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Man facing eviction
shoots 2, himself

HOUSTON (AP) — A man facing eviction Monday from a luxury apartment complex shot a neighbor through his door, reloaded his revolver and stormed the complex's office, killing the manager and pistol-whipping the man trying to serve the eviction notice before killing himself, police said.

Frantic residents called the complex's office to warn workers that a gunman was on his way to them. The manager warned co-workers to get out, and police credited her with saving lives before she was killed.

"I don't know if she had time to get out," said police Capt. Dwayne Ready.

NATION

Gonzales intends to
remain attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alberto Gonzales, with a fresh vote of confidence from President Bush, vowed Monday to remain as attorney general despite lingering differences with senators over the firing of federal prosecutors.

Appearing at a news conference on identity theft, Gonzales said he will remain "as long as I can continue to serve effectively."

"There are a series of priorities, a series of objectives, that I want to see accomplished," he said, "and we are working as hard as we can to achieve those objectives."

WORLD

Former Russian
President Yeltsin dies

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin, who kicked the props out from under the tottering Soviet empire and then struggled to build a nation from its wreckage, died Monday after seeing many of his democratic reforms rolled back.

The former Russian president was 76. Larger than life during his tenure, Yeltsin shrank from public view following his retirement on New Year's Eve 1999, and in recent years has rarely given interviews.

DEATH TOLL

3323

U.S. Military deaths in
Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Senate blocks Perry's HPV vaccine order

By LIZ AUSTIN PETERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate approved a bill Monday that would bar state health officials from following Gov. Rick Perry's order requiring schoolgirls to be vaccinated against a cancer-causing sexually transmitted disease.

The bill was overwhelmingly approved by the Texas House last month. If the House accepts the

changes made by the Senate, the bill could be on the governor's desk later this week.

Perry has not said whether he will sign the bill, veto it or let it become law without his signature. If the governor vetoes the bill, lawmakers could override it with a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate. Both chambers approved the bill by well over that margin.

Perry made national headlines in February when he issued an executive

order directing state health officials to require the HPV vaccine for girls starting sixth grade as of September 2008.

Merck & Co.'s Gardasil, the only HPV vaccine on the market, protects girls and women against strains of the virus that cause most cases of cervical cancer and genital warts.

Perry's order outraged lawmakers from both parties and much of his social conservative base, who questioned the vaccine's safety and ef-

ficacy and said the mandate intrudes too far into families' lives.

Passing the legislation sets a precedent that "we as a Legislature have a voice and we get to decide what vaccines are mandated in the state of Texas and which vaccines are not," Sen. Glenn Hegar said.

The bill approved by the House would permanently prohibit the state from adding the HPV vaccine to the list of shots required for school attendance. The Senate's version of

the ban would expire in 2011.

Hegar, a Katy Republican who is sponsoring the bill in the Senate, said he strongly opposes mandating the HPV vaccine now or in the future. But he said lawmakers should revisit the issue down the road, when they have more information about the risks and benefits of the vaccine.

Rep. Dennis Bonnen, an Angleton Republican who sponsored the

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Tech looks at providers for emergency messaging

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

Several universities around the nation have communication capabilities through text messages. Because of the Virginia Tech shootings, schools such as Texas Tech are considering expanding these services beyond marketing and simply disseminating information so they may be utilized during emergency situations.

Texas Tech uses Red Raiders Mobile Campus, which is "Tech's approved text messaging service. It connects students to organizations, clubs, faculty, restaurants and stores," according to redraiders.mobilecampus.com.

Students can opt into this service and get information for specific organizations or topics they designate when signing up.

Mason Moses, president of the Student Government Association, said when members of the SGA decided to use Mobile Campus, they knew it eventually would be used for emergency purposes.

Red Raiders Mobile Campus started this year, and Texas Tech is one of 14 schools in the nation to use this particular company, Moses said.

On Monday, Margaret Lutherer, executive director of Communications and Marketing, said she was writing a request for a proposal seeking an application-service-provider-messaging system.

She said the type of company she is looking for is one that can contact people in a quick fashion.

"The systems that we are asked to give us proposals are those that can

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Weymouth CA found dead

A Weymouth Residence Hall community adviser was found dead Saturday evening.

James Jason Ramsey, a sophomore business administration major from Katy, was a CA on the third floor of Weymouth.

Lt. David Parker, of the Texas Tech Police Department, said foul play is not suspected, and the cause of death has not been determined. He could not comment further on situation as the investigation is ongoing.

Sally Post, director of news bureau and broadcasting in the Office of Communications and Marketing, said the

Department of Housing and Residence Life will have a floor meeting with students living on the third floor and other students who were close to Ramsey to talk about him and what happened. There will be employees at the counseling center available to offer guidance to grieving students.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life refused to comment on the situation.

A representative from the coroner's office said the results of the autopsy will not be made available to the public for at least another 45 days.

— Ben Maki/The Daily Toreador

Iranian president offers to have talks with President Bush

By NASSER KARIMI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's hard-line president proposed Monday to hold public talks with President Bush on a wide range of issues, without saying whether that included international suspicions of the Iranian nuclear program or allegations of Iranian meddling in Iraq.

"Last year, I announced readiness for a televised debate over global issues with his excellency Mr. Bush. And now we announce

that I am ready to negotiate with him about bilateral issues as well as regional and international issues," Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying on the Web site of Al-Alam, Iran's state-run Arabic satellite television channel.

The Iranian leader did not elaborate on what specifically he was willing to discuss with the U.S. president, but he said the talks "should be held with media present."

It was not immediately clear if Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say in all state matters, supported

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Texting

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contact (people) in a variety of ways," she said.

Companies she has looked at offer four to eight different methods of communication, she said, including text messaging, e-mail, land-line calls and cell-phone calls.

The company who gets the proposal must be able to contact students, faculty, staff and possibly parents within 30 minutes, Lutherer said.

Texas Tech has been looking into this type of service since the fall, but it has had difficulty finding service providers until after the Virginia Tech shootings, she said.

The final REP hopefully will ask

for proposals from service providers within 30 days, she said.

"I would say that our plan is to have it in effect even during some of our freshman orientations, so we can talk to them about this," Lutherer said.

Companies offering these types of services include Infórmz and MESSAGEbuzz.

Steven Kelley, chief executive officer of MESSAGEbuzz, said he started the company with other individuals three years ago with the goal of providing a backbone for organizations.

MESSAGEbuzz, according to www.messagebuzz.com, offers text messaging capabilities, which includes services such as sending out information about organizations, the weather and emergencies.

According to the Web site, "by the end of 2006, roughly 2.3 billion people across the globe had a mobile phone, twice the number of those using the Internet. The mobile channel has made it possible to reach these on-the-go consumers — anytime and anywhere."

Kelley said since the Virginia Tech shootings, he has received phone calls from six universities across the nation specifically asking about the use of mass text messaging during emergencies on campus.

Two schools already using MESSAGEbuzz are the University of Southern California and Neosho County Community College.

Kerry Ranabargar, director of Technology Services at Neosho County Community College, said the school has been using MESSAGE-

buzz for about a year.

"Basically, we kind of thought that one of the main pieces of communication students have is their cell phone," he said, "so we felt that sending announcements via text messages rather than other mediums (made sense)."

At Neosho County Community College, students can choose whether they have the service.

Ranabargar said 25 to 30 percent of students at Neosho County Community College are currently using MESSAGEbuzz.

"It's been slow to adopt, but it continues to grow, and obviously this is something that is needed," he said.

At Neosho County Community College and USC, MESSAGEbuzz is not currently used for emergency

purposes, but both schools are looking into expanding their services.

Ranabargar said a committee has been formed at the college to talk about using MESSAGEbuzz in case of emergencies.

