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## Egypt arranging regional summit in support of Abbas

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Closing ranks against Hamas, Egypt's president invited Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian leaders to a peace summit, officials said Thursday, the biggest show of support yet by moderate Arab states for beleaguered Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The meeting will take place Monday in the Red Sea resort

of Sharm el-Sheikh, said Israeli government spokeswoman Miri Eisin. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has invited Abbas, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Jordan's King Abdullah II. Jordan confirmed Abdullah would attend.

Abbas will call for a resumption of peace talks with Israel, arguing that only progress toward Palestin-

ian statehood can serve as a true buffer against Hamas, which took control of Gaza by force last week, Abbas aide Saeb Erekat said.

"The most important thing to realize is that time is of the essence," Erekat said. "We need to deliver the end of occupation, a Palestinian state. If we don't have hope, Hamas will export despair to the people."

As immediate steps, Abbas will ask Israel to remove West Bank checkpoints that disrupt daily life and trade, and to transfer hundreds of millions of dollars in Palestinian tax funds Israel froze after Hamas came to power last year.

Also on Thursday, Palestinian dual nationals and foreigners working in Gaza were allowed to pass through Israel for other points.

## Clouds and showers force shuttle to miss chances to land Thursday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis skipped its two landing opportunities Thursday because of showers and clouds at Kennedy Space Center.

The showers were within 34

miles, and there were clouds within 8,000 feet of the landing strip at Kennedy Space Center, both violations of flight rules, NASA said.

"We looked as hard and long as we think is reasonable and the

rain showers and (cloud) ceilings are going to keep us from making it into Florida today," Mission Control radioed Atlantis' seven astronauts.

The shuttle has five more landing opportunities over the next three days.

Mission Control said opportunities at Kennedy, the primary landing site, look slightly more promising on Friday and Saturday. The shuttle

could land at Kennedy on Friday at 2:16 p.m. and 3:52 p.m. EDT.

On Friday, NASA also could consider using a backup landing site in California on two chances. NASA bumped up by 1 1/2 hours the first chance in California to 3:50 p.m. EDT to avoid expected high winds. The second opportunity was for 6:56 p.m. EDT but that might change.

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### WEEKLY WEATHER

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**Saturday**  
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High 87/Low 65



**Sunday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High 88/Low 66



**Monday**  
Sunny  
High 90/Low 67



View next week's forecast  
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### RUNDOWN

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## Republicans block tax increases for oil companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans blocked a proposal Thursday to tax the oil industry an additional \$29 billion, while the Senate moved closer to an agreement on raising automobile fuel economy for the first time in nearly 20 years.

The tax package was aimed at channeling billions of dollars to

subsidize windmills, hybrid cars and other alternative energy resources. But many Republicans said it was too harsh on the oil industry and could lead to less production and higher gasoline prices.

The struggle over the tax provision signaled that Democrats may have a hard time pushing through the broader energy bill, which tilts

heavily toward promoting energy conservation and renewable fuels and away from support for traditional fossil fuels.

As the debate over taxes reflected the Senate's division, senators were said to be close to completing work on a compromise on automobile fuel economy that would garner enough votes to

overcome strong auto industry opposition.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., chastised Republicans for caving into pressure from oil companies in blocking the tax provisions, but said he planned to press forward with the overall energy legislation, hoping to finish late Friday.

## Water

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of Lubbock. Champan said she has had to deal with several angry constituents.

"There have been many complaints, and many people who do not want to follow the restriction," Champan said. "But we are very grateful to the citizens who are honoring our requests."

The City of Lubbock's Web site offers visitors a chart marking the city's daily water usage. According to the chart, the city only has exceeded the daily allowance twice as of Thursday, and the average daily usage is roughly 29.6-million gallons.

"Our goal is to provide as much water as we can," said Adams in a press release. "However, if usage begins to climb, we may have to implement further restrictions. For these reason we ask everyone to help do their part to conserve water for the next several weeks."

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## Gates says no plans to further extend military deployments in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday that extending deployments of U.S. troops now in Iraq beyond the current 15 months was a "worst-case scenario" and that he didn't anticipate it happening.

He also told a Pentagon news conference he couldn't say how long American forces would have

to stay at increased levels in the effort to secure Baghdad.

Military deployments were recently extended to 15 months from 12 months. He said it was his hope to move as soon as possible back to 12-month deployments, with a year at home, and then eventually to 12-month terms with two years at home.

