U.S. Air Force jet with one pilot crashed while supporting American soldiers fighting in Anbar province, a hotbed of Iraq's Sunni Arab insurgency.

The fire at the pipeline filtering facility shut down the flow of crude to the massive Beiji refinery to the southwest, according to an official at the North Oil Co., who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters. The flames erupted at 6:30 p.m. and burned for several hours before they were extinguished, the U.S. military said.

The facility is 15 miles northwest of Kirkuk, a city which sits amid some of Iraq's richest crude oil deposits.

Earlier Monday, a bomb exploded beneath an oil pipeline south of Baghdad and set it on fire, and Iraqi and American forces were deployed to secure the area, police said.

No injuries were reported in the 7:30 a.m. blast near Mahmoudiya, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, said police 1st Lt. Haider Satar. The fire was put out about noon. The pipeline carries crude oil from storage tanks in nearby Latifiyah to the Dora refinery in Baghdad.

Since the U.S.-led war toppled Saddam Hussein in March 2003, the country's oil industry has suffered many such attacks on its pipelines.

The F-16CG jet that crashed was supporting coalition ground forces when it went down at about 1:35 p.m. in Anbar province, about 20 miles northwest of Baghdad, the military said in a brief statement. The statement had no information about the suspected cause of the crash or the fate of the pilot.

Mohammed Al-Obeidi, an Iraqi who lives in the nearby town of Karmah, said by telephone that he saw the jet flying up and down erratically before it nose-dived and exploded in a farm field. He said other U.S. warplanes rushed to the crash site and were circling around it.

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, a U.S. military's spokesman, said he doubted the jet was shot down because F-16s fly very fast and have not encountered weapons in Iraq that are capable of taking them down.

Al-Jazeera satellite television showed videotape pictures of the wreckage in a field and what looked to be portions of a tangled parachute nearby. The broadcaster said the video included scenes of the dead pilot but that they were too graphic to air.

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Tech police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Nov. 26
A nonstudent was arrested by Texas Tech police on campus for resisting arrest. The nonstudent was detained and transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Tech police located an unlawfully stopped and unattended vehicle in the 500 block of Memphis Avenue. Police said they were unable to locate the vehicle owner. The vehicle was towed because of the traffic hazard the vehicle posed.

Nov. 25
Three nonstudents were arrested for suspicious activity in the R14 parking lot. Tech police said one of the suspects was arrested for an outstanding parole violation with the Texas Youth Commission, failure to identify to police and possession of burglary tools. The other nonstudents were arrested for possession of burglary tools. Tech police transported all three nonstudents to the

Lubbock County Jail and their vehicle was towed.

Nov. 24
A nonstudent was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop in the 4400 block of 19th Street. Police said they observed the nonstudent commit a traffic violation in the 2700 block of 19th Street and pulled the suspect over. The suspect was transported to the county jail and the suspect's vehicle was towed.

Tech police investigated two vehicle burglaries in the Z1-B parking lot. Tech police did not locate any suspects.

Nov. 23
Tech police arrested a nonstudent for driving with an invalid license following a traffic stop in the 1700 block of Indiana Avenue. Police said the nonstudent was released after charges were filed with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office. Police released the vehicle to a family member.

Nov. 22
Tech police investigated a theft of a bicycle in the north bicycle rack of the Philosophy building. Police said a men's Diamondback bicycle was stolen from the bike racks. Tech police did not locate any suspects.

A nonstudent was arrested for driving with an invalid license and one outstanding Lubbock County citation following a traffic stop in the 3300 block of Second Street. Police said they observed the suspect perform a traffic violation in the 500 block of Indiana Avenue and pulled the suspect over at the listed location. The nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Jail and the nonstudent's vehicle was released to the registered owner.

A nonstudent juvenile was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Police said they found the juvenile in the second floor exterior east walkway of the HSC. The juvenile was issued a Lubbock County citation and released to his mother.

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Freshman

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Jonathan, who was born in Sweden, said he has gone to public, private and montessori schools across America as well as being home-schooled by his mother.

He said he completed high school in one year of home school.

His mother, Joanne Link, is an assistant professor of neurology in the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She said she preferred her own teaching to the education Jonathan received in school.

"I have home-schooled Jonathan twice in the past because I actually like the way I am able to see him progress," she said.

Jonathan said he enjoys college more than grade school because it is more challenging.

"In grade school, it wasn't really very challenging with the subjects they were teaching," he said. "In college now, it is a challenge. I don't mean classes are difficult, I mean they're not very easy, and they're very interesting. I do like college more than grade school."

He said he believes Tech is a great college for him. He said no one has ever said anything negative to him about his age.

"Texas Tech has been a very nice place with very nice professors and students. A lot of people are surprised when they find out that I'm 13 and attending college. However, I haven't had any negative reactions from people," he said.

His mother said she agrees. She said students have offered to help whenever they can.

"I think most people are really very nice and very supportive," she said, then spoke to Jonathan. "And they protect you, don't they? A lot of people have asked if you need any rides back and forth or if you need any help. So they're very supportive."

She said students pick him up and take him to class.

Jonathan said many of his friends are Tech students but also people his own age he meets at church on Sundays.

The age difference between Jonathan and many of his friends does not bother his mom, she said.

"I think Jonathan has excellent judgment," she said. "He's just going to his regular school, and we always talk about everything that goes through school. It's not like he goes after hours to go out dancing or something like that."

Despite the good grades Jonathan's mother says he makes, his mom said she feels something else is more important.

"Most important is to be able to enjoy his classes and have fun in school," she said. "The most important thing is that he's really enjoying his college life. That was the goal."

Jonathan said he does not spend a lot of time studying because he is taking six semester hours of electrical engineering and computer science classes. He has tested out of every other freshman-level class he needs to take, she said. Next semester he said he plans to take a full course load.

As a child, his mother said, Jonathan loved to read.

"When he was younger, he would take the encyclopedia, he would read. He enjoyed reading. He would take one book and read it cover to cover. And he really wasn't having that much fun in school," she said.

She said she knew when Jonathan was younger that he was smart because he would score the highest score on national exams in school despite never doing his homework for classes.

"It has been a long, hard struggle between me and schools, and that's why ultimately I had to home-school him and he did very well," she said. "That's why he would always score very well on the SATs. All I did for Jonathan is I allowed him to be who he is, and I have supported him."

In his free time, Jonathan said he likes to study robotics and artificial intelligence. He said he goes over to his friends' houses and builds robots with them.

"I like to read about them, and I have a robotics set that I work on," he said. "I also like to paint and play the violin and the piano."

His mom added he likes to swim, but has not been able to do so recently.

At home, Jonathan said, he does not play video games or watch TV except for some science fiction shows, such as "Stargate."

He said he hopes to study nanotechnology while in college and after he graduates, though he said he does not know if he wants to go to graduate school or get a job immediately.

"I think I'll expect to graduate in the normal amount of time, in four years. It's not really a race," he said. "My main interests are in AI and robotics and in nanotechnology. Right now I'm not sure which of those fields I'm going to go into. I'm thinking of doing some research in nanotechnology, which is kind of a combination of those fields, in which you can have very small robots at the nano scale, and if you had large amounts of those, you could build something atom by atom in a very short amount of time, very precisely and very cheaply. Are you allowed to get a job when you're 17? I find research in these fields very interesting, so if I were offered the opportunity to research in these fields, I would take it."

Jonathan said his goals right now include research and making new friends in school.

He said he is currently working on some experiments such as a PC-based robot and developing his own computer processor.

"I think I should be able to complete projects like that within the next few years," he said. "When I get my degree, I was thinking of working on a startup company for nanotechnology and to investigate the potential in that field."

Joanne Link said despite her son's advanced education, his brain is not his most impressive quality.

"He really has a good heart," she said. "What has impressed me about Jonathan all his life is he has always had a good heart, above everything else. All people are impressed with his good mind or his good brain. What has impressed me is his good heart in everything."

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Shoppers face discounts as online shopping season kicked off Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — After jamming malls on Friday for discounted flat-screen TVs and toys, shoppers clicked onto their computers at work Monday as retailers ushered in the start of the online shopping season with bargains and marketing hype.

With an increasing number of online players trying to outdo each other, shoppers are being bombarded with even more generous discounts, free shipping offers and other enticements this holiday season.

For the Monday after Thanksgiving, coined Cyber Monday by the National Retail Federation, plenty of retailers like Circuit City Stores Inc. offered special one-day coupons. Meanwhile, Walmart.com began on Monday a five-day special on such online-only items as certain flat-screen TVs and cashmere scarves. And Barnesandnoble.com is wooing shoppers with a free tote bag if they spend \$75 or more.

"It is a very promotional holiday shopping season," said Scott Silverman, executive director of Shop.org, the online arm of the National Retail Federation. "Many are using today as the platform to launch promotions." He noted that more retailers offered incentives starting as early as last week.

To fuel the hype surrounding Cyber Monday, NRF launched a new site last week called CyberMonday.com, which pulls together online discounts for both Cyber Monday and through the holiday season from nearly 400 retailers.