Jonielle Schmidt, program specialist at USC, said after the Virginia Tech shootings, she sent out an e-mail informing individuals in the emergency management part of the school that MESSAGEbuzz is already in use on the campus and that it can be expanded to be used during emergency situations.

Schmidt said USC started using MESSAGEbuzz in 2006 to hold a mobile scavenger hunt to send out other types of information, however only approximately 200 students signed up to use it.

Schmidt said despite the small

number of students who signed up for the service, she believes it is a valuable tool for college campuses.

"My personal opinion on that is this is a really great way to get a hold of students," she said. "Text messages, it's not intrusive, but it gets your attention. It's a phenomenal service."

At Texas Tech, there are more than 700 students signed up for Red Raiders Mobile Campus, Moses said. Additionally, there are more than 600 students signed up who have not activated their accounts.

He said he encourages students to sign up for the service because it lets them know what is going on around the Texas Tech campus and the Hub City, gives them weather updates and, in the future, can warn them about emergencies.

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Iran

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Ahmadinejad's proposal.

Khamenei has regularly rejected any direct talks between Tehran and Washington because of what he calls U.S. "bullying" of Iran. The two countries have not had diplomatic relations since the 1979 storming of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

The Bush administration said Iran must abandon any nuclear weapon ambitions before talks could ever be held.

"Instead of offering televised debates or a media spectacle, the United States has offered actual discussions if Iran would only agree to what the international community has asked for repeatedly: stop uranium enrichment and reprocessing," Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security

Council at the White House, said Monday. "We're ready whenever they are."

Ahmadinejad's offer was not his first overture to Bush. Last year, Iran's president proposed holding a televised debate with the American leader, but the White House called the offer "a diversion from the legitimate concerns" about Iran's nuclear program.

He also wrote a letter to Bush last

year that Washington dismissed as irrelevant because it did not address suspicions that Iran is trying to develop atomic weapons. Tehran denies doing that, saying the program is for the peaceful use of nuclear reactors to generate electricity.

The United States and others also have accused Tehran of helping Shiite Muslims militias blamed for much of Iraq's sectarian bloodshed — a charge Iran denies.

Ahmadinejad told Al-Alam that he thought the U.S. was "unlikely" to use military force against Iran because of the dispute over the nuclear program. U.S. officials have said Washington has no plans to attack Iran.

"It is unlikely that such a will exists in the United States. I think there are enough wise people in the U.S. administration to prevent such a decision," Al-Alam quoted Ahmadinejad as saying.

The Iranian leader said military means are the wrong approach to solving disputes. "If some think that by resorting to threats they (can) change the world in favor of themselves, they are wrong," he was quoted as saying.

Earlier Monday, Ahmadinejad defended what he said are Iran's peaceful nuclear intentions and called on the European Union to speak for itself during nuclear negotiations.

Ethanol plants causing market uncertainty, various rising costs

By RICHARD CAMPANARO
STAFF WRITER

The rising number of ethanol plants in the United States is most likely causing an increase in the price of commodities, namely corn, possibly leaving consumers to absorb the cost.

According to a statement by Keith Collins, chief economist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to the U.S. Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works in September 2006, as more corn is diverted to supply ethanol plants, rising corn prices will have various implications for other agricultural commodities.

"Increased demand for corn for conversion into ethanol will likely lead to higher corn prices as corn must be bid away from

other uses, and land must be bid into corn production and away from other crops," Collins said in his statement before the Senate. "As ethanol production expands over the next several years, corn prices appear likely to set new records, especially if production is adversely affected by weather."

According to the USDA Web site, www.ers.usda.gov, as of April 5, predictions estimate the cost of corn per bushel to reach \$3.13 for the 2006-07 crop year. This is the highest peak corn prices have reached in the past 30 years, despite an increase in the acreage of corn planted.

According to the Web site, the strongest force in rising corn costs is an increase in the "farmgate price" — the price of a product available at a farm — which is up

nearly \$1 per bushel from 2006. This is the result of a smaller corn crop harvested in 2006, which was down 3.3 percent from 2005, while the demand for ethanol is expected to rise by more than 33 percent.

Steve Oswalt, research associate with Texas Tech's plant and soil science department, said local farmers might use cropland typically used for cotton production for substitutes like grain-sorghum and other crops related to ethanol production and livestock feed.

Since the increasing price of corn most likely will cause the price of substitute goods to increase as well, local farmers could reap the benefits since this also may cause an increase in the price of cotton. He said researchers will better understand whether a significant

reduction in cotton acreage has occurred as June approaches.

The USDA Web site reported there are 110 ethanol refineries in the United States, which together have the capability to produce 5.4 billion gallons per year. This is expected to double in the next few years. Corn accounts for more than 90 percent of the total value and production of feed grains in the United States.

Around 80 million acres of land are used for corn planting.

Conrad Lyford, associate professor of applied agricultural economics, said consumers should expect the price of finished goods such as beef, milk and other dairy products to rise. There is a general inflation of food prices, but it can be assumed that the increases in the price of meat, dairy and cot-

ton in the near future are directly related to the increased demand for corn.

Oswalt said he cannot be sure how the rising price of corn will impact the price of finished products such as beef and dairy products.

"That's something were going to have to watch down the road," Oswalt said.

Lyford said distributors could absorb some of the costs or pass on the increase to customers, but the decision will be that of major retail outlets such as Wal-Mart, Target Corporation and United Supermarkets.

Lyford said several variables leave uncertainty as to the outcome of specific commodities, and speculation might be premature. It is mainly dependant on the

situation of competitors and the amount of profit margins that the companies decide to maintain, he said.

Agriculture producers do not have the capacity to determine the prices of their commodities, Lyford said. Price is established based on supply and demand coupled with several other variables.

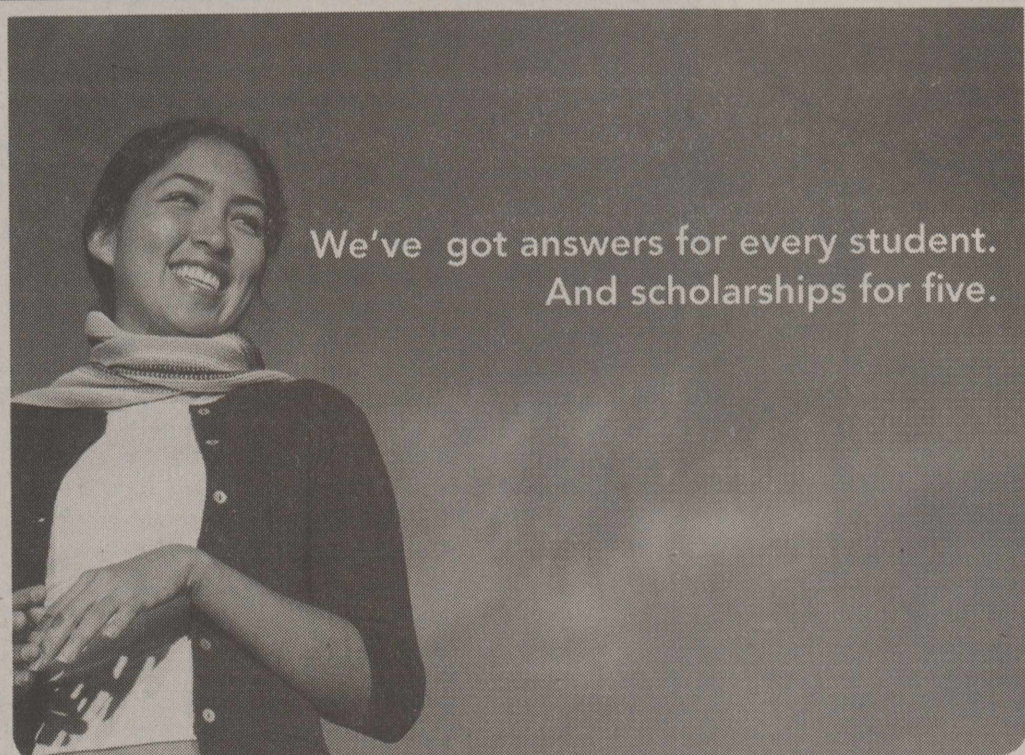
Uncertainty and variability regarding the commodities market will be reduced in the near future, he said.