Gates was asked about a recent

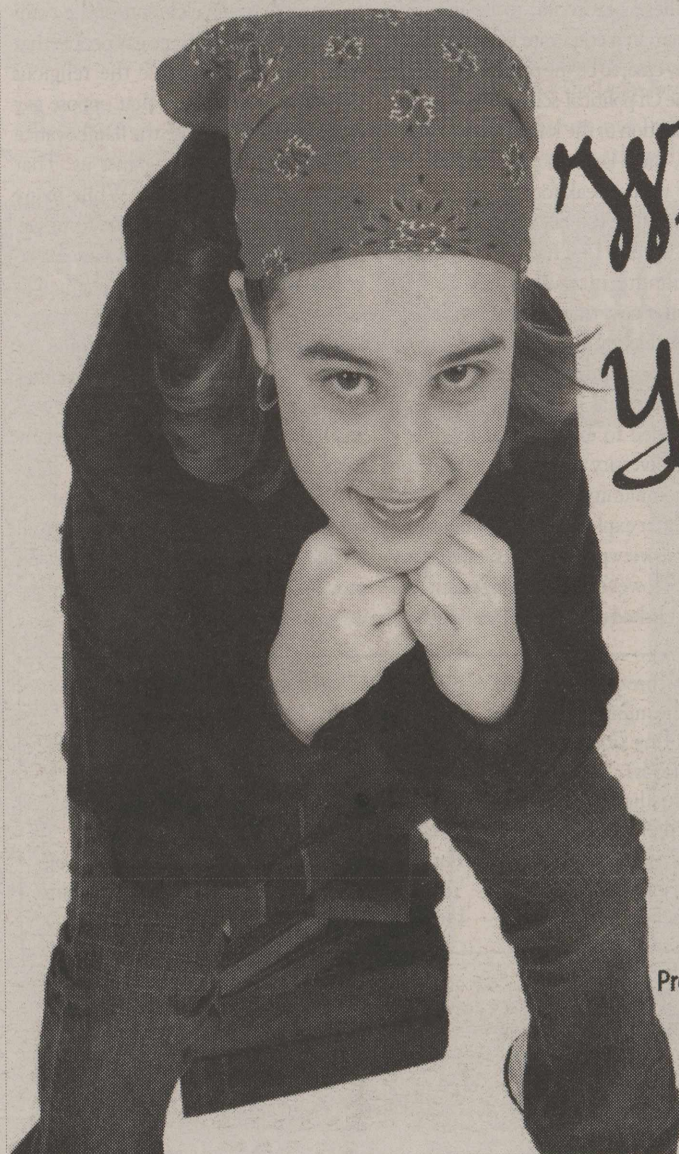
surge in violence and increased attacks on U.S. troops.

"The reason for the spike in violence is ... our troops and the Iraqi troops are going into areas where they haven't been for some time. They anticipated there would be a high level of combat," Gates said.

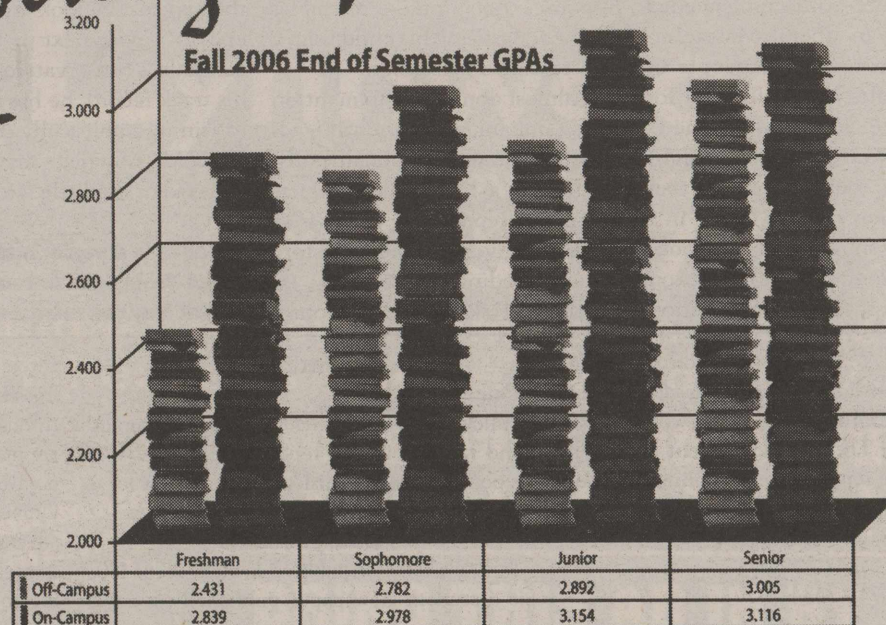
Asked about the prospects for leaving U.S. troops in Iraq at

their current high levels, Gates said, "We'll just have to wait and see the progress of these offensives."