So far, the incentives seemed to be working, according to early reports.

Jewelry retailer ice.com reported a 60 percent increase in traffic and an 80 percent increase in sales through noon Monday, compared to the same period a year ago, according to Pinny Gniwish, founder of ice.com. Walmart.com reported a 60 percent increase in traffic through noon Monday compared to a year ago.

While the first Monday after

Thanksgiving kicks off the online holiday shopping season, it's not the busiest day for retailers. Internet research firm comScore Networks Inc. expects that honor to fall to either Dec. 11 or Dec. 12, making Cyber Monday either the ninth or tenth busiest online shopping day. Last year, the first Monday after Thanksgiving was the ninth busiest day.

Still, Cyber Monday marks the first big online shopping surge for many merchants for the season.

ComScore, which excludes travel, auctions and corporate purchases in its results, expects online sales to increase by at least 24 percent to \$599 million, from \$484 million a year ago. ComScore reported a better-than-expected 42 percent increase in sales to \$434 million on the day after Thanksgiving, from the same day a year ago.

The online shopping surge Monday follows a strong start to the holiday shopping season for brick and mortar stores over the Thanksgiving weekend.

One exception was Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which announced Saturday that November's same-store sales would be more disappointing than expected. The gloom outlook sent its stocks down on Monday, as investors worried about the strength of the retail sector.

Nevertheless, analysts are expecting a robust holiday season for stores and in cyberspace, though business will be slower than a year ago. The National Retail Federation expects total sales for the November and December period to be up 5 percent, but not as high as the robust 6.1 percent pace seen a year ago.

As for online holiday sales growth, Jupiter Research forecasts an 18 percent increase for online sales to \$32 billion. That is slightly below the 23 percent pace in the previous year.

Analysts are carefully monitoring the rivalry between online-only stores and brick and mortar stores, which are overtaking the lead in the online market share wars. According to comScore, from 2003 to 2005, sales growth for brick and mortar stores' online divisions grew twice the rate of that of

online-only merchants.

Stores that operate both e-commerce sites and physical stores are realizing they can "use the Internet to not only sell product but also drive traffic to their stores," said Gian Fulgoni, chairman of comScore Networks.

Consumer electronics retailer Circuit City offered special coupons just for Monday, including additional savings of \$100 on TV purchases of \$1,700 and up, as well as an additional \$50 savings on home audio systems purchases of \$400 and up.

Throughout the holiday season, Circuit City is giving \$24 gift cards to customers if their online order is not ready for pick up at the stores in 24 minutes.

Walmart.com, which redesigned its Web site earlier in November, unveiled Monday 50 online only specials offers, from cashmere scarves to flat-panel plasma TVs, that will be available through Dec. 1. Carter Cast, CEO of walmart.com, said it will be replacing sold-out items with new offers this week.

Among the most popular items Monday on walmart.com were \$289 GPS units by Garmin and 3 megapixel digital cameras by Philips.

The pure online players are fighting back with free shipping and other deals.

Online retailer Amazon.com pushed shoppers to get started early by holding an ongoing poll to select one steeply discounted gift item to be offered in limited supplies beginning on Thanksgiving day, on top of other deals.

Online jewelry retailer Bluenile.com is offering for the first time free overnight shipping to its best customers, a program that will run through Valentine's Day. It also sent out e-mails Monday offering 10 percent discounts to customers through Dec. 7.

Online closeout retailer Overstock.com for the first time offered free shipping offers, which started Thanksgiving Day and ends Tuesday, according to Patrick Byrne, CEO of overstock.com.

"We're all competing on shipping promotions," Byrne said.

Turkish security teams take positions for pope visit, small protests break out

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is to meet Pope Benedict XVI on Tuesday, a change of plans that appears to signal openness to a visit that has angered many Turks.

Small protests broke out in the cities of Ankara and Istanbul on Monday, but authorities said security measures for the pope — who angered Muslims worldwide with comments in September on Islam and violence — will be tighter than they were for President Bush's

visit in 2004.

Benedict, on his first papal visit to a predominantly Muslim country, was to arrive at the Ankara airport Tuesday around noon, where he will meet briefly with Erdogan, who waited until the day before the pope's arrival to announce that he would make time to see the pope.

News reports say some 3,000 police officers have been assigned to guard the pope upon his arrival in the dusty, sprawling capital of Ankara. Snipers will watch from hillsides and tall buildings, and armored vehicles and riot police will be stationed near the ariots he is scheduled to visit.

Police also were staking out spots in Istanbul, where Benedict will spend most of his four days in Turkey.

"We have taken all the necessary measures and observations of the route the pope (will travel) and the places the pope will visit," Istanbul police spokesman Ismail Caliskan said.

The most sensitive moment of Benedict's visit may be his walk through the Hagia Sophia, a museum in Istanbul that was built as a Christian church in the 6th century and converted into a mosque in 1453 when Islamic armies conquered the city, then Constantinople.

On Monday, a group of around 100 demonstrators displayed what they said were a million signatures for a petition demanding that the Hagia Sophia be declared a mosque and opened to worship for Muslims.

In a speech Sunday, Benedict said he was coming to Turkey as a friend of the Turks and asked his followers to pray for him. That same day, more than 25,000 Turks protested in Istanbul, asking the pope to stay home.

The visit to Turkey will be a test of whether the pope can soften some of the Christian-Muslim tensions that boiled over after he quoted a Byzantine emperor who characterized some of the teachings of Islam's Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman."

The visit will also be a test of the Turkish public's willingness to tolerate criticism of Islam and the country's ability to coordinate a potentially problematic visit.

Justice Minister Cemil Cicek said the visit was an opportunity for improved relations between the Christian and Muslim worlds. "We would want this visit to be a cornerstone for (relations) between the two worlds," Cicek said after a Cabinet meeting Monday.

"Turkey is a country that is recognized worldwide for its tolerance and its hospitality. This is an opportunity for (Turkey) to display these qualities," he said.

Cicek said the protests were not directed toward the papacy, but toward the pope's comments on Islam. "Some sector of the population are disturbed by the visit. Their disturbance is not because the pope is the pope, but because of the remarks he made," he said.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Cell body
- 5 Carolina rails
- 10 Island east of Java
- 14 Leave out
- 15 Dizzying pictures
- 16 Regrets
- 17 Old man with a scythe
- 19 Swenson of "Benson"
- 20 Half a buck's rack
- 21 Flemish map-maker
- 23 Fled to wed
- 25 Tropical American cuckoo
- 26 Stubby, erect tail
- 29 Ashen
- 30 Set a tax
- 33 Chairmaker
- 35 Puts away
- 37 culpa
- 38 Inverse math function

By Stanley B. Whitten
Highwood, Ill. 11/28/06

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 12 Big name in building blocks
- 13 Munich's river
- 18 Sniggler's prey
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- 30 Grain beard
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Officials say Iraq violence in 'new phase,' Bush steps up diplomacy ahead of NATO

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — President Bush intensified diplomatic efforts on Monday to quell rising violence in Iraq and Afghanistan, turning to allies as his national security adviser said the conflict in Iraq had entered "a new phase" requiring changes.

"Obviously everyone would agree things are not proceeding well enough or fast enough," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters aboard Air Force One as Bush flew eastward.

The president was spending Monday night in this tiny Baltic nation ahead of a two-day NATO summit in Riga, Latvia, expected to deal with deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan, where NATO has 32,000 troops.

Both Estonia and Latvia are former Soviet republics that are strong allies in the war on terror.

Bush will head to Amman, Jordan, for talks Wednesday and Thursday with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and King Abdullah of Jordan.

From Air Force One, the president spoke to the leaders of France and Egypt.

Addressing the upcoming meetings with al-Maliki, Hadley said, "We're clearly in a new phase characterized by an increase in sectarian violence that requires us to adapt to that new phase."

Bush and al-Maliki "need to be talking about how to do that and what steps Iraq needs to take and how we can support" Iraq's leaders, Hadley said.

The adviser rejected suggestions that Iraq had already spiraled into a civil war and said it was unlikely Bush would address with the Iraqi

leader the issue of any U.S. troop withdrawals. "We're not at the point where the president is going to be in a position to lay out a comprehensive plan," Hadley said.

Hadley also said he believed that al-Maliki — rather than Bush — seemed more likely to bring up the subject of dealing with Iran and Syria, saying the Iraqi leader had strong views on the subject.

Bush received a briefing Sunday night at the White House from Vice President Dick Cheney, who had gone to Saudi Arabia over the weekend as part of the administration's expanded efforts to draw Iraq's neighbors into the search for a solution.

In further signs of a worsening situation, a mortar attack ignited a huge fire Monday night at an oil facility in northern Iraq, shutting the flow of crude oil to a major refinery. And a U.S. Air Force jet crashed in Anbar province, a hotbed of the Sunni-Arab insurgency, officials said. Al-Jazeera reported that the pilot was killed.