"The prices may stay, but people will get used to the way things work," Lyford said.

Increase in commodity prices will benefit farmers but will reduce profitability for those reliant on corn feed and other substitute goods, he said.

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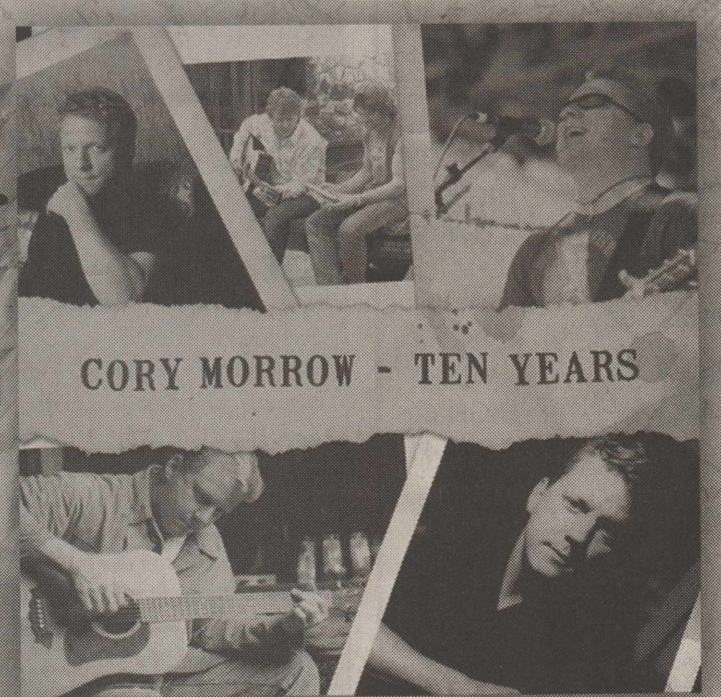
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Local ministry sponsors Social Justice Week



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COLLIN FOSTER, TECH alumnus, Kelli Steger, a senior industrial engineering major, and Chelsie Lancaster, a sophomore finance major, promote Social Justice Week at the Free Speech Area Monday afternoon.

By GLENYS BOLLS
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Late Night Ministries, a college ministry group from Westminster Presbyterian Church, is sponsoring Social Justice Week Monday through Friday at Texas Tech.

The group will focus on a different social injustice each day of the week. The group set up a table near the Free Speech Pavilion where it is selling T-shirts promoting the event. Proceeds from the T-shirt sales will go entirely to the various foundations represented through the week's activities.

Monday's topic was Invisible Children, which focused on the children in Uganda who walk to larger cities each night to avoid being kidnapped by the Lord's Resistance Army, a group that kidnaps children and forces them to be soldiers in its revolt against the government.

"You don't expect murderers in the form of a child," said Brian Anderson, a junior international business and political science major from Keller who helped organize Social Justice Week. "It's hard to be secure in a situation like that."

The group showed the documentary "Invisible Children" in three separate venues Monday to raise awareness of the issue, and it will show the film at 8:30 p.m. today at J and B Coffee. Anderson said he encourages students and faculty members to buy DVDs of the documentary because the

money will go to help the refugees.

"Brian Anderson started thinking about issues he wanted to raise awareness of," said Terra Tindle, a senior Biblical text major at Lubbock Christian University from Odessa. "So he got together with a small group of people interested in the same issues."

Anderson said he got the idea from attending a Passion Conference with his church group each of the past two years. The group could not attend this year's conference, so its members decided to do their own outreach projects in the Lubbock community.

Today's topic is New Orleans Katrina Relief. Anderson said he spent his spring break in New Orleans and discovered money is no longer the solution to the problem.

"We're not sending any money to New Orleans because they don't need it," he said. "What they need is volunteers. Everyone sent money, but nobody wants to do the dirty work."

Wednesday, the group will look at homelessness in Lubbock.

"Some of the people who put this together just had a passion for a certain thing," Tindle said. "Personally, I'm passionate about homelessness in Lubbock. From some of the projects I've worked on, I knew about the Compassion Project, and I suggested it."

The Lubbock Compassion Project brings professional services to the homeless to help them,

Anderson said.

"Professionals and people in the community donate their time," he said. "Doctors come do checkups; financial professionals help with finances. We want people to give their money and their time, but mainly their time."

Thursday the group will focus on digging wells in Africa.

AIDS is a major factor in the high death toll in Africa, Anderson said. AIDS weakens an individual's immune system, and the person can die of almost any disease he or she comes into contact with. Many of these diseases are water-borne, and some people do not have the resources to boil their water before drinking or cooking with it, so they often are infected by diseases in the water.

"The 1,000 Wells Project digs wells to combat the AIDS epidemic," Anderson said. "The average well costs \$3,000, but it ranges from \$1,500 to \$15,000 by geographic location. With that average, one U.S. dollar equates water for one African for an entire year."

Friday's focus is Stop the Traffik, an effort to end the worldwide slave trade. Anderson said students should look for a 6-foot by 8-foot canvas Friday that he is planning to have students cover with their handprints as a symbol of unity behind the effort.

Saturday, the week will conclude with a trip to Austin. As many as 50 students can go on the trip, which is free except for meals, to raise awareness of the Invisible Children.

"We're taking a trip Saturday to Austin to sleep on the Capitol steps," said William Hulsey, a senior biology major from Tulia. "It's all free, so people should come to our booth and sign up to go."

The protest, called "Displace Me," will be conducted Saturday night in 15 U.S. cities. Anderson said the United Nations had been sending money to the refugees in Uganda, but the money has run out.

"Unless the U.S. government steps up, they'll starve," he said. "Our vision is that people will come together this week to be the change they wish to see in the world."

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MONKEY BUSINESS



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DRYDEN WELLS, A graduate ceramics major from St. Louis, closes the lid to a kiln before starting the firing process for a ceramic monkey.

Jury acquits man of assaulting girls

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — A jury acquitted a convicted sex offender Monday of raping two teenage girls who police say escaped after they were left to die in an underground bunker he had built.

Kenneth Glenn Hinson, 48, appeared to cry after the jury read its verdict, which followed about four hours of deliberations over two days.

"I think the verdict says it all," he said as he was escorted from the courtroom.

Authorities accused Hinson of snatching the 17-year-old girls from their bedroom last year and dragging them one at a time to the underground room, raping them and binding them with duct tape.