Gen. Peter Pace, outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the current U.S.-led offensive was "exactly what needs to be done." He said it "buys time for the Iraqi government. ... This is the right thing to do."



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# Stormin' Mormon: Why I would vote for Mitt Romney in 2008

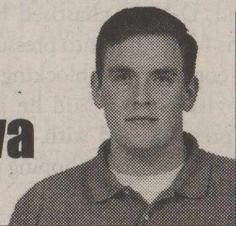
In 2004, Democrats selected Sen. John Kerry, Mass., as their presidential candidate. Aside from his numerous campaign gaffes, Kerry's greatest weakness ultimately was his wavering positions on critical issues. He'd vote one way on legislation, change his vote and then change it back again. Republican strategists honed in on this weakness, and Kerry became known as the "flip-flopper."

Fast-forward to today and Republicans — if you believe the media — find themselves in a similar situation with presidential candidate and former Gov. Mitt Romney, Mass. Most of the media portrays Romney as "another flip-flopper from Massachusetts" because of his changing position on issues such as abortion, embryonic stem cell research, gun control and gay rights. Yet, if you really look into his past, Romney is a lot of flip without the flop.

Romney's public positions on some issues began to change once he announced he was running for president. Can we blame him, though?

Most of these positions probably always have been conservative views to Romney, the person. But Romney, the politician, needed some help in liberal Massachusetts. Remember, the people of Massachusetts habitually vote for people like Sen. Ted Kennedy and Sen. Kerry. Romney might be Mormon, but the man isn't an idiot. Romney's ability to win in a liberal state showcases a savvy politician, not someone who waffles on important issues. The key question

**Trey Caliva**



for Republicans is: Do they trust Romney?

Fortunately, in some areas of the country, sensibility has prevailed. Romney sits atop polls in both New Hampshire and Iowa, both critical first stops on the road of Republican primaries.

The reasons Romney is ahead in the polls? Look at his competition.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., might as well have quit the race when he partnered with Kennedy on the Immigration Reform Bill. The position of core conservatives in the Republican Party on immigration is pretty clear — no amnesty and secure the border immediately.

Yet, McCain decided to oppose the majority of his party's view on the issue. A difference of opinion with your base is OK, but you have to explain yourself and convince people you're right. McCain's response, though, more resembles a father chastising his child than a well-reasoned persuasion.

I almost don't want to mention Rudy Giuliani, who currently leads most national Republican polls. Giuliani is a Democrat masquerading as a Republican, which isn't surprising given Giuliani's history of masquerading as a woman — I'd recommend taking a look at footage

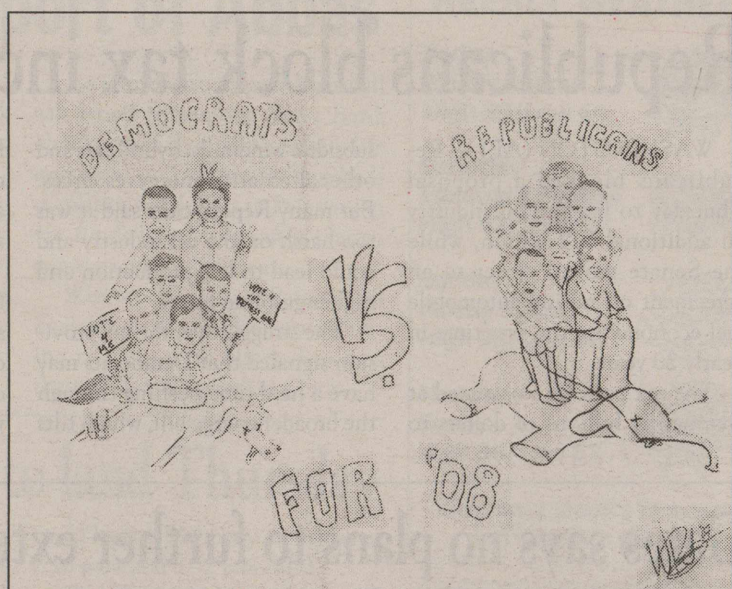
of his guest appearance on Saturday Night Live. Sure, Giuliani led the Big Apple following the terror attacks of 9/11, but security is where most similarities to Republicans end. If you're worried about the Democrats' position on universal health care, don't fret; Giuliani has them beat.