Meanwhile, Britain said it expects to withdraw thousands of its 7,000 military personnel from Iraq by the end of next year, and Poland and Italy announced the impending withdrawal of their remaining troops as well.

In the U.S., the Iraq Study Group, a 10-member commission led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana, was working on a set of strategies for Iraq.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan discussed the situation in Iraq Monday afternoon in a teleconference with members of the group, which was meeting in Washington.

The president is expected to urge

NATO members to increase military spending at the summit in Riga. Violence has increased markedly in recent days, particularly in the southern part of Afghanistan, where the Taliban are resurgent.

Bush is trying to persuade many European allies to contribute more for the Afghanistan effort. He'll also promote his plan to invite several major non-NATO countries, including Japan, Australia and South Korea, into some joint missions with NATO.

Bush is the first sitting U.S. president to visit Estonia.

His brief stopover in this medieval capital was seen as a token of American gratitude for the Baltic ally's strong support in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Unlike in most of Europe, there is hardly any public criticism here of Bush's administration or the Iraq war. A small protest by anarchists was planned in Tallinn on Tuesday but was not expected to cause any major disruption.

Bush will meet with Estonian Prime Minister Andrus Ansip and U.S.-educated President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves. Bush and Ilves planned a joint news conference.

The U.S. president also was expected to meet democracy activists and Estonian soldiers who have served on foreign missions.

Aides said Bush also spoke by phone from Air Force One to Chinese President Hu Jintao on relations between the two countries and their recent meeting on the sidelines of a summit in Vietnam of Asian-Pacific nations. Bush also phoned former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who was hospitalized for tests after he fainted during a rally.

violence is a result of excessively vitriolic political rhetoric. A particularly bitter debate last week preceded the devastating Sadr City attacks.

Across the country on Monday a total of 91 people were killed or found dead in sectarian violence. Forty-one bodies were found dumped in the capital alone.

Blast

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One shot showed what appeared to be the tail number and included the letters CG. The jet that crashed was an F-16-CG, the military said. Another segment showed an Air Force seal that said Air Combat Command.

The U.S. command also said three of its soldiers were killed and two wounded during combat operations in Baghdad on Sunday. At least 2,878 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The government fully lifted a curfew on Monday, allowing vehicles back on the roads and reopening the international airport, on the fourth day after suspected Sunni insurgents used bombs and mortars to kill more than 200 people in Sadr City, a large Shiite slum, in the worst attack by militants in the war.

Also Monday, Iraq's parliament speaker implemented new rules banning reporters from the legislative building and imposed a 30-minuted delay on broadcast of sessions, an apparent bid to squelch information reaching the public about the increasingly bitter debates between Shiite and Sunni lawmakers. The delay would allow the speaker to censor debate that he considered overly inflammatory.

The new regulations reflect al-Maliki's contention that Iraq's

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the petition in an allotted amount of time, Price said.

Past mayoral candidate Roger Setler has tried unsuccessfully to collect signatures to make the city wet in the past, said Neale Pearson, professor emeritus of political science at Tech.

"Basically, you have to find some people who are willing to put up the cash," he said.

The annexation not only will benefit the city in terms of tax revenues, but also will benefit merchants located on the Strip because they now can receive services from the city, Pearson said.

"The advantage is they are going to be eligible to receive police protection and fire protection that they did not get before," he said.

"Now they can have assurance of police protection and fire protection."

By being annexed into the city limits, the businesses no longer will have to rely on the county or volunteer services if a situation was to occur, he said.

"The situation is, if you want city services, then it is your advantage to be within city limits," he said. "If you don't want to pay city taxes, then you are making a deliberate choice."

Pearson said he does not think the annexation of the Strip will affect many people, including the addition of services from the city in that area.

"I think by and large, the majority of Lubbock residents who buy beer or alcohol out there, it's not going to affect their pocket books," he said.

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Americans divided on whether Democrats, Bush can work together

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid new talk of bipartisanship on Capitol Hill and at the White House, Americans are divided on whether the new Democratic-controlled Congress and President Bush can work together on their top priorities.

The latest Associated Press-Ipsos poll shows Americans in the aftermath of last week's power-shifting election remain divided over the country's direction and on their hopes for bipartisan cooperation.

Still, the poll indicates that after a year of dismal public approval ratings, Americans have higher expectations for Congress and that many are upbeat about Democrats holding the reins of power in the House and the Senate.

Of those surveyed, 47 percent said they were confident the president and congressional

Democrats could work together to address national problems; 51 percent said they were not confident. For every 10 adults polled, four said the country will be better off, three said it would not make much difference and two said the country will be worse off. Most Democrats shared that optimism. Republicans tended to be pessimistic or anticipated no discernible change.

The poll of 1,002 adults was conducted Nov. 10-12 and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

In the wake of the election, Democrats as well as the president and his Republican allies have emphasized the need for bipartisanship on the war in Iraq and on a number of other legislative fronts.

But both sides also have made it clear that there will be limits to cooperation. On Tuesday, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada placed the burden on Bush.

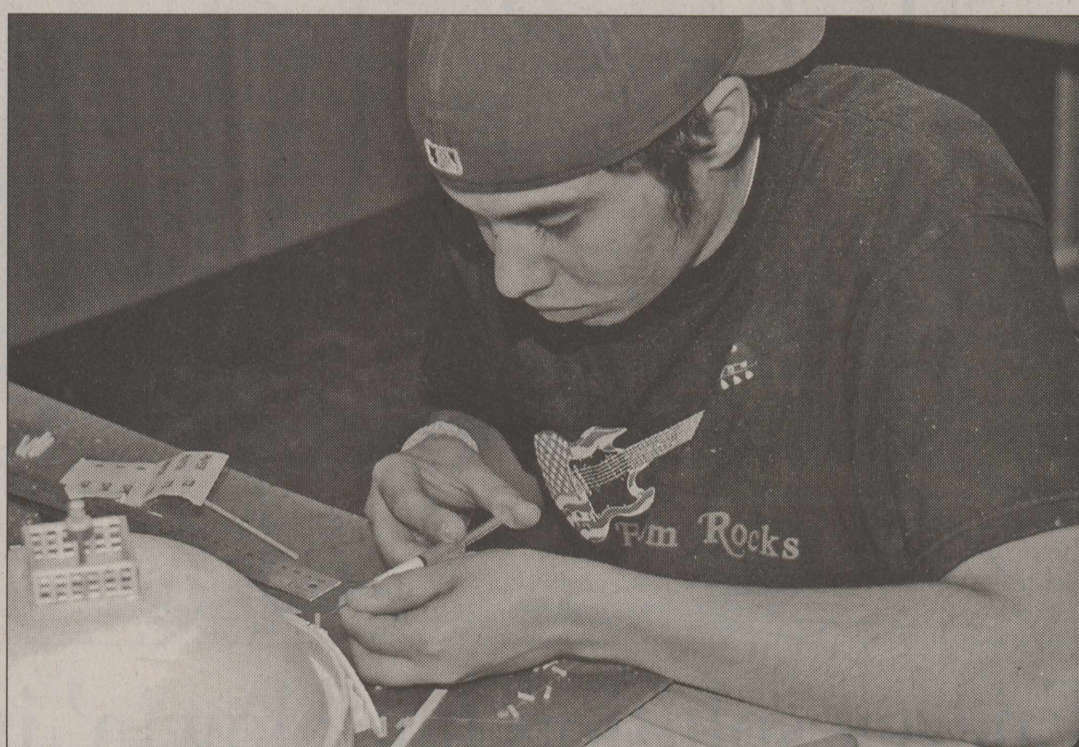
"I've met with the president. He

said he wanted to work with us," Reid said. "He said that two years ago and it didn't work. I told him that. I want to work with the president of the United States. I want to work with the Republican leader of the Senate, Republican leader of the House."

In the poll, more Americans ranked Iraq as the top priority of the new Democratic-controlled Congress, but nearly three out of five say the party has no plan to deal with the war.

While voters in Election Day surveys said corruption and scandal in Congress were among the most important factors in their vote, the postelection poll indicated 37 percent of all adults said the war in Iraq should be at the top of the congressional agenda during the next two years. Nevertheless, 57 percent of all adults in the AP-Ipsos poll said Democrats do not have a plan for Iraq; 29 percent said they do.

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JOSEPH JEFFREY, A sophomore architecture major from Lubbock, uses a small syringe to apply glue to the model he is building in the Architecture building Monday morning.

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Bush's immigration plan would work

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed a welfare reform bill — one of the major achievements of his administration — and the only way he was able to do it was with a Republican Congress. After six years of getting very little done, President George W. Bush on Nov. 7 may have given a present gift-wrapped by the American voters: a Democratic Congress.

The Democrats are scared they'll get booted right out of office in 2008, so they must get things done. The only proposal of the Bush administration that has more support from Democrats than Republicans is immigration reform.