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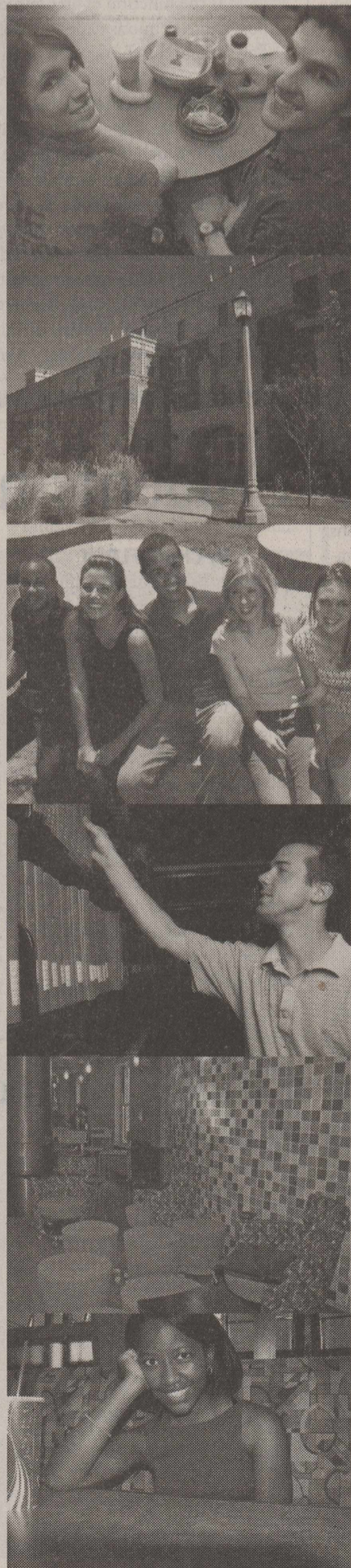
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A well-regulated militia is necessary for our free state

It's a misnomer to label the incident at Virginia Tech as unavoidable. Some of the events leading up to the shooting certainly adopt a Shakespearean-quality, destined by fate. Yet, incidents such as this can only embolden advocates for thoughtful gun laws and reaffirm the intentions of the framers of the Second Amendment.

Most anti-gun groups see the Second Amendment as an antiquated portion of the Constitution drafted out of constant dread of British military reprisals following America's victory in the Revolutionary War.

Anti-gun groups are partially correct in that translation. The founding fathers feared vengeance from the British immediately following the revolution. So they drafted an amendment to the Constitution that would allow ordinary citizens to protect themselves and their property when the regular Army couldn't be present. A "well-regulated militia" was established as part of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution to protect a "free state."

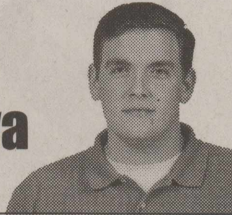
What the founders didn't specify was how exactly such a militia was to be established, who its members would be and what kind of weapons they would be allowed. The founders gave a framework from which both the U.S. and individual state legislatures could adapt laws to their constituents. It was reasoned by men far more intelligent and noble than us, including Alexander Hamilton, "to model our political system upon speculations of lasting tranquility, is to calculate on the weaker springs of the human character." Last week, in Blacksburg, Va., the lasting tranquility of a college campus came under attack from a weaker spring of human character. In that moment, our laws, which took tranquility for granted, failed us.

In 18th-century language, a well-regulated militia would be construed as a collection of farmers, ranchers, blacksmiths, carpenters and other ordinary Americans who, in times of crisis, would be called upon to defend America's land and people.

Fast forward to the 21st century. A well-regulated militia also should rely on members of the community to protect lives when crisis strikes and the government cannot respond quickly enough. Instead of a militia made up of laborers and craftsmen, we have formed a militia of middle-class workers — including teachers and businessmen — to protect the innocent against those who would cause bodily harm. Our government, as in the State of Texas, regulates that middle-class militia. We allow them to carry concealed handguns for their protection and the protection of those around them.

Except, in some areas, we restrict the ability of the middle-class militia to act. We create areas considered "gun-free zones" where concealed handguns are not allowed. This includes schools, churches, courtrooms, hospitals and airports. Some of those areas, such as courthouses and airports, are protected by not only armed peace officers, but metal detectors. Those that aren't, such as schools, become havens for kill-

Trey Caliva



ers to unleash unhindered violence on people ill-equipped to defend themselves.

What would happen if such a zone were eliminated or select people were allowed to bring guns in? We need to look no farther than the Oct. 1, 1997, shooting spree in Pearl, Miss.

Following the brutal stabbing of his mother, then-16-year-old Luke Woodham brought a rifle to Pearl High School. There he shot and killed his ex-girlfriend, her best friend and wounded seven others. During the chaos, Assistant Principal Joel Myrick retrieved a .45-caliber pistol from his car and subdued a fleeing Woodham until police arrived. According to the following police investigation, the shooter was attempting to continue his rampage at Pearl Middle School. Myrick, because of the decision to carry his gun in his car, was able to prevent more innocent young people from dying that day.

The incident at Pearl High School teaches us a good lesson. Despite all the money we spend on law enforcement and homeland security, the government cannot protect you 24 hours a day. Therefore, responsibility must fall into the hands of ordinary citizens.

Any police force in a free state is reactive. When an incident happens that threatens the lives of others, the police react to the scene.

The only other option, besides less-restrictive-concealed-weapons laws, is to have America live in a constant police state in which no one owns guns except the government. Unfortunately, history shows governments are rarely responsible with power of that magnitude. Adolph Hitler's Germany and Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union both had strict policies against a person's right to bear arms, which subsequently allowed them to enact murderous policies on their respective populaces.

If America needs a response in the form of gun control to the tragedy at Virginia Tech, we need to enact longer waiting periods before someone is able to purchase any form of a gun. We need to ensure background checks performed on those purchasing weapons involve criminal records as well as their mental health history. We also must give law-abiding citizens the ability to adequately protect themselves against those who would do them harm.

The ability of the Second Amendment to effectively relate to situations such as last week's massacre is a testament to the ingenuity of the framers of the constitution. All we have to do is apply their words in modern terms. As violence continues to be a threat to Americans, what we need for our safety is a well-regulated militia to protect our right to be free.

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In light of the large volume of criticism received in response to Eric Braden's cartoon that ran in the April 20, 2007 edition of *The Daily Toreador* and the editorial board's decision to run the cartoon, *The Daily Toreador* editorial board has decided to explain our reasoning to the readers:

Staff Editorial

The editorial board of *The Daily Toreador* made the decision to run Eric Braden's April 20, 2007 cartoon, and that is a decision we neither back down from nor apologize for. We do, however, apologize for the fact that some readers were offended by the cartoon.

It is the function of an Opinions Page to act as a forum of expression for different viewpoints and dissenting opinions. As stated in the staff box, those opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the opinions of the staff as a whole. In running the cartoon, we utilized the Opinions Page as a tool to bring to light an idea that was not necessarily congruent with the mainstream line of thinking.

The cartoon was a timely commentary on a national tragedy. The decision to print the cartoon was not one made lightly, and hours of deliberation went into the process.

It is not the role of the editorial board to censor viewpoints simply because some may disagree with them. We live in a free, democratic society in which we are taught to value the opinions of others and encourage debate.

Some would say we exhibited a lack of sensitivity in running the cartoon. Our response to these claims is simple: We were willing to forgo a certain level of sensitivity to allow Braden to bring to the surface the issue of gun control. His opinion being a controversial one was not enough to keep it from running on the Opinions Page.

It is never the intent of the editorial board to run an opinion or a cartoon simply to garner a negative response from the student body or to offend our readers. It is our intent, rather our mission, to be the forum of expression for our readers. Criticism is not something we would attempt to discourage, and we are more than happy to continue receiving letters to the editor and comments on the Web site www.dailytoreador.com. The positive outcome of this situation is that students, faculty, staff and graduates of Texas Tech are taking time out of their day to think critically about events going on in the world around them.

Students need to follow own goals in career

By **CHRIS FLOOK**
DAILY NEWS (BALL STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. — Recently, I boarded a plane and watched this guy bark a litany of instructions into his cell phone. The viciousness of each command sounded as though whatever he was talking about was a matter of life and death.

He spent the majority of the flight taking copious notes as he poured over various business materials. Sitting on the aisle, he became especially irritated as the lady next to him got up a couple of times to use the bathroom. He sighed heavily as if each intrusion into his commercial

servitude was excruciatingly unbearable to him.