As mayor of New York City, he proposed giving women \$100 to assist them in having abortions. Talk about traditional Republican views!

"Law and Order" actor and former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., hasn't even formally announced he's running for president. Yet, he already finds himself the Fox News poster boy and the heir apparent to Ronald Reagan's mystical throne. Thompson's conservative rhetoric puts most Republicans into a primal heat. Alarming absent from Thompson's resume, though, is serious political experience. I mean, if Al Gore can be a senator from Tennessee, can't we all? I highly doubt the American people are going to go for someone with the slogan: "I may not be a politician, but I play one on TV!"

So this leaves us with "Stormin' Mormon" Mitt Romney. He's got the appeal, the look and the presence to be our next president. He certainly is conservative, and given his track record, he has the ability to win in a politically divided nation. All America's favorite Mormon needs is a little faith.

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## Don't trifle with gay pride

By **BRIAN DISARRO**  
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(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — Sometimes it is difficult to be the only one of something in our culture. To be the only African American in a college classroom, to be the only woman in a corporate boardroom, or, in my case, to be the openly gay person in the UI political-science department. In addition to the loneliness and isolation, there is also a presumption that your words speak for the entire community that you belong to.

On June 14, I had a wide-ranging 30-minute interview with the DI reporter covering last weekend's gay-pride celebrations. Because I'm only one person and don't speak for the gay community as a whole — obviously — I tried to explain that there is a great diversity of opinion within the gay community about a variety of topics. After explaining the community's various viewpoints, I then offered my own. However, in the subsequent story published on June 18 ["A Rainbow

Full of Pride"] my comments were taken out-of-context and the impression was left that I opposed the idea of gay pride. My actual views are completely the opposite. I did say that, "some people feel that the celebration is the wrong kind of visibility because it can often highlight the most extreme elements of the community." There are some gay people that hold that view, because the religious right and other groups that oppose gay equality sometimes use the flamboyance of pride celebrations against us. That is not my view, however. While many advancements have been made in gay and lesbian rights over the past 15-20 years, too many of us are still bullied at school, denied employment opportunities, are the victims of hate crimes, or are even disowned by our own families just because of who we are. Many gays and lesbians face homophobia on a daily basis. Gay Pride is a rejection of all of that. It is a celebration of gay culture when our entire community — in all its diversity — can come together and proclaim that, in spite of everything, we're proud of who we are.

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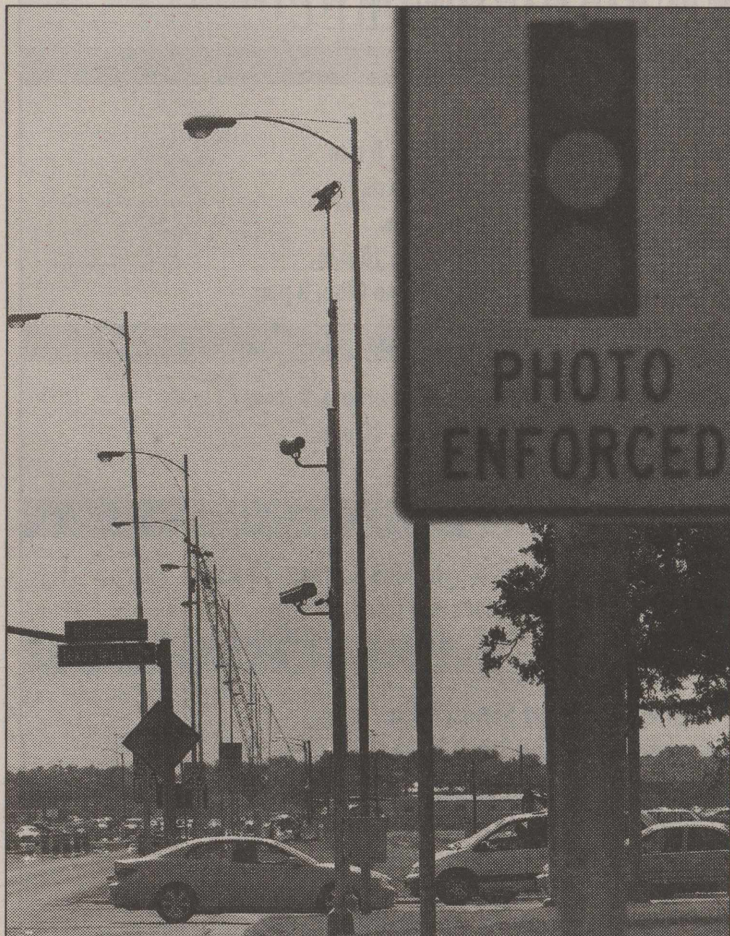