While I do not normally agree with President Bush, his plan is the only one that will work. It centers on the following: securing the border through cooperation with Mexico, a guest worker program, a path to citizenship for those involved in program, increased enforcement of companies that hire undocumented immigrants and increases in the limit of annual legal immigrants.

Congress has a great shot at saving our immigration system with the president's program. Undocumented immigrants (and legal ones) will be able to pay a one-time fee and register with the program. They'll be matched with employers who have job vacancies but could not find Americans to fill them. The worker can return home after three years, apply for renewal, or apply for citizenship.

Many opponents call this blanket amnesty, but it really isn't. The only way undocumented immigrants could apply for citizenship is through participation in the guest worker program, and they would be penalized. Not only would they have to pay a fee to participate, they'd also be placed behind those who are already in line for citizenship and have followed the legal process.

Since most undocumented immigrants come to the United States to find work, this program is the best way to handle the problem. It is extremely difficult to get a visa if you don't already have a close relative living in the United States. In 2005, the United States issued about 21,000 temporary work visas, and very few went to unskilled workers. Only 5,000 green cards are set aside for unskilled workers each year, and no country can receive preferential treatment. Therefore, Germany gets just as many as Mexico. Considering there are thousands upon thousands of poor Mexicans who want to work in the United States, this system is not working. If you are trying to save

Chris Kellerman



your family's life and you have very little chance of obtaining a visa, crossing the border illegally is an attractive option. The Bush plan would fix this by providing a compassionate alternative.

Remember, this plan will not take away jobs from Americans. To register with the program the employer must prove that he made every reasonable effort to fill his job vacancies with American workers. With the current system, it would be unfair to severely punish employers who are hiring undocumented immigrants.

In Bush's plan, the government will provide training for all employers to spot forged documents so they will not accidentally hire undocumented immigrants. After the employers have a fair shot at getting rid of their undocumented workers and learning how to detect illegal applicants, they will be held accountable, too.

Finally, we'll increase the annual amount of immigrants allowed in the United States each year. By making it easier to enter the United States to work, and with the knowledge that the government is cracking down on employers who hire undocumented immigrants, people who want to work in the U.S. will be much more likely to follow the legal path.

I wish amnesty worked, because it's the most humane thing to do. Unfortunately, it just makes the problem worse by encouraging illegal immigration. The only part of the Bush plan that is rather bizarre is the only part which Congress has passed. The president recently signed legislation to fund a 700-mile fence along the border with Mexico. Keep in mind the border is about 1,950 miles long.

Besides, the message we send by building a fence along the border doesn't quite match the message we once sent to all those who traveled to America to find a better life. The message can be found at the base of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

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Energy solution not blowin' in the wind

One of my highlights driving home to San Antonio a couple of times each year is enjoying the beautiful Texas scenery along the way. Such highlights include driving down and up the Caprock, enjoying the winding road between Colorado City and San Angelo, and seeing the sights of the Texas Hill Country. Yet, as the years have passed, something new has reared its ugly head on my annual journey — wind power.

Affectionately called "wind farms," massive groupings of wind turbines have sprouted up along U.S. Highway 84 between Post and Sweetwater, and on Interstate 10 near the town of Iraan. While the name wind farm implies a non-impact harvest of nature's resources, they are quickly growing into a huge eyesore on the Texas landscape.

A few years ago, the Texas legislature mandated that 5,880 megawatts of electricity generated in the state should come from renewable sources by 2009. They also seek an additional 5,000 megawatts by 2015. At the time this was seen as a proactive solution to move Texas to the forefront of renewable power in the United States and the decision was lauded by environmentalists. But as so many things decided by government, this has proved to be better on paper than in reality.

At first the wind turbines feel very cool and futuristic. It's after their novelty wears off that people soon realize the impact they have on the wide open spaces of Texas.

Our situation is quite the quagmire for environmentalists. On one hand wind power is one of the cleanest renewable energy sources available. However, wind power

Trey Caliva



The visual impact of wind farms might appear trivial to you, but then again, a 200-foot wind turbine isn't sitting in your backyard.

also has a shocking impact on the preservation of nature. The visual impact of wind farms might appear trivial to you, but then again, a 200-foot wind turbine isn't sitting in your backyard.

My great-grandmother lived in Sweetwater, so the drive between there and San Antonio is very familiar to me. The rolling hills accompanying the drive into Sweetwater used to be as pure and unaltered as they were 100 years before. Now the landscape more resembles a Don Quixote nightmare with windmills upon windmills marring the West Texas countryside. Wind power has irrevocably altered the views surrounding the city.

Moreover, the electricity produced by these farms is negligible at best. The Horse Hollow Wind Farm, located between Abilene and Sweetwater, produces ap-

proximately 735 megawatts. Red Canyon, located in the area between Post and Snyder, produces 84 megawatts, and Trent Mesa, located to the immediate south of Sweetwater, generates approximately 150 megawatts of power. Combined they produce nearly a gigawatt of power, or enough to power about 700,000 homes.

Seven-hundred thousand homes is a staggering number when you consider this power is generated by nothing more than West Texas wind. However, it's insignificant when compared to alternatives.

Nuclear power has long stood in the wings as a solution to the nation's energy needs.

Two nuclear power facilities are currently operational in the state of Texas. The first, the South Texas Nuclear Generating Station, is located southwest of Bay City, and the second, Comanche Peak, is located near Glen Rose. The South Texas Station produces an astounding 2,500 megawatts, and the Glen Rose station can provide nearly 2,200 megawatts. Together these two facilities are able to generate nearly 5,000 megawatts of electricity, close to the amount Texas has committed to achieve from renewable sources by 2009.

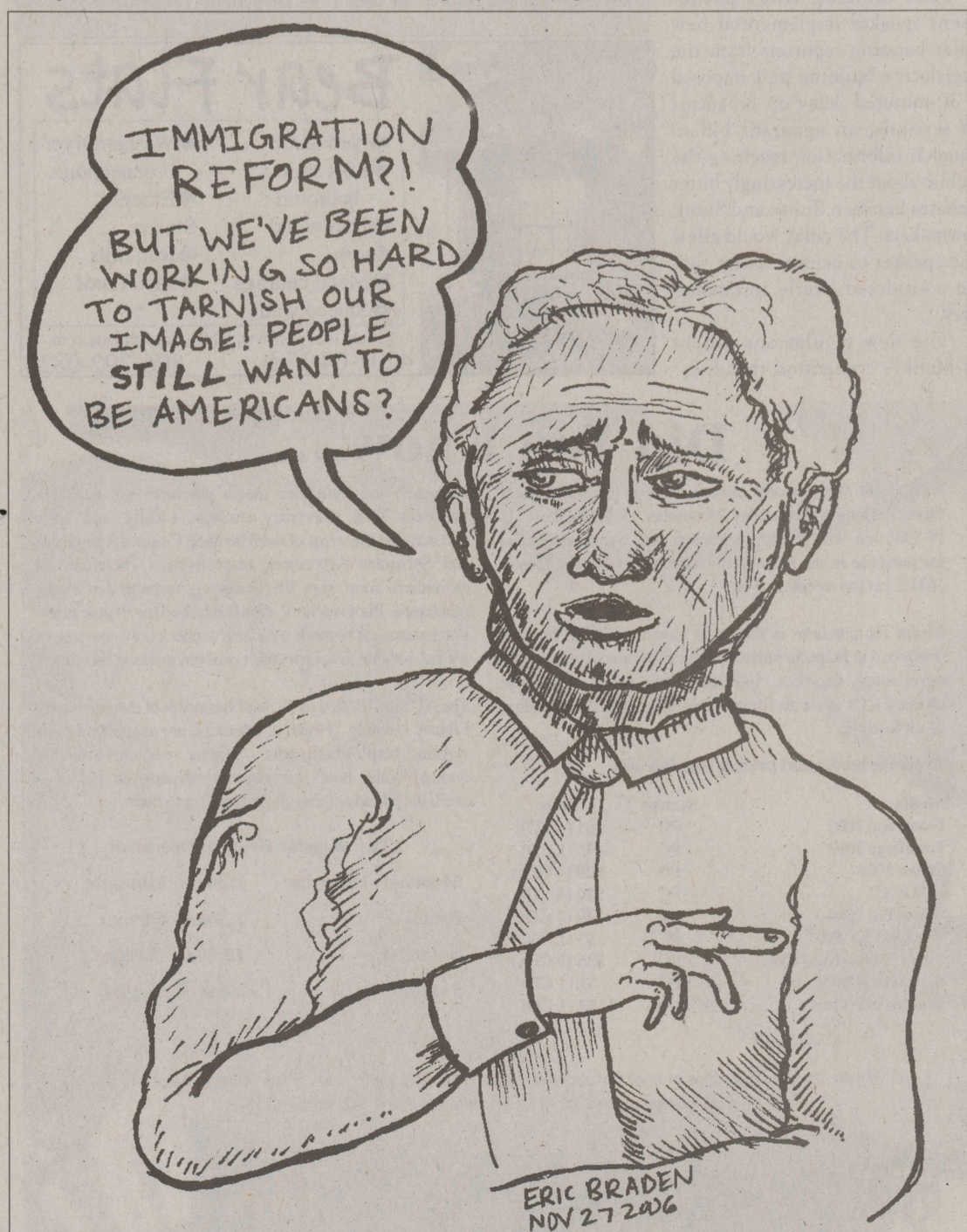
One of these power plants can outdo all three wind farms I mentioned above with a dramatic reduction in area. Long gone are the towering coolant stacks which have become synonymous with nuclear power. Most stations now bear no significant visual difference from a traditional coal or natural gas power plant.