What bothered me most about this guy was not his haughty rudeness, but his advanced age. His wrinkly skin, randomly festooned with liver spots, made it seem as if death was sitting next to him, disguised as the lady with a small bladder. I simply did not understand why he was so stressed about life. As close to death as this man was, why was he so concerned about anything, let alone business, this late in the game?

This rotting curmudgeon represents everything wrong about our culture; we simply have lost the courage to follow our own dreams. We adopt someone else's ambition as our own, taking on our master's goals with the utmost seri-

ousness. Career now has an unyielding gravity of importance.

Many students are told that we must do well in school so we can obtain a degree, even though the certification no longer ensures steady employment. Eventually being hired requires a lifetime of working for someone else. After jumping through the hoop of college, we end up deciding to spiritually castrate ourselves, choosing the amenities that such an existence brings — even though freedom of choice has been violently severed from our decision making process. Like a eunuch in charge of the sultan's harem, we only manage his majesty's assets by watching them from the doorway.

We justify this drudgery because

our families, even the ones not yet produced, need resources. Families don't feed themselves and long hours mean more resources. However, lured by advertising's bright shiny baubles, most of us end up spending our surplus assets not on family, but on junk we don't need. This means we must return to the harem each day to manage his majesty's concubines.

Eventually, we find ourselves sitting on a plane, old and alone — pissed off at everything and everyone, while reading a never-ending list of instructions.

Although I do believe that a strong work ethic is essential in all endeavors, wasting this ability on corporate, ideological or individual masters sets one up for a pointless life.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Oh, how I love public debates.

In response to the Eric Braden cartoon turmoil: Free speech is worth offending a few people. Sorry, my view. If we fire everyone in the public sphere who is offensive, we'd have to do it across the board to be fair. How many hip-hop artists would still have jobs? These rappers get to say whatever the @*#\$ they want and not have to worry about record companies canceling their contracts. Rush Limbaugh is offensive, so is Bill O'Reilly. Should they be fired? Personally I didn't think the cartoon was offensive. I thought it was funny. The Virginia Tech shooting made me want to cry. Am I insensitive? Braden was expressing his view that the Bush administration is hypocritical for mourning the loss of gunned-down students while supporting gun lobbying. Not my view (just yet), but I respect it.

In response to Martinez's Global Warming article. I understand where you're coming from, but seriously, how much do you know about global warming and/or science? I'm not trying to be offensive, but the first thing one learns when he/she gets much past a basic level is that scientists disagree with each other ALL THE TIME! That scientists from all the pertinent fields, (climatology, atmospheric science, ecology and chemistry), from all over the world have ruled overwhelmingly, that global warming is happening and is human caused. The science behind global warming is pretty understandable too, if you read up on it. Start with Tim Flannery's "The Weathermakers."

DT, keep up the good work! Getting the public (me) riled up is a good thing if it's about something important.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Democrats agree on Iraq legislation Bush has threatened to veto

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Bush, confident of enough votes to sustain his veto, was unambiguous in his response. "I will strongly reject an artificial timetable (for) withdrawal and/or Washington politicians trying to

tell those who wear the uniform how to do their job," he told reporters in the Oval Office as he met with his top Iraq commander, Gen. David Petraeus.

Taken together, the day's events marked the quickening of a confrontation that has been building since Democrats took control of Congress in January and promised to change policy in a war that has claimed the lives of more

than 3,200 U.S. troops.

Congressional negotiators for the House and Senate met in late afternoon and ratified the details of the legislation. Republicans voiced opposition, but made no attempt to delay or even seek changes. "We all know this bill is going nowhere fast," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., referring to the veto threat.

Obama says Bush has fallen short in role as leader of free world

CHICAGO (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama said Monday that President Bush has fallen short in his role as leader of the free world, and the 2008 election is a chance to change that.

"This president may occupy the White House, but for the last six

years the position of leader of the free world has remained open. And it is time to fill that role once more," Obama said in a speech to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

The Illinois senator was in his hometown to deliver a foreign policy address that was rescheduled last

week after the shootings at Virginia Tech.

In his remarks, Obama said the world is disappointed in the United States, but it would be a mistake to "cede our claim of leadership in world affairs" because Americans might be tempted to turn inward in the face of

negative world opinion.

"America cannot meet the threats of this century alone, but the world cannot meet them without America. We must neither retreat from the world nor try to bully it into submission — we must lead the world by deed and by example," he said.

Presidential hopeful Huckabee says Gonzales a 'major distraction' for Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee on Monday called Alberto Gonzales a "major distraction" for President Bush and the GOP, and suggested the attorney general voluntarily step down.

The former Arkansas governor also left open the possibility that, if

elect, he would increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq and change the Pentagon's policy on gay service members, although he insisted he would follow the cues from military commanders on both fronts.

In an interview with Associated Press reporters and editors, Huckabee deferred to Bush on whether to fire

Gonzales even as the candidate implied that the country's top law enforcement official should leave the post on his own given the furor over the dismissals of eight federal prosecutors.

"Sometimes the best position would be for the appointee to make the decision and not force the president to do so. You best serve the person you work

for when you can decide that if you are a distraction that you no longer will create that level of problem for your boss," he said.

"The attorney general is clearly creating a major distraction for the president and for the administration and for the Republican Party," Huckabee said.

Social Security, Medicare trust funds will last a year longer before gone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer benefits, more taxes and some accounting magic will buy an extra year of life for Social Security and Medicare, trustees of the government's two largest benefit programs said Monday.

The oncoming crush of 78 million retiring baby boomers still will crash the Medicare trust fund by

2019 and the Social Security trust fund by 2041 unless Congress and the White House can agree on a way to save the programs, the officials said.

For the first time, Medicare hit a trigger that requires President Bush to send the House and Senate legislation to deal with Medicare's funding problems with his 2009

budget. Congressional Republicans, who crafted that trigger when they were in control of the House and Senate, immediately used the news to call for changes.

"Today's report reinforces the need for Congress to address runaway entitlement spending that will bankrupt future generations of Americans," said House

Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio.

The Medicare funding warning is triggered any time two consecutive trustees reports conclude that the amount of general revenue needed to finance Medicare will top 45 percent of the program's outlays. The trustees first made that determination last year.

Study: Fat workers cost more in injury claims, lost workdays

CHICAGO (AP) — Overweight workers cost their bosses more in injury claims than their lean colleagues, suggests a study that found the heaviest employees had twice the rate of workers' compensation claims as their fit co-workers.

Obesity experts said they hope

the study will convince employers to invest in programs to help fight obesity. One employment attorney warned companies that treating fat workers differently could lead to discrimination complaints.

Duke University researchers also found that the fittest workers had

13 times more lost workdays due to work-related injuries, and their medical claims for those injuries were seven times higher than their fit co-workers.

Overweight workers were more likely to have claims involving injuries to the back, wrist, arm, neck, shoulder, hip, knee and foot than other

employees.

The findings were based on eight years of data from 11,728 people employed by Duke and its health system. Researchers found that workers with higher body mass indexes, or BMIs, had higher rates of workers' compensation claims.

NASA releases images of the sun, saying they may help predict solar storms

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — NASA released the first three-dimensional images of the sun Monday, saying the photos taken from twin spacecraft may lead to better predictions of solar eruptions that can affect communications and power lines on Earth.

"The first reaction was 'Great, the instruments work,' but beyond

that the first reaction was 'Wow!' scientist Simon Plunkett said as he explained the images to a room full of journalists and scientists wearing 3D glasses.

The images from the STEREO spacecraft (for Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory) are available on the Internet and at museums and science centers nationwide.

The twin spacecraft, launched in October, are orbiting the Sun, one slightly ahead of the Earth and one behind. The separation, just like the distance between our two eyes, provides the depth perception that allows the 3D images to be obtained.