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A RED LIGHT camera recently was installed at 19th Street and Indiana Avenue. The addition of the cameras has received mixed reactions from city officials and residents alike.

## Water restrictions to be enforced through June

By JESSICA HENDERHSOT  
STAFF WRITER

Current water restrictions governing Lubbock most likely will be enforced through the end of June, the City of Lubbock announced June 14.

The restrictions were placed on the City of Lubbock when construction of the Marsha Sharp Freeway, which began in February, ceased access to the main water line. Alternative lines are being used, although the lines only are able to supply 35 million gallons of water daily, while normal summer water usage ranges anywhere from 50 million to 70 million gallons.

Above average rainfall during March and April halted construction on the freeway project, which was expected to be finished in early spring.

"We had to implement restrictions to ensure that water is available for essential life, health and safety purposes," Deputy City Manager Tom Adams said in a press release. "We apologize for this inconvenience and ask residents to be patient while we complete this project."

Taylyn Chapman, customer

service supervisor for the utilities department of the City of Lubbock, said she expects the water restrictions to be lifted the first week of July.

"We are on target," Chapman said. "The construction has to be finished by August 1, and we are anticipating the line to return at the end of the month."

Chapman said the construction process has been lengthy because of unforeseen obstacles.

"It has been difficult because what we think is under the road isn't always what is under the road," Chapman said.

Several normal summer activities have been affected by the restrictions. Under the current restrictions, Lubbock constituents have been prohibited from watering lawns with the use of sprinkler devices, washing vehicles in driveways or streets, and using water to fill or refill pools or hot tubs. The restrictions also limit constituents from using water for fountains or ponds that are considered to have an aesthetic purpose.

Failure to follow the restrictions could be detrimental to the city, according to a press release from the City of Lubbock. Using more than the 35-million-gallon daily allowance could cause low water pressure,

as well as lessening the ability for firefighters to extinguish fires.

Surpassing the daily allowance could also result in the requirement to boil water before consuming.

The water restriction has not been a pleasant issue for the people

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## Billy Ray Cyrus hopes daughter and 'Hannah Montana' star stays on track

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Ray Cyrus is crossing his fingers that his daughter, "Hannah Montana" star Miley, won't go the way of Lindsay and Paris and Britney. He even shows her articles about the Hollywood troublemakers as cautionary tales.

So far, so good.

"The biggest phenomenon in all this is that the kid's been able to keep her head on her shoulders," the 45-year-old country singer tells People magazine in its new issue. "She hasn't flipped out. I'm going to knock on wood."

He adds: "I pray every day she can stay on that path."

Cyrus, who recently completed a stint on ABC's "Dancing With

the Stars," co-stars with 14-year-old Miley on the hit Disney Channel series "Hannah Montana," about a country-girl-turned-pop-star who tries to keep her celebrity life a secret from her classmates. Miley, who saw her "Hannah Montana" soundtrack go double platinum last year, is a daddy's girl at heart.

"We're really close," she says. "I feel like I can tell my dad anything. When we come home, we forget that we even work together and just hang out."

"It's the same with Miley as it is with all my kids," replies Cyrus, a Kentucky native and Los Angeles-based father of five children with wife Leticia.

### Strictly Ballroom

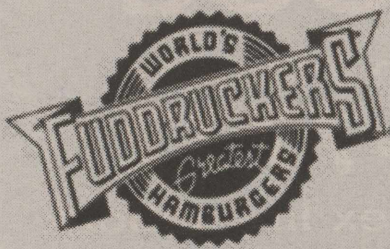
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Ryan Turner — Wild West, 10:30 p.m.