Furthermore, nuclear power technology has improved dramatically since the power plants of the mid-70s (many of which are responsible for the public's distrust in nuclear power). Disposal meth-

ods for the accompanying nuclear waste are completely different from the methods used in the 1970s and '80s.

A mere handful of nuclear power plants dispersed throughout the state could solve our energy needs for the next 50 years. Wind farms are simply a passing fad on the road to a real energy solution. If we continue on our current track, however, we might as well abandon the bluebonnet and replace it with a wind turbine. We need to tell our legislators and those that seek to develop on our miles and miles, "Don't mess with Texas."

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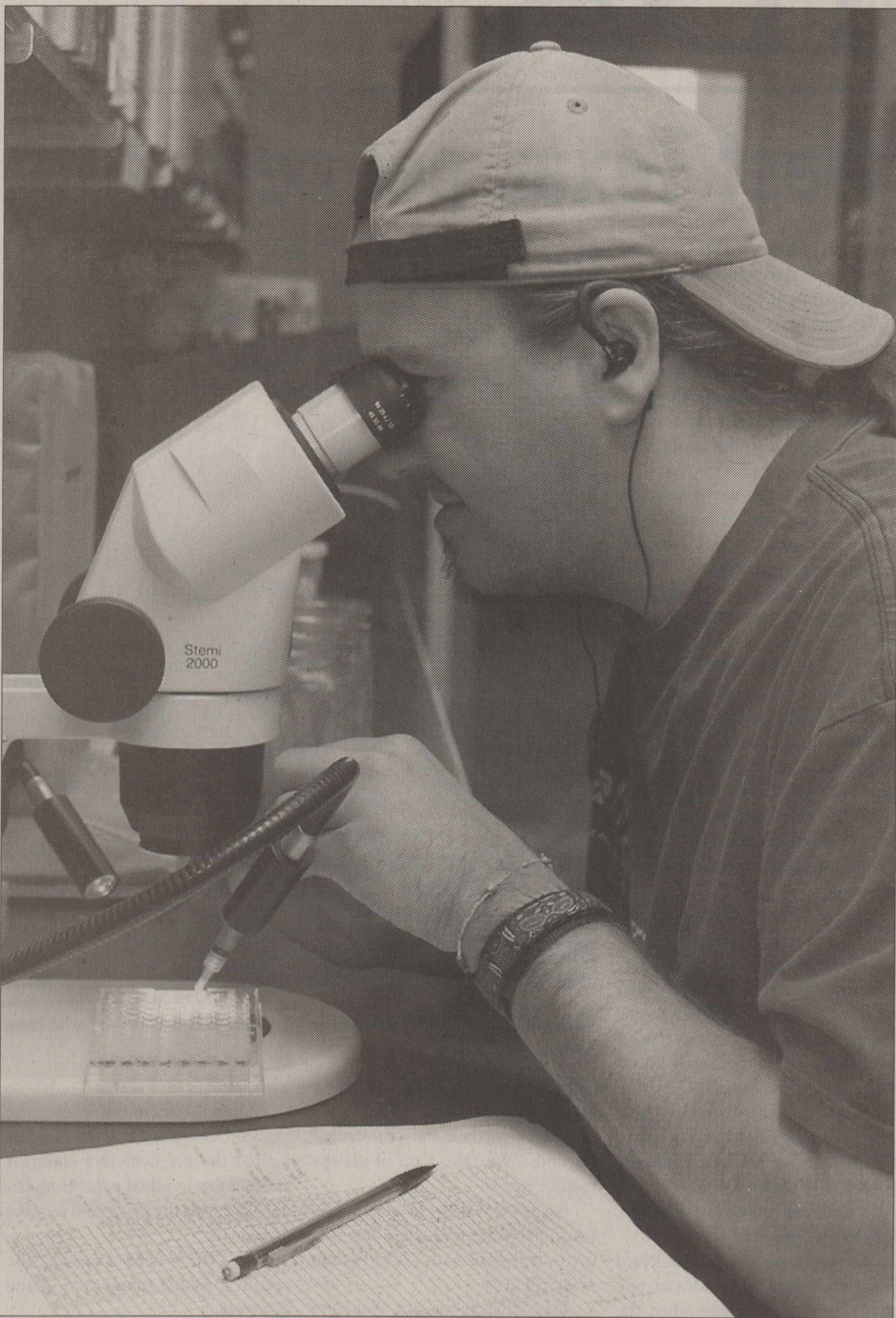
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BRYAN REECE; A doctoral biology candidate from St. Joseph, Mo., feeds dragonfly larvae to measure growth at one of the Biology building laboratories.

NBC News determines that it will call Iraqi conflict a 'civil war'

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC News on Monday began referring to the Iraq conflict as a civil war, adopting a phrase that President Bush and many other news organizations have avoided.

Matt Lauer said on the "Today" show that "after careful consideration, NBC News has decided that a change in terminology is warranted, that the situation is Iraq with armed militarized factions fighting for their own political agendas can now be characterized as civil war."

The network's cable news outlet, MSNBC, drummed the point home repeatedly by using the phrase "Iraq: The Civil War" on the screen.

There are different criteria for defining a civil war. Webster's New World College Dictionary defines it simply as "war between geographical sections or political factions of the same nation." Some political scientists use a threshold of 1,000 dead, which the current conflict has long since passed.

There are more conservative definitions. The Web site GlobalSecurity.org, which provides information on defense issues, said five criteria must be met: the contestants must control territory, have a functioning government, enjoy some foreign recognition, have identifiable regular armed forces and engage in major military operations.

The Bush administration said Monday that it does not believe Iraq is in a civil war, and that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki does not, either.

"You have not yet had a situation also where you have two clearly defined and opposing groups vying not only for power, but for territory,"

White House press secretary Tony Snow said. "What you do have is sectarian violence that seems to be less aimed at gaining full control over an area than expressing differences, and also trying to destabilize a democracy — which is different than a civil war, where two sides are clashing for territory and supremacy."

Matthew Felling, spokesman for the Washington-based Center for Media and Public Affairs, said that "not since Fox News Channel decided to stop saying 'suicide bombers' and start saying 'homicide bombers' has there been a starker linguistic stance taken by a news organization." The network began using that terminology in April 2002, shortly after the White House did.

Use of the phrase "civil war" could be seen in some circles as an escalation that could call into question the Bush administration's policy on the war.

The Los Angeles Times moved toward using the phrase this summer, carefully couching it in descriptions, but since October has been calling it a civil war, said Marjorie Miller, the newspaper's foreign editor.

"It's a very simple calculation," she said. "It's a country that's tearing itself apart, one group against another group or several groups against several groups. What country even admits that it is in the midst of a civil war?"

Editors at The Associated Press have discussed the issue and haven't reached a definitive stance, said John Daniszewski, international editor. Most often, the conflict is called "the war in Iraq" or identified with descriptive terms such as sectarian fighting, anti-government attacks or ethnic clashes, he said.

He pointed to the different definitions experts have for civil wars.

"From a historical point of

view, not every civil war is called by that name, and wars by their very nature are not always neatly categorized," he said. "For instance, the American Revolutionary War, the Vietnam War and the more recent wars in Bosnia and Kosovo were all civil wars according to the broader definition, yet we do not normally think or speak of them that way."

Officials at both ABC News and CBS News said that they discuss the situation all the time, but that there's no network policy to use the term civil war.

"We are not there yet," said Paul Slavin, ABC News senior vice president, noting differing definitions.

The debate was discussed on air on "World News" last Wednesday between anchor Charles Gibson and correspondent Jonathan Karl. "Military officials say it could escalate into a full-scale civil war," Gibson said to Karl. "But with 3,700 people dying in a month and 100,000 people leaving the country and the kind of sectarian violence we're seeing, aren't we in a full-scale civil war already?"

Replied Karl: "That is certainly a debate that you can hear in the halls here at the Pentagon."

Similarly, CNN has no network policy, but on Monday correspondent Michael Ware said on the air, "If this isn't a civil war, I don't know what is."

On "Today," Lauer said NBC News consulted with many experts and carefully deliberated before making the call. He said there are two clearly defined groups, the Sunnis and the Shiites, using violence to gain political supremacy, and there's a government in place that's unable to protect people.

"Well, Matt, to be honest, I've been calling it a civil war, low-grade conflict, for 18 months," said retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, an NBC News consultant.