That depth perception is also particularly helpful for studying a type of solar eruption called a coronal mass

ejection. Along with overloading power lines and disrupting satellite communications, the eruptions can endanger astronauts on spacewalks. Scientists would like to improve predictions of the arrival time from the current day or so to a few hours, said Russell Howard, principal investigator for the Naval Research Laboratory project.

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bill in the House, said he's willing to let the ban expire in 2011.

"It's reasonable for us to take another look," he said, adding that he likely will encourage the House to accept the Senate's changes. If the House rejects the changes, members of both chambers will meet to work out the differences.

Perry spokeswoman Krista Moody said the governor will decide what action to take once the bill gets to his desk. He has 10 days to take action or it will become law without his signature.

"The governor is disappointed by today's actions and is sad for the lives that will not be saved," Moody said.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte was the only senator to vote against the bill. The San Antonio Democrat had filed legislation to require the HPV vaccine long before Perry

issued his order.

She unsuccessfully tried to amend the bill to make the ban expire in 2009 but said later that she would have voted against the legislation even if her amendment had been approved.

"We'll never know how many women are going to get cervical cancer and die because we didn't act when we could," said Van de Putte, who is a pharmacist. "Only time will tell."

Hegar said nothing would stop lawmakers from repealing the ban during the next biennial legislative session if they feel strongly about the issue.

The Senate also passed a bill that would require schools to distribute a brochure about the virus, the vaccine and cervical cancer to the parents of female students. State health officials would put together the brochure, which also would be distributed in doctor's offices, health clinics and hospitals under legislation approved last week.

Gates' missile defense pitch to Russians fails

MOSCOW (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates failed Monday to coax Russia from its opposition to U.S. missile defense bases in Europe, but he suggested Moscow may be more flexible than it seems.

Gates, on his first visit to the Russian capital since he came here as CIA director in 1992, made the opening bid in a series of high-level Bush administration diplomatic moves aimed at softening Russia's view on missile defense. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will follow later this week at talks in Norway, and Gates said Russian and U.S. technical experts would confer in the weeks ahead.

Outwardly, Gates seemed to make little or no progress. But after a full day of meetings, including a session with President Vladimir Putin, he sounded a modestly optimistic note and said talks would continue.

"I felt like we made some headway," he told a small group of American and Russian reporters at his Moscow hotel.

"I think there are some misunderstandings" on the Russians' part, Gates said, about some of the technical aspects of the missile defense system that the Pentagon wants to place in eastern Europe. The intent is to give a degree of protection to Europe — including parts of Russia — from missiles fired from the Middle East. Washington is engaged in talks with Poland about building a missile defense base there to house 10 interceptor rockets, and with the Czech

Republic about hosting a missile tracking radar.

"Those are the kinds of things that we can clarify," Gates told reporters.

President Bush also spoke with Putin on Monday, by telephone, about missile defense and other issues, the White House said. The Kremlin said the call was initiated by the White House and included international political problems, cooperation on humanitarian issues and a planned meeting between the two leaders in June in Germany during the summit of major industrialized nations.

In Moscow, the Russians also raised with Gates their concern about a U.S. Navy plan to convert nuclear warheads of some of its submarine-launched Trident missiles to conventional warheads. The Russians' worry is that a converted Trident missile could be mistaken for a nuclear launch, risking the possibility of a retaliatory nuclear strike. Gates said the warhead conversion plan remains on the Pentagon's agenda.

Last week, U.S. officials gave the Russians a new package of suggested ways of cooperating on missile defense — a move intended to offset the Russians' concern about having American military forces so close to its border.

Gates said Monday that these proposals include working together to experiment with new concepts and technologies as well as research and development, and possibly co-locating U.S. and Russian radars. He also mentioned the possibility of U.S. and Russian forces doing missile defense operations as part of a peacekeeping mission.

Democrats, Bush prepare for showdown over Iraq legislation

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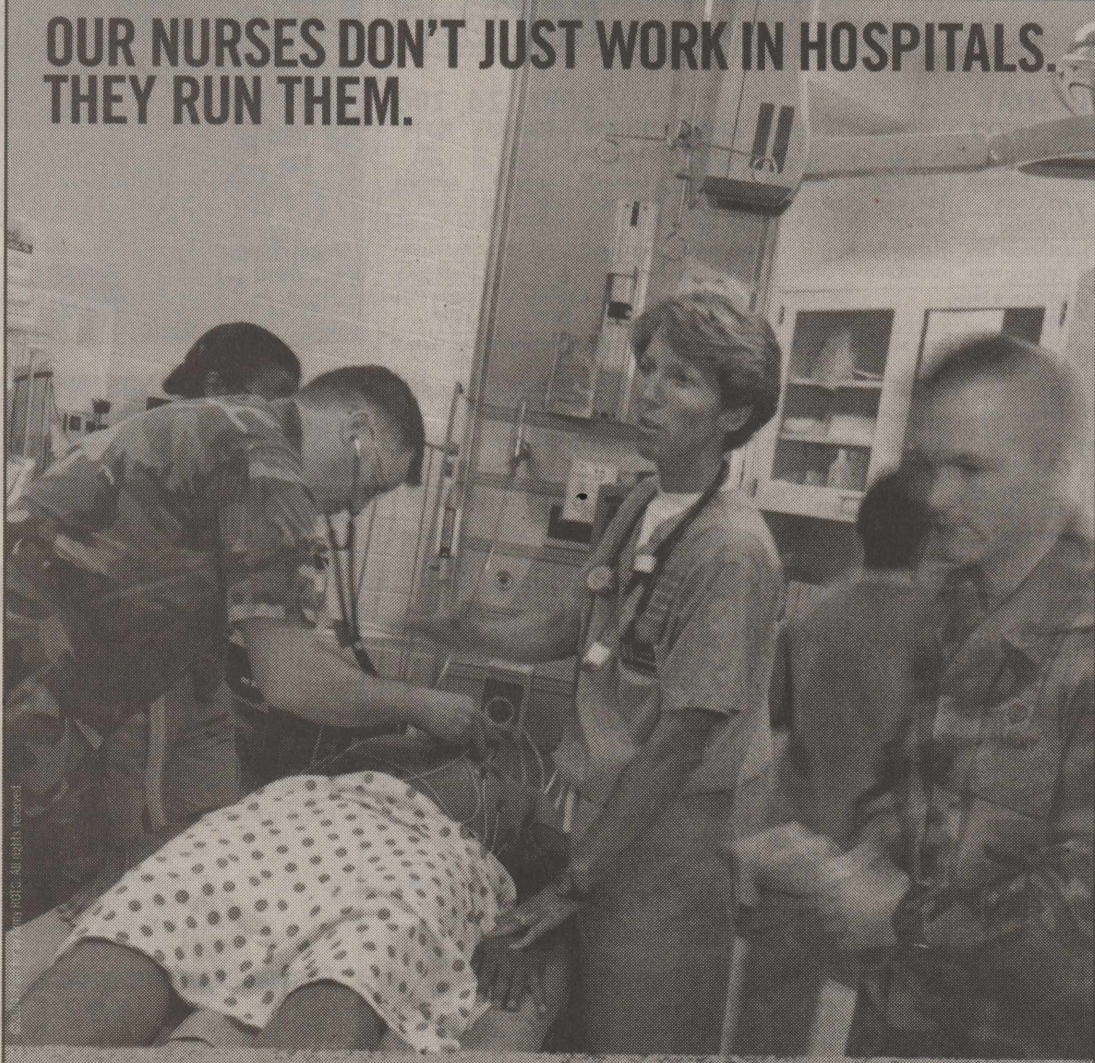
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New rules to regulate hazardous chemical plants still create controversy

WASHINGTON (AP) — For most of her life, Jean Taylor has lived in northern New Jersey near the largest oil refinery on the East Coast.