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Electric Gypsies — Buffalo Wild Wings, 10 p.m.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys — County Line Club, 9 p.m.

### Saturday

800 Mile Monday and Josh Frye — Jake's Backroom, 9 p.m.

Electric Gypsies — Buffalo Wild Wings, 10 p.m.

Spivey — Bar PM, 10 p.m.

### Tuesday

Mason Server and Brent Atkins — Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen, 10 p.m.

Jesse Malin — Jake's Backroom, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

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Cory Dutton — The Sting, 9 p.m.

### Thursday

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## Birkhead: Dannielynn has 'chubby' toes, long legs like her mother

NEW YORK (AP) — When Larry Birkhead looks at his 9-month-old daughter, Dannielynn, he sees her mother, Anna Nicole Smith.

"She has long legs and chubby little toes exactly like Anna's; it's like a mirror image," Birkhead tells OK! magazine in its latest issue. "It's really incredible. And I think her lips are her mom's lips; especially when she pouts. ... She also gets what she wants exactly like her mom always did as soon as she'd pout."

Smith died in Florida in February. She was 39. The former Playboy Playmate gave birth to Dannielynn in September, a few days before the death of her son, Daniel, 20, in the Bahamas.

Howard K. Stern, her lawyer and companion, initially claimed to be Dannielynn's father, but Smith's ex-boyfriend Birkhead eventually showed he was the father.



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# Tech team struggles to keep Lubbock hockey going

By **ALEX YBARRA**  
STAFF WRITER

The thin ice underneath the Lubbock Cotton Kings gave way over the weekend as the Central Hockey League decided the Lub-

bock Cotton Kings must take a year off.

"The Central Hockey league had their league meetings and it was decided that the Cotton Kings are going to seize operations for the 2007-08 season,"

said Brien Rey, the director of media relations and broadcasting for the Cotton Kings.

Rey said difficulties in preparing for the upcoming season provided the primary reason for the year-long hiatus.

"It has reached the point now that it is not possible for the team to be prepared and ready to operate during the 2007-08 season because we were trying to get the lease negotiations done," Rey said. "After that we needed to come up with a head coach. After the head coach, we needed to put together a team. The window of time has gotten too small for all those things to happen."

Since the Hub City and the Cotton Kings never settled on a lease agreement for the City Bank Coliseum, some are predicting all other hockey in Lubbock will go down as well.

Although Texas Tech hockey

coach Paul Fioroni said his team will try to keep Lubbock hockey going, the City Bank Coliseum is in need of a new ice plant.

The ice plant costs could range from \$100,000 to \$150,000, Fioroni said.

"We're in the process right now of getting funds together from various Tech alumni and obviously some people here in town to purchase the plant ourselves," he said.

Still, a new ice plant purchased by the Tech hockey team would not alleviate all the Cotton Kings' problems; the City of Lubbock and the Cotton Kings are negotiating the rights to operate concession sales.

Fioroni said Tech hockey has only one goal.

"We're not worried about concessions obviously," he said. "We're not in it to make money. We're just trying to get the situ-

ation set where we have hockey in Lubbock. That's what we're trying to do. We're trying to save (hockey) and continue to keep this youth program and start building up again."

With the absence of the Cotton Kings, the Red Raiders would become the leading tenants at the coliseum. Fioroni said the team would be responsible to run the city's youth-hockey programs and adult-hockey leagues.

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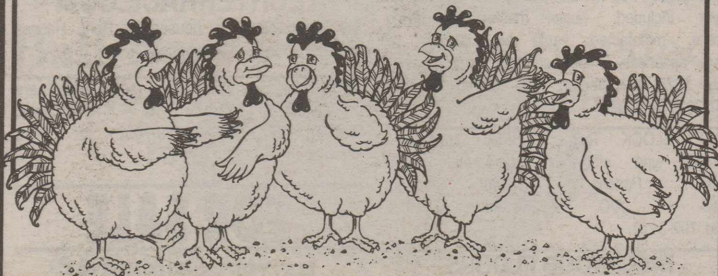
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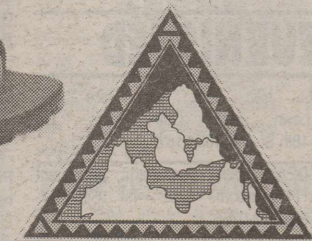
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