AIDS set to join heart disease, stroke as leading cause of deaths worldwide

LONDON (AP) — Within the next 25 years, AIDS is set to join heart disease and stroke as the top three causes of death worldwide, according to a study published online Monday.

When global mortality projections were last calculated a decade ago, researchers had assumed the number of AIDS cases would be declining. Instead, it's on the rise.

Currently ranked fourth behind heart disease, stroke, and respiratory infections, AIDS is set to become No. 3, say researchers in a new report in the Public Library of Science's Medicine journal. It accounts for about 2.8 million deaths every year, but could near 120 million by 2030.

Overall, the researchers predict that in three decades, the causes of global mortality will be strikingly similar worldwide — apart from the prevalence of AIDS in poorer countries. Most people will be dying at older ages of noninfectious diseases like cardiovascular disease, stroke and cancer.

The paper by Dr. Colin Mathers and Dejan Loncar of the World Health Organization estimates that at least 117 million people will die from AIDS by 2030. In an optimistic future projection, if new HIV infections are curbed and access to life-prolonging antiretrovirals is increased, 89 million people will die from the disease.

"What happens in the future depends very much on what the international community does now," Mathers said.

These marked differences should spark changes in current approaches to controlling AIDS now, say some experts.

"It will be increasingly hard to

sustain treatment programs unless we can turn off the tap of new HIV infections," said Dr. Richard Hays, professor of epidemiology at London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who was not linked to the study. "These AIDS numbers point to a need to do more in prevention."

Simply focusing on treatment or politically uncontroversial prevention methods will not suffice. "You can't put all your eggs in the abstinence basket," said Hays. "We need a menu of strategies for real people," he said, adding that condom distribution as well as new methods, such as a vaccine, are needed.

Mathers and Loncar analyzed data from more than 100 countries. The authors looked at the links between mortality trends and income per capita, as well as factors including education levels and tobacco use. Their research also used U.N. estimates for projected AIDS infection rates and the World Bank's numbers for future income per capita.

Mathers and Loncar then took all of this information and plugged it into a complex modeling equation to predict the top future causes of death and disease.

"This is an important contribution that will help us determine the priorities in public health," said Dr. Majid Ezzati, an associate professor of international health at Harvard University, who was

not connected to the paper. While it may be possible to avert some of the impending damage from HIV/AIDS, Mathers says that other predictions are unlikely to vary significantly.

As populations age, he explains, they are naturally more susceptible to illnesses like cancer and heart disease than from infectious diseases — even in the developing world. Life expectancy is expected to increase worldwide, with the highest projected life expectancy in 2030 to be in Japanese women, at 88.5 years.

Mathers and Loncar speculate that by 2030, cancer deaths will jump from 7.1 million in 2002 to 11.5 million. The number of deaths from cardiovascular disease is expected to rise from 16.7 million in 2002 to 23.3 million in 2030. Overall, they expect non-communicable diseases to account for 70 percent of all deaths globally, up from 59 percent in 2002.

Though economic development may bring better health care, it also has an unfortunate side effect: more road accidents. Based on rates of increasing car ownership, the World Bank estimates that traffic fatalities will increase globally by 66 percent by 2020. This might be avoided, Mathers says, if developing countries learn from the experience of developed countries, where laws and improved safety practices have sharply cut the numbers of road-related deaths.

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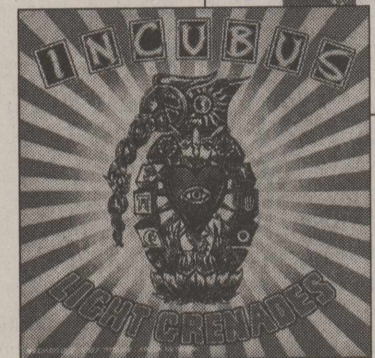
Incubus — "Light Grenades" — Incubus sounds as though it has officially set aside its bass-filled funk, which was the band's musical tendency all the way through its "Morning View" album. The band has traded in its angst-induced, mid-90s metal in order to further mature the hard rock sound the band produced on its 2003 album, "A Crow Left of the Murder." Although much of the album is filled with the same political thoughts and heavier sounds of the group's last album, true fans will be delighted

group the Neptunes. The production team has brought out space-age beats in order to create its best work for Clipse — an effort that delivered the pair to a new level. This album magnifies the future of hip-hop and brings attention to the



heights the genre can reach. "Hell Hath No Fury" is the best rap album of 2006. Do not waste time asking for this compact disc for Christmas because having it waiting and wrapped under a tree instead of playing in your car's system would be a travesty.

2Pac — "Pac's Life" — This album commemorates the 10th anniversary of the rapper's death and includes more unreleased tracks with remixes by today's hottest hip-hop acts, including the likes of Chamillionaire, Lil' Scrappy and Ludacris. With all of the current top-charting acts guest appearing on this disc with the rap legend, the album will once again prove that 2Pac remains the king of the game. The creation once again begs the question: Where is he hiding out?



to see glimpses of the band's groove — a sound that was perfected as far back as the "S.C.I.E.N.C.E." album. This creation has the potential to be Incubus' best album to date.

Clipse — "Hell Hath No Fury" — The rap duo's long-awaited, follow-up album to its 2002 release, "Lord Willin'," proves to be a success with pissed-off rhymes about the drug world and meticulous beats by the Pharrell-fronted production

Inside a West Texas pet cemetery

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

As dusk approaches on Monday afternoon, no one can be seen in the quaint pet cemetery just outside of Lubbock's city limits.

Sitting in the back corner of the Peaceful Gardens Estate, the pet cemetery contains roughly 1,700 cats, dogs and other pets that either wandered out into the street or outlived their nine lives.

Brett Assiter, vice president of Peaceful Gardens, said the cemetery is filled mostly with cats and dogs, though there are a few snakes and a pony buried in the area. Earlier this year, a woman even brought in a mourning dove.

"She brought it out here at about the end of September, which is obviously the beginning of hunting season," he said. "I'd been hunting that weekend, and I had a whole freezer full of doves and, when she brought me her dove, it was all I could do not to laugh."

The cemetery started in 1967 when Assiter's grandfather started receiving requests for an area to bury pets, Assiter said.

The prices vary depending on what someone wants to get. A small plot, which is 3 feet by 5 feet, will run a family \$175; the bigger plot is priced at \$250.

"Most of the animals will fit into the small plot," Assiter said.

Assiter has an office that is nearly vacant of anything personal. He does not have posters on the wall or pictures of family or friends on his desk. The one possession he shows off (although

is timid to talk about it) is a medal of valor he received from the Lubbock Fire Department.

He said he enjoys what he does because it can help people.

Some of the animals in the cemetery are buried in a simple shopping bag from Target, Assiter said. Other families decided to buy caskets for their departed pets.

The caskets are not specifically made for the pets; they are constructed for babies, which are small enough for a pet to fit in.

"I always tell people go to Wal-Mart or Kmart and get an Igloo ice chest," Assiter said.

There are a few different ways for Fluffy the cat to end up buried in the Peaceful Garden Cemetery. Sometimes families will call Assiter saying their dogs are sick and they will be putting him or her down soon, Assiter said.

"When people come out here, it's the worst time of their life," he said. "It helps to have someone tell you it will all be OK."

The cemetery offers a service where it can pick the pet up from the vet, take it to the cemetery and bury it for the family. If the family does not want to buy a bronze headstone, Assiter will place a temporary marker on the site just so the family knows where their pet is buried.

Assiter said there are many reasons why someone would want to bury his or her pet in a cemetery instead of in the backyard.

"People are transitory," he said. "They move around."

Burying a pet in the backyard might seem like a fine idea at one point, but five years later when the family is ready to move, it is unlikely



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THE PET CEMETERY is home to hundreds of "best friends" who have died.

the family would take the time to dig up a dog or cat, Assiter said.

"This gives them a place to come," he said. "We take care of all the maintenance."

Assiter said it is not uncommon for someone to call the office and ask to be buried with his or her pet when they die.

"That's illegal," he said. "You can't bury an animal in the same grave as

a human."

Monta Wolfe, an employee of the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery, said he figured the pet cemetery could fit another few hundred pets before being filled with the maximum number of animals.

"We offer a needed service," he said in a simple summation of the cemetery.

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Beatles 'Love' isn't all you need

By SEAN MANNING
DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — In the decades after their demise, the Beatles and Apple Corps Ltd., the group's corporate apparatus, have fought a well-documented battle to preserve the integrity of the band's catalogue. From the crackdown on Apple Computer to legal pressure aimed at the likes of DJ Danger Mouse (thanks to his ultra-influential Jay-Z-Beatles mash-up "The Grey Album"), it's been hard for anyone to put their stamp on the Beatles' legacy who aren't the Beatles.

And not to be outdone, the surviving band members have authorized "Love," the official Beatles mash-up album and the soundtrack to a glitzy new Beatles-themed Cirque de Soleil show of the same name. For true believers, "Love," compiled by the band's

longtime producer George Martin and son Giles, represents a fun re-imagining of the band's catalogue. For cynics, it's a shameless cash grab that will help Sir Paul deal with that nasty little prenup.