She wonders what she's breathing, though she says the odors are not as noxious as they were a few decades ago.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, she also has wondered about security. A community activist, she toured the Conoco Phillips Bay View plant with a group of like-minded citizens and was amazed at what she saw — and didn't see.

Now federal officials are catching up with Taylor's concerns.

In October, Congress passed a law giving the Homeland Security Department the authority to regulate the nation's most hazardous chemical plants.

Those rules have now been published, and regulators and the about-to-be regulated, congressional and state officials, industry and environmentalists all have different views of what comes next.

While New Jersey has a particularly large concentration of chemical facilities, nearly every U.S. urban area has plants that produce or use hazardous materials capable of endangering their neighbors.

California, for example, is home to 12 plants, each with more than a million people living in its shadow.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff acknowledges "the collection of a lot of potentially dangerous chemicals in one place does create an attractive target to somebody who wants to carry out a terrorist attack."

Department regulators estimate as many as 66,000 plants around the country possess some amount of a "chemical of interest."

Roughly one-third of those already are regulated by other agencies, such as the Coast Guard or the Environmental Protection Agency. For the rest, the government is asking the owners to complete an online questionnaire within 60 days telling what they manufacture, what chemicals they store, in what quantities, and in what type of storage.

The department will determine their risk level by assessing the potential consequences to people nearby of an accident or attack, the impact of sabotage or theft, and the economic consequences of any catastrophe.

Chertoff estimates about 7,000 plants will fall into the high-risk category.

Assistant Secretary Robert

Stephan, who will oversee the process, said 100 to 150 in the topmost tier can expect the earliest attention and closest scrutiny.

All 7,000 high-risk facilities will file "vulnerability assessments" in which various threat scenarios are played out. Managers must determine whether the plant could withstand an attack by armed assailants, for example, or a bomb.

Stephan said resources are tight; he will have only about 80 regulators to address all the high-risk plants, and a budget of \$25 million.

T. Ted Cromwell of the American Chemistry Council, an industry group, said some companies already have taken many of the required steps. But Stephan estimated 20 percent present a significant risk because they

haven't participated in any voluntary program.

Among the new tools Congress has given the department is the ability to levy fines up to \$25,000 per day, or to shut down egregious violators.

"We have the ability to make life so burdensome and so uncomfortable on these facilities that they may on their own choose to adjust their business model and the types of chemicals they use. However, we are not going to dictate that they change," said DHS spokesman Russ Knocke.

A number of lawmakers and environmental activists want the department to do just that. Critics say too much attention is paid to fences and physical security instead of reducing the amounts and toxicity of the chemicals used.

"A chemical attack could be carried out with readily available technology, and people wouldn't even have to go on the grounds to do it,"

says Bob Bostock, former homeland security chief at EPA.

"It is common sense that if a facility owner can replace a deadly chemical with a safer chemical that would not kill tens of thousands of people," then the department should be able at least to discuss reducing the danger with the owner of the facility, said Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., chairman of the Homeland Security Committee.

Environmental groups such as Greenpeace also contend the rules fail to protect communities.

One issue that ranks some lawmakers and state officials is that the federal rules could override state rules that are even more stringent. New York, Maryland and New Jersey are among states that have enacted their own chemical regulations. Those could be challenged in court by companies now brought under federal rules.

Flaunting your French fashion: Tips to be trendy

By EMILY LINER THE HOYA (GEORGETOWN)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — At Georgetown, students can roll out of bed and slip into class still wearing their pajama pants. This is not the case in Europe, where one actually has to take public transportation to commute to school.

students gathered around the entrance — all puffing away on strong cigarettes, of course — will let you know where you stand.

Clothes in France are pretty expensive. Walking down Rue du President Edouard Herriot — the M Street of Lyon — Louis Vuitton, Max Mara, Longchamp and other couture boutiques tease passers-by with their latest wares. But even in mid-range clothing stores,

it's not unusual to see dresses, jeans and purses for 150 euros (about 200 dollars) or more.

But of course, there is always H&M or Zara for cheap separates. What's more, the government actually mandates sales twice a year. During those weeks, prices are cut 20-70 percent as stores make room for the upcoming collections.

Now that spring is here, French girls are adjusting their wardrobes from winter's look of jeans tucked into high boots to flowing, long tunics for sunny weather. That is all topped-off with the look of the season: A trenchcoat.

For shoes, the big thing right now is flats with a leather ankle strap or ribbons that tie around the ankle. Many girls, however, are also wearing leather flip-flops, disproving the assumption that flip-flops are as much of a giveaway to being American as a navy-blue passport. But thin ballet flats and flip-flops are less than optimal for navigating the hilly, cobblestone streets of Europe; they don't provide much more support or comfort than walking barefoot.

As preppy as the French are — they did, after all, give us Lacoste — the Spanish are their party-crazed, hipster counterparts. Many Spanish girls mix a pair of brightly colored heels with black tights and a miniskirt to go clubbing, and an '80s-style jacket completes the outfit.

Guys often rock graphic tees from

the Spanish label Pull and Bear (an offshoot of Zara), which look a lot like the faux-vintage tees at Urban Outfitters. A pair of low-top, black Converse is a wardrobe staple.

But the tell-tale sign of a Spaniard is the mullet. In Madrid, you can't walk down the block without encountering one. And there are many variations: The chick mullet (popular with teenage girls and their moms), the dread-mullet (short on top, dreadlocked in the back and very popular in hippie-filled Granada) and the faux-hawk mullet, to name a few.

The mullet phenomenon is so intense that a friend of mine who lives in Madrid waited until Easter break to get her hair cut in Paris, for fear that her no-mullet instructions would get lost in translation.

Hair aside, there are a few accessories that all Europeans seem to agree on. Eyeglasses, for example, are just as much of a fashion choice as anything else. Europeans love really funky styles, like angular shapes and bright colors.

And then there's the infamous European men's carryall. Man-bags range in sizes from messenger bags big enough to hold a laptop to tiny wallet-size purses with the Burberry print. I bought one of the latter in Morocco for 40 dirhams (about five dollars) so that I would have a safe place to keep my money, but they seem to be especially popular among French high school boys.

Sanjaya of 'American Idol': 'I'm not just a musician, I'm an entertainer'

NEW YORK (AP) — Sanjaya Malakar is so famous, he can't walk anywhere without getting noticed.

"It's really weird. I mean, I'm just Sanjaya from Seattle," the 17-year-old "American Idol" cast-off said Monday on "Live With Regis and Kelly."

"It's paparazzi (who) get at you," he said, "and fans come up and try to give you hugs and get autographs. I would love to just be able to hug everyone and give autographs and take pictures, but you can't."

Malakar was voted off the Fox talent competition last week after a long and unlikely run in which he outlasted better singers and captivated millions of TV viewers with his goofy charm and ever-changing hairdos.

He wants to be a triple threat: singer, actor and model.

"Like, I really — what I want to

do is experience the whole entertainment business because, I mean, I'm not just a musician, I'm an entertainer," Malakar said.

Fresh off "American Idol," the lanky teen/media It Boy is in demand. Another stop on his post-show publicity tour was David Letterman's "Late Show" on CBS, where Malakar was to read the "Top Ten" list Monday night.

On Saturday, he attended a White House correspondents' dinner in Washington as a guest of People magazine.

"It was really weird because the governor of New York came up to me and said, 'I'm a fan, I vote,'" Malakar said.

"That's fantastic," said Kelly Ripa, co-host of the syndicated daytime talk show.

"It was really weird," Malakar said.