And which camp the album falls under will ultimately depend on the listener and their expectations. As a compacted best-of, "Love" does a fair job for its inclusion of off-kilter favorites like "Glass Onion" and "Because," and the way the songs seamlessly flow from one to the other (these guys did make "Abbey Road," after all). But as a mash-up, "Love" often hits a brick wall.

There are exceptions — "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" works well as an orchestral ballad, and "Octopus's Garden" is ingeniously combined with "Good Night," but for the most part, "Love" is nothing to right home about, much less drop 18 bucks on.

Tenacious film sure 'Pick' for hilarity

By DARRYL SCHNELL
BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Expectations for a film often are a determining factor in whether moviegoers enjoy a film or not. That said, before going to see "Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny," there are a few things people must keep in mind. The first thing is that Jack Black (JB) and Kyle Gass (KG) are ridiculous, in a totally funny way. The second thing is that Tenacious D, the band, is ridiculous, again in a totally funny way. The last thing is that Black and Gass wrote the movie.

Keeping all of that in mind, expectations for this movie should be that it is going to be ridiculous, in a totally funny way, and it is. The plot of the movie runs about as deep as a sidewalk puddle, and to be honest, is not even crucial to the movie itself. JB moves out to Holly-

wood, meets KG and, during an awkward partially nude scene, the pair decides to form the band Tenacious D. What follows is a quest to become the greatest band ever by obtaining a magical guitar pick, "the pick of destiny." That's the story, and, in keeping with the general theme of Tenacious D, it is absurd.

However, the plot is not what drives the film. "The Pick of Destiny" is propelled by the hilarious music of Tenacious D. KG provides whimsical guitar riffs as JB sings the types of songs that have given the band a cult following among young adults. The soundtrack, which came out a day before the movie itself, is hilarious. It has been pointed out that if Black and Gass weren't comedians, Tenacious D wouldn't even be considered a real band. Probably true, but they are; their music is hilarious; and the soundtrack that moves the movie along is typical Tenacious D: funny and sort of aesthetically appealing.

It would seem that Black and Gass

wrote the songs while they were writing the script for the movie because most of the tunes directly advance the uncomplicated story in some way.

Other criticisms of the film, besides the story not being much of a story, may include the fact that the acting is weak, the comedy outside of the songs is not that funny and, as one person at the theater put it, "This movie is the stupidest movie I've ever seen." That criticism seems harsh, but it is not entirely untrue. As a movie, it sucks. But even terrible movies can be entertaining.

A few things that keep an immature audience engaged are the music, the cameos by Ben Stiller and Tim Robbins, and the unnecessary overuse of the F-bomb and other foul language. Words like "fuck" and others in that realm are not so funny in most cases. However, when put to music, as Tenacious D has always done, those inappropriate words become laugh-worthy. Combine that with the satisfaction the audience gets from seeing

these two goofy-looking guys, Black and Gass perform these songs with a straight face, and the hilarity is compounded.

Back to expectations: Anyone who goes to this movie expecting to see great acting, a well-written story or anything with any kind of cinematic credibility is kidding himself. Those expectations are far too lofty. If someone is going to enjoy this film, she has to arrive expecting nothing but a few laughs, because that's really all this movie is good for.

In terms of a movie, "Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny" is about as bad as it gets. However, when passing judgment, one has to look at the film for what it is. In all honesty, this film was an excuse to put pictures with some funny songs. Looking at the movie from that perspective makes it an enjoyable experience and quite funny. Black and Gass deserve all the credit in the world for making an entertaining product out of Tenacious D's typical material.

Grade: 3 out of 5.

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New video games offer exercise, entertainment

By TIM STIENSTRAW
THE PITTSBURGH

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — Video games are no longer the domain of couch potatoes alone.

Innovative new video games are getting kids off the couch and giving them the chance to exercise when they pick up — or step onto — the controller.

As the new Nintendo Wii video game console appears in homes this Christmas, it signals a new step in the relationship between video

games and exercise — a concept that has become increasingly popular.

"I do see a change [in video game physicality], but it's going to mainly rest on the success of the Nintendo Wii," said Jay Stevenson, an employee of Electronics Boutique on Forbes Avenue in Oakland and avid video game player.

Stevenson, who has worked at the video game store for four years, said video games are able to be more physical as virtual reality becomes more advanced.

The physicality of each game for the

new console will vary. Games like "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess," the latest installment in a popular series that dates back to 1987, will feature a lot of movement as players imitate sword fighting by swinging the wireless controller, he said.

At a price of about \$250, the console comes with Wii Sports — a game that simulates real physical activities like bowling and tennis and offers a fitness option that rates the player's fitness. Other games, however, may be less physically intensive.

Before this new commercial development, there have been other active gaming successes, such as the popular

Dance Dance Revolution, in which players dance on a floor pad that serves as the game's controller.

The game debuted in 1998 and has spawned many sequels and imitators. The West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency now uses the game in schools to combat obesity.

The insurance agency has undertaken studies over the last two years that have shown that children who played Dance Dance Revolution every day for 12 weeks were fitter at the end of the study and at a lower risk for diseases like juvenile diabetes.

Emily Murphy, research instructor for the West Virginia study, said the goal of using video games for exercise is to give kids another healthy option, but not to replace traditional sport activities.

"Video games have gotten a bad rap for making kids inactive," she said. "DDR is just basically another way to be aerobically active."

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Parcells package: Big Tuna needs strong finish

IRVING (AP) — More than ever, the Dallas Cowboys need the old Bill Parcells, the one who used to coach the New York Giants, New England Jets and New York Jets.

At all three stops, Parcells had an amazing knack for making his teams better as seasons went along. Whatever problems they had the first three months, he usually found answers by the time games meant the most. That's how he won two Super Bowls with the Giants, got the Patriots to one and came a win away with the Jets.

The Cowboys haven't had anywhere near that kind of success in Parcells' first three seasons. It's probably no coincidence that they've been pretty lousy in December, too.

Consider this: In 15 seasons with the Giants, Patriots and Jets, Parcells' teams were an outstanding 51-24 over the final five games of each season. He had a winning record 13 times, including

three 5-0 finishes.

In Dallas, however, the Cowboys have gone 2-3, 2-3 and 2-3. That's more losing records than he had at all his other stops combined.

This season, though, could be different. It should be different. In fact, it better be different or else Parcells' reputation will take a hit.

"All I know is that we're a team that's getting time to take advantage of getting a lot better," team owner Jerry Jones said after the Cowboys beat Tampa Bay on Thursday for their third straight win. "We don't have to say 'Next year, this ...' or 'Next year, that ...'."

Why use the final five games as a barometer? Because Parcells always says so.

Every year, he defers sizing up a season until after Thanksgiving. Maybe he does it to avoid answering questions, but his track record indicates he knows what he's talking about. By letting a

season play out, you see hot teams get cold, cold teams get hot and injuries that can change everything.

In late November, things will have fallen into place one way or another, with enough time left that the clubs still in the race can do something about it — which is exactly what is happening to Dallas now.

Since Tony Romo replaced Drew Bledsoe the Cowboys are 4-1 and are doing things elite teams do.

They made big plays in the fourth quarter to beat unbeaten Indianapolis at home, then came back a few days later to rout inferior Tampa Bay.

They're committing fewer penalties (certainly fewer costly ones) and turning the ball over a lot less than they did early in the season. At least three of Dallas' four losses could be traced to those bugaboos.

Uncontrollable things seem to be going for the Cowboys, too, from a favorable schedule to a lack of costly

injuries. The only recognizable names on the injured list are linebacker Greg Ellis and kick returner Tyson Thompson. While losing Ellis was a big blow, the team is 2-0 without him.

At 7-4, Dallas is first in the NFC East, a game ahead of the New York Giants. Chicago (9-2) is the only NFC team with more wins.

Dallas was in a similar position this time last season, except for one thing: The Cowboys were coming off a demoralizing Thanksgiving loss. Now they're coming off what Jones calls the best back-to-back performances in 10 years.

Parcells usually will only say they look "pretty good." Yet Thursday he made a point of telling the public he thinks they are capable of doing more.

"I think my team is more mentally geared for the battle," he said. "This confidence thing is a word that's used ambiguously and vague. I have always

felt like you don't really have genuine confidence unless you demonstrate the ability to do something. Recently, we are starting to demonstrate the ability."

Now they've got to keep it up, starting Sunday on the road against the Giants.

A loss would stop the Cowboys' momentum and make winning the division more difficult. While technically they'd be tied at 7-5, New York would have the tiebreaker, meaning Dallas would have to finish with one more win than New York to still win

the East. It's doable, just difficult with only four games left.

But if the Cowboys win, spirits would be soaring, as would their chances of winning the division. They'd also be eyeing New Orleans and Seattle for a first-round bye and perhaps even Chicago for home-field advantage in the playoffs.