Founder of 'Girls Gone Wild' videos sentenced in Fla. to jail for contempt of court

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — Blowing his nose and wiping away tears, the multimillionaire founder of the "Girls Gone Wild" video empire pleaded guilty to contempt of court Monday and was sentenced to 35 days in jail.

Joe Francis, who was sued by seven women who were minors when filmed, apologized to the judge for yelling at the plaintiffs during settlement talks.

"I am sorry for my behavior. It was wrong. I had heard about

appeals and things and I was confused. I am sorry, I really am," said Francis, 34.

Francis drew the contempt charge during negotiations to settle the federal lawsuit brought after his production company filmed the women at Panama City Beach in 2003.

Attorneys for the women said Francis, who makes a reported \$29 million a year taping topless women for his videos, lost his temper in negotiations and yelled obscenities at them.

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Tech baseball scores nine runs in rout of College of the Southwest

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With the game tied 1-1 in the bottom of the second inning, Texas Tech's Roger Kieschnick blasted a fly ball to dead center field. The ball ricocheted off the wall, allowing Kieschnick to round the bases for an inside-the-park home run, putting Tech ahead 2-1 and for good as Tech defeated College of the Southwest 9-3 Monday in a make-up game at Dan Law Field.

"I personally thought (the center fielder) was going to catch it, but thank the Lord he didn't, and I was running all the way," Kieschnick said. "I actually kind of slowed up at third, but then I heard the dugout yelling at me to go home."

Aaron Odom picked up the win after throwing five innings and giving up two runs on five hits and tossing five strikeouts. He moved to 4-4 on the year with a 5.44 ERA.

Odom said while his performance was solid Monday, there are still several others qualified for the third spot in the rotation.

"We definitely have a lot of people that can be in there," Odom

said. "It's whoever is throwing good at the time — that is what we are going to need for a Sunday starter."

The win Monday was Tech's third victory in the past four days. Tech coach Larry Hays said it was good to get a win before going on the road against TCU Wednesday and Missouri this weekend.

"When you get beat the last game (of a series), that kind of determines how you feel," Hays said. "The game yesterday didn't turn out good. So it was good to get back on the field."

The Red Raiders struggled to get going early in the game. In the top of the first, starting pitcher Odom gave up a single up the middle to CSW's (20-33) lead-off batter. A passed ball by catcher Carter Gwinn allowed the runner to advance to second, and a wild pitch from Odom put the runner on third. Odom then walked the next batter before giving up an RBI single to CSW's Jason Marin. The Mustangs led 1-0 going into the bottom of the first.

Tech (25-17) answered right back in the bottom of the inning.

Doug Thennis led the inning off with a walk and then advanced to second on a balk committed by CSW's starting pitcher Jesus Rodriguez. A pop fly from Kieschnick allowed Thennis to tag up and move to third. Matt Smith singled to right, scoring Thennis and tying the game up 1-1 after one inning.

After Kieschnick gave the Red Raiders the lead in the second, Tech put the game out of reach in the fourth with a four-hit, five-run inning. Carter Grooms doubled down the right-field line, scoring James Leverton and Chris Hall. Thennis came up next and belted a two-run homer over the wall in left field. The next batter up was Kieschnick, who walked and then stole second and third. Kyle Martin followed with a double, driving in Kieschnick and putting Tech ahead 7-1.

Both teams added two more runs before it was all over. Thennis led the way offensively for Tech, going 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Tech travels to Fort Worth Wednesday to take on TCU for a make-up game.

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TEXAS TECH'S KYLE Martin and the Red Raiders defeated College of the Southwest Monday at Dan Law Field.

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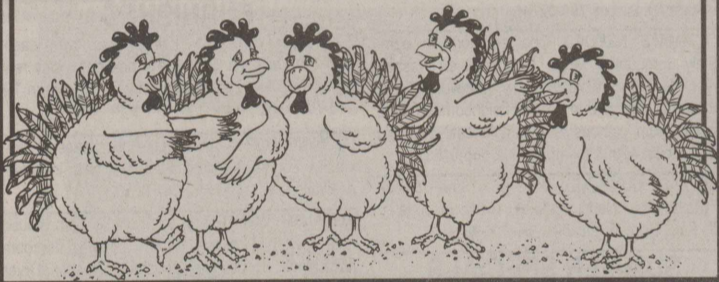
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No-win situation: Gagne back on DL for Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers put closer Eric Gagne on the 15-day disabled list Monday, a day after the oft-injured right-hander left the game in the middle of just his second save situation for his new team.

Gagne, the 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner for Los Angeles, was appearing in consecutive games for the Rangers for the first time Sunday when he started favoring his right leg after his 11th pitch. He was diagnosed with a hip injury.

Gagne said he could have been back on the mound within a week, but he was placed on the DL because the Rangers bullpen needs to be at full strength.

"I think in four or five days, I'd

be fine," Gagne said before Monday night's game against the Seattle Mariners. "But in the American League, you need a full bullpen, so we're not in a situation where we can do that."

After missing most of the past two seasons with elbow and back injuries, Gagne signed a one-year, \$6 million deal loaded with bonus opportunities. He had one save in 3 1-3 scoreless innings after starting the season on the disabled list.

On Saturday, manager Ron Washington made a trip to the mound because he thought something was wrong with Gagne. But Gagne said he was fine and finished the game, a 7-0 victory over Oakland.

It was different Sunday. Gagne

limped noticeably after his last pitch and stayed on the field only about a minute after Washington and the training staff came out. Akinori Otsuka, last year's Rangers closer, came on to record the final two outs for the save in a 4-3 win over the A's.

Washington said Monday that Otsuka would move back into the closer's role, with Joaquin Benoit taking over the eighth-inning slot.

"Health is the most important thing," Washington said. "It's tough because he's your closer, but you push on with the players you have and then have (Gagne) for the rest of the year."

Gagne tried to throw Monday but ended the session when he felt more pain in the hip area.

"Just walking around and sitting down, it's fine," Gagne said. "It just bothers me when I throw. I've never had anything like this before. This is more a precautionary thing."

Texas recalled right-hander Frank Francisco, who was out of the big leagues for two years with elbow problems before returning late last season. Francisco was a key member of a bullpen that helped keep Texas in contention until the final days in 2004, but he had elbow ligament replacement surgery in April 2005.

This season at Triple-A Oklahoma, Francisco didn't allow a hit or earned run in six innings, striking out 14 and walking three. He was 1-0 with two saves in five appearances.

Francisco, who could replace Benoit as the seventh-inning specialist, said his fastball has been clocked at 94 to 96 mph in the minors, and he has been able to pitch effectively on consecutive days.

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Coaches ask NCAA to delay decision on text message ban

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Some college football coaches think the NCAA should find a middle ground on a proposed text messaging ban.

Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, said Monday he had sent a letter appealing to the NCAA's board of directors to consider a more moderate approach rather than adopting the management council's proposal to eliminate all forms of electronic communication between coaches and recruits.

If the board passes the measure Thursday, it would take effect in August.

Teaff believes more debate would create a better solution.

"Hopefully, they'll delay the decision to come up with the type of regulations that can be policed," Teaff said. "This all or nothing approach is not the right answer."

Unlike restrictions on phone calls and in-person visits, there are no coach limits on text messaging. E-mails and faxes would be exempt from the new ban but would be limited by current NCAA guidelines.

Teaff's solution is to allow text messages during certain parts of the year, much like NCAA rules regulate other interaction. Teaff said the high school and college coaches have been working on that proposal for six months.

The NCAA was concerned that unlimited text messages created a loophole that permitted coaches to send a message asking recruits to call them — calls that would violate NCAA rules if the coach made the call.

NCAA spokesman Bob Williams said the board would review the letter but declined comment because it had not yet been received.

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