The last time Dallas enjoyed either of those rewards? 1995, the year of the Cowboys' last Super Bowl title. And, as most fans are painfully aware, the club hasn't won a playoff game since 1996.

Cowboys-Saints move to Sunday night, Dec. 10

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL moved the Dec. 10 game between the Saints and Cowboys to Sunday night as part of the flexible schedule negotiated in the current television contract.

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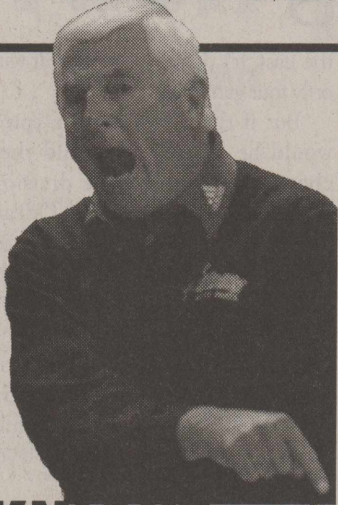
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4. Florida
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6. Alabama
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9. Texas A&M
10. LSU
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25. Virginia

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22. Texas
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24. Kentucky
25. Texas Tech

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Change of Tide

Shula out at Alabama; other coaches experience woes, happiness of chosen profession

JIMMY DEFLIPPO/US PRESSWIRE

(AP) — Alabama fired Mike Shula on Monday and will begin its fourth search for a football coach since 2000.

In a day of coaching changes, Mark Dantonio left the University of Cincinnati for Michigan State, and Iowa State hired Texas assistant Gene Chizik to revive a team that finished 4-8.

The Crimson Tide finished the season 6-6 with three straight losses, including a defeat by state rival Auburn. Defensive coordinator Joe Kines will serve as interim head coach, athletic director Mal Moore said.

Shula, a former Alabama quarterback, led the Tide to a 10-2 season last year and a Cotton Bowl victory. But his teams were winless against Auburn, including a 22-15 loss on Nov. 18.

The 41-year-old Shula had a 26-23 record in four seasons.

"From my very first day on this job, I had a single mission: To return the Crimson Tide to its place among the elite programs in college football," Shula said in a statement. "Although I maintain that we were moving steadily in that direction, I regret sincerely that I will not be given the opportunity to finish the job I was

hired to do."

The Tide has had seven coaches in the 24 years since Paul "Bear" Bryant's last season in 1982. Bryant had directed the Alabama program for 25 years.

Shula took over the proud but troubled program less than four months before the 2003 season after Mike Price was fired following spring practice for his off-field behavior — specifically a night of drinking at a strip club in Pensacola, Fla. Price got the job after Dennis Franchione bolted for Texas A&M.

Shula, son of Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula, spent 15 years as an NFL assistant before he took the Alabama job, but had no experience as a head coach or on a college staff.

He received a new six-year contract in May worth \$1.55 million annually.

Dantonio is coming home to Michigan State, which fired John L. Smith after a 4-8 season.

"This is a dream come true for me," said Dantonio, a former Spartans assistant who spent the past three seasons at Cincinnati. "It's great to come back and it's great to be home."

The Michigan State Board of Trustees unanimously

approved a recommendation to hire Dantonio. The five-year contract guarantees him about \$1.1 million a year, plus a \$200,000 signing bonus and incentives.

Defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi was appointed Cincinnati's interim head coach. Narduzzi will coach the Bearcats (7-5) in their bowl game, which hasn't been determined. Cincinnati became eligible for a bowl by winning four of its last five games, including an upset of then-unbeaten Rutgers.

Chizik replaces Dan McCarney, who resigned this month after 12 seasons. The Cyclones went 56-84 overall under McCarney.

Chizik came to Texas before the 2005 season, and the Longhorns won a national championship in his first season. By the end of 2005, Chizik's teams had won 28 straight games dating back to his years at Auburn, where he was defensive coordinator for three seasons.

In 2004, the Tigers went 13-0 and finished the season ranked No. 2. The Tigers had the nation's top scoring defense and ranked fifth in total defense that season, and Chizik won the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Vanderjagt off Cowboys roster

IRVING (AP) — This is how serious Bill Parcells is taking the Dallas Cowboys' stretch drive: He cut inconsistent kicker Mike Vanderjagt on Monday.

Hailed as the answer to the Cowboys' kicking woes when signed in March, Vanderjagt wasn't living up to his statistical claim to fame as the most accurate kicker in league history. He was only 13-of-18 on field goals, a 72.2 percent success rate that was the lowest of his nine-year career.

Vanderjagt also didn't like having to kick off, one of many aspects of his quirky personality that didn't always go over well with Parcells.

Dallas gave Vanderjagt a \$2.5 million signing bonus as part of a three-year, \$5.4 million deal, so this is a costly move. The message could be worth it for Parcells as

he tries to guide the Cowboys into the playoffs for the first time since 2003 and to their first division title since 1998.

Dallas (7-4) has a one-game lead over the New York Giants in the NFC East going into their meeting Sunday at the Meadowlands. Parcells often talks of the swirling winds at the stadium where he spent the first eight years of his career, and he apparently wasn't ready to play a big game there with a kicker he didn't trust.

But can he trust Martin Gramatica, who was signed Monday to replace Vanderjagt?

Once so accurate that he was nicknamed "Automatic," Gramatica was out of the NFL last season and was cut by New England in the preseason. He played three games this season for Indianapolis while Adam Vinatieri was injured, making his only attempt, a 20-yarder.

Cowboys players and coaches did not talk to the media Monday. The locker room will be open Tuesday, and Parcells will speak to reporters for the first time since Dallas beat Tampa Bay 38-10 Thursday.

Vanderjagt made his only field goal attempt against the Buccaneers, but the 22-yarder seems to have been too close for comfort for Parcells. The previous week, facing his former team, Indianapolis, Vanderjagt

missed two first-half field goals.

"I'm just hoping things take a turn for the better," Parcells said last week. "I think right now, we just have to give him the benefit of the doubt and think things will. Now if they don't, then that could be a different deal."

He added that he wasn't losing patience, but said "it needs to get better," and if it didn't, "you would definitely have to" make a change.

Vanderjagt's five misses are near his career high. He was 28-of-34 in 2001 and 23-of-31 the following season, then went 37-of-37 in 2003. He's missed a total of seven kicks the last two years.

For his career, he's made 230-of-266. His accuracy rate — 86.5 percent — is still tops in league history. He's also made all but two of his 379 PATs.

Vanderjagt holds the league record for consecutive field goals with 42, set from 2002-04.

On most of his misses this season, Vanderjagt came close — unlike his final kick for Indianapolis, a wobbler that prevented the Colts from forcing overtime against Pittsburgh in last year's playoffs.

Three of his misses for Dallas hit the upright and another was blocked because of a missed assignment by a lineman. The block could go down as his most memorable moment with

the Cowboys. The kick would've beaten Washington, but the Redskins returned it, got distance added because of a penalty that also let them try a field goal with no time left, and made the kick.

Once labeled an "idiot kicker" by then-teammate Peyton Manning, Vanderjagt got on Parcells' bad side by pulling a groin muscle in training camp. He missed most of the preseason, then missed two short potential winning kicks in overtime of the preseason finale.

Parcells made Vanderjagt inactive for the opener, then he kept two kickers on the roster for the next game, using the other, Shaun Suisham, strictly for kickoffs. Vanderjagt has handled all kicks since Suisham was cut in mid-October.

Asked last week about getting Vanderjagt out of his rut, Parcells said: "I don't have a Dr. Livingstone's frozen elixir. I don't. I don't know what I can do. This guy is 36 years old and has been kicking for a long time. He has his way of doing things. Hopefully, things get a little bit better."

Gramatica was a third-round pick by Tampa Bay in 1999. He made the Pro Bowl in 2001 and helped Tampa Bay win the Super Bowl in 2002. Since then, he is only 28-of-46.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders return to Top 25

For the first time since December of last season, the Texas Tech women's basketball team is in the Associated Press Top 25.

After Sunday's 75-60 victory over then-No. 21 UCLA in the Rainbow Wahine Classic, the Lady Raiders (5-1) are 25th in the country — just six games into coach Kristy Curry's inaugural season after taking over for tenured coach Marsha Sharp in March.

This season, the Lady Raiders boast two players averaging a double-double in points scored and rebounds per game and have two others averaging double-digit scoring as well. Senior Alesha Robertson leads the team in scoring with 13.2 ppg and 10.2 rpg, and junior center Erin Myrick averages 13.0 ppg while hauling in a team-leading 11.0 rpg.

Senior guard Brooke Baughman has added 11.3 ppg in her team-leading 205 minutes of playing time while freshman Jordan Murphree (11.0 ppg, 4.3 rpg with 26 assists) has been a nice addition to a Lady Raider squad that struggled in last season's 15-14 finish.

Coming off a fifth-place finish in the Rainbow Wahine Classic, the Lady Raiders return home to face Tulane at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

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